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A HINT TO CONTRIBUTORS.

With our first number of a new year and a new volume, we want to say a few words affecting ourselves. The increasing activity in the Exercise makes the pressure upon our space heavier and heavier as the months go by, and our sixteen-page journal cannot now provide room for all the matter which we would like to include in its columns. Every week we have to hold over, or put aside entirely, reports of doings of varied importance, simply for lack of space. The majority of ringers like to see their performances recorded, the general interests of the Exercise demand that the numerous ringing meetings should be noticed, and it is essential, in order that there shall be no break in the records, that the peals rung should find their proper place in the paper. Yet these requirements already more than fill our available space, and articles of general and special interest, whenever they occur, can only be given at the expense of other matters. It is a matter of real regret to us, that many things have from time to time to 'go overboard,' but where there has been any disappointment to contributors, we must ask them to bear with us and believe that it is no fault of ours.

The remedy lies in a larger paper, which would of course be welcomed by all our friends, but we are equally sure they will realise that this is a step which can only be taken if the financial support given to the journal warranted it. When, nearly two years ago, we emerged from the 'war stage,' we asked ringers to help us raise the circulation by at least a thousand copies a week. It may be news to many to know that only about half that number of additional subscribers was obtained. To provide a larger paper than the present, without increasing the price, it would be necessary to double the circulation, and, the apathy which exists among a large body of the Exercise, and the pernicious habit which still prevails in many places of taking just one copy for 'the tower,' makes us hesitate before even considering such a step. Obviously it could not be taken without some guarantee against financial loss.

Until it is possible to provide more pages to accommodate the matter sent in, there is one means by which contributors can help us, and that is by sending in their reports and other communications without loss of time. It is an every week occurrence just as we are on the point of closing our pages for press, to receive numerous reports of peals, meetings and minor performances which have taken place not on the preceding Saturday or Sunday, but ten, seventeen and sometimes many more days before! This is hardly fair to us and it is certainly not fair to our

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readers. If reports are worth sending in, they are worth sending at once, otherwise they lose interest, and, in the endeavour to publish them without further loss of time, other more recent matter is often displaced and arrangements are dislocated. We appeal, therefore, to those responsible, to send in all contributions immediately after the event, and not leave their despatch till the next or some subsequent Monday evening.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF St. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST MORRIS	Treble	CHARLES CATTELL	7
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	8
G. STEDMAN MORRIS	3	JOSIAH MORRIS	9
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	4	ARTHUR CATTELL	10
ALFRED BALLARD	5	HARRY BROUGHTON	11
EDWARD WHITEHEAD	6	JOHN VERNON	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques on the bells, and by the Association, also by all the band except the conductor. Rung on the first anniversary of the opening of these bells.

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

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5189 CHANGES;

GEORGE ORCHARD	Treble	ALFRED HANNIS	7
FRANK COLE	2	WILLIAM HASTINGS	8
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	JOHN BALLINGER	9
FRANCIS LEWIS	4	SYDNEY LOXTON	10
CHARLES GARDINER	5	CHARLES BOND	11
ALBERT WRIGHT	6	ALBERT HANKS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF St. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

BERT HORTON	Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6
GEORGE HUGHES	2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL	7
EDGAR MARLOW	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
FRANK W. PERRENS	4	HERBERT KNIGHT	9
*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS	5	JAMES GEORGE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal of Caters and first attempt. First peal of Caters as conductor. Quickest peal of Caters on the bells. Specially arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who was on a visit from Church Kirk, Lancs.

CREWE, CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	Treble	JOSEPH DAVIES	6
*GEORGE R. JONES	2	JAMES H. RIDING	7
*RICHARD D. LANGFORD	3	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	8
*HARRY F. HOLDING	4	RICHARD T. HOLDING	9
*HARRY OVERTON	5	*WILLIAM CHADWICK	Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by R. T. HOLDING.

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. * First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman as conductor. It is 30 years since Mr. Joseph Davies, an old Crewe ringer, now of Kidderminster, rang a peal at the above tower.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN GATERS, 6079 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER... ..	Treble	WILLIAM A. COOPER	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	HERBERT KNIGHT	7
JOHN PERRY	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
FRANK W. PERRINS	4	BERT HORTON	9
EDWARD F. MITCHELL	5	JAMES GEORGE	Tenor

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRINS.
Rung after meeting short for Cinques. W. Fisher's 250th peal.
A birthday compliment to C. Wallater.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*BERTIE NEWSON... ..	Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	6
BEN S. THOMPSON	2	*THOMAS TOOLEY	7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	3	JOHN A. GODFREY	8
GEORGE P. BURTON	4	NORMAN R. BAILEY	9
GEORGE H. CROSS	5	GEORGE MAYERS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

The ringer of the 7th was re-elected a member of the Association prior to commencing the peal. * First peal of Royal.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ..	Treble	WILLIAM J. THYNG	6
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2	WILLIAM T. PALMER	7
JOHN FLINT	3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	8
JOHN T. BROTHWELL	4	WALTER ALLWOOD	9
WILLIAM T. PEGLAR	5	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 22, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES	Treble	GEORGE B. LUCAS, SEN.	5
HERBERT WOOD	2	ERNEST D. LILLYWHITE	6
HAROLD A. EDWARDS	3	WALTER STREED	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	JOHN COLEMAN	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER STREED.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest D. Lillywhite and Mr. and Mrs. John Colman on their silver wedding. Quickest peal on the bells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Dec. 22, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*G. BRANCH	Treble	†J. BRANCH	5
J. COOK	2	W. STANFORD	6
W. PETTIFER	3	W. CHARMAN	7
†P. CHARMAN	4	ALBERT CHARMAN	Tenor

Conducted by J. COOK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BIBBY	Treble	FRANCIS BIBBY	5
GEORGE H. RANGLES... ..	2	*LEONARD BOSTOCK	6
ERNEST PALMER	3	JOHN E. BIBBY	7
HENRY C. COLLYER	4	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. Composition No. 163, C.C.C., Sec. 111.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT FEIST	Treble	WALTER CHARMAN	5
JOHN AKEHURST	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
JAMES BURDFIELD	3	JOHN COOK	7
PETER CHARMAN	4	WILLIAM STANFORD	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

SHIRLEY BURTON	Treble	*EDWARD WHITEHEAD	5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	2	HARRY BROUGHTON	6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD	3	ERNEST MORRIS... ..	7
*GEORGE S. MORRIS	4	WILLIAM THORLEY	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

* First peal in the method.

ILSLEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

ROBERT WARWICK	Treble	JOSEPH HANDS	5
RICHARD T. HIBBERT... ..	2	GEORGE ESSEX	6
WILLIAM HIBBERT, SEN.	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	7
WILLIAM HIBBERT, JUN. A.	4	HENRY BROWN, SEN.	Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE... ..	Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... ..	6
ERNEST E. BARBER	3	ERNEST GIBBS	7
*DAVID HORNE	4	CHARLES CAMM	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal of Major.

RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST PALMER	Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY	5
FREDERICK HANCOCK	2	WILLIAM BIBBY	6
HENRY C. COLLYER	3	FRANCIS BIBBY	7
LEONARD BOSTOCK	4	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	THOS. H. CHAPPELL ... 5
*FRANK RUFFLES... .. 2	JAMES BETTS 6
GEORGE BROWN... .. 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
WILLIAM CLOVER 4	WALTER RUFFLES Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.
 * First peal in the method and first attempt. A birthday compliment to the treble man. The conductor's 50th peal of Double Norwich.

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

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.	
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... Treble	*SIDNEY BRIGGS 5
FRANCIS WARD 2	GEORGE LEWIS 6
JOHN THORPE 3	*RALPH S. LONG... .. 7
*HAYDN THORP 4	*THOMAS E. LEE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.
 * First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung after meeting for Stedman Cinques, which had to be abandoned owing to the clapper of the tenor falling out. The peal was in honour of the engagement of Mr. Ralph S. Long, of Grimsby, to Miss May Robinson, of Sheffield.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
THOMAS STEEL ... Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
ALFRED E. OXLEY 2	WILLIAM A. BRECKON 6
ALBERT COATES... .. 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY 7
*GEORGE H. CORNER... .. 4	*JOHN W. WATERS, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.
 * First peal.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILLIAM COOK ... Treble	JOHN HOYLE... .. 5
JOHN WYATT... .. 2	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 6
GEORGE A. COOK... .. 3	ARTHUR DEAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	DAVID ANSCOME Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.
 This peal was rung specially in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. J. E. Smith, J.P., and Mrs. Smith, of St. Margaret's, Ashtead.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.	
ERNEST CUTSPORTH ... Treble	JOHN E. MARKLAND 5
ARTHUR STEWART 2	†ARTHUR HILL 6
*EDWARD EDWARDS 3	PETER CROOK 7
*ARTHUR HEYWOOD 4	*JOHN W. KAY Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.
 * First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the first peal rung by the Lancashire Association. That peal was rung in the above church, and its present conductor, Mr. H. W. Jackson, is the only survivor of the band. The peal was also a wedding anniversary for the treble ringer. The ringer of the 4th was home on holiday from London.

CRANBROOK, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S ONE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.	
MRS. H. BAKER... Treble	BENJAMIN BAKER... .. 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN... .. 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
*HAROLD WANT 3	EDWARD R. BURGESS 7
HARRY BAKER 4	ERNEST VICKERS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.
 * First peal. The above is the first occasion on which a lady has rung a peal at Cranbrook. The peal is No. 51 in the Central Council Collection and contains 160 calls.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
 (SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 14¾ cwt.	
WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	CHARLES MASON 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
JOHN T. BROTHWELL 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 7
EDWARD ROBBINS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
*LESLIE J. CLARK ... Treble	HENRY HEAD 5
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	*JOHN WOOD 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7
PERCY TIMSON 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBERLL. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

* First peal in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.	
JAMES ROSE ... Treble	HARRY R. ROPER... .. 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK 7
CHARLES A. CATCPOLE 4	GEORGE A. FLEMING Tenor

Composed by JAMES MOTTS. Conducted by JAMES ROSE.
 No. 874 Association Report, 1879. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Rose, being his first peal as conductor and first attempt.

HOOKE NORTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
WILLIAM TANDY ... Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 5
JAMES BUTLER 2	JAMES H. JARVIS 6
DANIEL G. COOMBS 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
MAURICE SMITH 4	*THOMAS IMPEY Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

* First peal.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*WHEELR. H. B. DITCHBORN ... Treble	†SGT. R. WALKER, D.S.M. ... 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	GNR. THOMAS H. NAISBY... .. 6
†WILLIAM OXLEY 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 4	SFR. ROBERT L. PATTERSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in honour of our glorious dead, immediately after the unveiling of the Sunderland War Memorial.
* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Surprise.

GLOUCESTER.

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

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-CRYPT,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... Treble	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	EDWARD EVANS 6
JOHN AUSTIN... .. 3	GEORGE CONDUCK, SEN. 7
JESSE GILLET 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES HENY. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

*WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	WILLIAM POSTERN 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 6
ALLEN GWYNN 3	*WALTER TAYLOR 7
*IVOR D. PROBERT 4	JOHN CLARK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHAS. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major in the city.

BAMPTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS PAYNE Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	THOMAS SHORT 6
FRANCIS TAYLOR 3	GORDON CADEWELL 7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 4	WILLIAM STONE Tenor

Composed by W. HODSON. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.
First peal of Major on the bells W. H. B. Wilkin's 201st peal.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ALEC MARTIN Treble	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
*WILLIAM SHARPLES 2	*WILLIAM LANCASTER 6
ROBERT ARMSTRONG... .. 3	EDWARD ARMSTRONG... .. 7
E. R. MARTIN 4	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD ARMSTRONG.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Dec. 14, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, St. Clement's, College Single Reverse, Oxford Single and Plain Bob.

*GEORGE VERNON Treble	LEONARD BOSTOCK 4
†HARRY FAIRCLOUGH 2	†JOHN H. DAVENPORT 5
†ERNEST BOSTOCK 3	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells by a local band.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Dec. 17, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's of College Single, Plain Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

VERNON PAGE Treble	EDWARD W. TUMBER... .. 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	EDWARD HODGES... .. 5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH)

On Friday, Dec. 22, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

RAYMOND JELFS Treble	STANLEY WEYMAN 4
JOHN C. PERKINS... .. 2	LEONARD J. JELFS 5
THOMAS HANDS 3	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

All belong to the local band.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of London, York, Canterbury, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle and Cambridge. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK W. WATLING ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 4
GEORGE BAILEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

First peal of Surprise Minor by all except the 2nd ringer, and the first in the district.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HAROLD EDWARDS Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY 4
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	†WILLIAM SUTTON 5
JOHN BRASSINGTON 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor	

Conducted by A. ALLMAN.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal of Bob Minor by all the band and on the bells. First peal as conductor. Rung after meeting short for Triples, and as a birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. W. Skene) and the conductor.

BURBAGE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT)

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eleven 120's each of Canterbury and Old Doubles, and ten 120's each of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

SAM WHITE Treble	WILLIAM COPE 3
ERNEST RIVETT 2	GEORGE DUDLEY... .. 4
FRZD COTTON	... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

YARDLEY-HASTINGS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY WOODING... .. Treble	BERNARD BURGE 4
ERNEST FRAIL 2	JOHN HORNSBY 5
ARTHUR BERRILL... .. 3	WALTER WITNEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by B. BURGE.

Rung at the first attempt and the first known peal on the bells by all Yardley ringers.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

HERBERT HOARE Treble	MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 4
*STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	†MISS ANNIE PARKINS 5
WILLIAM H. WALDREN 3	ROBERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods with an 'inside' bell.

WITHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

VICTOR GLASS Treble	HENRY DORKING 4
ARTHUR CHALK 2	ANDREW EVERS 5
WILLIAM BUTLER 3	ERNEST BRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by E. BRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and 4th.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON Treble	JOHN HALL 4
MISS NELLIE JOHNSON 2	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

Rung after a peal attempt on handbells had failed.

A QUERY ABOUT A PEAL.

A correspondent, writing with regard to the peal of Bob Major rung at Headcorn on December 16th, 1922, composed by Frank Bennett, conducted by A. E. Edwards, that he presumes the ringers that took part in this peal feel justified in publishing the record. He understands that no Singles were 'made' or 'called,' although the conductor warned the band that two Singles were in the peal, and 2 and 3 made them. He asks Mr. Edwards to be good enough to tell those who are interested (through the columns of this paper when to find the figures of the peal called, and so satisfy the members in that district of the Kent Association.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP'S TRIBUTE TO RINGERS.

A large gathering of ringers assembled at Corston, near Bath, on December 16th, at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. C. C. Parker), who is Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. There was ringing during the afternoon, and a special service was held, at which the Bishop of Bath and Wells was the preacher. The branches of the association represented, included Burnham, Ilminster, St. James's (Taunton), Midsomer Norton, Weston-super-Mare, Wilton, Bridgwater, Uphill, Chedzoy, Taunton St. Mary's, and Wedmore. Among the representatives of the association who numbered about 60, were Messrs. E. E. Burgess (hon. secretary), F. C. Rich (hon. secretary, Bath Deanery), W. J. Prescott (the late Bath secretary), W. A. Cave (Bristol), C. H. Jennings (Salisbury Guild), G. Yeo (Chew Deanery secretary), D. G. Taylor (Ilminster), and J. T. Dyke (secretary, Midsomer Norton Deanery), W. Farley (Wells), and T. F. King (Bath). Most of the Bath towers were represented.

The special form of service authorised by the late Lord Bishop for the use of this association was adopted. Prayers were read by the Rector (the Rev. C. C. Parker), Preb. F. A. Bromley (Vicar of All Saints, Weston) acted as the Bishop's chaplain, and the lesson was read by Preb. M. E. Hoets, R.D. The Rev. Paget L. Bayly (Rector of Newton St. Loe) was also present. The churchwardens took their accustomed part in the service, and the surpliced choir attended. The service included three special hymns, among them the 'Ringers' Hymn,' an adaptation of a passage of Tennyson's 'In Memoriam.'

The Bishop took for his text, Isaiah lxii. 6, 'I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the Lord, keep not silence, and give Him no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.' In the course of his address, Dr. Wynne Wilson said the ringers in the glorious towers of the churches of Somerset, the county's pride, were the watchmen on the wall. As they stood in the belfry towers calling God to hear men and calling men to praise God, they should realise that theirs was a great office; they should realise theirs was a great function in the life of the Church. They were the Lord's remembrancers in church life and in the life of the nation. The bells announced a birth into the world, rang merrily as a man and maid took life's most stupendous step, and in the deep solemn notes told of the passing of a human soul. Their bells, too, celebrated the great Christian festivals. Their appeal was almost human, and the sound of the bells on a still summer's Sunday brought back memories of Sundays in childhood's happy days. Sometimes the bells tore the very heartstrings. In national life the bells were the people's common expression, and rang for victory or for sorrow. In the winter months they were the messengers who proclaimed the coming of a new year and a new life. In that county he hoped the bells of the Lord's remembrancers would ring out every careless, foolish and selfish thought. It was the bells of every belfry tower which called men to remember—'Lest we forget' was their message. Might the bells, as they rang, reach their hearts and help them to the realisation of the full worship of God.

A LIVE BODY OF CHURCH WORKERS.

After the service the company adjourned to tea in the Village Hall. After tea the Rector of Corston welcomed the Lord Bishop and the other guests. In doing so, Mr. Parker observed that he was enabled to welcome the company in a dual capacity, firstly as Rector of Corston, and, secondly, as Master of that association. As Rector of that parish, he was proud to welcome the Bishop that day. Corston was one of the most ancient parishes in that diocese. It was mentioned in Domesday Book, and the church was evidently of very considerable antiquity. He was glad that the Bishop's first official visit to Corston was in his capacity of President of the Association. That association consisted of a thoroughly live body of church workers (hear, hear). He believed that the ringers in their association were as good as any other church workers who could be found, and he did not believe that any other body of church workers excelled them in intelligence. He did not mean to imply that other church workers were necessarily unintelligent, but he referred to the particular qualities which change ringing demanded. He did not suppose that their president had yet fully realised what those qualities were. Change ringing demanded the exercise of very great intelligence, very great concentration, and very great perseverance. The Rector then referred to the patriotism which the ringers of Somerset had displayed in the European war and to the memorial tablet in Bath Abbey, which recorded that 30 of the members of their association had sacrificed their lives for their King and country. Not only had they this record of sacrifice, but they gave help in other ways during the struggle. During the war the association continued its activities in spite of the difficulties of running such an organisation at such a time. Their thanks were due to their secretary, Mr. Burgess, who carried them through those difficult times. They did

so well that they did not even have to raise the subscription of their members above a shilling. They had found it necessary, however, to adopt the rule that every parish in which there was a band of ringers belonging to that association should affiliate itself to the association by paying a small fee for that honour. They felt that it was a very great advantage to have a band of ringers in a parish who belonged to that association. In the case of probationers—persons desirous of learning change ringing—an affiliation fee of 2s. per tower annually was paid, and he believed that most Church Councils if approached in the right way would be only too willing to give a small sum as an affiliation fee of 5s.

In the usual way the members of that association exercised a self-denying ordinance at their meetings by foregoing any charge for tea, but at that evening's gathering the tea had been provided by certain friends in his parish, his Church Council, and ladies associated with the ringers without any charge on the association funds. Notwithstanding their difficulties their finances had materially improved, and they had been able during the past year to publish a full report of their activities. The Rector expressed his regret at the fact that several churches in Bath were not affiliated to the association, and that several others had not their full band of ringers. The Rector acknowledged the services of Mr. F. C. Rich, the local secretary, and remarked that he believed the association had been doing and was continuing to do a good work. He again expressed his thanks to the Bishop for encouraging the work of that association by his presence that day.

THE BISHOP'S APPRECIATION OF RINGERS.

The Bishop thanked the Rector for his welcome, and humorously congratulated Mr. Parker on the success with which he had extended that welcome in a dual capacity. He also thanked him for his hospitality, and expressed his appreciation of the service in the church. He also further thanked Mr. Parker in his capacity as Master, for the information which he had given him about the work of that association. Dr. Wynne Willson described with evident enjoyment, the attempt which he made to 'cram' himself hurriedly, with the assistance of a book he procured from his chaplain, on the subject of change ringing, and the mysteries of 'Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, and other things.' He could assure the Rector that he already appreciated the enthusiasm of those who practised change ringing, and the value of the work of that association. As he went about his diocese, he had learned to realise the value of that work, even before Mr. Parker told him. He hoped that the bell ringers would continue to realise the sacred character of their office, and

that when they had concluded their task of calling people to church they would themselves remain for the service, and that the bell-ringers' pew would always be full. There was no county, he added, in which such exquisite towers were to be found as these which were the glory of Somerset. Personally he should never forget the deep impression made on him by the peal rung in the evening on Nov. 19th, 1921, on the bells at Wells Cathedral under the direction of his friend, Mr. J. T. Dyke, to celebrate his induction and enthronement as Bishop of the Diocese. He wished the members of that association every success in their endeavours in that diocese (applause).

A SILENT BATH TOWER.

Prebendary M. E. Hoets, R.D., in proposing a vote of thanks to their entertainers for their hospitality, expressed regret that the tower of Christ Church, Bath, was still silent. He explained that to put the bells in a condition for change ringing would involve an expenditure of possibly £150; and at present his church had to meet other urgent claims. Perhaps a friend of the church might make a thankoffering in the future which would enable this work to be carried out. The probable sequel would be complaints from the proprietors of lodging houses and other residents in the vicinity of the noise of the bells (laughter).

Prebendary F. A. Bromley (chairman of the Bath Deanery), who seconded, said he considered that Corston possessed a peal of bells with sweet and beautiful tone. He regretted that there were still some towers in the Bath Deanery without sufficient ringers; and he hoped that some influence might be brought to bear to remedy this. In his parish of Weston they were very grateful for the help which other ringers very kindly gave them.

Thanks were expressed to the Rector of Newton St. Loe and to the Vicar of Twerton who had also placed their towers at the disposal of the visitors.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, of the Salisbury Guild, brought the meeting best wishes and greetings from his Guild.

At the business meeting, the members of the association agreed to assist the Vicar of Mells, whose bells have just been rehung by helping to complete a band of ringers, and a collection was taken at the suggestion of Mr. Parker, towards the fund for the carrying out of this work.

The collection towards the rehanging of the bells at Mells realised £2 5s. 8d.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ilminster on the second Saturday after Easter.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

When the representatives of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild invited the Central Council to visit their Cathedral City for the next meeting, they promised the members a great welcome. We understand a unique programme is under consideration, and of such a nature that members of the Council should make every effort to reach Salisbury for this gathering. They will assuredly enjoy the visit.

Our recent reference in this column to the first peal in Scotland, at Dundee in 1873, leads a correspondent to say that he believes the first peal over the border was rung by a party of York ringers, when they opened a ring of eight from Whitechapel, at St. Andrew's, Edinburgh, about a century ago. The method was Treble Bob. Can any of our readers give us information upon this?

Claimed to be the first true peal ever rung in London in that method, a peal of Norwich Court Bob Major was rung at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, on Monday, January 7th, 1788, by the Senior Society of Cumberland Youths. It was called by John Reeves, and the claim is especially significant in view of a peal in the same method rung at Bethnal Green by the Junior Cumberlands in 1786. It is generally accepted that the latter peal was false.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Caters was rung at Birmingham on January 7th, 1817.

The College Youths, on January 6th, 1851, rang a peal of 7,524 Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate, and this length stood as the record in the method until 1858. It was a band of men who became famous in London ringing that took part in this peal: John Cox, John Bradley, William Cooter, William Banister, James Mash, Matt. Wood, R. Haworth, George Ferris, Ed. Lansdell, K. Littlechild, James Dwight, and John Austin.

Several of them were in the peal which recovered the record for the College Youths in 1861, and concerning which Jimmy Dwight lapsed into verse. His poetry on the subject is still remembered by some of the London ringers of to-day.

On January 11th, either 1716 or 1717, the London Scholars rang a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Bride's, Fleet Street. This is believed to have been the first ten-bell peal ever rung, and the only peal of Caters rung at St. Bride's while the tower contained 10 bells.

Henry Johnson died on January 7th, 1890.

The peal of Bob Minor at Pickleton, recorded in our issue of Dec. 2nd, was rung on Dec. 16th, not Dec. 2nd as printed.

On Dec. 18th last there passed away, at Mortlake, at the advanced age of 94 years, Mrs. Edwin Sykes, widow of the late Mr. Edwin Sykes, solicitor, and mother of the late Mr. D. F. E. Sykes, historian, novelist and solicitor. She was the grandmother of Mr. Joseph E. Sykes, of Huddersfield.

Mr. R. O. Street points out that the date touch of Stedman Caters published in our last issue is false in the second and ninth courses.

It is hoped that the dedication of the bells at Lambeth Parish Church, which Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are recasting and rehanging, will take place at the forthcoming Parish Festival on Feb. 2nd.

Mr. A. Prior has been elected Ringing Master of the South-West Division of the Essex Association, in place of Mr. E. Wightman, who has been accorded the thanks of the members for his services during the past two years. The divisional secretary was re-elected.

The Yorkshire Association, and particularly the Leeds district, has suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. John Thackray, of Christ Church, Upper Armley, who passed away on Dec. 23rd, at the age of 68. He had been a ringer at his church for over 40 years.

The bells at Stanmore, Middlesex, with the 3rd recast and two trebles added, were, after rehanging by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, rededicated on Dec. 23rd.

In reference to our recent article upon twelve bell peals, Mr. G. E. Symonds calls attention to the fact that a peal of Cinques at Ipswich, rung on May 5th, had apparently been omitted from our calculations. This is correct. The record was overlooked through it not appearing under the customary heading.

This makes a total of 35 twelve-bell peals on tower bells rung during 1921 up to the date of our article, of which 19 were rung in or around London, four at Painswick, three at Birmingham and three at Ipswich, leaving only six, spread over five towers, viz., Wolverhampton (2), and Leicester, Norwich, Chelmsford and Sheffield.

FARNBOROUGH BELLS RESTORED.

The bells of St. Peter's Church, Farnborough, Hants, which have been restored by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. Canon W. A. Chalacombe) at the morning service on Christmas Eve, and afterwards rung by the local band of ringers. The bells have been rehung in a new steel frame for six bells. The 4th was recast, and the whole ring of five accurately tuned.

A TIME FOR GOOD RESOLUTIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I add to your suggestions under this heading one or two minor, but not unimportant, subjects for good New Year resolutions by the ringing fraternity?—

(1) Punctuality in keeping appointments. A man who keeps seven others waiting in a belfry is wasting their time, not his own; and who fails to turn up without urgent excuse commits an act of great discourtesy to others. Whenever I read in peal reports that 'meeting one short' for one method, a band had to substitute another, or possibly ring on fewer bells, I wonder what was the defaulter's reason (or no reason) for non-appearance. If it was 'cussedness,' or carelessness—of both which mental states I have known examples—will he turn over a new leaf this year?

(2) Civility in disagreement. Why cannot men who disagree with each other on matters where difference of opinion is possible and legitimate, do so without imputing either gross ignorance or crooked motives? That they cannot always behave thus, your columns, sir, have recently shown some flagrant examples; and here again, I would respectfully suggest is a field for good New Year resolutions.

(3) But someone will say, 'You clergy also ought to make good resolutions in regard to your belfries and ringers.' I quite agree. I have in the past spent much time and trouble in this direction with my clerical brethren, I fear without much result. Many years ago, when I spoke to the Rector of an important parish, who allowed a set of paid ringers to monopolise his belfry and keep change ringing out of it, he declined to interfere on the ground that this had nothing to do with the church! More recently I have heard of a parish with a fine ring of bells, and a well-established band of change ringers, respectable men and (I am told) regular communicants, where a newly-appointed incumbent took no notice whatever of belfry or of ringers; until, after he had addressed the local branch of C.E.M.S. upon 'Sociability,' it was suggested to him that he should put his teaching into practice, find out who rang the church bells, and himself pay a visit to the belfry. For some clergy, as well as for ringers, there is obviously 'a time for good resolutions.'

T. L. PAPIILLON

(Formerly Master of the Essex Association).

41, Brittany Road, St. Leonards.

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE CARE OF BELFRIES.

The annual meeting was held at Llandaff on Tuesday, Dec. 26th. There was a good attendance, including visitors from Bristol and Reading. The Vicar of St. John's, Cardiff, had readily given permission for the use of his bells during the day, and full advantage was taken of it. The bells of the Cathedral were also kept busy until service time, at 4 o'clock. In the unavoidable absence of the Dean, through indisposition, the Archdeacon of Llandaff kindly took the service. Tea followed in the Prebendal House, and the business meeting was afterwards held, the Archdeacon taking the chair.

A very cordial welcome was accorded to the association by the chairman, on behalf of the Dean.

The Bishop's letter sanctioning the alteration of the title of the association was read by the hon. secretary.

Officers for the ensuing year were next elected, including Master, hon. secretary and auditors.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at All Saints', Newport, the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting at Chepstow, and the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting at Sully.

Instructors' reports were received, and showed good progress at several towers.

A suggestion was made that the attention of the clergy throughout the association's area should be called to the desirability of all ringing chambers receiving the same regular care and attention by those responsible as the other parts of the church.—The Archdeacon said that it would be a pleasure to him to bring it before the clergy at his next visitation.

Quite a number of new members were elected, including the whole of the ringers at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman, and also to the Dean and Mrs. Griffith for their kindness in arranging everything, and providing the tea.

The bells of both the Cathedral and St. John's, Cardiff, were again rung during the evening, bringing to a close a most useful and pleasant meeting.

VISITORS FROM ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

Mr. G. W. Sturgiss, of Groton, Massachusetts, U.S.A., is on a visit to this country, and on Dec. 21st took part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells with the College Youths, the ringers being W. Roughton 1-2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3-4, H. Langdon 5-6, G. W. Sturgiss 7-8.

Mr. Chaney F. Ellis, home from Canada, took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples for 'watchnight' service at Holy Trinity, Guildford.

TEN-BELL TOWERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your Editorial on the twelve-bell towers of our 'Ringing Isle' forces us to the conclusion that it is not from them that we got that name, and I am certain that it is not from the ten-bell towers. These do not even help to uphold our claim to the title. No one can dispute your assertions, nor can they dispute the fact that the ten-bell towers are as $3\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 in proportion to the twelve-bell towers, who are now fast hastening to set their house in order. I believe that only seven of the 12-bell rings are now unpealable. But one shudders when one thinks of the ten-bell towers. Out of 140 I find that only 60 put up a peal (or attempt) during the year, and only a very few of these can claim that half or more of the band were regular service ringers at these churches. So the twelve-bell towers have it with a percentage of 2.857 towers, putting up a peal against a percentage of 2.3 for the ten-bell towers.

We must, of course, bear in mind that the percentage of ten-bell towers which are not pealable for various reasons, is greater than that of the twelve-bell towers. But when towers are unused even for Sunday services because the 'neighbours' object, and because not enough ringers can be had, one must come to the conclusion that there is a screw loose. I know of several such towers. One I know where six is the rule for morning service—they are only paid to ring eight at any time—and another where more than six are never heard unless a visiting band calls in. One could use up reams of paper describing the state of the ten-bell towers, but only dynamite and the undertaker will remove many of the obstacles to reform. Let us hope that this new year will cause a few more of our Tens to help us to uphold our title of 'The Ringing Isle.'—Yours sincerely,
ONCE A BEGINNER.

REOPENING OF LAXFIELD BELLS.

The six bells of All Saints' Church, Laxfield, were reopened on Thursday, December 21st, when ringers assembled from Badingham, Cratfield, Demington, Framlingham, Fressingfield, Ipswich and Wingfield. At about 11.30 a.m. the first 720 of Plain Bob was brought round by W. Hollingsworth (Laxfield), conductor, 1, J. Etheridge (Fressingfield) 2, W. Emeny (Laxfield) 3, T. Hembling (Laxfield) 4, F. Warren (Laxfield) 5, A. Bowell (Ipswich) 6.

During the day touches of Plain and Treble Bob were rung, and for the service at 7 p.m. a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by W. J. G. Brown (Laxfield) 1, G. A. Wightman (Cratfield) 2, A. H. Watson (Badingham) 3, G. Filby (Wingfield) 4, A. Riches (Fressingfield) 5, J. Filby (Wingfield), conductor, 6. After the service, 720 of Woodbine Treble Bob was splendidly rung by F. Reeve (Demington) 1, W. J. G. Brown (Laxfield) 2, J. Garrett (Badingham) 3, G. Filby (Wingfield) 4, J. Filby (Wingfield) 5, H. Hall (Framlingham), conductor, 6.

At the well-attended service, which was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. V. M. White, an interesting and appropriate address was given by the Rev. J. R. C. Darling, Archdeacon of Suffolk.

The ringers and friends did justice at 5 p.m. to a substantial tea provided in the Boys' School by the churchwardens, Messrs. T. J. Goram and C. Bloomfield.

The recast tenor and the bells with steel headstocks, the cannons having been taken off, have been rehung with bearings in oil boxes, on the strengthened old wooden frame by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and the ringers present spoke highly of the 'go.'

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM WARD.

By the death of Mr. William Ward, at Watford, on December 10th, the Exercise loses one of the most careful of ringers, and a man of most obliging and unselfish character. Mr. Ward was not a prolific peal ringer, mainly owing to the fact that he nearly always confined his attempts to peals arranged by the local band to which he belonged, and seldom travelled afield. This is strikingly illustrated by the fact that his first 40 peals were rung at Crawley, Sussex, in the tower in which he learned to ring.

Altogether he took part in 98 peals, of which a list is here given. These include the first peal of Alliance Major and the long peal of 9,312 of Superlative (in which he did not make a single trip), both of which were rung at Crawley.

The deceased moved to London in 1896, and took part in several peals with the Royal Cumberland Youths, and with the Edmonton band. Later he went to Watford, but business curtailed his ringing, although he rang with the Oxhey band until about seven years ago, when failing health compelled him to give up ringing altogether. He leaves a widow, a son and two daughters. His peals were Grandsire Triples, 6 (conducted 1); Bob Triples, 1; Court Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 15 (conducted 2); Treble Bob Major, 9 (conducted 2); Alliance Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 10; Superlative Surprise Major, 46 (conducted 2); Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 6; Stedman Caters, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 1; Treble Bob Maximus, 1; total, 98.

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DEATH OF MR. ARTHUR SLATER.

Mr. Arthur Slater, of Norton, near Sheffield, whose death has already been briefly announced, was a former member of the St. James' Society, Norton, which he joined in 1890. He was a member of the old East Derbyshire Association, and took part in many six-bell peals and contests.

At a later period (1896) he joined the Yorkshire Association, and rang eleven peals of 5,000 and upward under the banner of this prominent and illustrious society. His most noteworthy performance was at St. Mary's Church, Bolsterstone, in the year 1900, when he rang in a peal of 8,288 Kent Treble Bob Major, composed by Mr. Arthur Craven, and conducted by Mr. Arthur Knights. This peal contained the 60 course ends. It was a singular fact that five of the ringers in this peal possessed the Christian name of Arthur.

Failing health for the last few years kept Mr. Slater from following the art which he loved, although his deep interest many times prompted him to undertake journeys to be amongst members of the craft in the various towers of the district. His geniality and kindness drew around him a large circle of friends, both in the ringing and commercial world. He leaves a widow, daughter and two sons to mourn their loss.

The interment took place at the Abbey Lane Cemetery, Norton.

On Saturday, Dec. 23rd, at Dronfield Parish Church, six members of the old East Derbyshire Association, as a last mark of esteem and regard to the memory of the deceased, rang, with the bells half-muffled, a well-struck 720 of Violet Treble Bob Minor: Heber Allen 1, Thomas Barker 2, Amburn Wilson 3, Edward Allen (conductor) 4, Ernest Platts 5, Leonard Allen 6.

On Wednesday, Dec. 27th, at St. James' Church, Norton, eight members of the Yorkshire Association, rang a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: C. Oldfield 1, T. O'Hara 2, B. Shaw 3, G. Butcher 4, T. Seals 5, F. Allen 6, W. Biggin (conductor) 7, A. P. Knight 8.

WHAT IS DIOCESAN ?

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I be allowed a word in reply to the Rev. H. Drake's letter appearing in your issue of December 22nd? I submit that your correspondent confuses the case and evades the issue, and that it is necessary to descend from the clouds whither he takes us, and get to fundamentals.

First, as to the three charges he prefers against the Norwich, St. E. and I. Association—annexation, monopoly, and inflated title. If these things are to be reckoned as faults against us, his new association equally falls under the condemnation; a detail he quite overlooks.

Then as to the diocesan title. For 45 years past (the association was founded in 1877) the ringers of East Suffolk have consistently used the title 'diocesan,' and during all that time have enjoyed the confidence of their diocesan. In 1914, in common with other churchmen in the Suffolk Archdeaconry, they were placed under the first Bishop of St. E. and I., who gave them, thereupon, his blessing. And to-day the East Suffolk ringers continue their work under their clergy exactly as heretofore. Hence it is with reason that they claim recognition as parochial and as diocesan workers, just as, for instance, the organists and the choirmen do.

And they cannot, if they would, belong to any other diocese than St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. It is not evident, therefore, in what respect the ringers of East Suffolk fail in a duty in which the West Suffolk ringers succeed. In deserting the majority of his ringers, as he has done, the present Bishop has, it seems, been badly advised.

Lastly, as to 'St. Edmundsbury' Ipswich, and the whole of East Suffolk, are as much in the diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, as is West Suffolk; and it follows that in amending and amplifying their diocesan title, it must be the full, and nothing but the full, title taken. Besides, it must be remembered that for many years—long before the new association was thought of—ringers in West Suffolk have been members of the Norwich, St. E. and I. Association; and more may yet wish to join it. Mr. Drake's advocacy of the diocesan style for his association is inconsistent with the brief history of the new society. At first, the title 'Suffolk County' was chosen; then changed, on second thoughts, to 'Suffolk Diocesan.' It was only after the Norwich, St. E. and I. Association had adopted their new style, that it occurred to the West Suffolk men that the title was in any way desirable—a case, in fact, of second-comers jumping a claim previously pegged out.—Yours very truly,

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich. G. B. BURTON.

SHREWSBURY.—On Nov. 9th, at St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 57 mins.: G. Bylin 1, J. Griffiths (aged 14) 2, J. E. Lilley 3, R. R. Pole 4, D. J. Boucher 5, W. Fairhead 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, J. Evans 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the 2nd and tenor ringers. Rung on back eight.

BRISTOL SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is quite easy to prove that the methods given in to-day's 'Ringing World' are not even remotely related to Bristol Surprise Major, and what is still more strange is the fact that the Maximus given by Mr. Bramble is not even related to the Royal.

In March of this year, I commenced canvassing the views of other composers to see if there was any likelihood of my views being accepted by the majority, with the following result.

Of the 23 composers written to, 15 agree with me that the following Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus are in proper progression, or, as we generally say, the same method. Of the remaining eight two agree with me that the Major, Royal and Maximus are all one, but they are doubtful about the Minor. Three composers have not replied, one prefers to remain neutral, one says it is an Oxford extension, and one says, 'No, they are all different methods.'

THE METHOD.

Minor	Major	Royal	Maximus
123456	12345678	1234567890	1234567890et
214365	21436587	2143658709	2143658709et
241356	24135678	2413567890	2413567890et
423165	42315768	4231576980	423157698e0t
432615	43251786	4325179608	43251796e8t0
346251	34527163	3452719680	34527196e8t0
364521	35472618	3547291086	3547291e0t608
	53746281	5374920168	537492e1t068
		5739402818	57394e2t1086
	57364821	7593048281	7593e4t20168
		7950364821	795e3t402618
			97e5t3046281
			9e7t50364821

LEAD HEADS.

135264	17856342	1089674523	108t6e492735
165342	14263857	1352749608	1795e3t20486

The above is a single method and can be doubled, the lead heads being then as follows:—

To the double method, if we apply the Treble Bob hunt, the lead heads are the same as in the plain method, the essential shunts are exactly the same in both plain and Treble Bob methods, the subsidiary shunts that are necessary for carrying on the Treble Bob hunt are precisely the same from Minor to Maximus, and the method is 'Bristol Surprise.'—Yours faithfully, GEORGE BAKER.

December 29th.

N.B.—Subsidiary shunts have no effect whatever on the lead head, a truth which can be easily demonstrated if necessary. G. B.

THE AUTHOR'S PREFERENCE.

Dear Sir,—I cannot but admire Mr. York Bramble's admirable system of arriving at his conclusions. The plan seems to be this: Choose the method whose claims you are going to bolster up. Find all the points that will help you in your argument, and call them 'inevitable inter-relationships'—a nice long word that—ignore any essential facts that militate against your argument; and there you are!

Mr. Bramble has given us a complete octave of these 'i-i-r's,' and he allows that there are others: he is right, there are. Here is one of them: In Bristol Surprise Major no bell ever dodges on the lead or behind with any other bell than its course bell, or the bell that is coursing it!

Your readers may be interested to apply this rule to the figures that Mr. Bramble offers us as Bristol Maximus.

Of course, I was aware long ago that by an Oxford extension it was easy to produce some such extension as that which he has given us, but I preferred the extension that I give here.

With regard to his inevitable inter-relationships, (b) and (c) are obviously untenable.

With regard to (b), I might just as well say that in Superlative Royal the bell that strikes in ninth's place when the treble is in fifth's must go on dodging until the treble turns her from behind; and as to (c) I might assert that in Cambridge Royal the bell that is being coursed down by the 'bell-behind-at-the-lead-head'—another fine word that!—must run straight in to lead.

I may add that I am still convinced that the extension that I sent you is correct, but, as I do not expect that there is more than one in a thousand of your readers who is at all interested in the matter, I will not waste your valuable space in enlarging on the subject.—Yours truly, E. BANKES JAMES.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,347 changes): F. Hayes (conductor) 1, K. Coles 2, G. White 3, E. Markham 4, S. T. Goodchild 5, G. Twitche 6, F. Boxell 7, P.S. C. A. Smith 8, J. Gransbury 9, W. H. Plumridge (1st quarter-peal) 10.—For Choral Communion, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) by the following: F. Hayes 1, J. Gransbury 2, R. Coles 3, G. Twitche (conductor) 4, F. Boxell 5, P.S. C. A. Smith 6, G. White 7, W. H. Plumridge 8.

GREAT YELDHAM.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 12th, for memorial service, rung with bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Hardy 1, B. Argent 2, W. Cutmore 3, H. Cooper (conductor) 4, S. Dace 5, F. Wilkin 6. Before service and after service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob was rung.

NORTHAMPTON.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Nov. 12th, 500 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Farey 1, A. Robinson 2, A. P. Hensman 3, J. C. Dean 4, H. Rainbow 5, H. Blundell 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, L. Farey 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late W. J. Allen, who was a member of this band for 22 years, and who was laid to rest on the 9th. A quarter-peal unfortunately came to grief.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. G. Farey 1, A. Robinson (first quarter on eight bells) 2, A. P. Hensman 3, H. Rainbow 4, J. C. Dean 5, H. Blundell 6, W. Farey (conductor) 7, L. Farey 8.

NEPHERTON.—On Sunday, Nov. 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 minutes by St. Andrew's Society: L. Prestidge 1, W. Massey 2, R. Round 3, A. Prestidge 4, W. Prestidge 5, J. Faulkner, senr., 6, H. Hubbard 7, J. Faulkner, junr., 8.—In the evening, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins., by the same band. Both quarter-peals were conducted by A. Prestidge. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Rock Small.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, at St. Margaret's, for morning service, 846 Grandsire Caters: E. Morris 1, C. Cattell 2, A. Ballard 3, T. Bent 4, H. Peach 5, G. S. Morris 6, E. Whitehead 7, H. Lock 8, J. Morris 9, J. Grant 10.—For evening service, 647 Grandsire Caters: E. Morris 1, J. Morris 2, A. Ballard 3, T. Bent 4, G. S. Morris 5, H. Peach 6, E. Whitehead 7, H. Lock 8, A. Cattell 9, J. Grant 10. Both conducted by Ernest Morris.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, for Divine service, on Sunday evening, Nov. 19th, 660 Grandsire Cinques: A. Lindsay 1, W. Davies 2, W. Fisher 3, G. R. Newton (conductor) 4, T. Hammond 5, C. S. Benwell 6, E. Bounphrey 7, E. Jones 8, J. Martin 9, G. Fisher 10, E. Counce 11, J. Owen 12. This is the longest touch on twelve bells rung in this tower for Sunday service for many years.

NEWBURY.—Oxford Guild.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: C. Pool 1, E. Smith 2, C. Pearce 3, H. W. Curtis 4, W. A. Dormer (first quarter as conductor) 5, E. Crocker 6, S. Quinten 7, E. Challis 8.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Sunday, Nov. 12th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Turner 1, H. Wingrove 2, J. Batting 3, F. Buckland 4, C. C. Mayne 5, J. Blackmore 6, R. Buckland (conductor) 7, W. Fletcher 8. Rung by an entirely local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Nov. 19th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Rotherhithe, S.E., 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: S. E. Moye (first quarter-peal of Major) 1, J. Carter 2, T. W. Taffender, junr., 3, G. W. Harris (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 4, J. S. Hawkins 5, W. Berry 6, J. R. Gammon 7, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 8.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, at St. Leonard's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. E. G. Hewson 1, Miss E. Hardenstle 2, J. C. Mitchell, Esq., J.P., 3, J. Lee, A. Heywood 5, T. Welbourne 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, S. Gardiner 8.

EAST ILSLEY, BERKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples: R. Warwick 1, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 2, W. Hibbert, junr., 3, W. J. Field 4, T. East 5, W. Hibbert 6, J. S. Napper 7, H. Brown 8.—For evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples: E. Sneller 1, E. Warwick 2, C. Parfitt 3, W. J. Field 4, W. Hibbert, senr., 5, R. J. Hibbert 6, H. Brown, junr., 7, H. Brown, senr., 8. Other short touches were rung, in which P. S. Woolridge and E. R. Robey took part.

GOOLE.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Drake 1, L. Drake 2, R. Wand 3, A. White 4, C. King 5, C. Hill 6, M. Tate (conductor) 7, J. Drake 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday evening, Nov. 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. J. Judson 1, Miss E. Brandon 2, E. T. Tilley 3, J. Halifax (Fleet, Lincolnshire) 4, W. Waldon 5, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 6.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.—On Christmas Day, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): E. Holman 1, F. Wallis 2, F. Judd 3, A. Holman 4, F. J. Sanders 5, H. R. Thorpe (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by a local band since 1906.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

The following were among the touches rung on Christmas Day:—

BILLINGBOROUGH, Lincs.—On Christmas Day, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: W. E. Allen 1, W. H. Hare 2, A. Chilton 3, G. Carpenter 4, H. Louth (conductor) 5, C. T. H. Bradley 6. First 720 in the method by a local band.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Christmas morning, for 7 a.m. service, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: B. Wilson 1, T. Ford 2, F. Greedy 3, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 4, H. Morgan 5, F. Whitfield 6, C. Greedy 7, W. Ridout 8.

OLD WINDSOR.—At the Church of St. Peter, for morning service, on Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Burt (first quarter on treble) 1, R. Franklin 2, D. Tindall (first inside) 3, J. Guttridge 4, A. Cross 5, E. Gosling (conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, F. Guttridge 8.

LONG STANTON.—For early Communion service, on Christmas Day, 720 Bob Minor: C. W. Woolley 1, J. B. Woolley 2, F. J. Cook 3, G. Crisp 4, * — Warrington 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6. * First 720.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Christmas morning, for 7 a.m. service, 720 Oxford Bob, in 23 mins.: Edwin A. Gilbert 1, C. Millard 2, Edwin Gilbert, senr., 3, T. Jull 4, F. W. White 5, W. J. Walker (conductor) 6.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Christmas morning, for early service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Webb 1, E. Spice 2, G. Spice 3, W. E. Spice 4, T. Jull 5, William Spice (conductor) 6.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.—On Christmas morning, for 7 a.m. service, the ringers met in full force at 6.15, and rung a well-struck touch of 672 Bob Major; also a short touch of Grandsire Triples.—For 11 o'clock service, a 640 Double Norwich Major (conducted by J. French) and 224 Grandsire Triples (conducted by F. Claydon). The ringers included S. Fleuty, J. Fleuty, R. Fleuty, J. Turner, W. Scillitoe, W. Arnold, S. Warne, J. French and F. Claydon. These bells have been rung at least twice every Sunday throughout the year 1922 by ringers residing within a half-mile radius of the church.

TAINTON.—At St. James's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans), 1,260 changes, in 45 mins.: J. Hunt (conductor) 1, W. H. Tarr 2, F. Millard 3, W. Doble 4, A. W. Thorne 5, S. J. Every (Tiverton) 6, E. Priddle 7, H. J. Hole (Paignton) 8. First quarter of Stedman by ringers of 2, 6, 8.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—At St. Barnabas' Church, for early service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Allen 1, E. Jacobs, junr., 2, J. Silvester 3, E. Jacobs, senr., 4, R. Linter 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6.—For the 11 o'clock service, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: A. Watson 1, R. Linter 2, J. Silvester 3, E. Jacobs 4, H. Ainsley 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6.—In the afternoon, 720 Bob Minor: W. Allen 1, E. Jacobs, junr., 2, J. Silvester 3, A. Millard 4, R. Linter 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6; and 720 Bob Minor: A. Watson 1, E. Jacobs, junr., 2, J. Silvester 3, R. Linter 4, W. Linter 5, A. Millard (conductor) 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, at St. Mary's, 630 Grandsire Triples: G. Cluett 1, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 2, J. J. Symons 3, S. J. Harding 4, J. D. Harris 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.—On Sunday, December 10th, for evensong, 560 Double Norwich Major: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, W. Tate 3, T. R. Taylor 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Christmas Day, for early morning celebration, 720 Bob Major: S. Rowe 1, S. Hammond 2, P. Woods 3, L. C. Wightman 4, W. C. Rumsey 5, T. H. Chappell 6, G. S. Rowe 7, E. E. Grimes 8.—For the 11 o'clock service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Ruffles 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, W. Ruffles 4, T. H. Chappell 5, E. E. Grimes 6, W. C. Rumsey (conductor) 7, G. S. Rowe 8.

KENSINGTON.—For service, on Christmas Eve, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. E. Judd 1, A. Cutmore 2, C. W. Roberts 3, F. V. Sinkins 4, P. L. Miles 5, G. W. Frayne 6, P. E. Clark 7, A. Congreave-Pridgeon (conductor) 8, W. E. Garrard 9, H. G. Miles 10.—On Christmas morning, 504 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, H. Dyas 3, F. V. Sinkins 4, G. W. Frayne 5, C. W. Roberts 6, P. L. Miles 7, A. Congreave-Pridgeon 8, A. V. Selby 9, H. G. Miles 10.

GREAT TEY, ESSEX.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 1,120 Bob Major: W. King 1, W. Saunders 2, H. Warn 3, H. Theodm 4, C. Baveham 5, G. Cook 6, A. Galley 7, W. Latham (conductor) 8.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.—On Christmas Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): H. Tomkins 1, H. E. Tomkins (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, J. Taylor 3, H. C. Edwards 4, R. Underwood 5, J. Tomkins 6.—For morning service, on Christmas Day, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. C. Tompkins 1, W. G. Edwards (first 720 of Cambridge) 2, H. C. Edwards 3, E. C. Lambert 4, H. E. Tomkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6.

CHEERIO!

By 'W. W.'

This is the festive season—that is, as I write; but by the time this appears in print the frisky feeling will have fizzled out somewhat, and we paterfamilias will be scrounging around the corners of our pockets in a forlorn hope of discovering—what we know is 'not there,' no, not there—some flotsam and jetsam from the wreck of the good ship Treasury.

There are certain signs of the approach of the festive season which are unmistakable, and can be diagnosed by anyone accustomed to being 'touched.' The dustbin men, who, for fifty-one weeks have taken a pure delight in shaking surplus refuse over the front pavement, suddenly alter their tactics, call me 'Sir,' give me their unasked opinion of the weather, and hope I am well in health. Everyone who brings anything to the door, hands it over reluctantly, and with an expectant air as though I ought to give it back again in return for bringing it.

As Christmas approaches, those of us who have families, are not allowed to forget it. After being under an apprehension for several days, we feel that the blow is about to fall—and it does.

'I believe in giving sensible presents; don't you, dad?' Then I tremble all over like a horse that has just been down for the first time. You may appear to be too busy to hear, but it gets there all the same. Such a question puts you in a cleft stick, or, in the vulgar tongue, 'up the pole,' for 'sensible presents' may mean anything from a box of nose-powder to an automobile, and in any case there is a sudden drop of the financial barometer from fair to freezing.

Then the letter-box rattles incessantly, and every time I go to pick up the missives I find nothing but bills, bills, and still more bills. I wonder why tradesmen will persist in pestering one with these reminders of filthy lucre at such a season of goodwill.

Still, I am no Scrooge nor curmudgeon, and for the sake of the younger generation we will laugh with those who laugh, though we are conscious of having reached the hilltop, and are taking the first steps down the other side, when Christmas and the festivities which it brings in its train do not appeal to us as they did. The ghost of 'Christmas Past' peers over our shoulder, and brings back memories of years ago when the festive season was a landmark in our history, in the days when we set our faces to the rising sun, fearless of the future. We have passed many milestones since then. Memories of our dearest and our best; the friends of the home and of the belfry who made merry with us it may be only one short year ago, and who have preceded us to the land of shadows, come back to us at this time, and we would not have it otherwise, for some day, we hope that those who follow us, will recall our happiest hours. Omar felt the kindred spirit when he wrote:—

And when thyself with shining foot shall pass
Amid the guests star-scattered on the grass,
And in thy joyous errand reach the spot
Where I made one—turn down an empty glass!

And that reminds me, 'Landlord! Landlord! mine is also empty. A mild and bitter, please, and a word in thine ear, good Boniface—not so much froth (no personalities). Thanks, Selah, we'll don the cap-and-bells to drive dull care away, we'll make them ring, what time we sing, "Taroorooralay." Avaunt the spectre of Christmas Past, we laugh Ha! Ha! Ho! Ho! Here's to the spirit of Christmas present, so cheericerio.'

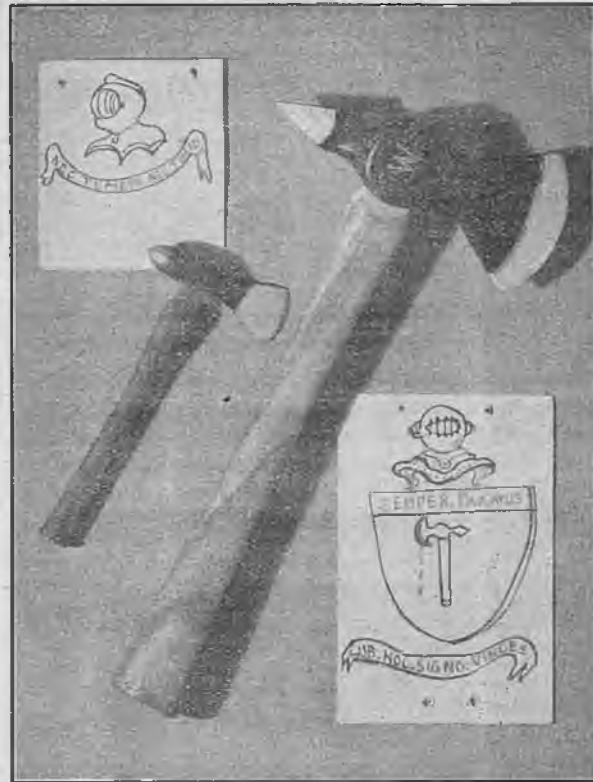
'Christmas present,' that's the right slogan, for it turned the trick and the unexpected has happened. I am the recipient of a souvenir from an unknown admirer. 'A box for you,' said the verger, 'and there is a hundred at least.' 'A hundred of what?' said I. 'Why, cigars,' says he, adding a moment later, 'I should try them, you always look well behind a cigar.' I rattled the box. 'These are not cigars,' I said, and then a wild thought struck me for a moment, to be dispelled the next, for folk don't send boxes full of money through the post!

When the lid was prised off, a card came to view, inscribed 'These choices are not poisoned.' We dug deeper through the stuffing, when there lay revealed two polished steel—Battle-axes! Attached to each was a coat-of-arms. The joke was 'on me,' as the Yankees say, but it was too good to waste, and I can appreciate it anyway, so here they are reproduced on this page.

The smaller weapon bore the message: 'This to be used only on special occasions.' The larger one: 'Under this sign thou shalt conquer,' and the accompanying parchment read:—

'Greetings and salutations to William at ye Camp at Leicester, Your Majesty's recent outcries just tickled ye palate of Your Majesty's armourer. Methinks when ye King doth Axe for his Battle-axe he shall have it, because he axed for it. Herewith are ye requisite tools to Joust. Now let thine adversaries look to it, those of ye masks, dark lanterns, and jemmies, smite them, and take ye twist out of their tails. Thou art ye man.

'With ye compliments of Your Majesty's Armourer,
Trenous Pistor.'



I have not the remotest knowledge who is the donor of the 'choppers,' but from the samples of previous letters in this journal, I must say he is a horn humorist, and a worthy follower of Mark Twain. It gives me an idea. And now, Go to, I will tell thee what I will do with my Axes. I will invite my correspondents to a 'convivial evening.' Notice the spike on the business end of the Axe. It reminds me of Rider Haggard's Zulu hero of 'King Solomon's Mines,' and how Ulmslapoga got some fine work in with a similar tool—the 'woodpecker.' I will beguile 'A London Ringer,' and that thorn in the flesh, 'Once a Beginner,' to pay me a visit and receive them behind the door. The psychological moment will be great.

'So 'here's to our noble selves and our next merry meeting.' Trenous Pistor, I am looking towards you. Cheerio!

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at East Retford on Boxing Day. The ten bells of the Parish Church were at the disposal of ringers from 9 a.m., by the kind permission of the Rev. C. Bailey, Vicar. Members attended from Anston, Doncaster, Misterton, Gainsborough, Wigan, Worksop, East and West Retford, Ordsall and Tickhill. During the day the following methods were rung: Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Forward Major, Erin and Stedman Triples and Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, and other methods, in which three ladies took part. Mr. John Segar also tapped courses of Bob Minor, Bob Major and Grandsire Caters on the handbells. A very pleasant day's ringing ended at 7 p.m. by lowering the ten bells in peal.

PEAL TABLET AT NEWPORT.**UNVEILING AND DEDICATION CEREMONY.**

At the evening service, at All Saints' Church, Newport, Mon., on Sunday, December 24th, a beautifully designed oak tablet was unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Williams, M.A.). The clergy and choir having proceeded to the entrance of the church where the board is fixed, Mr. J. W. Jones, the conductor of the peal, requested the Vicar to unveil and dedicate the tablet in commemoration of the peace peal. The Vicar performed the ceremony, and dedicated the tablet 'to the glory of God and in grateful commemoration of the termination of the great war.' He mentioned what a tremendous sacrifice had been made by the lads of that parish. After several most appropriate prayers had been said, a processional hymn was sung, and the choir returned to their places.

NOTICES.

ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY.—Tower will be open for practice every Thursday evening, commencing Jan. 4th, 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. All ringing friends will be welcome.—A. Riley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Northfleet on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1923. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, conducted by the Rev. W. Hurwood (curate-in-charge). Tea in the Church Schools at cost price per head; business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION—The next Quarterly meeting will be at Mansfield on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 1923. Tower open 2 o'clock. There will be a meeting of the sub-committee at 4 o'clock, and of the general committee at 4.15. Tea will be ready at 5 o'clock and will be followed by general meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—Saturday, January 6th, at Rotherham, bells available from 3 p.m. Tea in Parish Church Hall, 5 p.m., 1s. 3d. each. Intending visitors are requested to send notice to Mr. Colin Ryder, 16, Godstone Road, Rotherham.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by business meeting.—George W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual meeting of this branch for the election of officers for 1923 will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, Jan. 6th. Bells available 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly General meeting, Monday, Jan. 8th, 1923, St. Clement Danes, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; Bishopsgate, Jan. 15th; St. Clement Danes, Jan. 22nd; Sundays, St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th, at 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, St. Martin's Lane, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 9th, 1923, at 7.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Martin's, 6 o'clock to 7.15.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral, on Jan. 30th; St. Magnus, on the 18th; * St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 9th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 11th, and * St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Dinner will be held at Spread Eagle Hotel, on Thursday, January 11th, at 7.30 p.m. Chairman, J. G. Buchanan,

Esq., Vice-chairman, Rev. G. W. Turner. Tickets 3s. each, which must be obtained by Jan. 9th.—C. Edwards, Gt. Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Hunts district meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells, St. Neots (8), Eynesbury (6), and Eaton Soham (6). Service at St. Neots Church 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room. Those requiring tea (members 9d., non-members 1s.) please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicolas, Guildford, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells from 3.30. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those intending to be present for tea notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 9th?—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Rd., Aldershot.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (12) available at 3 p.m. Service in Church, with address by the Rev. J. Goodacre, Vicar, at 4.45. Tea at 5.30 (for those only who send notice by Jan. 9th) 1/-.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby St., Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South-West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick (by permission of the Rev. E. P. Gough, Vicar), on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at a small charge, but kindly let me know by the 10th. Combined practices are again resumed at Heston the first Saturday, and at Isleworth the third Saturday in the month.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Barming, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Cross House at 5.45, provided by the Rector. All those intending to be at the tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, Jan. 9th.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh, near Maidstone.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—SECOND ANNUAL DINNER will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, on Saturday, Jan. 13th, 1923, at 6.30 p.m. The City church bells—12, 10, 8 and 6—will be available from 2.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. Secure tickets early.—Edgar Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells ready 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m.: all towers to send one representative. Business important. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.

Business meeting 6 p.m. The officials desire this meeting to be fully as popular as those that have been held every month during past year. Tea 1s. each.—G. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, on Tuesday, Jan. 16th. Ringing from 7.30 till 8.45 p.m. Business meeting in Smoke Room, Talbot Inn, 9 p.m. Subscriptions for 1923 become due at this meeting.—H. E. Norman, District Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Reports now ready. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting, Manchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Further particulars next week.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Jan. 15th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil St., Stourbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, January 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's St., Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Fylde and Preston branches will be held at Kirkham, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 to all who send in their names not later than Tuesday, January 16th, to either W. Taylor, Preston Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham, or C. Sharples, 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th., at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow, election of officers, etc. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Jan. 23rd. Ringing at St. Mary's (10 bells) 2.30 to 6 p.m. and St. Peter's (10 bells) 4 to 6 p.m. Business meeting in St. Peter's tower 4.45 p.m. There will be a short service in St. Mary's Church 4.15.—Thos. H. Kirkby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A dinner will be held at the Flying Horse Hotel, Market Place, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 27th, at 6.30 p.m., to honour the memory of William Doubleday Crofts (1737—1809), one of the greatest ringers of his day. A first-class musical programme will be given. Applications for tickets (6s. each) to be in the hands of the local Secretary by Tuesday, January 23rd.—Thos. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk St., Carrington.

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THE CARE OF RINGING CHAMBERS.

The Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association could not have seized upon a better opportunity than a meeting at which an Archdeacon was present for a resolution, calling attention to the desirability of all ringing chambers receiving the same regular care and attention, by those responsible for the upkeep of churches, as the other parts of these buildings receive. Upon the Archdeacon devolves the responsibility of seeing that church authorities, among other things, exercise due care in maintaining the churches, and the Archdeacon of Llandaff quickly seized upon the opportunity which the resolution provided, of assuring his association that it would be a pleasure to him to bring this matter before the clergy at his next visitation.

We hope that many other associations will follow the example set by that for the Diocese of Llandaff and Monmouth, and, if they cannot get an Archdeacon to their meetings, they will carry their resolution to the Archdeacons and get them interested in it. There is no portion of the church building which, in the past, has been more neglected than the belfry, and even to-day the condition of many ringing chambers is lamentable. There are, of course, a large number of belfries up and down the country which are a pattern of cleanliness and neatness, and fully in keeping with the rest of the church, but the condition of most of these is due to the zeal of the ringers themselves, and not to any effort made by the church authorities. In assisting the cause of 'belfry reform' the clergy have lost no opportunity of reminding ringers that the belfry is a part of God's House, but many of these same clergy have done nothing to make the ringing chamber conform worthily, in its upkeep and appearance, with the rest of the building.

Ringings have been, and in some cases still are, made the lumber room of the church, the receptacle for all unwanted furniture, where dust and cobwebs accumulate for years. Indeed, there is to-day at one of the most famous London churches, a belfry almost as black as a chimney. This sort of thing ought not to be. Ringers, by their own labour and often at their own monetary cost, have worked wonders in many towers, but it is not right that this matter should be left entirely to them. The choir are not called upon to clean out the choir stalls, and the ringing chamber should be just as carefully attended to by the church authorities as the nave, the chancel or the vestry. Where the condition of affairs shows obvious neglect, an association would, we imagine, be fully warranted in bringing the matter to the notice of the church authorities, through the incumbent or the Parochial Council; and if tactful representation had no effect, a direct appeal to the Archdeacon to bring his influence to bear might have some result.

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THOMAS H. REEVES 6	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 51 cwt.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
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Tenor 32 cwt.

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*FREDERICK S. PRICE 2	ALBERT COPPOCK 7
*WILLIAM H. JAMES 3	PERCIVAL PRICE 8
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JAMES SCHOLES 5	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal of Bob Royal by all except the ringers of the 2nd and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. D. Smith and W. H. Theobald.

LONDON.

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DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Jan. 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt in D.

FRANK I. HAIRS 1	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
HENRY S. ELLIS 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 5	WILLIAM J. NODDS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 15 lb. in E.

WILLIAM PALMER 6	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 6
A. YORK BRAMBLE 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE SMART 3	JOHN JAY 8
HERBERT RANN 4	CHARLES PALMER 9
GEORGE ADES 5	GEORGE BLEACH Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is the first peal on the new ring of bells and was rung for the midnight service. Mr. G. Smart was re-elected a member of the Association previous to starting. With the exception of Mr. Dawe, all are service ringers at St. Nicholas.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

*DONALD FINDLEY 5	*ALEC RICHARDSON 5
*FRANK BALLARD 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
ROBERT LAMBERT 3	WILLIAM LATTER 7
*MISS DOROTHY ORLEBAR... 4	RICHARD J. RUSH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM LATTER.

* First peal of Triples.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 24, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS FLORRIE WYMAN 5	WILLIAM T. BEESON... .. 5
FREDERICK W. RICE 2	ALBERT ELLIS 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 3	ROBERT BRETT 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	*GEORGE ELLIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by G. ELLIS.

* First peal as conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

J. A. LAMBERT'S VARIATION OF PRITCHARD'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST C. LAMBERT... .. 5	†LEONARD A. SMITH 5
*WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 2	†GEORGE M. COOPER 6
†THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 3	†THOMAS E. READ 7
†FREDERICK C. CASE ... 4	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor on eight. All (except 1st and 2nd) are Sunday service ringers at the above church. First peal on the bells since they were overhauled and two new trebles added by Mr. A. Browell, of Ipswich, the ringers being well pleased with the tone and go of the bells. W. G. Edwards was elected a member previous to starting.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

PERCY O. LAFLIN 5	ALBERT WALKER... .. 5
JOSEPH T. DYER 2	SAMDEL GROVE 6
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	JAMES E. GROVES 7
ALBERT E. NORMAN 4	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This completes the circuit (Major, Royal and Maximus) in the method on these bells.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WESLEY WATSON 5	ALFRED PYE... .. 5
ERNEST J. BUTLER 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM MILLER 7
CYRIL PEASE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE 5	GEORGE ELLIS 5
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5	GEORGE ELLIS 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by KEITH HART.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Two and a half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY 5	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
YORK GREEN 2	WILFRID HOOTON 6
JOHN WOOLLEY 3	REGINALD T. DENNIS 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	FRANK KEMPION Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This composition, which is now rung for the first time, is without the 2nd before the tenor at any lead.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. O. LANCASHIRE'S VARIATION OF J. W. WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MAURICE SWINFELD 5	HERBERT HURDMAN 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	JOHN HOUGH 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 3	JOHN H. SWINFELD 7
CHARLES SANDERS 4	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. W. Worthington, Esq., Lichfield.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

SAMUEL TAYLOR 5	WILLIAM SPICE 5
CLR.-SGT. BENNET 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 7
LEONARD MANNERING ... 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(St. Margaret's Society.)

On Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY... .. Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY 5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
*GEORGE WILSON 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.On Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES ROOPE 5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	CHARLES T. P. BRICE... .. 7
JAMES BOUGHTON 4	TOWNSEN ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.
Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Whiting.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 28, 1922, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED BLACKSHAW Treble	A. EDWARD EASTWOOD 5
TOM CHAMBERS 2	JOHN BLACKSHAW... .. 6
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN 3	RICHARD STANLIFFE 7
TOM STANLIFFE 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK HANCOCK Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 2	ERNEST PALMER 6
†HENRY C. COLLYER 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Cambridge. † First peal of Cambridge 'inside.'

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	JOHN OLDBAM 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
SHIRLEY BORTON 3	*EPHRAIM W. RANDE 7
*E. HARRY STONLEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

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

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

*ERNEST V. BLAKE Treble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE COOKE 2	WALTER CHANDLER 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
GEORGE PEGNALE 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal and first attempt.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

RALPH PAYNE Treble	FREDERICK WEBB 5
*CYRIL BENNETT... .. 2	WALTER JUDGE 6
*EDGAR BENNETT 3	WILLIAM STONE 7
LEONARD TUFFREY 4	JESSE BOWERMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER JUDGE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. in G.

ERNEST WEATHERBY Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. T. Beeson.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TEN-PART, No. 27.

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES SPARKS... .. Treble	ARCHIE D. PROBERT 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WALTER TAYLOR... .. 6
IVOR E. PROBERT 3	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 4	ALBERT HURCOMBE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in the method by the Hereford Guild and in the Diocese.
First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

NOBLE SPINDLOW Treble	JOHN MONK 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	GORDON CADWELL 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	RICHARD KEEN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

ALFRED BOWELL,
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WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM PAGE Treble	WILLIAM RADFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM LEWIS... .. 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	*SIDNEY T. HOLT 7
JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by S. T. HOLT.
* First peal of Major as conductor.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lb.

HORACE BELCHER Treble	FREDERICK G. GODDARD 5
*WALTER EMMETT 2	CHARLES J. TRICKER 6
MARK STACY 3	GEORGE SPENCER... .. 7
JOSEPH MILNER 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. SPENCER.
* First peal of Major.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

SAM JONES, JUN. Treble	WALTER THOMAS... .. 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 7
JOHN HAYES... .. 4	HARRY COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

First peal for ringer of tenor who hails from Hoole, and was specially arranged for him.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER
SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

GEORGE FLEMING Treble	FREDERICK J. TILLET 5
REV. WILLIAM A. PEARSON 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
HARRY R. ROPER 4	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.
For calling see Central Council Collection, No. 38. This was the Vicar's 250th peal, of which 214 have been rung for the above Association, and of these, 128 upon the bells of his own church.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*MISS MARY L. COFFLIN ... Treble	†WILLIAM ALDRIDGE 5
†HARRY DEXTER 2	*LADRIE JACKSON 6
ALEN BRAMLEY 3	MISS HILDA WILLSON 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal of Major. † First away from Treble. ‡ First in the Method. This peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. O. St. Main Williams, late curate of All Saints', Northampton, who was recently inducted to the living of the above parish. The ringers of 5, 7 and tenor hail from St. John's, Leicester, the rest belong to the local band.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN BAYLIS... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
DAVID HORNE 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

* Quickest peal on the bells.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*WALTER ARNOLD Treble	JAMES FLEUTY 4
*ROBERT FLEUTY 2	JAMES FRENCH 5
JOHN TURNER 3	FRANK CLAYDON Tenor

Conducted by J. FRENCH.

* First peal of Minor. All the ringers belong to the neighbouring parish of Earls Colne.

BLOCKLEY WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. 27 lb. in F.

JOHN KEYTE... .. Treble	ERNEST WITHERS 4
HORACE TERRY 2	WALTER LARGE 5
ALFRED HILL 3	CECIL LOCKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

After the peal the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Payton Keyte, parents of the treble ringer.

EBRINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD

On Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

ARTHUR LARGE Treble	ERNEST WITHERS 4
HORACE TERRY 2	WALTER LARGE 5
*FRANCIS BOSWELL 3	SAMUEL RUSSELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

* First Peal.

FINCHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Dec. 28, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Two 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.

JOHN RODWELL, JUN. ... Treble	EDWARD BARKER... .. 4
WALLACE COUSINS 2	TONY PRICE 5
CLAUDE COUSINS... .. 3	ROBERT HARDY Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

MR. G. WILSON'S 100 PEALS.

On six bells, three methods, 2; Grandsire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Major, 9; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 19; Superlative Surprise Major, 12; Cambridge Surprise Major, 13; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 21; Guildford Surprise Major, 1; Suffolk Surprise Major, 2; Dublin Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 5; total, 100.

WOOLLASTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, two of Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARTHUR BELLAMY Treble	AMOS SMART... .. 4
LEONARD J. WYMAN 2	JOHN R. MAIN 5
GEORGE BASFORD 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. R. Main and Mrs. Smart, mother of the ringer of the 4th.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 27, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four 720's of Bob Minor, each called differently.

CHAS. PRIESTNALL Treble	PERCY INGRAM 4
* IVERNON WADE 2	TOM CHANTRELL... .. 5
WILLIAM BALL 3	CHAS. ALLSOP Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. ALLSOP.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Friday, Dec. 29, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Oxford, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

* MISS MARY RANDALL ... Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 4
† MISS DOROTHY ATKINS ... 2	WILFRID HOOTON 5
JOHN WOOLLEY 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent, & two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR MANSFIELD Treble	W. GEORGE MANSFIELD ... 4
JOSEPH H. WALDOCK... .. 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
ALFRED SOUTH 3	FRED CHALK Tenor

Conducted by H. J. MANSFIELD.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

J. JENKINS Treble	W. R. NASH... .. 4
W. J. BENIAMS 2	A. C. NASON... .. 5
* J. BURROWS 3	H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

* First peal. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Clun, and the rest from Ludlow. The band tender their best thanks to the Rev. Winter, for granting permission to ring.

MR. E. RADLEY'S 100 PEALS.

Minor in 3 to 7 methods, rung 5 (conducted 1); Grandsire Triples, 10; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples 11 (conducted 4); Stedman Caters, 3; Stedman Cinques, 4; Bob Major, 1; Forward Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 4; Cumberland Delight, 1; Superlative Surprise, 25; Cambridge Surprise, 3; Bristol Surprise, 6; London Surprise, 20; total, 100 (conducted 5).

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK FOREMAN Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
FRANK PATTENDEN 2	GEORGE WAGHORN 5
JAMES WAGHORN... .. 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb. in G.

ROBERT E. GREENACRE ... Treble	JOHN RODWELL, JDN. 4
FRED WIGMORE 2	TONY PRICE 5
ROBERT HARDY 3	TOM GREENACRE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Monday, Jan. 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 8040 CHANGES;

Being seven 'spliced' extents as follows: (1) Bogedone, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Rostherne; (2) Croyland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh, (3) Trowel, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury; (4) Grove Delight, Braintree, Neasden, College Bob IV., Wragby; (5) Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford Modernised, Bocking, Willesden; (6) Overton, Sandal Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kingston; (7) Oxford and Kent (H. W. Wilde's). Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD HALLWORTH Treble	HARRY LANGLEY... .. 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN... .. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true extents.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 23rd, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. J. LINCOLN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in A.

ROY PILGRIM 1-2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5-6
* ALBERT J. LINCOLN 3-4	† LEONARD W. BALB 7-8

Composed by JOHN R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

* First peal of Bob Major 'in hand.' † First peal of Bob Major.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Dec. 29th, 1922, in Two Hours Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. WHITTINGTON.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor size 22 in C.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS... .. 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 5-6
ROBERT RICHARDSON... .. 3-4	* FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 7-8
GEORGE W. STEERE... .. 9-10	

Composed by E. BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: R. WHITTINGTON. Witnesses: MRS. WHITTINGTON, MRS. PULLING and MISS A. PARKINS.

Rung as a congratulatory peal to Mr. George W. Steere, upon his engagement to Miss W. Howick; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. I. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington's grandson. * 250th peal.

A PEAL IN 30 METHODS.**GREAT ACHIEVEMENT BY A CHESHIRE COMPANY.**

A triumph of six-bell ringing has been achieved by the enterprising band at Norbury, Cheshire, where on New Year's Day a peal of Minor in no less than 30 methods, all contained within the scope of seven true extents, was rung. The peal was rung at the third attempt. The first was on December 23rd, and the second on Boxing Day. These attempts failed in the fourth 720 each time. On both occasions the striking was very good, and the first trip upset everything. No trip occurred in the final attempt, and the striking throughout was faultless.

All the methods will be found in the present edition of the C.C. Collection of Legitimate methods, with the exception of Bogedore, Trowell, Grove Delight, Poynton and Overton, which, however, are also regular. Fifteen of the methods have, on previous occasions, been first rung and named by the Norbury company.

To those ringers whose efforts are largely limited to six bells, there is ample scope in the Central Council's Collection, and what can be done by way of increasing interest, variety and intricacy is demonstrated by the men at Norbury. No one can say that six bell ringing need be 'tame' after this.

In addition to the Norbury peal, it is interesting to note that a peal in fourteen Surprise methods was rung at Thornham Magna on December 30th.

THE FIRST PEAL AT EAST ILSLEY.

In the peal column last week was recorded the first peal in the tower at East Ilsley, Berks. It was decided at the conclusion of the great war to add a bell to the old five in the tower as a memorial to 21 men of the parish who gave their lives (most of this has been printed before, but 'Lest we forget,' Mr. Editor, we would like it printed again). Well, after great disappointments and difficulties tackled and defeated, a seventh bell was promised provided the octave was completed, and after a great fete one summer day in 1919 the job was placed with the firm of Mears and Stainbank, who took the old bells away, and tuned them, cast three trebles, than which no sweeter little bells swing in the county, and hung the peal on a specially designed frame to suit the tower.

It was hoped that an entirely local band would ring the first peal, but the difference between five bells and eight has proved too big a jump at present, so it was agreed by all that a peal ought to be rung before 1922 went out. Therefore, five Ilsley men, with the help of three natives of adjoining parishes, rang a Berkshiremen's peal, which was excellently struck throughout. It very seldom happens

that several men in a peal can say that they first rang a bell in a certain tower on a poor old ring of five that would take all the pulling and all the handling that men could give them to get a good six-score, and that now they have rung a first-rate peal on one of the sweetest little rings of eight that can be found. Hearty congratulations from the villagers, and especially from the local ringers who were left outside, showed the good feeling among the band. The visitors were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Hibbert after the peal. Mr. J. Hands is a native of Yattendon; G. Essex, of Hagbourne; and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, of East Garston. R. T. H.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN THACKRAY.**A PIONEER OF HANDBELL RINGING IN LEEDS.**

As briefly announced in our last issue, the death has occurred at Upper Armley, Leeds, of Mr. John Thackray. The deceased, who was in his 69th year, commenced ringing in the year 1881, when the peal of six bells was hung in Christ Church, Upper Armley, and when opportunity offered, rapidly advanced to be one of the foremost six bell ringers in the district, being possessed of a fine ear, which made him noted for good striking. In the days when handbell ringing was little known in the county, in conjunction with Mr. J. Whitaker (now a veteran indeed), and his brother, Mr. J. Thackray, under the leadership of Mr. H. Williams, rang the first peals in various methods on handbells, in the city, one of the greatest of their exploits, being what is believed to be the only handbell peal of Grand-sire Triples ever rung with the conductor blindfolded. For many years the deceased earnestly advocated the addition of two trebles at Armley, and early in 1922 the peal was rung by Messrs. Taylor. Largely owing to the energies displayed by Mr. Thackray two trebles were added to the existing peal of six, and this was a source of great gratification to him.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, December 26th, when a large and representative gathering of ringers assembled at Christ Church, where the first part of the funeral service was held. Dr. W. Bradley (Mus.Doc. Oxon) officiated at the organ, while the Vicar (the Rev. T. Goodchild) conducted a most impressive service. The Dead March 'in Saul' was played at the conclusion, after which the interment took place in Armley Cemetery, close by the church, and within sound of the bells of which he was so fond. A plain course of Grand-sire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. C. Pratt, W. Barton, H. Williams and P. J. Johnson, as a last tribute of respect to an old friend, who endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact by his kindly and unassuming character, while his loss will be keenly felt at Armley, where the band owe much to his self-sacrificing labours.—R.I.P.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Bristol United Guilds' second annual dinner to-morrow is likely to repeat the success of last year. Already a company of over 120 is assured, and visitors will be present from Birmingham, Cheltenham, Gloucester, Bath, Paulton, Midsummer Norton, Newport, Taunton, Southampton, and various other West of England towns. An excellent musical programme has been arranged.

Councillor Amos Trippier, of Manchester, has just recovered from a serious illness, and was welcomed back to active ringing by a peal at Pendleton on the 2nd inst.

On January 13th, 1772, a peal of 6,048 Imperial Treble Bob was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, where, a year earlier, on January 15th, 1771, 6,700 Norwich Court Bob had been rung by the Norwich Scholars. This last named was, we believe, the first peal in the Norwich variation of Court Bob, of which there is any record. Feals of Court Bob in other variations had previously been rung in London.

On January 18th, 1844, a record was put up at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, when a peal of 7,126 Stedman Cinques was rung in 5 hrs. 17 mins., and the peal tablet recording the performance affirms that 'the bold and regular striking attracted the notice of the public, and is allowed to exceed any other performance ever attempted in England upon Twelve Bells.' Charles Middleton, whose name is so inseparably linked with Cambridge Surprise Major, and Henry Hubbard, who in his day did much work for the art, took part in this peal.

The first peal of Forward Maximus was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, twenty years ago to-morrow.

On January 14th, 1899, the St. Peter's Society, Brighton, then at the zenith of their fame, rang the first peal of London Surprise in the City of London. That was at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street, if we remember aright.

At a meeting of Gravesend Council, on Dec. 20th, it was unanimously resolved to contribute from the borough funds one hundred guineas towards the recasting of the bells at the Parish Church.

Mr. John Overton has been re-elected Ringing Master of the Bridgnorth Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. W. Hayward hon. secretary. It is hoped that more of the towers in the district will join the Guild during the coming year.

There are not many towers in which a peal of Cambridge Major, Royal and Maximus has been rung, but St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, have just completed the circuit on the famous bells in the Bull Ring.

ENGLISH BELLS FOR AMERICA.

MESSRS. GILLET AND JOHNSTON'S GREAT CONTRACT.

The carillon of 42 bells ordered by Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, from the celebrated Croydon foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, for the campanile of the Park Avenue Baptist Church, New York, will be the largest on the American Continent, and, owing to the perfection to which the founders have brought the art of bell tuning, it will also be unequalled for purity of tone and tune.

The bells will be played by a skilled carillonneur, by means of a hand clavier, fitted also with foot pedals, this method giving complete control over the volume of sound produced, and enabling the operator to play the most elaborate music, the great number of the bells allowing for an unlimited repertoire.

Before selecting the Croydon firm, Mr. Rockefeller secured the services of a well-known American musical expert to visit and report to him upon the leading bell founders of America and Europe, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are to be congratulated that, after such a critical investigation, they have secured, in the open market of the world, a contract of such interest and importance.

The church, situated in the newest and perhaps the most fashionable avenue in New York City, is of an unusual type, inasmuch as, owing to restricted ground space, the Sunday School classrooms are built in vertical tiers outside the lofty nave, and are reached by means of large capacity express elevators. The building is surmounted by an exceptionally beautiful Gothic campanile, the delicate tracery of which will allow the music of the bells to be heard to the best advantage in the broad boulevard beneath.

At present the largest carillon on the Continent is that of 23 bells, with a 4-ton tenor, installed by the same founders earlier this year at the Metropolitan Methodist Church, Toronto. Recitals have been given on these bells throughout the summer, and a novelty in the way of carols was prepared for Christmas by uniting the voices of the large and perfectly trained choir, conducted by Dr. Fricker, formerly organist of Canterbury Cathedral, England, with those of the bells, the choir singing in the actual belfry, grouped round the carillonneur.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**A 'BELL WARMING' AT HASTINGS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at All Saints', Hastings, on Saturday last, when the members had a very hearty welcome from the Rector (the Rev. F. A. Penson). The bells, which until quite recently were a ring of six, have now been augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the 'go' of the bells is splendid.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Battle, Bexhill, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Brede, Hailsham, Christ Church, St. Leonards; Christ Church, Blacklands, and Pevensey. Mr. Piper (Eastbourne), Mr. C. Payer (Stone, Ashford), and Mr. G. Kenward (Westfield) were present, together with the local ringers. During the afternoon touches in the standard methods were rung, followed by a service, which was conducted by the Rev. E. A. Penson.

After the service, the Rector kindly entertained the members to tea in the Parish Room, and presided both at this and at the business meeting which followed. He was supported by the lady organist, and by Mr. Wray, who gave a most interesting account of the history of All Saints' tower and bells for the past 500 years.

The following new members were elected: Leonard Giles and Searle Driver (Blacklands), and Charles Relf (Battle).—The place for the next meeting was discussed, Mr. W. Franks proposing Salehurst, which was agreed to unanimously.

With reference to a sum of 13s. 1d., which was collected at the Rotherfield meeting in June last, under the title of 'The Sussex Diocesan Bell Restoration Fund, as no such fund existed in the association, Mr. G. H. Howse proposed, and Mr. W. P. Smith seconded, that the sum be transferred to the general fund. This was put to the meeting, and carried.

Mr. Howse proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the kind invitation extended to the association for the use of the bells, and for so kindly entertaining the members to tea.—This was supported by Mr. G. Penfold, of Pevensey, and carried by acclamation.

The Rector, in reply, said that it gave him great pleasure to have such a good number present, and he considered it an honour to All Saints' for the association to pay a visit. He remarked that usually, when they built a new house, they had a 'house warming,' and so when they had a new peal of bells it was only right that they should have a 'bell warming.' He hoped that every member present had enjoyed himself.

The members then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going in different methods until 8 p.m.

WESTERN DIVISION AT CHICHESTER.

A very successful meeting of the Western Division was held at Chichester on Saturday, Dec. 30th. Members were present from Henfield, Pulborough, Heene, Brighton, Shoreham, and the local band, and also visitors from Portsmouth, Isle of Wight and Harwich. Touches of the following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major.

At 4 o'clock the party attended evensong in the Cathedral, after which a goodly company sat down to tea at Cowley's Restaurant.—The Master, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, presided at the business meeting, at which the following new members were elected: Mr. G. W. Fletcher, of Southgate; Messrs. F. A. Burnett, F. R. Taylor and R. J. Stone, of Portsmouth; Dr. Bruce Williamson and J. Rymer, of Whitmill, Isle of Wight (life members); Mr. S. Hopper, of Shoreham; Messrs. S. Pickson, R. Heasman, C. Smart, junr., J. Carter and F. Beacher, of Pulborough (annual members).

It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Steyning in March.—A proposal was put before the meeting by Mr. G. Norris, and seconded by Mr. H. Stalham, that a motion should be brought before the general committee at their next meeting: 'That each member should pay an annual subscription of 2s., irrespective of what is paid by the church authorities of certain towers.'

The business meeting concluded with thanks to Mr. J. T. Rickman for presiding, and Mr. Tomkins (the late Master) for making the necessary arrangements, also to Dean Hannah for granting the use of the bells.

A further visit was made to the campanile, where the party was joined by Miss Burnett, who took part in various touches until the time arrived for the ringers to depart to their various destinations. The campanile is one of the few examples left in England, being a separate structure from the Cathedral, and contains an excellent ring of eight.

ILLNESS OF MR. JAMES MOTTS.

At the annual meeting of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, held on January 2nd, regret was expressed at the serious illness of Mr. James Motts. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. James Rose; Deputy Master, Mr. William Tillet; steward and steeplekeeper, Mr. Frederick J. Tillet; auditors, Messrs. R. H. Brundle and W. P. Garrett; secretary, Mr. George E. Symonds, 28, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.**A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The annual meeting of the above society was held at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday, Dec. 30th. There was an attendance of about 40 members, representing some 12 different towers. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble, Bob Major, Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung.

A short service was held in the Forman Chapel, and was conducted by the Rev. T. H. Mousley, M.A., S.C.F., the new curate of the Parish Church. In the absence of the President (the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford, M.A.), the Rev. H. T. Eddershaw, M.A., gave the address. The preacher apologised for the absence of the Vicar, and said that something very important indeed must have kept him away, as it always gave him great pleasure to come and speak to the ringers. He thanked the ringers for their services, and said how much the clergy and officers of the church appreciated the good work which they did Sunday after Sunday in calling the people to church, and reminding all that there was a God to be worshipped. There was no music, the speaker said, that was so beautiful as that produced by a peal of bells when they were well rung. In the name of the Vicar, he welcomed the ringers to St. George's, and wished them a successful new year.

The address, which was inspiring to a degree, and had to be given at a moment's notice without any preparation, was much appreciated by all who heard it.

Tea was served in the Memorial Hall, and was followed by the business meeting.—The Rev. T. H. Mousley was voted to the chair, and he was supported by the vice-president (Mr. G. Halksworth), the Ringing Master (Mr. G. Clark), the hon. treasurer (Mr. H. Woodhouse), the hon. secretary (Mr. Harold Walker), and Mr. C. D. Potter, hon. secretary of the Barnsley and District Society.

The Secretary reported a successful year's work in 1922, and his report was adopted.

The Chairman, who said that he was already a member of the Surrey Association, was elected a member of the society, together with three ringers from Adwick-le-Street.

Mr. G. Clark was re-elected Ringing Master, to serve another three years.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. H. T. Eddershaw for his splendid address, and the local band for having the bells ready, the chairman for his services, and the hon. secretary for his work during the past year. Coupled with the hon. secretary's name was that of Miss K. Jackson, who is a most enthusiastic worker for the society.

In a brief reply, the Secretary said he was looking forward to the time when the Doncaster and District Society would be the foremost society in the country, and he appealed to the members to put aside all petty jealousies and to work together for one thing, that was progress of the society.

The Chairman, in his reply, said how pleased he was to be at the meeting, and to be elected a member of the society. He could ring a bell, but that was all, and he hoped to be able to get amongst the ringers a bit more in the future. He was very glad, he said, to see in the report a reference to the fact that ringers should give of their best for Sunday ringing; and also he was glad that ringers who had been called to higher service were not forgotten in the annual report.

This meeting was held a month earlier than usual, owing to the fact that the annual general meeting of the Yorkshire Association is to be held in Doncaster on January 27th, it being twenty years since the last general meeting of that association was held at Doncaster.

AN EASY WAY TO SUPERLATIVE.

Dear Sir,—Some ringers will make such a fuss of the odd place in Superlative. If the novice will learn what is Treble work, odd place first, odd place last, long dodge last, and long dodge first, and then ring the method by the treble, the method should not be any trouble at all.

Three times in a course you leave the front and the back. Now my experience has been this, that no mother's son requires to be told that long dodge last is followed by long dodge first. The remaining two occasions you leave it for either odd place first or odd place last—which?

Never make odd 6th's when the treble is in 7-8, nor make odd 3rd's when the treble is in 1-2, but please remember that the odd place does change your direction.

Again, on leaving places the treble is either in the direction you are going, or you leave it behind you. If the treble is not in your path do the intermediate dodge and then treble work. If it is in your path you take it in 3-2 or 6-7 according to the direction you are going and do long dodge last.—Yours truly,

SUPERLATIVE.

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921

STANMORE BELLS RE-OPENED.

The bells of the Parish Church of Stanmore, Middlesex, entered upon a new phase of their existence on Saturday, Dec. 23rd. Taken in 1851 from the old church they were rehung in the belfry of the new church, which had just been completed, and they have been well-known ringers since then. For some time past it has been realised that the whole of the framework, etc., was unsafe, and that the bells required overhauling. With the assistance of the Rector and churchwardens the necessary funds were secured, and then to everyone's pleasant surprise a member of the congregation came forward with the offer to complete the peal by the addition of two new bells in memory of members of her family. This offer was gratefully accepted, and the whole of the work placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Upon examination it was found that No. 5 bell was badly cracked, and would require recasting. The work, however, was pushed along, and the sequel came on Saturday, Dec. 23rd, when a short dedication service, which included special prayers and hymns, was held.—The Rector gave a brief address, in which he traced the origin of bells from the earliest recorded times.

After the service, the following rang three courses of Stedman Triples: Hubert Eden 1, Percy Parsloe 2, William Whitehead 3, Fred Brinklow 4, Chas. Leman 5, William Seeley 6, Maurice Hibbert (conductor) 7, George A. Hughes 8. At the conclusion of this the ringers adjourned for tea at the Institute. On returning to the tower, several touches were rung, the methods including Cambridge, Superlative and Grand sire. Great praise is due to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for the splendid splice which has been effected, and also for the 'go' of the bells, which is now perfect.

BELLS TOO NOISY FOR RINGERS.

WHY THERE IS NO BAND AT ANSDELL.

The December meeting of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Ansdell St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on Saturday, Dec. 16th. The bells are a light and handy ring of eight by Mears and Stainbank, cast shortly after the war broke out. The tower was erected a little earlier, and, according to one of the workmen, when nearing completion on their arrival to begin work one morning they were astonished to find the tower had subsided about eighteen inches during the preceding night. After further investigation the official in charge of the work was convinced that there would be no further subsidence. This incident, together with the outbreak of the war, caused a delay of twelve months between the casting of the bells and their erection in the tower, the bells meanwhile being at the foundry, paid for in advance.

At present the ringing chamber is immediately under the bell chamber, the noise from the bells is terrific, and they have not been rung since Armistice Day, 1918. Mr. Maries, of Lytham, spent many arduous months in trying to get a band of ringers, but failed, and no wonder, for the din is too much for any but the steadiest of ringers. Originally it was intended to have the ringing chamber in the room below, but this would have interfered a little with the choir, so the bells are unringable because of the ringers being too near the bells.

This lower room is from 16 to 18 feet high, and it was the opinion of the meeting that a floor could be placed midway, which would allow ample space for the choir in the lower part and the ringing chamber above.

The members found the bells in admirable going order, except the third, which wanted a little attention. When this had been made right touches of Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major and Minor were successfully brought round. Besides the usual Blackpool contingent, there were two members present from Lytham Parish Church, one from St. Anne's-on-Sea Parish Church, and Mr. Robinson, of the Preston branch.

5,088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

23456	B	M	W	H	52436	B	M	H
45326	—	—	—	—	52364	—	—	—
53462	—	—	—	—	52643	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—	65243	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—	54632	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—	54326	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—	63425	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—	63254	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—	26354	—	—	—
65432	—	—	—	—	26543	—	—	—
65324	—	—	—	—	26435	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—	—	46632	—	—	—
62345	—	—	—	—	46325	—	—	—
24653	—	—	—	—	34625	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—	34256	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—	23456	—	—	—

This peal, composed in 1912, is the first with the maximum number of bobs Before, and was first rung at Sunderland on Dec. 26th, 1922.

WHY NOT A REFERENDUM?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are some things in the Rev. H. B. Woolley's letter in your issue of the 29th December with which I am practically in agreement with him; there are again other things—matters of opinion—as regards which we differ, and as to which he is, of course, entitled to his own view, and I to mine. But when definite statements of fact are concerned, there can be no such latitude allowed. If positive assertions are made they must be accurate. It is here I find myself in conflict with Mr. Woolley.

To quote from his letter: 'and call it by the same title as the Bishop has already given to the diocesan association.' The exact reverse is the truth. The title, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, had already been adopted by our Suffolk branch just four months before the Bishop announced his decision also to take it for the new association. All this is on record in the 'Ringing World,' q.v.:—

Feb. 10th, 1922, p. 89.—Norwich and Ipswich title extended to N., St. E. and I. meeting at Ipswich, Feb. 4th.

Feb. 24th, p. 125.—Meeting of Suffolk Diocesan Association at Ipswich, Feb. 4th.

May 12th, p. 297.—Meeting of S.D.A. at Ipswich left it to Bishop to decide as to title.

May 26th, p. 327.—The Bishop announces his decision to change title to St. E. and I.

I think, therefore, I am justified in objecting to that part of Mr. Woolley's letter, and further in complaining that he does not read his 'Ringing World' as carefully as he ought.

And to quote again: 'East is East, and West is West.' Exactly so. We of Norwich, St. E. and I, had always respected that view, and appreciated the difficulties of the case. May I appeal to history again? The ecclesiastical frontier between E. and W. Suffolk was removed when the new diocese of St. E. and I. was founded in 1914. For a period of eight years from that date, the Norwich Association was content to accept the old position, and made no move. Not so our West Suffolk friends, who as early as May 9th, 1914 (see 'Ringing World,' August 26th, 1921, p. 513), passed a resolution to inaugurate a campaign of penetration of East Suffolk. Only the war for a time prevented this action. But in 1921 they started the invasion in earnest, first of all by arrogating to themselves a title embracing the whole of Suffolk (Suffolk County Association); then in 1922 holding a meeting at Ipswich on February 4th; and lastly demanding the surrender of our East Suffolk members. All this and more. Now, when once St. Edmundsbury had gone to Ipswich, how can Ipswich reasonably be denied the equivalent as regards St. Edmundsbury?

And then as to the Referendum proposal. A referendum is generally understood to be a reference to a whole country, or a whole district, collectively upon a given question, as distinct from putting that question to the vote sectionally. By claiming the whole diocese as the sphere for the new association, Mr. Woolley, ipso facto, defines the electoral area. Yet he now would decline to abide by a referendum in it.

It is greatly to be regretted that when the present Bishop came to the diocese he did not adopt the bold course of becoming patron of his ringers both East and West; fusion would then assuredly have come about—or, he might have followed his predecessor, and made E. Suffolk the nucleus of his new diocesan association, when it might have been relatively easy to win the West, which was unattached. In selecting the minority in the West for his favour, he was inevitably 'up against' the majority in the East, which moreover was not unattached. The expectation of easily winning the East failed; as it was bound to do. Recourse has since been had to a form of coercion, which has not only failed, but brought in a feeling of bitterness. Hence the present impasse. And now West Suffolk is too small an entity to carry on by itself economically.—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.
2nd January, 1923.

DEATH OF A BEVERLEY RINGER.

On December 12th, at the Beverley Minster, 539 Grand sire Caters was rung, half-muffled (circumstances not admitting of further ringing) as a mark of sympathy and respect on the passing away, after a long and painful illness, of Mr. G. Ford, who was for many years a zealous and devoted ringer at Beverley, and one noted for his regular attendance at Divine service.

It is gratifying to know that the sound of the bells was a source of hope and comfort to the deceased right up to the time of his death.

At St. Mary's, Woolwich, on December 31st, 1,263 Grand sire Triples was rung in 44 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. W. Groves, who was a member of St. Mary's belfry: W. J. Aldridge 1, A. W. Connelly 2, W. Watchorn 3, W. W. Horsley 4, H. Beckford 5, A. J. Horsley 6, N. North (conductor) 7, W. H. Horsley 8.

Sunday Service Ringers' Page.

BENTLEY-BY-WEALD.—For evensong, on Jan. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: *E. Rainbird 1, *F. Rainbird 2, E. Furbank 3, A. Rainbird 4, J. Cavill (conductor) 5. * First quarter-peal.

HOUNSLOW.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, January 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: Fredk. G. Goddard 1, Wm. C. Parker 2, A. Price 3, J. Milner 4, J. Kent 5, J. Townley (Dublin) 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, D. G. Archer 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 7th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. E. Waters 1, W. G. Cook (conductor) 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. Hayward 4, W. C. Cuss 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8.

WAKEFIELD.—On Sunday, January 7th, at the Cathedral, for evensong, 539 Grandsire Caters: G. Heald 1, J. Chapman 2, W. Turner 3, W. Preston 4, A. Scott 5, J. Moorhouse 6, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 7, J. T. Eason 8, F. Cockhill 9, W. Archer 10.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 7th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Meadows (1st quarter-peal) 1, H. Prior 2, A. J. Le Clercq 3, G. Upshall 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Basted, senr. (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 31st, for midnight service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): M. Jacobs 1, W. Stevens 2, H. Barrett 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8.—On Sunday, January 7th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Stevens 1, W. Wood 2, W. Matthews 3, H. Cook 4, G. Hes 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

SCOTHORNE, LINGS.—For Sunday morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Cade 1, Miss D. Barnes 2, Miss D. Mottram 3, N. Round-Turner 4, S. Cade 5, W. Creasey 6.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, for Divine service, at St. Andrew's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. Edmondson 1, H. Thorp (conductor) 2, A. Jackson 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hall 5, R. W. Jennison 6, S. Murgatroyd 7, J. W. Goulton 8. Longest length in the method by all except conductor.

WORTLEY (near Sheffield).—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: Frank Downhill 1, Amos Sellars 2, George Wadsworth 3, Cliff Dronfield 4, Bert Raisey 5, John Dronfield (conductor) 6, William A. Wooler 7, Thomas Long 8. First 720 for ringers of 1, 2 and 3.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evening service, at the memorial tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew's Church, 720 Kent Minor, rung on the back six: G. W. Dixon 1, A. Maxim 2, A. Macro 3, W. Everett 4, F. A. Salter 5, D. E. Elliott (conductor) 6. Also touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, the ringers including P. Fordham and T. Stagg. Messrs. Dixon and Elliott hail from Sudbury, A. Maxim from Foxearth, P. Fordham from Mildenhall, and the rest from Thetford.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 46 minutes: H. A. Harding 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, A. M. Stacey 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, L. H. Page 8. First quarter-peal of Bob Major as conductor. Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes), from Holt's Original, in 40 mins.: *G. A. Stevens 1, J. Hunnisett 2, A. H. Fulwell 3, A. M. Stacey (conductor) 4, L. H. Page 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, W. A. Hunnisett 8. * First quarter-peal.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: H. Hodges (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Hodges 2, F. Good (conductor) 3, G. Young 4, S. Hopper 5. The first quarter-peal for H. Hodges.

CROMER.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: R. Amis 1, W. Tennant 2, E. Wilson 3, C. Pooley 4, F. Pearce 5, T. Price (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martvr, Southwark, S.E., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Keighley (first quarter-peal) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, J. Carler 3, T. W. Taffender, junr., 4, F. V. Martin 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, J. R. Gammon 7, H. N. Platt (first quarter-peal) 8.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for Divine service, at the Church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: L. T. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne 2, R. Bishop 3, H. Osborne 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Egby 6, G. Wiggin (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. H. Barnes, senr., 8.

EPHING UPLAND.—For evening service, on Dec. 3rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Wedlock 1, A. Bailes 2, A. J. Mansfield (conductor) 3, A. Mansfield 4, J. Shambrook 5, G. Bailes 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by the local band, and first quarter-peal for all except the

ringers of the 1st, 3rd and 4th.—Also on December 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. Bailes 1, W. Wedlock 2, A. J. Mansfield 3, A. Mansfield (conductor) 4, J. Shambrook 5, F. Seymour (first quarter-peal) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity, Watermoor, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Parsons 1, F. J. Lewis 2, W. G. Cook 3, W. H. Hayward 4, J. Butler 5, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 6, H. C. Bond 7, J. Hayward 8.

BRISTOL.—Before the special men's service, at St. Michael's (City), on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3rd, 720 Bob Minor: S. Isaacs 1, A. Smith 2, S. Thomas (conductor) 3, W. Thomas 4, C. Cann 5, G. Tudball 6. All the ringers are members of St. Michael's Old Boys' Society.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Lidbetter 1, F. G. Goddard 2, T. Beadle 3, E. F. Cole 4, C. J. Tricker 5, J. Milner 6, A. Beckensale 7, G. Spencer (conductor) 8.

BRISTOL.—At St. Stephen's, Church, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for Matins, after an unsuccessful attempt for a quarter-peal, 615 Stedman Caters: W. A. Cave 1, W. H. Thomas 2, Miss Annie Brown 3, C. H. Jennings (Weymouth) 4, R. Clark 5, F. E. Tyler 6, E. J. Brown 7, J. Gould 8, J. A. Burford (conductor) 9, J. R. Jones 10. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evening service, 880 Kent Treble Boy Royal: A. Walker, junr., 1, A. Walker, senr., 2, J. Pickard 3, W. Pearson 4, W. Hawley 5, W. Senior 6, J. Lenton (conductor) 7, J. Jackson 8, J. Fryer 9, H. Walters 10.

THORNE, YORKS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: O. Darley 1, A. Woods 2, W. Sleight 3, A. Darley 4, C. Thorley, junr., 5, C. H. Thorley (conductor) 7, 6 and 8 behind, by W. Hobson and L. Tate (1st 720).

WALTHAM ABBEY.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evening service, 1,277 Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins.: Mrs. J. Thomas 1, G. Peace 2, J. Thomas (conductor) 3, E. Adams 4, H. Barnett 5, H. Ellis 6, W. Saban 7, G. Thurgood 8, G. Radley 9, G. Cole 10.

MARKET DEEPING.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for morning service, 360 Single Court; also 360 Double Court: T. Henson 1, A. Riggall 2, H. M. Day 3, F. Simpson (first touch in the method) 4, W. A. Day (conductor) 5, G. H. Wells 6.—For evening service, 360 Cambridge Surprise: F. Simpson 1, A. Riggall 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, W. A. Day 4, J. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, December 3rd, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, 160 Bob Major, two courses Double Norwich and a course of Superlative Surprise. For evening service, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes): J. W. Seamer (conductor) 1, F. Overton 2, T. Fitzjohn (first quarter-peal in method) 3, R. S. Long 4, J. B. Budd 5, C. Taylor 6, S. Bromfield 7, F. Metcalfe 8.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 26th, for Divine service, and also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd bell, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 46 minutes, was rung on the Priory bells: G. Gabbitas, Miss A. Taylor, A. Johnson, G. Hardwick, H. Haigh (conductor), E. Clarke, J. T. Wilson, S. Eastland. First quarter-peal of Major by 1st, 2nd and 8th, and the first on the bells in which a lady has taken part.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, for evening service, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: H. Barrett 1, C. Spurgeon 2, R. Warman 3, H. Dennison 4, A. Corbyn 5, F. A. Finch (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of Oxford by a local band for over thirty years.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 26th, for Divine service, and also as a birthday compliment to the lady ringer, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Gabbitas 1, Miss A. Taylor 2, A. Johnson 3, G. Hardwick 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, E. Clarke 6, J. T. Wilson 7, S. Eastland 8. First quarter-peal of Major by ringers of 1, 2 and 8, and also the first of Major on the Priory bells in which a lady has taken part.

NEATH, SOUTH WALES.—At St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Hammond (conductor) 1, F. Hatton (first quarter on a bob bell) 2, H. Boyce 3, R. Ellis 4, A. Hatton 5, W. Hopkins 6. Also rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. All the above are regular Sunday Service ringers at St. Thomas's.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Nov. 26th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. O. Grieves 1, *Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss Willet 4, J. Nisbet 5, Miss Dobbs 6, W. Gillingham 7, C. Carey 8. * First quarter-peal conducted by Miss A. Stokes.

BRAINTREE.—On Advent Sunday, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 840 Stedman Triples: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, H. W. Dyson 5, G. Lindridge 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, F. Ely 8.

NOTICES.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Hunts district meeting will be held at St. Neots on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells, St. Neots (8), Eynesbury (6), and Eaton Soham (6). Service at St. Neots Church 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting in the Parish Room.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, District Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at St. Nicolas, Guildford, on Saturday, January 13th. Bells from 3.30. Service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Christ Church, West Bromwich, Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells (12) available at 3 p.m. Service in Church, with address by the Rev. J. Goodacre, Vicar, at 4.45.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby St., Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South-West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick (by permission of the Rev. E. P. Gough, Vicar), on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at a small charge. Combined practices are again resumed at Heston the first Saturday, and at Isleworth the third Saturday in the month.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Barming, on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. A short Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Cross House at 5.45, provided by the Rector.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh, near Maidstone.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, Jan. 13th. Bells ready 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m.; all towers to send one representative. Business important. Short service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. The officials desire this meeting to be fully as popular as those that have been held every month during past year. Tea 1s. each.—G. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' Second Annual Dinner, Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, Saturday,

Jan. 13th. Start sharp at 6.30 p.m. Ringing at St. Mary, Redcliffe (12 bells), 3 p.m.; St. James' (10), St. Phillip's (8), St. Michael's (6), at 3.30 p.m. Full particulars of other ringing obtainable at these mentioned towers.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 till 8 o'clock. Ringing Sunday mornings, Jan. 14th and 28th, at 10 o'clock. Sunday afternoon, Jan. 14th, from 2.15 to 3.15. Annual general meeting on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower open from 4.30 till 5.30. Tea will be arranged at a local cafe if sufficient members advise hon. secretary by Wednesday evening, Jan. 17th. Cost of tea about 1s. 6d.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec., 36, Acacia Grove, New Malden, Surrey.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; Bishopsgate, Jan. 15th; St. Clement Danes, Jan. 22nd; Sundays, St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th, at 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester, on Tuesday, Jan. 16th. Ringing from 7.30 till 8.45 p.m. Business meeting in Smoke Room, Talbot Inn, 9 p.m. Subscriptions for 1923 become due at this meeting.—H. E. Norman, District Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral, on Jan. 30th; St. Magnus, on the 18th; * St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Reports now ready. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting, Manchester.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Harborne, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Jan. 15th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil St., Stourbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, January 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's St., Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th., at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow, election of officers, etc. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Jan. 20th. Service at 4.15 p.m., followed by tea and business meeting. Will those requiring tea (price 9d.) please advise me by Monday, Jan. 15th?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Fylde and Preston branches will be held at Kirkham, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 to all who send in their names not later than Tuesday, January 16th, to either W. Taylor, Preston Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham, or C Sharples, 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District. — A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Edgbaston Old Church. Bells available at 3.30. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided for those who send in their names not later than Wednesday, Jan. 17th. Gentlemen invited. A social will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, commencing at 7 o'clock. Names to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Islington (Upper Street), on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service. Tea at about 1s. per head. Business after (election of officers, etc.). Will all wishing for tea kindly let me know by Jan. 17th? Large attendance requested.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 57, Market Street, W.2.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Peter's Tower (10 bells) available from 2.30 till 6 p.m. The Cathedral bells available after. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome. — Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Richmond on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30. Will those requiring tea please advise me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 16th? — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec., 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Woodford (6) on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, District Secretary, Halford Street, Thrapston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tea at 5.30. All members wishing to attend, will they please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 16th?—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 2.30. Notify me for tea not later than the 15th inst. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Fenton on Saturday, Jan. 20th.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at West Kirby on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting immediately after.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Hamer. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. Reports are now ready.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Jan. 20th. The bells will be ready from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Green Dragon Hotel at 4.30, 1s. 6d. each. Service in church at 6.30, with an address by the Vicar. Would those intending coming kindly notify me so as to arrange for tea? All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Leamington Spa on Saturday, Jan. 20th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 3 p.m., and those of St. Peter's (R.C.) from 2.30 to 5 p.m. Short service in the Parish Church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea will oblige by sending their names to the Hon. District Secretary, Mr. F. Ashbourne, 28a, Saltisford, Warwick, not later than Thursday, Jan. 18th. — A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Secretary, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head, to those who notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 15th, the latest. Service at 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will secretaries of bands please hand in times of Sunday ringing and practice nights, methods, etc., for the annual report? Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland Dinham on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The first meeting of the New Year will be held at Worksop on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short service in the Priory Church 4.30 p.m. Meat tea in the Priory Gatehouse at 5 p.m. for all those who notify H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop, not later than the 18th inst. Will ringers please note this request is very important? A good attendance is desired. — H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting. Ringing before service and after meeting at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches. Those intending to be present at tea please notify me by Jan. 13th.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing at St. Mary's (10 bells) 2.30 to 6 p.m. and St. Peter's (10 bells) 4 to 6 p.m. Business meeting in St. Peter's tower 4.45 p.m. There will be a short service in St. Mary's Church 4.15.—Thos. H. Kirkby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District. — The annual meeting will take place in St. Peter's belfry on Monday night, Jan. 22nd. Will as many as possible please attend? — A. Braines, 7, Seal Street, Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A dinner will be held at the Flying Horse Hotel, Market Place, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 27th, at 6.30 p.m., to honour the memory of William Doubleday Crofts (1737—1809), one of the greatest ringers of his day. A first-class musical programme will be given. Applications for tickets (6s. each) to be in the hands of the local Secretary by Tuesday, January 23rd.—Thos. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk St., Carrington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the Church House, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. District Committee meeting in the Choir Vestry at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 5.45, followed by usual business meeting. Will all requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Jan. 17th?—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 at the Lime Tree Hotel, followed by business meeting; 6d. per head will be charged for tea. All members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 23rd. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Reports ready.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

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BRAMLEY, SURREY.—On Nov. 13th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): L. Warner 1, A. H. Brown 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, L. J. Brown 4, E. R. Warner 5, R. Whittington (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. R. Warner. First quarter-peal of Bob Minor by the ringers of the treble and 5th.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Nov. 13th, at the Parish Church, for memorial service to the late Lord Ludlow, M.P.H., of Luton Hoo, with bells half-muffled, 840 Stedman Triples: H. Walker 1, T. Blackburn 2, C. Rollings 3, B. Wilson 4, H. Wood 5, P. Hunt 6, A. King (conductor) 7, T. Kendall 8. In the evening, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 51 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Rollings 4, T. Kendall 5, F. Hunt 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

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A VALUABLE AGREEMENT.

There has just been issued in printed form the 'conclusions' arrived at by the conference between the Central Council and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and this report will, we understand, come up for discussion at the Council's meeting at Salisbury. The conclusions have been arrived at as a result of complete agreement between the representatives of both bodies, and the report is a complete vindication of the position which ringers have all along taken up in regard to bell hanging in ancient, and indeed in all, bell towers. In past years there has been a feeling among ringers that the restoration or augmentation of bells in old steeples has, in a number of cases, been obstructed by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, through, it has been felt, the mistaken but wholly honest belief that such work could not be carried out without detriment to the tower. Led by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, who laid the foundation of the movement with his book upon the subject, fortified by the indisputable scientific calculations of Mr. E. H. Lewis, and with the many practical proofs provided by the leading firms of bell founders in hanging bells upon sound engineering principles, the Central Council, through the Towers and Belfries Committee, have convinced the Society that it is perfectly possible to carry out such work, and the 'conclusions' of the conference lay down the principles by which it can proceed. To have reached this stage is eminently satisfactory, and the report is an extremely valuable agreement, for we now have two interested bodies pulling in the same direction instead of in opposition, and we hope that this report may reach all Church authorities contemplating bell restoration.

The methods which the conference recommends should be applied when bells are to be rehung or augmented in ancient towers are just those which any ringer conversant with the subject would advocate, and which all our leading founders in these days put into practice. There is one recommendation, however, which we are pleased to see included in the findings of the conference, and that is, that 'in no circumstances should a pre-Reformation bell be recast or its canons removed, and that when such bells cannot be retained in the ring, that they be used as single bells or preserved as a valuable and interesting work of the past.' This is a point which we have urged in this column, and we are glad to see that the preservation of these relics is thus strongly advocated. As bells, many of these castings are not fit to take a place in modern peals, but as examples of the work of old founders and specimens of an ancient craft, in which after all, ringers have a deep interest, these antiquities of the pre-Reformation period, all too many of which have disappeared, ought to be saved from the melting-pot.

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On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

GEORGE A. PICKERING ... Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE... 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 8
*GEORGE R. HOLMES... .. 3	ALFRED F. HILLIER 9
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 10
RICHARD THOMPSON 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
†JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6	JOHN FOREMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cinques on tower bells. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung on the eve of the 20th birthday of the ringer of the 5th, also the 81st birthday of the conductor's mother, and the 63rd birthday of Mr. W. Story, President of the Association.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILLIAM A. PUGH ... Treble	SAMUEL BAKER 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	REUBEN HALL 7
HERBERT SHEPPARD... .. 3	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 8
EDWIN J. TYLER 4	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 9
JAMES TYLER 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

Composed by Wm. MICKLEWRIGHT. Conducted by J. GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters and first attempt. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Goodman, sen., the 'father' of the Dudley band, also to Miss Tyler, daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

AND THE OXFORD SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT NEW COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5037 CHANGES;

TOM PAYNE Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 6
TOM SHORT 2	FRANCIS E. TAYLOR 7
MRS. A. E. LOCK... .. 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 8
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 4	HARRY MILES 9
ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 5	REGINALD PLAISTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. E. TAYLOR.

First peal as conductor.

FULHAM.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD

AND THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES W. DRIVER ... Treble	*FREDERICK H. CROOK ... 6
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 3	HARRY A. FOLKARD 8
GEORGE C. ILES 4	ARTHUR HARDING 9
ARTHUR COTMORE 5	HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Skevington and H. A. Folkard.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ASTLEY JOHNSON Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 5
SAMUEL WOOD 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
ROBERT DAVIES 3	JAMES H. COLLIER 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER 4	WRIGHT JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER. Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.
Rung for the silver wedding of Mr. G. B. Stott.

LONG BATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LONG EATON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	CHARLES GEARY 5
JOSEPH BAILEY 2	*CECIL WALLACE 6
EDMUND C. CHASTY 3	ARTHUR BRAINES 7
WILLIAM R. DRAGE 4	THOMAS HUTCHINSON Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman.

RUISLIP, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	PERCY E. JONES 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	HENRY H. CHANDLER 6
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 3	*RICHARD CARTER 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	WILLIAM HONOR Tenor

Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

First peal on the bells since rededication. * First peal.

SIDMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	WILLIAM HOWE 5
*KENNETH GODFREY 2	GEORGE BETTS 6
ALFRED MONKLEY 3	*GEORGE BURROWS 7
FRED STUCKEY 4	*EDWARD MARKS Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal. The ringers of 2nd, 4th, 7th and 8th hail from Ottery St. Mary, the rest belong to Exeter.

SHADWELL, LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS Treble	WILLIAM MILLER 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Saturday, Nov. 25th, at All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), for Confirmation service; H. J. Skelt 1, Mrs. A. Clark 2, J. Cooper 3, A. Bundle 4, D. Cooper (first quarter-peal on inside bell) 5, A. Clark 6, F. Holder (conductor) 7, C. Kippin, junr., 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT Treble	ERNEST WEATHERBY 5
†CHAUNCEY F. ELLIS 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
GEORGE W. STEERE 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on tower bells. † First peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watchnight service. Grandsire was rung to oblige Mr. Ellis, a visitor from Canada.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
JOHN A. BREARLEY 2	*JOHN WILMOT 6
SAMUEL HARRISON 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
ALBERT HELLIWELL 4	WILLIAM HARRISON Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

* First peal 'inside.' The bells came round shortly before midnight, and rounds and 'firing' welcomed the new year.

PORTSMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, PORTSEA,

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	RICHARD J. STONE 6
TOWER R. TAYLOR 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
SAMUEL J. HARDING 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSIAH D. HARRIS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers for the watchnight service.

HORBURY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR WHITE Treble	GEORGE HUNT 5
HERBERT ROWLEY 2	*FRED LOCKWOOD 6
GEORGE F. PICKLES 3	*GEORGE W. PICKLES 7
†GEORGE BENNETT 4	ROBERT THICKETT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT. Conducted by HERBERT ROWLEY.
Mr. Bennett hails from Ossett, the rest belong to Horbury. * First peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

LUTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRY WALKER Treble	HARRY WOOD 5
ALFRED KING 2	FREDERICK HUNT 6
THOS. BLACKBURN 3	THOMAS KENDALL 7
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

First peal in the method by all except ringer of the 3rd, and the first in the method on the bells. The band are Sunday service ringers.

CHELMSFORD.—On November 28th, at the Cathedral, before the Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Kirton 1, A. Saltmarsh (first away from treble) 2, C. Gentry 3, L. Clark 4, P. Timson 5, J. Wood 6, O. Pearce (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Pease 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.	
ROBERT WOOD ... ..	...Treble	ERNEST E. GOSLING	5
RONALD FRANKLIN	2	ARTHUR CROSS	6
*DAVID TINDALL... ..	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
FREDERICK TINDALL... ..	4	FREDERICK MIDDLETON ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

* First peal. Rung by the local band during the closing hours of 1922.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART		Tenor 25½ cwt.	
JOHN CAPP ... ..	...Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES	5
ALBERT D. STONE	2	JOHN DEARLOVE	6
WILLIAM C. HART	3	KEITH HART... ..	7
ARTHUR T. VERELLS	4	BENJAMIN BASSETT	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung half-muffled for the old year.

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

On Monday, Jan. 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
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	ARTHUR WHEATMORE	5
*HARRY HOLDEN... ..	2	HARRY PRICE	6
WILLIAM POTTER	3	CHARLES E. PERKINS	7
JOHN KENDAL	4	WALTER MASTERS	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Holden.

BLACKHILL, Co. DURHAM.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDAN,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt. in F sharp.			
GEORGE PICKERING ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER	5
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE	2	ALFRED F. HILLIER	6
ROBERT RICHARDS	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	7
JOSEPH ROWELL	4	WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ...	Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by C. L. ROUTLEDGE.

The first peal on the bells which were dedicated on Dec. 7th last. Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair kindly entertained the band to a sumptuous tea after the peal.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.			
J. W. WASHBROOK ... ..	...Treble	TITUS BARLOW	5
SAM WOOD	2	WILLIAM COOPER	6
JOSEPH LOWE	3	HARRY CHAPMAN... ..	7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ..	4	AMOS TRIPPIER	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

This peal was rung as a welcome to Councillor Trippier after recovering from a serious illness.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.—On Saturday, Nov. 25th, at the Church of St. Werburgh, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: E. Bradshaw 1, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 2, W. Carnwell 3, A. Edwards 4, H. Carnwell 5, E. Edwards 6. J. E. Wheeldon hails from Norton.

WOOLWICH.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 13 cwt.	
HERBERT E. AUDESLEY ...	...Treble	PERCY J. SPICE	5
JOHN J. LAMB	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH... ..	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Francis Groves, of the local band, who was interred at Plumstead Cemetery on the same day.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 33½ cwt.	
JAMES BIBBY... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM BAXTER	5
WILLIAM LOUTH	2	CHARLES ANDREWS	6
SIDNEY PEPLER	3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	7
JESSE FRANCIS	4	CHARLES WARWICK and FRED HAYES... ..	Tenor

Conducted by S. J. HECTOR.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Thursday, Jan. 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
JOHN DAVIES... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM FISHER... ..	5
FRANK W. PERRENS	2	THOMAS J. ELTON	6
EDWIN J. TYLER	3	BERT HORTON	7
EDGAR MARLOW	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH... ..	Tenor

Conducted by BERT HORTON.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. B. Horton, wife of the conductor.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION

On Friday, Jan. 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.			
GEORGE WHITING ... ..	...Treble	*LESLIE G. BRETT	5
*THOMAS RAMSEY	2	GEORGE BENNETT	6
GEORGE PRYKE	3	THOMAS W. LAST	7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	4	ERNEST E. LANHAM	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal and proposed members of the Association before starting.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lb.	
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ...	...Treble	HERBERT MINGAY	5
CHARLES TAYLOR... ..	2	FRED METCALF	6
WALTER M. GODDARD	3	RALPH S. LONG... ..	7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD	4	*GEORGE ATKINSON	Tenor

Conducted by R. S. LONG.

First peal as conductor. First peal of Stedman by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor. * First peal on eight bells. Rung for the festival of Epiphany, also as a birthday compliment to Charles Taylor and in honour of the engagement of the conductor to Miss May Robinson, of Sheffield. First peal of Stedman in Grimsby district by all resident district members.

**GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1922, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

ANDREW MARSHALL 2	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 5
*GEORGE WAGHORN 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.
* First peal of Major.

**TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
GEORGE THOMPSON 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
DAVID VINCENT 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	HERBERT MARKWELL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal and first attempt on eight by D. Vincent, who was proposed a member before the start. Quickest peal on the bells.

**DEANE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
J. W. WASHBROOK 2	SAM WOOD 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
GEORGE POWNALL 4	ALLAN BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

**GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JAMES J. WILSON Treble	FRANCIS BIBBY 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Surprise Major on the bells.

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,*

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	WILLIAM SMITH 5
E. HARRY STONELEY 2	JAMES F. CLARKE 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	JOHN OLDEAM Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
First peal as conductor (age 15).

**LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDWARD WHITEHEAD Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	JOHN OLDEAM 7
GEORGE CLEAL 4	JAMES F. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

**THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Six Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,912 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL 5
SYDNEY COX 2	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 6
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
FRED STANFORTH 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Longest peal in the method yet rung by this Association. Longest by all the band except ringers of the 3rd, 5th and tenor.

**HOGHTON, LANCAS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(BLACKBURN AND PRESTON BRANCHES.)

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*THOMAS CALDERBANK Treble	JOHN BALL 5
FRED CHAMBERS 2	JOHN BROWN 6
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
TOM STANCLIFFE 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by T. HAIGH. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.
* First peal in the method. Ringers of the treble and 6th hail from Houghton, 5th from Samlesbury and the rest from Blackburn.

**BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
JOHN BASS 2	*BERT HORTON 6
WILLIAM FISHER 3	FRANK W. PERRENS 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.
* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal as conductor.

**REDHILL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,*

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE F. PEARCE Treble	FREDERICK W. RICE 5
†WILLIAM T. BEESON 2	†WALTER CLAYDON 6
GEORGE ELLIS 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 7
†HUGH R. THORPE 4	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.
* First peal of Major. † First peal of Oxford.

**BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERFING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING 2	HARRY OVERTON 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The band wish to thank Mr. Dutton, the People's Warden, for his hospitality after the peal.

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SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. On Monday, Dec. 25, 1922, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

Table listing names and positions: REGINALD BOTCHERS (Treble), GEORGE BURT (2), ALBERT FIELDER (3), FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. (4), REGINALD E. LAMBERT (5), ROBERT T. LAMBERT (Tenor).

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. G. Burt was made a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Three Hours and Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Table listing names and positions: VICTOR G. NISBETT (Treble), RICHARD W. PORTER (2), GEORGE SCOTT (3), CALEB L. SIMCOCK (4), CHARLES W. BAINES (5), CHARLES W. ELSE (Tenor).

Conducted by C. W. ELSE.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles Wallhead on the occasion of his wedding.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE. THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. (HINCKLEY DISTRICT)

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Table listing names and positions: HARRY WOOD (Treble), GEORGE WOOD (2), WILLIAM COPE (3), CHARLES H. BRIGGS (4), FREDERICK E. WILSON (5), FRED COTTON (Tenor).

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal. First peal of Minor. Rung on the eve of the twenty-ninth anniversary of the opening of the peal of six.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS. THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Bob Minor, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

Table listing names and positions: ARTHUR BELLAMY (Treble), AMOS SMART (2), LEONARD J. WYMAN (3), ANDERSON Y. TYLER (4), JAMES HUDSON (5), REGINALD C. LOVEDAY (Tenor).

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal in seven methods and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells. The Rector (Rev. A. C. Dicker), kindly entertained the ringers to tea at the Parish Room after the peal.

GAYTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 70 different callings.

Table listing names and positions: JAMES W. HAYNES (Treble), FRED HOPPER (2), RAYMOND ASPLIN (3), JOHN A. TOWNSEND (4), HAROLD FOLWELL (5), ALFRED MONK (Tenor).

Conducted by J. A. TOWNSEND.

First peal on the bells. * First peal. Ringer of the treble belongs to Pattishall, 5th to Fosters Booth, 2nd and tenor to Northampton, 3rd and 4th to Milton. After the peal, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hillyer kindly entertained the band to tea, which was much appreciated by all.

GODSHILL, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Thursday, Nov. 30th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Johnson 1, H. Phillips 2, A. Callaway 3, J. Bacon 4, W. Upton 5, H. Barton (conductor) 6. First 720 Kent by all except the conductor.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET. THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETROCK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

Table listing names and positions: S. GRABHAM (Treble), E. THORNE (2), ISAAC FARMER (3), H. PHILLIPS (4), E. GOULD (5), A. WEBBER (Tenor).

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

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

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

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Table listing names and positions: JAMES HEMMING (Treble), THOMAS HANDS (2), JOHN HALL (3), FREDERICK J. JOHNSON (4), GEOFFREY J. HEMMING (5), JOSEPH D. JOHNSON (Tenor).

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

This was the quarterly peal for the Southern Branch.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of Beverley, Canterbury, London, Wells, Durham, York, Westminster, Hull, Bourne, Ipswich, Netherseale, Annable's London, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

Table listing names and positions: CHARLES NUNN (Treble), JAMES BETTS (2), GEORGE BROWN (3), WILLIAM CLOVER (4), WILLIAM ROSE (5), GEORGE CATTERMOLE (Tenor).

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLE.

First peal in 14 Surprise Methods by all and on the bells.

WESTHALL, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 30, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In five methods, being 8 six-scores each of Morning Star, April Day, Old Doubles, Plain Bob Doubles, and 10 of Grandsire.

Table listing names and positions: JAMES WOODNOUGH (Treble), ERNEST COOK (2), JOHN LARTER (3), JACK FORD (4), FRANK FORD (5), JOHN LARTER (Tenor).

Conducted by J. LARTER.

SANDHURST, BERKS. THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob.

Table listing names and positions: CYRIL W. BARLOW (Treble), GEORGE A. RICHES (2), CHARLES DOE (3), ERIC H. BARLOW (4), GEORGE ENGLEFIELD (5), JOHN MOTH (Tenor).

Rung half-muffled for the passing year, finishing five minutes before midnight. Each ringer conducted one 720, except the ringer of the tenor who conducted the 1st and last.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's Church, on Nov. 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 57 mins.: G. Byolin 1, J. Griffiths (aged 14, first quarter-peal), 2, J. E. Lilley 3, R. Pole 4, D. J. Boucher 5, W. Fairhead 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, J. Evans 8.—On December 16th, 704 Grandsire Cinques: F. Lycott (aged 14), 1, J. Griffiths (aged 14), 2, G. Jones 3, J. E. Lilley (aged 14) 4, R. R. Pole 5, D. J. Boucher 6, E. G. H. Hiskox 7, A. Short 8, T. Pritchard 9, W. Fairhead 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, J. Evans 12. Longest length of Cinques by all except 3rd, 4th and 11th ringers. Rung after meeting late for a quarter-peal of Cinques.—On Dec. 9th, 418 Grand-sire Cinques.

OXFORD.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
 (OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES COLES... .. Treble	FRANCES E. TAYLOR 4
WILLIAM HARRIS 2	FREDERICK CLINKARD... .. 5
*HARRY TOLLEY 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal with a bob bell. The above peal was rung for the midnight watch service. Quickest peal on the bells.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine 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, Colledge Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANDREW LAYTON... .. Treble	CHRIS. BOWERS 4
ROLAND LEWIS 2	*WILLIAM RANFORD 5
DAVID HORNE 3	GEORGE JORDAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. RANFORD.

* First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. Powell, who was formerly a ringer at the above church.

HELD OVER.

A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over, as is a letter from the Rev. H. Drake and other contributions to our columns.

CIRENCESTER.—At the Parish Church, on Thursday, Dec. 7th, for the Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), composed by R. F. Deal: F. W. Bond 1, H. Lewis 2, W. H. Hayward 3, W. C. Cuss 4, W. G. Cook 5, J. Butler 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, S. R. Hicks 8, H. C. Bond 9, J. Hayward 10.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ALDBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
 AT MALVERN HOUSE, THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. PILGRIM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in A.

ROY PILGRIM 1-2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5-6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 3-4	*JACK PILGRIM 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.
 Witness: LEONARD W. BALE.

* First peal of Major.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
 IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON 5-6
J. B. WOOLLEY 3-4	C. W. WOOLLEY 7-8

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This is believed to be the first peal of Double Oxford 'in hand.'
 Composer unknown.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE 'HOOP & GRAPES' HOTEL, 80, FARRINGTON ST., E.C. 4.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HERBERT LANGDON 1-2	THOMAS LANGDON 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	S. WARREN STURGIS 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: THOMAS BENNEY.

Witnesses: F. G. SYMONDS and EDWIN F. PIKE.

First peal by S. W. Sturgis, who is on a visit to this country from Groton, Mass., U.S.A.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

As will be seen from a notice, the new trebles, completing the ring of twelve at Exeter, are to be dedicated on Feb. 3rd.

What was probably the first peal on twelve bells, was a peal of Grandsire Cinques at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, recorded as having been rung on Tuesday, the 19th of January, 1724. Among those who took part in the peal were Benjamin Annable and Robert Catlin, who was a London bell founder, and carried on the business brought from Reading by Samuel Knight.

On January 19th, 1767, the London Youths rang 6,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch, and ten years later, on Jan. 20th, 1777, the Cumberlands rang 6,240 in the same method on the same bells.

On January 21st, 1788, a peal of 6,600 Bob Maximus was rung at the Church of St. Mary the Great, Cambridge.

In 1898, on January 21st, a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, which set the lead for modern Surprise Royal ringing, was accomplished at Cheltenham. It was believed to be the first peal of Surprise Royal, although, of course, it is now known that a peal in this method was rung at Wakefield in 1822.

A peal of 'Garthing's Trebles'—Garthon's peal of Grandsire Triples—was rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn, on January 20th, 1740.

'That most ingenious and intricate peal, Norwich Court Bob Maximus,' was rung for the first time at St. Peter Mancroft on January 20th, 1817.

The first peal by the Winchester Diocesan Guild in Hampshire was rung 39 years ago last Wednesday, at Soberton, Hants, and was Mr. George Williams' first peal. Curiously enough Mr. Williams rang his first peal as conductor in the same tower exactly a year later. Since then he has rung over a thousand!

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association is postponed until February 3rd.

'Long peals' of Cambridge Major are few and far between, but the enterprising Leicester men rang, last Saturday, a 7,008 by Mr. Fred Dench.

Mr. Wilfred Overton, of Bridgnorth, writes to point out that the peal of Oxford Bob Triples at Holm Lacey, published in our last issue, cannot be claimed as the first in the method by the Hereford Diocesan Guild. A peal in this method was rung by the association at Bridgnorth on January 11th, 1902.

The annual meeting of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association is to be held at Nottingham on January 27th (the same day as the dinner to honour the memory of William Doubleday Crofts), and not on the 20th, as advertised last week.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, have recently secured the order for a large carillon for Oshawa, Canada.

The peal of eight at Northallerton, North Yorks, has been ringing by the same firm.

Congratulations to Walter P. Whitehead upon his first peal as conductor. To call a peal of Superlative at the age of 15 years is more than a promising performance.

In their annual report the Lancashire Association have set an example in bringing the doings of the Central Council under the special notice of their members by printing a summary report of the last meeting.

The Lancashire Association has now a total membership of 1,450, of which 1,163 are ringers attached to towers in the county.

At Beverley Minster belfry, just before midnight on New Year's Eve, the old custom was observed of reading Tennyson's poem, 'King out, wild bells.' Following a touch of 395 Grandsire Caters the Vicar read the poem, and after the hour of midnight had struck the new year was welcomed by another short touch.

On January 6th, after the Epiphany ringing, the Westminster Abbey company of ringers were entertained to lunch by the Dean (Bishop Ryle) and Mrs. Ryle, at the Deanery, an exceedingly enjoyable time being spent.

A Weymouth paper has recorded the 'keen appreciation and delight' of the inhabitants of the town at hearing the bells of Christ Church, King Street, at midnight on New Year's Eve, for the first time for many years. Hymns were rung, and the bells 'pealed forth a joyful welcome to 1923.' Congratulations are extended to those who have put these bells in order after they had been allowed to rust in inactivity for so long a time.

We should also join in the congratulations were it not for the fact that these bells are saucer-shaped and worked on the barrel principle.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on May 22nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Salisbury. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 21st.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, 155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

BELL HANGING IN ANCIENT TOWERS. CENTRAL COUNCIL AND SOCIETY FOR PROTECTION OF ANCIENT BUILDINGS.

1. Bell cages can be made to satisfy the various requirements of bell ringers, archaeologists and architects, having particular regard to the protection of ancient towers.
2. The design and workmanship of a cage are of more importance than the material of which it is made.
3. When the renewal of an old bell cage or the recasting of an old bell is under consideration, the benefit of any doubt should remain with the retention of what exists.

In these words the Conference between the representatives of the Central Council and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings summarise their agreed findings on the subject of bell hanging in ancient towers, a subject upon which there has been considerable disagreement between the two bodies in the past.

The report containing the conclusions of the conference has just been printed, and it opens with the general statement that 'during the past quarter of a century or so very many different statements with regard to the right way in which bells should be hung in old towers have been made; and a considerable difference of opinion appeared to exist between the recommendations made by the society and the Central Council. Added to this difficulty the bell hanging firms were still, to a great extent, experimenting with metal cages, and recommending new and untried methods of construction.'

The Conference between the two bodies resulted 'in complete agreement,' and the principles agreed upon are put forward as a guide to be used by those who have the care of rings of bells in old towers, i.e., towers built before the end of the 16th century or thereabouts. The first recommendation is that with regard to any question concerning their church bells or work in their towers. Parish authorities are strongly urged to consult the Advisory Committee set up in their own diocese or the Central Committee for the Protection of Churches and their Treasures, with whom the parties to the conference would be prepared and willing to advise on technical points.

The recommendations go on to deal with the technicalities of bell hanging, urging the importance of the careful distribution of the strains and stresses, the protection of bellfries from birds and weather, the proper ventilation and care of the ringing chamber, the care of the bells and their fittings.

The report advocates that in no circumstances should a pre-Reformation bell be recast or its canons removed, and that, when such bells cannot be retained in the ring, they should be used as single bells or preserved as a valuable and interesting work of the past, also that bells of special interest of post-Reformation date, such as those cast by such famous founders as Miles Gray or Abraham Rudhall should not be recast without reference to the authorities referred to above.

'Clocking' of bells is strongly deprecated, and attention is directed to the necessity to quarter-turn a bell when it wears thin, and also to the importance of the form and condition of the clapper. The report adds this significant paragraph, 'With regard to bearings it is doubtful if any advantage is gained by the use of ball bearings.'

To the report, which is signed by Mr. A. R. Powys, secretary of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and Mr. E. Alexander Young, secretary of the Central Council, is appended a schedule setting out the merits and demerits of various materials for the construction of frames, viz., oak, chestnut, teak and metal. The only demerits urged against the metal frame are that it needs regular painting to prevent corrosion, and has not got the shock-absorbing qualities of timber; but, it is added, in a properly constructed frame in proper condition shock does not arise.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Hunts district was held at St. Neots on Saturday last. The ringers present came from a wide area, St. Neots, Eynesbury, Eaton Socon, Great Staughton, Ramsey, Roxton, Chatteris, Everton, Sandy, Cambridge, Hitchin, Long Stanton, Newmarket and Fulbourne being represented. Various touches were rung on the magnificent eight at St. Neots, and at Eynesbury (6) and Eaton Socon (6), the methods including Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich. A short service was held in the fine church of St. Neots, with an address by the Vicar. At the tea, which was held in the commodious Church Room, 32 ringers were present.

At the subsequent meeting the chair was taken by the Rev. W. Knights, Vicar of St. Neots, and several new members were admitted. It was decided, if possible, to hold the next meeting at Huntingdon on February 10th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of St. Neots, Eynesbury and Eaton Socon for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. W. Knights for his excellent address, was proposed by the district secretary (the Rev. H. B. Woolley), seconded by Mr. J. Willis, and carried unanimously.

This district is evidently 'a live branch.'

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' DINNER.

This infant had its second trip on Saturday last, and, although I should say there were not quite so many present as last year, it was in every way quite as successful.

The speech of the Ven. Archdeacon of Bristol was much appreciated by everyone. It was delivered in a quiet, conversational tone, that made those present feel that he was speaking to them personally. He knows what ringing is from practical experience, and the association is fortunate in having such an excellent representative as one of its vice-presidents.

The year's programme last year was an excellent one, but this year it was even better. Mr. Emery's party were reinforced by friends of Mr. Leaker from St. Thomas' choir, and as one of those present remarked, 'the concert alone was worth the money.' To do proper justice to it would mean to describe each item, and I am afraid space cannot be spared for this. Suffice to say, there was not a weak item from start to finish.

The ringing preceding the dinner included four courses of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary Redcliffe, conducted by Mr. Albert Walker, one of those taking part being the esteemed and respected hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association, Mr. E. E. Burgess, of Taunton, and this was his first pull on twelve. Judging from this instance there is no reason why we should have to wait long for a peal of Cinques by a local band at Taunton.

Sunday duties sent many away from the dinner earlier than we could have wished, notably Mr. Pates, of Cheltenham, who, to avoid arriving home at 3 o'clock in the morning, had to leave Bristol by the 7.48 train. The chairman also had to leave before the close or walk seven miles. He chose the former (so should I). Our friends from Birmingham, London and Croydon stayed over the week-end, and rang Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters at St. Stephen's for service.

Congratulations are due to the secretary for the smooth manner in which everything passed off, and to the treasurer for his active assistance. A meeting will shortly be held to fix the date for next year's function and election of officials, and against these two the words 'no change' will undoubtedly be written by the unanimous vote of all present.

W. A. CAVE.

RESTORATION OF OTLEY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

The dedication of the Otley Parish Church bells, which have just been recast and rehung in a new metal frame, took place on Friday, December 22nd. Before the dedication ceremony by the Vicar (Canon R. P. Hadland), an address was given by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, and President of the Yorkshire Association.

After the dedication service the bells were rung for about half an hour. Many of the townspeople were listening for the familiar notes, and their beautiful tonal quality was a subject for general comment. Later the ringers were invited to supper provided by a few friends in honour of the occasion. Here they were joined by Canon Hadland and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, the firm of bell founders who have carried out the repairs and alterations.

Commenting on the Otley bells and the ringers, Mr. Johnston said that he was taking home with him a photograph of the three oldest ringers—Mr. W. D. Glough, Mr. C. Ralph and Mr. J. Horner—whose total age is 214 years, and whose total years of service in ringing is 170 years. That was a record to be proud of, and he doubted if it could be beaten anywhere in the country.

Canon Hadland congratulated the staff of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on their workmanship. He said there were quite a lot of men in Otley who really understood the engineering part of the alterations, and they had spoken most appreciatively of the steel framework which had replaced the old oak beams. The bells had also been subjected to a most minute inspection, and everybody was full of praise for the obviously excellent job made of them. The old peal was thought to be excellent, but the new peal was better still.

The recast bells now form a ring of eight, with a 17 cwt. tenor.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Bromham on Saturday last, when members attended from Bedford, Clapham, Turvey, Kempston, Biddenham, and the local company. Ringing commenced about 3 o'clock, with a well-struck 240 Violet Treble Bob. Tea was served by Mrs. Mortimer, about 20 sitting down to a splendid spread.

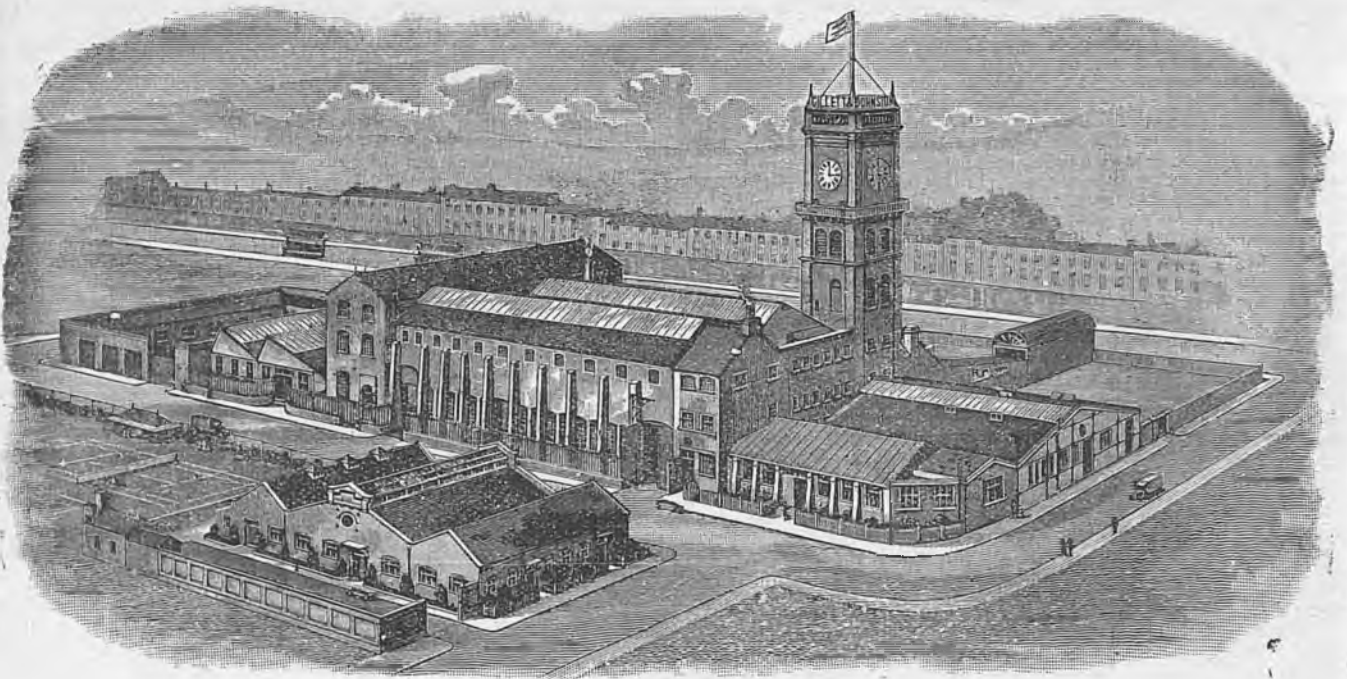
At the business meeting, Miss E. Steel was in the chair, and three new members were elected, viz., C. Sargant and W. Stapleton, of Turvey, and J. Seemarks, of Bromham.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Turvey, of which notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Miss Steel, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. Mortimer for preparing tea, was carried with applause. The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going until 8 o'clock to standard methods, after a very enjoyable afternoon and evening being spent.

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DURHAM CATHEDRAL.

With reference to the announcement in these columns on Dec. 29th, that the bells at Durham Cathedral, which have just been rehung, cannot yet be rung owing to the condition of the tower, it should be pointed out that the defects that have appeared in the stonework are in no way whatever due to vibration caused by the ringing of the bells since their restoration. As a matter of fact the bells have not yet been rung, and it is not intended that they should be rung until the extensive repairs to the tower have been completed. The defects which have recently appeared are old ones, and were discovered before the bells were completed.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Bolton Branch at Holy Trinity, Bolton, was another proof of the progress that is being made in this branch. Considerably more interest is being shown in the higher methods by the younger aspirants of the art. Over 40 members were present from 17 towers, and the methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge in the Major methods, many taking part in their first touch in these methods.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at the Bolton Parish Church.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE WAR MEMORIAL SCHEME.

A very successful meeting of the Rochester District was held at Northfleet on January 6th, upwards of 50 members attending. This district is well served with the quality of its ringing, and this was maintained at the meeting, all methods up to Cambridge and Superlative being the order.

The ringers' service was held in the church, conducted by the curate-in-charge (the Rev. H. H. Hurwood), the organist and choir also being in attendance. In an excellent address, it was very gratifying to hear the reverend gentleman saying how pleased he was to know that the ringers were doing good service by their attendance in the belfry and at church—one hears nowadays the reverse of that from some pulpits.

Tea and business meeting were held in the Schools adjoining. The tea had been prepared by the Ladies' Committee of the church, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to them for their kind thought and attending to the ringers' wants.

The Rev. H. H. Hurwood presided over the business meeting, supported by the churchwardens (Messrs. P. A. Terry and Snelling), Mr. G. Clements, the district representatives (Messrs. Haigh and Spice), and the district secretary, Mr. F. M. Mitchell. — Mr. John Avis (Milton-next-Gravesend) was elected a life member, Meopham tower was again brought into union, and two honorary members (the Rev. Tait, Meopham, and J. Clements, Northfleet) and sixteen practising members were elected.

Mr. W. Haigh gave a report of the annual committee meeting, and the action of the representatives in voting for the war memorial to be proceeded with was approved, the members unanimously supporting them in their vote.

The district secretary urged all members and secretaries of towers to hurry on with their collecting cards, and stated that their total sum raised to date towards the memorial was over £10. He also asked them to try and get more honorary members.

Two towers were put up for the next meeting, in April, Cliffe finally being chosen. This peal is to be rehung, and it is hoped it will be completed in time for the association to visit (and if this should meet the eye of the bell hanger, it is hoped he will make a note of it). If Cliffe is not available Meopham was decided upon.

Mr. W. Haigh proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the curate-in-charge for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and presiding over the meeting; to the organist and choir, and the churchwardens for their attendance, and to the Ladies' Committee for providing such an excellent tea.

The Chairman, in responding, said they were pleased to welcome the ringers to Northfleet, and were pleased to see such a large number present. They would be assured of a hearty welcome at any future date.

Ringing was again indulged in, and all expressed the opinion that this was the 'best meeting for a long time.'

In addition to the district members, ringers attended from Dartford and Maidstone districts, Southend and Swindon.

A collection at the service for the war memorial realised 13s. 6d.

SPEEDY RINGING.

How fast is it possible to ring changes? This question arises from the fact that at Long Stanton on Sunday afternoon, after an unsuccessful attempt for a handbell peal of Grandsire Caters, a 720 Bob Minor, was rung 'in hand' in 10 mins. 40 secs., which is at the rate of about 67.5 changes per minute! The ringers were: W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 1-2, J. B. Woolley 3-4, C. W. Woolley 5-6. The report adds that this was the fastest 720 by all. That is not surprising.

EXTENSION OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

Sir,—Now that Mr. York Bramble and the Rev. E. B. James have produced their figures, and also made their full statement of criticism of my figures, kindly allow me your space to make one reply, for the sake of your readers, in support of the accuracy of mine and the error of theirs.

Do both these gentlemen recognise the two basic laws which must control both construction and extension of all treble dodging methods? That there is one bell commonly termed the pivot bell, which must make a place either 1st, 3rd, 5th or 7th, at the same time as the treble lies her whole pull behind, which is the centre line of a single method. The second half of the method is simply a reflection of the first half, opposite hand, backwards.

When we come to a double method this reflection or centre line occurs when the treble has completed half her journey outwards, viz., passing from the 3-4 to 5-6 dodging positions, or, say, one quarter of the treble's course. The whole work in any double method is revealed in this first portion up to the reflection line, but the keystone to any double method is found in the position in which the two necessary places are made as the treble crosses the line. 1st, 3rd's, 6th and 8th places can all be made, as follows: 1st and 6th, or 1st and 8th's, 3rd's and 8th's, or 3rd's and 6th's. The last is what occurs in Bristol Major.

Now then, turn to the figures of Major and take stock of all the work which has been done. We find that 1234 are doing ordinary Treble Bob dodging, while 5678 have been making places, 5th's and 8th's in their turn, exactly fitting with the repetitious rows of 1234 as these bells dodged. While the necessary 1st and 4th's places are made to allow the treble to pass from 1-2 to 3-4 dodging positions, 5678 alternate with a snap to fit. If this work is carefully examined we find we can sum the whole work up under two items.

(1) That the treble dodges all positions up and down, and (2) that all other bells make the nearest place to the treble immediately before and after passing or dodging with her. I give a half lead of Major, Royal and Maximus, and invite all to examine them when they will plainly see the accuracy of the extension I published.—Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR CRAVEN.

MAJOR.	ROYAL.	MAXIMUS.
12345678	1234567890	1234567890et
21436587	2143658709	2143658709te
12346857	1234685079	1234685079e
21438675	2143860597	2143860579e
24136857	2413685079	2413685079e
42316587	4231658709	4231658709te
24135678	2413567890	2413567890et
42315768	4231576980	4231576980et
24351786	2435179508	24351796e8t0
23457168	2345716980	2345716980et
32541786	3254179608	32541796e8t0
35247168	3245719068	2345719e6t80
53427618	3254791086	3254791et608
35246781	3527490168	352749e16t80
32547618	5372941086	5372941et608
23456781	5739240168	352749e11068
24365871	7593420618	537294et1086
	5739246081	57392e4t0168
	5372940618	7593e2t41086
	3527496081	795e3t240168
LEAD END.		
12436587	3254769801	97e5t3420618
14263857		795e3t246081
	LEAD END.	7593e2t40618
		57392e4t6081
	1537294068	537294e6t801
	1352749608	
		LEAD END.
		197e5t302846
		1795e3t20486

'CHANGES' AT LAVENHAM.

The touches brought round at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Lavenham, during 1922 amounted to the grand total of 118,380 changes, made up as follows: 83,631 on tower bells (in which are included 49,000 of Sunday Service ringing) and 34,749 on handbells. The following methods were rung: Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters, Union Triples, Bob Major and Royal, Kent Major and Royal, Oxford Major and Royal, Double Norwich, and Double Oxford Bob Major, Forward Major and Royal, Canterbury Pleasure, Albion, Sowerby Treble Bob Major, Superlative and Cambridge. In addition to the above several thousands of Minor changes were rung. The tower bells were rung for every Sunday morning and evening service throughout the year, also early services on Easter and Christmas mornings. Sixty-one ringing friends from thirty-two parishes visited and rang at the tower during the year.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRITH. — On Sunday, January 14th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: L. Cullum (first quarter of Triples) 1, F. Cullum, senr., 2, D. Harvey 3, W. Smith 4, H. Holden (conductor) 5, A. Morton 6, J. Morton 7, R. Middleton 8.

LONG STANTON. — On Sunday, January 14th, for Matins, 640 Double Norwich, — Hazell 1, E. M. Atkins 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, C. W. Cook 4, C. W. Woolley 5, J. Butler 6, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 7, J. B. Woolley 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, January 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: Miss G. Baker 1, Miss D. G. Feltham 2, J. J. Pratt 3, W. Henley 4, L. Potter 5, S. Honor 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, R. Carter 8, W. Honor 9, H. Chandler 10.

BATTERSEA. — At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 14th, for a special Masonic service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Clark 1, G. Watkin 2, W. Essery 3, C. Mitchell 4, E. Reeve 5, H. Mance (conductor) 6, H. H. Mance 7, G. Barber 8.

CADOXTON. — On January 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 40 mins.: R. Jones 1, I. Bowen 2, D. J. Lewis 3, A. Devonald 4, R. Rees 5, J. E. Bloxham (first quarter as conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Bob Minor for ringers of 1, 2 and 5. All are Sunday Service ringers at Cadoxton.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE. — On Sunday, January 14th, for morning service, at St. James' Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: W. Bradley 1, W. Skinner 2, J. Sharp 3, A. Burebnall 4, A. Sharp (conductor) 5, A. H. Palmer 6.

SHREWSBURY. — On Sunday, January 14th, 315 Stedman Caters: C. R. Lilley (conductor) 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. Boylin 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. R. Pole 5, D. J. Boucher 6, T. Pritchard 7, W. Fairhead 8, G. Jones 9, J. Evans 10. — 704 Grandsire Cinques: F. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. Jones 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. R. Pole 5, D. J. Boucher 6, E. G. H. Hickox, B.A., 7, A. L. Short 8, T. Pritchard 9, W. Fairhead 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, J. Evans 12. Longest length of Cinques by a local band for over a century.

EALING, MIDDLESEX. — At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday, January 14th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 47 minutes, for morning service: L. H. Page 1, *A. H. Fulwell 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, A. M. Stacey 4, *J. H. Hunnisett 5, *H. J. Hunnisett 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, H. A. Folkard 8. *First quarter-peal in the method. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 40 mins.: G. W. Stevens 1, A. H. Fulwell (first quarter-peal as conductor) 2, J. E. Churchill 3, F. W. Goodfellow 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, L. H. Page 7, C. Cooper 8.

HAMMERSMITH. — At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, January 14th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering: *H. F. Rivers 1, *W. Stevens 3, H. Dyas 4, A. Cutmor 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Stratton 8. *First 720 in the method.

FULHAM. — At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, January 14th, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmor 1, E. A. Arthurton 2, W. Hollier 3, W. Wood 4, H. Folkard 5, H. Crook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. W. Driver 9, G. F. Edwards 10.

BRAINTREE. — On Sunday, January 14th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 672 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. H. Dyson 1, W. J. Sadler 2, G. Wiffen 3, H. E. Hammond 4, C. H. Howard (conductor) 5, F. Ely 6, G. Lindridge 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.

BARLBORO', DERBYSHIRE. — For evening service, on Dec. 31st, a 720 of City Delight, in 23 mins.: H. Hibbard 1, G. Ashby 2, P. Morris 3, H. Kirk 4, W. Sturman 5, P. Hibbard (conductor) 6. — On Dec. 16th, this band rang a 720 of London Scholars Pleasure, being the first in these methods by the local band.

HIGH WYCOMBE. — At the Parish Church, on New Year's Eve, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters, and after ringing for 2 hrs. 18 mins., and just as the single for the third quarter was coming up, a rope and wheel parted company, so on the Sunday evening following the ringers tapped off 1,299 Stedman Caters, in 51 mins., and 'finished the job': F. Hayes (conductor) 1, G. Twitche 2, J. W. Wilkins 3, R. Coles 4, A. J. Hoing 5, E. Markham 6, J. Gransbury 7, E. R. Coles 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, P. S. C. A. Smith 10.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT. — On Sunday evening, Dec. 31st, with the bells half-muffled, to ring out the old year, a date touch of Minor (1,922 changes), in 1 hr. 4 mins., 122 Plain Bob, 360 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Woodbine, 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 120 each of Double Oxford and Oxford Bob: F. A. Mitchell 1, H. Argent 2, J. Buries 3, L. Beckett 4, G. Morrad 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. First date touch by ringers of 1, 2, 4 and 5.

LONDON. — On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evensong, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, 1,268 Stedman Caters, in 45 mins.: F. I. Hairs 1, Miss A. Parkins 2, R. Richardson 3, H. S. Ellis 4, J. E. Davis 5, W. A. Alg. 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, J. A. Trollope 8, W. H. Hewitt (conductor) 9, S. Southby 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters by Miss Parkins.

THE 'SIMPSON PRINCIPLE' OF BELL TUNING
IS IT OVERDONE?

During nearly three weeks' enforced idleness in bed and confinement to my bedroom, the question of the Simpson Principle of bell tuning has been the predominant theme running through my mind.

In any remarks I may make I wish it to be clearly and distinctly understood that I do not wish to make any imputation against the firms who so strenuously advocate this particular principle; their work, honour and integrity being unimpeachable. I only attack the principle as applied to church bells generally.

I am prepared to admit that, from a scientific, musical and logical point of view, the Simpson principle of tuning may be correct, when applied to a bell used singly, where it does not matter how long you have to wait for the note which eventually comes, though belated, but in applying that same principle to a peal of bells where the sounds follow in quick succession, it becomes quite a different matter.

I ask any ringer carefully to listen for and note this fact on Simpson-tuned bells, and see for himself if it is not strictly true, that when the clapper strikes the bell you get a very odd iron twang, the full note coming when it is mixed up with all the other twangs and notes, the result being pandemonium, which may be described as the striking of so many iron pots followed by a conglomeration of sounds ending in a weird howl. This has been my experience of the Simpson Principle up to the present time. I do not say all peals are as bad as each other, the bells in some belfries being a little further off; therefore, the noise is somewhat subdued, but that pandemonium is there all the same. Now, I am asked to believe that all this is good bell music. My good old trusty ear, which has given me lifelong pleasure and enjoyment, tells me it is anything but that.

Some years ago I was cycling with a friend to a ringing meeting where there had been recently installed a Simpson-tuned peal of bells, which I had heard several times, though my friend had not. As we came within hearing we dismounted and listened, and almost at once he said, 'They are certainly not a bad peal of bells.' I said, 'Wait till we get near, we are at present a mile away.'

We eventually came close, and after some minutes listening to the ringing, came to the conclusion that my description of the noise was a true one, which was confirmed to an even greater degree when we got up into the belfry. I have rung several peals on these bells, as well as on another peal of bells tuned on the same principle a few miles from here, where fortunately the ringers are a little further away from the bells and the noise is less painful, but in ringing a peal, as the bells work themselves into certain positions, that periodical howl is nothing short of nerve racking.

A year or two ago I was at the inauguration of a new peal of bells in the neighbourhood, replacing a beautiful modern peal of eight fit to grace any Cathedral tower in the land, for the sole reason that they were not Simpson-tuned. This I have always considered to be little short of sacrilege, a fact which I did not hesitate to tell that famous church dignitary who was responsible for their installation in a conversation which I had with him some time after. 'But,' he said, 'surely you do not question the musical ability of — and of —?' I said, 'No, I do not, they are not ringers, though, but theorists and slaves to a principle.' It was, however, easy to see the impression formed in that worthy's mind by those musical theorists.

Now, in replacing that beautiful peal of bells, have they given us a better peal in their stead? I am absolutely convinced in my mind they have not, and that the old peal was better than the new, and that opinion is shared by many of the local ringers and others who have heard and rung on both peals.

My true ideal of a good peal of bells is where the full note is produced immediately the clapper strikes the bell. Abraham Rudhall always gave us that note, and he knew how to give us good music with his beautiful bells which have never been beaten. Take Painswick bells, and those of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London, both Rudhall's bells, I believe: what better music could you wish for than these bells give? Then, to come to more modern founders, take Southgate and Swanscombe. It is always a pleasure to listen to and ring on these beautiful peals of bells. These particular peals of bells I have quoted are only some of those with which I happen to be acquainted, and are, of course, only a few among very many others.

In conclusion, as a word of advice to those incumbents and church authorities who may be augmenting or recasting their bells, I say do not allow yourselves to be talked to by these musical 'cranks,' so that you do not know whether you are standing on your head or your heels, but if possible borrow one of our good friend William Willson's batleaxes, and approach the bell founder, something like this: 'We want our bells augmented or recast (as the case may be). Are you prepared to give us bells similar to Rudhall's? If not, hands off. We will hie ourselves to another bell founder who will.'

In all seriousness, I believe, the Simpson principle of tuning, as applied to church bells, is overdone; the note it produces being a very thin, weak, soulless one, and a reaction against it is inevitable. In fact, I think that reaction has arrived, for many eminent ringers throughout the country are loudly condemning it.

E. BARNETT, Senr.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices: Mondays at 7.30 p.m.; Bishopsgate, Jan. 15th; St. Clement Danes, Jan. 22nd; Sundays, St. Clement Danes, 1st and 3rd, at 10 a.m.; Bishopsgate, 2nd and 4th, at 5.15 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Reports now ready. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver St., Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, January 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's St., Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The Annual meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th., at All Saints', Fulham. Tower open from 4 to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow, election of officers, etc. All ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Hon. Sec., 14a, Oxford Avenue, Merton Park, S.W.20.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A combined meeting of the Fylde and Preston branches will be held at Kirkham, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30.—W. Taylor, Preston Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's Islington (Upper Street), on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Service. Tea at about 1s. per head. Business after (election of officers, etc.). Large attendance requested.—E. C. Russell, Hon. Dis. Secretary, 57, Market Street, W.2.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Jan. 20th. St. Peter's Tower (10 bells) available from 2.30 till 6 p.m. The Cathedral bells available after. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Richmond on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.30.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec., 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Bromley on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tea at 5.30.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingsthorpe on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells ready at 2.30. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the New Year will be held at Worksop on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Short service in the Priory Church 4.30 p.m. Meat tea in the Priory Gatehouse at 5 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at West Kirby on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting immediately after.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Hamer. Bells ready at 3. Meeting 6.30. Reports are now ready.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on Jan. 20th. The bells will be ready from 3 o'clock. Tea at the Green Dragon Hotel at 4.30, 1s. 6d. each. Service in church at 6.30, with an address by the Vicar. Would those intending coming kindly notify me so as to arrange for tea? All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. District Sec., Little Munden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Alfege, Greenwich, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. Service at 6 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will secretaries of bands please hand in times of Sunday ringing and practice nights, methods, etc., for the annual report? Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Buckland Dinham on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Service 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, Jan. 20th. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting. Ringing before service and after meeting at All Saints' and St. Paul's Churches.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting will take place in St. Peter's belfry on Monday night, Jan. 22nd. Will as many as possible please attend?—A. Braines, 7, Seale Street, Derby.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral, on Jan. 30th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Rd., Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing at St. Mary's (10 bells) 2.30 to 6 p.m. and St. Peter's (10 bells) 4 to 6 p.m. Business meeting in St. Peter's tower 4.45 p.m. There will be a short service in St. Mary's Church 4.15.—Thos. H. Kirkby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spilsby on Saturday, Jan. 27th. A special motor bus will leave Boston Post Office at 2 p.m. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please inform John Phillips, Butterwick, Boston?

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A dinner will be held at the Flying Horse Hotel, Market Place, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 27th, at 6.30 p.m., to honour the memory of William Doubleday Crofts (1737—1809), one of the greatest ringers of his day. A first-class musical programme will be given. Applications for tickets (6s. each) to be in the hands of the local Secretary by Tuesday, January 23rd.—Thos. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk St., Carrington.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. District Committee meeting in the Choir Vestry at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 5.45, followed by usual business meeting. Will all requiring tea please advise me by Wednesday, Jan. 24th? — C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District. — The annual meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 at the Lime Tree Hotel, followed by business meeting; 6d. per head will be charged for tea. All members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Jan. 23rd. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Reports ready.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 4.45. Service 6 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting on Jan. 27th, at Wellington, Salop. Meetings in Church Hall 3 p.m., committee meeting 4, peal committee meeting 4.30, annual meeting, 5.30. Tea at Y.M.C.A. Cafe for those who send notice by 20th to Mr. J. L. Hayward, 12, Haybridge Road, Hadley, near Wellington.—Rev. F. Tension, Hon. Sec., St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 24th?—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A Meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bray (near Maidenhead), on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 4.30 (6d. per head). Service at 5.30, all ringers are welcome. Kindly notify not later than Jan. 24th.—J. N. Beale, 46, Boyne Valley Road, Maidenhead, Berks.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District. — Annual meeting of the district will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., at Belliars, Etman Street, 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Jan. 23rd.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A Meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday 27th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30, for which provision will be made for those who let me know by Wednesday, 24th.—P. Timson, 80, Springfield Road, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should give notice early to F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—The next quarterly meeting of the above society will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Jan. 27th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Samuel Booth, Hon. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Gullsborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Long Buckley on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 23rd?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 27th. The bells at the Parish Church (8) and Arksey (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Divine service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Sheffield (Right Rev. L. H. Burrows, D.D.). All applications for tea tickets (for which a charge of 1s. 9d. each will be made) must reach Mr. H. Walker, 2 Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster, not later than first post Wednesday, Jan. 24th.—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary Church, Torquay, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 (by Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by the 24th inst. — H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Jan. 24th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 2 until 5 p.m. Service at 5. Tea by the Guild at 5.30, followed by special business meeting and social evening.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea, Tantobie.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The annual meeting of the Bristol branch will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27th, at St. Thomas's Schoolroom (Christ Church City not being available). St. Philip's and St. Thomas's towers will be open for ringing from 3 p.m., and service at St. Thomas's Church 4.30, followed by tea and meeting in the Schoolroom. Business: Election of officers, etc., and suggestions for creating a Bell Repair Fund.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the Church House, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

EXETER CATHEDRAL.—Augmentation to ring of twelve. Dedication service for two new bells on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, followed by special evensong at 3 p.m. Ringers admitted to tower after 4.30. Refreshments provided at Deller's Cafe.—Apply for tickets before Jan. 29th to T. Laver, Hon. Sec., 22, Cathedral Yard, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Tea, free to members, who must let me know by Jan. 27th. Visitors to pay 1s. Committee meeting at Acton on Thursday, Feb. 1st, at 8 p.m.—W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Service at St. Laurence's Church at 5 p.m. Bells available: St. Mary's from 3 p.m., St. Laurence's from 4 p.m. Tea, business meeting and smoker at the Central Cafe (Cinema), Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each. 1s. 6d. will be allowed by the branch to all who let me know their intention of being present by Jan. 31st.—F. W. Hoppood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The meeting of the above, arranged to be held at Alphington on Saturday, Feb. 10th, has been postponed, owing to the dedication of the augmented peal at Exeter Cathedral on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. The bells of the following towers will be available from 12 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3rd: St. Sidwell's (10), St. David's (8), St. Petrock's (6), Heavitree (8).—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Field on Feb. 3rd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 6 p.m. to those who notify me by Feb. 1st.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Guild's form of service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall. Will those intending coming kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 30th? Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—J. B. Hesse, Hon. District Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, with short address by the Vicar, 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Berkhamstead bells will be available in the evening.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. District Sec., Clifton House, Tring.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Owing to the death of Canon Reader Smith, Vicar of Edgbaston Parish Church, on Saturday last, the meeting of the above Guild cannot be held there, but will be held at St. John's,

Deritend, Birmingham. Times as advertised.—A. Groves, Hon. Sec.

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'THE QUICKEST PEAL ON THE BELLS.'

Very few reports of peals appear in our columns without a footnote attached referring to some point, more or less of interest, concerning the performance. From time to time we read 'Quickest peal on the bells.' This statement has, of course, a certain amount of interest, but has it any real merit? When we set out to ring peals we do not measure our performance by the speed of our ringing, but by the number of changes rung, and we ought not to judge it by the rapidity of the striking, but by the quality of it. We are not reflecting in any way upon those who have put out claims to have rung the fastest peal in any tower, nor referring to any performance in particular, but merely discussing the question from a detached standpoint, prompted by the many recent claims which have been made for local speed records.

From first to last the striking should be the thing that matters, and everything else, pace included, should be subservient to this necessity. It should be borne in mind that, when peals are rung on church bells, the ringers have a large audience, many of whom, let us frankly admit, may not care for long continued spells of ringing, and if bells are driven at an excessive pace it appears to many of the uninitiated to be one long-drawn-out jangle, without beat or rhythm. It is true that when bells settle down to good striking they naturally quicken a little in pace, because the smooth running of the changes is not broken by wide blows or hesitancy which leads to or is caused by trips. But this is a totally different matter to racing the bells to knock a few minutes off the time of some previous peal in the same belfry.

The fact that peals are rung far more rapidly at one church than at another is, of course, outside the question, for not only does the difference in weight have to be taken into consideration, but more important still in its effect is the method of hanging, whether bells are 'hung out, or 'tucked up,' with a consequent difference in the size of the wheels. Then, too, the length of rope has its effect, for, generally speaking, it is not possible to drive bells as fast when there is a long draught, as when there is a short one. Moreover, some bells, with other things more or less equal, seem naturally more 'sluggish' than others, but with any given ring of bells there is generally a limit within which they can be rung with the best effect from the listener's standpoint, and it is this standpoint that ringers ought constantly to bear in mind. We do not for one moment say that there is any harm in endeavouring to ring the quickest peal on the bells—so long as the striking is good—but it would be a far better thing to be able to say that it is the *best* peal ever rung on the bells.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE,
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES... .. Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 7
RALPH COLES 2	JOHN EVANS 8
EDWARD R. COLES 3	JOHN GRANSBURY... .. 9
CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 4	CECIL E. SMITH 10
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 5	JOHN C. TRUSS 11
EDWARD MARKHAM 6	JAMES BLACKMORE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by FRED HAYES.
Quickest peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE... .. Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT 7
CHARLES T. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
*ALBERT D. STONE 3	KEITH HART... .. 9
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 11
REUBEN SANDERS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal on 12 bells. W. J. Nudds has now rung every bell in the above tower to a peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEAL.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY N. WAY Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 6
ALBERT E. GASSON 2	WILLIAM SPICE 7
ERNEST SPILLER 3	LEONARD MANNERING 8
THOMAS MANNERING 4	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNET, R.M. 9
ALFRED W. TAWNEY 5	*LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by T. MANNERING.
* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON Treble	*PERCY K. PARKER 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES W. PARKER 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK... .. 7
†JOHN CROOKS 4	†JAMES ROSE Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.
For calling, see Ropesight, p. 103. * First peal. † First peal in this method.

**ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.**

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.

*JOHN S. MORTON Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	*CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	†ISAAC EMERY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Superlative on the bells. * First peal in the method.
† 50th peal of Superlative. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

CARTER'S 'ODD AND EVEN.' Tenor 8½ cwt.

HUBERT EDEN Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
ARTHUR W. DIX 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
*HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	FRANCIS A. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal of Triples.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND BURY ST. EDMUNDS AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
HERBERT PIERCY 2	THOMAS FORD 6
CLEMENT MORE 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, Jan. 8, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY PRICE Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
JOHN BASS 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
*JOHN KENDALL 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
WILLIAM POTTER 4	*ROBERT GORDON Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. W. Jones, who was formerly, for 30 years, curate at this church, and was interred here on the above date. Mr. H. Price has now rung each of these bells to a peal.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILLIAM BROWN Treble	JOHN HEAD 5
HARRY BAKER 2	FREDERICK S. MACEY ... 6
PHILIP HODGKIN 3	BENJAMIN BAKER 7
THOMAS E. SONE 4	*GEORGE GRANT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. MACEY.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringer of the 3rd, who belongs to the local band, has now completed a peal on each of the bells in this tower. Ringers of the treble, 6th and tenor hail from Smarden, and the 2nd, 4th, 5th and 7th from Staplehurst.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY GREENOUGH Treble	ALFRED WEBB 5
JAMES BUTLER 2	BRUCE CORDEROY 6
FREDERICK JAMES 3	THOMAS BOSBY 7
CHARLES GREGORY 4	ROBERT ALDRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK JAMES.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE,
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY AND
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

MRS. W. W. WOLSTENCROFT Treble	FRANK STONELEY 5
TOM WILDE 2	WILLIAM BRAMMER 6
MISS CISSY THORPE 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
BENJAMIN THORPE 4	THOMAS JACKSON Tenor

Conducted by W. W. WOLSTENCROFT.

Rung to celebrate the jubilee birthday of the treble ringer and the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wolstencroft.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

LIEUT. J. BUTLER, 7th Royal Berkshire Regiment Treble	
SERG. W. V. WEBB, 1/4th Royal Berkshire Regiment 2	
PT. W. J. NAPPER, Royal Army Ordnance Corps 3	
LIEUT. R. G. RICE, 108 Siege Battery, R.G.A. 4	
SERG. E. A. GREGORY, 28 Trench Mortar Battery, R.G.A. ... 5	
GUNNER F. H. ABBOTT, 135 Heavy Battery, R.G.A. 6	
F/LIEUT. J. S. NAPPER, D.C.M., No. 5, T.D. Squadron, R.A.F. 7	
CORPL. R. N. ALDRIDGE, 2nd Royal Berkshire Regiment ... Tenor	

Conducted by F/LIEUT. J. S. NAPPER.

First peal as conductor. All the above band served overseas during the great war, and were members of Royal regiments. This is believed to be the first peal ever rung under these conditions. The ringers are indebted to the Vicar (Capt. the Rev. H. A. Smith-Masters, R.A.C.D.) for the opportunity of making the attempt. Parishioners are generously erecting a commemorative tablet in the belfry.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Jan. 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	ERNEST PALMER 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
GEORGE H. RANGLES 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 102). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method on the bells, in the county, by all the band, and by the Guild with a resident band.

LOUGHBOROUGH,
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Jan. 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

J. WILLIAM SMITH Treble	W. RICHARD DRAGE 5
JOHN SADDINGTON 2	JOSEPH BAILEY 6
HORACE F. STUBBS 3	EDWARD READER 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. C. WRIGHT.

Author's Peal No. 750, now rung for the first time. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bailey.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*HERBERT J. ELDRED... .. Treble	HARRY MILLER 5
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 2	CRCIL V. EBBERSON 6
*HAROLD G. CASHMORE 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG... .. 7
CHARLES LEMAN 4	REUBEN SANDERS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. PYE.
* First peal in the method.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

J. HAIGH Treble	W. HAIGH 5
RICKS PAINE... .. 2	W. WALKER... .. 6
F. BELSEY 3	C. H. NORRIS 7
C. WINSOR 4	F. RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.
First peal in the method as conductor.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

HERBERT E. ROBBINS... .. Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	CHARLES MASON... .. 6
J. E. L. COCKEY 3	JOHN T. BROTHWELL 7
EDWARD ROBBINS... .. 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*JOHN HILL Treble	THOMAS WALLWORK 5
THOMAS COLLINGE 2	ROBERT WALLWORK 6
JAMES H. BANKS... .. 3	*WILLIAM MITCHELL 7
THOMAS ROLLERSON 4	*JOSHUA RAMSBOTTOM Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by ROBERT WALLWORK.
* First peal in the method.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

BENJAMIN TREVITT Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
FREDERICK J. HANCOCK 2	JOHN ALLEN 6
*THOMAS C. LARKEY 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. 4	†JOHN WILKINSON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF COURT BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART, NO. II.

*PERCY DOICK Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
ALBERT FIEST 2	PETER CHARMAN... .. 6
*RAYMOND WOOD 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
*JAMES BURDFIELD 4	ALFRED CHARMAN Tenor

Composed by WALTER CHARMAN.
* First peal in the method.

WHITTLESEA, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*VINCENT E. BUTLER... .. Treble	*WALTER G. CROSS 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	FRANK ROWLINSON 6
THOMAS R. VAUGHAN 3	FREDERICK T. COOKE 7
*SYDNEY E. WRIGHT 4	CHARLES T. P. BRICE Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.
* First peal of Major on tower bells. The conductor, who hails from Pulham St. Mary's, was proposed a member of the Association before the peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Four Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON... .. Treble	DET.-SGT. H. C. JENNEY 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
JOHN OLDHAM 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.
Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the dedication of the village war memorial.

RAWMARSH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lb.

*ARCHIE MITCHELL Treble	*ELIJAH PAMMENTER 5
CLIFFORD WILSON 2	*GEORGE TUKE 6
SAM THOMAS 3	CHARLES R. WRIGHT 7
ALFRED G. STOCKS 4	T. COLIN RYDER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.
* First peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	†JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	†JAMES BULLOCK... .. 6
*THOS. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. 3	GEORGE A. CARD 7
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	†ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal. † First peal of Surprise on an 'inside' bell. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE POWNALL Treble	TOM WILDE 5
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 2	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 6
MISS EMMA TONGE 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY 7
ALFRED BARNES 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
First peal in the method on the bells. This was Miss Tonge's first peal of Double Norwich, and great credit is due to her for the splendid way she rang throughout.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE,
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

JOHN HAYES... .. 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	ARTHUR WATKIN 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

The band wish to thank Mr. Williams for making arrangements, and the churchwarden for his kindness.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE,
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON... .. 2	*RALPH UMPLEBY 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	JOHN MCKELL 6
*FRED DAVISON 3	*WILLIAM FEATHER 7
PERCY J. JOHNSON 4	*HARRY FOSTER Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BOLWER. Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

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

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE,
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 15, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 3/4 cwt.

JOSEPH LOWE 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 5
JOHN POTTER 2	ALLAN F. BAILEY 6
SAMUEL WOOD 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Oldfield, wife of Mr. Malcolm Oldfield, the chief ringer at the above church.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW, JUN. 2	FRED ABBOTT 5
LEONARD BARLOW 2	RICHARD P. HEALD 6
TITUS BARLOW, SEN. 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 7
HAROLD ODDY 4	JOSEPH GREGORY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by THOS. B. WORSLEY.

Rung by an entirely local company.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

FRANCIS S. WILSON 2	ARTHUR LEEDER 5
*ALBERT G. HARRISON 2	WILLIAM IRELAND 6
JACK MOWLE 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	JOHN SOUTER... .. Tenor

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by C. J. MORE.

* First peal and first attempt. The above was specially rung on the 20th anniversary of Mr. F. S. Wilson's wedding day.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, Dec. 31, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores to different callings. Tenor 12 1/2 cwt.

*HENRY MALE 2	*WILLIAM EVANS 4
*TREVOR JONES 2	EIGAR R. JONES 5
JAMES P. HYETT 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by E. R. JONES.

* First attempt for a peal. Rung as a compliment to the conductor upon his birthday.

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE,
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WALTER THOMAS... .. 2	ALBERT E. RICHARDS... .. 4
HENRY W. WILDE 2	WILLIAM CLARKE... .. 5
GEORGE JONES 3	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MORGAN.

Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. A. E. Richards.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS REEVE 2	ALFRED H. WATSON 4
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	JOHN HALL 5
JOHN GARRETT 3	HARRY HALL... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HALL.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells, which have been recently rehung and the tenor recast by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd, who entertained the band to supper at the conclusion of the peal.

EAST BRIDGFORD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Single Court, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 1/2 cwt.

*HENRY CLONTON 2	*ARTHUR W. WARD 4
†R. CECIL BLAKEY 2	*HARRY BARNES 5
REV. C. J. STURTON 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. H. Barnes was elected a member of the M.C.A. previous to starting for the peal.

MONKS RISBORO', BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings.

FREDERICK NICHOLLS 2	*GORDON STRATHELEE 4
AUBREY SEYMOUR 2	GEORGE SEYMOUR 5
*ARTHUR POULTON 3	*JACK POULTON Tenor

Conducted by G. SEYMOUR.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal as conductor Ringers of treble and 5th hail from Bledlow. The 2nd from Nyme St. George, Devon; the rest are local.

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STANDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM WILLIAMS Treble	SIDNEY CARTER 4
NATHAN PATMORE 2	ERNEST A. OVERALL 5
HENRY WALLACE 3	WILLIAM H. LAURENCE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAURENCE.

EVERSHOLT, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr.

*GEORGE W. HELEY Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 2	*ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 5
*ALBERT FLEET 3	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by H. H. SMITH.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells since 1902.

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

On Saturday, Jan. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 360 each of Double Oxford, Colledge Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN BAYLIS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal in 10 methods by all except ringer of the 4th. First in 10 methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

TYDD ST. GILES, LINCOLNSHIRE.
On Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*LEONARD MASON Treble	ARTHUR WIGMORE 4
JOHN FOSTER 2	BERT GOGLE 5
*JAMES PHILLIPS 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by FRED WIGMORE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

FREISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*ARNOLD BURCHNALL Treble	†WILLIAM BRADLEY 4
JOHN PHILLIPS 2	†FREDERICK LEGGOTT 5
ALEX. SHARP 3	ARTHUR H. PALMER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal of Treble Bob. This peal was arranged in honour of the marriage of Miss G. M. Deal and Mr. S. F. Stafforth, which took place at St. Nicholas' Church, Skirbeck, on that day. Mr. Stafforth is the Secretary for the Eastern Branch of the above Guild.

A HALF-PEAL.

At St. Thomas' Church, Lymington, on January 4th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 1 hour 32 mins.: E. Kerley 1, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 2, C. Tiller 3, R. Tiller 4, S. Clarke 5, R. Martin 6, J. W. Wells 7, J. Figgures 8. Longest touch by ringers of 3, 4 and 6.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

MISS K. MOORE Treble	DAVID J. NICHOLS 4
ROBERT G. BLACK 2	ARCHIE HENMAN 5
CHARLES W. BIRD 3	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal of Surprise Minor rung by the Association. Rung on the 21st birthday of Mr. A. Warren, one of the Weekley ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
 (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, Jan. 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 IN THE BELFREY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

*MISS NELLY JOHNSON ... 1-2	†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6
*GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 3-4	†JAMES HEMMING 7-8
*FREDRICK J. JOHNSON 9-10	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.
 Umpire: JOHN HALL.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. First peal of treble ten 'in hand' by the Association, and rung at the fourth attempt. The composition (No. 304) is now rung for the first time.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION,

On Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
 AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... 1-2	WILFRID HOOTON 5-6
JOHN WOOLLEY 3-4	CHARLES COOK 7-8

Composed by JOHN HOLT. Conducted by JOHN WOOLLEY.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 11, 1923, in One Hour and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
 AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court & Double Oxford. Tenor size 15 in C.

WILFRID HOOTON 1-2	JOHN WOOLLEY 3-4
CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN WOOLLEY.

Fastest peal by all.

LONDON.
THE WINGHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 AT 63A, OLD TOWN, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1-2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8
JOHN THOMAS 3-4	WILLIAM H. HRWETT 9-10
ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6	*GEORGE W. STEERE 11-12

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: C. H. DOBBIE. Witnesses: MRS. PULLING & MRS. DOBBIE. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs on the 7th anniversary of their wedding. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by the above Guild. * First peal of Cinques.

CAERPHILLY.—Llandaff and Monmouth Association.—On Wednesday evening, Dec. 13th, for Confirmation service, at St Martin's Church, 1,008 Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: P. Jones 1, E. Dare 2, H. Broughton 3, A. E. Slater 4, F. Boucher 5, W. Pike 6, A. Addicott (conductor) 7, T. Love 8. Longest length by all except the 4th.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

A successful meeting was held at Christ Church, West Bromwich, on January 13th, when more than 50 members attended, representing towers of Bilston, Birmingham, Bradley, Brewood, Cannock, Erdington, Oldbury, Pelsall, Sedgley, Selly Oak, Smithwick, Swindon, Tipton, Walsall, Wellington, Willenhall, Wolverhampton, Wood Green, and the local towers. A short service was held in church, and a helpful address given by the Rev. F. Jones, who took for his text Ps. xvi. 8, 'I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand.'

A bountiful tea was prepared by local ringers' wives and friends in the Parish Hall.

The Archdeacon of Stafford (the Rev. Hugh Bright) made his acquaintance with the members, and in response to a request to become president of the society he readily acquiesced.

The Rev. C. H. Barker proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. J. Goodacre) for the use of the bells; to the Rev. F. Jones for his address; to the organist for his kindly help, and to the ladies for preparing and serving tea. This was received with acclamation.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Cannock on April 14th.

LADIES' GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern district was held on Saturday, January 13th at St. Nicholas, Guildford. The Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler) conducted the Guild service, and gave an extremely interesting address. Mr. Raddon kindly acted as organist. Twenty-six sat down to a tea at 'Pitcher's,' which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The business meeting was brief. Bramley was chosen for the next meeting, if possible, on April 16th. Miss E. K. Parker, who had telegraphed good wishes, was unable to attend through indisposition.

Ringling was enjoyed on the bells of St. Nicholas' Church.

LANCASHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

At Holy Trinity Church, Ossett, on January 15th, after the funeral of the late Mr. Wilson Illingworth, two touches of 704 Kent Treble Bob Major, with the bells deeply muffled, were rung by his old comrades from Earlsheaton, Horbury, and others, who had known and esteemed him. A course of Plain Bob was rung on handbells at the graveside by the local company. The deceased passed away on Saturday, January 13th, after a long and painful illness.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER TO BE HELD FEBRUARY 24th.

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on January 9th, the Presiding Ringing Master, Mr. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., being in the chair.

The Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith) announced that he had just learned that the chairman attained his 68th birthday on the previous day, and all present joined in wishing him 'Many happy returns.'

Congratulatory letters upon the Peal of Stedman Sextuples were read from Mr. J. H. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent, and Mr. James George, the latter gentleman regretting he could not be present, as he left that day for Blackpool for a week's holiday.

All the Guild's officers were re-elected as follows:—President, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; vice-presidents, Rev. Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham; Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., Messrs. W. H. Godden, John Carter, J. H. Shepherd, Wm. Kent and Thos. Russam; Presiding Ringing Master, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L.; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker; trustees, Messrs. T. Russam and C. Dickens; auditors, Messrs. J. L. Wells and T. H. Reeves; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. Paddon Smith.

The balance sheet for the year 1922 was duly approved, Mr. Mansell reporting that he had audited the books, etc., with Mr. T. H. Reeves.

It was arranged to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aston, in April, and the 'Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner' at the Imperial Hotel, on Saturday, February 24th, at 6 o'clock. Arrangements for the latter will be advertised in the usual column in due course.

Several new members were elected and, routine business having been disposed of, the company was entertained by a course of 'Treble Fourteen' on the handbells by the ringers of the aforementioned peal of Stedman Sextuples.

A vote of thanks to the officers for their services during the past year, and to Mr. Alderman Pritchett for presiding at the meeting, brought the proceedings to a close.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Saturday, Nov. 25th, on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new Church Hall by the Duke of Northumberland, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, A. Harding 2, T. Beadle 3, E. F. Cole 4, W. Lidbetter 5, A. Beckensale 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The coming week marks the anniversary of the death of several ringers who played a noted part in ringing in their day and generation.

On January 29th, 1836, Henry Haley died at Bethnal Green, at the age of 66 years. Much could be written of Henry Haley's performances, but only one or two points from his ringing career can be given here. He rang altogether 182 peals, of which he conducted 155 and composed 105.

In his early days, with a band of youths, he 'lapped' a number of peals, 16 of which he conducted, including Stedman Cinques and Double Norwich Maximus.

When he took up tower bell ringing with the Cumberlands he composed and conducted his first peal, 5,079 Stedman Caters at Fulham, at the age of 23. He went to America in 1850 on a tune ringing engagement, and at Philadelphia, with his four companions and three other ringers, rang the first peal on the American continent.

In 1854 he joined the College Youths, and among his subsequent peals were 8,580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, 15,840 Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green, 8,448 Treble Bob at Christ Church, Spitalfields (where the tenor is 33 cwt.), and a 'silent' peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. He rang in the first peal in Ireland, and the first recorded peal in Scotland.

When it is remembered that he passed out of ringing nearly 40 years ago, it must be admitted that his record was a wonderful one, just as his ability as a ringer was far above the average.

One of the greatest of pioneers of ringing, Benjamin Annable, died on February 1st, 1756. It was recorded of Annable in Hearne's Diary, 1734, that he 'is judged to understand ringing as well as, if not better than, any man in the world.'

Henry Burstow, of Horsham, Sussex, who was famed for his knowledge of folklore songs as well as, in Sussex, for his ringing, died on January 30th, 1916, at the advanced age of 83. When well past his 80th year he could sing from memory over 400 songs. As a boy he knew the pinch of poverty, and despite a lifetime of hard work, he died as he had lived a poor but honest and honourable man.

On January 26th, 1865, that marvellous performer of 'tapping,' Elijah Roberts, committed suicide at Liverpool. Roberts never had an equal at his particular forte until Mr. Morris, of Harwich, came on the scene in recent years, and tapped peals in a number of methods.

A new record in juvenile performances has been made, we feel sure, by Wilfred Taffender, son of the Master of the London County Association. On Saturday week he scored his first peal, at the age of 15 years, by ringing a working bell to a peal of London Surprise Major! Peals in this method usually come to ringers only after years of patient work, and those who have made it their first peal are extremely few. To do this at the age of 15 is a performance upon which this young London ringer is heartily to be congratulated.

The reward of perseverance has certainly come none too soon to Mr. John Smith, of the York Town band, Surrey. He rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples last week at the 37th attempt! There was, doubtless, feeling in his comment, when the bells came round, 'At last!'

Following closely upon the 720 of Bob Minor rung by Messrs. W. Hooton and J. and C. Woolley in less than eleven minutes, comes the report of a peal, comprising seven 720's rung by the same band, in the remarkable time of 63½ minutes. This is at the rate of 79.37 changes per minute. One thing seems pretty certain there could not have been any trips.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on May 22nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Salisbury. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 21st.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, 155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

NEW PEAL FOR COLLATON, DEVON.

Orders have been given to the famous West of England firm, Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Church Bell Works Chagford, for the erection of a peal of bells at St. Mary's Church, Collaton, Devon. The bells are to be fixed on the most modern principles, and hung on the firm's patent adjustable bearings.

The bells will be inscribed with the names of the men of the parish who fell in the great war. The work, it is hoped, will be completed by Lady Day.

Messrs. Aggett and Sons also hope to commence the peal of bells, at Usington, during the next fortnight.

BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was interested in your two articles dealing with the conference between the Central Council and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and while, I think, most ringers will consider the result satisfactory, many would like to know how the conference arrived at one or two of its decisions. I have in mind the paragraph (which you rightly call 'significant'), stating that 'with regard to bearings, it is doubtful if any advantage is gained by the use of ball bearings!'

Is this conclusion the result of experiment, or of observations made by men well versed in the mechanics of bell hanging? Or is it a casual dismissal (one hardly likes to suggest it) by a body chiefly composed of architects and archæologists, of a subject with which they are not very familiar?

I have no prejudice in favour of ball bearings, knowing that bearings of the old type have so often proved efficient. But at the present time, when ball bearings are widely used, for almost every class of machine, and frequently for heavy duties, the decision of the conference provides food for thought.

The advantages of ball bearings are obvious—the chief being easiness of running, and freedom from lubrication troubles. I have certain ideas as to possible disadvantages. One, I think, would show itself in unequal wear upon the balls and races, due to the fact that under normal conditions, a bell only turns little more than one complete revolution for each stroke. Consequently, as the balls can never travel completely around the bearing, some must continually sustain more weight than others, and will not bear equally upon all parts of the inner and outer races. For this reason, ball bearings might not stand the test of time so well as some plain bearings, or those in which the 'brasses' are easily renewed.

In the case of a tower where there is much oscillation, ordinary ball bearings would work under conditions for which they are not designed, as there would be 'end thrust' to deal with. I am not sure whether it is customary to use 'thrust bearings' in such cases—these would overcome any difficulty, probably at an increased cost.

When dealing with heavy bells, centrifugal force would no doubt have to be considered, except when 'lucking up' to an abnormal extent is resorted to, as in many Continental and American bells.

I believe many would like to read the opinions of some ringers who have considered the subject from a purely mechanical point of view. Possibly Mr. E. H. Lewis or Mr. Hesse could enlighten us, thereby earning the thanks of myself and other seekers after knowledge.—

Yours faithfully,
Manchester.

RICHARD F. DEAL.

SIMPSON TUNING.*To the Editor.*

Sir.—I was very pleased to read in 'The Ringing World' of January 19th both Mr. E. Barnett's remarks on the 'howling' of bells tuned on the 'Simpson principle,' and also the advice of the Central Council and Protection of Ancient Buildings Conference as to ball bearings and other modern fads in bell hanging.

With regard to the former matter, all the ringers I have met, who have rung on, or heard, bells tuned on the Simpson principle have complained of this dismal howling. But what I most deplore is, that to produce bells tuned thus, so many mediæval bells—and good modern bells, too—have been sacrificed. Not only this, but an enormous amount of money has been unnecessarily spent on such fads, and at a time when money is so urgently needed for other church purposes of more importance.

As to ball bearings and other modern fads in bell hanging, as I have often remarked before, many of these may be an apparent success when first installed; but what will they be a few years hence, if not properly looked after and renewed from time to time? People seem to forget that a bell is not like an engine or a motor-car, which is constantly overhauled. When a bell is once properly hung she is supposed to go for an indefinite time, with a little oil when required, and an occasional screwing up of bolts and nuts in a very dry season. Besides this, any bell up to, say, two tons, can be hung on the old plan to go perfectly well for all ordinary purposes.—Yours, etc.,

J. R. JERRAM.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**CHANGE OF OFFICERS IN SOUTHERN DISTRICT.**

The Southern District's annual meeting was held at the Church of All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday last. Ringing took place from shortly after 4 p.m. until 8 o'clock. The methods rung included Bob Minor, Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich Court Bob Major and Cambridge Major and Royal, some twenty members attended during the evening.

At the business meeting which followed the ringing, three new members were elected. The Master, Mr. W. Pickett, and secretary, Mr. F. A. Smith, both resigned, and Mr. H. Mance and Mr. F. W. Goodfellow were respectively elected to these offices. Thanks were accorded to the resigning officers, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. W. Driver for having the bells in readiness, and for his kindness extended to the association during 1922.

**BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' DINNER.
A HAPPY GATHERING.**

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the second annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds was held on January 13th, at the Grand Hotel. The Master (Mr. G. Gould, of Henbury) presided, and the guest of the evening was the Archdeacon of Bristol. The company numbered about 120, and among those present were the Rev. M. E. Thorold (Vicar of St. Philip's, vice-chairman), Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary, St. James'), and Mr. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer, St. Philip's), Messrs. J. Carter, S. Roper (London), J. W. Jones (hon. sec., Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), A. Walker, A. Withers, J. F. Smallwood, E. F. Allaway (Birmingham), E. E. Burgess, W. Cording (Taunton), W. T. Pates (Cheltenham), P. W. Cave (Southampton), J. Prescott (Bath), J. Higginbotham (Devizes), T. King (Bath), J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton) and H. Babb (Chew Magna).

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Master gave a hearty welcome to the Archdeacon of Bristol, and said their gathering that evening spoke of the fellowship existing between ringers, in contrast to the spirit which prevailed forty or more years ago, when there was a coldness, estrangement, and sometimes hostility among ringers.

Mr. Henry T. Howell, proposing 'The Church,' claimed to be a Churchman of some 50 years' standing. He first learned change ringing at Thornbury, and on removing to Bristol was at once called upon to continue. Fifty years ago there were many abuses in the belfry, but when the position was put to the ringer as to whether he would take bottles and cups into the chancel or vestry things quietly changed, and there were no abuses to-day. Continuing, he said the Church seemed to be passing through a crisis. There was an undercurrent working against them, and it behoved the clergy, laymen and ringers to pull together.

The Archdeacon of Bristol (who was heartily received), replying, addressed the company as fellow ringers. He said he spoke on behalf of everyone present, for they were all the Church. He began bell ringing at Cricklade in one of the tallest towers in England, where the bell ropes stretched a foot before one got the bell (laughter). In these days ringers were very important people, and their association showed that they intended to maintain that position. He suggested that it was not bell ringing, but its purpose they should remember. He wished they would make people understand what bell ringing stood for. They should ring not for the sake of ringing, but to make it a voice of the Church calling people to church and join in their joys; and, by muffled peals, show their sympathy with those who were bereaved; to make the people feel that ringers were leaders, that ringing was a science and used for the glory of God. He wished every success to the association (applause).

BRISTOL CATHEDRAL LACKING IN BELLS.

Mr. Albert Walker submitted 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association.' He said the association held first rank among kindred societies in this ringing isle. Forty-five years ago the association was formed, and was a pioneer organisation in improving change ringing and reforming the ringing chambers. The speaker mentioned the names of several outstanding pioneers and members past and present. Among them were the Rev. E. Banks James, the composer of the 'Bristol Surprise.' Any who could ring that could ring anything (hear, hear). The speaker mentioned the names of several present, and referred to their skill and work. There was plenty of scope for the younger men, who had many splendid examples to follow (hear, hear). They should endeavour to maintain the high traditions of the association. Over 300 ringers from the association went to the war, and 60 never returned. Memorial bells had been erected at Berkeley. Members had assisted to ring several famous peals, including peals on the bells of Hereford, Wells, and Exeter Cathedrals. Bristol was a city of churches, bells and ringers. The ambition of all was to have 12 bells and 12 bell practices (hear, hear). He suggested that the bells of St. Nicholas should be brought up to 12, as at Redcliff Church. It was curious that Bristol Cathedral had not a ring of bells—a thing nearly unique among cathedrals. It was a black mark to the city. Modern methods of hanging almost enabled brick walls to carry bells, hence a ring could be placed in the central tower; if not there, one of the western towers. He hoped such a ring would be provided (hear, hear).

Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary) responding, said he was proud to be hon. secretary of the Bristol United Guilds because the members were a most loyal lot of fellows. Members were always ready to respond to anything which was taking place. For the Berkeley memorial bells the money was readily raised. The association was moving forward with rapid strides. It ought to have support from the vestries, especially as ringers came from every class—including the clergy and churchwardens—and recognise them as an important part of the Church. There were 200 towers with bells in the dioceses of Bristol and Gloucester. He thought the association might take credit for the reformation that had been wrought in belfries. They had had great support from the local press. He thought the Central Council should embody the idea of a Royal Society of Campanologists, which would encourage the study and practice of change ringing.

The Rev. M. E. Thorold gave 'Kindred Guilds and Associations.' The words, he said, had a pleasant ring about them. It reminded

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him of the old saying that unity is strength. They must have unity among ringers or failure would result (hear, hear). He had been a ringer for 41 years. It did not follow that they must be active ringers to belong to an association. To join brought them hosts of friends (hear, hear). Guilds sometimes made things lively, and friendly rivalry did so. Therefore he wished health and prosperity to all guilds and associations, and might they never be short of a man at the end of a rope when he was wanted.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport) and Mr. J. Prescott (Bath) responded. The other toasts were 'The Press,' proposed by the Rev. E. J. Phillips, and 'The Artistes,' given by Mr. W. A. Cave.

The banquet was followed by a social and concert, the artistes being Mrs. F. Howell, Mrs. W. Sowden, Miss Edith Hill, Miss Read, Messrs. P. W. Cave, Lloyd Williams, Charlie Thomas, J. Houe, D. Llewellyn, W. J. Southwood, Herbert V. Spiller, W. S. Emery, and F. Rawlings. C. Read and the St. Thomas' Guild contributed hand-bell selections. The evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

During Saturday and on Sunday members and visitors rang touches on the bells of the churches of Redcliff, St. James, St. Nicholas, St. John and St. Philip's.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. NORTHAMPTON DISTRICT.

A very successful quarterly meeting was held at Kingshorpe on Saturday last, over 40 members attending from Northampton, Moulton Milton, Hardingsstone, Harlestone, Weston Favell, Collingtree, Pitsford, Flore, Gulsborough, etc., and the local ringers. The bells, a heavy peal of six, were rung to the methods of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles.

Evensong was read by the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. de Patron), assisted by the vice-president (the Rev. J. White, Pitsford).—The Vicar, addressing those present, gave the ringers a very warm welcome to Kingshorpe, taking his text from Psalm xix. 3, 'There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard.' Very forceful and interesting were the Vicar's words, showing the ringers what an important office they filled in the church. He asked them not to take too much notice of what was appearing in the local Press regarding church bell ringing, and added that he was very pleased to see so many young men taking an interest in change ringing.

A collection for the Belfry Repairs Fund amounted to 10s. Mr. Shaw, a Kingshorpe ringer, very ably presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Rooms, very nicely prepared by the ringers' wives.

The meeting followed, the vice-president being in the chair.—Two new members were elected, viz., Mr. F. H. Bowers, Northampton, and Mr. Shurley, Burton, Leicester.

A discussion on the advisability of altering the date of the annual general meeting from White Monday did not meet with the approval of the members present.

Cogenhoe was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, on April 14th, and Harlestone for a special meeting on March 3rd.

Mr. Law proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and to all those who made the meeting so successful.—Mr. B. O. Soden seconded, and this was carried unanimously.—Mr. Dunkley replied for the ringers.

Further ringing was indulged in, and everyone present thought it was one of the best meetings in the district's history.

PONTEFRACT RINGERS' SOCIAL.

On Friday, January 5th, the ringers of the Parish and All Saints' Churches held their annual dinner and social. They are very fortunate on these occasions to combine with a concert party, locally known as 'the Pomfritters,' and this very largely helps to make the socials the great success they prove to be. Ringers, singers and friends, to the number of 52, enjoyed an excellent repast at the Red Lion Hotel. At the social the chair was occupied by Mr. J. Watkinson, an old All Saints' ringer, supported by the Mayor (Ald. Husband), the Rev. J. W. Capron (Vicar of the Parish Church), and the Revs. A. G. Shipley and D. T. Berry (Vicar and curate, respectively, of All Saints' Church), Mr. R. Wordsworth (churchwarden), Ald. Holmes, Councillor Hutchinson, and also Mr. C. D. Polter, of Barnsley, an ever-welcome visitor. Several toasts were cordially honoured. 'The Clergy' was proposed by the chairman, and responded to by the Vicars.

As the Vicar of the Parish Church is leaving Pontefract very shortly to take up duty as Vicar of St. Mary's, Scarborough, the occasion was thought by the ringers to be a suitable opportunity to present him with some little acknowledgment of the very hearty support he gave them when the question of the recasting and rehanging of the bells came before the parishioners some four years ago, and also for the many expressions of goodwill shown towards them during his five years' vicariate at Pontefract. The gift took the form of a gold-mounted meerschauum pipe in case, with a silver bell-shaped inscription. The presentation was made by Mr. W. Pearson, on behalf of the ringers, and the gift was feelingly acknowledged by the Vicar.

Music and recitations were then freely indulged in, interspersed with courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters upon the handbells, until time brought to its close another happy evening.

THIRTY METHODS IN SEVEN EXTENTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We would offer heartiest congratulations to the Norbury band upon their feat in ringing seven true extents, containing thirty methods, and we would ask if the method used in splicing is a 'state secret,' as we feel that six-bell ringers generally would be interested to see figures.

Whilst touching upon Minor methods, may we suggest there be published, serially or otherwise, the names of all those in the Central Council's 'Collection,' now that they are all named, or perhaps the committee will print a slip for sale, which might well embody the bob and single leads of each, i.e., the lead end shown as a call? Our experience is, that a beginner, endeavouring to scale out a method from a lead, finds great difficulty in determining how a call should be made, more especially if the construction differs from those methods to which he is used. We commend this to the notice of those responsible, when the publication of the Major methods is under consideration.

We have noticed, months back, peals of Surprise Minor published in your paper, which contain 'Superlative,' presumably No. 42 on page 41, which (according to preface, page 10) will not produce the extent of the changes.—Yours faithfully,

G. DAWSON,

Hon. Secretary, St. John the Baptist's Association,
Leytonstone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Gainsborough on Saturday last, a good number of ringers being present from Stow, Messingham, Corringham, Bigby, Scunthorpe, Lincoln, Workop and Ordsall, in addition to the local company. The bells of the Parish Church were available, and kept going to the methods of Grandsire, Stedman and St. Clement's Triples, Flain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Little Bob and Forward Major. Evensong was said at 4 p.m. at which the Rev. E. V. Clapton officiated. An excellent tea was provided at No. 6, Spital Terrace, and was followed by the business meeting.

The Rev. C. A. Greensmith, in the unavoidable absence of the vice-president (Canon Standen) presided, and was supported by Mr. F. F. Linley (president of the Northern Branch), and the Rev. E. V. Clapton. The Rev. J. Barber, Rector of Stow, was also amongst the number present during the afternoon.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens, gave the Guild a very hearty welcome to Gainsborough. Mr. Arthur Bell, of Stow, was elected a member.

The whole of the officers were re-appointed with the exception of Mr. J. T. Ladd, who wished to resign as a member of the Northern Branch Committee. Mr. H. Morgan was elected as his successor.

The following places, subject to the consent of the incumbents, were chosen for district meetings during the ensuing year:—Lea, April 14th; Stow, May 12th; Messingham, June 8th; Willingham, July 14th; Corringham, August 11th; Brigg, September, and Kirton-Lindsey, October, the dates for the last two meetings being left open to the discretion of the district secretary, and others, subject to slight alterations.

A hearty welcome was accorded to the members from outside the district, and acknowledged by Mr. H. Haigh, of Workop.—Votes of thanks to the church authorities for the use of the bells, and the Revs. E. V. Clapton and C. A. Greensmith for taking the service and presiding at the meeting, respectively; also Mr. and Mrs. T. Whelpston and the members of their family for the very efficient way in which they attended to the wants of those present at tea, were unanimously passed. Afterwards the members returned to the tower for further ringing. The best thanks of the members are also due to Mr. W. E. Mawditt, for his very kind assistance on this and previous occasions.

FIRST 720's.

The band at St. Leonard's, Aldrington, Sussex, are still adding fresh Surprise methods to their repertoire. In addition to those already published they rang on Tuesday, January 16th, 720 Bristol Surprise Minor: R. S. Cherryman 1, G. Steele 2, F. Trusler 3, A. Cherryman 4, A. White (conductor) 5, R. Stredwick 6. This was the first in the method by all the band, and on the bells, as was also 720 Norfolk Surprise Minor, which was recently rung by R. S. Cherryman 1, R. Stredwick 2, F. Trusler 3, A. Cherryman 4, A. White 5, W. White (conductor) 6.

A FAST 720.

At Long Stanton, Cambs, on January 5th, during an attempt for a peal of Minor, at the Church of All Saints, 720 Double Oxford Bob Minor was rung in 18 mins.: Rev. H. B. Woolley 1, Fred Cook 2, Christopher Woolley 3, George Crisp 4, Charles W. Cook 5, John Woolley (conductor) 6. This is the fastest 720 on the bells, the rate of ringing being 40 changes per minute.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, January 21st, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Webb 1, W. B. Cartwright 2, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 3, W. H. Ball 4, S. Grove 5, J. Withers, senr., 6.

TEYNHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, January 21st, for evening service, a date touch of Minor (1,923 changes), in 1 hour and 2 mins., being 600 College Single, 541 Plain Bob, 422 Oxford Bob, and 360 Canterbury Pleasure: V. Page 1, C. Tumber 2, E. W. Gambell 3, E. W. Tumber 4, E. Hodges 5, W. Nye (conductor) 6.

HAMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, for the morning service, 360 Oxford Bob Minor: R. Walker 1, H. Gates 2, W. Floyd 3, J. Floyd 4, W. Shepherd (conductor) 5, H. Golding 6, E. Lee 7 (covering).—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Gates 3, W. Floyd 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd (conductor) 6, H. Golding 7.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowt's Church, on Sunday, January 21st, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Walker (first of Treble Bob) 1, G. Collins 2, R. H. Hurst 3, H. Lowman 4, W. Betldes 5, W. H. Lloyd (conductor) 6.

STOKE-BY-CLARE.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Perkins 1, W. Underwood (cond.) 2, B. Ince 3, B. W. Pettitt 4, A. Catterwell 5, T. Slater 6. Also another 720 of Oxford: H. Perkins 1, F. Kemp 2, F. Johnson 3, W. Underwood (conductor) 4, A. Catterwell 5, G. Moore 6.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Layton 1, C. Layton 2, R. Lewis 3, C. Bowers 4, G. Lewis (conductor) 5, S. Jordan 6. First 720 in the method on the bells by a local band.

BWHURST, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 21st, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for morning service, a 720 Oxford Single Bob: J. Rose 1, E. R. Warner (first 720 away from treble) 2, W. Denyer 3, W. Tidy 4, H. Tidy 5, T. W. Denyer (conductor) 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, January 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, J. Crowder 2, H. James (Lee) 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, T. A. Easterby 5, E. J. Pannett 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, A. F. Bennington 8. This was rung as a farewell quarter to the Vicar (the Rev. W. F. Jepson).

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 21st, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 567 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers (conductor) 1, T. K. Taylor 2, C. Groves 3, J. J. Symons 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, J. D. Harris 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. Composed by W. Shepherd. —Recently, for practice, 448 Double Norwich: J. J. Symons 1, F. S. Bayley 2, F. A. Burnett 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, F. W. Rogers 6, J. D. Harris 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor) 8. Also two courses of Cambridge Surprise Major.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Jan. 21st, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: F. G. Goddard 1, T. Beadle 2, G. Spencer 3, J. Milner 4, A. Harding 5, A. Beckensale (longest touch of Stedman) 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, on the evening of Jan. 21st, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Francis Kingston Biggs (a member of the Wycombe bells), 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: A. J. Boing 1, R. Coles 2, F. Hayes 3, Jas. W. Wilkins (composer and conductor) 4, G. Twitchen 5, S. T. Goodchild 6, G. White 7, E. R. Coles 8, J. Gransbury 9, W. H. Plumridge 10.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, January 20th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: H. A. Harding 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. M. Stacey 3, *G. W. Stevens 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, L. H. Page (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method, and on inside bell. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 44 mins.: J. H. Hunnisett 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, L. H. Page 3, *G. W. Stevens 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, A. M. Stacey 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, C. Cooper 8. * First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on an 'inside' bell.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On the Feast of Epiphany, 720 Bob Minor: W. V. Webb 1, J. Butler 2, W. Hitchman 3, V. R. Hitchman 4, R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, J. S. Napper 6. Also 216 Grandsire Minor, 240 Stedman Doubles, and six-scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles.

ST. PETER'S, TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—For evening service, on Sunday, January 7th, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Ballard 1, F. White 2, G. Thompson 3, Miss D. Orlechar 4, W. Collison 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Latter 7, S. H. Green (conductor) 8.

KEIGULEY.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on Jan. 7th, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Hogg 1, H. Thorpe (conductor) 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hall 5, R. W. Jennison 6, A. Jackson 7, J. Coulton 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, H. Belcher 2, C. Edwards 3, P. E. Clark 4, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 5, E. Harris 6, E. J. Walsom 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

WHAT DOES DIOCESAN MEAN?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In his last three letters Mr. Burton evidently believes in giving us news. It is always so interesting to hear what you have been doing especially when you had no idea of it. And as the news comes from over fifty miles away, of course, it simply must be true. Moreover, as Mr. Burton lives in Norfolk, he must know accurately what we Suffolk people have been doing, and not only what is good for us, but what we want, much better than we do ourselves.

But if the contents of his letters are wonderful, much more wonderful are the omissions. I wrote a letter asking what does 'Diocesan' mean? In a letter which he tells us is a 'reply,' so that we may make no mistake about it, he does not answer the question at all. I will, therefore, answer it myself. It means belonging to a bishop as regards the area of his See, just as 'episcopal' means belonging to a bishop as regards himself personally.

In fact, 'Diocesan' means 'Bishop's,' and it would be much better if we used the latter word in many ways. The two are often quite interchangeable; thus I could well say that Mr. Burton would never dare to find fault with or to dictate to his own Diocesan (meaning the Bishop of Norwich), as he does to ours.

That being so, is it not absurd for three gentlemen in Norfolk to arrange for our Bishop as to what his Association is to be; and when he remonstrates with them to insist that they will constitute his Society for him; and still persist in it in your columns, to the immense amusement of the whole of Christendom?

I would not for worlds spoil his pretty tale from Norwich, and besides it cannot be nearly so interesting to hear what we thought we had ourselves been doing; but as there are some misguided people who prefer the Suffolk history of Suffolk to the Norfolk history of Suffolk, I will shortly recite the true but prosaic facts thereof.

A couple of years ago, some Suffolk ringers, who had for many years been wanting a local Association, decided to make a start. The See being then vacant, there was no Bishop to arrange a Diocesan Association; and to begin with they called it a County Association. When there was a new Bishop they asked me to approach him as to whether he would consent to a Diocesan Association being formed. He agreed to this, and (as I was anxious he should) he also agreed to continue as patron of the old Association. Our idea was that ultimately there would be a union of two Diocesan societies. If the Norwich Association were already this, as Mr. Burton says it is, there would clearly be no further conflict. At that time, however, the old Association had, two years before, deliberately dropped the word 'Diocesan' from its title; and it was not until the next year (1922) that any proposal was made that such a word should be used by it. Therefore, instead of it being four months earlier (as Mr. Burton states), it was several months later in using the word than the newer Association. At the next meeting of the new Association the secretary of the Suffolk Branch of the old Association attended, as he told us, as the representative of the old Association. He was told by the chairman in clear and definite language of the annoyance of the Bishop at the old Association using the term Diocesan without consulting him. The Secretary of the Suffolk Branch expressed his great sorrow that they had annoyed the Bishop, and promised that the Association would fall in with his wishes in the matter. This, of course, was quite the right thing to do. Unfortunately, however, this promise was only made to a Bishop; and as the Norfolk men seem to think that, if they call themselves Diocesan, they are above the Bishop, they proceeded to break it. Of course, the Bishop resigned from their society; what else could he do?

I have not seen the Bishop on the matter (since that meeting), so I know no more of his mind than your readers do, but as he chose for us exactly the same title as the old society pretends to, he clearly means us to understand that there can only be one genuine Diocesan Society in one Diocese; that he is the only person to say which is the Diocesan Society, and that he has in this case said that the new Association is it. After this there is nothing more that our Norfolk friends can do, whatever they may write or say; they can only succeed in making themselves ridiculous. They are not so much as entitled to say that they are Diocesan even for Norwich, for it is quite certain that the Bishop of Norwich will not allow the new title to be used merely to defy his brother Bishop.

After this, it is useless to add that the new title has been illegally adopted, according to the rules; and that the old Association has no legal right to any of its property or any of its peals.

This brings us to the most extraordinary omission in Mr. Burton's 'reply.' My argument was that the new title lends itself to fraud, and that peals rung under it were rung under false pretences. Will it be believed that Mr. Burton does not refer to this at all? He would refuse to ring a peal in which he knew there was a false change, still more one in a false method; but the much more important matter of a false title does not trouble him at all. It is not only making all the members of the old society ridiculous now, but it is entering on the records, statements which will make the ringers of these peals ridiculous for all posterity. People will wonder why the old society should pretend that their peals are rung by the new one.

Mr. Burton makes the unfounded statement that our Bishop has deserted the majority of his ringers. It is the old Association which is trying to alienate its old supporters; it has already alienated all the clergy in Suffolk, except one who is bound to the old Association by his many ringing records; and it has illegally expelled from its committee the only two active Suffolk members there. Mr. Burton also says, 'It is greatly to be regretted that when the present Bishop came to the Diocese he did not adopt the bold course of becoming patron of his ringers both East and West.' What Mr. Burton means I cannot imagine, as he knows quite well that for the first year of his episcopate, Dr. David was patron of both Associations, and only left the old one when they as good as told him they did not want him.

Just as Mr. Burton is quite wrong in all his references to our Bishop, so he is in all those referring to the new Association. There has been no demand for the surrender of the East Suffolk members (I suppose he is referring to the inked document to which Mr. Coleman affixed my 'signature.' This is more Norfolk history of Suffolk). In Suffolk there have been no 'failures' of 'expectations,' or of anything else; everything has gone according to plan; no form of any kind of 'coercion,' no 'impasse,' and no 'bitterness.' We are all friends together in Suffolk, and ringing together just as we have always done. In spite of what Mr. Burton says, there is no Suffolk ringer but regrets that our old Association is so foolishly defying the Bishop. We do not like being put into such a ridiculous position, but there are worse things to bear even that ridicule.

Of course, if our Norfolk friends have been trying to absorb the strange things that have been written in the Norfolk history of Suffolk, they may well be suffering from indigestion, and from bitterness, too. It is to be hoped that they will for the future eschew these sensational mixtures, and return to the genuine and healthful true Suffolk brew.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

THE TITLE 'DIOCESAN.'

Dear Sir,—I tender to Mr. Burton an apology for my mistakes in chronology, but they do not affect the general argument. Mr. Burton has himself made an important omission. In his account of the sequence of events, which is doubtless correct in other points, the concluding paragraph reads as follows: 'May 26th, p. 327.—The Bishop announces his decision to change title to St. E. and I.' Here Mr. Burton has omitted the words 'Diocesan Association' after 'St. E. and I.' It should read 'The Bishop announces his decision to change title to St. E. and I. Diocesan Association of Ringers.'

This, of course, decides the matter, for in all diocesan affairs the Bishop is the final court of appeal. Whatever difference of opinion may exist as to his being well advised, there can be no question as to his authority.

It is very satisfactory to observe that Suffolk towers affiliated to Norwich have dropped the 'Diocesan' in their reports of peals to this week's 'Ringing World,' thus taking one step towards a settlement. There is one accomplished band, however, which shows a true appreciation of the real position by reporting under 'Norwich and Ipswich Association.' To this title no exception can be taken, and I believe that the general adoption of this or a similar title would allay any misapprehension, and solve the problem for good and all.—

H. B. WOOLLEY.

Yours truly,

Long Stanton.

THE BISHOP'S APPEAL.

The Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, in a New Year letter to his clergy, says with regard to the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association:—

There has recently been formed a Diocesan Association, of which I am patron, the Archdeacon of Sudbury, president, and the Rev. H. Drake, of Ufford, secretary. It is much to be desired that all our ringers should belong to it. But many in East Suffolk prefer their old allegiance to the Norwich Association, which is naturally unwilling to let them go, and has added "St. Edmundsbury" to its name. I do not suggest that any great pressure should be used in favour of our own organisation, which is bound to win its way in time, but I should be glad if incumbents would use their influence for its benefit as opportunity offers. I understand that there are a great number of cracked bells in the Diocese, and that this is caused by the clapper being tied by a cord so that it does not hang free to rebound at the moment of striking. This is done to allow the bell to be struck more easily. I trust that this dangerous practice will be discontinued, and that every care will be taken to protect our bells, which form a valuable piece of church property.'

DUKE OF YORK'S BETROTHAL.

In honour of the engagement of H.R.H. the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, the Oxford Society rang, on Tuesday, Jan. 16th, at the Church of St. Ebbe, a half-peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor (2,520 changes), in 1 hour 20 minutes: H. Tolley 1. F. E. Taylor 2. W. Harris 3. H. Miles 4. F. Clinkard 5. W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing at St. Mary's (10 bells) 2.30 to 6 p.m. and St. Peter's (10 bells) 4 to 6 p.m. Business meeting in St. Peter's tower 4.45 p.m. There will be a short service in St. Mary's Church 4.15.—Thos. H. Kirkby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A dinner will be held at the Flying Horse Hotel, Market Place, Nottingham, on Saturday, Jan. 27th, at 6.30 p.m., to honour the memory of William Doubleday Crofts (1737—1809), one of the greatest ringers of his day. A first-class musical programme will be given.—Thos. H. Kirkby, 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Annual meeting at Southgate on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Ringing from 3 p.m. District Committee meeting in the Choir Vestry at 4 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 5.45, followed by usual business meeting.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea at 5.45 at the Lime Tree Hotel, followed by business meeting; 6d. per head will be charged for tea. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting or sent to the district secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. District Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. Reports ready.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available at 2 o'clock.—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—Annual meeting of the district will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m., at Belliars, Etman Street.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A Meeting will be held at Boreham on Saturday 27th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea 5.30.—P. Timson, 80, Springfield Road, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should give notice early to F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—The next quarterly meeting of the above society will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwick, on Jan. 27th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.—Samuel Booth, Hon. Sec.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, Jan. 27th. The bells at the Parish Church (8) and Arksey (8) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Divine service at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Sheffield (Right Rev. L. H. Burrows, D.D.).—Percy J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary Church, Torquay, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.15 (by Vicar). Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Barkston on Saturday, Jan. 27th. Bells available afternoon and evening.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables members who have not attended 20 times in the past year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral, on Jan. 30th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Secretary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available: St. Nicholas (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4.30; Cathedral (10), 7 to 9 p.m. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5.30, Spread Eagle Hotel. Free only to those notifying me by Jan. 29th.—C. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, at Haddenham, Ely (6 bells). Service 4.30. Tea in Church Hall, 6d. each. Please let me know early.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March, Cambs.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—At Treeton, Feb. 3rd. Six bells. Ringing 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. 6d. each. Nominations for officers and committee will be received at this meeting. The committee will meet at Chesterfield on Saturday, March 3rd.—J. E. Amies, Hon. Sec., The Clergy House, Chesterfield.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch.—A general meeting of the above will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, with a view to electing officers for 1923. Will as many as possible make a special effort to attend? Meeting will be held at the Angel, High Street, at 4.30. Bells of the Parish Church available from 1 p.m. till 9 p.m. Also Kelsale (8). All ringers will be welcome.—George Wilson, Hon. Sec., Saxmundham District, 41, Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Alresford on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Jan. 30th?—W. T. Tucker, District Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, Feb. 3rd.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Tapcote on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available 4 till 7 p.m. Subscriptions for 1923 are now due.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at North Bradley on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting 5.30.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the Church House, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

EXETER CATHEDRAL.—Augmentation to ring of twelve. Dedication service for two new bells on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, followed by special evensong at 3 p.m. Ringers admitted to tower after 4.30. Refreshments provided at Deller's Cafe.—Apply for tickets before Jan. 29th to T. Laver, Hon. Sec., 22, Cathedral Yard, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Tea, free to members, who must let me know by Jan. 27th. Visitors to pay 1s. Committee meeting at Acton on Thursday, Feb. 1st, at 8 p.m.—W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Service at St. Laurence's Church at 5 p.m. Bells available: St. Mary's from 3 p.m., St. Laurence's from 4 p.m. Tea, business meeting and smoker at the Central Cafe (Cinema), Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each. 1s. 6d. will be allowed by the branch to all who let me know their intention of being present by Jan. 31st.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Field on Feb. 3rd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 6 p.m. to those who notify me by Feb. 1st.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Guild's form of service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall. Will those intending coming kindly notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 30th? Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. District Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, with short address by the Vicar, 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Berkhamstead bells will be available in the evening. — F. J. Reeve, Hon. District Sec., Clifton House, Tring.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newburn, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Committee Meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 p.m. (1/9 to members and 2/6 to non-members) at the Newburn Hotel. Those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 6th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—The reopening of these bells (6) after restoration has been fixed provisionally for Saturday, Feb. 10th, at 2 p.m. A further notice will appear next week.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells from 4 p.m. Tea provided by the president at the Church Room at 5 p.m. sharp. Meeting afterwards, and service in church at 6.15. Wilton bells (6) will be available from 3 to 4.30 only. Those who are coming to tea please let me know by Monday, Feb. 5th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available for ringing: St. Giles, Bloomsbury, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; All Hallows', Lombard Street, 1.45 to 2.45 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30, at 1s. per head, at Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea required by Feb. 3rd latest.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, at the Central Cafe, Market Place, Faversham, at 1s. 6d. per head. Association allowance 1s. 3d., followed by business meeting. All members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 6th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting, or sent to the District Secretary. The bells of Ospringe will also be available.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ripple on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Service at 4.30 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

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Death, who is for ever taking his toll, has laid a heavy hand upon the Exercise this year already, and in this issue we have the sad duty of recording the passing of all too many stalwarts of the Exercise—men who in their day have done good solid work for ringing. For more than fifty years Edward Hynds, of Stebbing, gave devoted service to his church, and of few, like him, can it be said that for over half a century they rang regularly, Sunday by Sunday, in one tower. Such men as these are the backbone of the Exercise, for they labour not in the limelight, but very largely behind the scenes, where results are not measured in peals, but in self-sacrificing effort. Another to whom the call has come is George Woodiss, of Twickenham. He was well short of the allotted span, and his death came unexpectedly; but here again was a ringer who in his day had done some valuable spade-work—work which laid the foundations of change ringing in one corner at least of the Winchester Diocese. Then, too, death has claimed the venerable Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., than whom the art had no greater advocate outside these islands.

Great as is the loss caused by the death of these and other members of the Exercise which we record this week, a loss which will be keenly felt in the circles in which each moved, something akin to universal regret will be felt by the passing of James Motts, of Ipswich. In him we had one of the outstanding figures of our craft; an enterprising and accomplished ringer whose initiative and skill helped to make ringing history. With William Catchpole he was the inspiration of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society more than a quarter of a century ago. He proved himself a real leader, and revived in East Anglia the prestige which the men of Norwich had gained many decades before. One has only to look at the 'first performances' for the Norwich Diocesan Association, which he conducted, to realise the type of ringer he was, and as an example one need only point here to the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus ever rung—a stroke of enterprise which brought this method within the bounds of practical ringing. The fact that he rang between 500 and 600 peals for the Norwich Association shows the work he did for his native society, and we imagine there are few men who have done more to help neighbouring ringers than he did in the days gone by. Twenty years or more ago the name of James Motts was one to conjure with, and even to-day the Exercise is not possessed of any superfluity of ringers of his type. He has gone to his rest, the belfry will see him no more, but in East Anglia at any rate 'Jimmy' Motts will long remain a cherished memory and a shining example of an accomplished ringer. Requiescat in pace.

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On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1922, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2	HENRY G. MILES 6
HENRY R. NEWTON 2	JAMES WILLSHIRE 7
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 8
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	ALFRED B. PECK 9
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

**ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.**

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr.
SERGT.-MAJ. GEO. GILBERT *Treble* | † JOHN SMITH 5
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 2 | BARZILAI HAWKINS 6
FREDERICK MARCHANT 3 | GEORGE MILES 7
EDWARD HAYNES... .. 4 | * HENRY J. HUNT... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. MILES.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving the district for Brentwood, Essex.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.
GEORGE DURLING *Treble* | * EDMUND MOUNTER 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2 | GEORGE HUXLEY 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3 | ISAAC EMERY 7
GEORGE H. DAYNES 4 | CLR.-SGT. J. BENNET, R.M. Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal of Stedman. This is the eighth peal of Stedman Triples by the ringer of the tenor. These peals have been rung in eight different towers, one on each bell in the octave, and conducted by eight different conductors.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.
PERCY J. SPICE *Treble* | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
GEORGE A. S. SELBY 2 | HENRY J. SELBY 6
GEORGE B. SELBY 3 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
FRANK TERRY 4 | ARTHUR J. LEWIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First attempt in the method by F. Terry, and first attempt in any method by G. A. S. Selby.

MARKET HARBOUROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.
* STANLEY RICHARDSON ... *Treble* | * FRED WALLINGTON 5
WILLIAM HECTOR 2 | ARTHUR MANNING 6
WALTER WALLINGTON 3 | ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
P.C. WALTER ROBINSON ... 4 | THOMAS B. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Triples. All local men except the conductor, who hails from Leicester. Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. H. J. T. Eacott, recently appointed Vicar. The composition (a 4-part) rung for the first time.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON *Treble* | GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
FREDERICK J. TILLET 2 | CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 6
JAMES ROSE 3 | GEORGE FARNISH... .. 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4 | ALBERT A. FLEMING Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.
JOHN P. TARLTON *Treble* | ALFRED C. WRIGHT 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2 | * FRED W. HILL 6
WILLIAM LANBERT 3 | ARTHUR KNIGHTS 7
* REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 4 | JOHN FLINT... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major. First peal on the new tenor.

BOCKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.
HARRY GREAVES *Treble* | PERCY J. JERVIS 5
BERNARD DITCHER 2 | CECIL BOOTH 6
JOHN H. HUMPHRIES 3 | WILLIAM H. TURTON 7
GEORGE BORNEAM 4 | CHARLES SEVERN... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Ernest Taylor, a member of the choir at the above church for upwards of 30 years.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.
QMR.-SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. *Treble* | WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... 5
* MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 2 | HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 6
MISS NORA SHORTER... .. 3 | FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 7
* MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 4 | WILLIAM SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEO. GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.
GEOFFREY LEWIS... .. *Treble* | SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM PAGE 2 | WILLIAM LEWIS... .. 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3 | * JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
WILLIAM RANFORD 4 | CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. J. JEFFERIES.

* First peal of Major as conductor.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. in E.
* EDWARD EDWARDS *Treble* | JOHN BOOTH 5
FRED ABBOTT 2 | PETER CROOK 6
JAMES GROUNDS... .. 3 | WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 4 | † JOHN POTTER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. † 20th peal. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to a former Vicar, the late Canon Joseph Lowe, for whom a tablet had been unveiled that day in the above church. The ringers of the 3rd and 5th hail from Standish.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On *Sa urday*, Jan. 20, 1923, in *Three Hours and Six Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WOOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE WATTS... .. Treble	*REGINALD L. LEWIS... .. 5
JAMES H. PHILLIPS 2	CHARLES GREEDY 6
JOHN BULLEN 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7
SAMUEL JONES 4	*WILLIAM A. GULLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal by the tenor man for 31 years.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On *Monday*, Jan. 22, 1923, in *Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

JAMES GROUNDS Treble	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 5
JOHN BOOTH... .. 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
FRED ABBOTT 3	PETER CROOK 7
GEORGE PINCOTT... .. 4	JOHN STUBBS... .. Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the Vicar of this church, who was interred on the 20th Jan. at Nelson.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On *Monday*, Jan. 22, 1923, in *Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT... .. Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
JOHN CAPP 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
ARTHUR H. WHITE 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
CHARLES PALMER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINES.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On *Monday*, Jan. 22, 1923, in *Three Hours and One Minute*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	*WALTER RUFFLES 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. WHITING.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal in the method as conductor.

NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On *Monday*, Jan. 22, 1923, in *Three Hours and Three Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES DRAPER Treble	THOMAS DICKENS... .. 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON... .. 2	ERNEST STONE 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN... .. 7
WALTER HORTON... .. 4	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of esteem and respect to the late Rev. Canon J. G. Deed, D.D., who, after being Vicar of Nuneaton for nearly 30 years, was buried during the day at St. Albans.

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CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On *Wednesday*, Jan. 24, 1923, in *Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. Treble	WILLIAM T. PALMER 5
WILFRID W. BAILEY 2	GEORGE A. THOMPSON 6
GEORGE M. THORPE 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. 7
WILLIAM J. THYNG 4	FREDERICK E. SMITH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Miss Lucy Thyng, the youngest daughter of the ringer of the 4th.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On *Wednesday*, Jan. 25, 1923, in *Three Hours*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

RICHARD A. GOFTON Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5
JAMES E. GOFTON 2	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by J. A. GOFTON.

Rung on the eve of the conversion of St. Paul and the 10th anniversary of the dedication of the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On *Saturday*, Jan. 27, 1923, in *Three Hours and One Minute*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

REGINALD LATHBURY Treble	*JOHN T. NEWINGTON... .. 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 6
MISS V. SHORTER 3	†A. J. ABRAMS 7
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal on eight bells and hails from Chatteris, Cambs.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On *Saturday*, Jan. 27, 1923, in *Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST BRIGHT Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
JOHN C. NEWMAN... .. 2	GEORGE HAYWARD 6
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN 3	*CHARLES ROGERS 7
ROBERT FISHER 4	WILLIAM ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Edward Sherwood, J.P., of Prested Hall, Feering, and Miss Sybil Keeling, of Earls Colne, which took place on the above date at St. Andrew's Church, Earls Colne.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On *Saturday*, Jan. 27, 1923, in *Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes*,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. STEVENS Treble	JAMES H. HUNNISSETT 5
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW... .. 2	EVERED J. WALSON 6
*J. EDWARD CHURCHILL 3	LIONEL H. PAGE 7
*ARTHUR H. FULWELL 4	*CYRIL G. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. First attempt by the treble ringer who is 14 years of age and has only been ringing six months. Excepting the 6th ringer, all the above are regular Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to L. H. Page, C. G. Cooper and the conductor's father.

WOOLSTANTON, STAFFS.
THE STOKE ARCHDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

*A. VAUGHAN Treble	C. MORLEY 5
E. LANDON 2	J. MORLEY 6
C. H. PAGE... .. 3	W. FITCHFORD 7
A. CRAWLEY 4	†H. VAUGHAN Tenor

Conducted by W. FITCHFORD.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

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

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ISAAC VICKERS Treble	†JOHN WALDEN 5
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	*WILLIAM H. LLOYD 6
GEORGE FLINTHAM 3	CHARLES W. P. CLIFTON... .. 7
GEORGE CHESTER 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Major. † First in the method on an 'inside' bell.

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

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... Treble	WILLIAM J. MEERS 5
CHARLES COTTRELL 2	JONATHAN PRESTON 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER... .. 7
GEORGE F. GARRISON... .. 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

This peal was arranged in honour of the marriage of Mr. William Baden Preston, of Erdington, and Miss Florence Beatrice Doody, of Tipton, which took place at the above church on Jan. 22nd. Mr. W. J. Meer's 60th peal and also the 60th peal on the bells.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Jan. 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT... .. Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 6
FRED ABBOTT 3	JOHN POTTER 7
PETER CROOK 4	JOHN STUBBS... .. Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bells muffled, by special request of the churchwardens, for the funeral service of the late Vicar (Rev. R. J. Cross).

SIX BELL PEALS.

SAXMUNDHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, York, Canterbury, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle and Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK W. WATLING... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 4
*GEORGE WILSON 2	GEORGE BAILEY 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

EARDISLAND, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(PRESTREIGN & LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM H. JAINE Treble	HARLEY SMITH 4
*CHRISTOPHER LAW 2	ALFRED TALBOT 5
FREDERICK A. JAINE... .. 3	JOHN JONES Tenor

Conducted by A. TALBOT.

* First peal. First quarterly peal for the district.

HORTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, Jan. 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob and three 720's each of Plain Bob and Oxford Bob Minor, with seven different callings.

THOMAS S. SMITH Treble	ALFRED BATEMAN 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 2	LEONARD STILLWELL 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

The band tender their best thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Salisbury for meeting them.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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 8 cwt.

FRANK HAYES Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
ALBERT HOWARD 2	HARRY HOWARD 5
*WILLIAM TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band, and first peal of Minor on the bells. Rung in honour of the engagement of the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

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

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford & Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN DEVEREUX Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5
JAMES HEMMING 3	WILLIAM RICKETTS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

It was the first peal by Mr. E. Devereux, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, Jan. 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Double Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CHRIS. BOWERS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
*E. WILLIAM TURNER 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
*DAVID HORNE 3	*GEORGE JORDAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in 10 methods. Longest length by all the band and longest peal of Minor for the Association.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(TAUNTON DEANERY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, WILTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY WYATT Treble	S. GEORGE COLES 4
ALFRED WYATT 2	PERCY S. MERSON 5
ARTHUR W. HAYWARD ... 3	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

First peal of Surprise Minor by the Association, in the county and by all the band. First peal of Surprise by all except conductor. First peal of Surprise by a resident band west of Bristol.

STEVENAGE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

HERBERT W. ELSE Treble	HERBERT E. DAY 4
FRANK W. CROFT 2	RALPH E. CROFT 5
ALFRED W. LINDSAY 3	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE T. CROFT.

First peal on the bells. Ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor hail from Hitchin, remainder from Great Wymondley.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Bob and College Single. Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Dec. 26, 1922, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE... 1-2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3-4	*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.
* First peal on handbells as conductor.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, Jan. 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS NELLIE JOHNSON ... 1-2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ... 3-4	JAMES HEMMING ... 7-8
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

First peal of Royal as conductor. The composition, which is Mr. A. Knight's, No. 67, and contains the 6th the extent right, is now rung for the first time. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday.

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(On Saturday, Jan. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
GRANTA VARIATION.

J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 1-2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHNEY (Trin.) 3-4	J. BUTLER (Fitzwilliam Hall) 7-8

Composed by J. THORP.

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

On Monday, Jan. 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHNEY (Trin.) 3-4	REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 7-8

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

On Tuesday, Jan. 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight and a half Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 3-4	REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

*H. B. GARDNER (Trin.) ... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 3-4	REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal 'in hand' and first peal on eight bells.

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in F.

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (Caius) 3-4	J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in F.

E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.)... 1-2	J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 5-6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHNEY (Trin.) 3-4	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 7-8
H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 9-10	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Composer unknown.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

Tenor size 13 in E.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHNEY (Trin.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 3-4	H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7-8

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

On Thursday, Jan. 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE, PLAIN & LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5016 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHNEY (Trin.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 3-4	H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 7-8

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
This is the first spliced peal of Major in three methods. Composer unknown.

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On Saturday, Jan. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. J. LINCOLN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

ROY PILGRIM 1-2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5-6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 3-4	LEONARD W. BALE 7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.
Witness: MRS. A. J. LINCOLN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. Pilgrim, mother of the ringer of 1-2, also to Mr. A. J. Lincoln.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Jan. 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor size 18 in G.

*GEORGE W. STEERE 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3-4	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. A. H. PULLING and MASTER CYRIL BARTLETT.

* 150th peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 18, 1923, in One Hour and Three and a half Minutes.

AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

WILFRID HOOTON 1-2	JOHN WOOLLEY 3-4
CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY 5-6	

Conducted by JOHN WOOLLEY.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held at Harborne on Saturday week. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Lloyd).

Tea, which had been very kindly provided in the Church Room, was followed by the business meeting, the chair being taken by the Vicar, supported by Mr. W. B. Cartwright, the new Ringing Master, Messrs. S. Grove, H. Grosvenor, G. N. Cockin, J. Price, J. Bass, and others. Apologies were received from Mr. A. E. Parsons (regret being expressed at his illness), and Messrs. Salter and Woodberry.

Several new members were elected, and it was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at Oldswinford on the third Saturday in June.—The Secretary expressed the hope that every member would make an endeavour to get to the annual meeting of the association at Worcester on Easter Monday.

Heartly thanks were voted to the Vicar, on the motion of the Ringing Master, seconded by Mr. J. Price, for providing such a splendid tea, for his homely address, for the use of the bells, and the splendid welcome extended to the association.—This was heartily passed, and the Vicar briefly responded.

DEATH OF MR. WALTER JACKSON.

The death took place early on Thursday, January 18th, under tragic circumstances, of Mr. Walter Jackson. He had been a ringer at Wragby Parish Church, Yorks, just 30 years, and his loss will be keenly felt, and his place not easily filled. He was a member of the Yorkshire Association, the Barnsley and District Society, and also the Doncaster and District Society, and quite frequently attended their meetings. Although a keen ringer and master of between 20 and 30 Minor methods, he had only rung one peal of 5,040 changes. That peal was on the treble at Tong, and the late Mr. Easter rang the second bell.

The funeral took place at Wragby Church on Sunday afternoon, and ringers attended from Barnsley, Crofton and Sandal Churches. The bells were fully muffled (with the exception of the tenor at back stroke) for both morning and evening services. Immediately after the funeral the visiting ringers rang 360 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, the local ringers followed with a 'touch' in the same method. For the evening service 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung to his memory by F. Marsden 1, G. Harrison 2, J. Brewin 3, F. Atkinson 4, J. Adams 5, A. Adams (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At St. Peter's, Brighton, they have an aversion to 'starring' ringers in peal reports, but there must have been several 'first in the method' in the peal of Norfolk Surprise rung there last week. Following upon a peal of Bristol a short time before, this looks like a return to the good old days when the St. Peter's Society made history in method ringing.

Last week we commented on the fact that at the age of fifteen years Wilfred Taffender rang London Surprise Major as his first peal. This week we record his second peal—Stedman Cinques at Bow—and he rang it without a semblance of a trip. This young ringer is diminutive in stature, but he promises to be a giant in ringing intellect.

Bristol United Guilds have fixed Saturday, January 12th, 1924, for their third annual dinner, and intend to maintain the social side of ringing during the coming year by a series of gatherings, the first of which will take place on April 17th.

There was a keen contest for the Mastership of the Northern District of the London County Association at the meeting on January 20th. Eventually Mr. Symonds was elected to the position.

The other officers are Mr. Holman, hon. secretary; Mr. Riley, steward; Mr. Morton, hon. treasurer; Messrs. Turner and Ebberson, committee. The retiring Master and secretary were warmly thanked for their services.

In the city of Exeter there are no less than eight towers containing rings of 6, 8, 10 or 12 bells.

'Many happy returns of the day' to that youthful Cumberland Youth, Mr. Joseph Waghorn, on being '80 not out.'

The Cambridge University Guild, which has just rung the first peal in three spliced Major methods, was founded on Feb. 4th, 1879.

A peal of 10.032 Grandsire Major was rung in 6 hrs. 18 mins. at Walsall on Feb. 4th, 1861.

On Feb. 5th, 1783, 12,672 Bob Major was rung in 7 hrs. 48 mins. at Bromley, and on the same day, in the year 1888, 12,041 Stedman Caters was rung at Appleton.

The first peal of London Surprise on handbells was rung on Feb. 6th, 1904, at Romford by the brothers Pye and W. Keeble.

On Feb. 8th, 1889, the first peal of Forward Major (composed and conducted by John Carter) was rung at St. John's, Deritend, Birmingham.

The peal of Superlative at Erith on Jan. 6th was Mr. I. Emery's 30th in the method, not 50th, as reported.

Owing to the absence on the Continent of Mr. A. Paddon Smith, hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, all outstanding subscriptions and applications for tickets for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner should be addressed to the Ringing Master, Mr. Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.—See notice columns.

The Salisbury Diocese will soon have a second peal of ten. Two additional bells are to be added to the existing eight at Trowbridge, and the work has been put in the hands of Messrs. Llewelins and James, Bristol. The bells are to be completed by Easter. It is intended to have the opening on Easter Monday, and a large gathering of ringers is expected. At present Wimborne Minster contains the only peal of ten in the diocese.

THE SUFFOLK CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—You have extended to me the courtesy of your columns in several recent issues of your paper, and I have, therefore, the less desire to make any further demand on your valuable space. On the main points at issue, I am satisfied I have succeeded in making good the case of our Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, and I might, therefore, have been content at this juncture to have left myself in the hands of your readers, and to rely on their judgment and sense of fair play, as I am not in the least concerned with further quibbling over mere details.

But I must enter my very strongest protest at the insinuation concerning my friend, Mr. A. L. Coleman, in the last paragraph but one in the letter of the Rev. H. Drake appearing in your last issue. Does Mr. Drake realise what is implied by the deplorable statement he makes—'the tinkered document to which Mr. Coleman affixed my signature'? And that he is practically accusing Mr. Coleman of forgery? It ought not to be necessary to ask the question, but how otherwise could Mr. Coleman have affixed Mr. Drake's signature? I happen to have seen the document concerned—a letter from the Rev. F. L. Fawcett, in Mr. Fawcett's handwriting, and signed by Mr. Fawcett himself, and it bears Mr. Drake's endorsement right enough. Mr. Drake has once previously had the temerity to ask how his signature got there. Surely he himself should be able to answer that question better than anyone else.

I should not in any case have felt justified in continuing an argument with anyone—even a bishop's advocate—whose method of controversy condescends to such a base standard.—Yours very truly,

E. P. BURTON.

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich,
27th January, 1923.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED 'BOOKING FEE' FOR PEALS.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Doncaster on Saturday last, in exceedingly mild and fine weather for the time of the year; but this latter was discounted by an outbreak of smallpox in the town, which resulted in only about fifty visitors attending the meeting. The fine peal of eight bells (tenor 30 cwt.) were set going at two p.m. in a variety of methods, and the ringing was enjoyed by all, although the hundred and thirty-seven steps approach to the belfry made its impression on the more bulky members. Divine service was held in St. George's Parish Church, when a most interesting address was delivered by the Rev. T. H. Mousley. Preaching from Romans x. 18, the speaker gave a brief outline of the origin of bells, and urged his hearers to realise that the bells proclaim the love of God in a world devoted to sordid money getting and merchandise, and that as by their ringing they acted as the messengers of God, to let the thought that they were acting as fellow-workers with God dignify and ennoble their own lives in order that those with whom they came in contact might take them as a worthy example.

The business meeting followed in the Memorial Hall immediately beside the church, the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupying the chair, supported by Messrs. F. Willey, J. Broadley and P. J. Johnson. Letters of apology were received from the Rev. E. Drage, Messrs. G. B. Bolland, J. H. Blakiston and H. Williams. The annual report of the committee was adopted, on the motion of Mr. F. Willey, seconded by Mr. H. N. Imeson. The balance sheet was also adopted.

No further nominations having been received for the office, Mr. P. J. Johnson was declared duly elected as hon. general secretary of the association for the ensuing three years.—The General Secretary, in thanking the members for their confidence, hoped that all who could would purchase copies of the annual report in order to lighten the financial anxieties of the general committee.

It was decided to hold the Easter Monday meeting, if possible, at Bridlington, and failing Bridlington, the committee to make the best arrangements possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Doncaster (Ven. Archdeacon Sandford), great regret being expressed at the reverend gentleman's illness. The special thanks of the meeting to the clergy and the local company was responded to by the Rev. T. H. Mousley, the Vicar's churchwarden, and Mr. H. Walker.

A vote of sympathy was also extended to Mr. G. Halksworth (the genial Ringing Master of the Southern Division), with a wish for a speedy recovery from his serious illness, which prevented him from attending the meeting.

Mr. J. Broadley gave notice of motion as follows: 'That a booking fee of threepence per head be paid by all ringers in peals which are to be published in the Yorkshire Association annual report, and that the conductor of such peals be responsible for collecting all booking fees, and for forwarding the same with peal report to the hon. general secretary within one month of peals being rung.'

Ringing in various methods, and an interesting discourse on 'The Barnsley Chop,' brought a most pleasant meeting to a close.

DEATH OF DR. A. H. NICHOLS.

THE LEADING SPIRIT IN AMERICA.

Just as we are going to Press, we learn with deep regret, from Mr. Richard Newton, that Dr. A. H. Nichols, of Boston, Massachusetts, died suddenly on January 9th.

Dr. Nichols had a unique knowledge of bell history, and was keenly interested in ringing. He made determined attempts to introduce into America the practice of having bells hung for ringing, and also did his utmost to establish the art of change ringing on that side of the Atlantic.

With his daughter (now Mrs. Shurtleff) he visited England some years ago, and was frequently in the company of Metropolitan ringers, with whom Miss Margaret Nichols, as she then was, rang peals. Dr. Nichols was a member of the College Youths and the Middlesex County Association. From time to time he contributed articles of much interest to the columns of 'The Ringing World.'

On the Sunday following Dr. Nichols' death several 120's Grand-sire Doubles were rung with half-muffled bells at the Church of the Advent, Boston. The ringing, strange in its solemn sounds to American ears, made a deep impression on the public who heard the bells.

SUDDEN DEATH OF YORKSHIRE RINGER.

The death occurred suddenly, on Sunday week, of Mr. Henry Horner, of Skipton. He had taken part in the ringing for service, and about 7 o'clock, whilst conversing with friends in Gargrave Road complained of faintness, and collapsed. He died before medical assistance could be obtained.

Mr. Horner, who was 55 years of age, was identified with many local organisations at Skipton, and had been a member of the Yorkshire Association for 37 years. He had rung about 25 peals.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

A WONDERFUL COMBINATION OF 'RINGS.'

The dedication of the two trebles at Exeter Cathedral to-morrow puts the final seal upon what is probably the finest—certainly the greatest—ringing peal in the world. The gift of Mr. Arthur Thomas, as a thankoffering for recovery from prolonged illness, the bells have been cast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the founders of the tenor—that wonderful bell of 72½ cwt. in B flat.

With the two trebles, there are now 13 bells in the tower having a total weight of 271 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. The extra bell, which is in A flat, renders it possible to produce ten distinct rings, viz., four of six, three of eight, two of ten and one of twelve—a combination which gives Exeter Cathedral a proud distinction among the belfrics of this country.

The inscription on the new bells is:—
'A thankoffering from an Exeter citizen, 1922. In Terra Pax, Hominibus Voluntatis (Peace on earth, goodwill among men).'

Each bell in the peal bears either the name of the donor or founder, except the 8th, which is known as 'Doom.' How it came by this title is not clear, but by some it is believed to be the bell tolled on the occasion of executions. The peal as completed is as follows:—

	cwt.	qr.	lb.
1. Thomas	6	2	16
2. Thomas	6	3	2
3. Earle	7	0	22
4. Brydan	8	3	10
5. Pennington	8	2	0
6. Purdue	10	1	2
Extra 6. Pongamouth	11	1	8
7. Fox	18	0	4
8. Doom	19	0	19
9. Cobthorne	28	0	4
10. Evans	33	2	11
11. Stafford	40	3	19
Tenor, Grandisson	72	2	2
	271	3	7

Grandisson, Stafford and Fox are names of Bishops; Earle and Cobthorne are those of Deans.

The 4th, 5th and 6th bear the names of the founders, and they were cast respectively in 1616, 1658 and 1676. Purdue was also the founder of the 8th, 9th and 11th. Evans cast the A flat bell in 1729, at the same time that he cast the 10th and the former 'Grandisson.'

The interesting diagram given below, was prepared by Mr. W. J. Southwood, hon. secretary and treasurer of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild, and conveys in a striking manner the combinations that will be possible on the Cathedral bells. Mr. Southwood has also printed an exceedingly interesting souvenir of the dedication.

The ceremony is to take place at 2 p.m., in the tower, following which there will be a special service and evensong in the Cathedral. Then the various rings will be demonstrated by the Cathedral band, and afterwards members of the Devon Guild and ringing visitors will be admitted to the tower. Tea for the visitors will be provided by the Dean and Chapter.

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12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
B ^b	C	D	E ^b	F	G	A	B ^b	C	D	E ^b	F
	C	D	E ^b	F	G	A ^b	B ^b	C	"Stafford" Eight. Minor		
			E ^b	F	G	A ^b	B ^b	C	"Cobthorne" Six Major		
				E ^b	F	G	A ^b	B ^b	C	D	E ^b
				New "Thomas" Major							
B ^b		E ^b		A ^b	B ^b			E ^b			
B	C	D	E	F	G	A	B	C	D	E	F

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DEATH OF MR. JAMES MOTTS. PASSING OF A GREAT RINGER.

It is our sad duty to announce the death of Mr. James Motts, who passed away at his residence, 25, Orchard Street, Ipswich, on Sunday, January 21st, at the age of 83 years. Mr. Motts, or Jimmy, as he was popularly known, was born in September, 1839, at Fressingfield, Suffolk, where he learnt to pull a bell. He came of a ringing family, for his father and grandfather were ringers before him, and one of his predecessors was the noted Seymour Motts.

Mr. James Motts rang his first 720 in the year 1874. His first peal (5,120 Bob Major) was at Fressingfield on May 12th, 1875. He then rang about 16 peals (most of which were not association peals) before he removed to Ipswich in 1882. His first peal with the Tower Society was one of Oxford Royal, which he also conducted in 1882.

Mr. Motts' illness began about a year ago. After conducting his last peal, which came into rounds at midnight on Dec. 31st, 1921, he had a slight attack of gastritis. Although he improved in health at times, he had not been really well since that date. As months went on other complications developed, including heart trouble, and the end came somewhat unexpectedly to his ringing friends.

The funeral took place at Ipswich Cemetery on Wednesday, the 24th, amid manifestations of profound sympathy. In addition to the relatives there were about 20 ringers present, and E. H. Smith, C. J. Sedgley, F. J. Tillet, R. H. Brundle rang a course of Grandire Triples at the graveside. The wreaths were from his affectionate sister Anna; Phil. Dora and little Beryl; Mr. and Mrs. Whitman; Mr. Bishop; his brother ringers, St. Mary-le-Tower Society. Messrs. W. G. Crickmer and E. F. Poppy regretted inability to attend owing to ill-health.

The last year of Mr. Motts' ringing career (1921) was a very memorable one. In it he and his company rang Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, also Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus. Of these six peals he conducted five. How he raised the standard of ringing is shown by the first performances he conducted for the original Norwich Diocesan Association.

On tower bells:—

- Dec. 19th, 1882, 5,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.
- Nov. 25th, 1884, 5,088 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.
- Sept. 8th, 1885, 5,002 Stedman Cinques, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.
- Nov. 23rd, 1886, 5,260 Double Norwich Royal, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.
- May 25th, 1895, 5,040 Bob Royal, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.
- Nov. 28th, 1896, 5,016 Double Norwich Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.
- Aug. 15th, 1908, 5,280 Cambridge Surprise Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.
- Sept. 26th, 1908, 5,040 Cambridge Surprise Royal, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.
- Dec. 31st, 1908, 5,016 Bob Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.
- June 10th, 1911, 5,040 Duffield Major, at St. Peter's, Henley.

On handbells:—

- Mar. 5th, 1887, 5,009 Kent Treble Bob Royal.
 - Nov. 17th, 1887, 5,120 Kent Treble Bob Major.
 - Feb. 25th, 1888, 5,040 Bob Royal.
 - Mar. 12th, 1888, 5,016 Bob Maximus.
 - Apr. 28th, 1889, 5,040 Kent Treble Bob Maximus.
 - Jan. 13th, 1890, 5,040 Oxford Treble Bob Royal.
 - Dec. 25th, 1895, 5,040 Double Norwich Court Bob Major.
- Long lengths of over 7,000 conducted by the late Mr. Motts were:—
- Dec. 26th, 1885, 8,084 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5 hrs. 4 mins., at St. Margaret's, Leiston.
 - Apr. 21st, 1888, 10,304 Bob Major, 6 hrs. 17 mins., at St. Margaret's, Leiston.
 - June 6th, 1892, 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 10 hrs. 32 mins., at St. Mary's, Debenham.
 - Apr. 7th, 1894, 10,176 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 5 hrs. 58 mins., at St. Mary's, Ufford.
 - Jan. 19th, 1895, 7,008 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 4 hrs. 45 mins., at St. Mary's, Woodbridge.
 - Aug. 16th, 1902, 10,080 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5 hrs. 50 mins., at St. Peter's, Henley, Ipswich.

He also rang in the long peal of London Surprise Major (14,112 changes), in 8 hrs. 40 mins., at King's Norton on May 11th, 1903. The 16,608 Treble Bob is still the longest length ever rung in the Oxford Variation.

For the Norwich Diocesan Association he rang 540 peals on tower bells, and 39 peals on handbells, in addition to these there are numerous peals with other societies.

With the passing away of a ringer of such capabilities it will be readily understood what a tremendous loss the St. Mary-le-Tower Society has sustained, and his memory will always be borne in mind by all who knew him.

On Saturday, January 27th, a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung

at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, with half-muffled clappers, to his memory.

On Thursday evening, January 25th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes) was rung at Debenham, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the deceased: E. Grindell 1, F. Ruffles 2, P. Woods 3, S. Rowe 4, G. Rowe 5, T. H. Chappell 6, W. C. Rumsey 7, E. E. Grimes (conductor) 8. First quarter as conductor. Also 504 Stedman Triples: E. E. Grimes 1, S. Rowe 2, P. Woods 3, G. Rowe 4, T. H. Chappell 5, L. C. Wightman 6, W. C. Rumsey (conductor) 7, E. Grindell 8.

LAMBETH BELLS.

RESTORED PEAL TO BE DEDICATED THIS EVENING.

The restored bells at Lambeth Parish Church are to be dedicated at a special service this evening by the Bishop of Southwark.

The present bells were put in in 1723, just 200 years ago, by R. Phelps, although the 8th and tenor were recast in 1848. Doubtless part of the metal forming these bells had previously hung in the same tower, for there are records which prove that there were bells at this church as far back as 1520.

In 1586, Robert Mot, of the Whitechapel Foundry, did work among the bells of Lambeth Church, and the complete restoration of the peal, which will see its consummation to-day, has been carried out by the same firm, whose unbroken history has continued all through the intervening centuries.

Of the old bells only the 3rd and 6th remain. The others were found to be cracked, and have been recast with new inscriptions.

The third carries the intimation that it was cast in 1672, when Boyden Cuper and William Phillips were churchwardens, and that it was 'new made with the other 7 bells, 1723.' The 6th is merely inscribed with the name of the founders, C. and G. Mears, and the date of recasting 1848. The following are the

NEW INSCRIPTIONS.

- Treble.—I ring true; why don't you.
- Second.—Let praise devote thy work.
- Fourth.—Rise heart, thy Lord is risen; sing His praise without delays.

Fifth.— 4. viii. 1914—11. xi. 1918.

Silent I hung in war: I sang the hour of peace:

O England evermore pray thou that wars may cease.

Seventh.—In all time of our tribulation, in all time of our wealth, in the hour of death, and in the Day of Judgement: Good Lord deliver us.

Tenor.—The treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th, and tenor bells were new cast at the Whitechapel Foundry A.D. 1922.

Randall Thomas Davidson, Archbishop.

Cyril Garbett, Bishop of Southwark.

Fredk. O. T. Hawkes, 59th Rector of Lambeth.

W. Wilkie Jones, Charles Woolloy, Alfred Wayment, and Alfred

I. Hopkins—Churchwardens.

Thos. F. Garnish, Clerk.

Sit Deus Propitius Illis.

DEATH OF A VETERAN ESSEX RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Edward Hynds, an old ringer of the St. Mary's company, Stebbing, Essex, which took place on January 14th, after a trying illness. The deceased had been a ringer at Stebbing Church for over 50 years, as was recorded in 'The Ringing World' of Dec. 1st. He was always regular in his attendance, and took a keen interest in everything pertaining to the bells.

The funeral took place at Stebbing, on Saturday, January 20th, and after the interment the bells were half-muffled, and the usual whole pull and stand was rung 72 times, corresponding with the deceased's age.

In the evening 720 Double Court was rung, and on Sunday morning, for Divine service, another 720 in the same method, as a token of esteem and respect for the deceased ringer, Double Court being his favourite method. In addition to the local company, those who took part were Messrs. A. Shufflebotham (Braintree), H. Redgewell (Rayne), W. Smith (Dunmow), and W. Farrow (Felstead).

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association) and Mr. W. H. Dyson (Master of the Northern Division) attended the funeral. Among many floral tributes sent was one from the Stebbing company, and other ringing friends. This had six little bells fixed round the wreath.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for 12,898 Cambridge Surprise Major will (D.V.) be made at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, February 24th, commencing 1.30 p.m. prompt. Nearest station, Elmsthorpe (1½ miles), L. and N.W. Railway. Branch line, Nuneaton to Leicester. Copies of the composition have been sent to the President of the Midland Counties Association and to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KING'S NORTON, BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Sunday, January 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: *W. B. Cartwright (conductor) 1, H. Williams (first quarter inside) 2, J. Withers, junr., 3, J. F. Smallwood 4, T. W. Wright (first quarter) 5, C. Webb 6, P. O. Laffin 7, J. Withers, sear., 8. * First quarter of Cambridge as conductor.

ABINGDON.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, Jan. 28th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Hollifield 1, J. Honey 2, Mrs. A. E. Lock 3, G. Caudwell 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, E. Humfrey 6.

SOLIHULL.—On Sunday, January 28th, for evening service, in 49 mins., 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Leeson 1, S. Bragg 2 E. C. Shepherd (composer and conductor) 3, G. A. Martineau 4, H. Shepherd 5, *D. T. Matkin 6, J. Bragg 7, E. Bragg 8. *W. C. Dowding 9, A. Bragg 10. * First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, for morning service, 1,168 Kent Treble Bob Major: V. Butler 1, S. Wright 2, F. Dainty 3, W. Cross 4, W. G. Cross 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brico (conductor) 8. For evening service, 1,243 in the same method. Also rung as a birthday compliment to S. Wright.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, January 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. D. Breese 1, G. R. Fardon 2, Miss P. Moss (first inside) 3, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 4, H. Wincote 5, Robt. Holloway 6, E. W. Coulson 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 21st, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, R. Edwards 3, J. Hughes 4, H. T. Hughes 5, W. B. Kynaston (longest length as conductor) 6, R. T. Evans 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 21st, for morning service, 352, and for evening service, 1,120 Mixed Treble Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Poxon, who had been vergar at the Parish Church for 23 years, and who died at the age of 77: J. H. Ilfe 1, C. J. Baker 2, E. Felcher 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 6, J. F. George 7, H. Harrison 8.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.—At St. Paul's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, January 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Davenport (conductor) 1, Miss M. Westhead 2, Miss R. A. Bell 3, Miss H. Bell 4, W. Moran 5, Rev. R. Marle 6.

BIDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On January 21st, for morning service, 720 Single Court: S. Smith 1, A. Holmes (conductor) 2, W. Tor 6, J. F. George 7, H. Harrison 8.

CARDIFF.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, January 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Heath 1, F. Smith 2, W. Richards 3, G. Large 4, E. Coombes 5, A. Parnell 6, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8. First quarter-peal on an inside bell for the ringer of the 3rd.

ANSTON.—At St. James' Church, on January 21st, a 720 of Braintree Delight: E. Stenton 1, W. Platts 2, F. Stenton 3, H. Turner 4, S. Smith 5, C. Fowler 6.—On Sunday, January 28th, a 720 of Marple Delight, for morning service by the same band. Both 720's are the first in the method by all. Conducted by Gordon Turner.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I remind conductors and ringers of peals in 1922 that no peals can be included in the analysis which are not published by the end of February? If, therefore, any peals rung in 1922 have not yet appeared, they should be sent to you without delay.—Yours faithfully,

E. W. CARPENTER,
Chairman, Analysis Committee.

LATE NOTICES.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells 4.30 and 6.30 to 8. Tea at 5.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—The bells (6) will be reopened on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Special service at 2 p.m. Preacher, Rev. E. J. Barton (Chairman of the North-east Branch of the Devonshire Guild). Collection for the Bell Fund. Public tea in the Drill Hall at 5 p.m. Tickets 1s. Those desiring to ring must send their names before Tuesday, Feb. 6th, to Rev. E. V. Cox, Bampton Vicarage, Devon, stating between what hours they will be present.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

POINTS FOR SUNDAY RINGING DISCUSSED.

On Saturday, January 20th, the Warwickshire Guild held a very successful quarterly meeting at Leamington Spa. It is some years since a meeting was held there, and members turned up in force from Allesley, Berkswell, Coventry, Exhall, Nuneaton, Stoke, Kugby and Warwick, several of the local band being also present. The bells of the Parish Church, and those of St. Peter's R.C., were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening.

During the ringing at the Parish Church a very pleasing incident occurred. The Bishop of Coventry, being on a visit to Leamington, was induced by Canon Back (Archdeacon of Warwick, and President of the Guild) to make the acquaintance of the members assembled, and ascended the tower while ringing was in progress, for that purpose. In a few interesting remarks, he mentioned the last two parishes he was at (Great Yarmouth and Sheffield) each had a peal of twelve bells, and he gave a short account of the rehanging at Sheffield. He thanked the ringers for their services in the various parishes, who, he said, owed a debt of gratitude to the men who rang the bells for the church services, and hoped the Guild would continue to flourish.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (Canon Feist) officiated, and gave the address, which was both interesting and instructive.

Tea was served in the Europa Cafe, and at the business meeting which followed, the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts) presided.

A resolution congratulating the president on his appointment as Archdeacon of Warwick was unanimously passed, and the hon. secretary was also instructed to send a letter of condolence to the relatives of the late Canon Reed, of Nuneaton, who was an honorary member for some years.

Stratford-on-Avon was selected for the next quarterly meeting in April, if the bells can be obtained, failing which Bedworth was chosen.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Feist for the use of the bells and for his address, a similar compliment being passed to Canon Barry, of St. Peter's.

A member asked if it was thought desirable for each tower to keep a record of all ringing for the services of the church, and at the end of the year compare the points on the same basis as that allowed by the points committee on the Central Council. He thought this would create more interest in the ringing if it were done.—The Ringing Master mentioned that the same idea was discussed several years ago; it was then thought undesirable, and he was of the same opinion now. — After some discussion it was decided no action should be taken.

It was resolved during the summer months, by way of an experiment, to hold monthly meetings in each district.

Three new members were duly elected.

The methods rung during the day included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Bristol and London. The falling of the bells in peal at 8 p.m. brought a very successful meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MR. F. K. BIGGS.

LOSS TO WYCOMBE BAND.

The High Wycombe ringers have sustained a loss, by the death of one of their members, Mr. F. K. Biggs, who passed away on Tuesday, January 16th, at the age of 53 years. The deceased had been in failing health for some time, but his demise was unexpected by his colleagues.

Francis Kingston Biggs was formerly a member of the Hughenden tower, but on coming to Wycombe he joined the latter belfry, and was a member until his death. His total of peals rung was not very large, being somewhere in the region of fifty, but, considering the disability he suffered by having an artificial leg, the number speaks volumes for his tenacity and keenness. Mr. Biggs was exceptionally pleased with two performances in particular—that his first peal of Major rung at Hughenden was one of London Surprise; and a peal of Stedman Cinques at Newcastle, where he was engaged in business during the war. Particularly keen on 'striking,' he was not slow to voice his opinion of a touch or peal, and his good-humoured criticism was often the means of a lively interchange of views. He had conducted one peal of Stedman Triples. His last peal in the Wycombe belfry, was two years ago, on New Year's Eve, when he was one of the regular Sunday service band who scored Stedman Caters—a trying performance for his leg. 'Frank' was highly amused when called to the colours, and he related with gusto his experiences with the medical board—those of us who knew him can appreciate this incident.

The funeral took place at the pretty little church at Hughenden on Saturday, January 20th, where he was borne to his resting-place on the shoulders of brother ringers. On the Sunday evening following, a muffled quarter of Grandsire Caters was rung to his memory on the bells of the Wycombe Church.—R.I.P. G. T.

**LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
STIRRING UP THE FYLDE BRANCH.**

A combined meeting of the Preston and Fylde Branches of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday, January 20th, at Kirkham, a small town of about four thousand inhabitants, situated about midway between Preston and most of the towers in the Fylde. It was hoped there would be a good response from the somewhat easy-going Fylde towers, and that the presence of the esteemed president of the association would act as a stimulus to the art which is apparently losing its attraction. About seventeen members of the Preston branch were present, the quota from the Fylde being ten, representing five towers. Five of the local band were present. They can only ring rounds and 'call changes,' but are very desirous of learning change ringing. The Fylde Secretary (Mr. Sharples), a few weeks ago, offered his services as instructor, but the week previous to the meeting the Rector was notified that if any person came to teach change ringing the chief ringer and another ringer would resign. This unlooked-for situation had delayed matters a little, but it was hoped the difficulty would be set right with the resignation of the two objectors.

The ring of eight bells (tenor 21 cwt.) was kept going merrily to Stedman, Double Norwich, Grand sire, Superlative and Treble Bob Minor, a course of Cambridge Major just failing to be brought round. The bells are a lovely-toned ring, and are in excellent going order, having been thoroughly overhauled by Mears and Stainbank last July.

Tea was partaken of by 26 ringers, including Canon Elsee, president of the association, and the Rector of Kirkham and Rural Dean of the Fylde. A short address was given by the president, and listened to with eager attention by all present. He reminded his hearers that the first president of the Lancashire Association was a Kirkham ringer, and he said he was sorry there had been a difference with the local men regarding change ringing. Some men got fixed opinions on certain things, and refused to alter their views, but he hoped before very long there would be a keen and enthusiastic band of change ringers in Kirkham. He did not see why the Fylde district should be behind the other branches of the association in change ringing, and he advised the Fylde members not to lose heart, for, with a little patience and encouragement, their efforts were sure to bear fruit.

Several of the Preston Branch members spoke of the days when their branch was in a similar state of apathy or drift when meeting after meeting was abandoned because there were not sufficient members to ring a Minor method. With perseverance, however, interest could be aroused.

At the conclusion of the meeting there was a feeling of optimism that the combined gathering had done a solid piece of good work for the Fylde Branch.

SWINTON'S FINE BELLS.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester Branch was held on Saturday, January 20th, at Swinton Parish Church, where there is a magnificent peal of eight bells (tenor 23 cwt.) hung in a massive iron frame, of ample proportions, and designed for ten bells, with all the latest improvements, including ball bearings, which Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, have recently installed. The visitors numbered between fifty and sixty, and made good use of the bells. Members were present from various towers in the branch, and from Moorside, Oldham, Bolton, Warrington and Hyde, with Mr. Price Taylor representing the founders.

At the business meeting the Vicar (the Rev. Viscount Mountmorres, M.A.) took the chair, and gave the visitors a cordial welcome. He hoped they would be as pleased with the bells as he was.

There was a discussion on a proposition by Mr. W. Wolstencroft, that the meetings should be held at the various towers in rota, and the suggestion was agreed to, subject to the first meeting of the year being held at the Cathedral and the last one at the Town Hall, which has been the custom for a good number of years.

Mr. R. Longden, of St. John's, Deansgate, all the members of the Swinton tower, and the Vicar, also Mr. A. Saul, of Miles Platting, were elected to the association.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at St. John's, Deansgate, failing that at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on Saturday, February 17th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and church officials, also the local ringers, were carried unanimously, and further ringing then took place. It was the opinion of the ringers that the tone and 'go' of the bells were all that could be desired, and that the founders had added greatly to their reputation by their latest additions to this part of the country. It was hoped that ere long the other two bells would be put in to complete this splendid ring.

NORTON, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, for practice, on Tuesday, Dec. 12th. 240 each of London Wells, Brown Edge York, Durham, Ipswich and Cambridge Surprise: G. E. Lawrence 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Trimer 3, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 4, J. Walley 5, F. T. Dawson 6.

**A PEAL IN THREE MAJOR METHODS.
DOUBLE, PLAIN AND LITTLE BOB.**

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

5	7	3	8	2	6	4	D
7	8	5	6	3	4	2	P
3	5	2	7	4	8	6	L
4	2	6	3	8	5	7	L
8	6	7	4	5	2	3	L
6	4	8	2	7	3	5	P
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	D

By splicing the methods into each course as above, all seven lead ends are used, and the methods are arranged symmetrically.

57 courses of Bob Major, without bobs Before, give 5,016 changes. Each bob Before adds three leads of Little Bob (24 changes) to the course, bringing up the W and M positions again.

A peal on this plan was rung on handbells by the Cambridge University Guild on January 25th.

THE ARTHUR T. KING MEMORIAL FUND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me space in your valuable paper to gratefully acknowledge, on behalf of my committee, the following sums which have been received in connection with the above fund? I should also like to say that we shall be glad to receive from any member or friend of the Middlesex Association their donations to this memorial fund. An excellent response has already been made, but more money is required to enable us to carry out the scheme in its entirety. With thanks to all.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES,

49, Wood Street, E.17. Hon. Sec. to the Sub-Committee.

Amounts previously acknowledged, £10 13s.; Dr. A. H. Nichols (Boston, U.S.A.), 10s.; Mrs. Shurtleff (Boston, U.S.A.), 10s.; Rev. A. H. F. Boughoy, 10s.; Ven. Archdeacon Bevan, £1 1s.; Rev. H. J. Kiteat, 2s. 6d.; Miss D. G. Feltham, 1s.; Miss G. Baker, 1s.; W. J. Nevard, 5s.; W. Haigh, 2s. 6d.; J. Hunt, 2s. 6d.; W. E. Pitman, 10s.; H. Barnett, 2s. 6d.; W. J. Kemp, 10s.; R. K. Knight, 2s. 6d.; A. W. Coles, 2s. 6d.; W. B. Manning, 2s. 6d.; W. Rogers, 2s. 6d.; J. J. Lamb, 2s. 6d.; I. G. Shade, 2s. 6d.; B. A. Knights, 3s.; G. B. Lucas, 10s.; H. Dew, 2s. 6d.; W. Perkins, 2s.; C. Cleveland Ellis, 10s.; W. C. S. Heathcote, 2s. 6d.; R. Kilby, 2s.; G. M. Kilby, 2s.; H. Kilby, 2s.; C. V. Ebberson, 2s. 6d.; G. Charge, 2s.; R. Charge, 2s.; W. H. Hollier, 2s. 6d.; J. A. Trollope, 2s. 6d.; P. H. Smith, 7s.; C. Edwards, 1s.; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Society, £1 1s.; St. Mary's, Finchley, Society, 10s.; St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, Society, 5s. 6d.; St. John-the-Baptist, Barnet, £2; St. John-the-Frangelist, Stanmore, 6s.; St. Mary-the-Virgin, Hadley, 10s.; Christ Church, Southgate, 15s.; St. John's, Leytonstone, Essex, 10s. 6d.; St. Mary's, Harrow, 10s.; St. Peter's, Staines, 6s.; All Saints', Isleworth, 15s.; St. Leonard's, Heston, 12s. 6d.; total, £26 13s.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE WOODISS.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. George Woodiss, of Twickenham, Surrey, who died on Wednesday, Jan. 24th, after only a short illness.

The deceased was a very old member of the Winchester Guild, and formerly resided at Hershams, where he organised and instructed a band when the bells were put in. Some years ago he removed to Twickenham, and had since been more closely identified with the Middlesex Association. He was a very safe ringer in the standard methods, and, although he had not recently taken part in many peals, he had a goodly number to his credit.

The funeral took place at Twickenham Cemetery on Tuesday.

A SILVER WEDDING.

Wednesday, December 27th, marked the 25th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dawe, of Lewes, and an attempt for a peal was arranged in honour of the occasion. Meeting short for Stedman Callers, the band started for a peal of Stedman Triples, but unfortunately this came to grief after some two hours' good ringing. The ringers were afterwards generously entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Dawe, and did full justice to the enjoyable meal set before them.

Before dispersing, the ringers expressed their thanks for the hospitality which they had received, and congratulated Mr. and Mrs. Dawe upon their silver wedding, a hope being expressed that they would be able to meet and ring a peal in honour of their golden wedding—when it came.

The Host, in replying, expressed the pleasure it gave Mrs. Dawe and himself to welcome the band, and said that he hoped that at a future attempt better luck would attend their efforts in the tower. It was very gratifying, however, to know that the occasion had given pleasure to all concerned.

NOTICES.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Baldock, on Saturday, Feb. 3rd.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. District Secretary.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available: St. Nicholas (6), 2.30 to 4 p.m.; All Saints' (8), 2.30 to 4.30; Cathedral (10), 7 to 9 p.m. Service All Saints' 4.30. Tea 5.30, Spread Eagle Hotel.—C. Edwards, Great Bampton, Madley, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—At Treeton, Feb. 3rd. Six bells. Ringing 3 to 9 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 1s. 6d. each. Nominations for officers and committee will be received at this meeting. The committee will meet at Chesterfield on Saturday, March 3rd.—J. E. Amies, Hon. Sec., The Clergy House, Chesterfield.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch.—A general meeting of the above will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, with a view to electing officers for 1923. Will as many as possible make a special effort to attend? Meeting will be held at the Angel, High Street, at 4.30. Bells of the Parish Church available from 1 p.m. till 9 p.m. Also Kelsale (8). All ringers will be welcome.—George Wilson, Hon. Sec., Saxmundham District, 41 Valley Road, Leiston, Suffolk.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Tapcote on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available 4 till 7 p.m. Subscriptions for 1923 are now due.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 at the Church House, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

EXETER CATHEDRAL.—Augmentation to ring of twelve. Dedication service for two new bells on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, followed by special evensong at 3 p.m. Ringers admitted to tower after 4.30. Refreshments provided at Deller's Cafe.—T. Laver, Hon. Sec., 22, Cathedral Yard, Exeter.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, followed by business meeting. Tea, free to members. Visitors to pay 1s.—W. H. Hellier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Field on Feb. 3rd. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Church Room at 6 p.m.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d. Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N7.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Guild's form of service at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Parish Hall. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. District Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Service at St. Laurence's Church at 5 p.m. Bells available: St. Mary's from 3 p.m., St. Laurence's from 4 p.m. Tea, business meeting and smoker at the Central Cafe (Cinema), Friar Street, at 6 p.m., at 2s. 6d. each.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service, with short address by the Vicar, 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Berkhamstead bells will be available in the evening.—F. J. Reeve, Hon. District Sec., Clifton House, Tring.

DESBOROUGH, near MARKET HARBOROUGH.—The dedication service for the opening of the bells, which have been augmented to eight by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, will take place on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, at 3 p.m., to which ringers are invited.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newburn, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Committee Meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 p.m. (1/9 to members and 2/6 to non-members) at the Newburn Hotel. Those intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 6th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Tea for those applying to Mr. Green, Change Ringer, Crofton, near Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A District meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' Baillie Road, Guildford.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells from 4 p.m. Tea provided by the president at the Church Room at 5 p.m. sharp. Meeting afterwards, and service in church at 6.15. Wilton bells (6) will be available from 3 to 4.30 only. Those who are coming to tea please let me know by Monday, Feb. 5th.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, at the Central Cafe, Market Place, Faversham, at 1s. 6d. per head. Association allowance 1s. 3d., followed by business meeting. All members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, Feb. 6th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting, or sent to the District Secretary. The bells of Ospringe will also be available.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ripple on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Service at 4.30 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The branch secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available for ringing: St. Giles, Bloomsbury, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; All Hallows', Lombard Street, 1.45 to 2.45 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30, at 1s. per head, at Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow. Names for tea required by Feb. 3rd latest.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Soham, Cambs, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. The bells (10) have recently been rehung and will be available from 9 a.m. for the rest of the day, except from 6 to 6.15 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good attendance, and it will be a help if those intending to be present will let me know as soon as possible.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. A good meeting is requested. Annual Reports ready.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Cop Lane, Penwortham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromfield on Feb. 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at Vicarage, 4.30. Business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dist. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available, Spalding (8), Fulney (8), Pinchbeck (6). Service at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at Barker's Restaurant at 1 o'clock prompt; tickets 2/6 each. Any visitors requiring dinner please let me know not later than Wednesday, Feb. 7th.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for the Archdeaconry of Suffolk on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at Bramford, 2 p.m. Meeting at Sproughton, 4 p.m.—Chas. Mee, Sec. for Archdeaconry, Sproughton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables 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. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on Feb. 6th; St. Magnus on the 15th and March 1st; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Annual Meeting.—This will be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st, 1923. Any alteration, addition or abrogation of rules should reach me before April 10th, so that one month's notice may be given. Charabanc from Bristol, but members must apply early.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Sacred Heart R.C. Church on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 35th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 24th, 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 2/., to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 17th. The bells of St. Martin (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

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FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES.

That the strain of printing detailed reports every year is telling upon the financial strength of many of the associations, is more and more evident as time goes on, and following the suggestion which the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association put out not long ago, a proposal has been brought before the Yorkshire Association to charge a fee of threepence to each ringer taking part in a peal, to help meet the cost of printing the record in the annual report. Without doubt, these annual publications are a great drain upon funds, which in these days the ordinary subscriptions are insufficient to meet. A report like that of the Yorkshire Association is really a very substantial one, and if members desire their society to issue a publication of this kind, each ought to be prepared to pay for his copy. It is sometimes difficult to get ringers to realise what these publications involve in money alone, without taking any account of the time which has been given to their compilation. As has been previously pointed out, the cost of printing the peal records is usually the most costly part of the report, and, while it has been urged that booking fees place an undue tax upon those who are doing their best to raise the standard of peal ringing, there are those who are not constant peal ringers who contend that the printing of the details of other people's performances should be borne by those who take part in them. There is much to be said from each standpoint, and we can imagine that there will be strong discussion wherever the question is raised.

But now, along with the existing financial perplexities of some of the associations, come the first sounds of agitation which may add to the difficulties. A meeting of Lincoln Diocesan Guild members have decided to approach the Committee of the Association with a suggestion that the annual subscription should be reduced. This is principally on the ground that wages have fallen, and in an agricultural county such as Lincolnshire is, the effect of this decline is a serious one to the wage earners. Many ringing organisations—we are not sure if the Lincoln Guild was one of them—raised their subscription to meet the all-round rise in their expenses. These latter have not yet fallen, but if there is any general demand for reduction in subscriptions, the position of some of the associations will be serious. In order to bring into affiliation all ringers, whatever their personal circumstances, it is, of course, absolutely essential to make the annual contribution as small a one as possible. As ringers give their services to the Church, why should not the Church be asked to give help to the ringers' organisations? An

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affiliation fee, say, of ten shillings a year, for each tower paid out of the parochial funds, would be no serious burden on any church, but it would be the means of keeping many associations solvent, and, in some cases, no doubt, would enable a reduction to be made in the amount of the individual ringer's subscription.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIDOR, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb. in B flat.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDESLEY ... 8
*THOMAS W. TAFFENDER, JUN. 3	GEORGE A. CARD 9
MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER 4	†JAMES BULLOCK 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5	ARTHUR D. BARKER 11
FRANCIS E. DAWE 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method, and of Maximus, and first attempt.
† First peal of Maximus and first attempt. † First peal of Maximus.
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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... Treble	PERCY E. CLARK 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	THOMAS LANGDON 8
WILSON RUSHTON 4	HERBERT LANGDON 9
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5	FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a compliment to Wilson Rushton on his 17th birthday.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb. in E.

*FREDERICK PALMER Treble	JOHN JAY 6
WILLIAM PALMER 2	†LIONEL SEARS 7
GEORGE BLEACH 3	A. YORK BRAMBLE 8
CHARLES PALMER 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	THOMAS DEADMAN Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Jan. 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*STANLEY W. WHITE Treble	GERALD W. ARNOLD 6
†HARRY J. GOODENOUGH ... 2	†LEONARD G. STONE 7
†FREDERICK A. COLLINS ... 3	†WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 8
†WILLIAM C. L. PRIOR ... 4	GEORGE PRESTON 9
†EDWARD C. ELLIOTT 5	*HENRY J. NASH Tenor

Composed by J. ROGERS. Conducted by G. PRESTON.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as the quarterly peal of the district. Ringers of 2nd and tenor hail from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, 3rd and 8th from Ringwood, 5th and 6th from Lymington, the rest belong to the local band.

CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.	
WALTER ANDREWS Treble	REV. FRED J. O. HELMORE ... 6
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS... .. 2	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT... .. 3	GEORGE G. JENKINS 8
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	MORTON W. PIERCE 9
CHARLES W. BRETT 5	GEORGE H. SIMPSON Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.
The above are all members of the Cathedral company. The conductor's 200th peal.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.)

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.	
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
*W. H. HUMBERSTONE ... 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
PERCY HARRISON 4	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 9
W. H. B. MUNDY 5	*EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in this tower.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM A. LEWIS ... Treble	FREDERICK OAKHILL 6
FRANK COLE 2	JAMES PARKER 7
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	ALBERT BURCOMBE 9
HENRY FOSSELL... .. 5	ALBERT HANKS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.
* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the death of Doctor Jenner.

BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.	
JOE HARDCASTLE ... Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
MISS OLIVE L. LUMLEY ... 2	JOHN MCKELL 7
*MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON... 3	*HAROLD WALKER 8
JAMES COTTERELL 4	FRED SALMONS 9
*JAMES F. HARVEY 5	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by THOS. POLLITT. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.
* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. George Bolland and Joe Hardcastle.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ISLINGTON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Dec. 23, 1922, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HARRY FRANKS Treble	JOSEPH HAWKINS 5
JOHN CARTER 2	JEFFREY R. GAMMON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

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On Tuesday, Jan. 23, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
*ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	W. H. SHUKER 5
ALLAN F. BAILEY 2	*TITUS BARLOW 6
*JOHN POTTER 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
*THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 4	J. W. WASHEROOK ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHEROOK.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Jan. 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
H. WILLIAM BOYLES ... Treble	WILLIAM J. PAICE 5
GEORGE COLE 2	SAMUEL C. ADAMS 6
WILLIAM J. BROOKS 3	JOHN RANCE... .. 7
FRANK LUSH... .. 4	WILLIAM HOULTON ... Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by WM. J. PAICE.
Rung on the Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul, the Patronal Festival of the church. The conductor's 40th peal.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
HERBERT E. ROBBINS ... Treble	*JOHN T. BROTHWELL... .. 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	THOMAS RILEY 6
*BERNARD DITCHER 3	JESSE J. MOSS 7
CHARLES MASON 4	JOHN FLINT... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JNO. FLINT.
J. J. Moss' 100th peal. These peals have been rung with exactly 100 different ringers. * First peal in the method.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT)

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.	
FRED COTTON Treble	CHARLES BELTON 5
J. WILLIAM REYNOLDS ... 2	HARRY GARNER 6
SAM WHITE 3	GEORGE P. GARNER, JUN... 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	*ALBERT MASON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE P. GARNER, JUN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung as a 60th birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Jan. 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL ... 6
JAMES SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
*LADRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	*JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PRISTOW. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.
Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. J. Barnes (one of the local company) and Miss Lily Smalley, and also to oblige J. Watson, of Blackburn Parish Church, and L. J. Williams, of Churchkirk. * First peal in the method.

DEPTFORD.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.		Tenor 20½ cwt.	
GEORGE DURLING Treble	WILLIAM H. DAYNES 5	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
ERNEST B. CROWDER 2	JAMES HURRELL Tenor		
JOHN J. LAMB 3			
ISAAC G. SHADE 4			

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

TURVEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. in E.	
WILLIAM COCKINGS Treble	WILLIAM FREEMAN 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HENRY STAPLETON 6
BERNARD FISHER... .. 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. 7
MISS EVELYN STREL 4	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	LAWRENCE POULSON 5
FREDERICK MORTLOCK 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 6
FREDERICK LEEKS 3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON 7
FRANK TURNER 4	FREDERICK A. POULSON Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This was rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, Suffolk.

FOXEARFTH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM UNDERWOOD Treble	THOMAS CHINNERY 5
THEODORE SLATER 2	ARTHUR MAXIM 6
ERNEST AMBROSE 3	ALBERT CATTERWELL... .. 7
ARCHIE IVES... .. 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
CECIL V. EBBERSON Treble	*WILLIAM E. JUDD 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal of Superlative.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY & WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.		Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.	
RICHARD KEEN Treble	GEORGE BROOKS... .. 5	JOHN MONK... .. 6	NOBLE SPINDLOW 7
*LESLIE OLIFFE 2	GEORGE HARRIS... .. Tenor		
†THOMAS W. BOND 3			
THOMAS BULL 4			

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

* First peal. † First peal with a working bell.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.	
WILLIAM SPICE Treble	THOMAS JULL 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by S. B. DOBBIE.

First peal as conductor. Rung to oblige the ringer of the 7th, this being his first peal at this tower at which he started ringing.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
FRANK ONSHOTT Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD 5
JOHN BEAMS... .. 2	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	CHARLES READ 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. Neville G. J. Stiff, who was interred the same day.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, Feb. 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. Treble	ERNEST PALMER 5
FRANCIS BIBBY 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	WILLIAM BIBBY 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 67). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lb.	
*WILLIAM LEWIS... .. Treble	REGINALD L. LEWIS 5
CHARLES GREEDY! 2	SAMUEL JONES 6
JAMES H. PHILLIPS 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7
WILLIAM MARGOTTS... .. 4	GEORGE WATTS Tenor

Composed by J. PIGGOT.

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

* First peal.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
†WILLIAM BATTY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
*WILFRED B. KIRBY 2	ERNEST SIMPSON... .. 6
GEORGE ROBINSON 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
SAMUEL WARD 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on tower bells by the ringers of 5th and 7th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. B. Bolland, also to Mr. E. Simpson and Miss Simpson.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HERBERT TREDGITT... .. Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
*FRANK RINGE 2	ALFRED PYE... .. 6
†ERNEST FIRBANK 3	WESLEY WATSON 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM LEGGETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from tenor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DONSTAN-IN-THE-EAST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
HAROLD W. CLARK 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES V. HARE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
LIONEL H. PAGE... .. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHAS. T. COLES.

The conductor's 400th peal.

HARPENDEN, HERTS

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*BEN JARMAN Treble	*HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5
WALTER AYRE 2	HARRY WOOD 6
FREDERICK HUNT 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
ALFRED KING 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the treble belongs to the local band, 2nd hails from Leverstock Green, 5th from St. Albans Abbey, 7th from Hatfield, and the 3rd, 4th, 6th and tenor from Luton.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT Treble	THOMAS RILEY 5
HERBERT E. ROBBINS... .. 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
EDWARD ROBBINS... .. 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS... .. 7
CHARLES MASON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of Frank Wagstaff, one of the local company.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*SAMUEL BAKER Treble	*ALFRED ROWLEY 5
GEORGE HUGHES 2	*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	†ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 7
BERT HORTON 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from treble. First peal in the method on the bells since May 21st, 1892. The conductor's 20th peal in the method. Alfred Rowley's 40th peal on the above bells. Rung on the occasion of the annual festival of the Girls' Friendly Society, also as a compliment to Master William Geoffrey Rowley (grandson of the 5th ringer) on the 3rd anniversary of his birth.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

FRANK BELSEY Treble	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
JOHN WHEADON 2	CHARLES J. NORRIS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by WM. J. JEFFRIES.

Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT LONGHURST Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 5
PETER ETHERIDGE 2	ALFRED J. BULL 6
GEORGE ILLMAN 3	ALBERT ELLIS 7
STEPHEN KENWARD 4	WALTER HUNT Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED CHAMBERS Treble	*JOHN BOOTH 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	JOHN WATSON 6
WILLIAM SEARPLES 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRED RIGBY 4	*WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of treble, 6th and 7th hail from Blackburn, 3rd and tenor from Brindle, 2nd from Whittle-le-Woods, 4th from Chorley and 5th from Standish.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... Treble	GEORGE F. GARRISON... .. 5
WILLIAM H. BALL 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
WILLIAM SHORT... .. 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	ALFRED HACKETT... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal in the method as conductor.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

*ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	JAMES H. BANKS 5
JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	*LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

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

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, 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 14½ cwt.	
LEWIS NEWMAN... .. Treble	*ROBERT T. LAMBERT... .. 5
*DAVID HODGKIN... .. 2	*REGINALD E. LAMBERT... .. 6
†TOM SAUNDERS... .. 3	CHARLES H. SONE... .. 7
*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	PHILLIP HODGKIN... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HOBBAARD. Conducted by C. H. SONE.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Treble Bob Major with an 'inside' bell.

ELHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS'. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.	
*JOHN EAGLES... .. Treble	CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER... .. 5
CHARLES R. MILLWAY... .. 2	†ALBERT CASTLE... .. 6
RICHARD H. STEVENS... .. 3	CHARLES TURNER... .. 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN... .. 4	GEORGE A. GODFREY... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. R. Millway, who has carried out some valuable work as representative of the Canterbury District; also in honour of the wedding of Miss Christine Walker and Mr. Alic Willis, which took place at Alvescot, Oxon, on the same day. After the peal the band were very kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. A. Castle, whose hospitality was much appreciated.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and two of Woodbine, and 720 each of Kent, Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

CHARLES NONN... .. Treble	ALPHREDS J. BERRY... .. 4
EDWARD YOUNGS... .. 2	WILLIAM CLOVER... .. 5
GEORGE BROWN... .. 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.
Rung in honour of the birthday of Col. Lord Henniker, and of Mr. E. Youngs.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Jan. 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single.
Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHRIS. BOWERS... .. Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD... .. 4
ARCH. MORRIS... .. 2	E. WILLIAM TURNER... .. 5
DAVID HORNE... .. 3	GEORGE JORDAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

MILTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
(NORTH BERKS BRANCH)

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 of Cambridge Surprise, 1,440 of Oxford Treble Bob and 2,160 of Kent.

*JACK NOBES... .. Treble	*EDGAR HUMFREY... .. 4
JACK HONEY... .. 2	ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 3	GORDON CAUDWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.
* First peal of Minor.

EYNESBURY, ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. CHAMBERLAIN Treble	WILFRED C. IBBETT... .. 4
*HAROLD GREEN... .. 2	SIDNEY J. PECK... .. 5
*ALBERT GREEN... .. 3	HERBERT FIELDS... .. Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY J. PECK.
* First peal.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Jan. 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM POWELL... .. Treble	JAMES BLAKE... .. 4
JOHN J. BEVAN... .. 2	WILLIAM POSTON... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON... .. 3	ROBERT E. SUMMERS... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. E. SUMMERS.
First peal as conductor.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob & Plain. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*DAVID READ... .. Treble	ERNEST CURTISS... .. 4
FRANK RUFFLES... .. 2	HARRY HALL... .. 5
JOHN HALL... .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER RUFFLES.
* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Plain Bob.

*GEORGE MASON... .. Treble	FRED WIGMORE... .. 4
*ARTHUR WIGMORE... .. 2	BERT GOGLE... .. 5
*JOHN FOSTER... .. 3	*RALPH NARBOROUGH... .. Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.
* First peal in two methods. First peal as conductor in two methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Jan. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT MALVERN HOUSE, THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. PILGRIM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in G.

ROY PILGRIM... .. 1-2	NORMAN R. BAILEY... .. 5-6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN... .. 3-4	LEONARD W. BALE... .. 7-8

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Feb. 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT 82, STANLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

GEORGE W. FLETCHER... .. 1-2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER... .. 5-6
JOHN THOMAS... .. 3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL... .. 7-8
WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 9-10	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

RINGERS' DINNER AT LIVERPOOL.

A dinner organised by a few of the most active members of the Liverpool branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the Brunswick Hotel, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 27th. It is hoped that this will be the first of an annual series. A most enjoyable evening was spent, with Mr. R. O. Street in the chair.

After the toast of 'The King,' proposed by the chairman, had been duly honoured, a violin solo was excellently rendered by Mr. E. Boumphrey.

The toast of the 'Liverpool Branch' was proposed by Mr. S. F. Barnes, and, in the unavoidable absence of Mr. W. Hughes, was responded to by Mr. J. Martin.

The toast of 'The Visitors,' among whom were noticed Messrs. W. Bibby, J. E. Bibby, F. Bibby and Gleave, of Frodsham; Mr. H. W. Wilde, of Chester; Messrs. H. Ludkin and Barnes, of Oxtou; Messrs. J. Cliffe and E. Breede, of Bebbington, was responded to by Mr. H. W. Wilde.

During the evening, songs were rendered by Messrs. H. Ludkin, J. Wilkinson, J. Cliffe and A. Lindsay. A course of Grandsire Triples and a short touch of Bob Major were rung on handbells by the Messrs. Bibby and Ludkin, also a course of Major by the chairman, Messrs. Wilde, Martin and Ludkin.

It was pleasing to notice the presence of Messrs. W. T. Robson and J. W. Bell, who the company would like to see more often in the tower. It would not be right in this account of the proceedings to omit the name of Mr. Lamb, who has gone to reside at Wantage, Berks, and whose health was toasted during the evening.

Votes of thanks to the chairman, the artistes and organisers were responded to by Messrs. Newton, Wilkinson and Gilmour, the two latter being thanked for their excellent dinner arrangements.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Biggleswade district was held at Sandy on Saturday, January 20th, when members attended from Biggleswade, Everton, Clifton, Roxton, Potton, Northill, Bedford, Eynesbury, and the local company. Ringing commenced with a 240 Kent Treble Bob.

At the business meeting which followed tea, Miss Steel was in the chair, and one new member was elected.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Old Warden.

A hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. Soden to the Rector for the use of the bells. The tower was again visited, and the ringing maintained in standard methods until after 8 o'clock.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. K. Fry, R.D.) a quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough district was held at Higham Ferrers on Saturday, January 27th, members being present from Finedon, Burton Latimer, Isham, Kettering, Geddington, weekley, Broughton, Irthingborough, Wollaston, Raunds, Wellingborough, Easton Maudit, Earls Barton, Woodford, Ringstead, Thrapston, and the local band. The bells, a fine peal of eight, were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Major, Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

A short service was held in the fine old church, conducted by the curate, the Rev. G. E. Stevenson, who also gave a thoughtful and inspiring address. Tea was provided at the Bede House by the local ringers and their wives, 53 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, and in the absence of the vice-president the Rev. G. E. Stevenson occupied the chair.—Wollaston was chosen as the next place of meeting, and two new members were elected.

The secretary presented his report and balance sheet for the past year, which was considered highly satisfactory, and he was heartily congratulated upon it. He also referred to the loss the district had sustained by the removal of the Rev. J. G. Thornton, who had left the county, he having been a most loyal supporter of the association during the time he was Vicar of Mears Abbey. He mentioned the interesting fact that they could now boast that they had a Member of Parliament amongst their honorary members, and pointed out that Mr. Parker had held various offices in the association, and had been a most enthusiastic and loyal supporter for many years. He felt sure he should be expressing their wishes as well as his own when he said that he hoped that Mr. Parker would long hold the high and honourable position he had attained to. Reference was also made to the peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Yardley Hastings on December 25th last, it being the first peal of all those taking part, and believed to be the first peal ever rung there by a local band. The ages of three of the ringers were as follows: Treble 15, second 18, fourth (conductor) 19, and considering that this tower only joined the association on October 8th, 1921, when they could do nothing in the way of change ringing, it was a very good performance.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Rev. G. E. Stevenson for conducting the service and for his address, also to the organist, the local ringers and lady helpers, this bringing a most successful meeting to a close.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There were several points of interest about the peal of Treble Twelve at Southwark on Saturday by the London County Association, not the least noteworthy being the fact that it was the first occasion upon which a husband and wife had taken part together in a peal on twelve tower bells. To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Barker falls this distinction.

Then, too, Wilfred Taffender rang his third successive peal. His first was London Surprise Major, his second Stedman Cinques at Bow, and his third Treble Twelve at Southwark! Some start for a lad of 15!

At the heavy end we find Mr. James George, in his 70th year, ringing the 50 cwt. tenor, and turning her in without turning a hair. It is really wonderful when you think about it. We think Mr. George must unquestionably be the oldest ringer to ring this bell single-handed to a peal of Maximus.

The six ringers who took part in Mr. George Bolland's birthday peal at Tong on Saturday have between them 255 years' service in the belfry of their parish church!

The meeting of the Worcestershire Association recorded last week was a Northern and not a Western Branch meeting, as reported.

The peal at Rawmarsh on January 13th was rung in 3 hours 40 minutes, and not 2 hours 20 minutes, as published.

Among the long peals, of which the anniversaries fall next week, are the 14,016 Kent Treble Bob at Oldham on Feb. 12th, 1821; 7,018 Grandsire Cinques at Cornhill on Feb. 14th, 1731; 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on Feb. 14th, 1920; 9,999 Grandsire Major at Oldham, on Feb. 15th, 1825; 14,224 Bob Major at Aston on Feb. 16th, 1789; and 8,448 Stedman Cinques at Painswick on Feb. 16th, 1858.

BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. R. F. Deal, asks some questions with regard to ball bearings, and quotes the report of the conference between the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Central Council. That report must be read with reference to the main object aimed at, namely, the best way of preserving old towers. The conclusion arrived at was not a 'casual dismissal.' Indeed every paragraph was most carefully considered by both sides. Nor can the conclusion be the result of experiment, because ball bearings for bells have not yet been tried for a sufficient number of years to constitute a reliable experiment. From the point of view of stress on the tower, ball bearings can have no effect different to that produced by the older type of bearing, provided the latter is maintained in such reasonable order as to avoid any serious 'knock.'

One of the undoubted advantages of ball bearings is the saving of labour to the bellhanger in the tower, and the consequent lower initial cost of hanging. But generally the members of the conference felt that the question of ball bearings was an open one, depending on local circumstances, and they were not prepared to commit themselves to a definite opinion.—Yours faithfully,

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

NORFOLK AND SUFFOLK RINGING ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think that the argument about the areas of ringing associations in Norfolk and Suffolk has been caused by the fact that when the Act for increasing the Episcopate was unexpectedly passed in 1915, the authorities were not well advised in the areas for the new Bishoprics they laid out. West Norfolk and West Suffolk are very near the Cathedral at Ely, and, further, parts of West Norfolk are also not far distant from the Cathedral of Peterborough. Now that Leicestershire has practically been taken away from Peterborough, it seems to me that East Norfolk and East Suffolk should have been the area of one Bishopric, and the west portions of the counties should have gone to Ely.

But although that matter has been settled, and must be made the best of, I do not see why the accomplished fact should upset ringing. After all, bells should be used first and foremost for ringing regularly for Sunday services; for which, of course, you must have ringers. Now, bands cannot be formed and maintained without at times outside help, which can only be given sufficiently by some person in each district; and the enthusiasm of districts can only be maintained by peal ringing of associations. I consider that East Norfolk and East Suffolk, because of rail and road communications, are naturally linked together, and should always be together. We in the Waveney Valley, with our towers alternately in Norfolk and Suffolk, would regret a separation more than any other part of the old diocese.

I was one of those appointed in 1914 to interview the late Bishop of Suffolk on the matter. All he said was he wished for an association for his Diocese, and the wish of the East Suffolk ringers generally for a joint association he would make no comment on. As to how to keep ringing going I do not suppose he knew anything.—Yours truly,

FRED R. BORRETT.

EXETER CATHEDRAL BELLS DEDICATED.**ENTHUSIASM IN THE WESTERN CITY.**

About 300 ringers were present, and great enthusiasm was manifested throughout the City of Exeter on Saturday, when the new trebles to complete the peal of twelve at Exeter were dedicated.

The proceedings commenced with a short dedicatory service in the south tower, in which is the ringing chamber immediately beneath the bells. This is reached by a narrow spiral stairway from the nave permitting only one person at a time, and traversing the parapet from near the west front to the tower entrance.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, the donor of the new bells, was accompanied, as guests, by Sir Robert Newman, M.P., Mr. F. R. Lumley, Rev. J. F. Sheldon, formerly Rector of St. Leonard's, Exeter; with Mr. E. J. Harbottle (representing his father, Mr. E. H. Harbottle, Cathedral surveyor). Also in the tower were the Dean (Dr. H. R. Gamble), the Archdeacon of Exeter (Ven. F. A. Sanders), the Archdeacon of Totnes (Canon T. Newton Leeke), Canon D. McLaren (sheriff of Exeter), Preb. F. W. Gegg, Revs. H. de Vere Welchman, R. C. B. Llewellyn (succentor), W. E. Lees (priest vicar), and Mr. W. T. M. Snow (chapter clerk), with Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, secretary to Devon Guild of Ringers; Mr. W. J. Southwood, secretary of Exeter branch of the Guild; Canon G. F. Coleridge, of Crowthorne, Berks (president of the Central Council), and Mr. Denison Taylor, of Loughborough.

The Cathedral ringers were under Mr. F. J. Davey (foreman), and included Mr. T. Laver (secretary).

Mr. Thomas and party paid a visit to the belfry, and saw the new bells in position. The Dean performed the dedication.

THE 'THOMAS PEAL.'

The Cathedral band then rang the peal of eight in E flat, to be known as the 'Thomas Peal,' and the Grandisson peal of 12 in B flat, bringing in both the new bells. Canon Coleridge took part in the ringing, which continued until 2.40, when the bells were chimed for evensong at 3 o'clock, specially adapted to the occasion. There was a large attendance of the general public, who with the visiting ringers and others comfortably filled the nave.

A procession from the west end of the nave included representatives of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers, the Cathedral ringers, the donor, the choir, clergy, and Cathedral clergy, among those present being Revs. Maitland Kelly, of Kelly (president of Devon Guild); E. V. Cox, Bampton (secretary North-East Devon branch); H. B. Clark, Honiton Clyst; Messrs. E. Shepherd (chairman Exeter branch) and T. G. Bartlett (treasurer). The clergy included the Bishop of Crediton (Dr. R. E. Trefusis), Preb. W. Bevil Browne, Treasurer P. Jackson, Rev. H. G. Chalk, A. P. Lancefield, and C. E. Burkitt. Among those also present were Mrs. Thomas (wife of the donor) and Sir James and Lady Owen.

Dr. E. Bullock (Cathedral organist) led the singing of the professional hymn, 'O praise ye the Lord.' Rev. H. de Vere Welchman intoned the service. The Bishop of Crediton and the Dean read the lessons. Psalm 144 was chanted, and the choir rendered the anthem, 'Send out Thy light.' Special prayers were also used.

The concluding hymn was 'Hark on high the joyful music; hark the concert of the bells.'

After the service the Cathedral ringers rang the Cobthorne six, the Stafford eight in C minor, and other combinations, as well as the full peal, and ringing was continued by the visitors in relays until about 8 p.m.

Tea was provided for the ringers by the Dean and Chapter at Deller's Café.

Courses of Grandsire and Stedman Cinques were rung by a mixed band of Plymouth and Taunton ringers.

On Monday evening the Cathedral clergy, representative citizens, Cathedral ringers, and officers of the Guild will be entertained at dinner by Mr. A. C. Thomas.

Exeter Cathedral now boasts of one of the most remarkable combinations of peals in the country, as well as holding the distinction of having the heaviest tenor and the heaviest peal in the world hung for ringing. Visitors on Sunday were delighted with the new twelve, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated upon the success of their work.

RINGERS' HATS IN THE BELFRY.

A meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held on Saturday, Jan. 20th, at Great Brimley, 24 members, representing 11 branches, being present. Some good ringing was done, notably 720 Cambridge Surprise, conducted by the Master (Mr. W. J. Nevard). Tea was served at the Spread Eagle Hotel at the kind invitation of the Master, who presided, supported by the Vicar.

Allusion was made to the old custom in this parish of having the hats of the old ringers hung up in the corner of the belfry. These were a novel and interesting sight, the last one being dated 1823.

Mr. Nevard (Master) and Mr. R. W. Stannard (secretary) were re-elected unopposed, and after electing the Vicar and churchwarden as hon. members, handbells and music were indulged in. Tending was selected for the May meeting, and Harwich for midsummer.

SIMPSON TUNING.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Quot homines, tot sententia! But some of your correspondents are surely unfortunate. In spite of Messrs. E. Barnett, senr., and J. K. Jerram, there are a great many eminent ringers who do not loudly condemn the Simpson principle of tuning. In this town there has been lately installed a recast peal of ten for the old Parish Church of St. Nicholas—a first-class example of all modern 'heresies,' for the bells are in a steel frame, with ball bearings, and are tuned on the Simpson principle. But he would be more than rash who would decry them either from the point of view of the ringer inside the tower or the listener outside. And these bells are only one example of many.

There are just two simple points which many people overlook, but which might well be borne in mind by the Simpson critics:—

(1) That bells are primarily for the glory of God—and for this nothing less than the very best should be accepted—and not for personal idiosyncrasies of the ringers.

(2) That many bells are called 'Simpson tuned' which have little or no right to the name. Any who would know how beautiful a Simpson peal is have only to listen to the latest products of the famous Croydon or Loughborough foundries, who have cast many peals which refute the charges laid against bells of this type.—Yours, etc.,

CECIL H. CLARKE.

Vicar of St. Thomas', Hove, Brighton.

THE THOUGHTS OF A FLAT.

Sir,—A few thoughts on Simpson tuning. Has this method justified its purpose? Judging by the reports of various openings all over the world it must have. Anyway, it prevents such awful peals of bells as everyone is familiar with. What does Simpson tuning do? Much what the frock coat and top hat does. While not making a gentleman of anyone, it certainly makes them a little more presentable.

Now, as I have not got a battle axe, I must be a bit cautious in my remarks. The critic should remember that bells were intended to be heard more than a mile away. That is why they are put in the tower, and not in the chancel. Also, that founders cannot all be Rudhalls, any more than ringers can all be William Prys. No doubt Rudhall had some 'bad eggs.'

But what tickles my funnybone is that the critic says, 'I have rung peals on them.' Now, this is an army method of calling the stew and then eating it. Reminds me of a conversation I heard a short time ago. The conductor was holding forth on the musical qualities of various methods, when someone said, 'You stand for music?' 'Yes, all the time,' was the reply. 'Then why the policeman did you call such a rotten composition this afternoon?'

From the public point of view, excepting on special occasions and for their proper purpose, bells are tolerated, and no more. And, like the ringer, the public are just as pleased when a peal comes round, but from a different point of view. Nowadays there seems so much humbug about the ringing fraternity; yes, give them a peal of bells that go well, and which they can ring as much as they like, and what care they if the harmonics have got the rheumatics? Most of it goes out at the top. As to the musical part of the public, they have the foggiest notion about it. As I heard one say, 'Fancy playing all your tunes in E flat!'—Yours truly, A FLAT.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS

The annual general meeting of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Field on Saturday, and the gathering included members from Guildford, Dorking, Leatherhead, Swindon and Bletchley. The fine ring of twelve were kept going for two hours before tea.

At the meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews; treasurer, Mr. B. Foskett; senior steward, Mr. F. Smith; junior steward, Mr. C. Matthews; trustees, Messrs. E. Chapman and A. N. Hardy; hon. secretary, Mr. J. W. Cornford.

The balance sheet showed a very satisfactory state of affairs, the sum in hand being £22 4s. 6d. During the year four peals of Stedman Cinques, 1 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 2 Stedman Caters, 1 London Surprise Major, 1 Cambridge Surprise Major, 1 Double Norwich Major and 1 Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

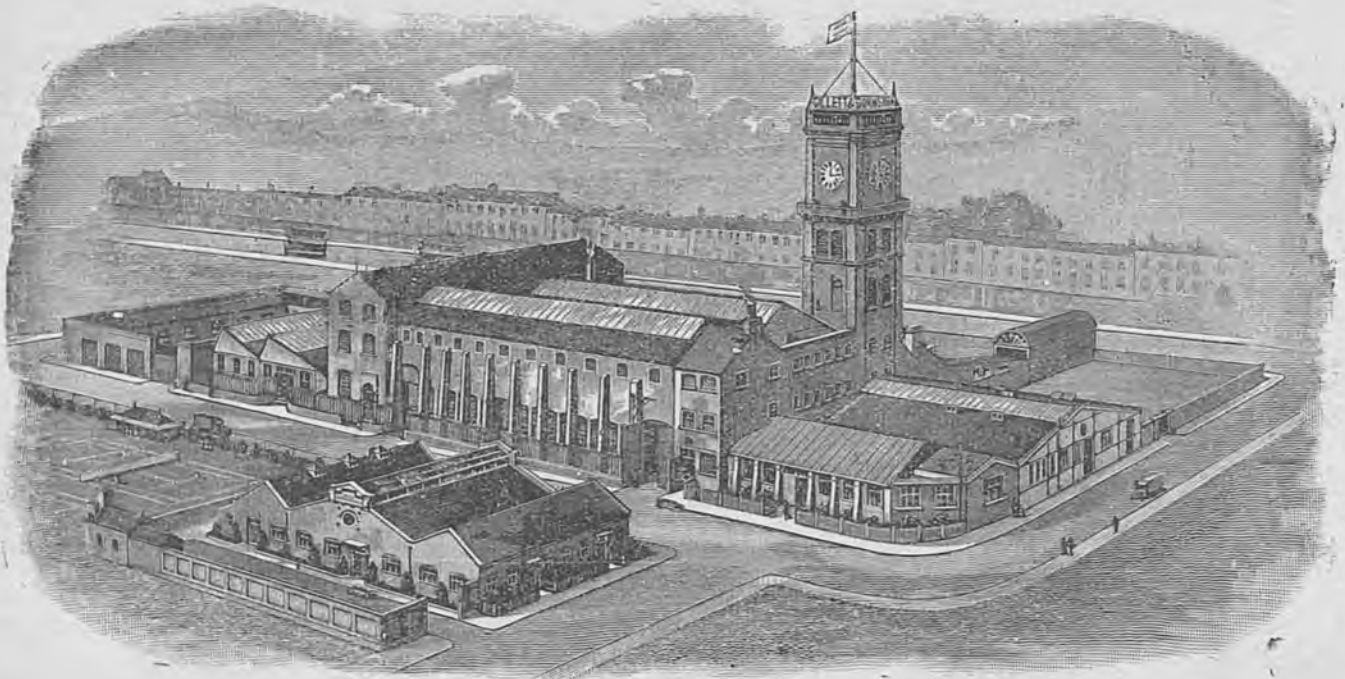
WEDDING BELLS.

In honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Howard, one of the local ringers, on Saturday, January 27th, 720 College Single, Oxford Bob, Merchant's Return, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, were rung at Barley, Herts, by F. Hayes 1, H. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Dec. 11th, 720 Bob Minor Ben Patmore 1, H. Wallace 2, Barnard Patmore (conductor) 3, H. Wilds 4, N. Patmore 5, Walter Smith (first 720) 6.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the New Year was held at Worksop on Saturday, January 20th. Ringers attended from Anston, Blyth, Barlboro', Shireoaks, Norton Cuckney, Southover Cathedral, Staveley Town, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Tickhill, Ordsall, West Retford, Treeton, Gainsborough, Lincoln, Wortley, Misterton and Worksop. The Gainsborough men arrived in good time, and by 2.45 p.m. had brought round some well-struck touches of Treble Bob Major, Stedman and St. Clement's Triples and Forward Major. They afterwards adjourned to the Priory Gate House, where the ladies were preparing tea, and gave selections on the handbells.

The Rev. Canon d'Arcy had arranged a choral service at the Priory Church, and he was supported by a member of choirmen and 18 choirboys, the organist and the Rev. S. Dennison. The service was a great delight to those 50 who attended. Tea at the Priory Gate House was followed by the business meeting, presided over by the Vicar (Canon d'Arcy), supported by the Rev. S. Dennison, the hon. secretary, etc.

Two new members (Messrs. W. Schofield and L. Walker, of Tuxford) were elected. The next meeting, the annual meeting, will be held at Retford in May. The Gainsborough ringers gave a course of Grand sire Triples on the handbells, which was much appreciated.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Worksop for granting the use of the bells, arranging the service, and presiding over the tea and meeting, also to Mr. S. Mayes, organist, for arranging the choral service; to the choirmen and boys and the Rev. S. Dennison for their attendance.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the ringers' wives and lady ringers for attending to the wants of the inner man.

The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome them to Worksop; they were doing a good work throughout the diocese, and they had delighted him with some good ringing during the afternoon. The secretary of the association had asked, through 'The Ringing World,' for a good attendance, and he had got it. He would only be too pleased to arrange a similar service in all respects on a future occasion if asked to do so. In fact, he would like one every day; it reminded one of the days of our forefathers when men were more regular in their attendance at daily worship in the house of God.

During the afternoon and evening Grand sire, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, St. Clement's Triples, Stedman Triples and a number of six-bell methods from Bob Minor to Cambridge Surprise were rung. A most pleasing feature was the first touch of Grand sire Triples by the 11-year-old son of Mr. Herbert Trueman, and a lady ringer (Miss Taylor) conducting the first touch of Grand sire Triples on the bells.

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Midland District was held at St. John's, Deritend, 'Birmingham's third oldest church,' on Saturday, January 20th. There was quite a good gathering of members from Smerwick, Solihull, Evesham, Handsworth and Netherton. Much regret was expressed that, owing to a bad cold, Miss Parker was not able to be at the meeting, and much sympathy was expressed with Mrs. White, who was unable to attend owing to the illness of Mr. White.

Unfortunately, owing to the illness of a little child in the vicinity of the church, there was no ringing on the tower bells, but handbell ringing occupied a little of the time. Mr. J. E. Groves and a young member of St. John's band taking part.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Morgan) took the visitors round the church, explaining several things of interest, among them, the deed for the endowment of Deritend Chapel, signed by Richard II. in 1383; and the bust of John Rogers born in Deritend, 1500, and burned at the stake in Smithfield in Queen Mary's reign in 1555. The Vicar afterwards conducted the Guild form of service, and gave a very interesting and helpful address. He also arranged tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the party.

Miss Johnson was elected to the chair for the business meeting, at which two life members were elected. The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness, and in replying he gave the Guild a hearty invitation to visit his church again soon.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION IN 1922.

At the close of 1922 the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association had 973 members, made up as follows: Resident life members, 5; non-resident, 224; hon. members, 51; performing members, 675; probationers, 18. The receipts were £104 3s. 2d., and the payments £120 13s. 8d., leaving a deficit of £16 10s. 6d. In the 205 peals rung in 53 methods from Doubles to Maximus, 306 members took part. A grand total of 1,036,145 changes was rung in 607 hours 59 minutes, with 40 conductors. The tower bell peals were rung in 68 towers. One general meeting of the association, five branch meetings and 18 district meetings were held.

WILLIAM DOUBLEDAY CROFTS.**A MEMORIAL DINNER.**

On the 27th January, in that quaint Elizabethan hostel, the Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham, where in all probability the man whose memory was honoured had refreshed himself, a fully representative company sat down to dinner with the dual object of social intercourse, and to revive the memory of the stalwarts who have gone before, and the chief and most remarkable being William Doubleday Crofts, the Nottingham lawyer and campanologist, who lived 1737—1809. The local president, Mr. Albert Coppock, occupied the chair, supported by the Vicar of St. Peter's, Nottingham (the Rev. H. P. Hall), the Revs. R. F. Wilkinson and J. F. Amies, Mr. Eryce Taylor, Mr. C. Dean (representing Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), Mr. E. Bailey (Leiston), Mr. W. E. White, Mr. G. Hollis, whilst all the towers of note in Notts were represented, excepting Nottingham.

The Chairman traced the history of change ringing in Nottingham from its known commencement in 1672 down to the establishment of the M.O.A., pointing out all conductors and important features connected with the peals recorded. He also drew attention to the future care of such records as still exist, deploring the loss of W. D. Crofts's personal peal book, through a piece of pure sentiment, and the sale of a peal of cup handbells left by Crofts to the ringers at St. Mary's, Nottingham, by one who was merely the custodian.

Opinions were expressed as to the best way to preserve these manuscripts, and one of the methods may be adopted, if the present holder gives consent.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson gave a most interesting address on the bell founders of Nottingham, prefacing his remarks with a piquant anecdote of the enterprising efforts of a former Mansfield ringer in collecting Christmas boxes.

An excellent programme was provided by the Welbeck Gleo Quartette, which includes a well-known ringer, and Mr. Chas. Riley, a clever local entertainer, the accompaniments being furnished by another ringer, Mr. W. Taylor, organist at Greasley, Notts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting was held at Martock on Saturday, January 27th. There was an attendance of about 30 members, representing Ilminster, Stoke-under-Ham, Norton-sub-Hamdon, Yeovil and Martock. The service held in the Parish Church was conducted by the president of the branch (the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock), who, in his address, welcomed the branch to Martock.

Tea was served in the Church House, and was followed by the business meeting. The president occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. H. J. Davies, Vicar of Stoke, and Mr. J. Goodchild, churchwarden of Yeovil Parish Church.

The officers were re-elected as follows: The Rev. G. W. Saunders, president; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary and representative of the branch on the general committee, and Mr. D. G. Taylor, Ringing Master. — The President said, in accepting office again, he did so against his own principles. He did not believe in one man holding the same office for a long time, but the longer he held this office the more difficult he found it to refuse to accept it. He was pleased the membership was increasing (the secretary having reported that 18 new members had been elected during the year), and that several were to be proposed at that meeting. He would like to see the suggested office for admission of ringers to the association used. He intended to admit new members to his own band at a public service in the church. He considered in that way the congregation would be brought to know the good work ringers were doing.

Thirteen new members were elected either as probationers or full members. The Rev. J. McKay, Rector of Norton; the Rev. H. J. Davies, Vicar of Stoke, and Mr. J. Goodchild, of Yeovil, were elected hon. members.—Mr. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had provided such an excellent tea.

At the conclusion of the meeting a return was made to the tower. Grand sire, Stedman and Bob Major were the methods practised during the day.

HALESOWEN RINGER'S DEATH.

On Saturday, January 20th, the mortal remains of Mr. Harry Lea were laid to rest at Halesowen Parish Churchyard. The deceased, who was 58 years of age, was a sideman for a great number of years, and a bell ringer for nearly 40 years. He rang his first peal at Halesowen Church on Jubilee Day, 1887. He was one of the ringers to take part in the first change ringing in Halesowen since 1776, of which there is record. He was a Sunday School teacher in his younger days.

The bells were rung half-muffled for an hour before the funeral service, which was attended by the ringers, who also rang for an hour afterwards. Several touches of Stedman Triples were brought round by the local band, including E. White, M. Hackett, G. N. Cockin, W. Coley, V. White, A. Hackett (conductor), W. Webb, E. Brettle, W. Brown, A. Harriss. Nineteen wreaths were placed on the grave, including one from the bell ringers.

Sunday Service Ringers' Page.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: Miss Harris 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, G. H. Spice 4, Percy J. Spice 5, W. Spice 6.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Webb 1, E. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, G. H. Spice 4, Percy J. Spice 5, W. Spice (conductor) 6. P. J. Spice's first attempt for Cambridge Minor.

LONDON.—At St. Clement Dunes, Strand, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: Miss D. Bryant 1, R. A. Fardon 2, G. R. Fardon (conductor) 3, Miss P. Moss 4, H. Pudland 5, C. W. Roberts 6, W. Rushton 7, E. A. Young 8. First quarter by the St. Clement Youths, and first by Miss Bryant.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 26 mins.: F. A. Mitchell 1, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 2, H. Argent 3, G. R. Ambrose 4, L. Beckett 5, G. Morrad 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. B. N. Russell, son of Mr. John Russell, for many years churchwarden of this church, who was accidentally killed on the railway on Tuesday, January 30th.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. T. Evans 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Edwards 4, H. T. Hughes 5, G. Williams 6, W. B. Kynaston (first quarter as conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Also recently, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, H. T. Hughes 3, G. Williams 4, H. Jarman 5, R. T. Evans (first quarter as conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, 720 Treble Bob Minor: F. Hayes 1, W. Mansfield 2, W. Sermons 3, A. Howard 4, W. Tack 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for the evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Godfrey 1, R. H. Stevens 2, C. Turner 3, J. Eagles 4, C. R. Walker (conductor) 5, C. R. Millway 6, F. W. Elliott 7, H. Pilcher 8.

CAVERSHAM.—For evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major, in 49 mins.: J. Waine 1, Miss S. Davis 2, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 3, G. Essex 4, E. W. Menday 5, E. J. Monday 6, A. D. Cullum 7, W. Hibbert 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, Southover, on Sunday evening, Feb. 3rd, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Boyes 1, W. Pelling 2, B. Heasman 3, A. S. Errey 4, T. B. Scrivens 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dave (conductor) 7, W. Ward 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At All Saints' Church, for evensong, on Sunday, Feb. 4th (also for the silver wedding of Mr. Ralph Coles, foreman), 1,265 Stedman Caters, in 52 mins.: F. Hays 1, R. Coles 2, J. Gransbury 3, E. R. Coles 4, A. J. Hoing 5, G. Twitchen 6, G. White 7, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, W. H. Plumridge 10.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—At the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 minutes, for morning service, on Feb. 4th; F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, W. Ayles 2, P. Giles 3, E. Martin 4, P. Cook 5, W. Scaife, R.M.L.I., 6, H. Aitken 7, F. Edney 8.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: L. Warner 1, C. Charman 2, Mrs. R. Whittington 3, H. Tidy 4, A. Charman 5, E. Warner 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, T. Worsfold 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Michael's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Springham (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Bird 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, W. T. Prior 6, H. Dew 7, C. Ridgewell 8.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 28th, at the Church of St. Mary, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. H. Wilkins, F. G. Newman, H. T. Scarlett, J. C. Adams, R. Maynard, senr., R. Maynard, jun. (conductor), W. H. Freeman, A. Estall. Rung as a compliment to A. Estall on his 69th birthday.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, January 28th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. J. Butler 1, A. Chalk 2, P. Ashcroft (first 720) 3, V. Glass 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: V. Glass 1, W. Butler 2, W. Mellin 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. First 720 Surprise by an entirely local band at this tower.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 28th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob: N. Hayes 1, W. Mansfield 2, R. Howard 3, W. Tack 4, W. Sermons (conductor) 5, A. Howard 6.

KIRDFORD, SUSSEX.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, January 28th, for morning service, nine six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, each

called differently: E. Enticknap 1, H. Nicholls 2, S. Kilner 3, P. Duneton 4, F. Brooks (conductor) 5, G. Wakeford 6. Rung after meeting late for a quarter-peal.

ERITH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, January 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., half-muffled, as a token of respect to W. Whiting, an old parishioner: L. Cullum 1, A. Connely (Woolwich) 2, H. Holden 3, A. J. Horsley (Woolwich) 4, W. Smith 5, D. Harvey 6, A. Morton (conductor) 7, R. Middleton 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, January 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original): E. W. Pannett 1, Miss Mabel A. Nye (Bagshot) 2, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 3, H. James (Lee) 4, E. J. Pannett 5, J. Hurrell (Eltham) 6, T. A. Easterby 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

BURES, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, January 14th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Warn (Fordham) 1, E. Leggett (Wormingford) 2, C. Bareham (Great Tey) 3, A. Worth (Great Horkeley) 4, W. Stiff (conductor, Mount Bures) 5, C. Bowers (Bures) 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—On New Year's Eve, at St. Lawrence Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 48 mins.: G. Noakes 1, A. Brier 2, V. Lowton 3, H. Sutton 4, A. A. Ham 5, W. Perry 6, A. P. Duffield (conductor) 7, L. Noakes 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob: N. Hayes 1, F. Hayes 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, H. Howard 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. Also at 11.30 p.m., for the close of the old year and coming in of the new year, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Hayes 1, H. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—On Sunday, Dec. 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): *W. Wharton 1, E. Brocklebank 2, W. Hughes 3, R. Birchall 4, *E. Glanvill 5, J. Evans 6, H. Ludkin (conductor) 7, S. Moston 8. * First quarter-peal. Rung with the bells muffled on New Year's Eve.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 24th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: *V. G. Stock 1, H. Baverstock 2, *F. Cole 3, *A. G. Rose 4, T. Woolley 5, A. Bradley 6, F. W. Townsend (conductor) 7, *T. Sanson 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman, also the first quarter-peal by the local band.

WINDSOR, BERKS.—At the Church of St. John, for evening service, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. Wren (first-quarter) 1, R. Franklin 2, W. P. Cross 3, H. Gosling 4, T. Smith 5, T. Farr 6, W. Welling (conductor) 7, J. Croft 8.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 24th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Jenkins 1, *G. Vernon 2, H. Fairclough 3, E. Bostock 4, L. Bostock 5, J. H. Davenport (conductor) 6. * First 720 'inside'.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Sage 1, H. Fairclough 2, E. Bostock 3, L. Bostock 4, E. Jenkins (conductor) 5, J. H. Davenport 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by a local band.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Sunday, December 24th, after evensong, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Prebble, Cyril P. Munn, R. Birch, A. E. Manning (conductor), S. Mowl, W. Bidnell, senr., S. A. Gower, G. E. Drury.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.—On Christmas Eve, for evensong, 1,260 of Plain Bob, in 45 mins.: W. Chamberlain 1, A. Green 2, A. Walton 3, H. Green 4, W. C. Ibbett 5, S. J. Peck (conductor) 6. Longest touch by the local band.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), comprising 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire, in 48 mins.: F. Hopper 1, C. Yates 2, A. Turner 3, J. Townsend (conductor) 4, P. Asplin 5. First quarter-peal in two methods by all except ringer of the treble. F. Hopper belongs to Northampton, the rest to the local band.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for carol service, on Christmas Eve, 240 Bob Doubles: E. Curtis 1, E. Sanders 2, J. Berridge 3, J. Tiney 4, H. Gibbard (conductor) 5. Also 240 Grandsire Doubles, with J. Berridge 1, H. Gibbard 2, E. Sanders 3, J. Tiney 4, E. Curtis (conductor) 5.—For 7.30 a.m. service, on Christmas Day, 360 Grandsire Doubles.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 24th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: D. Horne 1, R. Lewis 2, C. Horne 3, C. Bowers 4, G. Lewis (conductor) 5, G. Jordan 6.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, after evensong, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Erin Caters (1,279 changes): H. T. Scarlett, J. H. Wilkins, H. A. Edwards, C. T. Coles (conductor), G. B. Lucas, J. C. Adams, H. J. Maynard, R. Maynard, junr., F. C. Maynard, R. Maynard, senr. Longest length in the method by all the band

30 METHODS IN SEVEN EXTENTS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was naturally much interested in Mr. Dawson's inquiry which appeared in your issue of January 26th. In reply, I wish to point out that the idea and plan of splicing Minor Methods has been before the Exercise at least 10 or 12 years. I think I am correct in saying that the Rev. H. Law James was the first to make known and to practise the idea. Through him the matter was discussed at the Central Council meeting in 1912. In the issue of 'The Ringing World,' August 23rd, 1912, Mr. E. H. Lewis described the rules by which the splicing could be done. A peal which contained extents in spliced methods was rung here on July 12th, 1913, and, together with the peal, the figures were published in an early issue of 'The Ringing World.'

I would like to add that the practice of splicing invests Minor ringing with considerable additional interest, which fact has often made me very much surprised that the practice has not been more widely adopted. I hope that as a result of this inquiry it may become so, and if any further particulars are desired I should be only too glad to give them.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES FERNLEY.

BOBS AND SINGLES IN MINOR.

Sir,—I was pleased to see Mr. Dawson's letter congratulating the Norbury company upon their recent achievement in ringing a spliced peal of Minor in 30 methods, and also wish to add my own congratulations to his, as I took part in the first peal of its kind in 14 methods at Edenham, Lincolnshire, composed and conducted by the Rev. Law James in February, 1911. If Mr. Dawson would inquire of that gentleman he would give him all the information he requires.

As to the suggestion of giving the Bob and Single leads of the methods in the 'Collection,' I have seen this question asked many times. The Rev. Law James, in answer to an inquiry which I made when the collection first came out, stated that in all Minor methods 4th's place is made at a bob instead of 2nd's or 6th's which ever it may be at a plain lead. A single is made by making 4th's as at a bob, and the plain lead place whichever it is and also the place between them. For example:—

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Plain Lead	165432	153624
	164523	135264
Bob	165432	153624
	156423	135642
Single	165432	153624
	165423	135624

It is a surprise to me that more six-bell ringers have not taken up spliced-method ringing, as it increases the interest in six-bell work, and also saves many rows of rounds coming up when it is wished to ring a peal in more than the seven methods.

I should also like to see all those Surprise Methods rung by the Anston company (composed by Mr. Fowler, I believe, and rung during the South African war and since), so that the best could be added to the collection. I also notice the record of a 720 Bristol Minor rung at Aldrington. This would be interesting, as I have never seen the method published under this name.—Yours, etc., F. BLOOD.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH FAVOUR BELFRY REPAIR FUND.

The annual meeting of the above branch was held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday week. Ringers attended from Coaley, Dursley, Stenchcombe, Berkeley, Wickwar, with the local ringers. The bells of the Parish Church were available, and kept going to Grandsire, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Stedman. At the special service, which was choral, the Vicar (the Rev. F. F. Greenham) officiated. An excellent tea was provided in the Parish Room, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding.

The hon. secretary read the report and balance sheet for the past year, which were very satisfactory. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. A. Burcombe; vice-chairman, Mr. W. Dyer; representative on the general committee, Mr. H. W. Fussell; hon. secretary, Mr. A. W. Lewis, Ham, Berkeley.—One new member was elected, and the meeting passed a resolution in favour of a belfry repair fund, which it is hoped the association will bring forward at the annual meeting on Whit Monday.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and providing such an excellent tea was passed.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the association to Wotton. He greatly appreciated the work the association was doing, and hoped it would meet with continued success.—A hearty vote of thanks was also passed to Mr. R. Marmont for giving his service at the organ.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual general meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, January 20th, at Wokingham. A service was held in St. Paul's Church in the afternoon, when the sermon was preached by Canon R. P. Newhouse, Rector of Sandhurst.

Tea followed in St. Paul's Parish Room, under the management of Mrs. Houlton, assisted by Mrs. H. M. Walter, Mrs. F. Heilas, Mrs. E. S. Barry, Mrs. Onslow and Mrs. Collis. Those present included the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (chairman, Sonning Deanery Branch), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild-secretary), Mr. F. Dentry (branch secretary), Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council), Canon R. P. Newhouse, the Revs. H. M. Walter, B. Long, Farham, J. C. F. Wimberley, S. M. Winter, P. H. Ditchfield, E. H. Arkwright and C. Nightingale.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis presided over the business meeting. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of £12 19s. 7d., an increase upon the previous year of £1 1s. 2d.—The Hon. Secretary reported that there was a membership of 183 of all ranks, a drop in one tower being made up for by the entry into the branch last year of Waltham St. Lawrence. Mr. T. Houlton, of St. Paul's, Wokingham, a ringer for upwards of 50 years, and one of the branch's oldest members, had been taken from them by death. Two peals had been rung in the year in the branch, both by Sandhurst (applause). Combined practices had been held in all the towers, the methods rung including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise.—The report was adopted with applause.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mr. Dentry hon. secretary and treasurer. The committee, consisting of the foremen of the towers, were re-elected. Mr. W. Houlton being chosen in the place of the late Mr. T. Houlton at St. Paul's. Messrs. Moth, Wright, Rance and Brooks were elected representatives to the Guild General Committee, and Messrs. Brooks, Moth, White, Rance and B. Darvill to combined practice committee.

The usual toasts were then given, including the Preacher (the Rev. R. P. Newhouse), the Rev. H. M. Walter, and the organist (Mr. A. H. Custy).

The Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, in proposing 'The Guild,' spoke of the influence of a great Guild like theirs upon its members. All were grateful to the ringers for the work they did.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild, in replying, said the Guild was a very big thing, of which they were but a small part. Oxford had now started a branch, and other branches were possible. It was said there were still towers where the bells were not ringing, so there was yet a great work for the Guild to do.

Mr. R. T. Hibbert, who also replied, said the Guild was in a flourishing condition.

The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (hon. treasurer of the Guild) gave an account of the Guild finances, the balance being £61 ls. 7d. Eighty-four peals had been rung, against 44 last year. He also referred with feeling to the recent decease of Mrs. Tyndale Heilas, an old personal friend, always associated with these gatherings.

The Rev. E. H. Arkwright thanked the ladies who had helped with the tea.

The local towers were placed at the disposal of the members for ringing during the afternoon, and many touches were brought round.

A MEETING AT BRAY.

As is their usual custom, the Vicar and ringers of Bray kindly arranged for a half-day meeting at the Parish Church on Saturday week, when some 30 members of the Berks and Bucks Branch maintained their interest in the Oxford Diocesan Guild, representing ten towers, with visitors from Goring (Mr. and Mrs. Carter) and St. Giles', Reading (Mr. and Mrs. Simmonds).

The branch secretary (Mr. A. J. Harman) came direct from urgent duties at Lymehouse, and during the evening arranged for the branch committee to meet at Boyne Hill, on Saturday, Feb. 24th; the annual general to be at Beaconsfield on Easter Monday, subject to local approval.

Mr. J. N. Beale (local foreman) supported a suggestion that the old practice of holding monthly combined meetings be resumed. It was mentioned that the Diocesan Conference for Oxford was held at Reading last year, thus breaking, for the first time, its annual gathering in the city. This was thought to be a good omen for the Berks and Bucks ringers, who reside so far from the centre now adopted for the annual festival of the Guild.—The Rev. W. S. Riddlesdell presided at the tea, and after thanks to the organisers had been proposed and applauded, the family party adjourned to the church at 6.30, and there joined in prayers with the Vicar, who took over the organist's duty for the two hymns that were sung. Further ringing afterwards took place. Fine weather and a moon assisted the homeward journey, adding to the enjoyment of the visit. It should be noted that one gentleman created a record by acting in the following capacities: President, chairman, Vicar, chaplain, organist and bell ringer.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 35th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 24th, 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 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 17th. The bells of St. Martin (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Newburn, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Committee Meeting at 4.15, and tea at 5 p.m. (1/9 to members and 2/6 to non-members) at the Newburn Hotel.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Tea for those applying to Mr. Green, Change Ringer, Crofton, near Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A District meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' Baillie Road, Guildford.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Taunton, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells from 4 p.m. Tea provided by the president at the Church Room at 5 p.m. sharp. Meeting afterwards, and service in church at 6.15. Wilton bells (6) will be available from 3 to 4.30 only.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Faversham on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, at the Central Cafe, Market Place, Faversham, at 1s. 6d. per head. Association allowance 1s. 3d., followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at the meeting, or sent to the District Secretary. The bells of Ospringe will also be available.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available for ringing: St. Giles, Bloomsbury, 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.; All Hallows', Lombard Street, 1.45 to 2.45 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 3 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.30, at 1s. per head, at Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow.—A. D. Barker, Hon. General Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells 4.30 and 6.30 to 8. Tea at 5.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. A good meeting is requested. Annual Reports ready.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Cop Lane, Penwortham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Spalding on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Bells available, Spalding (8), Fulney (8), Pinchbeck (6). Service at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at Barker's Restaurant at 1 o'clock prompt; tickets 2/6 each.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for the Archdeaconry of Suffolk on Saturday, Feb. 10th. Ringing at Bramford, 2 p.m. Meeting at Sproughton, 4 p.m.—Chas. Mee, Sec. for Archdeaconry, Sproughton.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The meeting of the Hunts District fixed for Huntingdon on Feb. 10th has been unavoidably postponed until after Easter.—H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday, 6.30 till 8 o'clock. Ringing Sunday mornings, Feb. 11th and 25th, 10 till 11 o'clock. Also Sunday afternoon, Feb. 11th, 2.15 till 3.15. Monthly business meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 28th, at 8 o'clock.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

THE GIFFORD MEMORIAL.—The tablet to the memory of the late Mr. W. W. Gifford will be dedicated at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 5 p.m. There will be a short special service held, and it is earnestly hoped that all fellow ringers will make an effort to attend.—L. Harris and F. W. Romaine, Hon. Secs.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Unveiling peal tablet at 4 p.m. Tea at the Swan Hotel at 5 p.m. (1/3 each).—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due; reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells available at Christ Church from 3 p.m. Tea at King's Arms Hotel, 4.45. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Blagdon (near Bristol) on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Sacred Heart R.C. Church on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The next meeting will be held at Ampthill on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells at 3. All will be welcome.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, Dunstable.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Owing to the recent illness of the Secretary, the Quarterly meeting which was to be held the third Saturday in February, will necessarily be postponed a few weeks. Due notice will be given when the date of the meeting is fixed.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. Dale. Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon, 1/3 each, at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, 20th? Subscriptions which are now due will be gladly received at this meeting.—C. Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 4.30. Address by the Rev. C. H. Barker, Vicar of Swindon. Tea will be provided for those only who notify me not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 27th.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston, Staffs.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables 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 15th and March 1st; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

PUBLICATIONS.

'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.

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LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for 12,898 Cambridge Surprise Major will (D.V.) be made at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, February 24th, commencing 1.30 p.m. prompt. Nearest station, Elmsthorpe (1½ miles), L. and N.W. Railway. Branch line, Nuncaton to Leicester. Copies of the composition have been sent to the President of the Midland Counties Association and to the Editor of 'The Ringing World.'

HANDBELLS WANTED.

WANTED.—Second-hand set of about 20 handbells. Any size. Must be in good order.—W. J. Paice, The Gardens, Ridge Cottage, Finchampstead, Berks.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Saturday, January 6th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, an attempt was made for Holt's ten-part peal of Grandsire Triples by an entirely local band, but was lost after ringing for 2 hours 35 minutes, and ringing just over 4,000 changes: E. Mann 1, E. Hendley 2, E. Green 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Collins 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8. Longest length by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 4th and 8th, and longest as conductor. Also for evensong, on Sunday, January 7th, 672 Grandsire Triples. E. Collins 1, F. Green 2, G. Street 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Hendley 5, E. Whitfield 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8.

NOTICE.

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MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

The recent achievement by the band at Norbury, Cheshire, of a peal of Minor in thirty methods within the compass of seven true extents, has served to stimulate interest in multi-method peals, and we hope it may be the means of many more bands taking up the practice of spliced method ringing. It is more than ten years ago since this form of Minor extents was introduced, although, probably owing to the innate conservatism of ringers, very few bands have followed up the idea. Certainly no company has exploited the scheme as much as the Norbury men, whose success merits the warmest congratulation of the Exercise. It has hitherto been adjudged a hall mark of competency in Minor ringing to ring a peal in seven methods, and many ringers who have done this imagine they have reached nearly, if not quite, the top of the tree. But the Norbury peal proves that there is vast room for an advance, and we doubt, even, whether any peal in any one method on any number of tower bells can be said to surpass it.

It means that on an average no more than 168 changes are rung in each method, but the number of shunts from one method to another is far more than thirty, for a return may be made to a method two or three times in the course of a 720. One needs sharp wits and a more than passing acquaintance with the methods themselves for gymnastics of this kind, and it must not only invest Minor ringing, as Mr. Fernley pointed out last week, with considerable additional interest, but make it infinitely more difficult as well as entertaining. For instance, consider this as a four method extent; one lead of Wragby; three leads of Grove; two leads of Neasden; five leads of College Bob; three leads of Wragby; two leads of Grove; five leads of Neasden; three leads of College Bob; two leads of Wragby and four leads of Grove. There you have ten changes of method, and when it is remembered that seven such extents were rung and that each extent was a combination of different methods, it will be realised that the Norbury ringers' performance was of extraordinary merit.

We do not, however, look upon even this as the final word in this kind of peal, but we should like to see it the beginning of a much wider practice of spliced-method peals. In the same way we do not look upon the recent achievement of the Cambridge University Guild in ringing a peal in three Major methods as in any sense a "freak" performance, but probably only the forerunner of many varieties of multi-method peals on eight bells. There are, we believe, greater difficulties at the moment in providing true peals of Major on the multi-method plan

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than there are in Minor; but this obstacle, we imagine, will largely disappear when the Major methods have been explored and published in the same exhaustive manner as the Minor. At present the choice of Major methods is extremely limited, whereas the possibilities are vast, and we believe the time will come when we shall see peals of Major rung in almost, if not quite, as many methods as is now possible in peals of Minor.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL	Treble	ARTHUR CATTEL	7
ERNEST MORRIS	2	DET.-SERGT. H. G. JENNEY	8
HAROLD J. POOLE	3	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM	9
HARRY BROUGHTON	4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER	10
JOHN OLDHAM	5	JOSIAH MORRIS	11
SHERLEY BURTON	6	THOMAS TAYLOR	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the wife of the Vicar. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells by all the band except the ringers of the 4th, 5th and 6th. The ringers of the 2nd, 7th and 11th belong to the tower, 5th to Loughborough, remainder to St. Martin's, Leicester.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
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On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATER'S, 5059 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HUGH T. SCARLETT	Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
HENRY J. MAYNARD	2	ALFRED PRIOR	7
HAROLD A. EDWARDS	3	WALTER STEED	8
CHARLES T. COLES	4	FRED. C. MAYNARD	9
GEORGE B. LUCAS	5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ...	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, Conducted by C. T. COLES.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER'S, 5112 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS	Treble	WALTER WALLACE	6
JOHN FLINT	2	WILLIAM T. PALMER	7
WILLIAM LAMBERT	3	FREDERICK E. SMITH	8
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS	9
*G. CECIL WALLACE	5	WALTER ALLWOOD	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Rose Tuff and Mr. C. C. Palmer, eldest son of the ringer of the 7th.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER'S, 5021 CHANGES;

GEORGE ORCHARD	Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS	6
THOMAS BALDWIN	2	FRANK COLE	7
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	CHARLES DYSON	8
ALBERT WRIGHT	4	JOHN BALLINGER	9
CHARLES MARTIN	5	ALBERT HANES	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a wedding peal to the ringer of the 9th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Jan. 25, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES... .. Treble	JACOB FILBY 5
ROBERT RICHES 2	JAMES RICHES 6
GEORGE FILBY 3	WALTER RICHES 7
JOHN ETHERIDGE... .. 4	ALBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by J. HURRY. Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Mr. James Mottis, of Ipswich. Peal reference, Hubbard's Book, page 73.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
ROLAND LEWIS 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
WILLIAM NIBLETT 3	DANIEL T. MATKIN 7
ERNEST GIBBS 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method as conductor.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

RICHARD INGRAM... .. Treble	GEORGE F. SWANN 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE T. MITCHISON 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
OLIVER G. NORMAN 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARYER. Conducted by G. T. MITCHISON.

Arranged and rung in honour of the silver wedding of the conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, Feb. 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD,
PIMLICO, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9¾ cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5
WILLIAM S. LANGDON... .. 2	HARRY R. PASMORE 6
HERBERT LANGDON 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
HENRY R. NEWTON 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

The band wish, through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' to thank the Rev. E. K. Hamilton, M.A., for granting permission for the peal to be rung.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASBROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	ARTHUR J. NEALE 6
REUBEN SANDERS 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
ALFRED PRIOR 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

FRANCIS W. BOND Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	H. CHARLES BOND 7
WILFRED H. HAYWARD 4	JOHN HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

First peal in the method by all except ringers of 5th, 6th and 7th, and first in method as conductor. Also first peal of Stedman in Cirencester by a local band. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Amy E. Gardner to Mr. S. Rupert Stacey, and also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. C. Bond and H. Lewis.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently (tenors covering). Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LAW Treble	HERBERT ACOCK 5
BASIL GUY 2	JOHN HOPE 6
GEORGE J. WINTER 3	ERNEST TELLING... .. 7
WILLIAM C. CUSS 4	GEORGE W. HASTINGS Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor for all the band except the ringer of the 4th.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK CULLUM, SEN... .. Treble	ARTHUR J. MORTON 5
JOHN S. MORTON... .. 2	HERBERT HOLDEN 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT AUDSLEY 7
WILLIAM ROSE 4	*WALTER R. MIDDLETON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. W. Rose, who is returning to Eye, Suffolk, and with the bells half-muffled in deep sympathy for the captain of the local band, Mr. John T. Lowry, who died on Feb. 2nd. * First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*G. STEDMAN MORRIS... .. Treble	WILLIAM ALDRIDGE 5
REDVERS F. ELEINGTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 6
SHIRLEY BURTON 3	†EDWARD WHITEHEAD 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, STRATFORD-LE-BOW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ALFRED PRIOR Treble	AUGUSTUS A. SCAMBLER 5
JAMES SCHOLES 2	ALBERT J. BAYNES 6
RICHARD TURNER 3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN 7
FRANK C. NEWMAN 4	GEORGE HAYDEN Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by E. WIGHTMAN.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles) and Viscount Lascelles, also as a birthday compliment to Albert J. Baynes and Mrs. F. C. Newman.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb. in E.

ARTHUR J. HARDING... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... .. 2	ARTHUR MARTIN 6
JOHN H. EVANS... .. 3	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 7
GEORGE MARZIN 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. H. BLAKISTON. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.
The first peal of Major on the bells. * First peal in the method.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... ..Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	*THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.
* 100th peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

*PERCY WARD ... ..Treble	CANON W. W. C. BAKER... 5
GEORGE W. HELEY 2	†FRANK H. RAMSEY 6
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	†JOSEPH B. MARKS 7
*ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ...Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the method.
Although these bells have been a peal of eight since 1760, this is the first peal of Major ever rung on them by an entirely local band.

ALVERSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ...Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
WILLIAM TATE 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 7
TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	*EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Major on the bells. * 100th peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (Canon G. Landon) on his appointment as Hon. Canon of Winchester Cathedral.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FIRTH HOPWOOD ... ..Treble	PERCY J. JOHNSON 5
ERNEST SIMPSON 2	JOHN PALFRAMON 6
WILLIAM BURTON 3	†JOHN AMBLER 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. H. BLAKISTON. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

This composition is now rung for the first time. * First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells. This peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. R. Kemp and Mrs. Emmerston, also as a birthday compliment to mother and son of the 2nd ringer, and to Mrs. T. B. Kendall. Mr. J. Broadley has rung each bell in this tower through a peal, and has performed a similar feat at Shipley and Bolton (Bradford).

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES DRAPER ... ..Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 5
DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 2	ERNEST STONE 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	*THOMAS DICKEN... .. 7
WALTER HORTON... .. 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.
* First peal of Surprise.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AD-VINCULA,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

WALTER SADLER ... ..Treble	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... 5
*JAMES FLETTY 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 1). Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the 27th anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS F. KING... ..Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
The band is indebted to Mr. and Mrs. T. F. King, for their kind hospitality after the peal.

NESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ..Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JOHN HAYES... .. 3	WALTER THOMAS... .. 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	JAMES H. RIDING... ..Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

EDMONTON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM SABAN ... ..Treble	JOHN ARMSTRONG 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZEL... .. 6
*WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 3	JAMES PARKER 7
GEORGE RADLEY 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES PARKER.
* First peal in the method.

ALFRED BOWELL,
CHURCH BELL FOUNDER,
IPSWICH.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK LLOYD Treble	SYDNEY O. CHENEY 5
JOHN E. CLARKE 2	*WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE 6
JOSEPH S. CARTER 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
*WALTER BREWIN 4	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLS. Conducted by J. LESLIE WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 6th belong to Wigston Magna, and 2nd, 5th, 7th and 8th to Wigston South.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. or 3 lb. in A flat.

JAMES ROSE Treble	FREDERICK J. TILLET 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE BENNETT 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by WM. P. GARRETT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. P. Garrett, this being his first peal as conductor and first attempt. For calling, see Snowdon's Treble Bob, part II, page 27.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JOHN RODWELL, SEN. ... Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
WALLACE COUSINS 2	JOHN RODWELL, JUN. 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, which were recast and made into a ring of six by Thomas Osborn, of Downham Market, in 1784. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 4th for the way he struck a very heavy-going bell.

TONG, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble	WILLIAM BOLLAND 4
SAMUEL ODDY 2	EDWARD ODDY 5
GEO. LAMBERT 3	CHARLES SALLAWAY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BOLLAND.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WATH-ON-DEARNE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, Feb. 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, Roystone Delight, Duke of York, Violet & Oxford.
Tenor 14 cwt.

H. S. B. CHAMBERLAIN ... Treble	T. HILTON 4
A. GILL 2	R. J. RICKETTS 5
J. CHAMPION 3	*C. WALSH Tenor

Conducted by C. WALSH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Josiah Panther, a member of the local band. The ringer of the 4th hails from Darfield, the rest belong to the local company. * First peal as conductor.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

*ALBERT BOSWELL Treble	FRANCIS BOSWELL 4
HORACE TERRY 2	HENRY COLLEY 5
WALTER LARGE 3	SAMUEL RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th are service ringers of St. Mary's, Ilmington, 1st and 5th are local men.

PINCHBEOK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court and two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR J. FARR Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 4
JOHN G. AMES 2	JOHN CURRY 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	JOHN W. WOOD Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to J. G. Ames.

ELM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR WIGMORE Treble	JOHN FOSTER 4
JAMES PHILIPS 2	FRED WIGMORE 5
GEORGE MASON 3	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.
First peal on the bells.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Woodbine, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

A. ABRAMS Treble	A. MATTOCK 4
C. W. COOKE 2	J. GRANGER 5
J. ROWLINSON 3	E. G. HIBBINS Tenor

Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

WHATTON-IN-THE-VALE, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF BEVERLEY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Single Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

G. R. GOODSHIP Treble	WILLIAM E. WHITE 4
HENRY SQUIRES 2	WALTER WHITE 5
REV. C. J. SHERTON 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (grandson to His Majesty the King) to Princess Mary (Viscountess Lascelles). First peal on six bells by ringer of the treble, who hails from Nottingham. First peal in seven methods by ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Hough-on-the-Hill and was elected a member of the M.C.A. before starting for the peal. The ringer of the 3rd is from Orston, 4th and 5th from Cotgrave and tenor from Long Bennington.

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KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Feb. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDGAR PRICE Treble	THOMAS POWELL 4
TREVOR JONES 2	† WILLIAM H. EVANS 5
† ARTHUR KEEN 3	* WILLIAM EVANS... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM EVANS.

† First peal. * First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by the local band. Rung to celebrate the birth of the King's grandson.

KINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARLEY SMITH Treble	* ALFRED OWENS 4
EDGAR JONES 2	GEORGE JONES 5
ALFRED TALBOT 3	* STANLEY JONES Tenor

Conducted by A. TALBOT.

* First peal. The ringer of 3rd hails from Staunton-on-Arrow, 5th from Old Radnor; the rest belong to the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, two 720's of Single Court and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

* J. F. MILNER Treble	H. F. CLULOW 4
* G. E. PADGETT 2	A. J. CHAMBERLAIN 5
WILLIAM E. WHITE 3	WALTER WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a son (grandson to His Majesty the King) to Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles. Ringers of treble, 2, 4 and 5 are from Southwell.

COLD HIGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

FRED HOPPER Treble	* PHILIP C. ASPLIN 3
JOHN A. TOWNSEND 2	JAMES W. HAYNES 4
HAROLD FOLWELL Tenor	

Conducted by H. FOLWELL.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Ringer of treble belongs to Northampton, 2 and 3 to Milton, 4 to Pattishall, and tenor to Foster's Booth. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. J. Bull, of Foster's Booth, kindly entertained the band to tea, which was much appreciated by all.

Any peal rung during 1922, and not yet recorded in our columns, will not be included in the Central Council's analysis unless the report reaches us by Monday next.

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SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
IN THE PARISH CHURCH BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	ALBERT WALKER 5-6
FRANK W. PERRINS 3-4	* EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 7-8

JOHN NEAL 9-10

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: STANLEY BRAGG and ERNEST MANSELL.

* First peal of Stedman 'in hand' and first attempt. This peal was rung in place of Treble Bob Royal on the tower bells, which could not be rung owing to serious illness opposite the church, and great credit is due to E. C. Shepherd, who has had practically no previous practice in Stedman 'double-handed.'

THE SUFFOLK CONTROVERSY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is a relief to find that Mr. Burton at last sees the danger of the yawning gulf lying before him and Mr. Coleman. But he must not say that it is I who accuse the latter of forgery. It would not at all suit my argument to make out these my very good friends to be criminals! What I have shown is that they have made a blunder, because being in Norfolk, they do not understand the position in Suffolk. But it now appears that they also do not understand the difference between a signature and an endorsement. You sign what is your own: you endorse what is another's—in order to show that, even if you do not agree with it, you will support it.

Now Mr. Burton, in your issue of Feb. 2nd, and Mr. Coleman in that of Nov. 17th, say that I both endorsed and signed a certain document. In your issue of Nov. 24th, I pointed out that it is impossible and contradictory for both these words to apply to a name written only once. They must decide which of these two opposite lines they are going to take. Mr. Burton says this document is a letter. But in your issue of Nov. 17th it is entitled 'Copy of Memorandum'—another contradiction. In the middle of it, is a starred note by Mr. Fawcett, which proves that Mr. Burton has blundered again in saying that the whole of it is his. Mr. Fawcett is evidently criticising Mr. Coleman's memorandum, which he has copied out verbatim. So that our statement that the document was composed by Mr. Coleman himself, is evidently borne out by the wording of it. It is above all clear that the document is not mine, which is all that I need to prove. How, then, has it got the word '(Signed)' inserted before my name? Most certainly this was not there when I wrote my name on it.

Another blunder of Mr. Burton's is when he says 'Mr. Drake has once had the temerity to ask how his signature got there.' My actual words (Nov. 24th) were: 'What right has Mr. Coleman to let my name appear unreservedly, when I attached lengthy reservations to it?' To this serious question I have received no reply.

Mr. Burton may say that he was referring to my words in the next paragraph: 'Why, then, is my signature put at the foot, when I never attached my name to it?' But this would be a double blunder. First he has introduced the words 'got there,' entirely altering the meaning; also if he looks at my letter he will see that the word 'it,' grammatically refers (not to the memorandum at all) but to Mr. Fawcett's starred note. I was asking why is my 'signature' attached to Mr. Fawcett's starred note. Am I not abundantly justified in calling the document 'finkered'?

These seem enough blunders in one short letter (all of them easily verified by anyone who compares the three issues of the 'Ringing World'); but there is still the most fatal blunder of all. When Mr. Fawcett and I had gone to the trouble of endorsing Mr. Coleman's proposals, why, oh why, did Mr. Coleman (with Mr. Burton) use this loyal support of himself to illegally turn us out of the committee?

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

HERBERT DRAKE.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Branch was held at Saxmundham on Saturday, when there was a fair attendance. At the business meeting Mr. C. E. Fisher occupied the chair.

A discussion took place as to the best way to hold the annual general meeting for election of officers for the branch in place of some who had left the county. Eventually it was decided that the annual general meeting be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, Mr. G. Wilson (Leiston) consenting to act as secretary pro tem., and make arrangements for the meeting. Once again the members were disappointed, as they were refused the use of Kelsale bells, and ringing was confined to Saxmundham six, where good touches were rung in methods from Plain Bob (8' London Surprise Minor).

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. PRESTEIGN AND LEOMINSTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting was held at Leominster on Feb. 3rd. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and a short service was held, the Vicar (the Rev. R. Gillenders) officiating, twenty members being present, including four from the Ludlow district. An excellent tea awaited the company at the Etnan Street Cafe.—The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.

The accounts for the year were passed as satisfactory, showing a balance in hand of £8.

The officials were all re-elected for the year. Three members from Staunton-on-Arrow, one hon. member and six probationers from Stoke Prior, and seven probationers from Old Radnor, were elected, there being now only one eight-bell and one six-bell tower in the district that are not members of the Guild.

It was decided to accept the invitation from the Vicar of Kimbolton for the next quarterly meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members to Leominster for the annual meeting.

BARROW VETERAN'S DEATH.

THE DAYS OF 'BETSY BAKER.'

At the age of 76 years, Mr. Tom Gibbons, of Barrow-in-Furness, has passed away. He was born at Market Rasen, Lincolnshire, and there, at an early age, he learned to ring. At first there was only round ringing, and call changes designated by such names as 'Betsy Baker' and 'Candlestick Maker,' but about 45 years ago a Norfolk ringer came to the church as verger and caretaker, and introduced change ringing. The band made excellent progress, and soon could ring several minor methods, a date touch being rung in three methods in 1878. Mr. Gibbons rang in a number of Lincolnshire towers, and also became a member of the College Youths. He went to reside at Barrow about 25 years ago, and joined the St. James' Society, of which for some time he acted as secretary.

Only recently Mr. Gibbons wrote an entertaining pamphlet upon his ringing experiences, and it is full of amusing reminiscences. The widow, Mrs. Gibbons, has a number of copies remaining, and they can be obtained on application to her at 87, Ferry Road, Barrow-in-Furness. The price is sixpence, and ringers will be performing an act of kindness, as well as acquiring an entertaining little booklet, by purchasing a copy.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The 22nd annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Mersham on Saturday, January 27th, about 50 members attending from Ashford, Appledore, Aldington, Brabourne, Canterbury, Elham, Fritten-den, Great Chart, Kingsnorth, Rye, Rolvenden, Stone, Tenterden, Woodchurch, Willesborough, Wingham, and representatives from the local band. Touches in the 'very ordinary nowadays' methods were rung till 4.30, when a service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. Brocklehurst), Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., presiding at the organ.—The Rector gave a very helpful and instructive address, which was greatly appreciated by the members present. Tea was served at the Farriers' Arms, the Rector presiding. This was followed by the business meeting.—The Secretary's report showed the Guild to be in a flourishing state, both numerically and financially, and that the twelve monthly meetings had been well attended.—The Rector was duly elected president of the Guild for the year. Mr. H. Balcomb was re-elected secretary, and Mr. W. C. Bverett, Master of the Guild. Both were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their past services, and both returned thanks for their re-election.

One honorary member and six ringing members were duly elected and the next meeting proposed to be held at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 17th.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his permission to hold the meeting, for the service and address, and for presiding at the tea and meeting.—This was carried with acclamation, and the Rector replied.—The Master then occupied the chair, and a very pleasant social evening was spent with songs, recitations, and change ringing, and tunes on the handbells. Chief Engineer Finn's wireless was out of order, or arrangements for broadcasting would have been made.

FUNERAL OF MR. G. WOODISS.

The ringers who attended the funeral of Mr. George Woodiss, at Twickenham on Jan. 30th, were Mr. T. Beadle, Mr. F. Goddard and Mr. E. V. Beadle.

The deceased, who was a signalman on the L. and S.W. Railway, was actively interested in various Twickenham organisations, representatives of which were present at the last sad rites. About 30 of his railway colleagues preceded the cortege from the house to the cemetery, and signalmen acted as bearers. St. Peter's bell ringers, Hershman, sent a wreath.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In connection with the disastrous fire which destroyed Eserick Church, near York, it is interesting to note that two peals of Doubles only were rung on the five bells in the tower, viz., on Good Friday, Mar. 29th, and July 20th, 1918. Both were conducted by Ernest Morris, of Leicester, whilst stationed at York as Staff-Sergt. in the R.A.S.C. Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, writes that the peal No. 2508 in the Yorkshire Association Report, 1914 and 1915, is false, if rung as published with the Singles at the second call; they should be used at the first call in the 13th and 14th courses.

The weight of Rishton tenor is 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb., and not 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb., as published last week. It was not Mr. L. J. Williams' first peal of Superlative, he having taken part in one on the Monday previous.

Mr. Robert Holloway, of St. Mary's (Acton) tower, has been elected Master of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

Ringers who intend to be present at the Henry Johnson Dinner on February 24th should make early application for tickets to the Deputy Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Mr. A. Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17th, 1836, Christ Church, Spitalfields, was destroyed by fire, and with it the peal of twelve bells in the steeple. The tenor of that ring was reputed to be 44 cwt. The present tower contains only a peal of eight.

Forty years ago to-morrow a peal of 6,000 of Minor in 25 methods was rung by the Tong (Yorks) company, and the other day some of the same band took part in a peal of Minor to celebrate the conductor's birthday. Although they are 40 years older they seemed just as keen as ever.

On Feb. 18th, 1777, the College Youths rang 10,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch in 7 hrs. 28 mins. This curious composition, the great length of time, and the masterly manner in which it was rung, may justly entitle it the most excellent performance ever achieved from the first invention of the ingenious art of ringing to the present time,' says the board recording the peal.

The first peal of New Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at Huddersfield on Feb. 18th, 1822.

On Feb. 19th, 1833, a peal of 6,120 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Sheffield. This was the first peal of George Wilson, who was born on January 11th, 1809, and whose last peal was Treble Twelve at the same church on Dec. 26th, 1876.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise was rung on Feb. 22nd, 1901, at St. Peter's, Brighton.

Henry Haley was born at Bethnal Green on Feb. 19th, 1819.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. READING BRANCH.

On Saturday, Feb. 3rd, the Reading Branch held a very successful annual meeting at Reading. The following towers were represented: St. Lawrence's, St. Mary's and St. Giles', Reading; Caversham, Tilehurst, Henley, Purley, Mortimer and Checkendon.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman, etc., were rung at St. Lawrence's, St. Mary's and St. Giles' during the afternoon, and a short service was held at St. Lawrence's Church, at which the Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn (the Master) officiated, an address being given by the Rev. C. H. Coles.

An excellent 'knife and fork' tea was served at the Central Cafe, and at the business meeting which followed Mr. W. Pole-Routh presided, and 85 members were present, this being a record number.

The balance sheet, showing a balance of more than £10 in hand (the largest ever known in the district), was passed, and the officers re-elected as follows: Chairman, Mr. W. Pole-Routh; vice-chairman, Mr. A. W. Pike; secretary, Mr. F. W. Hopgood; auditors, Messrs. Wiggins and Foster; committee of the general Guild, J. Swain, H. Goodger, W. Appleby and H. Tucker.

A splendid musical programme was then enjoyed. Items on the pianoforte and songs were warmly encored, but Mr. Treleaven, the ventriloquist, 'brought the house down' Miss H. Tucker kindly accompanied on the piano. It was unanimously agreed that a most enjoyable evening had been spent.

VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER'S DEATH.

Many ringers will hear with regret that the Armley band has sustained another loss by the death of Mr. Pollard Whiteley in his 71st year. He passed away on Sunday, Feb. 4th. He was for many years a member of the Halifax Parish Church company, and for the last six years has been a member at Armley. He was also secretary to the band until recently.

A service took place at Christ Church on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, conducted by the Rev. T. Goodchild, and was attended by the deceased's ringing friends and the churchwardens. The coffin was afterwards taken by motor to Halifax to be interred the following day. A short touch of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled after service by the Armley ringers as a last token of respect.

IRISH ASSOCIATION'S PRESIDENT DEAD.

We deeply regret to announce that Mr. R. R. Cherry, K.C., president of the Irish Association of Change Ringers, who was Lord Chief Justice of Ireland from 1914 to 1916, died in Dublin on Saturday.

A native of Waterford, he was a son of Mr. R. W. Cherry, solicitor. He graduated at T.C.D., was called to the Irish Bar, 1881, took silk 1896; was Attorney-General 1905-9, and was elevated to the Bench as Lord Justice of Appeal in 1909, in succession to the late Lord Justice FitzGibbon. In 1914 he became Lord Chief Justice. On his appointment as Attorney-General he was presented with the freedom of his native city, and in 1906 was created a P.C.

The late Lord Chief Justice had a very distinguished and honourable career. He was a double Gold Medallist in Mental Science and History and Political Science and First Scholar in International Law, Middle Temple, London. He was examiner in Political Economy for the Indian Civil Service, 1885-89; and Professor of Constitutional and Criminal Law in the University of Dublin, 1889-94.

It was in the Irish Land Courts that the late Chief Justice was best known. He published (with his colleague and friend, Judge Wakely) the 'Irish Land Act and Land Purchase Act,' which promptly became a standard work on land legislation. On going to the Bar he went to the Leinster Circuit, and he was soon amongst the Circuit leaders, figuring in all important cases. His practice in Dublin was chiefly in the Land Courts, but he was frequently seen in the Chancery and Common Law Divisions.

After unsuccessfully contesting the Kirkdale Division of Liverpool in the Liberal interest, Mr. Cherry was returned for the Exchange Division of the same city in 1905, and was soon after appointed Attorney-General for Ireland. He was elevated to the Bench as Lord Justice of Appeal in 1909. While Attorney-General he was active in repressing cattle driving.

Since 1916 he was a confirmed invalid, and was unable to continue active work, much to the regret of his colleagues on the Bench and at the Bar.

Mr. Cherry was devoted to bell ringing, and when in Dublin was to be found in his place in St. Patrick's Cathedral ringing for Sunday service. He took an active interest in the affairs of the Irish Association and rang several peals. Only a few weeks ago his son, who has also taken up ringing, scored his first peal.

JAMES MOTTS: AN APPRECIATION.

By CHARLES E. BORRETT.

May I be allowed to add a few lines as a supplement to the memoir in your last issue, and also to that part of your very appreciative leader referring to the passing of James Motts?

You, Mr. Editor, describe him as 'one of the outstanding figures of our craft.' I think he was THE outstanding figure, for to my mind there has been no ringer like him in any age since change ringing began.

Consider conditions. In Ipswich, until 1899, save rings of six and five, there was only the twelve at St. Mary-le-Tower Church. In 1899 St. Margaret's were increased to eight, and so the numbers remain to-day. James Motts' ringing career in the town of his adoption occupied 39 years—from 1882 to 1921—and only one twelve and one eight at home, and not a great many other eights in a 10-mile radius. Suffolk is largely agricultural, and railways in such counties are not particularly helpful, for late trains are unknown. I wonder how many miles Jimmy pushed his old 52-inch ordinary, and afterwards a safety bicycle, in the pursuit of his hobby? Even the day they scored the 16,608 at Debenham he rode the fourteen miles from Ipswich on his 52-inch!

Norwich was the nearest 12—until the advent of Yarmouth, Chelmsford and Saffron Walden—and any of them meant a long day's outing if a peal was attempted. Then, too, Ipswich is a comparatively small provincial town, and thus more difficult to create and maintain a crack company in, than in great centres of population where there is more inducement for ringers to converge. There were other prominent men in the Tower Society during all these years, but it is no disloyalty to the others to say there was only one real leader, and that was James Motts. To lead a fine progressive band for 39 years, and to have the respect of all! Is not that an outstanding achievement? And let there be no mistake—it is ten times harder successfully to lead a 12-bell band than an eight. I could write much more in support of my claim, but will pass on to the finest thing of all about Jimmy—his great modesty and absolute lack of all bluster or bounce. In spite of great achievements he was quite unspoiled, and would help any one who asked. I wonder if we shall ever again see the like of the two brothers? They were greatly attached, these two, in their plain homely way. Both were bachelors, and both equally quiet and unassertive—James by nature the leader, and William one of the safest of ringers and most lovable of men. James Motts was so great a conductor that his ability as a composer is likely to be overlooked, but he had compositions in all the standard methods, although he himself did not slavishly use them.

I do not know if he kept a peal book, but I have dissected his record for our association. In doing so I came across a curious error. Peal totals were published next members' names, for the first time in our 1890 report, and in that list James Motts is given 93 tower and 35 handbell peals. This should have been 83 and 25 respectively, and, of course, this mistake has been repeated every year since. The proper totals should, therefore, be 530 tower and 29 handbell peals. I am unable to estimate the number rung for other societies. There were a good many, I believe, for the Essex Association, and one in particular pointed out last week—the record London for the St. Martin's Guild.

Below are particulars of the 559 Norwich peals—no less than 93 of them on twelve bells and in seven methods!

James Motts then, I say, occupies the foremost place amongst our great ones who have gone. May those who follow try and copy his great example! My sympathy goes out to those of his comrades whom I always affectionately think of as 'the old brigade,' who helped in these great performances. Only three remain amongst our Ipswich members—Edgar Pemberton, Robert Brundle and William Garrett, and the first named is now unable to ring. I must apologise for the length of this appreciation, but my respect and admiration for a great ringer must be my excuse. Farewell, Jimmy!

	Tower Bells.	Con-ducted.	Hand-bells.	Con-ducted.	Tl.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	3	—	—	3
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	2	—	—	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	22	20	—	—	22
Double Norwich Maximus	4	3	—	—	4
Double Norwich Royal	10	9	—	—	10
Double Norwich Major	95	88	2	2	97
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	3	3	—	—	3
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	3	3	1	1	4
Oxford Treble Bob Major	57	46	1	1	58
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	46	30	1	1	47
Kent Treble Bob Royal	18	14	3	2	21
Kent Treble Bob Major	40	32	5	3	45
Bob Maximus	2	2	1	1	3
Bob Royal	2	2	1	1	3
Bob Major	16	12	6	3	22
Bob Triples	1	1	—	—	1
Stedman Cinques	30	18	—	—	30
Stedman Caters	24	20	—	—	24
Stedman Triples	52	45	—	—	52
Grandsire Cinques	3	—	—	—	3
Grandsire Caters	3	2	4	3	7
Grandsire Triples	30	21	4	4	34
London Surprise Major	16	10	—	—	16
New Cambridge Surprise Major	5	—	—	—	5
Superlative Surprise Major	38	28	—	—	38
Duffield Major	1	1	—	—	1
On Six Bells	2	2	—	—	2
On Five Bells	2	—	—	—	2
Totals	530	417	29	22	559

BIRTHDAY GATHERING AT TONG.

LOCAL RINGERS' LONG SERVICE.

To celebrate the 71st birthday on Feb. 2nd of Mr. G. Bolland, of Tong, Yorks, the company of St. James' Church rang a peal of Minor (recorded elsewhere), and Mr. Bolland afterwards entertained a few of his friends to supper at the village inn.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Seymour) joined the festive board, and, after an enjoyable repast, expressed his pleasure at being able to attend the gathering, illness having prevented him last year.

Mr. Seymour, in alluding to the traditions of the Tong company, added that he would be pleased to further any effort to carry them onwards, and trusted recruits would come forward for that purpose. He made an appeal to all ringers to attend the service, after summoning others to do so. He offered his good wishes to Mr. Bolland (his churchwarden), and trusted he would be spared for many years yet amongst them.

Mr. T. Maude supported the Vicar's good wishes, and Mr. Bolland's health was drunk with enthusiasm.—Replying in his usual characteristic and breezy manner, Mr. Bolland hinted that he would be well pleased to see the clergy everywhere take a personal interest in bells and belfry, as the latter in some places he had visited needed it.

A notable fact in connection with the present company who took part in the peal is their length of service, viz., Mr. G. Bolland, 54 years; Mr. W. Bolland, 50 years; Mr. S. Oddy, 45 years; Mr. C. Sallaway, 45 years; Mr. E. Oddy, 31 years; Mr. G. Lambert, 30 years, a total of 255 years. Mr. Wm. Bolland is now in his 75th year, and rang his previous peal at Branley (Leeds) on the occasion of the death of King Edward.

HAYES, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor; J. Grandfield 1, H. Reader 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (conductor) 4, J. Brown 5, F. Keech 6.

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DEDICATION OF LAMBETH BELLS.**WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY'S 350 YEARS' CONNECTION WITH THE PEAL.**

At a most impressive service on Friday week, the Bishop of South-west dedicated the restored ring of bells at the Church of St. Mary, Lambeth. We have already given some particulars about the bells themselves, the restoration having consisted of recasting the treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor, which were cracked, and the rehanging of the whole octave with new gudgeons and bearings. The cracking of the bells was due to the old 'cast in' crown staples, which are a frequent cause of this kind of damage. The old framework was found to be in splendid condition, after 200 years' service. It is made of heavy section timbers, and of very good construction. The existing headstocks and wheels were of comparatively modern make, and were brought into use again.

The service was attended by a large congregation, and the Bishop, after dedicating the bells, which were heard for the first time during the ceremony, preached an exceedingly interesting sermon. He dealt with the great age of the bells in the tower, viz. over 400 years, and mentioned important historical occasions on which they must have been rung. He also dealt with the effect of church bells on history, architecture and poetry, instancing, in history, the threat by the people of Florence to the King of France to ring their bells if the terms of a certain treaty were forced, which would have the effect of turning every house in the place into a miniature fortress with disastrous effects to the enemy forces. On architecture, the effect of bells had made it necessary to build fine lofty and massive towers, and gave scope for the various styles in architecture. In poetry, the Bishop mentioned several famous passages by renowned poets dealing with bells.

After the sermon, and during the singing of appropriate hymns, a parish procession took place, the Bishop and clergy, church officials, the architect (Mr. Forsyth), the founders (represented by Mr. A. A. Hughes, with whom was Mr. Alan Macdonald), the builder (Mr. Samson) being followed by the scouts, guides, school children and teachers, members of parochial organisations, the ringers, sidesmen, and Church Council. The procession passed down the nave, up the north aisle, past the altar, through the side chapel and south aisle, up the nave and through the sanctuary. The service concluded with the Te Deum and the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop.

There was little time left for ringing afterwards, but all who tried the bells, which now constitute a very fine peal, were delighted with their 'go,' and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank are to be congratulated upon the excellence of their work. Their connection with Lambeth bells, as has already been mentioned, goes back 350 years.

BOLSOVER RINGER'S DEATH.**RESULT OF A COLLIERY ACCIDENT.**

In the death of Mr. Frank Wagstaff, Bolsover, loses one of its best and most regular Sunday Service ringers. The deceased met with an accident on Saturday, January 27th, at the Bolsover Colliery. He was admitted into the Chesterfield Hospital, and died on January 31st, after an operation. Mr. Wagstaff commenced to pull a bell 31 years ago, and has been one of the most regular service ringers during that time. He was not a great peal ringer, having rung about a dozen peals of Minor and Major, but he could always be relied upon for Sunday. He was one of the mainstays of the band in getting the peal of six increased to eight 20 years ago, when the scheme was opposed by church officials and many others. A native of Bolsover, and greatly respected by all, he was carried to his last resting-place by six of the local ringers. He leaves a widow and adopted daughter to mourn for him. The bells were rung half-muffled to a peal of 5,403 Kent Treble Bob.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Eastern division was held at Boreham on Saturday, January 27th. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Hall). A splendid tea was provided in the Parish Hall by Lady Curtis Bennett, and other ladies.

At the business meeting, a vote of thanks was passed to them for providing such an excellent tea.—In replying, Lady Curtis Bennett said they would be pleased to do it again the next time the ringers visited Boreham.

Miss M. C. Hulton was elected an honorary life member, and Mr. C. C. Pilkington and Mr. H. H. Wheaton were elected honorary members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Burnham-on-Crouch with a view to getting this tower into the association.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the organist for helping the service.

A vote of condolence was passed with Miss Hulton on the death of the Rev. Canon Hulton, who was an honorary member of the association. Touches and tunes were afterwards rung on the handbells, and other members returned to the tower for further ringing.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**PROPOSED BELFRY REPAIR FUND.**

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association was held at St. Thomas's, City, on Saturday, January 17th. The bells of St. Philip's and St. Thomas's were open for ringing in the afternoon. Service, which was choral, was held at St. Thomas's Church. The Rev. W. G. Bower (Vicar) and the Rev. W. Francis officiating, the Rev. W. G. Bower giving a very interesting and helpful address. Tea was arranged in the Church Room, and over 60 ringers and friends sat down.

After tea, Mr. H. T. Howell (Master) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and friends of St. Thomas's for the very hearty welcome, and said he was sorry to hear that the Vicar was leaving St. Thomas's to take up duties in Australia.

The Vicar, in replying, said it had been a very great pleasure to welcome the ringers to St. Thomas's, and was the means of carrying away with him many happy memories. He was also taking with him a form of the ringers' service, and hoped the time would come when he would have some bells at his church at Warnambool, Australia.—As a farewell the party joined hands, sang 'Auld Lang Syne,' and wished the Vicar and Mrs. Bower 'bon voyage.'

The Chairman, in giving a hearty welcome to visiting members from Wells, Newport, Midsomer Norton and Weymouth, referred to the Belfry Repair Fund, and spoke of the poverty of some parishes where there was not sufficient money to maintain the belfry. It was suggested that 1s. per annum be paid by every member which would bring in £17 each half-year if taken up by all the members of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Association. There were many rings of six in the area that wanted rehanging. Some were unringable. If incumbents knew that the ringers were willing and anxious to help they would be stimulated to do their part.

Mr. W. A. Cave observed that they could not take action, but they could recommend the association to adopt the Central Council's recommendation that a fund be started for repairs to bells and towers. He moved that.—The Rev. E. J. Phillips seconded the resolution, which was adopted.

Mr. P. C. Williams, hon. secretary, gave a brief report of the last year. There had been fourteen meetings, which had been well attended. There had been admitted 10 associate members, 22 performing members, two life members, and two out-diocean. The balance sheet showed a credit balance of £11 15s. 6d.

The report and accounts were adopted. The Chairman mentioned that he was elected to his present office in 1912, and most wonderful good fellowship had existed among them during that period. He praised the abilities and energy of the secretary, and suggested that the ringers attend one service a Sunday. Having put in long service—his absences from meetings he could count on the fingers of one hand—he asked to be relieved of his post.

After a discussion the Rev. E. J. Phillips was chosen as his successor.—The new Chairman, thanking the company for the honour, said he took great interest in ringing and in his own bells, and invited members to join in the inauguration of the ring of six which was soon to be made at his church (applause).

The meeting re-elected Mr. P. C. Williams hon. secretary; Mr. J. Gould was chosen representative on the Management Committee, and several members were elected. The dates and places of quarterly meetings were fixed as follows: St. Matthew's, Feb. 24th; Olveston, May 12th; Coalpit Heath, Aug. 11th, and Clifton, Nov. 10th.—Votes of thanks to the ladies who provided the tea closed the proceedings.

DEATH OF MR. JOSIAH PANTHER.**LOSS TO WATH-ON-DEARNE BAND.**

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Josiah Panther, of Wath-on-Dearne, Yorkshire. The deceased was a very old member of the Yorkshire Association, and a regular ringer of the above band for 50 years. He was also a chorister for 42 years. Although in his 76th year he was a very active ringer, and quite recently rang the 3rd at the Ecclesfield contest, in which his band obtained the third prize. He had also a goodly number of peals to his credit.

The funeral took place at the Wath-on-Dearne Cemetery on Thursday, January 25th, and was attended by ringers from the district. A plain course of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung at the graveside by A. Nash (conductor) 1-2, J. Chamberlin 3-4, A. Gill 5-6. Immediately after the funeral a muffled 720 Royston Delight was rung on the church bells, in 27 mins.: E. Nichols 1, A. Gill 2, H. Chamberlin 3, A. Nash (conductor) 4, R. Ricketts 5, C. Walsh 6. In the evening, 720 Sandal Exercise: H. Chamberlin 1, A. Gill 2, J. Chamberlin 3, G. Lord 4, R. Ricketts 5, C. Walsh (conductor) 6.

THE HEAVIEST PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your last issue it is stated that Exeter Cathedral boasts of the heaviest tenor and the heaviest ringing peal in the world. The weight of the whole peal, including the extra 6th (1½ cwt.) is 271 cwt. 3 qr. 7lb.; but the 12 at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, weighs 271 cwt. 3 qr. 1 lb.; and, as only 12 can be rung at Exeter at any one time, I should say that St. Paul's Cathedral contains the heaviest ringing peal in the world. At any rate it is a heavier peal of 12.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, February 11th, for evensong, at St. Nicholas Church, on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Corporation to the anniversary service of the Caleb Lovejoy Charity, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: W. Chivers 1, G. J. Nichols 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, Mrs. A. C. Hazelden 4, A. C. Hazelden 5, G. Petter 6, G. Tomsett 7, E. Raddon 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10. First quarter on ten bells by the treble and tenor.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: G. Ilman 1, G. Ellis 2, O. Sippetts 3, W. Beeson 4, A. Bull 5, W. Stanford 6, A. Ellis 7, F. Rice (conductor) 8.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—At the Church of St. Gregory, on Sunday, Feb. 11th, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mrs. Tatum, wife of one of the ringers. Also on the day of the funeral, 700 Grandsire Triples, with the bells deeply muffled. The ringers were: P. Gridley, M. Silvester, W. Heard, W. Lee, A. Maxim, F. Chinery, D. Elliott (conductor), A. Scott, G. Dixon.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for morning service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob; W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, E. A. Overall 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob; W. Williams 1, G. H. Carter 2, E. A. Overall 3, E. Sharpe 4, A. Phillips (conductor) 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: *F. Norris 1, W. Wood 2, W. Hollier 3, H. Belcher 4, A. Cutmor 5, G. C. Iles 6, A. Harding 7, J. Driver (conductor) 8, F. Skevington 9, *H. Page 10. First quarter-peal.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 11th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: E. Vickers (Stowting) 1, W. Good 2, G. Youngs (Boughton Aulph) 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, Feb. 10th, for Matins, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. W. Wiffen, jun., 1, H. E. Hammond 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, C. H. Howard 6, L. W. Wiffen, senr. (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—For evensong, 672 Stedman Triples: H. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, C. H. Howard 5, G. Lindridge 6, L. W. Wiffen, senr. (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for morning service, 720 changes Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Howard (conductor) 1, A. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, H. Howard 5, W. Sermons 6. Also for evening service, 720 changes College Single: F. Hayes 1, A. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons (conductor) 5, H. Howard 6.

RAINHAM, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins., for morning service: W. Haigh 1, P. Ockwell 2, R. Ockwell 3, W. Rayner 4, F. H. Champion 5, W. Cook 6, C. Belsey (first quarter as conductor) 7, V. Tucker 8. W. Haigh belongs to Gillingham, all others are local ringers.

HALESOWEN.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for service, at the Parish Church, on the occasion of the dedication by the Bishop of Worcester of a newly-erected choir screen in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Somers, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, with tenor covering, 720 Kent Treble and 720 Plain Bob Minor: B. D. Buttress (conductor) 1, C. E. Patten 2, J. Giddens 3, J. T. Nowington 4, A. Page 5, G. Bridge 6, C. Hall 7.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Miss A. Dale 1, Miss E. Brandon 2, J. J. Judson 3, E. Tilly 4, W. Waldorn 5, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Dumper 1, O. H. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, C. J. Fray 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. T. Tucker 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Groves' Variation, in 46 mins.: S. Hughes (first quarter) 1, T. Tuler 2, A. M. Hickman (first quarter on a bob bell) 3, E. V. Rodenhurst 4, J. Clark 5, H. Tyler 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Webb 1, J. Judge 2, W. Stone 3, R. G. Rice 4, L. Tuffrey 5, G. Holifield 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, W. Thorne 8.

LEEDS, YORKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 10 courses of Stedman Caters (1,080 changes), in 50 mins.: C. E. Lawson 1, J. A. Teale 2, W. Woodhead 3, J. Redfern 4, F. Renton 5, J. Jessop 6, G. Tingle 7, F. Barker 8, W. E. M. Ash (conductor) 9, M. Smith 10. This was rung in honour of the 40th anniversary of Mr. M. Smith's wedding. Also Mr. W. Woodhead's silver wedding.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major: T. Slater 1, P. Gridley 2, A. Maxim 3, A. Ives 4, T. Chinery 5, H. Perkins 6, B. W. Pettitt 7, S. Evans (conductor) 8.

EAST HAGBOURNE.—On Sunday, February 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 46 mins.: W. Goodenough 1, Miss M. Rutler (first quarter-peal) 2, A. Webb 3, W. Webb 4, T. East, senr. (conductor), 5, F. Abbott 6, T. Jakeman 7, W. Warwick 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), consisting of 360 Double Oxford, 360 Oxford Single Bob, 360 Plain Bob and 180 Double Court, in 38 mins.: A. Booth 1, F. Lucas 2, A. Mansfield 3, G. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, J. Wilfred Sharp 6. First quarter-peal in four methods by all except the ringer of the tenor.

KING'S LYNN.—For Matins, on Feb. 4th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: W. G. Cross (conductor) 1, T. Groenacre 2, Mr. Newson 3, Mr. Chrome 4, W. Rose 5, W. J. Eldred 6.—For evensong, 224 Bob Major.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 4th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. H. Brothwell 1, A. Hill 2, A. Johnson 3, Ex-Sergt. W. H. Johnson, V.C. 4, H. Haigh (composer and conductor) 5, G. Hardwick 6, J. T. Wilson 7, W. H. Dale 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2, 6 and 8.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: L. Hoff 1, G. A. Black 2, K. C. Fox 3, C. R. Moss 4, E. Plummer 5, E. Wightman (conductor) 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: *A. Reeves 1, E. Wightman (conductor) 2, L. Hoff 3, W. Shute 4, E. Plummer 5, C. R. Moss 6. Also 360 Double Court: W. Shute 1, G. E. Wightman 2, E. Wightman (conductor) 3, L. Hoff 4, E. Plummer 5, C. R. Moss 6. * First 720.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: C. Harrison 1, T. O'Hara 2, H. Bower 3, J. Evinson 4, R. Harrison 5, G. Lewis (conductor) 6, J. Dixon 7, H. Hirst 8. First quarter-peal on the bells for over nine years.

GUILDFORD.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the following: Mrs. C. Hazelden 1, E. A. Etheridge 2, E. Raddon 3, G. J. Nichols 4, C. Hazelden 5, G. Petter 6, G. Tomsett 7, W. Thorne 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. Le Feuvre 10.—On the preceding Wednesday, for Confirmation service, 608 Bob Major: G. Petter 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, G. J. Nichols 4, G. Tomsett 5, E. Raddon 6, S. Radford 7, C. Hazelden (conductor) 8.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very well attended and successful gathering was held at Bromyard, on Saturday, January 20th, ringers being present from Bredenbury, Bromyard, Whitbourne, Pencombe, Kimbolton, Berrington and Eye. The quarterly service was conducted by the Vicar, who afterwards most hospitably entertained the company to tea.

At the annual meeting, Mr. Alfred Tomkins, secretary and District Ringing Master, presented the accounts, which showed a balance of £4 13s. 9d. His report also showed that the number of ringing members of the district during 1922 was 25; but before the meeting closed the number was increased by the election of nine more (seven from Bromyard and two from Pencombe).

Mr. A. Tomkins was reappointed District Ringing Master and secretary for the ensuing year, and the following were elected members of the committee: Mr. Miles (Bromyard), Mr. W. Watkins (Bredenbury), Mr. C. Jones (Pencombe), and Mr. Caswell (Whitbourne).

The number of ringing members is now 34, but the secretary pointed out that there was much room for improvement in the number of hon. members of the Guild. The Guild has done much to develop the science of bell ringing, and to raise the tone of service and fellowship in the ringing chambers of the church towers. The ministry of the bell ringers was a benefit to the whole community, and though it was a labour that ringers delighted in it called for a definite amount of sacrifice, and needed the guidance of ringing masters and instructors. It was hoped that the appeal of the secretary would produce good results, and that at the end of the year there may be a larger number of supporters who are willing to show their value and appreciation of bell ringing by becoming hon. members of the Diocesan Guild.

The meeting appointed Mr. C. Jones, Mr. Ranford, Mr. G. Soley and Mr. R. Bethell as official instructors to assist the District Ringing Master in teaching beginners.

Unfortunately Mr. C. Edwards, Ringing Master of the Diocese, was prevented from attending, and all regretted the absence, through illness, of Mr. Caswell.—Cordial thanks were offered to the Vicar for his hospitality and interest in the Guild, and the meeting then adjourned to the church tower, where the bells were kept going in Plain Bob, Oxford Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. This proved one of the best meetings held in the district.

**LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
EASTERN BRANCH MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Spilsby on Saturday, January 27th. As Spilsby lies almost at the northern extremity of the district, there was not a large number of ringers present, but nevertheless a very successful meeting was held, ringers attending from Boston, Skirbeck, Freston, Butterwick, Benington, Old Leake, Wrangle, Surfleet, Stickney, and the local band. Visitors were also present from Pinchbeck.

Ringings took place on the nice toned peal of six, and touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were successfully brought round. A short service was conducted by the Rev. C. P. Disbrowe, after which tea was partaken of at the George Hotel. Following this the business meeting was held, Mr. Rupert Richardson, in the absence of the president, occupying the chair. The Rev. C. V. Camplin-Cogan was unanimously re-elected president, and the vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc.

Mr. S. F. Staffurth resigned his position as secretary. He will shortly be taking up his residence in Ramsey, Hunts. Mr. J. Phillips, of Butterwick, was unanimously elected to the office of hon. secretary, and Mr. Arthur H. Palmer was unanimously re-elected Ringing Master of the branch.

Swineshead was chosen for the quarterly meeting, held in April.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. Rupert Richardson for presiding concluded the business.

Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung on the handbells. During the evening touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise were successfully brought round on the church bells.

**NORTHERN BRANCH PROPOSED REDUCTION OF
SUBSCRIPTION.**

The Grimsby district annual meeting of the above was held at Grimsby on January 27th. The bells of St. Andrew's and the Parish Church were rung in various methods, young ringers taking part. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (Canon A. A. Markham), who gave a suitable address. Mr. Harold Rusby presided at the organ. Tea at the Church House was enjoyed, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar taking the chair owing to the vice-president (the Rev. H. T. Parry) being called away. Places for meetings for the year were voted for, and a welcome was extended to the new Vicar of Ulceby (the Rev. Mr. Newton), who was elected, together with several new members.—Mr. Hoodless, of Barton, proposed a reduction in the fee for subscriptions on account of reduced wages, etc., and this resolution is to be forwarded to the committee.—Votes of thanks and ringing in the evening concluded a pleasant meeting.

**CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.
A NEW PEAL OF 5,024 BY J. W. PARKER.**

Conductors of peals of Cambridge Surprise will study with interest the appended peal of 5,024, which has been composed by Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and was rung for the first time on Jan. 25th, at Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

Hitherto Middleton's peal, with its five symmetrical parts, has been practically the only one available. Now Mr. Parker has given us another which, we imagine, will be welcomed by those to whom a change will commend itself.

					REVERSE VARIATION.				
23456	B	M	W	H	23456	R	M	W	H
35264	—	—	—	—	42356	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—	32654	—	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—	56423	—	—	—	—
56342	—	—	—	—	62534	—	—	—	—
35642	—	—	—	—	35426	—	—	—	—
63542	—	—	—	—	52364	—	—	—	—
34625	—	—	—	—	63425	—	—	—	—
64523	—	—	—	—	547236	—	—	—	and Fourths
54326	—	—	—	—	54263	—	In end	—	—
54263	—	—	—	—	25463	—	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—	—	42563	—	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	—	42635	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—	64235	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—	26435	—	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—	—	63254	—	—	—	—
547236	—	—	—	Fourths	56234	—	—	—	—
52364	In	—	—	—	35264	—	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	—	35642	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—	63542	—	—	—	—
56423	—	—	—	—	56342	—	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—	—	64523	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—	54326	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—	34625	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—	34256	—	—	—	—
23456	—	—	—	—	25456	—	—	—	—

This peal is composed from a three-part set of twenty-four courses, which are quite distinct from Middleton's, and is the second original

composition having this number of courses with the tenors together. The seventh is moved for one course only, when the sixth takes its place.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

A district meeting was held at Farnham on Saturday last, and was attended by ringers from Aldershot, Alton, Binsted, Cranleigh, Dorking, Godalming, Guildford, Haslemere, Scale, etc. The Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. M. C. Crum), who also gave an address. The organist presided at the organ, and the churchwardens were also present. Tea was provided at Ransom's Tea Rooms, presided over by the Rector.

A short business meeting followed.—The Ringing Master presented his report, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. A. C. Hazelden, and seconded by Mr. W. R. Melville, to the Rector and wardens for the use of the church and bells; also to the organist, and to the members of the local company for making the necessary arrangements.

After some touches on handbells, in which Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden, Mr. W. R. Melville, Mr. T. Upshaw and Mr. A. P. Duffield took part, the company returned to the tower, and the bells, as in the afternoon, were rung in various methods.

HEAVY GOING BELLS AT ALRESFORD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held at Alresford on Saturday, Feb. 4th, when members attended from Bishopstoke, Bishop Sutton, North Stoneham, Farnham, Portsea, Winchester and Alresford. Tea was provided at Crook's Restaurant, the Rector presiding, supported by the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Mr. Geo. Williams (Master) and Mr. G. Pullinger (peal recorder). During the afternoon and evening the peal of eight were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. The heavy 'go' of the tenor made a course of Major enough at a time for those who rang this bell, although Mr. Pullinger's castor oil improved matters a little. The two back bells at least require new bearings.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Egham on Saturday, Feb. 3rd, 42 members being present from Chertsey, Bagshot, Binfield, Farnborough, Hershaw, Old Windsor, Staines, Walton-on-Thames, Yorktown, and the local band. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Tranter), and an excellent tea was provided by the lady church workers in the Church Room.

At the business meeting the Vicar occupied the chair, supported by Mr. Hopkins and Mr. E. F. Stead, and ten new members were elected.

Mr. Nye proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the kind way in which he had received the Guild; also to the ladies for their hospitality in arranging such an excellent tea.—This was seconded by Mr. Woodrow.—The Vicar thanked the members for coming, and said he was pleased to meet them.—The tower was again visited until 8.45 p.m. The methods during the afternoon and evening ranged from Grandsire to Kent Treble Bob Major.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western district was held at Northchurch on Saturday, Feb. 3rd. The bells are a nice peal of six, which go round opposite to the customary way. Various touches were brought round during the afternoon, and a short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. B. Pope). Tea, which was kindly provided by the Rector, was served in the Church Room, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rector, who presided, welcomed the association to Northchurch for the first time. He hoped they would come again, and said they would be made welcome whenever they desired to come.

The Rector was elected an honorary member, and Apsley was selected for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, on the motion of Mr. W. Shephard, seconded by Mr. O. Bayes, for providing the tea, for the use of the bells, and for the welcome extended to the association; and also to the ladies for serving the tea.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till 7.30, when they were lowered in peal. Some of the members then went on to Berkhamsted and rang for an hour.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Cheshunt on Jan. 20th, and 23 members attended from Edmonton, Ware, Nazeing and Little Munden, besides the members of the Cheshunt band. Some good ringing was done, and all spent a very pleasant time. Service was held in church, at which the Rev. C. R. Law, Vicar, who, by the way, is himself a ringer, gave a very helpful address from Exodus xii. 26. 'What mean ye by this service?'

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 35th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 24th, 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 2/-, to other members and friends, 6/6 each. Every full member should be clear on the books not later than Saturday, Feb. 17th. The bells of St. Martin (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

THE GIFFORD MEMORIAL.—The tablet to the memory of the late Mr. W. W. Gifford will be dedicated at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, at 5 p.m. There will be a short special service held, and it is earnestly hoped that all fellow ringers will make an effort to attend.—L. Harris and F. W. Romaine, Hon. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due; reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells available at Christ Church from 3 p.m. Tea at King's Arms Hotel, 4.45. All ringers welcome.—R. W. Hyner, Hon. Sec., 42, Brunswick Street, Swindon, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A Branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Blagdon (near Bristol) on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after service. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at The Sacred Heart R.C. Church on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, N. Promenade, Blackpool.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The next meeting will be held at Ampthill on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells at 3. All will be welcome.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street, Dunstable.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Old Warden on Saturday, Feb. 17th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, Feb. 19th, March 5th and 19th. Bishopsgate, March 12th. 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, Nr. Slough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at St. Matthew's, Kingsdown, on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by Feb. 20th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea will be provided. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By the kind permission of Canon W. B. Forster, M.A., the annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Idle on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. A short service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Church School. All applications for tickets should be made to Mr. R. Umpleby, 6, Highdal Terrace, Idle, not later than Feb. 20th. General meeting at 6 p.m. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. Dale. Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon, 1/3 each, at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, the 20th? Subscriptions which are now due will be gladly received at this meeting.—C. Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Gateshead on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Meet at St. Mary's, Gateshead, at 2.30. Newcastle Cathedral bells available till 5 p.m. Tea at 'The Anchorage' at 5 o'clock, 1/- each. Will members intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, the 20th?—Geo. S. Taylor, District Sec., 149, St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Feb. 24th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 20th. A good attendance is desired at this, the first, meeting of the year. Subscriptions are now due, and tower secretaries are asked to collect them from their towers, and to pay them to me as early as possible.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Reddish on Saturday, Feb. 24th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Feb. 24th. 8 bells. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables 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 March 1st; *St. Paul's Cathedral on Feb. 20th; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsbore, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Bocking (St. Mary's) on Saturday, March 3rd. See notice next week. Subscriptions for 1923 are now due.—Bert Redgwell, Dis. Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 4.30. Address by the Rev. C. H. Barker, Vicar of Swindon. Tea will be provided for those only who notify me not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 27th.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston, Staffs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea. It is important that all those expecting to be present at the tea should let me know by Monday, March 5th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—I shall be glad to receive from the local secretaries of those towers in the two dioceses the subscriptions of their honorary and ordinary ringing members who have not already paid for the years 1921-22 and 1922-23 at their earliest possible convenience.—A. M. Hall, Hon. Treasurer, National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd., Quayside, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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MODERN BELL TUNING.

The advantages of tuning bells on the Simpson five-tone principle were bound, sooner or later, to be called into question from the ringers' standpoint, and Mr. Edwin Barnett's letters have expressed the views of quite a number of ringers after the gradually widening experience that is being gained. Whether or not these opinions can be said to outweigh the claims made for Simpson-tuned bells is not for us to say, and doubtless there will ever be two schools of thought upon the subject. It cannot be denied that to hear a Simpson-tuned peal in contrast with many an old ring is to be convinced of the vast superiority gained in the tones by the new method, for overtones and harmonics are rarely in evidence in the old-fashioned bells. If they came out true it was more by luck than anything else, although the founders of days gone by must be given credit for seeking, by form and mixture, to get as near as possible, within their limited mechanical means, to the perfect bell. That they occasionally succeeded is obvious by some of the very fine specimens still to be found up and down the country.

But there is something more in the arguments which Mr. Barnett has put forward than many advocates of the Simpson principle may be prepared to admit. For instance, the 'howl' of which he speaks is very noticeable in some towers, yet there are others in which it is by no means pronounced. Is this a matter, we wonder, of acoustics, rather than the fault of the bells themselves? If so, it might be possible by mechanical means to get rid of the dirgelike noises which seem to get into the heads of ringers when peal ringing in these particular towers. If the fault lay in the bells, and is to be found in some bells and not in others, it ought not to be beyond the wit of the founders and their tuners to overcome the drawback. We only make this suggestion, because we have never yet seen it stated what is the actual cause of the 'howl' which has been referred to. If the actual cause is not known founders might well investigate.

No one will attempt to deny that, from the important standpoint of the public, bells accurately tuned as modern bells are, whether strictly to Simpson principles, or with a flat seventh, are much more appreciated than old bells which obtained their harmonics more or less in haphazard fashion. That is a matter that must not be lost sight of. There is also another question which Mr. Barnett raises, namely, the life of a bell as a melodious instrument. Will Simpson-tuned bells, and, we presume, all other bells tuned on a lathe, lose their resonance sooner than the old bells? Will the metallurgists enlighten us?

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

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

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ERNEST MORRIS... .. Treble	*FRANK PERVIN 7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 8
THOMAS RUSSAM 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
ALBERT E. NORMAN 4	GEORGE YENDELL 10
JAMES GEORGE 5	ALBERT WALKER 11
JOHN NEAL 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.
* First peal of Cinques. First peal of Cinques as conductor on tower bells. Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. A. Walker and Mr. Thomas Russam.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS 7
FRANK COLE... .. 2	WILLIAM STAITE 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	ALFRED HARRIS 9
HUBERT SCRIVENS 4	CHARLES GARDINER 10
CHARLES AUSTIN... .. 5	JOHN BALLINGER... .. 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	ALBERT HANKS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.
Rung for the 3rd anniversary of the record of 13,001 Grandsire Cinques in 8 hours 45 minutes, by the same band and standing in the same order, this being made possible by Mr. A. Hanks being home from Canada on holiday.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE MITCHISON Treble	WILLIAM KENT 6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	*OLIVER G. NORMAN 8
HENRY JONES 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	WILLIAM DAVIS Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by A. E. NORMAN.
* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Oliver G. Norman.

SOUTHGATE.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

SIDNEY WADE Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 6
NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 2	HARRY MILLER 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 8
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 4	JOHN E. MILLER 9
GEORGE BESTER 5	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

Composed by G. FARDON. Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.
The conductor's 100th peal on tower bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Bowden and J. Miller.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble	ALFRED GIBSON 5
*HAROLD G. FRAMPTON ... 2	*EDWARD CRAIGGS 6
REV. M. C. POTTER 3	FRED BROADBELT 7
*LESLIE BROADBELT 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal and first attempt.

HIGHAM FERRARS, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 22 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb. in E flat.

BERTIE O. SODEN Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5
*WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 2	FRED WILFORD 6
*FRANK ROWLINSON 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
JOHN HENSMAN 4	ARTHUR TOMPKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd hail from Peterborough, and were elected members previous to starting.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST LINCOLN Treble	CLAYTON PARNELL 5
*CHARLES BAILEY 2	THOMAS BECKETT 6
CHARLES F. SAYER 3	*FREDERICK FINCH 7
CHARLES CUTTING 4	EDWIN R. GOATE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by EDWIN R. GOATE.

* First peal of Kent 'inside.' † First peal of Treble Bob. This was rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. and Mrs. Wood, who were recently instituted to the living of the parish.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN N. CXBORROW Treble	HARRY R. PASMORE 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	JAMES WILLSHIRE 6
LOUIS ATWATER 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ERNEST WEATHERBY Treble	*HARRY BURDOCK 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	†WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... 3	KEITH HART 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First Surprise peal on an inside bell. † First Surprise peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Burdock. It is ten years since a Surprise peal was rung on these bells.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

NOBLE SPINDLOW Treble	JOHN MONK 5
*MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
GORDON CAUDWELL 3	THOMAS BULL 7
EDGAR HUMFREY 4	RICHARD KEEN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* 50th peal.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Feb. 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

†EDWIN GREEN Treble	*FRANK OLIVER 5
*GEORGE ELLIOTT 2	CHARLES SMITH... .. 6
*JOHN BUXTON 3	R. GEORGE LEWIS 7
ERNEST ROBERTS 4	*GEORGE BURROWS ... Tenor

Conducted by C. SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung to celebrate the return of Capt. H. J. Bamford after his wedding.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, Feb. 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDGAR C. RUSSELL Treble	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK 6
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 3	HARRY MANCE 7
GEORGE C. ILES 4	WILLIAM J. HEWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

First peal on the bells since the restoration.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*GEORGE PETER Treble	GEORGE TOMSETT 5
*MRS. HAZELDEN 2	EDWARD RADDON... .. 6
†EDWARD ETHERIDGE... .. 3	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7
*GEORGE J. NICHOLS 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Conducted by CHAS. HAZELDEN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell. First peal of Major as conductor.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
SAMUEL WARD 2	*THOMAS M. KITCHEN 6
J. CECIL BOOTH... .. 3	*JOHN AMBLER 7
*W.M. FREDERICK THORPE... 4	J. WILLIAM CORDINGLEY ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method as conductor.

LEISION, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*HORACE MOULT... .. Treble	*GERALD GRIFFIN 5
JOHN A. MOULT... .. 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
*JOHN H. DEAN 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
EPHRAIM W. RANDES... .. 4	HARRY POWDRILL Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of 6th and 7th hail from Leicester, the remainder are members of the local band.

AUGHTON, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE LUNT Treble	THOMAS W. GILMOUR 5
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 2	†JOHN WILKINSON 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
*CLAUDE S. BENWELL 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by J. WILKINSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major as conductor.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	*LESLIE G. BRETT 6
ALFRED H. WATSON 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
WALTER RUFFLES 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE BELL FODNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES E. CLARKE Treble	JOSEPH S. CARTER 5
*JOHN SADDINGTON 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
ERNEST J. JELLEY 3	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 7
SYDNEY COX 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of Forward Major in the county and by all the band.
* 50th peal. R. F. Elkington has now rung each of these bells to a peal.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	GEORGE HUGHES 5
EDGAR MARLOW 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
BERT HORTON 3	*THOMAS J. ELTON 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Ernest J. Dyke, a prominent worker and past warden at the above church; also to Mr. Josiah Wathen, of Tewkesbury, father of one of the local band.

WIDNES, LANCASHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST PALMER Treble	HENRY C. COLLYER 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 3	*FREDERICK J. HANCOCK ... 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	CECIL RADDOON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells. * First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

LESLIE J. CLARK Treble	THOMAS LINCOLN 5
PERCY TIMSON 2	ARTHUR EDWARDS 6
HENRY W. KIRTON 3	JOHN WOOD 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by J. MARTIN. Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

SHIFNAL, SEIROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

*EDGAR H. C. HICKOX, B.A. Treble	DENNIS J. BOUCHER 5
*JOHN GRIFFITHS (AGED 14) 2	ALBERT WOODVINE 6
JAMES E. LILLEY 3	CHARLES PICKEN... .. 7
GEORGE W. JONES 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by J. BRADNEY. Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal on eight bells. The ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor belong to St. Chad's, Salop; 4th to Malins Lee, and 7th to Shifnal. Arranged and rung on Mr. J. Bradney's 74th birthday. The band were congratulated by Mr. Bradney on the excellent striking, and he was able to give them the calling of the peal which he ticked off as rung. The band were afterwards entertained to tea, and Mr. Bradney was heartily thanked for his hospitality.

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BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

TOM TEBBUTT Treble	↑ RUPERT RICHARDSON 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	DAVID J. NIDHOLS 7
*BERTIE O. SODEN 4	FRED WILFORD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOV.

Conducted by F. WILFORD.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † 350th peal. Specially arranged for Mr. R. Richardson and Miss Annie Parkins. The latter being unable to ring, owing to sickness, Mr. M. Hobbs therefore kindly stood in at the last minute.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

* EDWARD HARRISON Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	* WILLIAM CLARKE 7
JOHN HAYES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM 2	WILLIAM DAVIES 6
WILLIAM H. JONES 3	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
GEORGE T. MITCHISON 4	OLIVER G. NORMAN Tenor

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.

Arranged and rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Rishworth.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
JOHN BASS 2	HARRY PRICE 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	JOHN LLOYD 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

It is 34 years and one day since Mr. J. George rang his first peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

HARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single and 1,140 each of Single Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb. in F sharp.

* EDWIN T. FRIAR Treble	WILLIAM G. KITCHINGHAM 4
WILLIAM A. MILES 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
† JOHN H. HARRIS 3	Q.M.-SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th are of the local band.

GREAT WALDINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: 5 six-scores of St. Simon's, 7 of St. Clement's, and 6 each of Evening Star, April Day, Little Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob, with different callings.

BERTRAM CORNELL Treble	LAWRENCE POOLSON 3
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	WALTER HEAD 4
JAMES MARTIN Tenor	

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in seven methods by all.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, 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 Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent. Tenor 10½ cwt.

EDWARD E. TIDY Treble	GEORGE ELLIS 4
LEONARD A. TIDY 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
WILLIAM T. BEESON 3	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

The thanks of the visitors are due to the local band for their kind hospitality after the peal.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob and Woodbine. Tenor 16 cwt.

G. HILLS Treble	E. TOWNSEND 4
J. JENNINGS 2	A. PIPER 5
W. PIPER 3	F. SUCKLING Tenor

Conducted by F. SUCKLING.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, Feb. 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings.

J. JENKINS Treble	W. J. BENIAMS 4
* GEORGE RANGLES 2	W. R. NASH 5
* E. H. MEREDITH 3	H. JONES Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

* First peal. The ringer of the 2nd bells from Bromfield, the 3rd from Clunbury, and the rest from Ludlow. The band tender their best thanks to the Rev. Winter for granting permission to ring.

NEWINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lb. in F.

CLER.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
CECIL C. BISHOP 2	CHARLEY MILLARD 5
WILLIAM J. WALKER 3	Q.M.-SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GRO. GILBERT, R.E.

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LANGHAM, RUTLAND.

On Monday, Feb. 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

MISS C. MUNDAY Treble	MISS L. SMITH 4
G. CLOXTON... .. 2	H. SHILLAKER 5
MISS P. MUNDAY... .. 3	C. SHILLAKER Tenor

Conducted by H. SHILLAKER.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band and rung at the first attempt. All are regular Sunday service ringers.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholar's, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Double Oxford and Double Court.

*HERBERT E. FROSSELL ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
PEARL INSKIP 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 5
CHARLES MORTIMER... .. 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal.

SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT BRACKLEY Treble	ALBERT RAINBIRD 4
HARRY TURNER 2	WILLIAM LEGGETT 5
ERNEST FORBANK 3	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CAVILL.

EAST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ELDRIDGE Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN 4
GEORGE BELL 2	GEORGE NEWMAN 5
TOM SAUNDERS 3	HARRY BELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS NEWMAN.

All the above belong to the Mereworth band.

LUTTON, LINCS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Feb. 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 5 cwt.

*JOHN S. BUTLER Treble	*THOMAS A. COOPER 3
†FREDERICK G. LIGHTNING ... 2	*JOHN F. BALL 4
*GEORGE R. G. BUTLER Tenor	

Conducted by G. R. G. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First as a conductor. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Holbeach; the rest belong to the local band.

BRENCHLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In 10 different callings.

GEORGE BURT Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
GEORGE WAGHORN 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

The report of a peal at Swinton, Lancs, has been sent in without the name of the conductor.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of College Single, Plain Bob and Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FREDERICK RUMMERY ... Treble	EDWARD W. TUMBER 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	EDWARD HODGES... .. 5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL ... 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First 5040.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, Feb. 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.4.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN CARTER 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. 5-6
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 3-4	JOHN N. OXBORROW 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpire: MR. E. ALEXANDER YOUNG.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Residence of MR. J. A. GODFREY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANGES;

Size 19 in F.

EDWARD C. COOKE 1	CHARLES S. TUTHILL... .. 5
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN... .. 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
CHARLES WYBROW 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7-8
GEORGE COOKE 4	ROBERT W. COOKE 9-10

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

First peal of Little Bob Royal by the Association and by all the band.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held on Saturday, January 13th. Ringing commenced early in the afternoon, members attending from Badsworth, Darfield, Crofton, Horbury, Sandal, Wath, Pontefract, Royston, and several of the local company. Service was held in the Memorial Chapel at St. Mary's, the Rev. W. B. Chapman giving an excellent address. Tea was partaken of at Fox's Cafe, and the annual business meeting was held in St. Mary's Parish Room.

The balance sheet was formally presented, and referred to the next meeting.

The officials were re-elected.—The Rev. H. E. Hone, Rector of St. Mary's, came in to the meeting and received the thanks of the members for his past and present services. He was also elected the first hon. president of the association.

Four new members were elected, and Crofton is to be the place for the next meeting.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

As already briefly announced, the Bristol United Guilds' third annual dinner will take place in Bristol on January 12th, 1924, and the officers for this banquet have been elected as follows: Rev. T. C. Fowler, chairman; Mr. F. G. Leaker, vice-chairman; Mr. E. Guise, hon. secretary; Mr. P. C. Williams, hon. treasurer; Miss Smith, Mr. W. A. Cave, Mr. Jeffries, Mr. H. T. Howell, Mr. L. Gowing, stewards.

The 1923 dinner was a great success, and to ensure the upkeep of standard socials are being arranged during the coming year. The first is already fixed for April 17th, 1923, at St. Thomas' Church Room. Every effort will be made to suit the requirements of all, and Mr. E. Guise is open to receive communications in this direction, and to place all useful suggestions before his committee.

A vote of thanks to the artists was passed very heartily.

Mr. J. Gould, the retiring chairman, fully justified his election, and has further demonstrated those quiet, unassuming but useful factors of a 'jolly good fellow.'

IPSWICH VETERANS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, wish to thank you for finding space to print the appreciation of the late Mr. James Motts, by Mr. C. E. Borrett.

There are still, in addition to the names mentioned, two members of 'the Old Brigade' with us in Ipswich, although they are both on the 'retired' list, to wit, Edward Reeve and Samuel Tillet, in their 83rd and 80th year, respectively.

These are the only two ringers living in Ipswich who rang upon the old ten bells at St. Mary-le-Tower before they were augmented to twelve by the new treble and new tenor.

Mr. S. Tillet is the father of Frederick J. Tillet who rang the tenor in the 16,638 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Debenham.

G. E. SYMONDS, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the N. and E. District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held on Saturday, January 27th, at Christ Church, Southgate, when a company of about 40 members attended. Divine service was held at 5 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow), who was assisted by the Rev. E. de G. Hampson (curate), the organist, and several members of the choir. The address was given by the Vicar. Tea was partaken of at the Cherry Tree Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting. The balance sheet, showing a credit balance of £2 6s. 3d. on the year's working, was passed.—Nine new members were admitted, and the whole of the officers re-elected.

The fund for a memorial to the late president, Mr. A. T. King, was mentioned, the Hon. Secretary stating that whilst over £25 had already been collected, further support was necessary, which he hoped would be forthcoming.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. George-in-the-East on March 10th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and curate, the organist and choir, and to the local ringers, was moved by Mr. W. H. Oram, and carried with acclamation. Some Stedman Cinques having been rung on handbells by Messrs. G. M. Kilby, J. Thomas, G. R. Pye, W. Pye, J. Armstrong and N. Sanders, a move was made to the belfry, where the fine-toned peal of ten were kept going to various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Surprise Reval.

RECAST BELLS AT LUSTLEIGH.**A DEVON RESTORATION.**

On Saturday last a ring of six bells at Lustleigh Church, Devon, was dedicated by the Dean of Exeter in the presence of a full congregation, including ringers from Halberton (Plymouth), Bovey Tracey, Kingskerswell, Highweek, etc.

In the middle of the service the Dean, with the clergy, proceeded to the west end, and dedicated the bells in the ringing room, which is on the ground floor, whereupon the local ringers rang rounds for a few minutes.

After an appropriate address by the Dean, and at the conclusion of the service, the first six score on the bells was rung by a mixed band from Halberton and Moretonhampstead, including the Rev. E. S. Powell (the general secretary of the Devon Guild) and Mr. C. F. Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston).

Later the choir and all the visiting ringers were entertained by the people of Lustleigh to a tea in the Parish Hall.

The ring of six has been recast and tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, and rehung with all new fittings, ball bearings, etc., in a new iron and steel frame, the whole of the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The ringers present expressed themselves delighted with the 'go' of the bells, whilst the whole of the parish realised the great improvement in tone that had been effected in comparison with the old peal to which they had been accustomed.

At the conclusion of the tea, the Rector, in a happy speech, welcomed all those who were present, and Mr. Nicholls, of Bovey Tracey, and Mr. C. F. Johnston, of Croydon, both made speeches in happy vein.

Lustleigh is an adjacent parish to Moretonhampstead, where a new peal of eight has recently been installed from the same foundry, and at both churches it is hoped to introduce change ringing.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN JUDD.

We regret to announce the death, at the age of 75 years, of Mr. John Judd, of Kensington. For 14 years Mr. Judd was a ringer at St. Peter's, Bexhill-on-Sea, and many years previous to that at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, where he was taught change ringing in 1895 by Mr. W. E. Garrard, and in which tower his name is on many peal boards. The family of the deceased desire to express their grateful thanks to the ringers at St. Peter's, Bexhill, for their muffled ringing and the beautiful wreath they sent.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

What was claimed as the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung exactly 140 years ago to-day. This was at St. Giles-in-the-Fields by a College Youths Company (there were two societies of College Youths at that time), and was 'deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other sett of men whatever.'

A peal of 6,048 in the same method rung at Sheffield in 1787 (four years after the London peal) was also claimed as the first in the method in the country. This may have meant outside London, or perhaps the Sheffield men had not heard of the London peal.

'Perhaps there never was three such capital performances in ye art of ringing ever before rung on ye same day as was rung on Feb. 26th, 1777, for besides the 10,080 Caters at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and 10,080 Major at Shrewsbury, there was rung at Abingdon, in Berkshire, a peal of 5,040 Bob Royal on ten handbells by five persons, it being the first peal on handbells in ye kingdom, and is thought to exceed a course of Treble Bob Twelve in ring by ye College Youths in London.' (From a journal, March 1st, 1777.)

On Feb. 28th, 1881, 9,238 Stedman Cinques were rung at Birmingham, on Henry Johnson's 72nd birthday; the last day of February being also the birthday of Mr. Ted Horrex, who will be 85 next Wednesday, College Youths and ringers throughout the country will extend their good wishes to the London veteran upon this day.

Twenty years last Wednesday was rung the first (and only) peal of 'Silent Stedman Cinques' in hand. This took place on Feb. 21st, 1903, at Leicester, and of the band—J. O. Lancashire 1—2, G. Cleal 3—4, S. Cotton 5—6, W. Willson 7—8, J. Buttery 9—10, A. Millis 11—12, the first four men are like 'Charlie's Aunt'—still running.

It is interesting to note the commemoration of the 13,001 Grand-sire Cinques rung in this Gloucestershire tower three years ago, by a peal in which the same band rang the same bells. This was only possible, as the footnote indicates, by one of the band who had emigrated to Canada, being in this country on a holiday. We wonder if ever they will all meet again to achieve a similar performance!

On Feb. 28th, 1880, a very musical 'date touch' was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, in the shape of a 'World's Birthday Peal.' The band, consisting of Bradford members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, rang 5,884 Kent Treble Bob to represent the number of years that had elapsed since man's creation.

It was also rung in honour of the 80th birthday of William Sottan-stall, of Sowerby, Halifax, the composer of the peal, 'who for 60 years had taken a lively interest in any object to promote the art and science of change ringing both as a ringer and composer, as the book published by him testified.'

Long peals rung on March 1st include 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major rung at Warnham in 1889, and two peals of Grand-sire Caters at Painswick, viz., 8,064 in 1734, and 10,080 in 1735.

The bells at Haslemere, Surrey, have been taken down this week, prior to recasting at the Loughborough Foundry. Major J. H. B. Hesse has been responsible for raising funds for this work. He has been actively connected with at least a dozen such restorations.

Ringers will wish success to the Midland Counties Association band who to-morrow will attempt the 12,898 Cambridge Surprise Major at Stoney Stanton. Nothing like this length of Cambridge has yet been achieved.

RINGERS WEDDED.

A ringers' wedding of unusual interest took place at the Church of St. Thomas, Norbury, Cheshire, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, when Mr. J. P. Fidler was married to Miss R. E. Bennett. Much interest was evinced in the event, and ere the bells came round in the opening touch, a good congregation had assembled to witness the ceremony. The Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary of the Chester Guild) officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. J. Humphreys, Vicar of Norbury. During the service, the hymn, 'The voice that breathed o'er Eden' was sung, Mr. James Fernley, junr., presiding at the organ. After the service an attempt was made for a peal of spliced Minor, but unfortunately came to grief in the fourth 720. The following 720's were rung; 1st, Bogedone, Ely, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Rostherne; 2nd, Croyland, Abbeyville, Combermere, St. Werburgh, Vale Royal; 3rd, Grove Delight, Braintree, Neasden, Wragby, College Bob IV.; J. Fernley, junr., 1, W. W. Wolstencroft 2, W. Fernley 3, H. Langley 4, J. Fernley, senr. (conductor), 5, J. W. Hartley 6. Afterwards all adjourned to the residence of Mr. Fernley, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

THE RECENT PEAL AT HEADCORN.

Our correspondent who raised the question about the recent peal of Bob Major at Headcorn, Kent, writes that ringers in that district are still awaiting the reply of the conductor. Unless a reply is forthcoming, which will set at rest doubts as to the validity of the peal, he says, the association will be asked to judge whether or not they will be justified in recording the peal.

SIMPSON TUNING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Rev. Cecil H. Clarke's letter in your issue of Feb. 9th calls for some further comments from me. I am pleased to have found out that he is a ringer and doing excellent work in his district. I wish we had many more clergy of his stamp in our ranks. I have not heard the new peal at St. Nicholas', Brighton, so cannot pass an opinion on them; but I should be inclined to think if they are all he represents them to be, it is probably the result of an accident, or else the position of them in the tower having a tendency to hide their defects.

The fact that the bells are primarily for the glory of God, I have never overlooked, and there are few ringers to-day whose record for Sunday service ringing is better than my own during a period of forty-two years. But surely those ringers who ring for the glory of God have a right to ask that the music of the bells they ring shall be the best possible, and not be compelled to submit to anything which offends their ears, when in many instances it could so easily be otherwise if it were not for the passing craze of a few musical cranks who tell us that the harmonics of a bell are everything to be desired. Are they? There is not one ringer in a thousand who cares a 'snap of the fingers' for any of the notes above where the clapper strikes, and if a bell is cast the right thickness, that is the note which I contend gives the best result and does away with that distressing howl which you invariably get on Simpson-tuned bells.

The Rev. C. H. Clarke's experience on the latter type of bells is evidently very limited. He seems to think that because a ringer dares to have an opinion of his own, he is ignorant of the subject he is talking about, but my experience of life tells me it is often the very opposite of that. The true judge of the musical qualities of a bell is the experienced ringer with 'an ear.'

Common sense seems to say that the note produced by a thin bell must be irony, compared with a proportionately thicker cast bell, the latter type giving a good bold note, which the former lacks.

Most of our old founders cast their bells as nearly as possible true to note. If they had had to cut and hack them about to tune then we should never have had many of the beautiful old bells which we are so proud of to-day. The blow of the clapper has a much sweeter, resonating sound on a bell when the skin of the metal has not been broken, than when the metal has been skimmed out as with a Simpson-tuned bell.

It is a well-known fact that a perfect bell casting, which has never had its 'skin' broken, has a greater power of resonance and a longer resonating life than when it has been skirled with a tool, and when a casting is skirled from top to bottom as some of our big bells are to get the five tones correct, you have undermined the whole elasticity of the fabric, and it is only a question of pounding it long enough to knock all its breath away. The reason we are getting so many Simpson-tuned peals of bells is, not that they have been proved to be the best type of bell, but that the bell founders who advocate that particular type have found it so easy to talk over perhaps an unmusical incumbent and his equally unmusical churchwardens, who may be the village grocer and the village butcher; but if they had had experienced ringers to contend with the result in many instances would be different.

I wonder which of Brighton's two peals of ten will last longest? I am thinking those of St. Peter's, if left as they are, will be pouring out their melodious voice long after those of St. Nicholas have ceased to exist. I have now had my say on the matter, and am perfectly satisfied if I have drawn the attention of the Exercise to some of the imperfections of Simpson tuning.—Yours, etc.,

E. BARNETT, Senr.

A FULL TONE BELL PREFERRED.

Sir,—The Rev. Cecil H. Clarke, in your issue of Feb. 9th, quotes: 'So many men, so many opinions.' He then assumes the position of a Gamaliel, and mildly abuses two very estimable members of the Exercise for having opinions of their own and the courage to express them.

As regards the two points put forward, viz.: (1) 'That bells are primarily for the glory of God.' What churchman would dispute that? But who is to decide which are 'the very best bells'? Presumably Mr. Clarke. (2) 'Many bells are called Simpson-tuned, which have little or no right to the name.'—Why not?—if they 'howl' sufficiently. At this juncture it would be apropos to place before your readers, clergy and laity, musical and unmusical members of our bell ringing profession, an extract from a copy of 'The Sunday Times,' dated April 11th, 1920, as follows:—

'Your contributor leads one to believe that this new system of tuning was first used in this country by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston fourteen years ago. I, however, beg to point out that Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were the first to make use of this system considerably over fourteen years ago at the suggestion of the

late Canon Simpson, of Fittleworth, and Canon Simpson based his ideas on certain Continental bells produced in the latter part of the seventeenth century. Your contributor also leads one to think that, prior to this new system, all bells were tuned by hand chipping, but I believe that the first power-driven tuning machine was erected a little over eighty years ago by the Old Whitechapel Bell Foundry (Mears and Stainbank), which was established in 1570, and is still continuing business.'

'It would appear from your letter that all old peals are out of tune. Simpson-tuned peals are strongly in the minority, and, therefore, the vast majority of rings of bells are out of tune. There must be many of your readers sufficiently musical to know that such a statement is absurd.'

'I have devoted much time recently in making a comparison between the best of bells tuned on the old lines and those tuned on the Simpson five-toned principle, and I am bound to confess that the new system suffers by the comparison.'

'During my observations I have often asked myself, "Why do Simpson-tuned peals have a dirgelike, mournful howl with them, when being rung in peal, and the old tuned rings a bright, cheerful effect?" The only reason I can find for this effect, which is agreed to by the majority of ringers with whom I have come in contact, is that Simpson-tuned peals consist of a succession of octaves and fifths in harmonics, which, as every young student of music knows, is against the first laws of harmony, whereas the old tuned peals, with their strike notes and sevenths (instead of the octave), give the effect of an incomplete cadence, and so brighten the sound of the bells when rung in peal.'

'Perhaps some other reader can give a better reason for the "howling" tone of Simpson-tuned bells. As examples of beautiful toned rings of bells tuned on the old system, may I mention the famous twelves at Painswick, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and Southwark Cathedral, the eight at Southgate, Middlesex (now ten), and the delightful ring at Privett, Hants.'

Some years ago I read a booklet by Thomas C. Lewis, the eminent organ builder, and an unquestioned authority on tone and tune. The pamphlet was entitled 'A protest against the modern development of unmusical tone, organs, church bells, pianofortes.'

The following is an extract:—

'Now, as a fact, there is nothing poorer in tone than a large bell having the tap or percussion note of a stated pitch, and the lower, or hum, note accompanying it an exact octave deeper. On the contrary, and in defiance seemingly of harmony, a fine bell with the percussion or tap tone, say, E, should have its lower, or hum, tone a major seventh lower, but flattened to the extent of about a quarter of a semitone.'

'To sum up, let us have peals of bells which give a musical and pleasing effect, and not peals of harmonics giving forth a doleful dirge, which gets more depressing on longer acquaintance. Mathematically-tuned bells may please, in theory, academical minds; the Chinese scale system is mathematically correct, but who wants to hear it, or what Western ear can be pleased by the sound of it?'

'Quot homines, tot sententia.' The whole question resolves itself into one of likes and dislikes. Ringers as a body prefer a full tone bell, i.e., the assertion of the actual note of the bell with the strike of the clapper, not an embroidery of harmonics which give a confused number of tones and obfuscate the actual notes of the bells. What is wanted is that sonorous, or clear, sound which one is accustomed to hear in those bells cast upon the lines of our old famous founders. Just imagine tuning an organ, pianoforte, or any other musical instrument upon the Simpson principle. For applause an orchestra would probably get anything from a boiled carrot to an egg of doubtful age.—Yours truly,

A FLAT SEVENTH.

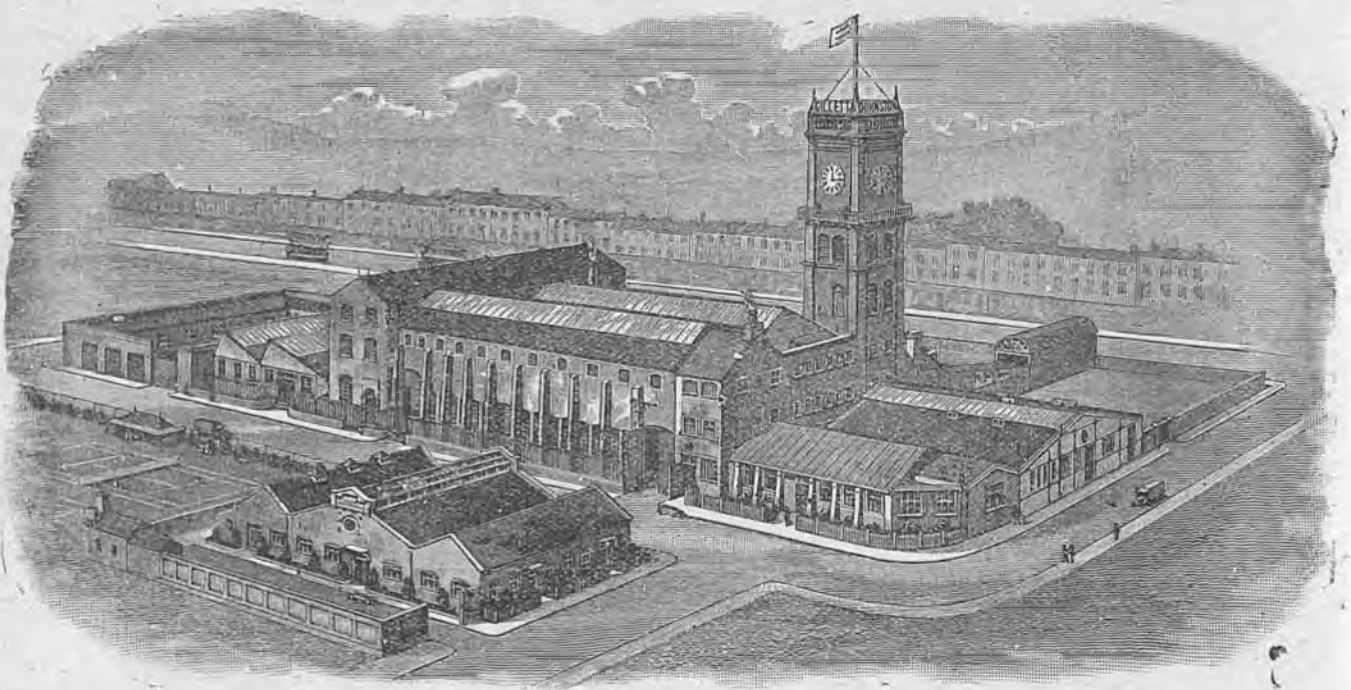
YE TESTE OF TIME AND USE.

Dear Editor.—On perusing, as is her wont, ye copy of ye only periodical worthy of her notice, yclept ye 'Ringing World,' ye heste of spouses did exclaim 'Of a truth there are two! Peppery, there exists one more, and I never dreamt it. And I trow he has not a battleaxe outfit or ye will fare badly at ye joust down Leicester way. Yeer wishbone and its five tones will e'en receive yeer shock of yeer lives should ye folk of ye Leicester flat be applied to ye harmonics of yeer five tones, especially ye five tones emitted by ye graceless varlet after a sojourn at ye good Castle of Leicester: ye keep of which is adorned with ye heads of ye lions who daro attempt ye louder roars and plenty of good old monkish xxxx?'

However, to our flats and sharps, Simpson tuning has not justified its existence. Goode Dame, yeer graceless spouse does e'en dare to brave ye wrath to come, ye axes, ye boiling in oil, ye immersion in molten metal, and point out to you that ye product of ye goode Master Perdue at Queen Camel has done, ye product of ye goode Master Miles Grey has done, ye very humble efforts of ye goode Master Gosleyn have done, ye goode Master Evans, of Chepswold, have done, and ye crude efforts of ye humble Master Abe Rudhall have done, what ye power and might of ye much lauded principle of Simpson has not yet done. And when ye goode woman did point out to

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me that even I, myself, had worn to such an extent that my pristine glory and my hum notes had got slightly impaired from ye same cause, and that, no doubt, were ye other flat to come round and adjust my harmonics with his Simpson battle fork it would add to my already well-developed humming propensities, I did try to point out to ye Beste o' that Ilk that there was such a thing as ye resilient life of metals, and that were she to experiment with two pieces of elastic of ye same sizes ye one of which had been formed in a molten state, and ye other had been cut out of ye solide block to ye same size and shape she would find that ye resilient life of ye maiden cast piece of rubber was greater than ye life of ye much cut piece, even as ye resilient product of ye ancient foundry was the greater as yeer landmarks are as near ye uncut maiden product as possible.

I did, in passing, point out to ye goode woman that even a poor composition could be made to sound ye better by ye efforts in ye right direction, and that, however bad ye dog might be it were not ye beste of policies to hang ye master for ye trotting out of ye poore beaste. But that ye person who did perform on ye worst of instruments could make ye article sound better were he to endeavour to make ye beste of hys bad bargain, and like ye steeple keeper of ye town in ye Yorkshire fastnesses, grease ye bells with Yorkshire relish for to give ye ringers an appetite for yeer exertions in ye making of ye beste of ' some flats and sharps.'—Yours,
Leicester,

Ye Yeare and Daye of Grace.

AN OCTAVE COMPLETED.

ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR NORTHAMPTON.

A noteworthy event in the history of the Parish Church, Desborough, occurred on Saturday, February 3rd, when two bells were dedicated in the presence of a large congregation. Two trebles were required to complete the octave, and the nucleus of a fund for providing these was supplied by the families and relatives of the late Mr. William and Ellen Burditt, and the families of Deacon, Kilborn and Tailby (descendants of Jonathan Deacon). In addition to the new bells, No. 1 bell has been recast. The work was carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known firm, of Croydon.

The dedicatory service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Cole-Hamilton). After the Collect, the Vicar proceeded—during the singing of a hymn—down the nave towards the tower, where he offered prayers. The local band then rang a few rounds on the new bells. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Vicar, who took as his text, 'Lift up your hearts.'

After the service a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the following: M. H. Hobbs 1, W. Lawrence 2, R. Black 3, F. Kilborn (Oadby) 4, R. Baxter 5, E. M. Atkins 6, W. Perkins 7, F. Kilborn 8.

An adjournment was made to the Church Hall, where tea was partaken of. At the table the Rev. Cole-Hamilton made a short speech, touching appreciatively on the happy event that had been made possible by their united efforts.

After tea, ringers from Irthlingborough gave an admirable demonstration of handbell ringing. Further ringing in the tower, continued until eight o'clock, brought a memorable occasion to a close.

Ringers were present from Peterborough, Northampton, Kettering, Leicester, Rothwell, Surfleet, Broughton, Isham, Cransley, Geddington, Weckley, Tichmarsh, Irthlingborough and Draughton.

Mr. Cyril Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, received the congratulations of all those present on the excellent splice which the firm had achieved in the recasting of the old treble bell and the addition of the two new ones, and on the pure and musical tone of the new bells.

MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was much interested in your leading article on Multi-Method peals in this week's 'Ringing World,' and whilst I yield to no one in my admiration for the splendid achievement of the Norbury men, I feel, like Mr. Dawson, of Leytonstone, I would like to see the figures of the calling.

Most Minor ringers have been conversant for years with the splicing of various methods, and those mentioned in your remarks can be done quite easily, as the lead ends of one are the lead ends of the others.

I assume the hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild has been or will be supplied with the figures before registering the peal. Why, then, should not the whole Exercise have the same privilege? I have before me a copy of the Central Council's publication of legitimate Minor methods.

On page 9, No. 6, is given as Morning Star, the first lead end of which is 35264. This method with Trowel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise and Norbury appear to have comprised the second 720. Trowel has not been named in the publication, but those of the remainder have, 64523, as the first lead end. I am a little curious to know how these methods were spliced to complete a true 720. I hope, therefore, Mr. Fernley will kindly oblige, amongst others.—Yours faithfully,

ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

Hon. General Secretary, Warwickshire Guild.

BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Since the last meeting with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and the remark that it is doubtful if any advantage is gained by the use of ball bearings for bells, I must admit I have altered my mind. At that time I was more against ball bearings than for them. My first reason is the gudgeons will not wear because the sleeve on which the balls run is fitted over the gudgeon, and thus takes the wear, so where ball bearings are fitted gudgeons will very seldom require renewing unless breakage or damage takes place, which is most unlikely.

Take the case of the plain bearing. When the brasses wear, the gudgeons will wear, too, also wear oval. This will in time necessitate the gudgeons being renewed; or, if they are large enough, trued up in the lathe. This would mean stocks and gudgeons being sent to the works, and the gudgeons trued up on the stocks in a lathe. This would cost a great deal more than new ball bearings, as the cost of transport alone would be a considerable item, plus the cost of new brasses, new gudgeons, or truing up the old ones.

As regards the disadvantages that Mr. Deal speaks of, I agree with him about unequal wear, and also that it is most important to fit bearings to take thrust in the case of a rolling tower.

Considerable time is saved in lubrication where ball bearings are fitted, and oil and grease will not drop down from them on the bell, which is so deadening to the tone. As time goes on probably there will be cases where a ball may split and the race get damaged, but I do not think this is nearly so likely to happen with ball bearings as with ball bearings fitted to heavy motor vehicles. The ball bearings will have to stand the same load each swing of the bell, the maximum being when the bell turns the bottom centre; in the case of the motor vehicle the load varies according to road shock.

To sum it up, if I may express my opinion, I consider ball bearings for bells an improvement and a mechanical advantage cheaper to fit and cheaper to renew, and a step in the right direction.

JOHN H. B. HESSE.

46 YEARS A RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN ARMSTRONG, OF HEPTONSTALL.

The Heptonstall ringers have sustained a loss by the death of one of their members, Mr. John Armstrong, who passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 6th, at the age of 63 years. During the war Mr. Armstrong lost two sons at the front, and shortly afterwards a daughter died at home. Those were great blows, and he never recovered his usual good spirits and cheerful disposition.

Mr. Armstrong had always been actively associated with Heptonstall Church and Sunday School, and for over 46 years was a bell ringer. He had rung a number of peals, and with the Heptonstall team took part in numerous contests. For many years he was conductor of the Heptonstall handbell ringers. In his younger days he was the most popular humorist in Upper Calder Valley, and his services were in great demand; he was also ever ready to give his talents in aid of a good cause. It is estimated that Mr. Armstrong won prizes at over 70 competitions, including a silver cup and many gold medals.

The funeral took place on Saturday, Feb. 10th, at the Parish Church. As the cortege left the house his brother ringers rang the 'whole pull and stand,' with the bells deeply muffled, and then descended from the tower and carried him to his resting-place. After the interment they rang touches of Bob Major, and the bells were also muffled for each service on the following day.

LEICESTER RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Friday, Feb. 2nd, the members of St. John-the-Divine Society, Leicester, their wives and friends, spent a very enjoyable social evening as guests of Mr. W. Willson. The Vicar (the Rev. E. S. White) presided, and the company of twenty-four gathered round the festive board at the Victoria Hotel, and did full justice to a most excellent dinner.—Afterwards the Vicar proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was duly honoured, and then expressed his pleasure at being asked to preside on that occasion, and on behalf of the company thanked the host for his generous inspiration.—Mr. Willson, in reply, said that he had been looking forward to a gathering of that kind for a considerable time, and hoped to make it an annual event.

After Mr. J. J. Jackson, of Belton, had spoken on behalf of visiting friends, the musical part of the programme was proceeded with. Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Smith rendered duets at the piano, and Mr. J. J. Jackson contributed humorous songs. Miss W. Willson rendered her songs so delightfully that she had to give 'Smiling through' again by special request. Mr. F. Howe sang several bass songs, and Messrs. T. Vallance and H. C. Norman also contributed. The time for the 'last car' came all too soon, and everyone voted the evening a huge success, and accorded the host full musical honours.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), composed by G. R. Newton, in 45 mins.: C. Brown 1, S. D. Breeze 2, *Miss I. Hastie 3, *R. H. Boddington 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 6, Robt. Holloway 7, E. W. Coulson 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

FORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, at St. Mary's, for Divine service, 560 Bob Major: F. A. Cluett 1, T. R. Taylor 2, J. J. Symons 3, W. Tate 4, F. W. Rogers 5, R. J. Stone 6, J. D. Harris 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor) 8. Also 224 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris, E. J. Harding, junr., 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. —On the previous Monday, 560 Double Norwich Major: J. J. Symons 1, F. S. Bayley 2, T. R. Taylor 3, J. D. Harris 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, 336 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Green (conductor) 1, L. Smith 2, T. Roberts 3, T. Case 4, D. Chexfield 5, C. Read 6, G. Cooper 7, G. Green 8. Longest length by 5 and 6 ringers.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, for morning service, 648 Grandsire Caters: W. H. P. Evans (first touch of Caters) 1, S. Dawe 2, W. Richards 3, W. Bolton 4, F. Smith 5, G. Large 6, E. Coombes 7, A. Parnell 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. K. Barker 10.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. H. P. Evans (first quarter) 1, F. Smith 2, G. Large 3, E. Coombes 4, F. Chamberlain 5, A. Parnell 6, F. Viles (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: F. W. G. Sparkes (first 720) 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. A. Hearl 4, C. J. Gardiner 5, E. Bishop (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 704 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, S. Palmer 5, H. A. Hearl 6, T. Townsend (longest touch in the method) 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: C. Brown 1, S. D. Breeze 2, *Miss Hastie 3, *R. H. Boddington 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 6, Robt. Holloway 7, E. W. Coulson 8. * First-quarter in this method.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 18th, for evensong, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Hoile 1, W. G. Pimmig (conductor) 2, H. James 3, J. Daffus 4, J. Lawson 5, C. Moulton 6, H. Brasher 7, C. Payne 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to H. James.

MARKET DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, for morning service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob: H. Hayes 1, A. Riggall 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, F. Simpson (first in the method) 4, W. A. Day 5, G. H. Wells 6.—For evening service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Lucas 1, A. Hornsby 2, A. Mansfield 3, J. W. Sharp 4, G. Mansfield 5, F. Hopper (conductor) 6. First attempt at Treble Bob of ringers 1, 2, 3, 5.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—At St. Anne's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, February 11th, a quarter-peal, in 46 mins.: Miss Margery Wood 1, Miss Mabel Nye 2, H. Gould 3, H. J. Chaffey 4, T. Gould 5, E. Haynes 6, P. Nye (conductor) 7, H. Hunt 8.

READING.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for evening service, 1,080 Grandsire Caters, in 42 mins.: W. Gardiner 1, Miss M. Mackman 2, A. Lovejoy 3, S. Davis 4, A. Sweetzer 5, W. Newell 6, H. Barnes 7, E. Noakes 8, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 9, M. Norman 10. This is the longest touch by the local band for many years.

CHRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,344 Stedman Triples: F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, W. C. Cuss 3, W. H. Hayward 4, J. Butler 5, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8. This was also arranged as a birthday compliment to H. Lewis and H. C. Bond, whose birthdays fell on Feb. 4th and 6th respectively.

THANET.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service at St. Lawrence Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47½ mins.: H. Foster 1, L. J. Twyman 2, T. Scott 3, G. Wiltshire (Birchington) 4, W. G. Birch 5, H. W. Moody, R.A.F., 6, A. Jarman (conductor) 7, J. Jarman 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss D. G. Feltham (first in the method) 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, J. J. Pratt 3, H. H. Chandler 4, P. Jones 5, W. Honor 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, R. Carter 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John-the-Baptist, for morning service, on Feb. 4th, touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung. The following taking part: V. E. Butler, Walter G. Cross, Wilfred Cross, T. Vaughan, S. E. Wright, F. Cooke, F. Davis, F. Dainty, H. Broughton (Leicester), H. J. Poole (Leicester), Miss Phyllis Hare, Miss Annie Parkins, R. Richardson (Surfleet) and O. T. P. Brice (Pulham St. Mary).

BRADWELL, BUCKS.—At St. Lawrence Church, on Sunday, Feb. 4th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Walters (conductor) 1, W. French 2, E. Whitlock 3, A. Coley 4, C. Alderman 5, Eric Whitlock 6.—For afternoon service, 720 Grandsire Doubles by the same band.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, Jan. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: C. Hughes 1, A. Cooper 2, W. Little 3, G. Cooper 4, E. Lillywhite 5, H. Wood 6, W. Steed (composer and conductor) 7, J. Coleman 8. Rung also as a birthday compliment to Miss Lillywhite, daughter of the ringer of the 5th.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, at the Church of the Holy Cross, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 480 Plain Bob and 780 Grandsire, in 50 mins.: W. Stockford (first quarter) 1, C. Yates 2, A. Turner 3, R. Asplin (first quarter in two methods) 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. C. N. Manning, J.P., who was for many years Rector's warden at Milton.

BOLSTERSTONE, Near SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 28th, for Divine service, 720 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 28 mins.: Leonard Shaw 1, J. A. Brearley 2, W. Wooller 3, S. Harrison 4, A. Brearley 5, A. Hellewell 6, J. R. Brearley (cond.) 7, W. Harrison 8. First 720 in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 6.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—On Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: S. Brookes (first Treble Bob) 1, P. Webb 2, L. Brookes 3, J. Webb 4, W. Plitton (conductor) 5, A. G. Liley 6.—On Sunday, Feb. 4th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine: L. Brookes 1, R. Clements 2, P. Webb 3, J. Webb 4, W. Plitton (conductor) 5, A. G. Liley 6. The Vicar congratulated the ringers on their excellent striking.

LONDON.—At St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, on Sunday, Jan. 28th, for evensong, 1,152 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. G. Symonds 1, F. I. Hais 2, E. F. Pike 3, J. A. Trollope 4, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 5, J. E. Davis 6, C. W. R. Greenwood 7, W. E. Nudds 8.

CRANLEIGH.—On Sunday, Dec. 3rd, for evensong, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Worsfold 1, A. Charman 2, R. Whittington 3, H. Tidy 4, C. Charman 5, H. Charman 6, W. Charman (conductor) 7, E. Warner 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by a local band.

MR. T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN'S., CENTURY.

Minor, 1 to 7 methods, rung 6 (conducted 5); Grandsire Triples, 17a (8b); Stedman Triples, 22 (5); Bob Major, 9c (4d); Canterbury Pleasure, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 6 (2); Oxford Treble Bob, 1; Double Norwich, 10 (4); Superlative Surprise, 2; New Cumberland Surprise, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 7 (1); London Surprise, 6; Bristol Surprise, 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Duffield, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 2; Stedman Cinques, 2; Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 2; total, 100 (conducted 29), a includes 5 'in hand'; b includes 1 'in hand'; c includes 4 'in hand'; d includes 3 'in hand.' Rung in 40 different towers, in eight counties.

THE GIFFORD MEMORIAL.

The tablet in memory of the late Mr. W. W. Gifford, at St. Martin's, Salisbury, was unveiled on Saturday last by Canon Myers, who conducted the dedication service in the presence of about 30 ringers from various parts of the country. In the course of his remarks, Canon Myers mentioned the good work that the late Mr. Gifford had done towards the improvement of change ringing in the district, and gave a short sketch of his work and life in Salisbury.

Previous to the dedication a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but unfortunately came to grief within about 200 changes of the end. After the service a 500 of Stedman Triples was rung, conducted by G. Williams.

The tablet is of white marble and was executed by Mr. R. Collins. The inscription, surmounted by the figure of a bell, is as follows:—

" 'Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.'"

In Memory of

WILLIAM WELCH GIFFORD.

Member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and for many years at the head of St. Martin's Ringers, who died at Blackford, in the County of Somerset,

October 28th, 1921. Aged 63 years.

During his lifetime he took part in about 420 peals of over 5,000 changes on bells in various parts of the kingdom. He gave the second bell in this steeple in 1886, when the peal was augmented from six to eight bells. This tablet was erected by subscriptions of ringers in various parts of the country as a mark of their esteem and appreciation of his zeal and untiring efforts for the promotion of the art of change ringing in this and other districts."

Among those present were Major C. C. Hughes D.Aeth, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Mr. G. N. Price, representing the College Youths; ringers from the four Salisbury City churches; Britford, Amesbury, Southampton, Bournemouth, and other towers.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARIES.**

The towers of All Hallows, Lombard Street; St. Giles, Bloomsbury, and St. Clement Danes, were open for ringing on the occasion of the annual meeting of the London County Association on Saturday week, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. The Association's form of service was conducted by the hon. chaplain (the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford, M.A.), and some 48 members were present. A most excellent address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., M.C., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on the words from Ephesians v. 15, 'See that ye walk circumspectly.' A more appropriate discourse for ringers has never been delivered, and, were it in the writer's power, a printed copy should be circulated amongst all ringers and clergy.

A satisfying tea at the Express Dairy, thanks to the generosity of Messrs. F. C. Dawe and E. A. Young and Mrs. A. D. Barker, brought up the next 'part end.' It is wonderful what agility can be brought to light, though, with the aid of wet boots and brass stair edging.

Adjourning to the Parish House, Clare Market, the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender) once more 'brought round' a none too easy 'composition.'

The secretary's report, as usual, contained mathematical details of the association's progress. The total assets in 1912 were £13 3s. 5d.; in 1922 they were £34 8s. 4d. Comment is needless. During the year 81 ringers took part in 26 peals. Two members rang their first peal, 10 first in various methods, two first away from tenor, two first away from treble, three first of Major, two first of Caters, eight first of Surprise Royal, three first on ten, two first on twelve, and one first on twelve tower bells, making 35 different 'firsts' in the 26 peals.

In spite of the secretary's protest that it was 'not business,' nor 'covered by the rules,' a handsome clock in oak, with Westminster chimes, was presented by the Master, on behalf of the members of the association, to the general secretary and his wife, commemorating their marriage in August last. Owing, however, to the countless compliments passed by some of the orators, the 'poor' secretary was unable to make much of a speech in return, and has since been approached with a view to buying a new set of hats for his wife.

The following officers were elected: Master, Mr. T. H. Taffender; treasurer, Mr. W. G. Matthews; secretary, Mr. A. D. Barker; assistant secretary, Mrs. A. D. Barker; senior steward, Mr. T. W. Taffender; junior steward, Mr. J. Bullock; trustees, Mr. J. George and Mr. E. A. Young. The evening closed with Stedman Caters 'in hand.'

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**LUTON DISTRICT MEETING.**

The monthly meeting of the Luton District took place at Ampt-hill on Saturday, and proved very enjoyable, members being present from Bedford, Biddenham, Aspley Guise, Woburn, Husborne Crawley, Barton Le Cley, Houghton Regis, and Dunstable. A welcome visitor was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, who was present for a short time in the afternoon, before proceeding to another meeting being held at Old Warden, and to add the measurements of two more Bedfordshire tenors, to what must be a truly remarkable list. The bells at Ampt-hill are a very musical peal of six, but are rather spoilt by being very noisy in the ringing chamber. They were utilised in a number of methods, from Stedman Doubles to London Surprise Minor.

After tea a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. E. Herbert. One new member was elected, and Luton selected for the next meeting.

On the motion of the Chairman, hearty congratulations were accorded the Dunstable company on ringing a peal of Double Norwich Major the previous Saturday, their first peal of Major as a company.—The Hon. Secretary thanked the members for their kind remarks.—The Chairman said that it showed what promising young ringers there were in the district, as four members of the band were in the very early 'twenties.'

After the meeting, the tower was again visited, and further ringing took place.

THE PEAL AT JESMOND.

In connection with the peal at Jesmond it is interesting to note that the ringer of the 2nd rang his first course of Major only the night before. The ringer of the 4th had rung two or three courses some time ago on the treble only, and the ringer of the 6th had never struck a blow in the method before. All the band except the ringer of the tenor (Mr. W. H. Barber) are Sunday service ringers at the church. By the kind invitation of Mr. Craggs (who rang the 6th) and his mother, the band adjourned to 22, Osborn Road, where they were entertained to a delightful supper, and they wish to thank Mrs. Craggs and her son for their kind hospitality.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT PROGRESS.**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Sevenoaks on Saturday, January 27th, and was attended by about 60 members, including several members of the Lewisham and Maidstone districts, Mr. K. Hart, of Brighton, and the brothers Cooper, of Croydon. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major, and for the first time at a meeting of this district a course of London was brought round, in which several members of the district took part. At the customary service the curate read prayers, and the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Gilliatt) read the lesson, and also gave an excellent address.

Tea was partaken of at the Lime Trees Hotel, and the Rector, who presided, kindly contributed two-thirds of the cost of the tea.—The District Secretary (Mr. Latier) proposed that votes of thanks be accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his generous contribution towards the cost of the tea, and also to the curate and organist for the part they had taken in the service.—This was carried, and the Rector replied.

An adjournment was then made to the Parish Room for the business meeting. Mr. F. White (Tonbridge Wells) was voted to the chair.—The District Secretary read his annual report, in which he reviewed the doings of the year, making special mention of the results of holding combined practices for particular methods. Double Norwich Major was, as a result, now firmly established. Superlative was well on the way, and he predicted that a peal in that method by members of the district would soon be an accomplished fact.—The report was considered highly satisfactory.

The district secretary and the two representatives on the Central Committee were unanimously re-elected to the respective offices, with thanks for past services.—Ten new members were elected, and it was decided to hold meetings during the year at the following towers, viz., Speldhurst, Goudhurst, Hever, and the annual district meeting at Tunbridge Wells next January.

The District Secretary then made a short statement upon the Association War Memorial Fund. He said the work would shortly be put in hand, but there were still several bands in the district who had not yet contributed, and he made an earnest appeal to every member to give something, however small, so that when they rang or heard the new bells at Canterbury Cathedral they would have the satisfaction of knowing that they had all done their part in raising a fitting memorial to the 60 fellow members who gave their lives in the great war.

Votes of thanks to Mr. H. J. Ford, of Sevenoaks, who, the district secretary remarked, had made all the arrangements for the meeting, and to Mr. White for presiding at the meeting, were unanimously carried, to which both replied. Further ringing afterwards took place.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of this district was held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, where the ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Ten. At the business meeting, which followed service and tea, six new members were elected, and Chislehurst chosen for the next meeting.—Mr. W. J. Jefferies presented a report upon the business transacted at the Central Committee meeting, and the usual votes of thanks were passed.

DEATH OF A CHESHUNT RINGER.

The death occurred, from cancer, on Sunday, January 21st, at the North Middlesex Hospital, of Mr. John Francis Jelf. The deceased, who was 65 years of age, was formerly a ringer at Waltham Abbey, Essex, but when the Cheshunt peal was augmented to eight, eleven years ago, he joined that band, and had been a regular ringer up to the time of his illness. He was also a member of the Parish Church choir.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, January 24th, at Cheshunt Cemetery, the first portion of the service being held in the church, conducted by the Rev. T. W. H. Barker, who officiated at the graveside. Mr. Jelf was a widower, and is survived by four step-daughters and two stepsons-in-law.

The ringers present at the graveside were Messrs. G. Maxim, G. Andrews, W. G. Darlington, C. Dilley and H. Cornwell, of the local band, also Mr. and Mrs. G. Radley representing the Broxbourne ringers, and amongst the floral tributes was a wreath from his fellow ringers.

In the evening 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells muffled.

Deceased was a member of the College Youths and the Hertford County Association.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 35th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, Feb. 24th, at 6 o'clock, when the chair will be taken by Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A., Rector of Birmingham. The bells of St. Martin (12) and the Cathedral (10) will be available from 3 to 5.15.—Albert Walker, 8r, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Turvey on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Tea will be provided. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—By the kind permission of Canon W. B. Forster, M.A., the annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Idle on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available from 2 to 8.30 p.m. A short service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., in the Church School. All applications for tickets should be made to Mr. R. Umpleby, 6, Highdal Terrace, Idle, not later than Feb. 20th. General meeting at 6 p.m. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn on Saturday, Feb. 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. Dale. Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at the George and Dragon, 1/3 each, at 5 o'clock. Subscriptions which are now due will be gladly received at this meeting.—C. Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth Parish Church on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Redhill, on Saturday, Feb. 24th. 8 bells. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ilkeston on Saturday, Feb. 24th. Ringing from 2 p.m. to 7.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting 6 p.m.—T. H. Kirkby, Hon. Sec., 7, Selkirk Street, Carrington, Notts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—The subscription of 1/8, which enables 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 March 1st; Southwark Cathedral on the 27th; both at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The Annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 4.30. Address by the Rev. C. H. Barker, Vicar of Swindon. Tea will be provided for those only who notify me not later than first post Tuesday, Feb. 27th.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston, Staffs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Business meeting to follow.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available 2.30; also Shedfield Bells (6) 2.30. Tea at Wickham 5 o'clock. Will members requiring tea acquaint me by Wednesday, Feb. 28th?—E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Great Linford on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 3.30.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at Pudsey. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting will be held in the White Cross Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Charles E. Lawson, Hon. Sec., 10, Leather Street, Leeds.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, March 3rd. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 27th.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Chesterfield on March 3rd. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Ten bells. Meat tea at 5 p.m. in Blackshaw's Restaurant, 1s. 3d. each. Committee will meet in the Vestry at 6.30 p.m.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bocking on March 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service, with address, 4 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at the Black Boy, followed by business meeting. All those who require tea *must* notify me not later than February 28th. Subscriptions for 1923 are

now due.—Bert Redgwell, Hudson's Hill, Wethersfield, near Braintree.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bucknall on Saturday, March 3rd. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30, followed by a paper on 'Stedman' by Mr. Wm. Fitchford, of Wolstanton.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Road, Newcastle, Staffs.

APPLETON BELLS.—The 105th anniversary of the opening of Appleton bells will be celebrated on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells (10) available all day. Dinner at the Thatched Tavern, 4.30 p.m., at 3/6 per head.—R. White, Appleton, Berks.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, March 5th and 19th. Bishopsgate, March 12th. 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, Nr. Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. George-in-the-East on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for all who advise me by March 7th. A good attendance is desired.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The bells at All Saints', St. Alkmund's, St. Peter's and St. Luke's will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Certificate Sub-Committee will meet at 2.45, and the Ordinary Committee at 3.15 in St. Alkmund's Institute. There will be a service at All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Derby. Collection for the Bell Repair Fund. Tea will be at 4.45 in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, and the general meeting will follow immediately after tea. The charge for tea will be 2s. per head, and I am asked to give particular notice that all requiring same should give notice to the Derby hon. sec., Mr. A. Braines, 7, Seale Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, March 28th. A smoking concert has been arranged to commence at 8 o'clock in the Assembly Rooms. Nominations for general officers should reach me one month before the meeting.—A. Coningsby Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—I shall be glad to receive from the local secretaries of those towers in the two dioceses the subscriptions of their honorary and ordinary ringing members who have not already paid for the years 1921-22 and 1922-23 at their earliest possible convenience.—A. M. Hall, Hon. Treasurer, National Provincial and Union Bank of England, Ltd., Quayside, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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This feature of the annual gathering, important and valuable as it is, does not, however, outweigh the other phase. Henry Johnson was the embodiment of all that was best in ringing: humility, unselfishness; an unwavering desire to seek the true advancement of the art; a kindly, genial soul, whose readiness to help others was an outstanding trait. Many great ringers there have been, but few can lay claim to all the characteristics and accomplishments which made the Birmingham veteran so much loved and respected, and placed him as well in the forefront of the Exercise. Every ringer who values the art for the art's sake, looks upon Henry Johnson not only as one of its most striking figures—a genius among pioneers—but one who stood for the maintenance of the best traditions of ringing. The opportunity that is thus provided every year of keeping alive the memory of this man, of reminding the present generation of all that his name stands for, and of holding up that name and reputation as a shining example to those who come new into art, is one which is of incalculable advantage to ringing, and ringers know and acknowledge this by the homage which they pay in attending the commemoration dinner.

The occasion provides no moment of melancholy thought, Henry Johnson himself would not have had it so; but it serves to direct attention to the brightest and best traditions of ringing, to stimulate ringers to unselfishness in the craft, and to seek always for improvement. Behind the feeling of pleasant comradeship which the commemoration inspires, one can sense the spirit which keeps green the memory of such a man, and we hope that year by year this feeling may grow as the numbers who claimed Henry Johnson as friend diminish.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5200 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

TOM TEBBUTT Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
FRED WILFORD 2	WILLIAM ROGERS 7
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JOHN METHERELL 4	GEORGE FLAVELL 9
FRED HOPPER 5	*ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. Tenor

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* First peal of Treble Ten.
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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in C.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD Treble	*WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 6
ERNEST WEATHERY 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
WILLIAM HEWITT 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 8
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	WALTER AYRE 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 5	ALFRED H. PULLING... .. Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. The company take this opportunity of thanking Mr. H. Langdon for obtaining permission for the peal to be rung, also Mr. Nicholls, in having everything in readiness.
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On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HENRY BOWER Treble	CHARLES R. WRIGHT 6
MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON ... 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
SIDNEY BRIGGS 3	COLIN RYDER 8
THOMAS WILLIAM CHOWN 4	*LEONARD LITTLEWOOD 9
HAYDN THORPE 5	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.
* First peal on a working bell. First peal of Bob Royal by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 7th and tenor. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of the engagement of Miss Kathleen Jackson and Harold Walker, of Doncaster.
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HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE MORRIS Treble	JOHN BROCKBANK 5
THOMAS LINGARD 2	THOMAS HOWARD 6
DAVID CLARKE 3	CHARLES SEDDON 7
DANIEL HOWARD... .. 4	*WILLIAM COLLIER Tenor

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HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 16½ cwt.	
JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	C. CREASEY 5	F. MORGAN 2	W. HOAD 6
T. BOOTH 3	E. MILLS 7	L. HOAD 4	G. MILLS Tenor

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*On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
WILLIAM FITCHFORD Treble	† THOMAS HURD 5
* ALBERT E. ALDERSEA 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
FRED SMITH 3	CHARLES MORLEY 7
GEORGE CRAWLEY 4	CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on eight bells. This peal is the longest by the Association.

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*On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
* HERBERT A. HARDING Treble	JOHN HOWES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	FREDERICK GODDARD 6
WALTER EMMETT 3	JOSEPH MILNER 7
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal. Rung on Mr. F. Goddard's birthday.

**WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, Feb. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JACK BRANCH 5	JOHN AKEHURST 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
JOHN WHITEHEAD 3	JOHN COOK 7	PETER CHARMAN 4	ALFRED CHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. COOK.

**FULBOURNE, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
CHARLES K. HALL Treble	* ARTHUR G. KING 5
† CHARLES E. PATTEN 2	ARTHUR J. PAGE 6
JOHN T. NEWINGTON 3	GEORGE D. BRIDGE 7
* JOHN W. B. GIDDENS 4	BASIL D. BUTTRESS Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.
* First peal. First of Major by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 2nd and tenor. † First peal of Major on tower bells. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells by a local band and rung at the 2nd attempt.

SLATE PEAL TABLETS.—Free Estimates and Drawings, also photographs of designs, sent on receipt of full particulars of Peals to Jones, Brookside Cottage, Dunchurch Road, Rugby.

**DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION**

*On Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.	
WILLIAM IRELAND Treble	ARTHUR W. LEEDER 5
FRANCIS S. WILSON 2	TOM FORD 6
ERNEST F. POPPY 3	CLEMENT J. MORE 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLEMENT J. MORE.
This peal was specially rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. S. Wilson, and was his first peal of Double Norwich.

**STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,*

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
FREDERICK BIRD Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
WALTER PRIOR 2	HENRY DEW 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 7
HENRY J. TUCKER 4	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

**JESMOND, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, Feb. 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
JOSEPH ROWELL Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER 5	JOSEPH S. KEEN 2	ERNEST E. FERRY 6
* HAROLD G. FRAMPION 3	† FRED BROADBELT 7	* LESLIE BROADBELT 4	ALBERT M. HALL Tenor

Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the tenor.

**BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, Feb. 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
WILLIAM E. LYDDIARD Treble	EDMUND MOUNTER 5	GEORGE DURLING 2	GEORGE HUXLEY 6
* CHARLES F. KEEP 3	ISAAC EMERY 7	JOHN LYDDIARD 4	HENRY J. TINNAMS Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. C. Gosselin, Vicar, who is leaving St. Luke's for the living of Sundridge, Kent.

**PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.**

*On Thursday, Feb. 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
* JOHN W. BASTONE Treble	JOHN PERRY 5	HERBERT BOOTH 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 6
† ALBERT G. HUNT 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7	FRED BIRKS 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lady Hatherton, whose body was interred that day. * First attempt for a peal. † First peal in the method with a working bell.

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TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM J. KEMP Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM HARPER Treble	ARTHUR MORTON 5
HERBERT ADDSLEY 2	HERBERT HOLDEN 6
JOHN CHEESEMAN 3	FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
* EDWARD BROWN 4	JOHN MORTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CHEESEMAN.

* First peal of Triples 'inside.'

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JESSE SCREEN Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 6
* ARTHUR LOACH 3	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 7
EDWARD REEVES 4	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters rung by Mr. John Jaggar.

WHITWORTH, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

MATTHEW'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM CLEGG Treble	JOHN GRIFFITHS 5
WILLIAM TOMLINSON 2	JAMES H. KERSHAW 6
SIMEON K. TAYLOR 3	* HERBERT SLACK 7
JAMES H. LEES 4	STEPHEN HODGKINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES H. KERSHAW.

* First peal.

ASHTAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

† GEORGE COOK Treble	* JOHN HOYLE 5
* JOHN BEAMS 2	* ALBERT DISERENS 6
* GEORGE MARRINER 3	* JOHN H. WHITE 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD HOLDER Treble	THOMAS GASSON 5
HERBERT TOMSETT 2	ARTHUR ABSOLAM 6
WILLIAM PELLING 3	WILLIAM WATTS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	* EDMUND J. DAVEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Major.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED FALLON Treble	HERBERT WAKELAM 5
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 6
HARRY M. HAWKSWOOD 3	JOHN PERRY 7
J. D. GEORGE HARRIS 4	JOHN WARRILOU Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
GEORGE F. GARRISON 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Arranged for the ringers of the treble, 4th and 6th, who hail from Bristol, Newport and Wells respectively.

HOGHTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

FRED CHAMBERS Treble	† JOHN BROWN 5
ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN 2	JOHN WATSON 6
TOM STANCLIFFE 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JOHN SANDERSON 4	* WILLIAM DRAPER Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. Ringers of the 5th and 8th belong to Hoghton, the rest to Blackburn.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK LEEKS Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	LAWRENCE POULSON 6
FREDERICK MORTLOCK 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 7
KEITH WHITTELL 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by B. FRANCIS. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to M. Symonds, who was unable to take part in the peal. 4th and 5th men hail from Bildeston, Suffolk.

FOR THE WIDOW OF AN OLD RINGER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your issue a fortnight ago contained a notice of the death of an old Lancashire ringer, Mr. Tom Gibbons, of Barrow-in-Furness. May I, through your columns, call attention to the little book of reminiscences published by him a year or two before his death. I think a good many ringers would read them with interest, and as the price is only 6d., many may like in this way to help his widow. Copies may be obtained from Mrs. Gibbons, 87, Ferry Road, Barrow-in-Furness, for 6d. each, post free.—Yours truly,

H. J. ELSEE,

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SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. MOORHOUSE'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

*ALBERT RUSTON... .. Treble	ARTHUR SEAGER 5
†WILLIAM H. BARKER 2	HARRY GIBSON 6
IRENE HORNER 3	JOHN R. BARTON... .. 7
HENRY FERGUSON 4	FRANK DAVISON Tenor

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method and on an 'inside' bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Ferguson, Ringing Master of the Yorkshire Association (Northern Division). Treble and 2nd ringers were elected members of the Association previous to starting. Rung on the 38th anniversary of H. Ferguson's first peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

*HAROLD G. BEARD Treble	*NORL WILES 4
*ALFRED DOLLIN... .. 2	HERBERT MORTIMER... .. 5
†LEONARD TURNER 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal by a local company who are all Sunday service ringers.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN BASS Treble	JOHN LLOYD... .. 4
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON 5
HARRY PRICE 3	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells, also the first Surprise Minor peal by all the band and by the Northern Branch of this Association.

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

On Thursday, Feb. 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT BLACKLEDGE ... Treble	WILLIAM LANCASTER 4
FRED RIGBY 2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal.

UPCHURCH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Feb. 22, 1923, 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, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

*ELIJAH J. BOAKES Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4
CHARLEY MILLARD 2	CECIL C. BISHOP... .. 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	Q.M.-SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal. Ringers of the treble, 3rd, 4th and 5th are of the local band.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

CHARLES HOARE Treble	MISS PHYLLIS HARE 4
HERBERT HOARE 2	MISS ANNIE PARKINS 5
*MISS KITTY MOORE 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by Miss ANNIE PARKINS.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

MORETON-IN-THE-MARSH, GLOUCESTER.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DAVID,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

ALBERT BOSWELL Treble	ERNEST WITHERS 4
HORACE TERRY 2	HENRY COLLEY 5
WALTER LARGE 3	CECIL LOCKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

MAXEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz., (1) Double and Single Bob, (2) Double and Single Oxford, (3) Double and Single Court, (4) St. Clement's, (5) Kent Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH LONDON Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
ERNEST WRIGHT 2	WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

First peal in ten methods by ringers of 2, 5 and 6. Rung on St. Matthias's Day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

JAMES R. KEMP 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	JOHN AMBLER 7-8

Composed by BENJAMIN SHAW. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Feb. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 'ST. MICHAEL'S,' JOSEPH'S ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

MRS. A. C. HAZELDEN ... 1-2	A. C. HAZELDEN... .. 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: MR. GEORGE PETTER.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1923, in Three Hours and 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
HERBERT LANGDON 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6	JOHN NEAL... .. 11-12

Composed by JAS. E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Referees: JAS. E. GROVES and ALBERT SCRIVENS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, Feb. 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1—2	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Rung as a coming-of-age compliment to Mr. R. Ayres, of Peterborough.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.

THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. E. W. BECKWITH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON ... 1—2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5—6
ANDREW SHOFFLEBOOTHAM ... 3—4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 7—8

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE. Conducted by WM. KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Saunders.

SAFFRON WALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Feb. 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. J. PITSTOW, 45, HIGH STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ... 1—2	WILFRID HOOTON ... 5—6
*ALFRED E. PITSTOW ... 3—4	*FREDERICK DENCH ... 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by WILFRED HOOTON.

* First peal on handbells. This is the first peal on handbells in the town of Saffron Walden or by any one of its members during the whole of its existence. W. Hooton hails from Cambridge.

THE A. T. KING MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish gratefully to acknowledge the following further amounts received towards the fund for the above, and on behalf of my committee, thank the givers: Rev. Maitland Kelly, £1; Rev. W. H. Davies, 2s. 6d.; St. Giles-in-the-Fields ringers, 7s. 6d.; Messrs. A. R. Macdonald, 2s. 6d.; B. J. Walsom, 2s. 6d.; E. Lankester, 2s.; A. J. Neale, 2s.; Maurice Smith, 2s.; amount previously acknowledged, £20 13s.; total, £28 14s.

As my committee are desirous of putting the work in hand at an early date, I shall be glad to receive donations from intending subscribers as soon as possible. Again thanks to all, Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec.

49, Wood-Street, E.17.

DEATH OF A PONTEFRACT RINGER.

By the death of Mr. B. Watkinson, in his 60th year, on Feb. 10th, the Pontefract ringers have lost another old comrade. He had been a ringer at All Saints' Church for about thirty years, and took part in several Yorkshire Association peals.

The interment took place on Feb. 15th at Pontefract Cemetery, a good number of his fellow ringers and also ringers of the Parish Church attending. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon the handbells at the graveside at the close of the committal service, and, in the evening, at All Saints' Church, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire was rung by the following: A. Walker, junr., 1. W. Hawley 2. B. Moody 3. W. Pearson, senr., 4. W. Pearson, junr., 5. A. Walker, senr. (conductor), 6. J. Fryer 7. H. Walters 8.

SWINTON.—On Monday evening, Feb. 12th, at St. Peter's Church, a half-peal of Stedman Triples (2,520 changes), in 1 hr. and 34 mins.: W. Grundy 1. P. Grundy 2. W. Jones 3. D. Howard 4. J. Ridyard 5. T. Howard 6. J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 7. W. Collier 8. This is believed to be the longest length ever rung in this method on the bells. Also longest length for the ringers of 4th, 6th and 8th.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Tuesday evening, Feb. 13th, for practice, 720 London Surprise, in 25 mins.: Fred A. Mitchell 1. H. Argent 2. J. Burles 3. Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 4. L. Beckett 5. G. Morrad 6. First 720 in the method on the bells and by all the band.

'BOOKING FEES.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to Mr. Broadley's notice of motion to be brought forward at the next meeting of the Yorkshire Association re a booking fee of threepence per member per peal for all peals rung under this association's title, I am pleased to see the proposition has come from a regular peal ringer; therefore it carries a little more weight than it otherwise might do. Doubtless, Mr. Broadley has the support of his fellow peal ringers in his district, or he must be a very brave man indeed to bring such a debatable matter up for decision.

Whilst personally agreeing with the motion in principle, I am afraid that the fee suggested is rather too much to be successful. Had the fee mentioned been one penny per member per peal, probably no one would object. I do not know whether Mr. Broadley has had any actual experience of his suggestion being put into operation, but I have in my mind that this method of producing revenue was instituted by one of our local district societies some years ago, and was not a success.

Turning to the last report issued by the Yorkshire Association, I find that during the year there were 68 peals rung on 6, 8 and 10 bells, which at threepence per member per peal would bring in a revenue of £6 15s., whilst there is shown a deficiency of £32 in the issue of reports; therefore, the motion, if carried, would not meet the deficit by even one quarter of the total amount.

In examining the committee's report therein, I notice they are urging more members to buy reports, and suggest that at least every tower should buy one copy for the company, to help the financial status of the association, adding that the only remedy is a greater sale, or to suspend the issue. Whilst admitting from a financial point of view this state of things is deplorable, I am certainly of opinion the remedy mentioned is not the only one to level matters up.

There are many points to consider before further taxing the worker, because where would any association be without its peal ringers? For an association to be successful you must have interest. To create interest you must have an object in view, and it is undeniable that the object of the great majority of change ringers is to become efficient peal ringers in as many methods as possible. Again, there is the continuous advent of beginners with the ambition of scoring peals, and these must be helped and encouraged, for this is where you build up the strength of your associations.

Just take into consideration for one moment that the peal ringer is the practical worker, for they put into execution the brain work of the composers, who exploit upon the genius of the method builder; therefore, to my mind, to tax the peal ringer to any extent is not the proper way to make profits meet losses, for without the practical execution the whole fruits of labour of the other workers mentioned would be lost, and the status of our noble art would eventually reach a very low ebb indeed.

Supposing the scheme is put into operation, will the association gain anything at the year's end? I am inclined to think that what they gain on the swings they will lose on the roundabouts.

When one considers the increased cost of living and travel, coupled with lower wages and bad trade (even if fortunate enough to be employed), I am afraid that if the fee is made too large, it will only create a strong camp of objectors, and less peal ringing.

Again referring to the report, I also notice that in spite of the loss on the reports, the past year's working has resulted in a net gain of £2 11s. 2d. Now this is where the peal ringer will argue as to where the loss to the association comes in, seeing it is not a profit-sharing business concern.

Whilst agreeing, as I have said, in principle, I do so only on the ground that the casual and non-peal ringers should not be compelled to pay more for their reports, because the regular peal ringers are sending up the cost; but looking at the matter broadly, and from a business point of view, there is more than the one remedy referred to, to put the matter on a proper footing without making more difficulties for the conductors, and causing dissension among the workers. Other methods should be tried, and the proposed scheme brought into operation as a last resource only.

Sheffield.

SIDNEY F. PALMER.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Turvey on Saturday, Feb. 24th. The Rector (the Rev. Guy Beech) presided, and members were present from Bedford, Kempston, Biddenham, Bromham, Olney, Dunstable, and the local company. A welcome visitor was Mr. J. E. Sharman, who is now living in Northants.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Houghton-Conquest, some time in April, and notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major. Some good practice was derived by some six bell ringers who rang their first touch of Major.

A SUNDAY MEETING.

HEREFORD GUILD'S SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT.

The Clifford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting at Eardisley on Sunday, Feb. 18th, when some 40 ringers assembled from the following towers: Almeley, Bredwardine, Burghill, Clifford, Eardisley, Kington, Letton, Peterchurch, Staunton-on-Wye, and Staunton-on-Arrow, the bells were raised shortly after 2.30 p.m., and kept going until 5 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. S. H. Osborne) kindly invited the visitors to tea at the Rectory.

At the short business meeting which followed, the Rector took the chair, and gave the ringers a right hearty welcome, stating that as he suggested the meeting should be held on the Sunday he was very pleased to see so many present, as he understood it easily eclipsed any previous meeting held in the district. Peterchurch was chosen for the next meeting.—Four probationers from Eardisley were elected, and eight from Staunton-on-Wye.—The balance sheet, as adopted, showed an increased balance in hand.—Two Guild certificates were presented, and the secretary gave a short resume of the year's working, pointing out that fair progress in change ringing had been made, and that the balance in hand was made possible through the increase of hon. members from 8 to 14. The Guild was greatly indebted to these ladies and gentlemen, who thus showed their appreciation of the work the ringers were doing for the church. The secretary also said he was very pleased to be in a position to report that last year he had been successful in getting the ringers' subscriptions paid by the Parochial Church Council for each of the towers in the district.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given the Rector and Mrs. Osborne for their kind hospitality. — The Rector suitably replied, stating he had heard from the Bishop what a good work the ringers as a body were doing.

The tower was again visited, and 240 of Bob Minor rung for the evening service, at which the Guild's special form was used.—The Rector gave a very able address from part of verse 17, Acts xxvii., 'And they used helps.' After service the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until after 9 p.m. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Grandsire Triples on handbells, Bob Minor, Grandsire, Plain Bob and College Single Doubles. This is the first meeting ever held by the Guild on a Sunday, and proved to be the best attended and most useful meeting yet held in the district.

THE PEAL AT HEADCORN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Major at Headcorn, your correspondent appears to be very anxious to set at rest the qualms of conscience which he evidently thinks the members of the Ashford district are grievously suffering from over this peal. In the first place, he is waiting for a reply from the conductor of the peal, and from what I gather he can still wait. The conductor no doubt thinks the same as I do, that there was no reason at all to rush into print over the matter, but a private letter to the conductor himself would have no doubt resulted in a favourable reply. I take it that this concerns the hand who rang in the peal, and no one else, and I know that seven out of the eight who rang in the peal are satisfied with it as a peal, and will record it in their own list, let others do what they will.

If your correspondent wishes for any further information on this matter let him put his name, so that we may know whether it is someone really concerned in the matter anxious for right, and not spite or a busybody in other men's matters.

CHARLES TRIBE,

Hon. Sec., Ashford District, Kent County Association.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A PEAL BOARD DEDICATED.

A meeting of the above was held at Appledore on Saturday, Feb. 17th. The weather was very favourable, and resulted in a good attendance. Some good practice was had in the standard methods during the afternoon, and a peal tablet was unveiled by Mrs. H. Baker (the donor) to commemorate a peal of Grandsire Triples rung in that tower on October 21st last. It was the donor's first peal; Miss R. Thomas's first peal with a bob bell; also the first peal of Grandsire by Mr. R. E. Burgess and Mr. B. Baker.—The Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scott) read the dedicatory prayers, and afterwards congratulated the ladies and gentlemen on their achievement.

Tea was served at the Swan Hotel, the Vicar presiding. At the meeting which followed, the members accorded a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Baker for the gift of the tablet, and wished her success in her future ringing career.

The next meeting was fixed for Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, March 24th. The tower was afterwards again visited for more ringing, when the youngest member of the Guild (Master T. Player) showed excellent form in ringing the treble to his first touch of Bob Major.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The attempt for the long peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Stoney Stanton on Saturday unfortunately came to grief after four hours' good ringing through two bells changing course at the first trip that came along. It is hoped to make another attempt soon after Easter.

But even the lost peal had its compensations. With four hours to wait until the motor returned for them, ringers and visitors proceeded to make merry, and succeeded so well that one visitor said he was glad they had lost the peal, as he had 'spent the best evening of his life.' Ringers can generally make the best of a bad job.

An attack on the Appleton record is to be made on Easter Monday. Evesham bells have been secured, and a peal of 22,000 Steadman Caters is to be attempted. Mr. William Fye is organising the band.

Evesham bells are a peal with tenor of 31 cwt. The tenor is by Mears (1821), and the others by Rudhall (1741). If this peal is successful both weight and length in any previous record will go by the board.

Mr. Ted Horrex, who was 85 on Wednesday, is the sole survivor of a band of College Youths, who on March 3rd, 1866, rang a peal of 8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major in 5 hrs. 14 mins., at Bethnal Green. Henry Haley was the conductor.

The same day of the year 1778 saw the ringing of 10,260 Grand sire Caters at St. Mary's, Nottingham.

The first handbell peal of Bob Royal recorded by the College Youths was rung at Caius College, Cambridge, on March 2nd, 1897.

A peal of 7,392 Kent Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Oldham on March 6th, 1832, and displaced the previous record of 7,200 rung at Birmingham in 1820.

The Bob Major record for Essex which, we believe, still stands, was made on March 7th, 1819, at Great Baddow, the length being 10,080.

March 8th marks the anniversary of one of the very earliest of great performances. A tablet in St. Peter Mancroft belfry, Norwich, records 'On March the 8th, 1737, was rung a peal of Grand sire Caters, which for excellency 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. Thus was this great peal perfectly compleated to the entire satisfaction, surprise and amazement of thousands of hearers in the space of 8 hrs. 15 mins. The number of changes were 12,603 rung by 9 men of the company then belonging to the company. The tenor singly by a young ringer 8,000, then a second ringer rung her to the end of the peal.'

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Stockport Branch was held at Reddish on Saturday, Feb. 24th, and was well attended, about eighty members and friends sitting down to a splendid tea. At the service which preceded it the Rector officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston (branch hon. secretary). The Rector's address was on bells and their uses, and was much appreciated.

The Master of the Guild (Mr. H. Fairclough, of Stretton) was present, and presided over the business meeting. This was the first meeting of the branch he had attended, and he and his 'lightning' conductor were cordially received. He was supported by the branch chairman (Mr. J. H. Jackson, Disley).

The Hon. Secretary presented his report and balance sheet for the past year. The general position was unaltered, but there was much room for improvement in ringing activities. On the social side, things were very satisfactory, as was evidenced by the fact that at the five meetings held in 1922 the average attendance was 47.

All the retiring officers were re-elected and an assistant secretaryship instituted, Mr. J. P. Fidler (Norbury) being elected to this office. Five new members were elected, and Bowdon fixed as the place of the next meeting on a date to be notified later.

The question of the introduction of a small booking fee for peals was discussed, and it was decided to ask the members of the other branches carefully to consider this question, as a means of raising some additional revenue towards the cost of the printing of the annual report.

An interesting matter brought forward, and one which appears to be gaining widespread popularity, especially from the social side, was the question of the introduction of a branch annual dinner. It received hearty support, and will be discussed further at the next meeting.

With regard to the subscription list for the Nantwich Bell Fund, this, it was stated, amounted to £2 10s. 6d., but as all the towers had not yet responded, the list still remains open.

The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close, and the tower bells were again requisitioned and handbells brought into use.

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS AT BIRMINGHAM.

With undiminished enthusiasm, the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner was held at Birmingham on Saturday. Always a popular event, alike for the opportunity it provides for a reunion of old friends, and for the atmosphere of good fellowship which is ever present, the gathering was larger than in many former years, no fewer than 150 sitting down at the Imperial Hotel. Ringers from the towers within a considerable radius took part in the proceedings, and visitors came from far and near, from as far away as Leeds and Sheffield in the North; Newport and Bristol and Gloucester in the West, Essex, North Wales, and, of course, London. The famous church in the Bull Ring was the centre of gravity in the afternoon, but there was also ringing at the Cathedral, and one band was successful in ringing a peal at Deritend. The company which gathered round the festive board in the evening was a very happy one, and the Rector of Birmingham (Canon E. Grose Hodge, M.A.) presided in an exceedingly genial manner. He was supported by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L., presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild; Messrs. J. J. Kendall and Fred W. Blake, churchwardens of St. Martin's; J. Bellis, churchwarden of Edgbaston; W. R. Heaton, Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild) and Mrs. Paddon Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), Mr. Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), and Mr. A. A. Hughes (London). Among the visitors were Mr. P. J. Johnson (Leeds), hon. secretary Yorkshire Association; Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), hon. secretary Llandaff and Monmouth Association; Mr. Moore (churchwarden, King's Norton), Mr. W. A. Cave and Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), Messrs. J. Austin (Gloucester), W. Saunders and party (Coalbrookdale), T. J. Salter (Kidderminster), W. J. Nevard (Essex Association), W. J. Hazell (Royal Cumberland Youths), J. Carter, I. G. Shade, G. W. Fletcher, R. Marshall (London), S. W. Palmer (Sheffield), Miss E. K. Parker (hon. sec. Ladies' Guild), Mrs. J. E. Groves (hon. sec. Midland District of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. J. Johnson (son of Henry Johnson) and Mrs. Johnson, Messrs. W. Farley (Wells), Millward (Northampton), A. J. Hughes (Bangor), and many others. The officers of the St. Martin's Guild included Messrs. W. H. Godden, J. Carter, J. H. Shepherd, W. Kent and T. Russam (vice-presidents), Albert Walker (Deputy Ringing Master), C. Dickens (trustee), J. L. Wells and T. H. Reeves (trustees), etc. There were numerous ladies, many of them ringers, in the company, and the proceedings were very enjoyable.

After an excellent dinner, the toast of 'The King' was honoured and the Hon. Secretary announced that messages of apology had been received from Bishop Hamilton Baynes (Rector of St. Philip's), the Rector of Solihull, Mr. A. Parsons, of Old Hill (who was confined to bed), Mr. Rodway (late churchwarden of St. Philip's), and Mr. G. N. Ediss, an old friend of the Guild. The following telegram was also received: 'My warmest remembrances and hearty good wishes. Wish I could be with you. The Dean of Norwich.'

Mr. J. J. Kendall submitted the toast of 'Church and State.' That, being a gathering of ringers, he said, they would all acknowledge the connection between Church and State. As long as they had the State supporting the Church and the Church leading the State, they in England would never go wrong. He hoped the time would never come when the Church would be divorced from the State, for the State would certainly be the poorer if it were not for the support which it received from the Church (applause).

The Rector of Birmingham said they all knew the State had grown up round the Church. They did not mean the Church in any narrow sense, but the Church which was the whole people of God. The relation between the two was no new thing; it was not new at the Reformation. The Church had never been severed from it, and, as Mr. Gladstone eloquently said, if ever the State were torn from the Church it would leave the State a lacerated and bleeding mass. So, as they had accepted the toast, and as everyone there was loyal to the State and loyal to the Church, and felt it was best that things secular should be permeated with things sacred, he thought no other acknowledgment of the toast was necessary.

HENRY JOHNSON—THE MAN.

'The memory of the late Henry Johnson' was proposed by Mr. Thomas Russam, one of the nineteen persons present who knew the old gentleman in the flesh. Mr. Russam's speech was a most interesting one, showing from personal recollection the wonderful character of Henry Johnson. What Lord Chief Justice Coleridge was to the law, what Dr. Parry was to music, what Sir Oliver Lodge was to science; what Dr. Grace was to cricket, Henry Johnson, said the speaker, was to the great art of campanology (applause). It

was more than 35 years since he (Mr. Russam) first met Henry Johnson, and from that time until now it was impressed upon him what a wonderful old man he was, not as a ringer accumulating peals, but as a man with a great ambition. His sole ambition was to build up a great record of ringing and conduct at St. Martin's Church. That principle he was glad to say had been followed to the present day by successive generations of ringers connected with St. Martin's (applause). Henry Johnson was a man who, by his unflinching courtesy, gentleness, wisdom and uprightness, won for himself the personal affection of everyone with whom he came in contact. No one ever went to Henry Johnson with a request, however small, concerning bell ringing and came away empty handed; but, with all his gentleness of heart, woebetide the careless ringer (laughter). The old man would not say much, but what he did say was seldom forgotten. They at Aston who knew him when he came to reside there used to sit at his feet and gather wisdom from his words, and the merry times they had with him had left nothing but pleasant memories. He was just, fair and upright, but he had his vein of humour. Mr. Russam went on to illustrate these traits in Henry Johnson's character by two personal anecdotes. After the first dinner which they had in honour of the old man, at which Sir Arthur Heywood presided, he (the speaker) was on his way home when he saw the old man in the centre of the town. He spoke to Johnson, and they started away for home together. Standing in the road was a cab, and they stood and seriously discussed whether they could afford to hire it to drive them home. After bargaining with the driver, they got in and were driven to Aston, which they reached at the rate of about a mile an hour (laughter), and on arriving they discussed who should pay for the cab. Eventually they paid sixpence each (laughter). He mentioned this to show how Johnson was always ready to share and share alike. William Chattell, who was a ringer at St. Philip's, was a great friend of Henry Johnson. One day he went to the old man and said, 'Henry, I want a peal of Stedman Caters, of such a number and with such and such qualities.' 'Very well, you shall have it,' replied Mr. Johnson, and, of course, Chattell got what he asked for. Johnson found out where they were going to ring the peal, and when it was to be at Aston, and when the time arrived Chattell and his friends started off for the tower, which in those days could only be reached by walking. When they got near the tower, they heard the bells going. They got down to the church, and found Henry had stolen a march upon William. He had collected a band, gone to the church, locked himself in, and rang the peal (laughter).

The toast was drunk in silence, and afterwards three leads of Treble Bob Fourteen were rung by T. Russam, A. Walker, P. Laffin, G. F. Swann, J. P. Smallwood, J. E. Groves and A. E. Norman. The touch was followed with intense interest, and its completion was the signal for prolonged applause.

A REVIEW.

Alderman Pritchett again proposed the toast of 'Continued prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild,' and following his usual custom gave a review of the year's doings. Referring first to the losses which had been sustained, he spoke of Sir Edward Malins, who for many years had joined them at those gatherings. They honoured him for the high position he held in his profession, and, knowing him so intimately, they loved him as a man. Then they had lost the late Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, Mr. Cherry, who some 15 years ago presided at that dinner. He was a man of singularly amiable and simple character, and those ringers who had rung with him, felt he was one of themselves. When he occupied the distinguished position of Attorney-General for Ireland, he (Mr. Pritchett) visited him, and went with him into the tower of St. Patrick's Cathedral, where he took off his coat, turned up his sleeves and rang with him; and that was his constant custom as long as his health permitted. They deeply lamented his death. The late Mr. James Motts was for many years one of the country members of that Guild. His ringing reputation was known to all of them, for doubtless they had read the memoir which had appeared in 'The Ringing World.' He might, however, be specially mentioned that evening in connection with the record peal of London Surprise at King's Norton. He was the first of the band to go, but they trusted the other seven would be spared for many years to come. Proceeding, Alderman Pritchett said they missed several old friends that night, who were absent from various causes. Foremost among them was Mr. Rock Small, who so recently celebrated his 83rd birthday. Another old gentleman who was with them two years ago for the last time was Mr. Ted Horrex, of London, who would celebrate his 85th birthday on the 28th of the month. He suggested they should send him a letter of congratula-

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tion, and tell him how much they would have liked to see him present that night (applause). The senior member of that Guild was also absent, Mr. John Buffery. He was the only survivor of a party of enthusiastic young ringers who visited him (the speaker) at Oxford 50 years ago. He believed he had told them before how much they enjoyed that huge pigeon pie with the claws sticking out of the top, and how John Buffery mistook some extra strong ale for soda water (laughter), and how the touch of Stedman at Magdalen College afterwards came hopelessly to grief (laughter). Alderman Pritchett went on to extend a hearty welcome to all the friends who were with them that night, and they specially welcomed, he said, the presence of so many ladies. They were glad to see most of the veterans, including Mr. Tom Russam, who was one of the senior members of the Guild, and only about ten years younger than himself (laughter). Mr. Kent, Mr. Godden, Mr. Miller, the three brothers Dickens, and Mr. Joseph Johnson, son of the old worthy whose memory they were met to honour that night. They hoped he would be with them on many more occasions (applause).

A NOTABLE PERFORMANCE.

They had, said Alderman Pritchett, to congratulate themselves that the Guild was continuing to prosper. He had received a report from Mr. Walker, which stated that 21 tower bell peals and 15 handbell peals had been rung during the year, which was about the average. There were some notable performances, but the most remarkable performance, not only of that Guild, but of any other Guild or change ringing society in the world, was the peal of Stedman Sextuples rung on mid-summer's day. The band who rang that peal was the same that had given them an exhibition of ringing on 14 bells that night, and they also had with them Mr. John Carter, who had come from Park Lane to be with them (laughter), who was the composer of the peal, and Mr. Kent who was the umpire. He had not included in those 36 peals which he had mentioned another peal rung on February 13th for the birthday of Mr. Russam and Mrs. Walker, which was chiefly remarkable from the fact that it was conducted by Mr. Albert Norman, who thus called his first peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells before the age of 21 years (applause). They heartily congratulated him. Mr. Edgar Sheppard, another ringer of great promise, was mentioned in Mr. Walker's report. He was severely wounded in the war, and proudly wore the Military Medal (applause). A band met the other day at Solihull for a peal of Stedman Caters, but owing to illness they were unable to ring, and a peal on handbells was arranged at once. Mr. Sheppard rang his first peal on handbells in this method without any preliminary practice. He was a great credit to the Guild, and in years to come would no doubt be one of their leaders (applause). He could not conclude without expressing their and his acknowledgments to one or two men to whom they were especially indebted; to Mr. Albert Walker, their energetic, conscientious and painstaking Ringing Master, for all he had done in arranging peals and helping to manage the affairs of the Guild generally (hear, hear). They were specially indebted to him for the social evenings of the Guild which had been such a feature during the past year. For many years now, continued the speaker, he had been engaged in what was considered the hopeless task of improving the lily by painting it and gilding refined gold, and he did not propose to continue that attempt to enhance the reputation of Mr. Paddon Smith with ringers and the esteem in which they all held him by any more praise. All he would say was that he had never known a better organised series of dinners than those in connection with that Guild (applause). The organisation had been absolute perfection (applause). They would show their appreciation of what he had done by most heartily drinking his health (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Smith was received with loud applause on rising to respond. He did not know, he said, exactly how Jacob felt when he was deceiving his father and accepting the blessing that was intended for Esau; but he certainly felt in somewhat of an invidious position, because owing to business having called him out of the country he had had to leave a lot of the organisation and work connected with that gathering to Mr. Walker, but he could assure them it was a sufficient payment to them both to look round and see everyone so obviously happy and enjoying themselves. Mr. Smith then announced that in that room, only a few hours before, a further honour in Freemasonry had been conferred upon their Presiding Ringing Master (Alderman Pritchett), who was installed as the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire in the Royal Order of Scotland, a Masonic Order founded to commemorate the memory of Robert Bruce. The ceremony was performed by the Rt. Honourable the Earl of Kintore, the Sovereign of the Order. Alderman Pritchett, continued the speaker, had been lifted from one step to another in the craft, until there could be hardly any higher steps to mount, and they congratulated him upon the latest honour which had been accorded to him. It was a unique thing that they as ringers should have met

in the same room within a few hours, and as they had got Alderman Pritchett with them he was going to propose a hearty vote of congratulation to him in an informal manner, which he asked them to carry by saying 'Aye' in no uncertain manner.

The motion was carried with a roar that almost shook the roof and testified in a remarkable way to the personal esteem in which the presiding Ringing Master is held by the Guild.

(To be continued.)

'MUTILATED BELLS.' CONSISTORY COURT INQUIRY.

The Chancellor of the Diocese of Rochester held a formal inquiry in the Parish Church of Chalk, near Gravesend, on Saturday, Feb. 10th, in the manner in which a faculty for rehanging the three ancient bells had been carried out. It was alleged, says the 'Church Times,' that the bells had been injured and mutilated through the Vicar neglecting to comply with the terms of the faculty, which made it a condition that the work should be done under the instructions of an architect.

Evidence was given to show that of the three bells, one was cast by a founder who was probably Thomas de Weston, about 1348, and that the other two were by John Wilner of Borden, in 1634, that they were of great archaeological value and interest, but that the canons had been cut off when they were rehung. It was shown that every effort had been made first by the Registrar and then by the architect to impress on the Vicar the importance of not allowing the removal of the canons; but while the work was in progress the founder, Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, claimed that it was necessary to remove the canons on account of the nature of the new headstocks he had prepared. The Vicar neglected to call in the architect to inquire into the matter, with the result that the canons were removed. The founder claimed that the removal of the canons was a common practice, that it made the bells easier to ring, that it was sometimes necessary if the canons were broken, and that he had done it in numerous other churches in Kent. He admitted that it was not necessary to remove the canons to quarter-turn a bell, and that if he had been instructed at first not to do so, he would have prepared headstocks accordingly.

The learned Chancellor found that the provisions of the faculty had not been carried out, and that the Vicar had not had the work done under the advice of the architect, but had allowed the bells to be mutilated in direct opposition to his advice. He impressed on the clergy and Parochial Church Councils not only the necessity of loyally carrying out the provisions of faculties, but also the importance of making full use of the system of Advisory Committees recently set up. The committees included men of expert knowledge, who gave their advice to parishes free of charge, and the clergy and all concerned should avail themselves of these advantages. He said that those who refused to be guided by the committees, and who ignored the conditions laid down in faculties, played into the hands of those who wished our churches to be taken over by the State. If the ecclesiastical courts were ignored it would be said that the Church was powerless to safeguard her own buildings and the treasures they contained. If the Diocesan Advisory Committee said the advice of a particular person should be sought, it should be sought; and if that advice were included in a faculty, it would have to be followed. What the Vicar had done in this case amounted to contempt of Court, and might lead to the consideration of coercive measures. He trusted the clergy and Parochial Church Councils would loyally support the system as at present administered.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Blagdon, near Bristol, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, and was very successful. Thirty-four members were present, representing Banwell, Burnham, Blagdon, Chewton-Mendip, Churchill, Rowbarrow, Winscombe, Worle, Wedmore, Weston-super-Mare, and Kewstoke. A service was conducted by the Rev. T. H. Richards, who also gave an address. Tea and meeting followed at the Parish Hall. The business meeting was presided over by the president of the branch (the Rev. J. H. H. Doorbar), supported by the Rector of Blagdon (Prebendary G. M. Lambrick). Eleven new members were elected, and Churchill was selected for the next meeting.

The secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £8 18s. 8d. Prebendary G. M. Lambrick was elected president, and the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux, vice-president for the ensuing year.

Mr. G. Chamberlain was re-elected hon. secretary and representative on the general committee. The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. T. H. Richards, and to Mr. Westbrook, the organist.

There was ringing during the afternoon and evening.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Feb. 25th, for parish evensong, and to commemorate the Sir Christopher Wren Bicentenary, 720 Stedman Triples, with 7, 6, 8 covering, by the following band: G. E. Padgett (conductor) 1, H. F. Clulow 2, J. F. Milner 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, A. E. King 6, G. W. Collinson 7, W. D. Shortrose 8. Longest touch in the method. It is interesting to note that the Bishop of Southwell was first cousin to the last of the Wren family, and is the possessor of all Sir Christopher's valuable belongings.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, M. Jacobs 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, T. Bullen 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Rev. B. M. Kitson, Rector of the above church.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,277 changes): C. W. Roberts 1, W. E. Garrard 2, R. D. G. Brown (first quarter in method) 3, A. V. Selby 4, G. W. Frayne 5, A. B. Bennett 6, P. L. Miles 7, R. Congrieve-Pridgeon (conductor) 8, H. G. Miles 9, F. J. Redknapp 10.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Smith (first quarter) 1, Miss G. Baker (first quarter inside) 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, Miss P. Moss 4, S. Honor 5, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 6, W. Honor 7, F. Smith 8.

GIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lewis 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis 3, H. C. Bond 4, J. Butler 5, J. Hope (first as conductor) 6, G. W. Hastings (first quarter-peal of Triples) 7, W. H. Hayward 8. Messrs. Hope and Hastings hail from Fairford.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: G. Williamsou (first 720) 1, E. Tilley 2, Miss A. Dale 3, W. Smith (Whittlesea, Cambs) 4, J. Judson (conductor) 5, W. Waldren 6.

BESTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, 576 London Surprise Major: W. Clifford, junr., 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, A. B. Moss 4, J. C. Dicken 5, A. Lowe 6, W. A. Jones 7, P. Price 8; and quarter-peal in the same method by W. Clifford, junr., 1, A. Coppock (composer and conductor) 2, W. A. Jones 3, J. Bailey (first in the method) 4, J. C. Dicken 5, F. S. Price 6, F. Blood 7, P. Price 8.

LONDON. At St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, for Sunday evening service, on Feb. 18th, eight courses Stepney Caters: A. Hardy 1, Miss K. Smith 2, J. D. Matthews (conductor) 3, F. Newman 4, G. Card 5, D. W. Goodwin 6, R. Bevan 7, F. Smith 8, C. Matthews 9, J. W. Cornford 10.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's, Collegiate Church, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: J. Williams 1, H. A. Farlow 2, H. Knight (conductor) 3, J. D. G. Harris 4, D. P. Mitchell 5, H. M. Hawkwood 6, W. H. Lawley 7, G. Langley (longest length) 8.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, February 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: S. Goodwin (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss N. Nye 2, C. H. Walker 3, R. Morgan 4, H. Warnett, senr., 5, H. Warnett, junr., 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: C. Roseveare 1, C. H. Walker 2, S. Goodwin (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, J. Hurrell 5, H. Warnett, junr. (conductor) 6, H. Warnett, senr., 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, in 42 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples (composed by the late A. P. Wakley): E. Chivers 1, W. Millbourne 2, G. Griffin 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, F. Chivers 5, J. Hambleton 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, T. Griffin 8. Rung on the fourth anniversary of the composer's death.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—For morning service, on Sunday, Feb. 11th, 360 of Oxford, 360 of Violet Treble Bob Minor: H. Hutley 1, E. H. Simpson 2, F. Seagar 3, H. Haigh 4, T. B. Kendall 5, H. Stott (conductor) 6, J. Joyce 7 (covering).—For evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples: T. Wilcock 1, T. B. Kendall 2, H. Haigh 3, F. Seagar 4, H. Stott 5, J. Joyce 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, H. Hutley 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes): T. Wilcock (first quarter-peal) 1, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 2, F. Davison 3, E. H. Simpson 4, H. Davison 5, J. Joyce 6, H. Stott 7, H. Foster 8. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to F. Seagar and J. Joyce.

CHERTSEY.—On Sunday, Feb. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Wood 1, G. Warrinton 2, Miss L. Stevens 3, R. Franklin 4, E. C. Gosling (conductor) 5, A. Cross 6, J. B. Hessey 7, H. R. Stevens 8. The ringers of 1, 4, 5, 6 are boy scouts from Old Windsor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss L. Stevens.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, W. Stevens 2, H. Barrett 3, H. Cook 4, C. Hunt 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Feb. 11th, for evensong, 576 London Surprise Minor: C. S. Burden 1, G. W. Park 2, W. Cook 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, Chas. Todd (conductor) 6.—For evensong, on Sunday, Feb. 25th, 720 London Surprise Minor: C. S. Burden 1, F. Cook 2, W. Cook 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**HEREFORD DISTRICT GROWING.**

The annual meeting of the Hereford district was held at Hereford, and was well attended, some 80 ringers being present from the three city towers, and Burghill, Madley, Hampton Bishop, Allensmore, Stoke Edith, Bodenham, Wellington, Holm Lacy, Fawnhope, Lugwardine, Tarrington, Bridstow, Ross, Llanelly, Clifford, Sutton Holmer.

St. Nicholas' and All Saints' bells were available during the afternoon, and the Cathedral in the evening, some well-struck touches being brought round in Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble and Stedman. Service was held at All Saints' Church, the preacher being the Rev. H. M. Fowler, of Holy Trinity, who gave an excellent address. The Guild's form of service was used, upwards of 70 ringers were present. A company of 81 assembled at the Spread Eagle Hotel for tea, the general secretary of the Guild (the Rev. G. W. Turner) presiding, supported by the Rev. H. M. Fowler, the Rev. A. Middleton, the Rev. F. Dent and the Rev. F. R. Wilkinson (Mansfield). Immediately after tea the Dean looked in for a few minutes, and expressed his thanks and appreciation for all the ringers had done, and for the good work the Guild was doing. He was, he said, delighted to see so many young men present and taking such an active part in the life of the church, and hoped to meet all of them again that evening when they assembled in the Cathedral tower at 7 o'clock.

The Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean for his presence, also for what he had done in the past year to improve the conditions of the Cathedral belfry. Ringers, not only in the Hereford district, but in the whole of the diocese, now looked upon the Dean as a true friend (applause).

The Secretary (Mr. C. Edwards) presented the balance sheet, which showed that they now had 28 honorary members, 101 ringing members, and 21 probationers in the district. The total receipts were £19, and after handing to the general secretary one-half of receipts, £9 10s., a balance of £5 1s. 10d. was left in hand. The secretary was re-elected, with Mr. A. Gwynne assistant secretary.

The question of District Ringing Master was brought up, when the secretary pointed out that Mr. W. H. Williams really had not got the time to spare to do what was required of him. He (the secretary) pointed out that, as he had to act as secretary for the district and also Ringing Master for the whole of the Guild, the time had come when others must do more to help, as in their own district more towers were joining the Guild, and must have assistance. He moved that Mr. Walter Taylor (Lugwardine) be appointed District Ringing Master, and Mr. Ivor Probert (Burghill) be assistant.—These appointments were made, amid applause, and 27 new members were then elected, including two honorary members. The majority of the ringers afterwards made their way to the Cathedral belfry, where they were welcomed by the Dean. Some excellent touches of Caters and Bob Major were brought round. The meeting, the largest and most successful held in the district, showed that great strides are being made by the Guild.

LATE NOTICES.

DEDICATION.—The bells at Bowdon Church, Cheshire, recast and augmented to eight by Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Chester on Monday, March 5th, at 7 p.m.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on March 10th, when the bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head at the Brown Bear. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Creaton on Saturday, March 10th. Usual arrangement. Those requiring tea please notify me by the Stn.—W. Bott, Dist. Hon. Sec.

THE TUNING OF CHURCH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the recent letters which have appeared in your columns, I venture to suggest that the points at issue have not been set forth with sufficient clarity. It is quite true that the preference for one system or the other is a matter of personal taste. Both systems have points in their favour, but the mistake has been in the matter of comparisons. It is useless to compare a poor ring of bells on the old lines with a modern ring tuned on the more recent system. Most of the old peals were tuned, either by hand chipping, or by now obsolete machines, which only permitted the tuning of practically one note in a bell, namely, the main tone. There are many old rings of bells in the country, where adjustment of the harmonics to the lines the bells were originally cast for, would convert them into perfectly musical rings. There are also many old rings, which have been cast so near to correctness in tune one with another, that the slight adjustment necessary to the main tones has not affected the harmonics, and the result has been a very fine peal of bells. On the other hand, many old bells have been cast where the main note has been considerably out of tune with what has been required, and the tuning having been restricted to this main tone only, has thrown the harmonics out of their original proportion. Fortunately, modern machinery can overcome this difficulty, and this is a point which has been overlooked.

I hold no brief for either one system or the other, for as I have stated above, preference is purely a matter of personal taste, but in all fairness, the matter needs properly explaining.

Practice and theory do not always agree, and for all the seemingly theoretical correctness of the Simpson principle, there are many rings of bells in the country on the old lines which have not yet been surpassed.

One thing is certain, harmonics in any instrument should always be subdued as much as possible, and not accentuated, and the aim of the bell founder should be to produce bells in which the tones are so blended as to produce a pleasing musical result, in which harmonics or overtones cause no annoyance or displeasing effect. This we know, from experience, has been achieved by old founders.

It appears to me that Simpson-tuned bells sound to the best advantage singly, or in sets of bells erected for tune playing only, where the time is much slower, but not to rings of bells hung for change ringing, where the notes follow in such quick succession, that the too dominant harmonics run into each other and apparently create the medley of sound which is so perplexing to many.

Another point to be remembered, in quoting musical persons as authorities, is, that being a judge of tone, and being of musical ability, are two very different things. Many a good organist or pianist is no judge of quality of tone. Further, church bells cannot be judged in the same light as the general musical instrument. They are two entirely different propositions.

In conclusion, I think it cannot be too strongly pointed out, that complete rings of bells should not be recast simply to obtain a more recent system of tuning.—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

THE ULTIMATE JUDGES.

Sir,—I should like to thank Mr. Barnett for his very courteous reply to my letter of Feb. 9th, and fear I am not sufficiently advanced in metallurgy to be able to discuss the longevity of metal which has had its 'skin' broken. He is greatly in error, however, when he speaks of 'talking over an unmusical incumbent,' etc., for it is the very musical who most appreciate the properly tuned bell.

It is, perhaps, well that 'A Flat Seventh' veils himself under a 'Nom-de-plume.' His letter is rather rude, and very ridiculous. 'The whole question resolves itself into one of likes and dislikes,' he says. Well, 'de gustibus non disputandum,' but surely the ultimate judges of the very best bells will not be ringers as a body, nor even 'A Flat Seventh' (nor my humble self), but those who have to listen to them; and of these, musicians (pace Mr. Lewis who certainly built organs on the five-toned principle, and couldn't have done otherwise had he tried!) are nearly all in agreement with the assertion that when the harmonics of a bell are all in perfect tune the resultant sound is infinitely preferable to one in which any or all are out of tune.

His quotation from the 'Sunday Times' is singularly unfortunate. 'Simpson-tuned peals consist of a succession of octaves and fifths in harmonics, which, as every young student of music knows, is against the first laws of harmony.' I am glad of that phrase 'every young student,' because only a very, very young student could have made such an elementary mistake as to confuse the consecution of octaves and fifths in natural harmonics (which are present in any and every given note, either of voice or instrument) with the consecution of

octaves and fifths of principal notes when sounded together in two or more parts.

'Just imagine tuning an organ, pianoforte, or any other musical instrument upon the Simpson principle.' Has 'A Flat Seventh' ever heard one that was not? It would be the eighth wonder of the world!—Yours, etc.,
St. Thomas', Hove.

CECIL H. CLARKE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP AND DEAN OF DURHAM ELECTED HON. MEMBERS.

The pre-Lent meeting was held at Newburn on Saturday, Feb. 10th, in adverse weather circumstances, for it was a very wet, cold day. Two weddings and a funeral in the afternoon were not encouraging, from a ringer's point of view, and very little ringing could be indulged in before tea, which was served by Host and Hostess J. Brown at the Newburn Hotel. The President (Mr. Story) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Rev. A. W. Lister, Mr. J. W. Parker, the hon. secretary, the hon. treasurer, and others. The following towers were represented: Tanfield, Winton, St. Ignatius, Sunderland; Newburn, the Cathedral, Newcastle; St. John, Newcastle, and St. George's, Jesmond.

The President, in proposing the toast of 'The King,' remarked that it was the first opportunity he had of doing so since his Majesty had become a grandfather, and wished Princess Mary and her infant son health and happiness.

Five new honorary members were elected, viz., the Bishop of Durham, the Dean of Durham, the Rector of Hexham, the Vicar of St. Oswald's, Durham, and the Vicar of Binfieldside and two life members.

It was stated that the ringers' memorial tablet was well on the way toward completion, and it was decided to have the unveiling ceremony on the first or second Saturday after Easter, whichever date suited the Newcastle authorities. Due notice will be given.

The treasurer made a very encouraging statement, to the effect that he had £29 odd in hand, but he still wanted more, as the printing of the new report would swallow that and more.

The Hon. Secretary called the attention of all conductors to rule 17. So far only two conductors have taken any notice of it, but unless they do so it will be impossible to keep the peals and their compositions up to date. The omission also puts much unnecessary work on the secretary.

The second certificate for Sunday Service ringing for six-bell towers was presented to Mr. H. B. Taylor, secretary of the Newburn band.—The Rev. A. W. Lister, in a few well-chosen words, congratulated them upon their success.—Mr. Taylor, in returning thanks, said he was afraid they would not win it again, as one of their members had left the district, and another had been injured in the mine.

Representatives from other winning towers were not present. The meeting expressed condolence with Mr. J. W. Park, the energetic vice-president for the eastern district, who is laid up with an injured foot, and wished him a speedy recovery.

A touch of Grandsire on handbells, a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar for offering to make arrangements for the tea (which offer unfortunately came after arrangements had already been made), brought the meeting to a close, and an adjournment was made to the tower for more ringing.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District was held at Gateshead on Saturday, Feb. 24th, about 50 members attending from South Shields, Jarrow, Newcastle, Sunderland, Houghton-le-Spring, etc.

Several members had their first pull on the fine ring of twelve at Newcastle Cathedral during the afternoon, and the bells of St. Mary's, Gateshead, were kept going until late.

Tea was held in an historic room called 'The Anchorage,' near to the church. Messrs. Stuart and Kell, of the Gateshead band, had made excellent arrangements, and a very happy time was spent over the teacups.

A short meeting was afterwards held, presided over by Canon Stephenson, supported by Mr. W. Story (president), Mr. R. Parkinson (vice-president), Mr. E. E. Ferry (association secretary), Mr. A. M. Hall (treasurer), and others.

Mr. J. W. Parker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman and the Vicar of Newcastle for the use of their bells, and to Messrs. Stuart and Kell and the ladies who had kindly assisted with the tea; and this was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Story announced that the Ringers' War Memorial Tablet in Newcastle Cathedral would be unveiled on Saturday, April 7th.—It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Houghton-le-Spring on April 14th.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next Branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsshore, on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions are now due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Mar. 3rd. Bells available from 4 p.m. All ringers welcome. — F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wickham on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells available 2.30; also Shedfield Bells (6) 2.30. Tea at Wickham 5 o'clock.—E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, March 3rd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Harlestone on Saturday, March 3rd. Usual arrangements.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Rd., Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—A meeting will be held at Chesterfield on March 3rd. Ringing 2.30 to 7.30 p.m. Ten bells. Meat tea at 5 p.m. in Blackshaw's Restaurant, 1s. 3d. each. Committee will meet in the Vestry at 6.30 p.m.—Rev. J. F. Amies, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Bocking on March 3rd. Bells 2 p.m. Service, with address, 4 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. per head, at the Black Boy, followed by business meeting. Subscriptions for 1923 are now due.—Bert Redgwell, Hudson's Hill, Wethersfield, near Braintree.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Hurst on Saturday, March 3rd, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Joseph White.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, March 5th and 19th. Bishopsgate, March 12th. 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, Nr. Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on March 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting, All Saints', Oxford, March 8th. Service 4 p.m. Tea in Parish Room, 4.45. Meeting after tea.—W. Harris, Branch Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. George-in-the-East on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for all who advise me by March 7th. A good attendance is desired.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea. It is important that all those expecting to be present at the tea should let me know by Monday, March 5th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, March 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Farnworth tower will be open at 7. Members intending being present please send word to Sec.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston (bells 6), on Saturday, March 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The Annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea (1/- each) at 5.30 to those who notify Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, by Wednesday, the 14th. The Association's Annual Report, price 2/-, will be on sale at this meeting.—F. Clark, 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 17th, from 3 15 p.m. Will arrange tea at a small cost. Welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The annual meeting will be held at York, on Saturday, March 17th. The Minster bells (12) available from 2.30 to 4 and 6.30 to 8.30; also the rings of 6 at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, and St. Mary the Younger, Bishophill, from 2 to 8.30. Choral Evensong in the Minster at 4. Tea at 5.15 in the Ebor Rooms, Coney Street, to those who notify Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, by first post, Tuesday, March 13th. Business meeting immediately after in the St. Michael-le-Belfry Schoolroom, Stonegate. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The bells at All Saints', St. Alkmund's, St. Peter's and St. Luke's will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Certificate Sub-Committee will meet at 2.45, and the

Ordinary Committee at 3.15 in St. Alkmund's Institute. There will be a service at All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Derby. Collection for the Bell Repair Fund. Tea will be at 4.45 in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, and the general meeting will follow immediately after tea. The charge for tea will be 2s. per head, and I am asked to give particular notice that all requiring same should give notice to the Derby hon. sec., Mr. A. Braines, 1, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, March 28th. A smoking concert has been arranged to commence at 8 o'clock in the Assembly Rooms. Nominations for general officers should reach me one month before the meeting.—A. Coningsby Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

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VETERAN TEWKESBURY RINGER'S DEATH.

The death occurred on January 21st of Mr. Josiah Wathen, of Tewkesbury, who passed away at the age of 77 years. For over 40 years he was manager and chief engineer at Tewkesbury Waterworks, a position he relinquished in 1912.

Mr. Wathen began his ringing in Worcester about 1865, and for something like 50 years was a ringer at Tewkesbury Abbey. With the Rev. C. D. P. Davies he started a change ringing band at the Abbey, which developed into one of the best Stedman companies in Gloucestershire. He conducted his first peal in 1877. He was for many years Master of the Tewkesbury Society, and he also called, on the Abbey bells, the first 1,008 Double Norwich Major in the county.

Muffled ringing took place at the Abbey in memory of the deceased, and a muffled peal was also attempted at St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, Staffs.

ILSINGTON BELLS.

The bells at St. Michael's Church, Ilsington, Devon, have been hung on modern fittings with patent adjustable bearings, and put in perfect ringing order by Messrs. Wm. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford.

The bells were tested on Monday week, by numerous ringers, who were highly pleased with the excellent 'go,' and with the improvements so well carried out.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WISTASTON, CHESHIRE.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Tuesday, Dec. 26th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, and 720 Bob Minor: R. Sperring (conductor) 1, J. H. Riding 2, G. H. Jones 3, H. F. Holding 4, H. Overton 5, S. Jones, junr., 6.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Wednesday, January 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Foster 1, F. Stinton 2, F. Foster 3, A. Morris 4, E. W. Turner (conductor) 5, E. Spencer 6. First 720 in method by 1, 2 and 6. First with a bob bell by 3. First 720 in method on the bells by a local band. Also rung as a farewell touch to Mr. Morris on his leaving the parish.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Thursday, Feb. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss G. Baker 1, J. J. Pratt 2, P. Jones 3, Miss P. Moss 4, L. B. Potter 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, H. Chandler 8.—On Thursday, Jan. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss P. Moss (first quarter) 1, Miss D. Feltham 2, G. Gutteridge 3, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, E. Hancox 5, H. Chandler 6, W. Honor 7, J. Childs 8.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Feb. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: *A. Hole 1, W. G. Pinnigar (conductor) 2, W. Woods 3, H. James 4, *J. Lawson 5, C. Moulton 6,

H. Brasher 7, C. Pinnigar 8. * First quarter-peal; also first as conductor.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Monday, Feb. 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: Mrs. A. E. Lock 1 *F. Naish 2, *E. V. Naish 3, E. Humfrey 4, W. S. Holfield 5, A. E. Lock (conductor) 6, G. Caudwell 7, F. W. Woodwards 8. * First quarter.

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PEAL RINGING.

Peals, we think it is rightly held, are the best indication of the advance of change ringing. Once get a man interested in the art and, if he has any ambition at all, he will not be content until he has rung a peal. Afterwards, much depends upon the kind of band he is ringing with and the manner in which his enthusiasm is developed. If the band is progressive, or even earnest, and the ringer's zest is maintained, they and he will go on to further peals and more advanced methods. And as the peals increase and new methods are practised, so the actual ringing, ought, and we believe in the majority of cases, does improve; indeed, if we may use a paradox, it takes a good band to ring a bad peal in a difficult method, because bad ringing will more often than not bring disaster. On the other hand, a good band, in the true sense of the word, would not tolerate bad ringing in a peal, and would stop.

Peals, then, are as a barometer to our art, and Canon Papillon points out in a letter which appears in another column, how the records in our last issue indicate gratifying progress. As a matter of fact, an analysis of the reports, in almost any week, show that quite a number of new peal ringers are coming into the arena. Probably the next best thing to a 'first peal' is the first in a fresh method, and in this direction again there is constant evidence of advance. One must not overlook the fact that, particularly in country districts, bands have sometimes the greatest difficulty in making progress. They may have the best will in the world to go forward, but circumstances, over which they have no control, place constant obstacles in the way. On the other hand, there are not a few bands in the country who show by their constant ringing of the simpler methods that something is lacking in their enterprise. Yet there is plenty of scope. Recently a peal in thirty methods spliced into seven extents has shown what opportunities there are for six-bell ringers; no eight-bell band should be content until they have reached the 'Surprise' standard, and even on ten bells there have been recent demonstrations proving that there is no reason to remain in the rut, as witness the peals of Clifton and Middlesex Surprise Royal. Never did ringers have finer opportunities to advance than are presented to-day. Rings of bells are growing rapidly in number, composers have given us a vast variety of methods and compositions to ring, and from the time a man sets his foot on the bottom rung of the campanological ladder there ought to be no pause till he reaches the top. But there are still large numbers apparently content to go on just as they have done for years. It is another instance of that apathy which seems characteristic of many ringers, and out of which even dynamite would hardly move them.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6021 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	* ROBERT J. DAWE 7
* ALBERT C. V. GASSON 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	FRANK SMITH 9
ARTHUR N. HARDY 4	GEORGE A. CARD 10
JOHN SPARROW 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS... .. 11
FRANK BENNETT 6	HARRY SEAR Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.
* First peal on twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 45 cwt.

WILLIAM GIBSON Treble	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY 6
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2	WILLIAM E. LYNCH 7
RICHARD LYNCH 3	GEORGE F. WILMOT 8
* CECIL G. HARRISON 4	THOMAS GRANT 9
WILLIAM W. WILSON 5	DAVID ATKINSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute to their late President, the Right Hon. R. R. Cherry, P.C. * First peal.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, Feb. 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

† HENRY J. WAY Treble	* ERNEST DIBBEN... .. 6
EDWIN J. BROWN 2	† FRED E. TYLER... .. 7
EDGAR GUISE 3	† WILLIAM HUNTER 8
ALFRED PEARCE... .. 4	HENRY T. HOWELL 9
GILBERT PEARCE 5	ISAAC LONG... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Miss Peggy Guise, daughter of the conductor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN BUTLER Treble	FREDERICK ATWELL 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	* FRANK COLE... .. 7
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 8
ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 4	WALTER FARLEY... .. 9
CHARLES GREEDY 5	ALBERT HANKS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	* JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. 7
† MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY... .. 8
* REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	R. HENRY BARTRAM... .. 9
HARRY BROUGHTON 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF MIDDLESEX SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	WILLIAM HEWITT 6
JOHN THOMAS 2	*FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 8
ALBERT W. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method, also first peal in the method on the bells.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ROBERT G. BLACK Treble	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 6
*MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 3	*ARCHIE HENMAN 8
WILLIAM ROGERS 4	DAVID J. NICHOLS 9
BERTIE O. SODEN 5	FRED WILFORD Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by D. J. NICHOLS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. * First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Feb. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE T. PEGNALL Treble	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 4	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6, without the 2nd in 5-6, or the 3rd in sixth's, in the minimum number of changes.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

LESLIE STACEY Treble	ERNEST B. CROWDER 5
GEORGE H. DAYNES 2	GEORGE E. LINGHAM 6
STEPHEN J. C. BRIDGLAND 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
THOMAS A. EASTERBY... .. 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells. First peal by the ringers of treble, 3rd and 6th, who belong to Northfleet. The ringer of the 2nd hails from St. Nicholas, Deptford, ringers of the 4th, 5th and 7th from St. John's, Deptford, and the tenor from Gravesend. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. A. Easterby.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5936 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST CETSFORTH Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
ALLAN F. BAILEY 2	SAM WOOD 6
JOHN POTTER 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Mar. 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST PALMER Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 68). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Superlative.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, Mar. 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.

PERCY C. LAFLIN Treble	JOHN WITHERS 5
*ERNEST T. ALLAWAY ... 2	*CHARLES WEBB 6
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

This was the quarterly peal for the above Branch. * First peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. James George's 750th peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 2	JOHN WITHERS 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM H. BALL 4	*ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

* First peal in any Surprise method.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb.

BEN S. THOMPSON Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 2	ROBERT HARDY 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
*GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal 'inside' in the method.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD Treble	JOSEPH BAILEY 5
FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 2	WILLIAM A. JANES 6
ALBERT COPPOCK 3	PERCY PRICE 7
ALLEN R. HICKTON 4	CHARLES GEARY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

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On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL BROWN 2	...Trebble	JOSHUA WOODHEAD 5
ARTHUR SMITH 2		JOHN MCKELL 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3		JOHN L. PHILLIPS 7
STANLEY WALKER 4		FREDERICK W. DIXON ...Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, the tone and 'go' are alike excellent.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER ANDREWS 5	...Trebble	WILLIAM SPICE 5
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2		CHARLES W. BRETT 6
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 3		*FREDERICK FAIRBEARD 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4		*GEORGE JENKINS ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.
* First peal of Double Norwich Major.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

W. GOODCHILD 5	...Trebble	A. G. JANES 5
*ROLAND BIGGS 2		R. H. BIGGS 6
ALFRED SMITH 3		FRANK BOREHAM 7
F. G. BIGGS 4		VICTOR EVANS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. BOREHAM.

* First peal on a working bell.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 5	...Trebble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2		GEORGE E. WILSON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3		CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
*WILLIAM DUDLEY 4		HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by GEO. HAYWARD. Conducted by J. H. CHEESEMAN.

* 50th peal. This peal was arranged to oblige Messrs. W. Dudley, H. T. and G. E. Wilson, who hail from Prittlewell, Essex.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*LESLIE WARNER 5	...Trebble	ALWYN CHARMAN 5
CECIL CHARMAN 2		†ERNEST WARNER 6
MRS. R. WHITTINGHAM 3		WILLIAM CHARMAN 7
HORACE CHARMAN 4		THOMAS WORSFOLD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CHARMAN.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Cecil Charman and to celebrate the 31st anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington's wedding day.

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On Sunday, Mar. 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5	...Trebble	ERNEST E. GRIMES 5
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SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Feb. 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet, New London, Duke of York, Oxford Delight, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by SIDNEY CARTER.

First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Lily Carter, sister of the brothers Carter.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Mar. 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London, Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

NATHAN PATMORE 4	...Trebble	BARNARD PATMORE 4
SIDNEY CARTER 2		HENRY WALLACE 5
ERNEST A. OVERALL 3		GEORGE H. CARTER ... ..Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

STEVENTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings.

REGINALD C. SMITH 4	...Trebble	DANIEL H. WOODLEY 4
JOHN NOBES 2		PERCY W. FLETCHER 5
FRANK W. BUNCE 3		ALFRED BREAKSPEAR ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

First peal ever rung on the bells. First peal by all the band except the conductor. All are members of the local band except the ringer of the 4th, who hails from Milton, and all are members of the choir. This peal was rung in honour of the 98th birthday of Mr. R. H. Betteridge, the oldest inhabitant of the village.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Oxford Single, 10 of April Day, 8 of Plain Bob, and 14 of Grandsire in 21 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	...Trebble	MISS KITTY WILLERS 3
ARTHUR WILSON 2		*JOHN T. NEWINGTON 4
PERCY WEBB 4		...Tenor

Conducted by P. WEBB.

* First peal of Doubles.

KING'S LYNN.—At the Parish Church, on February 19th, touches of Kent Treble Bob, Royal and Major, in which the following took part: S. Dyson, — Davies, — Curston, C. Chrome, T. Greenacre, — Hewson, Capt. W. Brooke, R. Greenacre, W. G. Cross, W. J. Eldred and F. Rose.

REOPENING OF BAMPTON BELLS.**A DEVON RESTORATION.**

A day, for which ringers in Bampton and the neighbourhood had waited many years, dawned on Saturday, Feb. 10th, when the six bells were reopened after having been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The churchwardens' accounts showed that the bells have not been allowed to remain undisturbed during the past 200 years, for in 1726-27 'Mr. Thomas Wrath was paid £16 19s. for casting the third bell and for adding 120 pounds of mettell at 12d. a pound,' and in 1729-30 another entry records 'pd, for casting the 2nd bell and for adding 121 pounds of mettell at 12d. a pound, £15 15s.,' whilst on Easter Monday, 1799, it was agreed 'that the five bells in the tower be now cast into six bells, and completed with an entire new cage of timber, the frames 10in. x 6in., the brace pieces 10in. x 4in., and that Thomas Billie, of Cullompton, do complete the whole as aforesaid for £90, to be completed by 5th of November.' A later note adds that 'the bargain was extended to May 1st, 1800, and the price of all work was £123 12s. 6d.' The bells have now been quarter-turned and hung with self-aligning ball bearings in totally enclosed dustproof housings, and the old oak frame has been bolted together. Much satisfaction was expressed at the 'go' of the bells.

A special service was held in church at two o'clock, during which the Vicar's warden requested the Rural Dean (the Rev. T. C. Boves) to dedicate the work which had been done to the bells, after which a few rounds were rung on the bells by the local hand. The Rev. E. I. Teesdale (Nymet St. George) read the lesson, and an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. E. J. Barton, chairman of the N.E. branch of the Devonshire Guild, in the course of which he congratulated the Vicar and the parishioners upon the ready response which had been accorded to their efforts to raise the necessary funds not only in Bampton itself, but amongst ringing friends far and wide. Tracing the history and use of bells from the seventh century, he referred in strong terms to the evil of 'clocking,' and attributed the improvements in our belfries to the introduction of scientific ringing. He spoke of the curfew, the market bell, the gleaming bell which gave the signal to the poor that they might go and gather the corn, the fire bell, the parish bell, and the distinctly religious use of bells to call men to worship in their Parish Church. He bore testimony to the need of mental alertness in ringers, and said how valuable a mental training change ringing supplied. He concluded with an appeal that the religious character of a ringer's work should not be overlooked, so that God's Kingdom might be enlarged by their lives and by their service.

Nearly eighty ringers were present from Bickleigh, Calverleigh, Dulverton, Exeter, Exminster, Halberton, Holcombe Rogus, Huntsham, London, Morebath, Nymet St. George, Skilgate, Stoodleigh, Thorverton, Tiverton and Washfield. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a few courses of Bob Minor, as well as call changes, were rung during the afternoon and evening, whilst a clever exhibition upon handbells of raising and falling the bells, etc., was given by four members of the Morebath band in the Drill Hall during the tea, as also double-handed Grandsire Triples by ringers from Bampton, Halberton, Exeter, London and Tiverton, which was keenly appreciated by the parishioners.

During the tea, the Vicar (the Rev. E. V. Cox), in the course of his remarks, referred to the generous and friendly support which he had received from many of his ringing friends in different parts of the country.

Of the £160 required for rehanging the bells, new ropes, etc., only £17 still remain to be raised. The local hand is hopeful of speedy progress, and looks forward to ringing 720's of Minor before many weeks have passed.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Ludlow and Church Stretton District, held at Bromfield, was a great success, there being 45 ringers present, including the Diocesan Ringing Master (Mr. Chas. Edwards) and three clergy ringers—the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Hopesay (District Ringing Master); the Rev. H. J. Scott, Clun; and the Rev. — Jones, Knighton, together with members from Berrington, Bitterley, Clun, Clumbury, Hay, Knighton, Ludlow and Tenbury, and the local ringers, who are making remarkably good progress under the conductorship of Mr. Geo. Randle.

The Guild service (which the organist, Mr. F. Brayshaw, and choir very kindly attended) was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Cheshire, who also gave a most interesting and delightful address, which was much appreciated.

Canon and Mrs. Cheshire afterwards generously entertained the whole party to an excellent tea at the Vicarage, and the ringers take this opportunity of recording their sincere thanks to them and to all who helped to make the day so very enjoyable.

During the afternoon and evening ringing took place in the following methods: Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, whilst assistance was also readily given to beginners. Twenty-one new members were enrolled.

GUARDIAN OF BOSTON'S BELLS.**THE LATE DR. A. H. NICHOLS.**

'Boston,' said the Boston Sunday Herald in a recent issue, 'has lost the guardian of her bells.'

The man who knew and loved every bell of any size and value in the city and who is responsible for nearly every set of chimes placed in belfries of the Hub and adjoining towns—Dr. Arthur H. Nichols, of 55, Mt. Vernon Street—died recently while visiting one of his tenants in Roxbury.

He was 82 years of age, and one of the most public spirited and esteemed physicians of his times.

Medicine and surgery were his vocation, and bells his avocation. Modesty on his part has prevented his remarkable story from being told, and only now—when his ears are deaf to the music of the steeples—are the facts available telling of his identity with the great bronze voices of church and school.

Seventy years ago as a boy he made friends with the bells of the old North Church, and was proud and happy to be assistant to the bell ringer. Many a time he clambered up the dusty stairways to the belfry loft, made famous by the lanterns of Paul Revere, and with the pigeons watched and listened.

He was more interested to know that Paul Revere was founder and ringer of bells than that he made his midnight ride to Lexington.

As the seasons rolled by, with many a new year rung in from Christ Church and from other Boston belfries, this young enthusiast conceived an ambition for his city; that it might be noted for its beautiful bells and for its trained bell ringers.

He read eagerly all literature on bell ringing and on the qualities of bells. He studied right methods of bell hanging, and he listened for exceptional tones and overtones. The bells became his friends, his companions, and he felt he could understand something, at least, of the messages they sent out over the city.

His interest in this aerial music was more than that of a musician or of an expert mechanic; his soul was filled with aspirations and emotions lifted high and carried out over the city with the mammoth notes of harmonious bells.

He dreamed of a bell-laden Boston singing to the heavens from the up-reaching steeples. He was sure that a city of bells and of experienced bell ringers would help to lift its people to higher planes of thinking and of acting.

Each new bell installed was an eventful occasion for this youth, and he studied inscriptions and learned the history of each newcomer.

Much of his interest in Boston's bells was instinctive; his ancestors had been bell ringers, and their ancestors before them. It was in the blood, and his very nerves were knit together in tune with steeple melody.

To the very last he kept closely in touch with each belfry and tower, the homes of his beloved bells. He knew them all, and on a Sunday morning would call attention of friends to this and that note as it rolled its way across housetops and gardens.

The voices of Boston's bells were as familiar to him as were words spoken by close relatives. Christ Church, Advent, Second Parish, Dorchester, Old South, the steel bells of the German Catholic Church in the South End—he understood and recognised them all.

Individual bells, however, had not the same attraction for this artist as had sets of bells such as those in the church of the Advent, Christ Church, Perkins Institute, Groton, and in a few other New England towers. It had long been the ambition of this veteran to have a 'peal' rung in Boston such as 30,000 bell ringers in England achieve frequently, in 3,000 or 4,000 belfries.

This bell guardian of Boston watched opportunities for new peals, and when the Government began construction of the Custom House tower he and his friends brought pressure upon those responsible for the tower to place in the top a reproduction of the famous Bow bells, the largest and finest in the world.

The order was in its final stages, and the old man gloried in what he believed would be a great artistic and musical addition to the city. He described to his friends the inspiring effect of those prospective chimes sending out their messages of melody and harmony to the busy citizens of Boston. Ships coming into the harbour would be met with a song; immigrants would be welcomed to the new world; and fishermen, after weeks of storm and stress, would sail up the harbour to the tune of sweet bells.

It was too good to be true, and sinister political forces—prominent among whom was a bell foundry trust—became busy, and finally compelled the Government to reject the Bow bells from London. And to-day the tower stands in dumb protest against forces which deprive mankind of joy and art and inspiration.

Although this Boston lover of bells was one of the busiest professional men, he found time to keep track of all his bronze family, and held in his memory a store of information amazing to those who have had no such avocation as bell ringing.

In spite of great enthusiasm on the part of a few bell ringers and bell lovers in New England and in America, with one exception there has been no peal rung in the United States. Once in Christ Church, Philadelphia, there was a successful peal, but that stands alone.

SIMPSON TUNING.

'THE BAGPIPE DRONE.'

Dear Sir,—I cannot congratulate the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke upon his feeble attempt, in your issue of the 2nd inst., to stultify my contention that the accentuation of the harmonics in church bells spoils their melody when rung in peal, and is productive of that dismal 'howl' which is so justly complained of by lovers of a clear, toned peal of bells. The platitudes about consecutive octaves and fifths are beside the point, and are only red herrings drawn across the track—another instance of underestimating the intelligence of ringers. My sincere thanks are, however, due to him for the opportunity he has afforded for the opinions of the other side to be ventilated.

The contribution of Mr. Paddon Smith upon the subject is a most intelligible and lucid exposition of what has been latent in the minds of many experienced ringers for some time past.

We may all rest assured that with their modern equipment for tuning bells upon mathematical calculations, there will still be founders, as in former days, producing well tuned bells, whose timbre, or tone colour, are not unduly interfered with by blatant harmonics.

In concluding my part in the controversy of 'Theory versus experience,' I most heartily thank you, sir, for your courtesy in throwing open the columns of 'The Ringing World' for the purpose of elucidating the cause of the bagpipe drone—yes! bagpipe, that is the phrase—that we have had lately inflicted upon us.

I am now convinced that it is produced by a medley of sounds occasioned by accentuated harmonics, when such bells are rung in peal.

The subject of harmonics is far too complicated a physical study to be entered into here, and the serious student is referred to Helmholtz's 'Sensations of Tone,' etc., or Hills' 'Catechism of Harmony, Thorough Bass and Modulation,' which contains all that is to be learned of common chords, consecutives, triads and my non-de-plume. —Yours truly,
A FLAT SEVENTH.

SOME EFFECTS OF SIMPSON TUNING.

Sir,—The preference of many persons for a bell tuned on the old system is, I think, due to the fact that the harmonics of such a bell are a major third and a perfect fifth, the hum-note being judged to be of secondary importance (if not obtainable in unison), provided it is not too sharp. Such bells are bright in tone and distinctly heard, inside the ringing chamber and outside, when rung in peal. It is assumed by many persons nowadays that if a bell is 'Simpson' tuned it is bound to be in tune, but I do not find this to be the case with many 'Simpson' bells, having under certain conditions of the wind and atmosphere heard such bells emit a group of notes which to a musical ear are offensive. It appears that in order to get, say, the fundamental, nominal and hum-note of a C bell in unison, the other harmonics are sacrificed, and become 'hazy,' the E becoming almost B flat, whilst the F also emerges, and clashes with G. At times one would suppose the bell was in F. This is considered by many musicians to be quite wrong. It is, I think, the cause of the 'dismal howl' complained of by some of your readers and if tried on a piano or other instrument the effect would be a great deal worse. I do not think any attention to the ringing chamber will avail anything, for often no bell in a peal has a true harmonic third at all, except the top-note of the sixth, which is often difficult to hear in the ringing chamber, on account of its being 'swallowed up.' Certain atmospheric conditions increase this slight discord by flattening the bells still further; but the same conditions tend to improve the tone of a bell with a flat seventh. We have heard nothing from the founders upon this question; they may have good reasons for what they do, and some remarks by them would doubtless be very interesting. There is no doubt that the Simpson principle of tuning does not find favour with a large number of ringers and others.—Yours, etc.,
A LOVER OF MUSIC.

THE REMOVAL OF CANNONS.

Sir,—The chief objection to Simpson tuning seems to me to be the destruction of so many good ancient bells, and good modern ones, too, for the sake of this craze. I have two cases in my mind at the present time, viz., Rochester Cathedral and Westbury (Wilts). But there are many others which I cannot enumerate. Probably bells tuned on the Simpson principle are all very well for carillons for tune playing, but not for ringing purposes. Anyhow, the destruction of good bells, whether old or new, is quite unwarrantable; let alone the money spent thereon which might be devoted to more useful objects.

With regard to cutting off cannons, I am sorry to say that this seems positively necessary in the case of large ancient long-waisted bells with very high cannons (the argant often projecting considerably above them) if they are to be made pealable.

With regard to the case of Chalk, mentioned in the 'Guardian,' and in your issue of the 2nd inst., there seems no reason whatever for the removal of the cannons, as they are only a light peal of three with a tenor under 10 cwt.—Yours, etc.,
J. R. JERRAM.

'NOT HALF DONE.'

Sir,—Being an admirer of 'true' Simpson tuning, I was very interested in the question raised by Mr. E. Barnett, 'Is the Simpson tuning overdone?' The answer is given clearly and concisely by the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke, and I am of the same opinion as the reverend gentleman, but would have answered another way. No! it's not half done (sometimes), and it is my candid opinion that it has come to stay. Now, when Mr. Barnett says, 'That not one ringer in a thousand cares a snap of the fingers for any of the notes above the clapper strikes,' I say, 'Oh, well, I think that's an horizontal, fallacious hyperbole!' And that's that! But wait, he then goes on and says, 'The true judge of the musical qualities of a bell is the experienced ringer with 'an ear.' Now where are we? Another problem raised pertaining to acoustics, which is in my opinion equally as diversified as the views of ringers on the subject of 'S.T.'—however, it would be of interest to hear the views of ringers with 'two ears' (probably they be more evenly balanced and unbiassed), especially on peals which are 'tuned,' I believe, on the S. P., such as Bradford Cathedral, Westbury, St. George's, Hyde, Ditcheat, Exeter Cathedral, and that insignificant peal of ten at Beverley Minster, which has in 'Great John' a bass accompaniment. Are these peals melodious? or are they odiously ornithological? Then Mr. Barnett speaks of 'broken skin' (and in a former letter of sacrilege). Now I have been in a few towers seeking knowledge in one of the ramifications of English archeology, and I find as a ringer and archeologist, that more sacrilege and vandalism were perpetrated by parsons and churchwardens in towns as well as villages, at the beginning of the 19th century, when it was the craze to obtain bells cast by a pet founder, who was at that period enjoying a monopoly. This was responsible for the loss of more old bells than the 'S. P.' craze is to-day! Concerning 'broken skin,' the skinning as done upon 'S. T.' bells is, in my opinion, an advantage; for it shows up 'porosity' (if there), and this skinning is by far superior to the hacking as much as three-quarters of an inch off the whole circumference of the lip! and at times the whole harrowing of the entire internal waist, in perpendicular lines reaching from soundbow to shoulder, in a succession of ridges such as one finds on a leg of roast pork, or a lady's accordion-pleated skirt. The question has now resolved itself into this: If ancient bells, which have been abominably hacked and disfigured to achieve the brilliancy of tone which they are attributed to possess, can and do retain both resonating breath and elasticity, I fail to see why a good, sound, homogeneous cohesive bell casting of the 20th century, tuned (skirted, if that phrase is preferred) on the 'S. P.,' will not retain both tone and resilience equal to its post-Reformation or mediæval predecessors which have been hacked and chopped internally by the old tuner.

If a bell, old or new, is porous, and unhomogeneous in composition, and literally 'blow holes and sand,' no tuning in the world will produce tone to equal the resonance of 'O. A. B.'s' evenly cut, or cast 'Laskit!' Nor will it have the resilience of the aforesaid 'Laskit,' or even the ineffaceable memory of cohesive attraction and repulsion which is to be found when ruminating a mediæval whelk!

In all probability the Greek 'phylosopher' Pythagoras was alluding to bells tuned on the old plan, when he spoke of 'the music of the spheres'! (Give it just another eyestricker, Mr. Editor, to make it a five tone, please!) As an archeologist I advocate preserving mediævals and early post-Reformation, and any tuned on the old plan which are full of splinters, sound and fury, signifying nothing but sentiment, hang them up dead! and use them for Angelus, curfew, or odd service bells!

But as a progressive Campanist and Churchman I advocate a new peal, of one homogeneous composition and tuned on the true Simpson principle, leaving a heritage for the generations of Churchmen yet unborn that is worthy, lasting and harmonious! In conclusion, let future generations draw for themselves a comparison of the tone, which we inherited, and that which we leave to posterity.

IRENÆUS PISTOR.

THE D-FECTS AND E-FECTS.

Sir,—How thin must be Mr. Barnett's opinion of Simpson tuning, when he states: 'It is probably an accident or the tower hides their D-fects.' Now, if the tower hides their D-fects, other towers must hide their E-fects. I think myself your leader of this week touches the vital spot. It seems to me to be a case of it being always the neighbour's cat which howls. One wonders if it is a case of the fox and the grapes. Yet these critics advocate bell buffers, which, while deadening the clapper blow, must increase the hum note, for which they have no liking. 'Once a Beginner's' argument sounded all right, with a glass of ye olde beverage. It filled the place of the cruet. But 'ye bell is not cut from ye solid block,' merely skimmed and in some cases practically untouched, and what relation rubber is to copper and tin my poor knowledge cannot grasp. We have all heard the wonderful stories of what our ancestors did. No doubt our 'cum-cestors' will hear similar tales of ourselves. I contend that, if a bell is cast heavy enough for its size, Simpson tuning will neither damage its tone nor life.—Yours truly, A FLAT.

ST. MARY ABBOTS' GUILD.

The annual dinner of the St. Mary Abbots' Guild took place in the Vicarage Hall, and proved a great success. The splendid arrangements, coupled with the excellent catering, made the gathering extremely enjoyable. The Rev. Marling Roberts, Vicar, presided, supported by the Rev. S. A. Spackman, chaplain, and Mr. Garrard. The visitors present were Major-General Sir Stanley Von Donop, Sir James Brooks and Mr. Reginald Carter, churchwardens; Capt. Fielding and Messrs. A. B. Bennett, W. T. Cockerill, B. A. Daniel, C. P. Winney, A. R. Macdonald and Miss Bolton. The chaplain read a letter of regret from the Rev. R. F. R. Routh—an enthusiastic ringing member, who is now Rector of a church near Saffron Walden—at being unable to be present.

The toast of 'The King' was enthusiastically honoured. Mr. A. V. Selbie, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the visitors, and said what a great pleasure it gave the Guild to have them with them that night.—Mr. Cockerill replied.

Mr. Bennett submitted 'The St. Mary Abbots' Guild,' coupling with it the name of the worthy and much esteemed conductor, Mr. Garrard, who, despite the ups and downs a conductor encounters, is always the same.

In reply, Mr. Garrard thanked the company for the way the toast was received, and gave a summary of the annual report, mentioning that owing to increased membership, and the progress made by junior members, he had been able to revive the Sunday rota, which worked so well in pre-war days. A heavier clapper, with rubber buffers, has been fitted to the tenor bell with splendid results.

Sir James Brooks and Major-General Sir Stanley Von Donop both spoke of the genuine pleasure it gave them to be with the party, the latter stating that having spent a lot of time abroad nothing appealed to him more than the sound of church bells on Sundays in England.

The rest of the evening was spent in songs and with handbells. The Rev. S. A. Spackman, an accomplished musician, was at the piano. Mr. Bennett gave a couple of songs in his usual artistic manner. Mr. Selly rendered in fine style 'The Deathless Army,' for which an encore was demanded and given. Mr. R. A. Daniel contributed a few of his 'evergreens,' which proved most acceptable. Mr. Percy Clarke was in good form, and rendered 'Friend o' Mine' and 'Thora.' Other contributors to the programme were Messrs Brown and Macdonald. Courses of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were also enjoyed and brought round by the following: Messrs. Cockerill, Winney, Garrard, Roberts, Judd and Holloway. The singing of 'God save the King' and 'Auld Lang Syne' brought a jolly evening to a close.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

FOLKESTONE ASKS FOR TRANSFER.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Faversham, and ringers were present from Faversham, Ospringe, Boughton, Canterbury, Dover, Birchington, Littlebourne, Wingham, Wickhambreux, Teynham, also visitors from Charing, Ashford District, Sittingbourne, Rochester District. Mr. C. Deau (Croydon) was also present. Ringing in standard methods were successfully accomplished by the mixed bands.

A short service, in which the association form was used, was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Reeve), assisted by the Rev. A. H. Kennedy. The subsequent tea was followed by the business meeting.

—The Vicar presided, and gave the visitors a very hearty welcome to Faversham. Messrs. K. Guyler and C. Wilkins were elected full members of the Dover band, and there were also elected Messrs. R. Baldock and W. Baldock, St. Stephen's, Canterbury; the Rev. A. H. Kennedy and Mr. A. Sands, Faversham; and Mr. E. Lincoln, of Bungalow, non-resident life member.

The district secretary (Mr. E. Buesden) was re-elected; Messrs. C. Millway and F. Brett, Canterbury, were elected as representative for 1923 on the Central Committee.

The meetings arranged for the ensuing year are: Deal and Walmer, on Whit Monday; autumn meeting at Elham; annual meeting, 1924, Canterbury.

A short discussion took place with regard to the application of Folkestone to be transferred to Canterbury District from Ashford District. It was proposed that a district meeting be arranged at Folkestone by the Canterbury district secretary.—The Secretary, however, explained that he could not make any arrangement for a meeting out of the district, unless it was a combined meeting, and the proposition not being seconded, was eventually dropped.

A letter of congratulation was sent to the Rev. F. J. O. Holmore from the meeting on his accomplishing 200 peals.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and church officials, also the local secretary (Mr. Harman) for carrying out the duties of ringing M.C. for the afternoon, were carried unanimously, as was also a vote of thanks to Mr. Drake for presiding at the organ.

The Vicar proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the district secretary for his past services, saying it must have taken a lot of time and patience to keep the district up to the present standard of excellence. It appeared to him that young people had not the patience of the older generation to stick to ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new ring of eight at Norwich (by Messrs. Taylor and Co.) is to be dedicated next Tuesday evening, and a ringers' meeting is to be held on the following Saturday.

A peal at Steventon, Berks, is worthy of special note. The band, with one exception, was local, and it was the first peal by all except the conductor. Moreover, all the ringers are members of the choir. This latter adds unique distinction to the performance.

Mr. James George is creeping on—not in years, of course. Judged by performances he gets younger. His peal total now reaches three-quarters of a thousand; his age, shall we say, half a hundred?

The peal of eight bells at Trowbridge, Wilts, which were restored in 1912 by Messrs. Llewellyns and James are to have two new trebles added by the same firm. This will be the first peal of ten bells in the county of Wilts, and all ringers are invited to attend the opening ceremony on Easter Monday afternoon.

A great performance was completed on March 10th, 1784, when the College Youths rang a peal of 7,008 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark, and Samuel Mugeridge rang the tenor single-handed in 5 hrs. 48 mins. This record length of Treble-Twelve stood until the year 1802.

It was on the same bells on March 12th, 1758, that the society rang the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus on record.

The first peal on the bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields was rung on March 14th, 1727, by the London Scholars, about whose history very little is known. Only three peals are on record, although they probably rang others. The peal at St. Martin's was 6,006 Grandsire Cinques, and on the following day the College Youths rang 6,314 in the same method on the same bells.

The first peal by the Eastern Scholars was a 5,040 'Grandsire Tribbles' at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East on March 13th, 1733.

On March 14th, 1837, a peal of 10,133 Grandsire Caters was rung at Christ Church, Bristol, in 5 hrs. 54 mins.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on May 22nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Salisbury. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 21st.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, 155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

The following Associations have paid: Durham and Newcastle, Stafford, Central Northampton, Dudley and District, Salop, London County, Kent County and Oxford Diocesan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT'S NEW SECRETARY.

A very successful monthly meeting of Nottingham district was held at Ilkeston on Feb. 24th, attended by about 40 members, representing Greasley, Beeston, Bulwell, Bottesford, Cotgrave, Radcliffe, Breadsall, Long Eaton, Eastwood, Nottingham and Southwell; also visitors from Leiston (Suffolk), Derby and Duffield, including one lady member, and the local band. About 40 sat down to tea in the local cafe, the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Bell) presiding supported by the Rev. C. Fogarty (curate), and Mr. H. Simpson, churchwarden. The vice-president (Mr. Albert Coppock) presided at the business meeting. Two towers were proposed for the next meeting, Whatton (6) and Lenton (8). On being put to the meeting Lenton was decided upon.

Mr. T. H. Kirkby resigned the office of secretary, owing to pressure of business, and it was resolved that Mr. F. Blood be asked to carry on.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Kirkby, on behalf of the members, for his great service to the association for a number of years as local representative, and wished him good luck in his future venture.—Mr. Blood also replied, thanking the members for his election, and asking them to rally round and make the district a little more alive.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Bell) for the use of the bells, and for his presence at the meeting, was carried unanimously; the Vicar responding.

The tower was again visited, and the bells rung until eight o'clock, when a social hour was spent with the local men in song and handbell ringing, this concluding one of the best meetings ever held by this branch.

An interesting event during this meeting was the presentation of a gold pendant to Mr. E. C. Gobey by his fellow ringers at St. Mary's Church as a mark of their esteem.—Mr. Iliffe gave a short account of his career, and the presentation was made by Churchwarden Mr. H. Simpson, who spoke in glowing terms of Mr. Gobey, and wished him long life and success.—Mr. Gobey suitably acknowledged the gift.

INDICATIONS OF PROGRESS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Though never much of a peal ringer, and now long past any such effort, I take much interest in your weekly record of peals, as an indication of the progress of change ringing from time to time. May I note one recent feature of this record that strikes me as very satisfactory, viz., the large proportion of peals in the simpler and easier methods with footnotes indicating 'first peal' by individual members or by a whole band? The 'big guns' no longer monopolise the field with 'Surprise' performances; there is room for those humbler efforts which in many a country parish represent as much patient perseverance as more conspicuous successes. For example, in your record of last week (March 2nd), I note three 10-bell peals, one Treble Bob Royal, one Stedman Caters, and one of Bob Royal. This latter, the first by all except three of the ringers and the first as conductor, with a lady of the 2nd, in honour of whose approaching marriage the peal was rung. Of twenty-two 8-bell peals, 7 were Grandsire Triples, 6 Stedman Triples, 2 Treble Bob Major, 3 Plain Bob Major, 1 Double Norwich, and 3 in 'Surprise' methods. We admire the skill of our 'Surprise' ringers, and look to them to uphold the highest standards of our art. But, remembering how many change ringers will never attain to such heights, we value equally the modest efforts of a village band, and 'first peal' successes by unknown ringers.

In the same issue of your paper is recorded a new departure, which to many will appear an undesirable precedent, viz., an annual district meeting held on Sunday. Let us hope that this will not 'catch on.' It will do no good, and may do much harm, to the cause.—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON.

Late Master of the Essex Association.

IRISH ASSOCIATION'S LATE PRESIDENT.

On Monday of last week the Irish Association rang a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Patrick's Cathedral in memory of their late President, the Rt. Hon. R. R. Cherry, P.C., whose death has already been recorded, and who was buried at St. George's Cemetery, Dublin, on February 13th. The funeral service was held at St. Patrick's Cathedral, the Dean officiating. As the cortege left the building the 'whole pull and stand' was rung on the twelve bells, and the St. Patrick's band, of which the late Mr. Cherry was a member, sent a wreath made in the shape of a bell.

The Rt. Hon. Richard Cherry showed his interest in bells not only by taking his part in the service ringing while health and the claims of high office enabled him to do so, but he gave the two trebles to St. Patrick's in 1909, and had the semi-toned bell hung to make a light octave. He had rung ten peals, viz., Grandsire Triples 3 (on tower bells 1, on handbells 2), Grandsire Caters 2, Grandsire Cinques 1, Stedman Triples 2, Stedman Caters 2.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT DISCUSSES DIVISION OF DIOCESE.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth district was held on Saturday last at Wickham and Sheffield, and glorious weather prevailed. Both towers were available during the afternoon and evening, and were used to full advantage by the 38 ringers present, the methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob and Treble Bob Minor, Oxford and College Single and Cambridge Surprise.

A service was held at Wickham at 5 o'clock, at which the Rector (the Rev. E. H. Duke) officiated; the Guild form of service was used, and the address was given by the Rector, who being a ringer himself, was able to impress those present by his few words.

Tea was served at a local cafe, at which a good spread awaited the ringers. This was followed by the business meeting, presided over by Mr. W. Tate (chairman), supported by Mr. E. J. Harding, senr. (district secretary) and Messrs. H. J. Smith and F. W. Rogers (Central Committeemen). Several new members were elected, after which the representatives gave a report of the Central Committee meeting held at Winchester on the previous Saturday, and this was unanimously adopted.

The question of the proposed division of the diocese was next discussed by the members, and the general feeling of those present was that, if possible, instead of forming three new Diocesan Guilds, the present 'Winchester Diocesan Guild' should continue as in the past under some such title as 'The Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth Diocesan Association.'

It was decided to hold the next meeting at West Meon on Saturday, May 26th, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

At the conclusion, the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks both to the Rector of Wickham and the Vicar of Sheffield for the use of the bells, which was carried unanimously.

During the day members were present from Alverstoke, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Havant, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas's), Shedfield, Swanmore, Titchfield, Wickham and Winchester. The visitors included Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pulinger (Recorder of peals) and Mr. H. Marriott (Hythe), also Mr. J. Bruce Williamson and a friend of Whitwell (I.O.W.).

WEST WYCOMBE CHURCH BELLS.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP.

The little village of West Wycombe, Buckingham, about two miles from High Wycombe, is known to tourists and many others throughout the land. This village is famous for its church, mausoleum and caves, half-way up the steep hill, leading to the church. Erected by Lord Despencer, the mausoleum contains various monuments to members of the Dashwood family, and adjoins the church, but, unfortunately, is seldom, if ever, open to visitors. The Parish Church, which is dedicated to St. Laurence, is a remarkable structure, and stands on the top of a steep hill, around which are remnants of British entrenchments. Inside the church is to be seen the beautiful picture of the Last Supper on the chancel ceiling; the 'eye of Judas' being very noticeable. The font, with the snake and doves ('evil after good'), and the arm chairs used as pulpit and reading desk, are also interesting; entrance to the pulpit being gained by means of some drawers pulled out to serve as steps! At the top of the tower is a large ball, capable of holding, it is said, 'twelve persons and a gallon of beer.' Local historians assert in reference to this ball, 'that the designer of this church seems to have had "a screw loose somewhere," for the eccentric nobleman who was responsible for the curiosities of the church would call his friends and neighbours together, ascend the tower with them, and hold informal meetings in this queer chamber.'

The tower contains six bells, but for many years they have been practically unringable, and for a long time, owing to the danger of the framework, only a little chiming has been allowed. An old bell in the church loft bears the date 1688. Some of the bells in the tower are even older, and it may be interesting to give their weight and makers: Treble, weight, 5 cwt., makers, Lester and Pack, 1756; second, 5½ cwt., Henry Knight, 1821; third, 6½ cwt., Joseph Carter, 1581; fourth, 8½ cwt., Henry Knight, 1820; fifth, 10½ cwt., Lester and Pack, 1762; tenor, 13½ cwt., Thomas Mears, 1828.

A movement has been on foot for some time to improve matters, with a view to rehanging, and an estimate was obtained for a new oak frame for eight bells and rehanging the present six. The tenor of Mr. White, of Appleton, for this work is £268 10s. 6d. This gentleman also added an estimate for two new treble bells, to complete the ring of eight, this amounting to over £126 10s. The local friends have been working tremendously hard by means of fetes, etc., to raise sufficient money for the reframing and rehanging, and, considering the size of the village, are to be highly complimented. Now, two generous donors, who wish to remain anonymous, have offered to provide money for two new bells, providing the work is put in hand at once, and practically finished by Whitsuntide. That the organisers have done remarkably well as proved by the fact that they now require only about £160; and the Church Council are making herculean efforts to obtain that sum.

These few notes are penned in the hope that many among the ringing fraternity will assist with contributions, and, if possible, ask their friends to subscribe. The raising of such a sum is a big task for a small village; and when one considers the advantages of a ring of eight in a church of such historic association, ideal, old-world surroundings, one is filled with hope that the ringers' contribution will be handsome and worthy of their reputation. Mr. W. A. Day, churchwarden, of West Wycombe, will be most grateful for any donations towards the cost of the proposed work.

G. T.

RINGERS WANTED IN BOSTON, U.S.A.

HINTS TO INTENDING EMIGRANTS.

Mr. Richard Newton, late of Manchester, and now of 23, State Street, Boston, U.S.A., sends a few words of advice to those ringers who think of seeking fortune across the Atlantic. He writes:—

You who wish to come to the United States to make a new start, or on a visit, in the first place, must not expect anyone to have a job of work waiting for you, for it is impossible, and it is against the laws of the country to promise work to anyone before they land. You must come here, like we all did, on the chance of making new friends and so getting acquainted. Do not write to me or any of us saying you are a clerk, for a clerk here is a shop assistant in a dry goods store or big department store. Book-keeping and clerks' work here is somewhat different to what it is in England, on account of the difference in the coinage, and nearly all book-keepers go to some special college to study for the particular line which they intend to follow, for everyone here specialises, and they are mostly very good, too. We would welcome a few ringers in Boston. There are only six of us now—so some of you come; we will do our best—after you get here. Work is fairly good, but not so good as it might be.

BEDFIELD.—On Feb. 23rd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise: D. Read 1, F. Ruffles 2, E. Curtis 3, G. Stannard 4, P. Potter 5, W. Ruffles (conductor) 6. First 720 in the Surprise method on the bells and by all the band.—720 Woodbine Treble Bob was also rung by D. Read 1, G. Stannard 2, F. Ruffles 3, W. Ruffles (conductor) 4, P. Potter 5, E. Curtis 6.

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921

HENRY JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER*(Continued from page 139.)***BROTHERHOOD AND GOOD COMRADESHIP.**

Mr. J. F. Smallwood submitted the toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies.' He said there were three objects which it was generally claimed ringing societies stood for, the first was the promotion of the art of change ringing, the second was the recognition of ringers as church workers, and the third was belfry reform; but their societies also stood for something else. In promoting the art of change ringing they promoted the spirit of brotherhood and good comradeship (applause). Among the societies represented that night was the Ancient Society of College Youths, which had stood for nearly three hundred years for the objects for which all their societies existed. They stood also for progress, and were looked up to as an example. It was necessary that they should continually introduce new blood into their societies if they were to live to the same great age as the College Youths, who had a splendid system of perpetuating the society by electing their officers from year to year. They appointed stewards who, in a kind of Masonic way, were promoted until they got to the top of the tree. It was a great thing for young ringers to look forward to, to reach the highest office in their society. They brought in new blood, new enthusiasm and new ideas. Among the other societies whom they were pleased to welcome were the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Worcester and Districts Association, the Staffordshire Society and Warwickshire Guild, the Yorkshire Association, which was the biggest ringing society in the country, the Ladies' Guild, the Bath and Wells Association, the North Wales Association, the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, the Hereford and Salop Guilds, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Kent, the Middlesex, the Essex and the Surrey Associations. They wished them all godspeed in their work, and hoped they would continue in their efforts until there was not a single belfry in this country where ringing was unknown. He coupled with the toast the names of Mr. A. A. Hughes, of the College Youths, and Mr. P. J. Johnson, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

The toast was cordially drunk, and Mr. Hughes, who first responded, said St. Martin's Guild enjoyed a great reputation in twelve-bell ringing societies. They much admired the very high standard that was set in Birmingham, and they of the College Youths greatly admired the performances of the Guild. Particularly would he refer to the peal of Sextuples and to the Treble Bob Fourteen, which were extraordinary performances. In conclusion, he thanked the Guild for their hospitality to the visitors.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said they in Yorkshire always had and always would connect Birmingham with the greatest traditions of change ringing. Birmingham had been famed for such men as Thurstans, John and Thomas Day and Henry Johnson, and while they were there to do honour to one of the brightest gems in the ringing tradition, he claimed that his association was a lusty infant created from the venerable societies such as the College Youths and St. Martin's Guild (applause). In coming there that night it was an honour to the visitors to be allowed to be associated with the traditions built up by that Guild, and he hoped the Guild would take their presence as indicating not merely their desire to meet in a fraternal gathering, but for the purpose of honouring some of the greatest names that had ever been associated with change ringing (applause).

A HINT TO WRITERS.

Mr. A. P. Smith proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World,' and appealed to those present to do all in their power to assist in extending the circulation of the ringers' only paper. He said a recent census showed that there were over 30,000 ringers in this country, and it was a disgrace that only a very small proportion supported the paper. If only one-half of the ringers supported it they would probably be able to have a paper double the size at half the present price. Proceeding, Mr. Smith condemned in scathing terms those who inflicted on the rest of the Exercise letters full of acrimony, ill-feeling and bad taste. It was humiliating to think of the snappy, snarling and nasty letters which sometimes appeared from men who were distinguished exponents of the art all the while they were at the end of a rope, but who lost their halo when they took up a pen. He also suggested that some of those who could not agree upon theoretical questions should not inflict their dissensions upon the readers of a ringing paper, but should find out each other's addresses and conduct their correspondence through the post (hear, hear).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith responded to the toast.

The Chairman, who said he spoke with an intimate knowledge of journalism, said ringers were a very close body, and the circle to which such a paper as 'The Ringing World' appealed was extremely limited, and, therefore, it behoved everyone to support it. If they did that he was sure the paper would grow in power and grow in excellence (applause).

Alderman Eritchett, in a felicitous speech, proposed 'The Chairman.' That night, he said, they had spent one of the pleasantest and happiest evenings of their lives, and it had been greatly contributed to by the genial and kindly presence of their chairman (applause).—The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The Rector of Birmingham, in responding said he was proud to occupy the chair. He had particularly enjoyed the evening, for one

had felt that a real spirit of friendliness pervaded the gathering (applause), and he would take away a pleasant feeling of gratitude for much kindness shown.

At the conclusion of the speech-making, the gathering concluded with the National Anthem.

A feature of the proceedings was the musical programme, some capital songs and duets being sung by Miss D. Walker, Mr. A. A. Walker, Mr. Dai Thomas and Mr. W. Dowding, all of whose efforts greatly delighted the company. The accompanists were Mrs. T. Davies and Miss R. Faulkner. Handbell selections were given by Mr. Mansell's party and Mr. T. Miller's party, and both were enthusiastically encored.

DINNER ITEMS.

The dinner programme is always an interesting souvenir of the gathering, and this year was again of striking interest from the apt quotations with which it was adorned.

Speakers found these quotations useful pegs for some of their remarks, but an amusing incident was provided by an old Yorkshire toast which headed the programme. While admitting that it was necessary to go to Birmingham to hear Stedman Sextuples, Mr. Percy Johnson, the Yorkshire Association's popular secretary, claimed it was necessary to go to Yorkshire to hear this toast correctly given.

The Chairman seized upon the opportunity to ask the man from Leeds to let the company hear the toast in the real vernacular, and great laughter followed the admission of the Yorkshire secretary that he was born in London. The toast proved too much even for him.

The 'Johnson Dinner' does not end with the Saturday night's gathering, it is a festival which extends to the Sunday, and would probably go on until Monday if some could have their way.

Among the company were several who could claim to have attended a considerable number of Johnson Dinners, and it was the 25th consecutive occasion upon which Mr. A. Paddon Smith (the secretary) and Mr. Harry Withers had been present. Mr. Tom Russam was, however, the only one present who could claim to have been at the whole series from their foundation.

An exchange of umbrellas (quite involuntarily) took place after the dinner on Saturday night, some visitor being given in the cloakroom the umbrella belonging to the churchwarden of King's Norton, and leaving his own in place of it. The one that was taken, however, was one that was much valued by its owner, being a presentation umbrella, and if this meets the eye of the visitor who found on his arrival home that he had got the wrong one, he should communicate with Mr. P. Laffin, 33, Midland Road, King's Norton.

THE PEAL AT HEADCORN.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Charles Tribe's letter, I want to point out, in the first place, that I simply ask Mr. C. Edwards for the figures of the peal he called. I am not a busybody in other men's matters, or asking him, in spite, but just a member of the K.C.A. anxious for right.

I cannot say, sir, that there is any member suffering grievously over the validity of the peal, but I do know that there are several like myself anxious to see the figures. I consider that it concerns more than the band that took part, whether the peal was true or false. I think it concerns all members of the Exercise. However, Mr. Tribe says he knows of seven who are satisfied. What's wrong with the eighth? Can all these seven forward the figures of the peal they rang; in fact, have they any idea? As regards recording the peal, let me say Mr. Tribe may find space to insert it on the same page as a recent peal of Bob Major at Tenterden. As regards revealing my name, I have no wish to do so at present. Mr. Edwards has the same opportunity of placing the figures before the Exercise, which will give him little or no trouble.—Yours, etc.,

A CORRESPONDENT.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

A quarterly meeting of the above branch was held at Great Linford on Saturday last, when about 35 members attended, representing Bletchley, Beachampton, Emberton, Penny Stratford, Calverton, Stony Stratford, Shenley, Newport Pagnell, and the local tower. The bells were rung in various methods from 2 p.m. to service time. The Rector of Great Linford (the Rev. Andrews Uthwatt) gave the address, the president of the branch (the Rev. L. Moxon), Newport Pagnell, assisting in the service. Tea in the School Room had been prepared by the local ringers, etc. Afterwards the secretary announced that there was no special business to transact. There was, however, a general discussion on various points in relation to the general working of the branch.

Great Linford has only recently been enrolled in union with the branch, and the secretary expressed hearty thanks to the Rector for so kindly having the meeting at his tower, and hoped it would not be long before another was held there. This was responded to by the Rev. Andrews Uthwatt, and brought the meeting to a close.

The bells were then set going until 8 p.m., some good ringing being done. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

Sunday Service Ringers' Page.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, March 4th, at the Parish Church, for the morning service, a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Shuker 1, H. Box 2, A. Lees 3, T. Hurd 4, P. Kelsall 5, T. Hilditch (conductor) 6.

SWINDON, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 4th, at St. Lawrence, Swindon, near Cheltenham, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 45 mins.: H. Webb (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Voice 2, A. H. Cook 3, R. Cook 4, W. Yeend (conductor) 5. All are local service ringers.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On Sunday, March 4th, for evening service, 672 London Surprise Major: G. Wilkinson 1, F. Spilbury 2, E. Sharratt 3, J. Newall 4, F. White 5, J. Rider 6, E. Sharratt, senr., 7, E. A. Ridgway (conductor) 8. Longest length by all in the above method.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTS.—For evensong, on Sunday, March 4th, at the Church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: Cyril C. Ridgeway (conductor) 1, J. Brown 2, F. Huckle 3, C. W. Ridgeway 4, W. F. Swallow 5, H. Robins 6. First quarter-peal by all the band (except ringer of 3rd), and first by entirely local band on these bells.

WEST BALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, March 4th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 47 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, C. Edwards 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, E. Harris 7, H. Belcher.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday morning, March 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 44 mins.: W. Hodges 1, A. Mills 2, W. Good 3, F. Hodges 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, W. Hemiker 6. The ringers of 1, 2 and 4 belong to Kingsnorth.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday evening, March 4th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (part of Carter's Odd and Even), in 52 mins.: E. Jones 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, S. Hoare 3, G. Seaman 4, W. E. Onkley 5, F. Edwards 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, owing to the death of Mr. R. G. Lake (churchwarden).

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, March 4th, for a confirmation by the Bishop of Croydon, 1,050 Grandsire Triples (from Reeves' Variation): W. Button 1, G. Talbot 2, W. A. Penfold 3, J. Blake 4, J. Powell 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Bateup 8. Ringer of No. 1 comes from Rolvenden; the rest local.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 4th, at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), composed by G. Hollis, in 45 mins.: E. Webb 1, C. B. Patten 2, C. Hull 3, J. T. Newington 4, A. G. King (first quarter-peal) 5, A. Page 6, G. Bridge 7, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 8.

BALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, March 4th at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins., for morning service: F. W. Goodfellow 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. E. Churchill 3, A. M. Stacey 4, J. H. Hummisset 5, H. J. Hummisset 6, A. Harding 7, L. H. Page (conductor) 8. Rung for morning service.

BALING.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday morning, March 4th, 1,280 Bob Major: F. S. Palmer 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, C. Edwards 4, A. R. Macdonald 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, E. Harris 7, H. Belcher 8.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 4th, for morning service, at the Church of All Saints, 504 Stedman Triples: J. W. Jones 1, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 2, F. Morgan 3, B. Wilson 4, F. Whitfield 5, C. Greedy 6, W. Farley 7, H. Forbes 8. W. Farley hails from Wells, Somerset.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Missionary Sunday, March 4th, for morning service, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, A. Smith 2, R. Wilson 3, C. Rollings 4, A. King 5, F. Hunt 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

KETTERING.—For evening service, on Sunday, March 4th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal: R. G. Black 1, A. N. Wood 2, M. Hobbs 3, H. Peet 4, B. F. Turner 5, F. W. Lamport 6, C. W. Bird 7, A. Henman 8, A. E. Payne 9, D. J. Nichols (conductor) 8.

ALDINGTON, KENT.—For morning service, 720 Bob Minor: Chas. Slingsby 1, W. Sherwood 2, W. Slingsby 3, V. Sherwood 4, J. Ovenden 5, H. Parker (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Sherwood, and on the anniversary of the wedding of the Rector (the Rev. S. W. Long), J. Ovenden's first 720.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, March 4th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, W. Tate 2, C. Groves 3, J. D. Harris 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. Also Double Norwich Major and 224 Cambridge Surprise Major.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, March 4th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: E. W. Pannett 1, Miss Mabel A. Nye 3, E. J. Pannett 4, T. A. Easterby 5, W. J. Jeffries 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor, Southover, Lewes) 7, C. H. Macklin 8. Rung after meeting short for Stedman.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: P. W. Norton 1, H. Kilby 2, G. M. Kilby 3, E. Lankester 4, R. A. Watts 5, T. Newman 6, R. Kilby 7, C. V. Ebberson (composer and conductor) 8. Also three courses of Stedman Triples.

BEDFIELD.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for Divine service, 720 Double Court: D. Read 1, E. Curtis 2, G. Stannard 3, F. Ruffles 4, P. Potter 5, W. Ruffles (conductor) 6.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 25th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by entirely local Sunday service ringers: Robt. Fardon (conductor) 1, S. D. Breeze 2, C. Brown 3, R. H. Bodington (first in this method) 4, H. Wincote 5, Robt. Holloway 6, E. W. Coulson 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, at the memorial tower of SS. Patrick and Andrew, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: Mrs. P. Fordham 1, O. Ford 2, A. King 3, A. Macro 4, P. Fordham 5, F. A. Salter (conductor) 6, B. Grimwood 7, B. Roper 8. First 720 by Mrs. P. Fordham and first attempt. Also longest length by B. Grimwood and B. Roper, who are local men, and learned to pull a bell since November 4th, 1922, when the bells were opened. Mr. and Mrs. Fordham and Mr. King hail from Mildenhall; Messrs. Ford, Macro and Salter from Thetford.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Hawkes 1, W. Smith (conductor) 2, C. F. Ellis 3, F. Scutcher 4, P. King 5, G. Wickens 6, F. Terry 7, W. Meek 8. Rung as a farewell to C. F. Ellis, who is shortly leaving for Canada, the band wishing him every success.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.—On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 25th, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Andrews 1, J. Unwin 2, Fred Brett 3, E. Buesden (conductor) 4, C. Brett 5, F. Jenkins 6, F. Fairbeard 7, G. Jenkins 8.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: E. Vickers 1, S. Binfield (conductor) 2, E. Bridges 3, A. Kedwell 4, A. Henley 5, F. Jordan 6, A. Binfield 7, W. Knight 8. E. Vickers hail from Brabourne, and this was his first quarter-peal.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—At St. Barnabas Church, on Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: W. Allen 1, W. Linter 2, T. Silvester 3, E. Jacobs 4, H. Ainsley 5, Roy Linter (conductor) 6.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday morning, Feb. 25th, 1,168 Double Norwich: *W. Wedlock 1, W. Morris 2, V. Tipton 3, H. Smale 4, G. Dent (conductor) 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.—For evensong, 560 Bob Major: †A. J. Mansfield 3, W. Wedlock 4, W. Wheeler (conductor) 8. * Longest length of Major. † First touch of Major, both belong to Epping Upland.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evening service, 720 Wells Surprise, in 26 mins.: W. Thornley 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, W. R. Drage 4, R. H. Cox 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6. Also 380 London Surprise, conducted by R. H. Cox.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—For Sunday evening service, on Feb. 25th, 504 Grandsire Triples: S. Cull 1, J. G. Dunham 2, H. Nobbs 3, S. Honour (conductor) 4, A. Shepherd 5, Dudley Richardson 6, L. Shepherd 7, G. B. Richardson 8. All except the ringers of the 4th and 5th are under 20 years of age, and the time was 20 minutes exactly.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 11th, a stained glass window was unveiled at St. Peter's Church, given by Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Leo in remembrance of all from the parish who gave their lives in the great war, their only son being among the number. Previous to the unveiling a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells deeply muffled, with the exception of the tenor, which was open at back stroke: W. Dowdy 1, G. Bull 2, R. Ryves 3, Andrew Mears 4, W. J. Ryves 5, Alfred Pook 6, A. Mears (conductor) 7, C. Johnson 8. The ringer of the 2nd motor-cycled from Berks, after ringing in a 720 Bob Minor for morning service, and wanted to get back to ring again at St. Paul's Church, Berks, to ring for evening service. All are local men except Mr. Bull, who belonged to the band before the war, and learnt most of his ringing at St. Peter's Church.

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Mr. Gifford's peal book has been presented to the Salisbury St. Martin's company of ringers to be kept in the vestry for reference. Appended is a list of the peals. The large number rung in the standard methods is an indication of the assistance which Mr. Gifford gave to many a struggling band.

Treble Bob Maximus	2
Grandsire Cinques	1
Stedman Cinques	5
Treble Bob Royal	10
Grandsire Caters	9
Stedman Caters	23
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	49
London Surprise Major	3
Cambridge Surprise Major	6
Superlative Surprise Major	47
Treble Bob Major	14
Bob Major	19
Grandsire Triples	88
Stedman Triples	107
.....	383
Handbell Peals	41
Total	424

Peals conducted: Grandsire Caters, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 1; Bob Major, 5; Grandsire Triples, 15; total, 23. On handbells, 3.

MR. C. T. COLES' 400 PEALS.

A peal at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, London, recently completed the fourth century of peals by Mr. Charles T. Coles, the enthusiastic and popular hon. secretary of the Middlesex County Association. The following is the list:—

	Tower Bells.	Conducted.	Handbells.
Grandsire Triples	5		
Grandsire Caters	1		
Stedman Triples	66	19	2
Stedman Caters	54	16	5
Stedman Cinques	39	5	
Bob Major	2		
Bob Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	5	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	5	4	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	1	
(Granta Variation)			
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1		
Double Norwich C.B. Major	13		
Superlative Surprise Major	58	7	
Cambridge Surprise Major	19	2	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	29		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	9		
Norfolk Surprise Major	1		
London Surprise Major	25		
Bristol Surprise Major	54		
Middlesex Surprise Royal	2		
Total	393	55	7

ERITH RINGER'S DEATH.

After a long and painful illness, Mr. John T. Lowrey, captain of the ringers at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Erith, passed away on February 2nd. He was a ringer at this church for 30 years, and was the mainstay of the company, being always regularly in his place on Sunday morning and evening.

The local ringers attended the funeral, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside. On Feb. 8th a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the tower bells.

LONDON.—On Feb. 2nd, at 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Carter's odd bob): J. Carter 1—2. W. T. Cockerell 3—4, O. F. Winney (conductor) 5—6, E. A. Young 7—8.

LAXFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, Laxfield, on Tuesday, Dec. 26th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: H. Hall (Framlingham), conductor. 1, T. Reeve (Dennington) 2, W. J. G. Brown (Laxfield) 3, A. H. Watson (Badingham) 4, F. Warren (Laxfield) 5, J. Hall (Framlingham) 6. First 720 in the method by the ringer of the fifth.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Friday, Dec. 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Jordon 1, R. Lewis 2, A. Morris 3, G. Lewis 4, E. W. Turner (conductor) 5, D. Horne 6. First 720 in the method by 1st and 3rd. Also the first 720 in the method as conductor.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—On Saturday, Dec. 9th, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. Attwater, churchwarden, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: D. Wheeler 1, A. H. Painter (conductor) 2, J. S. Morgans 3, G. Timbrell 4, S. R. Hicks 5, J. Gealer 6.—On Thursday, Dec. 14th, a date touch, 1,922 changes of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles: J. S. Morgans 1, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 2, A. H. Painter 3, H. Gassor 4, S. R. Hicks 5, J. Gealer 6.

CHIPPING, CAMDEN, GLOS.—Four Shires Guild.—At St. James' Church, on Saturday, Dec. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) on the back six, in 50 mins.: W. Harris 1, H. Terry 2, F. Boswell 3, E. Withers 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, S. Russell 6. This is the greatest length these heavy bells have been rung to, and this band hopes to attempt a peal upon them shortly.

BRISTOL MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I notice in 'The Ringing World' a desire from Mr. F. Blood for the method, rung by the Aldrington band, under the name of Bristol. As one of the band who rang it, I should like to mention that it was taken from a collection of methods compiled by the late Mr. H. Burstow, of Horsbham, and, I am informed, was rung some years ago under this title. However, I append the figures of a lead, which, it will be noted, bears no resemblance to the Major of the same name.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR H. WHITE.

- 123456
- 214365
- 124635
- 216453
- 261543
- 625154
- 621543
- 265134
- 625314
- 652341
- 563214
- 536241
- 356421
- 365412
- 634521
- 643512
- 463152
- 641325
- 643152
- 461325
- 416235
- 142853
- 412563
- 145236
- 142563
- Bob
- 154263

It will be seen from the figures that Bristol Minor is not a Surprise Method, and that it is not 'regular.' It is a 3rd's place 'Delight' method, without Plain Bob lead heads or lead ends.—Ed. 'R.W.'

NOTICES.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Brislington on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at St. Albans, on Easter Monday. Ringing at the four towers from 2 p.m. Earlier ringing can be had at the six-bell towers by request. Choral service in the Cathedral 'Under the Tower' at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. Can we include you in our tea party? I hope so. Please let me know.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Western Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—Edith Smith, Sec., 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, March 10th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, March 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Farnworth tower will be open at 7. Members intending being present please send word to Sec.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Preston (bells 6), on Saturday, March 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 5.30.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on March 10th, when the bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head at the Brown Bear. Business meeting after. All ringing friends will be welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Mundon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at St. George-in-the-East on Saturday, March 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea, by invitation of the churchwardens, at 5.30. A good attendance is desired.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing Sunday mornings, March 11th and 25th, 10 till 11 o'clock; Sunday afternoon, March 11th, 2.15 to 3.15; also Saturday afternoon, March 24th, 2 to 3. Monthly business meeting, March 28th, at 8 p.m.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Crewe Branch.—The Dedication of Nantwich Church Bells, augmented by John Taylor & Co. to a peal of 8, takes place Tuesday, March 13th, at 7.45 p.m. By permission of the Rector, a Ringers' meeting will be held on Saturday, March 17th. All welcome.—W. Sutton, H. Edwards, Hon. Secs. Bell Fund.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on March 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. Tea (1/- each) at 5.30 to those who notify Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, by Wednesday, the 14th. The Association's Annual Report, price 2/-, will be on sale at this meeting.—F. Clark, 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 17th, from 3.15 p.m. Will arrange tea at a small cost. Welcome to all.—W. H. Hollicr, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at York, on Saturday, March 17th. The Minster bells (12) available from 2.30 to 4 and 6.30 to 8.30; also the rings of 6 at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, and St. Mary the Younger, Bishophill, from 2 to 8.30. Choral Evensong in the Minster at 4. Tea at 5.15 in the Ebor Rooms, Coney Street, to those who notify Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, by first post, Tuesday, March 13th. Business meeting immediately after in the St. Michael-le-Belfry Schoolroom, Stonegate. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, March 19th. Bishopsgate, March 12th. 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, Nr. Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church (12 bells) on Saturday, March 17th. Bells at liberty from 3 till 8 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due; reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 17th. Bells (6) ready at 3. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 17th. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Village Hall at 5.45. Please advise Mr. A. J. Trappitt, of 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington, Surrey, not later than the Wednesday previous, of intention to be present in order that arrangements may be made for tea.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Warmby on Saturday, March 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 2.30, tea to follow. Please notify by March 12th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A District meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow Common, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available 2 p.m. A tea will be kindly provided at 5 p.m.

(followed by a business meeting), only to those who let me know by March 21st. Buses leave Bishops Stortford 2.30 passing through Sambridgeworth, Harlow Town, Epping, 1 and 3.45.—F. Dench, Hon. Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 3.30 until 5. Business meeting to follow. It is hoped tea can be arranged. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Church Kirk, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec, 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Teas, 1/6 to all who send in names not later than Tuesday, March 20th, to Mr. F. Youles, 73, Clifton Street, St. Anne's.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Chatham on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Nominations of Central Council Representatives signed by two members to be sent to the Hon. Sec. before March 24th. Dinner tickets 1/- each. Further particulars next week.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Precincts, Canterbury.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Preliminary Notice.—Opening of Ten-bell peal at St. James', Trowbridge. A Quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The existing 8 bells available for visitors from 2 till 3 p.m. Service 3 p.m. After the service the peal of ten available for afternoon and evening. A free meat tea will be kindly provided in St. James' Hall at 5 p.m. All ringers invited. Those intending to be present should advise me by March 28th.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The bells at All Saints', St. Alkmund's, St. Peter's and St. Luke's will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Certificate Sub-Committee will meet at 2.45, and the Ordinary Committee at 3.15 in St. Alkmund's Institute. There will be a service at All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Derby. Collection for the Bell Repair Fund. Tea will be at 4.45 in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, and the general meeting will follow immediately after tea. The charge for tea will be 2s. per head, and I am asked to give particular notice that all requiring same should give notice to the Derby hon. sec., Mr. A. Braines, 1, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, March 28th. A smoking concert has been arranged to commence at 8 o'clock in the Assembly Rooms.—A. Coningsby Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

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The notices appearing in another column remind us all, if nothing else does, of the near approach of the Easter meetings. On Easter Monday, and from then until Whitsun, more general meetings of associations are held than in any similar period of the year. These annual meetings provide members with their one real opportunity of the year to make any change in the policy or management of their society if they desire to do so, although, generally speaking, things seem to be so well managed that the utmost satisfaction prevails, and it is seldom we read of any alteration being made in the general conduct of an association. That may be taken to point to a happy state of affairs, and where domestic bliss reigns it would be a pity to disturb it.

It is not to the management of associations, however, that we want now to direct attention, but to the opportunity which presents itself to the ordinary ringer to make a move for the general good of the Exercise. At the annual meeting of an association a member can bring forward a proposal which, if he can find endorsement for it among his fellows, can be sent on, with an official backing, to the Central Council, which meets at Whitsun. The Council exists primarily for the advancement of the cause of ringing, and while criticism of the Council, on the ground that at times it has done very little for ringing, is very easily and very frequently expressed, ringers as a whole do not seem to realise that they may be in part, and indeed largely responsible for this.

Many ringers appear to imagine that when they have voted for the election of their representatives on the Council they have done all that is necessary. There could not be a greater mistake in our view. If they want the Council to be an active and an effective body they should provide it with work, and surely from among the forty affiliated organisations, there ought to be sufficient ideas to provide the Council with an interesting as well as a full agenda whenever it meets. In every other annual conference that we know of, where the members are elected by affiliated bodies, subjects for discussion come mainly, if not entirely, from the branches, and in the same way the work of the Council could be made vastly more valuable if resolutions were sent up from the various associations. This subject is not new. We have discussed it in this column before, and we return to it because we believe that the adoption of the principle which we advocate would be for the eventual benefit of the Exercise, and because, beginning at Easter, there will come the opportunities of putting it into operation. There must be scores of ringers

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who have ideas which would be worth ventilating in the interests of ringing. Let them put these matters forward at their annual meetings and so get them brought by their representatives before the Central Council. If they cannot do so, it is no use blaming the Council if its proceedings are uninteresting or lack usefulness.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Mar. 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

GEORGE LARGE 2	WALTER FARLEY... .. 6
*FREDERICK SMITH 2	WILLIAM BOLTON 7
ERNEST H. HUNT 3	ERNEST COOMBS 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
FREDERICK G. VILES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Caters. Arranged for the ringer of the 6th, who hails from Wells, Somerset, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 8th.

PONTEFRACCT.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Mar. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 19 lb.

BERNARD MOODY 2	JOHN CARTER 6
JOHN H. LENTON 2	HARRY WALTERS... .. 7
WILLIAM PEARSON 3	JAMES JACKSON 8
*WILLIAM HAWLEY 4	JOHN FRYER 9
*ARTHUR WALKER, JUN. 5	ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by J. H. LENTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob and first attempt. First peal of Royal by all the band except W. Pearson. First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. J. Young, M.A., who was inducted Vicar of Pontefract by His Grace the Archbishop of York on Feb. 27th.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

*WILLIAM TILLET 2	*HARRY R. ROPER 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 8
H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 9
JAMES ROSE 5	FREDERICK J. TILLET Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. Mr. Brundle is over 70 years of age and rang in the septuagenarians' peal last year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WHITEFIELD, LANC'S.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STAND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

SAMUEL MORRIS 2	ARTHUR RIDYARD 5
WILLIAM MITCHELL 2	FRANK STONELY 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
ALFRED FROST 4	*RICHARD LONGDEN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT.

* First peal. This peal was rung in honour of the 3rd birthday of Master Arthur James Ridyard, son of Arthur Ridyard, and for the 70th birthday of Mr. James Hopwood, grandfather of A. J. Ridyard. The band wish to thank Mr. Morris for standing in at the last minute and having the bells in readiness.

TWICKENHAM.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT A. HARDING ... Treble	JOSEPH MILNER 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	WILLIAM HOLLIER 6
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW 3	HARRY KILBY 7
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal of Major on the bells and first peal since 1897.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS... .. Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JOHN HAYES 3	WILLIAM CLARKE 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells since Sept. 3rd, 1844. C.C.C. No. 36.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Cox's Six-Part.

ROBERT ALLRED, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT ALLRED 5
HARRY ALLRED 2	FRED GRUNDY 6
BENJAMIN ALLRED 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
JOSEPH RIDYARD 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT ALLRED.

Rung as a memorial peal to the late James Allred.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, Mar. 5, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES Treble	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
WILLIAM CLARKE 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
JOHN HAYES... .. 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Arranged for Mr. A. E. Peglar, of Bangor, N. Wales.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Mar. 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, COBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	JAMES BULLOCK 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	CHARLES T. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

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On Thursday, Mar. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
*JOHN COOKE 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by J. MARTIN.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. This composition, now rung for the first time, was published in the 'Bell News,' August 13th, 1898.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Friday, Mar. 9, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DERITEND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CYRIL A JONES Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 5
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 2	ALBERT SCRIVENS 6
JAMES GEORGE 3	JOHN NEAL 7
FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 4	*WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. SCRIVENS.

* First peal.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Mar. 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
WILLIAM LATTER 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
MISS DOROTHY ORLEBAR ... 3	FREDERICK WHITE 7
STAFFORD S. GREEN 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERIC RICHARDSON ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
ALBERT D. STONE 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
GEORGE THOMPSON 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by KEITH HART.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH, S.W.,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... Treble	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

This peal was arranged to celebrate the birth of a son to the ringer of the 3rd.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON ... Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	SHIRLEY BURTON 7
HORACE STUBBS 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	*JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... 6
*ERNEST MORRIS... .. 3	*THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell peal to Miss G. Taylor, who left England three days previously.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

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

Arranged for the ringer of the 5th.

HATFIELD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELREDA,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 26 cwt.

BEN JARMAN Treble	FREDERICK HUNT 5
WALTER AYRE 2	HARRY WOOD 6
ALFRED KING 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
JOHN T. KENTISH 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	THOMAS BECKETT 5
CLAYTON FARNELL 2	ERNEST LINCOLN... .. 6
CHARLES BAILEY... .. 3	CHARLES CUTTING 7
CHARLES SAYER 4	FREDERICK FINCH Tenor

Composed by J. BUCKLEY. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAVID HODGKIN... .. Treble	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 5
†MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	HARRY BAKER 6
MISS ROSE THOMAS 3	BENJAMIN BAKER 7
MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR 4	*JOHN BROWN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. † First peal with an 'inside' bell. This is the first occasion on which three resident ladies of Kent have figured together in a peal. Miss Orlebar hails from Tunbridge Wells, Miss Thomas from Mersham, Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker and Mr. B. Baker from Frittenden, Mr. Billenness from Hawkburst, and Messrs. Hodgkin and Brown from Marden. The peal was rung on the 60th anniversary of the wedding of the late King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra. The calling is No. 37 in the Central Council Collection of Peals.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	SAMUEL WOOD 6
TOM WILDE 3	ALLEN BAILEY 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 4	FRANK STONELEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Arranged for Mr. James Fernley, of Norbury, and was his first peal of Stedman.

BORNEHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lb. in F.

*LESLIE H. THRIFT Treble	*STANLEY E. EDWARDS ... 5
ARTHUR EDWARDS 2	†SIDNEY LEITCH 6
LESLIE J. CLARK 3	HIRZEL EDWARDS 7
REGINALD C. THRIFT ... 4	JOHN WOOD... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by HIRZEL EDWARDS.

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

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble	*WILLIAM TATE 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
GEORGE PELLINGER 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN... 7
EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th. * First peal in the method.

HIGHGATE, MIDDLESEX.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANNE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN SPARROW Treble	ERNEST BONFIELD 5
MISS KITTY SMITH 2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 6
*WILLIAM J. NORTON ... 3	CHARLES H. MARTIN 7
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	FRANK SMITH Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

* First peal in any method with an 'inside' bell.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. HOING Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
GEORGE TWITCHEN 2	RALPH H. BIGGS 6
FRED G. BIGGS 3	JAMES BLACKMORE 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. WELLING.

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(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE HEWITT Treble	† WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 5
† HERBERT LUCAS 2	FRED RIGBY 6
† WILLIAM SHARPLES 3	WALTER BLACKLEDGE ... 7
JOHN H. GARTSIDE, JUN. ... 4	* HAROLD SOUTHWORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method and first attempt. The ringers of 2nd and 5th are from Whittle-le-Woods, 3rd from Brindle, and the rest are local men. Rung on the 26th anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Mar. 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford, and five 720's of Plain Bob.

* GEO. MASON Treble	* JOHN FOSTER 4
* JAMES PHILIPS 2	* ARTHUR WIGMORE 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	BERT GOGLE Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

* First peal in three methods. First peal in three methods as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Mar. 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
HERBERT J. HAMMOND 2	GEORGE WAGHORN 5
ALBERT RELFE 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

Rung on the 60th anniversary of Queen Alexandra's landing in this country. First peal in seven methods on an 'inside' bell by all except the conductor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, Mar. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 'spliced' extents as follows: (1) Croyland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh; (2) Bogedone, Ely, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Rostherne; (3) Grove Delight, Braintree, Neasden, College Bob IV., Wragby; (4) Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford Modernised, Bocking, Willesden; (5) Trowel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury; (6) Overton, Oxford and Sandal Exercise; (7) London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

* JAMES FERNLEY, JUN. ... Treble	HARRY LANGLEY 4
† WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. 5
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

* First peal. † First peal in 29 methods.

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MILTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Mar. 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.

* ALBERT W. TURNER ... Treble	† RAYMOND F. ASPLIN ... 3
* CHARLES S. YATES 2	† JOHN A. TOWNSEND 4
	† PHILIP C. ASPLIN Tenor

Conducted by J. A. TOWNSEND.

* First peal. † First peal in two methods. First peal on the bells. First peal by a local band, all of whom are natives of Milton.

EAST PECKHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, Mar. 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

* HUBERT BOORMAN ... Treble	GEORGE NEWMAN 4
HARRY BELL 2	GEORGE BELL 5
TOM SAUNDERS 3	LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS NEWMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in F.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 3-4	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 7-8
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 9-10	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

LONDON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, Mar. 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT 12, GREVILLE PLACE, N.W.6,

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

EDWIN H. LEWIS (Trin.) ... 1-2	E. MADRICE ATKINS (Cath.) 5-6
W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 3-4	* J. B. WILLIAMSON (Trin.) 7-8

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD (Trin.). Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Thursday, Mar. 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

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

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal of Cinques 'in hand,' and was the conductor's 250th for the Guild.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT NO. 3, HOLLY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A flat.

ROY PILGRIM 1-2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5-6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 3-4	LEONARD W. BALE 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

MULTI-METHOD EXTENTS.

THE FIGURES OF THE NORBURY PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have pleasure in sending herewith the figures of the peal in question asked for by Mr. Wilkerson. They will meet the wishes expressed in the first and fourth paragraphs of his letter. It may, perhaps, prevent disappointment to some who wish to attempt 'Multi-Method' peals, if I may be permitted to point out that the identity of lead ends alone does not necessarily mean that those methods which have this feature in common can be spliced into a true extent, e.g., No. 9 and 16 T.B. will not splice. Mr. Wilkerson's second paragraph may, I think, be so understood. If I shall not trespass too much on your space I will repeat the rules for splicing given in 'The Ringing World,' August 23rd, 1912.

(1) If two or more methods contain the same changes in a plain course, one of the methods may be substituted for another, wherever a complete course occurs between two consecutive bobs.

(2) Certain groups of Treble Bob methods contain the same changes in a plain lead. In this case a lead in any method of the groups may be substituted for any other method at any lead end of the 720, be it plain or bobbed.—Yours faithfully, and with goodwill,

JAMES FERNLEY.

Bogedone Knutsford Wilmslow Rostherne	Croyland Abbeyville Combermere Vale Royal St. Werburgh	Trowel Morning Star Duke of Norfolk College Exercise Norbury	Grove Delight Braintree Neasden College Bob IV. Wragby	Poynton Marple Old Oxford Bocking Willesden	Overton Sandal London Scholars Kingston
23456 B.	23456 Croy.	23456 T.	23456 G.D.	23456 P.	23456 O.
64523	64523	64523	64523	64235	56342
35264	35264	35264	35642	26543	42635
— 64235 K.	— 64235 Com.	— 64235	26435	52364	— 35642 S.
52364	52364	52364	— 54263	35426	42563
— 64325 W.	— 64352	— 64352	32654	— 64352	63254
23564	23564	23564	46532	— 23645 M.	— 54263 L.S.
45623	45623	45623	— 25463 B.	56423	63425
— 23645 R.	— 23645 Abbey.	— 23645 M.S.	63542	34256	— 25463 K.
56423	34256	34256	42356		63542
34256 B.				62534	42356
Twice Repeated	45362	45362	56234	45362	Twice repeated.
	56423	56423	34625	— 62345 Old O.	
	62534	62534	— 25634 N.	36524	
	— 62345 V.R.	— 62345 D. of N.	46325	53462	
	53462	53462	— 53462	45236	
	— 62453 St. W.	— 62453	24653	— 62453	
	34562	34562	36524	— 34625 B.	Oxford
	25634	25634	— 45362 C.B. IV.	63542	and
	— 34625 Croy.	— 34625 C.E.	23645	56234	Kent
	56234	56234	56423	25463	23456 Ox.
	42356	42356	34256	42356	
					32645 K.
	63542	63542	62534	— 63425	23564 Ox.
	25463	25463	— 45623	46532	52436 Ox.
	— 63425 St. W.	— 63425	36245	54263	25643 K.
	54263	54263	— 52365 W.	25346	82354 K.
	— 63254 V.R.	— 63254 N.	43652	— 63254 W.	36425 K.
	42563	42563	26543	— 42635	63542 Ox.
	35642	35642	— 35264	64523	56234 Ox.
	— 42635 Com.	— 42635	42635	56342	25463 Ox.
	56342	56342	56342	35264	42356 Ox.
	23456	23456	23456	23456	Twice repeated.

Figures of 30 method peal rung at Norbury on January 1st, 1923.

In 720's 1 to 6, the 5th (without the tenor) is the observation.

A YORKSHIRE RINGER'S MEMORIAL.

An interesting little event took place at St. Matthew's Church, Northowram, on Saturday, Feb. 17th, in the dedication of a memorial tablet which had been erected in the ringing chamber of that church by the ringers in memory of one of their own members who had fallen in the war. The afternoon began with a short touch of Kent Treble Bob with the bells half-muffled, followed by a service in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Watkinson), and during which an address was given by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the Yorkshire Association.

At the end of the service the ringers and the relatives repaired to the tower, when the tablet was dedicated by the Rev. C. C. Marshall. The tablet itself, very worthily executed in oak by a local craftsman, bears the record of a peal rung just a year ago, as follows: "On Saturday, Feb. 18th, 1922, in 3 hrs. 6 min., a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (5,088 changes), by the local company. Changes per minute 27.3. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Edgar Bottomley, who fell in the great war: G. Bottomley 1. E. Farrar 2, W. Bottomley 3, F. Crossley 4, H. Wright 5, A. Wright 6, J. Greenwood 7, A. Jagger 8. Composed by Wm. Soffanstill, conducted by Albert Jagger. Vicar, Rev. G. Watkinson, M.A. Wardens, Mr. Bannister, Mr. Sutcliffe." After the service, the muffles were taken off, and further touches were rung, in which the local company were joined by friends from Lightcliffe.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

REVIVAL IN CHELTENHAM BRANCH.

A meeting of the Cheltenham Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Leckhampton, and was attended by about 25 members. Mr. G. H. Phillott was in the chair, and spoke very encouragingly about the future of the branch.

The officials were elected as follows: Mr. J. Ballinger, chairman; Mr. C. Dyson, representative on Management Committee; and W. Yeend, hon. secretary. Nineteen new members were elected, and Charlton Kings was chosen as the next place of meeting on April 14th.

This revival will be especially welcomed in the association, because unsuccessful attempts have been made before to organise this difficult area. Neighbouring associations have gradually worked their way in and claimed many of the towers, but these it is hoped will now return to the fold of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S DIAMOND JUBLILEE.

At Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on Tuesday, March 6th, 720 Plain Bob: Fred M. Mitchell (conducting) 1, Cyril Mitchell 2, L. Beckett 3, J. Burles 4, Fred A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6. First 720 by C. Mitchell (aged 16, and first attempt). This was rung on the eve of the 60th anniversary of the landing of Queen Alexandra in England, which took place at the Terrace Pier, in this parish.

**BELLS OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
EDINBURGH.**

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In a recent issue of your journal, a question is raised as to the bells of the above church. I regret that I am not able to state with definite authority whether a complete 'peal' in the Treble Bob or any other method was ever rung on these bells, but the following particulars taken from the official records of the Corporation may be of interest:—

Edinburgh, 9th September, 1858. The sub-committee appointed to look after St. Andrew's bells, have, during the last three months, employed Jonas Baldwin as bell ringer and teacher to the other ringers. They have agreed pro tempore that he be paid 4s. per week and 6s. for three assistants at 2s. per week each—being 10s. per week in all—the amount formerly paid for ringing those bells (from June 1st to September 1st), so that £6 10s. is now due from June 1st to September 1st for said service. They recommend a continuation of this arrangement.

They also took the opportunity of the Leeds bell ringers passing through Edinburgh of getting the bells thoroughly tried and tested, for which they incurred an expense of £3 15s. 6d., being extra railway expenses, the ringers otherwise acting gratuitously on the occasion.

It was found necessary to facilitate the teaching and obviate the noise which the practising on the larger bells occasions, to purchase a set of handbells, which the sub-committee did at an expense of £2.

This extraordinary expense of £5 15s. 6d. can by no chance be repeated, and the sub-committee hope the committee will recommend to the Council its payment. . . . The magistrates and Council, having considered the foregoing report, approved thereof, and authorised the Chamberlain to make payment accordingly.

I may add that this is the oldest of the few ringing peals in Scotland. On 12th March, 1788, the Lord Provost, who is in London, was asked to take the trouble to purchase a bell or bells for the spire of the said church.

An estimate was produced from William and Thomas Mears, of Whitechapel, who offered a peal of six good and musical bells, in tone and tune to each other, including a new frame, hanging, etc., for £337 10s. Subsequently it was pointed out that there was a material want to make the bells of St. Andrew's spire a complete chyme, and that was to complete the octave. That the expense of two trebles would only cost about seventy guineas. Resolved that two treble bells be written for in addition to those already made for the said spire.

On 1st July, 1789, we find that the City Chamberlain was authorised to pay to William and Thomas Mears two hundred and seventy pounds fourteen shillings and a penny, the balance of their account amounting to five hundred and twenty pounds fourteen shillings and a penny sterling.

It seems, however, that the cost of 'hanging' was not included in the above account, for on 22nd July, 1789, authority was given to the City Chamberlain to pay Edward Simons forty-eight pounds seventeen shillings and twopence halfpenny, being the expenses of his journey from and to London, his expenses here, for his time, attendance, and labour of putting up a peal of bells in St. Andrew's Church.

Unfortunately, the bells are now quite unringable, being in a very bad state of repair. The tenor, if my recollection serves me aright, weighs about 14 cwt.—Yours faithfully,

C. CLEVELAND ELLIS.

Hon. Member, St. Cuthbert's Society of Change Ringers,
Edinburgh.

BOOKING FEES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read in your issue of March 2nd the letter on booking fees by Mr. Palmer. I must say I agree with Mr. Palmer when he says that 'there is more than one remedy.' There is. I know that in 1914 raising the subscription from 1s. to 1s. 6d. had been talked over, the reason being that the Yorkshire Association could not be carried on with a 1s. subscription and kept solvent. The subscription is now 1s. 6d. and I wish someone well up in high finance would explain to me how coin of the realm value 1s. 6d., has, to-day, got the same purchasing power as the 1s. 6d. it was proposed to ask for in 1914. It seems needless to argue such things. In 1914 1s. was not enough; 1s. 6d. would just suffice to keep the old flag flying as of yore. How, then, can 1s. 6d. suffice to-day? To use a Yankeeism, 'Search me!' But I do agree with Mr. Broadley when he advocates 3d. per person booking fees. Quite a number of Guilds have such fees, and I never heard of any complaints, neither are less peals rung. In most of the Guilds to which I have the honour to belong, that charge a 3d. fee the peal ringing is on the increase, thank goodness. Yours sincerely would gladly pay his 3d. every week.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We hear that, after all, Evesham bells will not be available for the record peal attempt, which it was proposed to make on Easter Monday. It is not unlikely, however, that other bells may be secured.

The cancelling of Evesham is due to local opposition to a peal of such length, and another result has been, we hear, the resignation of Mr. H. Middleton as captain of the local band.

One of the objections urged against the peal, put forward by Mr. E. A. B. Barnard, who acted as joint hon. secretary of the Evesham Tower Bells Restoration Fund in 1910, was on the ground that 'the vibrating effects of such a peal, although possibly not immediately apparent, might prove most prejudicial to the whole structure of the bell tower.'

In connection with the opening of the peal of ten at Trowbridge on Easter Monday there is to be a 'smoking' concert in the Club Room at the White Swan at 7.30 p.m., to which all ringers are invited.

The peal of Doubles published on Feb. 23rd was rung at Little Waldingfield, not Great Waldingfield, as stated.

The new Vicar of Pontefract, the Rev. J. Young, in honour of whose induction by the Archbishop of York, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung last week, is a ringer and a member of the Yorkshire Association. On the Sunday following his induction he visited the belfry, and took part in a course of Grandsire Caters before evening service.

At Bocking, Essex, the home of J. Murray Hayes, Ezra Carter and Sam Hayes, an effort is being made to start a new band. Bocking was formerly a great centre of Essex ringing, and a place of frequent pilgrimage by College Youths.

About 30 years ago the band became 'paid' ringers—with the inevitable result. No young hands were brought along, and as the old ones died out the bells became silent. The Essex Association is helping in the effort to resuscitate interest, and the church authorities are raising a voluntary company.

The handbell peal to which we recently referred as the first recorded peal of Bob Royal 'in hand' by the College Youths, cannot claim that distinction. Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the hon. secretary of the Herts Association, informs us that such a peal, the first of Bob Royal by all the band, was rung at St. Albans on Feb. 16th, 1889, conducted by W. H. L. Buckingham.

'The greatest performance ever done by any society' was the peal of 6,240 Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on March 16th, 1778, in 5 hrs. 22 mins. This peal is recorded in the Cumberland Youths' peal book, showing that the Norwich men were at that time all members of the Cumberland Society.

It was this peal at Norwich that inspired the College Youths to regain the supremacy for twelve-bell ringing, and eventually resulted in the peal to which we referred a fortnight ago, in which Samuel Muggeridge, single-handed, rang the tenor at Southwark to 7,008 Treble Twelve in the year 1784. The Norwich peal was rung with two men at the tenor.

The Cumberlands were nearly 20 years before they regained the record, but on March 22nd, 1802, they scored a peal of 7,104 at Southwark, in which J. Marlton rang the tenor in 5 hrs. 30 mins. The peal was called by George Gross, junr., but George Gross, senr., also took part in the peal, as did William Shipway, Malachi Channon, James Barnard and Thomas Reeves, who were also in this peal, were with George Gross, senr., in the 12,000 Treble Bob Royal, at Shore-ditch on March 27th, 1784—a few days after the College Youths' triumph at Southwark.

At Debenham, on March 16th, 1767, a peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung in 6 hrs. 1 min.

The fund raised to assist the widow and daughter of the late Mr. Tom Wallis, of Edenbridge, Kent, amounted to £136 12s., about £10 of this amount coming from ringers outside the parish.

Not many months ago we had the pleasure of announcing that two Kent ladies had stood in a peal together. On Saturday last three resident lady members of the K.C.A., rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Marden, viz., Miss Orlebar (Tunbridge Wells), Mrs. H. Baker (Frittenden) and Miss Thomas (Mersham). They have established a record for their sex in Kent, and we understand they acquitted themselves very well indeed. It was Mrs. Baker's first peal with an inside bell.

THE GIFFORD MEMORIAL.

A balance sheet of this fund has been issued. The receipts from subscriptions and bank interest were £26 6s. 9d. The cost of the tablet erected at St. Martin's Church, Salisbury, was £24 10s.; the Minor Faculty for erecting the memorial, 12s. 6d.; circulars, postages and incidental expenses, £1 4s. 3d.

BOWDON'S BELLS.**ANOTHER FINE RING OF EIGHT FOR CHESHIRE.**

Although Bowdon, or Bodegone, has a church history of over a thousand years behind it, there is nothing definite as to what bells were there previous to 1714, but in that year a ring of six was hung in an old church and 'Abl. Rudhall cast us all.' Tradition has it that this ring was made up of old bells recast and new ones added; when the new church was built they were transferred to it. For some years they have been in very bad running order, and now they have been recast and two trebles added to complete the octave, the work having been entrusted to the well-known Croydon firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, to whom great credit is due. The inscriptions of the old bells have been reproduced, and new ones added. All are tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, hung in a new all-steel frame, with ball bearings and all new fittings. The tenor weighs 14 cwt., and is in the key of F sharp. To this bell is fitted Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's clapper control, a very simple device, automatic in its action, only being effective when the bell is 'up,' thus allowing the clapper to strike when chimed on the swing. Its function is to lift the clapper away from the sound bow after the blow has been delivered, thus allowing the hum to be heard above the rest, with a pleasing and harmonious effect.

On Monday evening, March 5th, the new bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chester, a good congregation being present, but those persons who represent a custom of antiquity and of universal popularity even in this alleged decadent and certainly changing age, hid themselves to the ringing chamber, where the formal dedication and handing over of the ropes, took place, the Rector (the Rev. F. O. L. Hamilton, M.A., hon. C.F.) receiving them, the local ringers ringing rounds whilst the procession returned to the chancel. Although the time of the service and the situation of Bowdon made it difficult for many ringers to be present, the Chester Diocesan Guild was fairly well represented, amongst those present being the hon. secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeston), the assistant secretary of the local branch (Mr. J. P. Fidler), Messrs. W. Gordon (Stockport), Johnson, Hough and Webb (Knutsford), with friends from Manchester. Mr. Cyril Johnston, representing the founders, was accompanied by Mr. Roper.

At the conclusion of the service, a touch of Grandsire Triples (conducted by W. Gordon), and a touch of Bob Major (conducted by J. P. Fidler) were successfully brought round, after which the visiting ringers were provided with supper, and, as is usual with late gatherings in out-of-the-way places, the services of 'shanks' pony' were required, to enable some to get home.

The site of the church, with its lofty tower, being on an eminence that commands an extensive view of the Cheshire plain, is such as to give full effect to the bells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT MEETING.**

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by nearly 50 members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild at a meeting of the North and East district held on Saturday last, at St. George-in-the-East. The attraction of ringing at a 'fresh tower' undoubtedly brought many ringers, and helped to swell the attendance.

At the service, the association was welcomed by the Rev. R. Beresford, on behalf of the Rector, who is at present away on mission work in India. A very instructive sermon was listened to, with, it is hoped, good results.

By the generosity of the churchwardens, Messrs. Govett and Jones, their wives, and Mrs. Judd, a bountiful tea was provided, to which ample justice was done.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the hosts and hostesses for their kindness.

At the business meeting, eleven new members were elected, including several of the local band, who were heartily welcomed into the association. It was mentioned by their proposer that several good ringers had already started their career at St. George's, and there was no reason why the newly elected members should not follow their example.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) announced that the annual general meeting would take place on Saturday, April 7th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, and as they were to be indebted to the Rector for generous tea arrangements, he hoped members would assist as much as possible by making early application for tea tickets, which were to be issued.

It was arranged to hold the next district meeting at Stanmore on May 5th.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. Beresford for his address at the service was unanimously passed, and the members afterwards adjourned to the belfry, where ringing was indulged in until 9 p.m. Although, owing to serious illness within hearing distance, the bells had to be fully muffled (which entirely prevented annoyance to the sick person), the ringing was much enjoyed, and covered a great variety of methods from Grandsire Triples to London, including no less than four Surprise methods.

SIMPSON TUNING.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—A Flat Seventh' is certainly to be congratulated on his feat of mental gymnastics. His letter is one the most ridiculous you have published for many a long day. The platitudes of which he speaks were of his own introduction! He made the most elementary of mistakes, and apparently (like many others) did not like having it pointed out to him! But to attribute intelligence only to those who agree with him is too well known a trick to deceive anybody. For his rudeness to me I offer him a free pardon, but if the opponents of the five-tone principle have no better arguments to offer than those he has put forward, their case is not a very strong one.

I think Mr. Jerram will bear me out that the destruction of 'many good ancient bells' began long before Canon Simpson's time. The reason why we have so few pre-Reformation bells is due to the rise of the art of change ringing—originally bells not being in scale—and the destruction of less valuable, because less ancient, bells has followed with progress in the art of tuning to a more harmonic scale. I know some antiquarians who almost bear a grudge against the art of change ringing because of this result of its spread. As a fact this cannot be contended, but it may be an open question whether the gain does not outweigh the loss. Devotees of the five-tone principle may perhaps be allowed an opinion with regard to the further outcome of this destruction without offering any insult to the intelligence of ringers!—Yours faithfully,

St. Thomas's, Hove.

CECIL H. CLARKE.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**EFFORT TO RESTART BOCKING BELLS.**

There was a large gathering of ringers from the Northern Division of the Essex Association at a meeting at Bocking on Saturday week. Interest was added to the visit by the fact that the Bocking Parish Church ring of eight bells, noted for their fine, mellow tone, had not been rung lately, due to the old band of ringers dying out and new ones not taking their places. As the result of the association's visit it is hoped to revive interest in the bells, and to raise another band of campanologists at Bocking.

The Rev. A. C. Hawkes conducted the service at St. Mary's Church, the Rev. E. H. Melling F.R.C.O., was at the organ, and the preacher was the Very Rev. the Dean of Bocking, who based an earnest discourse on the words, 'If prayer pulls the ropes, the bells are heard in heaven.' The Dean dwelt upon the spiritual aspect of bell ringing as definite church work.

Mr. W. H. Dysou, District Master, presiding at the subsequent meeting, welcomed the ringers, and stated that Bocking had one of the best rings of eight bells in Essex, the bells being noted all over the country for their beautiful tone. Nearing half a century ago there was also a fine band of ringers at Bocking, where change ringing was rung before it was introduced to Braintree, and Bocking produced some famous College Youths. Often members of the College Youths in London came to Bocking to practise methods which were not rung in London and they spent instructive week-ends with the Bocking ringers. In those days ringers walked hundreds of miles to spread the knowledge of their art in the villages, including those about Braintree and Bocking. Enthusiastic ringers often walked to the nearest peals of eight bells, at Great Tey or Great Waltham, in order to practise eight-bell methods. The great desire was to get the Bocking bells 'on the go' again, so that their beautiful music could be heard as of yore (applause).

Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Association, proposing thanks to the Dean of Bocking and others said Bocking had been a noted place for ringing, and he felt sure it would become so again. He had very pleasant recollections of evenings spent in the Bocking tower, but most of those with whom he rang had now passed away. He hoped young men would come forward to form a new Bocking band.—The Rev. E. H. Melling, curate; Mr. O. J. Ollett, Dean's warden, and Mr. A. W. Tyler, parish warden, responded, and said they hoped to hear the Bocking bells ringing again.

Eight new members from Shalford were elected, and the Rev. E. H. Melling was elected an hon. member. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Felsted.

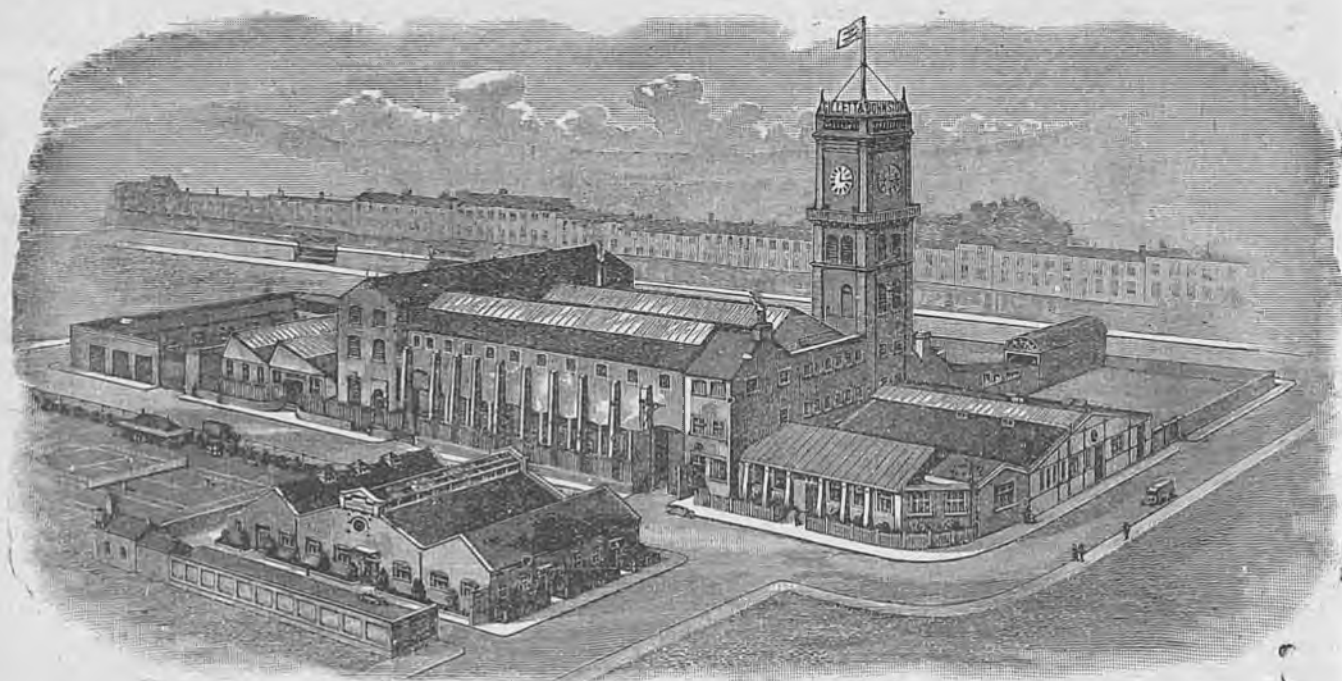
Ringers were present from Felsted, Rayne, Stebbing, Dunmow, Cavendish, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Goldhanger, Maldon, Stisted, Black Notley, Braintree, Bocking and Wethersfield. During the afternoon and evening some excellent touches in the following methods were rung: Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major.

HAYES, KENT.—On Monday, January 29th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: 1. J. Brown 1, H. Reader (conductor) 2, O. Gibby 3, F. Keech 4, H. Brown 5, J. Hack 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Monday, March 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band, in 45 mins.: T. Ashenden 1, G. Talbot 2, W. A. Penfold 3, J. Blake 4, J. Powell 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Batehup 8.

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.**

The half-yearly meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch was held at St. James's Church, Barrow-in-Furness, on Saturday, when 32 ringers including four ladies, from Barrow, Kendal, Ulverston, Dalton, Millom and Broughton, attended. It was decided that the next annual meeting be held at Millom, and the next quarterly ringing meeting at Ulverston.—Ten new members were elected.

Following on the appeal made in 'The Ringing World' by the President of the Association, the secretary was requested to write to all ringers in the district to subscribe to a fund in aid of the aged and invalid widow of the late Mr. Thos. Gibbons a ringer at the Barrow-in-Furness Church for many years.

Tea was afterwards provided by the local ringers and their friends, before and after which touches of Bob Major and Minor and Grand-sire Triples were rung.

ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY, DONCASTER.

On Thursday, March 8th, the members of the above society held their annual social evening in 'Ye Olde English Cafe.' A company of about fifty assembled for the occasion, all the local ringers, with their wives and families, and sweethearts, being present. An excellent tea was provided by the caterer, Mr. K. C. Hopkinson, and when this had been satisfactorily disposed of the rest of the evening was spent in song and harmony. The chair was taken by Mr. George Halksworth (secretary and Ringing Master of the society).

Mr. Halksworth referred to the progress which the society had made during the past year, and hoped that they would make the same rate of progress in the coming year.

The artists at the concert were Mr. and Mrs. Windle, Miss K. Jackson, Mr. P. Schofield, and Mr. H. Wilson. After a piano solo by Mrs. Windle, a good programme of songs and duets was opened by Miss Jackson singing 'The Ringers'—'For we be the ringers at the church of St. George's.' During the course of the song, witty references to 'Old George and John there, and William and Me. caused roars of laughter, and the ringers concerned came in for much good-humoured chaff.

Among other songs sung were 'Drake Goes West' and 'Friend o' Mine,' both compositions of the organist of St. George's. During an interval the handbells were brought into use, and the air vibrated with the mellow tones of the bells when they were rung to Grand-sire Triples.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the artistes for their entertainment, and also the chairman for his services. After singing 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem the company broke up, having heartily enjoyed themselves.

DUDLEY & DISTRICT GUILD.**MORE ENTHUSIASM WANTED.**

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held on Saturday, March 3rd, at the Parish Church, Dudley, when upwards of 70 members attended from Bilston, Coseley, Dudley, Sedgley, Smethwick, Tipton, Brierley Hill, Kingswinford, Old Hill, Netherton, Wednesbury and Stourbridge. The Guild service was conducted by the Rev. A. H. Phellips (Vicar and president), and the address was given by the Rev. C. H. Barker (Vicar of Swindon), who took for his text Ephesians vi. 13, 'Having done all, stand.'

After partaking of a bountiful tea, the Rev. C. H. Barker occupied the chair (owing to the president having much sick visiting to do).

The Secretary presented his annual report, in which he called for more enthusiasm by members, which would mean better results for the Guild.

In the absence of the treasurer, the auditors gave their report, which was very satisfactory.

Mr. F. Colclough (the secretary) moved a resolution, that as this Guild looked to the Dudley Parish Church as their 'home,' and seeing that they always were invited to hold their annual meetings there, the sum of £2 2s. be given towards the Parish Church Renovation Fund.—This was seconded by Mr. Bayliss, and carried unanimously.

The Rev. A. H. Phellips was re-elected president, and the Rev. C. H. Barker was added to the list of vico-presidents. The Ringing Master (Mr. J. Goodman) was re-elected, as was also the secretary (Mr. F. Colclough). The following were also elected: Treasurer, Mr. S. Hughes; auditors, Mr. F. Evans and Mr. T. Justice; Central Council representative, Mr. S. Hughes. — Four new performing members were made. Dudley was selected for the quarterly peal; and Smethwick was chosen for the next quarterly meeting. The monthly practice at Dudley Parish Church was altered to the first Tuesday instead of the first Monday.

Votes of thanks were given to all the officers for their past services, to the chairman for presiding, and for his excellent and most instructive address; to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies who had prepared it; also to Mr. H. Sheppard for making the excellent arrangements which added so much to the success of the meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on May 22nd (Whit Tuesday) next, at Salisbury. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 21st.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, and should be sent to the hon. secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, 155, Rushey Green, S.E.6.

LADIES' GUILD.**WESTERN DISTRICT.**

A very enjoyable meeting of the Western District was held at Mangotsfield on Saturday, March 10th. There was a good attendance, and ringing on the bells, a light peal of eight, was much enjoyed.

It being the first time the Ladies' Guild have visited Mangotsfield, the Vicar and Mrs. Crews very kindly entertained the large number present (about 40) to tea at the Vicarage, and the members would like to take this opportunity to repeat their very grateful thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Crews and the ladies who helped with the tea, and to Mr. Jefferies and the other Mangotsfield ringers who made them so welcome in the heltry.

It was decided by vote at this meeting that the next, on either the first or second Saturday in June, shall take place at Corston (near Bath) if the secretary can obtain permission for the use of the bells.

JUST BY THE WAY.**EVESHAM AND PERSHORE.****To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I note with pleasure that a band of stalwarts are attempting to beat the Appleton peal of Caters, and at Evesham. There, at least, they will not be troubled with that 'mournful howl' and a noise like a pot auction on a Saturday night. The trebles are by Barwell, the tenor is a really grand bell; the other seven exude Rudhall in every breath, and a well-struck peal on them is a feast of music. On a fine day just to lie on the river banks 'neath the shade of the beautiful campanile and hear them is a tonic in itself. But in the near vicinity is another feast of music, at Pershore Abbey, reputed 30 cwt. In my humble opinion they are some of Rudhall's best, and I want to know why a replica cannot be cast to-day of those truly glorious instruments. But of Pershore one can without jesting say that 'none but the brave deserve the fair,' for he who would ring on those Pershore bells must make a long and tortuous climb ending with a sharp half left, up a slim set of steps, and cross a none too secure looking drawbridge and enter the cage, for a cage it is, and stand and ring, like Mahomet in his coffin, suspended 'twixt earth and heaven. On the occasion of the last peal I rang there, the 4th ringer just looked over the edge of his cage once, but that was enough. It was only Rudhall's music that saved him. On our descent from this ordeal, the fifth ringer discovered the bust of the conductor acting as a gargoyla on the tower of St. Andrew's Church just across the road from the Abbey, and it was too lifelike for words, the ensuing laughter dispelling all memories of our climb.

I noted with pleasure the various letters re 'Simpson tuning,' and should like to point out that one often hears and even reads of 'metal becoming tired.' I have been in the metal trade for over 30 years, and know how true it is, in the cast metal trade especially. I trust that the next time any parish wishes to break up the products of such men as Rudhall, the faculty will be made so stringent that it will mean penalties as it be disregarded. Chalk, I trust, is only a forerunner of such actions in times to come.—Yours faithfully,
ONCE A BEGINNER.

ONE HUNDRED 720's.

From February 26th, 1922, to Feb. 25th, the Barley Society have rung on the bells of the Parish Church 100 720 changes of Minor in 12 methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Merchant's Return, Oxford Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bob, College Single, Grand-sire Double, Stedman and Canterbury Pleasure. Thirty-six of these 720's have been rung for service, and a 720 of Double Stedman, believed to be the first in the method for the Heris Association was rung on December 13th by A. Howard 1, H. Howard 2, W. Sack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. The other ringers taking part in the ringing were F. Hayes and A. Hayes.

STEDMAN AT MELTON MOWBRAY.

At Melton Mowbray, on Tuesday, March 6th, 1,260 Stedman Triples was rung in 47 mins., by A. H. Bartram 1, S. Huddleston 2, J. R. Bartram 3, R. Henry Bartram 4, P. Sheppard 5, W. James 6, E. Bartram (conductor) 7, G. Robinson 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman ever rung in Melton Mowbray by an entirely local band, and it was rung at first attempt. It was the first quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, and first as conductor by Ernest Bartram.

Sunday Service Ringers' Page.

GREENS NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 11th, at the Parish Church, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: A. Booth 1, F. Lucas 2, A. Hornsby 3, J. M. Gray 4, J. W. Haynes 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: J. Bourne 1, I. Rawlings 2, W. C. Jones 3, W. Williams 4, A. Bourn 5, I. Probert (conductor) 6, G. Laus 7, W. Jones 8. Rung with 7-8 covering. First 720 by the local band, and as conductor.

MILDENHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 1,080 Bob Minor with 6-8 covering: Mrs. P. Fordham 1, A. King 2, P. Fordham 3, A. Turner 4, O. Ford 5, W. Everett 6, F. A. Salter (conductor) 7, A. Macro 8. Messrs. Ford, Everett, Salter and Macro hail from Thetford, the rest being local people.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Smeethers 1, A. Everett 2, L. Chapman 3, W. Hall 4, G. Brown 5, G. Randal 6, W. Garrett (conductor) 7, W. Croot 8.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Sunday, March 11th, for afternoon service, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Burrows 1, K. Godfrey 2, J. Hine 3, H. Stuckey (conductor) 4, H. S. Parsons 5, G. Burrows 6, H. Marks 7, J. Lovering 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, March 11th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes) by St. Mary's Society, in 47 mins.: J. Eagles 1, C. R. Millway 2, C. K. Walker 3, H. J. Saunders 4, R. H. Stevens 5, H. Whitehead 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, F. W. Elliott 8. Composed by H. Johnson.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE.—At St. Giles' Church on Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, 360 Grandsire Doubles: Wilf. Barnett 1, Allon Sanders 2, P. Sanders 3, C. G. Bates 4, D. Ellender (conductor) 5, A. Plackett 6.—For evensong, 480 Grandsire Doubles: A. Plackett 1, A. Sanders 2, C. G. Bates 3, W. Smith 4, D. Ellender (conductor) 5, William Barnett 6. Longest touch by W. Barnett, who only recently learnt to ring.

FRITTENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Button 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, G. Billenness (conductor) 3, Miss R. Thomas 4, J. Powell 5, H. Baker 6, B. Baker 7, C. Baker 8.

MARKET DEEPING.—On Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, a course each of London and Primrose Surprise, and touches of Single and Double Court.—For evening service, 720 Primrose and 120 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Hayes 1, Ernest Wright (first in the method) 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, A. Riggall 4, W. A. Day 5, G. H. Wells 6.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday morning, March 11th, 1,140 Grandsire Doubles: L. Orman 1, W. Henniker 2, W. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6. Longest length for the ringer of the treble, and longest for the ringer of the 2nd on an inside bell. Longest touch by the present local band.

UXBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 11th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., for evening service: J. Peddle 1, P. Jones 2, Miss P. Moss 3, D. Hancox (conductor) 4, W. Honor 5, L. B. Potter 6, R. Carter 7, T. Smith 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, March 11th, for Divine service, 1,272 Stedman Caters, in 47 mins.: F. Norris 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, G. C. Iles 5, F. H. Crook 6, A. Harding 7, F. Skevington 8, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 9, H. Page 10.

BGRDMONT, CUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, March 4th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor.—For evening service, 576 Bob Major.—On Sunday March 11th, for morning service, 576 Bob Major.—On March 7th, 576 Double Norwich, and on Feb. 28th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. The following took part: Wm. Cook, I. B. Douglas, B. Douglas, Wm. Norman, J. J. Spedding, Wm. Douglas, Jno. Rothery, Jno. Spedding, Thos. Campbell, Geo. W. Tembey (conductor).

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 4th, for evening service, 764 Minor, consisting of Oxford and Kent Double Court, Woodbine, Grandsire, Plain Bob: W. Seeking 1, A. Barker 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams (conductor) 6.—For afternoon Confirmation service, on March 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: Miss Violet Abrams 1, A. Barker 2, J. Rowlinson (conductor) 3, A. Mattock 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams 6.

BLISWORTH, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evening service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: J. Roberts 1, J. W. Haynes 2, J. W. Sharp 3, J. A. Townsend (conductor) 4, H. Polwell 5. Ringers of 1st and 5th belong to Cold Higham, 2nd to Pattishall, 3rd to Towstead, and 4th to Milton.

BULWELL.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, March 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Foster 1, T. Hind 2, T. Jennison 3, E. Foster 4, A. Harrison (conductor) 5, W. Stanner 6, W. Wadsley 7, W. Whally 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late W. Spencer, who had been a ringer at the above church for over 40 years, and whose loss will be greatly felt by his brother ringers.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, March 4th, for evening service, at the Church of All Saints, 1,008 Stedman Triples: A. E. Morgan 1, H. Forbes 2, H. Morgan 3, B. Wilson 4, F. Chapman 5, F. Whitfield 6, F. Morgan (conductor) 7, W. Ridout 8.

BRABOURNE, KENT.—On Feb. 25th, at St. Mary's, on the occasion of the visit of the Archdeacon of Maidstone, 720 Plain Bob before, and one 720 after evening service: C. Cheesman 1, L. Finn 2, P. Pierce 3, W. Cheesman 4, E. Cheesman (conductor) 5, S. Finn 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist on Sunday, Feb. 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, Miss Mabel A. Nye 2, H. James (Lee) 3, J. Crowder 4, E. J. Pannett 5, T. A. Easterby (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: W. Young 1, F. Batterham 2, A. Rose 3, H. Taylor (conductor) 4, J. Young 5, G. Coleman 6. First 720 for Sunday service by the local band since the war.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Spencer, senr., 1, J. Day 2, C. Collins 3, C. Nash 4, G. Spencer 5, F. Nash 6, W. Nash (conductor) 7, W. Tyler 8. First quarter-peal by all except conductor.

PETERBOROUGH.—For morning service, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, S. Wright 2, W. Cross 3, H. Beechey 4, W. G. Cross 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, O. Edwards 4, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 5, E. Harris 6, H. Belcher 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Misses M. and A. Baron and Mrs. W. Tyndale, who were for many years great workers in the parish.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: N. Hayes 1, H. Howard 2, W. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, W. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.—Also for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Howard 1, W. Sermons 2, H. Howard 3, W. Tack 4, W. Mansfield 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. This makes the 100th 720 rung at the Parish Church for the year ending February 25th, 1923.

TEWKESBURY.—On Sunday, Feb. 25th, five courses of Stedman Caters for evening service at the Abbey Church of St. Mary: W. Yiend 1, A. Hamis 2, H. Holford 3, C. Martin 4, G. Hemming 5, C. Dyson 6, W. Townsend 7, G. Walters 8, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 9, O. Attwood 10. It was intended to ring a quarter-peal, but one of the party failed to arrive, and Mr. Hemming kindly took his place.

LEICESTER.—At St. Margaret's, on Sunday, Feb. 25th, for morning service, 846 Grandsire Caters by T. Bent 1, E. Whitehead 2, A. Ballard 3, C. Cattell 4, G. S. Morris 5, H. Peach 6, E. Morris 7, H. Lock 8, J. Morris 9, J. Vernon 10.—For evening service, 629 Grandsire Caters, both conducted by Ernest Morris. Rung to commemorate the 10,080 of the same method at this church on Feb. 25th, 1777.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service, Great St. Mary's, 12. Lunch at the Dorothy Cafe 1 p.m. Business to follow. Will district secretaries inform me as to members who may be expected?—Rev. R. Copeman, Owistone Road, Cambridge.

ST. MARY'S, ISLINGTON.—Practice every Friday evening 7.30 to 9. Will all old Holloway men kindly make an effort to attend these practices?—J. Bullock and A. Trimmer.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, March 24th, from 6-9 p.m.—Jos. White.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 7th, for practice, a 720 of St. Clement's Minor: A. Gilbert 1, W. J. Walker 2, E. Gilbert 3, T. Jull 4, F. W. White 5, O. Millard (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band.

WALKDEN, LANCOS.—On Monday, Feb. 26th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Grundy 1, J. H. Ridyard 2, J. Potter (conductor) 3, Jas. Denner 4, S. Oakes 5, A. Burton (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 6, J. Ridyard 7, R. Denner 8.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On Saturday, March 3rd, in 27 mins. 720 Bob Minor: W. Brown 1, F. H. Bennett 2, H. A. Stratton 3, E. V. Naish 4, F. Naish (conductor) 5, F. W. Woodward 6. First 720 on lower bells by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, S. D. Breeze 2, E. Easton (first inside) 3, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 4, R. H. Boddington 5, Robt. Holloway 6, E. W. Coulson 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Saturday, Feb. 17th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: Miss K. Jackson 1, Master G. Jackson 2, Rev. A. Rhys James 3, H. Arrand (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 4, G. Clark 5, F. Clark 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, T. Revill 8. Rung to celebrate the engagement of Miss Kathleen Jackson to Mr. Harold Walker, hon. secretary of the Doncaster and District Society.

NOTICES.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 17th, from 3.15 p.m. Will arrange tea at a small cost. Welcome to all.—W. H. Hollicr, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. —The annual meeting will be held at York, on Saturday, March 17th. The Minster bells (12) available from 2.30 to 4 and 6.30 to 8.30; also the rings of 6 at SS. Philip and James, Clifton, and St. Mary the Younger, Bishophill, from 2 to 8.30. Choral Evensong in the Minster at 4. Tea at 5.15 in the Ebor Rooms, Coney Street. Business meeting immediately after in the St. Michael-le-Belfry Schoolroom, Stonegate. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The Annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5. The Association's Annual Report, price 2/-, will be on sale at this meeting.—F. Clark, 18, Royston Avenue, Bentley Road, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitworth on Saturday, March 17th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church (12 bells) on Saturday, March 17th. Bells at liberty from 3 till 8 p.m. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Subscriptions due; reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Beddington on Saturday, March 17th. The bells will be ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Village Hall at 5.45.—Chas. Dean, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practices, Mondays at 7.30 p.m. St. Clement Danes, March 19th. 1st and 3rd Sundays at 10 a.m., St. Clement Danes.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, Nr. Slough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meeting for practice will be held at Paul's Cathedral on the 20th; at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division. —A District meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow Common, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available 2 p.m. A tea will be kindly provided at 5 p.m. (followed by a business meeting), only to those who let me know by March 21st. Buses leave Bishops Stortford 2.30 passing through Sambridgeworth, Harlow Town, Epping, 1 and 3.45.—F. Dench, Hon. Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 3.30 until 5. Business meeting to follow. It is hoped tea can be arranged. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Church

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Kirk, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m. Teas, 1/6 to all who send in names not later than Tuesday, March 20th, to Mr. F. Youles, 73, Clifton Street, St. Anne's.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) ready early, tea only provided for those who notify me before the 19th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's, Bolton, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, March 24th, at 3.30 p.m. Please advise Secretary not later than the Wednesday previous, of intention to be present, so that tea can be arranged.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., 96, Grappenhall.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Steyning on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at the Parish Rooms at 5 o'clock. All those intending to be present kindly advise not later than the 20th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cranford on Saturday, March 24th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 21st? Gentlemen heartily invited.—Cecil E. Hephurn, Hon. Sec., Isham, near Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Lenton, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 24th. Ringing from 4 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Nibley on Saturday, March 24th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at the Vicarage. Visitors please notify me not later than March 18th.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Peckleton and Kirkby Mallory on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available at both towers at 4. Business meeting will be held in belfry at Peckleton 7 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 31st, at Whittlesey. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than March 31st.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, April 7th. Full particulars will be announced next week.—C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st. Any alteration, addition or abrogation of rules should reach me before April 10th, so that one month's notice may be given. Charabanc from Bristol, but members should apply at once.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

EASTER MEETINGS.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923. Meeting for election of officers and other business will be held at the Church House, adjoining St. Mary le Tower Church, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Rev. Canon Douglas Hamilton will preside. Arrangements are being made for ringing at the various churches in the town. A good attendance is desired.—George Wilson, Sec. (*pro tem.*), 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Brislington. Bells (8) available throughout the day. All applications for tea (for which a charge of 2/- per head will be made) should reach Mr. J. W. Cowling, 54, High Street, Bridlington, not later than first post on Tuesday, March 27th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Easter Monday. Service at St. Nicholas Church, 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each, free to members, Church Hall. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome. Bells (8) available.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15, with address by the Dean. Tea at 5.15 for all who notify me before Wednesday, March 28th. A small charge will be made. Bells, Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House, before 12 and 1.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Annual meeting at Uckfield on Easter Monday. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea at 'The Holly Bush,' 5 (1/6 each). Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify the Divisional Secretary by Wednesday, March 28th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at St. Albans, on Easter Monday. Ringing at the four towers from 2 p.m. Earlier ringing can be had at the six-bell towers by request. Choral service in the Cathedral 'Under the Tower' at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. Can we include you in our tea party? I hope so. Please let me know.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Asbfield, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, meeting after. Those expecting tea must notify Mr. W. Allin, 86, Church Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, not later than 27th March.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Annual meeting will be held at Chatham on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Nominations of Central Council Representatives signed by two members to be sent to the Hon. Sec. before March 24th. Dinner tickets 1/- each. Towers open for ringing, St. Mary's, Chatham (8), St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Gillingham (8), Rainham (8).—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Precincts, Canterbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The bells at All Saints', St. Alkmund's, St. Peter's and St. Luke's will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Certificate Sub-Committee will meet at 2.45, and the Ordinary Committee at 3.15 in St. Alkmund's Institute. There will be a service at All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Derby. Collection for the Bell Repair Fund. Tea will be at 4.45 in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, and the general meeting will follow immediately after tea. The charge for tea will be 2s. per head, and I am asked to give particular notice that all requiring same should give notice to the Derby hon. sec., Mr. A. Braines, 1, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, March 28th. A smoking concert has been arranged to commence at 8 o'clock in the Assembly Rooms.—A. Coningsby Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the association will be held in the Priory Hall, Great Yarmouth, at 12 o'clock on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Luncheon will be served at Goode's Hotel, Marine Parade, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each. Members intending to be present at the luncheon kindly notify to the secretary not later than Thursday, March 29th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon R. Aubrey Aitken) the ring of twelve bells at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas will be available. — Arthur L. Coleman, General and Branch Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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The Midland Counties Association is not only one of the largest of our ringing organisations, but it is admittedly one of the most go ahead, and thanks to the fact that it has been well managed by a succession of able officers, it stands in as strong a position as any in the country. From whatever point of view one looks at the report which has just been issued for the past year, there is evidence of solid progress. Financially the Association has a very substantial reserve, and, so far as its practical operations are concerned, there is no association which has shown a more progressive spirit. The results of the year's operations must be very satisfactory to all concerned. There are, moreover, certain matters referred to in the report which ringers outside the M.C.A. might well meditate upon. We would refer here to two of them.

The M.C.A. has over two hundred honorary members, and nearly half its income comes from this source. When it is remembered that the active ringing membership is 720, the large proportion of honorary members will be more fully realised. Such a number of subscribers from outside the ranks of ringers is not obtained without steady and persistent effort, and many of the associations, who are lamenting the falling off of funds, or finding the increased expenses a source of anxiety, might well direct more definite attention to this source of revenue. What the Midland Counties Association can do others should be able to manage. There are several associations we know whose finances are very largely of a hand-to-mouth kind, and whose energies must perforce consequently be much restricted, who seem to make but small effort to secure honorary members. Perseverance and tact are required to build up a big phalanx of outside support such as the M.C.A. has obtained, but with this example before them there is no excuse for the pessimists to say it cannot be done.

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On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... ..	... Treble	*WILLIAM SAUNDERS	7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	8
ALBERT SCRIVENS	3	ERNEST MANSALL	9
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	4	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD	10
ALBERT WALKER	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
BERNARD W. WITCHELL	6	JOHN NEAL ... ..	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... ..	... Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT	7
JOHN THOMAS	2	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	8
GEORGE R. PYE	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HAROLD W. CLARK	10
FRANK I. HAIRS	5	REUBEN SANDERS	11
*PRYCE TAYLOR	6	WILLIAM PYE ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, Rev. J. H. J. Ellison, M.D., M.V.O., and to the genial tower keeper, Mr. E. Horrex.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD	7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT	2	THOMAS LANGDON	8
WILLIAM E. GARRARD	3	WILSON RUSHTON	9
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	WILLIAM HIBBERT	10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS	5	WILLIAM T. COCKERELL	11
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN	6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

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Rung in honour of St. Patrick's Day, and also as a birthday compliment to C. F. Winney.

TEN BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM PALMER ... ..	... Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES	6
ALFRED C. PANKHURST	2	BENJAMIN HOBBS	7
FRANK BENNETT	3	*HARRY PARKES	8
WILLIAM WATTS	4	ROBERT J. DAWE	9
CHARLES PALMER	5	THOMAS DEADMAN ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal on ten bells.

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THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	*WALTER RUFFLES 6
JAMES BETTS 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
ALPHEDS J. BERRY 3	COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 8
*DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 9
ALFRED H. WATSON 5	*THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.
* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. It is
worthy of note that the above band hail from ten different parishes.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
*THOMAS CATHERALL 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
*WILLIAM CATHERALL 4	*WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples and proposed a member before
starting.

THIRSK, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*CHARLES GANWELL ... Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
FREDERICK JOHNSON 2	JAMES W. NEESAM 6
JOHN STOTT 3	WILLIAM BROADLEY 7
GEORGE WELLING 4	*ALLAN DICK Tenor

Composed by C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by THOS. METCALFE.
* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Queen
Alexandra's wedding.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM RENSHAW ... Treble	JOHN P. TARLTON 5
MISS ELSIE SMITH 2	GEORGE THORPE 6
WILLIAM BUTLER 3	WILLIAM BIGGIN 7
WILLIAM MARTIN 4	WILLIAM H. WAIN Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by W. H. WAIN.
* First peal. First peal as conductor.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST MEFFEN ... Treble	ARTHUR HOODLESS 5
FRED OVERTON 2	*HERBERT MINGAY 6
THOMAS FITZJOHN 3	J. WILLIAM SEAMER 7
WALTER GODDARD 4	*STEPHEN BROMFIELD Tenor

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LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

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

ARTHUR J. NEALE ... Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	JAMES BULLOCK 6
THOMAS W. TAFFENDER, JUN. 3	GEORGE A. CARD 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-EX-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES PRICE ... Treble	WILLIAM SCONCE 5
JOHN HAYES 2	ERNEST SMITH 6
ARTHUR WATKIN 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
GILBERT GERRARD 4	ERNEST CHANNELL Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by JAMES SWINDLEY.
First peal as conductor.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SACRED TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BANKS' SIX-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN P. FIDLER ... Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5
ARTHUR RIDYARD 2	FRANK STONELEY 6
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 7
WILLIAM JONES 4	EX-P.C. W. BILLINGE Tenor

Conducted by F. STONELEY.
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from Worsley, 7th from Ashton, and 6th and tenor from Didsbury.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compli-
ment to Mrs. H. Kellet, wife of the respected Captain of this tower.
Both are service ringers at this church.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WALTER RUFFLES ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	*LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4	WILLIAM T. LAST Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by W. T. LAST.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung to oblige the ringer of the 4th, who was home on leave. For
calling, see Snowdon's 'Treble Bob,' page 21.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Mar. 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
ON THE GABRIEL EIGHT. Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.	
ROBERT HARDY ... Treble	JOHN E. BURTON 5
MISS HILDA M. DURRANT ... 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
MISS HELEN W. BILL 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
MISS FRANCES L. BILL 4	ERNEST V. BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
First peal of Stedman on the bells, also by the ringers of the 2nd,
3rd, 4th and tenor.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Mar. 15, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
*GEORGE BENNETT 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES 3	COL. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 7
WALTER RUFFLES 4	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by Wm. C. ROMSEY.
* First peal in the method. This and the peal at Stonham Aspell were arranged to oblige Clr.-Sgt. Bennett, who was home on leave.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, Mar. 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JAMES WARD Treble	*ARTHUR BIGLEY 3
WALTER PERKINS 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	GEORGE BASFORD 7
FRED WILFORD 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late James Houghton, whose body was interred on Tuesday, March 13th.
* First peal in the method.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6000 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JOHN T. BROTHWELL 6
JOHN FLINT 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
FREDERICK E. SMITH 4	WALTER ALLWOOD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Longest peal of Major on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES MEE Treble	JAMES CHINERY 5
ARTHUR E. MOORE 2	EDGAR RIVERS 6
CHARLES FISHER 3	CHARLES PARKER 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	CHARLES WOODCOCK Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by CHARLES MEE.
Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. G. Rhind-Tutt, who is leaving the district for Woodbridge, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Gillingham. First peal rung in Ipswich for the above Association.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

*HERBERT ELSE Treble	*HENRY REEVES 5
*JOHN HARE 2	*JOHN T. KENTISH 6
ERNEST W. DAY 3	HERBERT E. DAY 7
*GEORGE WOLFE 4	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by G. T. CROFT.
* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mrs. Ware, wife of the Verger, who was interred the same afternoon.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

JOHN HAYES Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
*WALTER J. BATTLE 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
* First peal in the method.

NORTHALLERTON, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

G. WELLING Treble	H. TAYLOR 5
J. METCALFE 2	L. BROWN 6
J. BARNETT 3	W. BROADLEY 7
A. HUNTER 4	*W. BORTON Tenor

Conducted by G. WELLING.
* First peal. First peal on the bells after rehangng by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 12¾ cwt. in F sharp.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD Treble	*ALFRED ROWLES 5
GEORGE HUGHES 2	*WILLIAM DOWDING 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
* First peal in a Surprise method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Ben Gough.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

LOUIS A. WILSON Treble	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 5
WALTER H. TRUEMAN 2	HARRY A. HEARL 6
ERNEST BISHOP 3	SIDNEY PALMER 7
H. W. L. WELLS 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.
This is the first Surprise peal by a Wiltshire band, and all the ringers are members of the Swindon Parish Church Guild. Rung on the occasion of L. A. Wilson's birthday.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

LEWIS NEWMAN Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
GEORGE NEWMAN 2	JAMES W. LEONARD 6
GEORGE BELL 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
†GEORGE POUND 4	*JOHN SHORTER Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal with a bob bell and first attempt.

SLATE PEAL TABLETS.—Free Estimates and Drawings, also photographs of designs, sent on receipt of full particulars of Peals to Jones, Brookside Cottage, Dunchurch Road, Rugby.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDS 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

EAST DEREHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 17 lb.

BERTIE WHITESIDE Treble	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	BEN. S. THOMPSON 6
TONY PRICE 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
JOHN A. GODFREY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells. F. J. Howchin's 250th peal.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWIN OGDEN Treble	*RENNIE HARTLEY 5
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 2	WILLIAM CRABTREE 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by REV. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. A. Tomlinson's 100th peal.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

FRANK BRASSINGTON Treble	*THOMAS DICKIN... .. 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 6
WALTER HORTON 3	*JAMES F. CLARKE, SEN. ... 7
ERNEST STONE 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by T. W. CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge. Rung on the 60th birthday of J. F. Clarke.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Mar. 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 360 each of London, Wells, York, Durham, Beverley, Canterbury, Westminster, Ipswich, Hull, Bourne, Netherseale, Annable's London, Cambridge and Norwich.

EDWARD YOUNGS Treble	GEORGE BROWN 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
WILLIAM ROSE 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

First peal in 14 Surprise methods by Messrs. Youngs and Poppy.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Thursday March 15th, 720 Bob Minor. *R. Pendry 1, *F. Price 2, †F. Smith 3 *H. Price 4, *C. Young 5, C. Camm (conductor) 6. * First 720. † First 720 inside.

LEONARD STANLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*DENIS WYMAN Treble	THOMAS PRICE 4
*GEORGE STEVENS 2	EDWARD PREEDY 5
THOMAS BAILEY... .. 3	*ARTHUR PHILLIPS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

* First peal.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE BURT Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
GEORGE WAGHORN 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN.

First peal as conductor.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALBERT FEIST Treble	*HARRY TURRELL 4
THOMAS ADAMS 2	JAMES BOWELL 5
RICHARD BOWELL 3	WILLIAM DENMAN, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DENMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise on the bells. First peal as conductor in a Surprise method. Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Sussex Association. Rung to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Queen Alexandra's wedding day.

PYTCHELEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of Canterbury, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

*ARTHUR WARREN Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS 3
†MISS KITTY MOORE 2	WILLIAM LAWRENCE... .. 4
THOMAS BUTLER Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. This peal was arranged as a birthday peal for Mr. R. Black, District Secretary, who was unable to ring through illness, Mr. Warren kindly taking his place.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN W. UNWIN Treble	WILLIAM NYE 4
CHARLEY MILLARD 2	WILLIAM SPICE 5
WILLIAM J. WALKER 3	EDWARD H. SPICE Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD H. SPICE.

First peal as conductor.

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CADOXTON, Near NEATH.
 THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 15 different callings. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN E. BLOXHAM Treble	HARRY BOYCE 4
RONALD ELLIS 2	JOHN HAMMOND 5
DAVID J. LEWIS 3	ALBERT E. HATTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

This is believed to be the first peal of Stedman Doubles ever rung with fifteen different callings, and first peal of Stedman by all the band, also first peal of Stedman Doubles by the Association. Rung in honour of the coming of age on March 4th, of David Martin Evans Bevan, son of Mr. Evan Evans Bevan, Cadoxton House, donor of three of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

IPSWICH.
 THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.
 (ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.)
 On Tuesday, Mar. 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
 IN THE BELFERY OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

E. HOBART SMITH... .. 1-2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 7-8
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3-4	FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10
GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEO. E. SYMONDS.
 Witness: MR. W. J. MAYHEW.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques on handbells by all the band and by the above Association. *First peal on handbells. No. 5, C.C. Collection.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.
 THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. A. GODFREY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

*EDWARD C. COOKE 1	JOHN A. GODFREY 5
GEORGE COOKE 2	CHARLES S. TUTHILL ... 6
ARTHUR W. BALDWIN ... 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7-8
CHARLES WYBROW 4	†ROBERT W. COOKE 9-10

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by R. W. COOKE.
 *First peal of Bob Royal. †First peal of Royal as conductor. Composition contains the 6th the extent in 6th's.

CAMBRIDGE.
 THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, Mar. 16, 1923, in Two Hours,
 IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A sharp.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (Trin.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queens') 5-6
J. B. WOOLLEY (Jesus) ... 3-4	*E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) 7-8

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
 *First peal in the method away from 1-2.

LONDON.
 THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 (LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT 10, NORTHLANDS STREET, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6001 CHANGES;

JOHN CARTER 1-2	*THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 7-8
†JAMES BOLLOCK 9-10	

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.
 Umpire: HORACE TAYLOR.

*First peal on handbells and first peal on ten bells. †First peal on handbells.

**'SPLICED' EXTENTS OF MINOR.
 COMPOSED OVER 40 YEARS AGO.**

Dear Sir,—The splendid achievement of the Norbury ringers in ringing a peal of Minor in 30 methods in seven true extents, calls forth the admiration of every true lover of the art of change ringing, and as the recent issues of 'The Ringing World' testify, it has aroused very great interest in 'spliced' methods extents.

Mr. Dawson, in his letter, wants to know if the method of splicing is a 'state secret,' and Mr. Fernley, in his reply, says he believes he is correct in saying that the Rev. H. Law James was the first to make known and practise the idea ten or twelve years ago. You, sir, in your leading article in 'The Ringing World' on Feb. 16th also state that it is more than ten years since this form of Minor extents was introduced.

By these remarks it would seem that the 'spliced' 720 of Minor is quite a new idea, but I would like to point out that I have a spliced 720 of Treble Bob Minor in nine methods, which was composed by a man who has certainly been dead over forty years.

I found this among some papers which belonged to my father, and an old ringer here on seeing the figures and writing assures me that they were written by my grandfather, who died in 1878, so if that is true it must have been composed before that year. The extent is written out, every one of the 720 changes, and the footnote states that it was composed by the late James Platt, of Saddleworth Fold. Now, when James Platt died I cannot say, but I find on referring to my father's peal book that a peal of Treble Bob there recorded was rung in 1881, and composed by the late James Platt. It also states 'this peal was the first ever rung with the 6th at home at nine different course ends and the tenors together, and was first rung at Moltram-in-Longdendale on Nov. 5th, 1846.'

James Platt, therefore, was composing peals nearly eighty years ago, and has been dead at least forty years, so this spliced 720 must have been composed long before the Rev. H. Law James made the idea of splicing known.

The 720 with the changes of method and the lead ends is as follows:

23456	British Queen	Continued
46532	Oxford	25465
54263		34625
25346	Holmfirth Surprise	56234
— 32546		42356
— 53246	New York	— 63425
46325		45236
25634	London Scholars'	24653
34562		62345
62453		— 36245
— 53462	British Queen	— 23845
42635	Oxford	34256
64523		45362
56342	Holmfirth Surprise	56423
— 35642		62534
— 63542	Nelson's Victory	— 23456

Thus we have nine methods, and no less than fifteen different changes of method, and never more than 72 changes without a change of method; also nine jobs called.

Of course, some of these methods would not satisfy our present-day experts of method construction, and are what are termed irregular, and bring up irregular lead ends, but the changes are true.

I have sent the original to Mr. Fernley, and he agrees with me that considering the time at which it must have been composed it is a wonderful construction.

Perhaps there is a reader of 'The Ringing World' who can tell us more about James Platt and his compositions, and help us to find out if he or someone else was first in the field with this very interesting idea of Minor composition.—Yours sincerely,
 Hyde. TOM WILDE.

A STIMULUS TO WIDER PRACTICE.

Dear Sir,—With your permission I would like to tender my sincere thanks to Mr. Fernley for his letter and figures of the 30-method peal rung at Norbury on New Year's day. I feel sure the publication will stimulate the practice of splicing Minor methods considerably more than anything else has done for some time.

There are (as you mentioned in your leading article a week or two since) many new recruits to the Exercise since the rules were published in 1912, who will, I am convinced, appreciate the publication immensely.

I would also like to congratulate the band on their recent performance in 29 methods, and had not the figures been published some doubt might have been cast on the previous peal, as I notice Morning Star has been omitted.

However, my curiosity has been satisfied and the brilliancy of the Norbury men further illuminated, and here I would like to say, if and when it is decided to issue certificates of merit, those responsible for the awards will do well to bear in mind the Norbury men's performances.—Yours faithfully,

ABRAHAM WILKERSON,
 Hon. Sec., Warwickshire Guild.

DEATH OF A GRIMSBY RINGER.

The death occurred, on March 8th, at his home at Grimsby, of Mr. Alonzo William Long. The deceased, who was 42 years of age, underwent an operation in October last, and, although he was able to get about again, had a relapse, and passed away as stated. He had been a ringer at St. Andrew's Church for over 25 years, and was most regular in his attendance, and always willing and obliging. He had rung 36 peals in various methods, his last being one of Double Norwich in August last, it being the first in that method in Grimsby.

The funeral took place on March 13th, the first portion of the service being held in St. Andrew's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. G. Barton), the committal being said by the Rev. Marsden. The service was choral, a brother ringer, Mr. H. Rushby, presiding at the organ. Amongst those present at church and the graveside were Mr. A. W. Hoodless (Barton-on-Humber), Mr. W. H. Hayhoe (secretary, Grimsby District, Lincoln Diocesan Guild), Mr. A. S. Hill (representing North Eastern Steam Fishing Co.), by whom deceased was employed, and numerous other friends. The coffin was carried to its last resting-place by four ringers: Messrs. Shepherd (St. James'), Brown, Ovorton and Bromfield, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by Messrs. Seamer, Brown, Hoodless and Bromfield. Amongst the numerous wreaths was one from his brother ringers at St. Andrew's, and one from the St. James' band. In the evening a muffled peal of Bob Major was rung, particulars of which appear elsewhere. Deceased was a member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Yorkshire Association. J. W. S.

PAID AND UNPAID RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has recently been stated that there are 31,454 unpaid bell ringers in places of worship under the Church of England. This fact will, no doubt, be of great interest to your readers. If it were safe to assume that non-association ringers are paid ringers, it would be interesting to compare these figures with the number of association ringers, if this can be ascertained. There is no doubt that remuneration for ringing is one of the greatest dangers that associations have to contend with, as it stops the young blood from taking up ringing. Moreover, unpaid ringers are the ones who make the most advance in change ringing. I have this proved to me every week in my own district. For one thing the paid ringers do not like members of another tower coming to give them a hand, even if the former are change ringers, and so, year after year, they stick in the rut, never getting more than Grandsire.—Yours truly,

ALEC. RICHARDSON.

LEEDS & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

SOME PLAIN SPEAKING.

A successful and interesting meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held on Saturday, March 3rd, at Pudsey. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. The business meeting was held in the White Cross Hotel, and attended by members from Armley, Bramley, Birstall, Idle, Rotherham, Calverley, Headingley, Holbeck, Mirfield, Leeds Parish Church, and the local company.

There was more 'steam' let off at this meeting than there has been for some time. Fortunately by the thoughtfulness and generosity of the local gentlemen, who kindly supplied light refreshments, the members remained calm and bright.

The Secretary led off by complaining of the lack of official support which was shown, and this resulted in Mr. H. Lockwood being elected president pro tem.

Another member complained of the poor attendance at Birstall, which he said was a disgrace to this society, especially as the Vicar had put a service off for the convenience of the members.

Mr. Johnson spoke in a plain and direct manner of the unsatisfactory support of members at the meetings, saying that it was no encouragement to those who arranged them.

A USEFUL PRACTICE.

A practice meeting of the Halesworth district of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association was held at Wenhampton, on Monday evening, March 12th, and was attended by twenty ringers and probationers from the following towers: Halesworth, Brampton, Henham, Mells, Wissett, and Wenhampton. Good touches of Treble Bob Minor, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and much useful instruction was given to the young members present.

MR. ARTHUR TOMLINSON'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, rung 19 (conducted 6); Stedman Triples, 18 (8); Kent Treble Bob Major, 17 (8); Bob Major, 8 (4); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3 (1); Double Norwich, 8 (5); Superlative Surprise Major, 5 (1); Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; London Surprise Major, 4; Guildford Surprise Major, 1; Forward Major 1 (1); Granta Treble Bob Major, 1; Minor, 11 (6); total, 100 (conducted 40). Rung in 25 towers. Eighty-eight of the peals included ringers who were either ringing their first peal or their first peal in the method.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In our last issue we recorded 'the first peal of Major on the bells at Twickenham. It is interesting to note that in Benjamin Annable's MS. (page 181), now in the British Museum, is a record of a peal bearing the name of 'Middlesex' which was rung by the Twickenham ringers on January 22nd, 1733, composed by B. Annable. Whether this was a Triple or Major method we do not know; perhaps someone may be able to tell us.

Among the early peals that were rung was one at Wye, Kent, a peal of Grandsire Triples, on March 29th, 1736, concerning which it was recorded that the band were 'ye first set that ever rang it in the county, without the assistance of Londoners or others.'

A peal of Grandsire Triples had been rung at St. Mary's, Dover, on March 26th, 1729.

On March 24th, 1837, a peal of 6,048 Albion Surprise was rung at Liversedge, Yorks. It was, we believe, a method composed by W. Sottenstall.

It was on March 23rd, 1837, Elijah Roberts tapped a peal of 19,440 changes. Roberts committed suicide in 1865.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal was rung at Wakefield on March 27th, 1826.

Ringers who propose to attend the annual meeting of the Middlesex Association at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on April 7th will do well to note that admission to the tea will be by ticket only, which, as will be seen from our notice columns, must be applied for by April 4th.

It will be no good complaining that they are excluded from the tea if they do not take this precaution. The committee of the association are determined to act upon this arrangement, if only out of courtesy to the Rector.

Mr. J. Barnett has just completed 54 years as a ringer at Northallerton, Yorks, and at the age of 74, took part on Saturday in a peal of Grandsire Triples. He has received the congratulations of the band upon his long service.

Ringers who keep their M.C.A. reports for reference should delete the composition of peal 2,599, published in the 36th Report, which is false.

Wilfred Taffender, the youthful son of the Master of the London County Association, has added to the laurels which he has begun to gather at such an early age. London Surprise Major, Stedman Cinques and Treble Twelve, have been followed by another peal of London and a 'double handed' peal of Stedman Caters. Not bad for one's first five peals at 15 years of age.

The handbell peal was also taken part in by another ringer under 16—one of the coming men in London, Jeffery Gammon—and by the veteran, Mr. John Carter formerly of Birmingham, now of 'Park Lane' and Douglas, Isle of Man.

'Interested' writes with reference to the peal of Bob Major rung 'in hand' at Saffron Walden on February 25th, and which was claimed to be the first handbell peal ever rung by a member of the Saffron Walden Society, that the late Mr. Nathan J. Pitstow rang a peal of Grandsire Triples 'in hand' as long ago as May 3rd, 1896. This peal was rung at Mr. W. H. Buckingham's residence at St. Albans, and conducted by Mr. C. W. Clarke, of Bedford.

The Ringing Master of the Worcestershire Association (Mr. W. Page) asks us to request all ringing visitors to Worcester for the annual meeting on Easter Monday to go direct in the first instance to St. Helen's tower. They can then be escorted to any other tower they may wish to visit, and this will avoid delay or disappointment at finding a tower closed.

LONDON PRE-REFORMATION BELLS.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S 800TH ANNIVERSARY.

The 800th anniversary of the dedication of the Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great was celebrated on Sunday, March 11th. The Lord Mayor of London attended morning service in state, when the sermon was preached by the Bishop of London. The pre-Reformation peal of five bells was rung by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being brought round. The following evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung by C. T. Coles (conductor), W. Hewett, F. I. Hains, C. W. R. Grimwood, R. Sanders. It having been previously announced that the bells were being rung on this occasion, quite a large number of parishioners gathered outside the church, listening to these ancient bells with great interest.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Saturday, March 17th, for Confirmation service, 1,344 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: L. G. Cartwright 1, J. Withers, senr., 2, C. H. Stanley 3, Wm. B. Cartwright 4, T. W. Wright 5, Charles Webb 6, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 7, Jas. George 8. Longest length of Cambridge by ringers of treble and 3rd.

**THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The 37th Report of the Midland Counties Association, covering the year 1922, has just been issued, and contains over 100 pages. The committee's report records a gratifying number of bell restorations, among them being the addition of new bells to make two rings of eight into ten, two rings of six and one of five into eight, and one of five into six. In regard to finance, the committee view with great satisfaction the continued prosperity of the association. The income for the year amounted to £90 17s. Of this sum the ringers' contributions totalled £48 14s. 6d., while a sum of no less than £42 2s. 6d. was subscribed by patrons and hon. members. To the latter the association owes a great debt of gratitude, for without their aid the ringers' annual subscriptions would not suffice to meet the expenditure. The balance in hand is £132 14s. 9d., and the hon. treasurer has suggested that a portion of this should be invested. A 'Bell Repair Fund' has been opened, to which several subscriptions have been already sent, and to which further help is specially invited. The committee might feel disposed to transfer to this fund a sum agreed upon from the balance in hand on the general accounts.

The peal ringing record is an excellent one, the number of peals being no fewer than 149, made up of Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1, Grand sire Cinque, 1, Cambridge Surprise Royal 6, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Spliced Kent and Oxford Royal 1, Grand sire Caters 3, London Surprise Major 4, New Cambridge 1, Superlative 16, Cambridge 18, Norfolk 1, Duffield Major 2, Double Norwich 8, Kent Treble Bob 10, Oxford Treble Bob 1, Bob Major 8, Stedman Triples 16, Grand sire Triples 19, Minor 14, Doubles 16. The peals in Surprise methods total 46, a percentage of 30.87, which may be regarded as very satisfactory. With a continuation of the present enthusiasm and suitable opportunities for extension of knowledge, it will naturally follow, says the report, that peals in higher methods will take the lead, and it is impressed upon the district committees that, with the association only holding four meetings annually, the opportunities for progression rest largely with them.

While considerable attention is given in the report to the progress of peal ringing, it is not forgotten that the most important of members' duties is the provision of good and regular ringing at Sunday services. That this duty is faithfully performed, there is not the least doubt, and it is often referred to by the clergy at meetings, which they attend regularly and in increasing numbers. That the incentive of peal ringing is an inducement for improved striking is a well-known fact, and the committee are convinced that peal ringers are among those who attend best to the duty above mentioned.

The membership at the end of 1922 was 922, comprising 9 patrons, 193 hon. members, and 720 ringing members.

SIMPSON TUNING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was not my intention to trouble you again, as the hope, widely shared, that the daylight that had been let in upon the cause of the 'howl' in certain bells tuned on the S.P. would lead to some measures being taken as suggested in your leader of the 23rd February, i.e., 'it ought not to be beyond the wit of the founders and their tuners to overcome the drawback.'

Now let us get back to the point at issue:—

Q.—Do certain peals of bells tuned on the S.P. 'howl'?

A.—Yes!

Q.—What is the cause?

A.—Apparently the harmonics, which should be subservient to the tap tone, are too greatly accentuated.

Remedy: Remove the cause, the effect ceases.

How to discover the cause of the 'howl' has been my aim all through, and that is clearly shown in my previous correspondence. In spite of this the Rev. C. H. Clarke charges me with inconsistency.

It is certainly very clear that he has, with a steady persistency, accompanied with banter, written all round the subject, but has not once touched the cause of the 'howl,' which, of course, is the main point of the argument.

The offer to me of a free pardon has its humorous side, in view of the many personalities contained in his letters. Having reached threescore years and six I can afford to smile, and in return for his magnanimity I, with the greatest of pleasure, offer my benign benediction with the fervent hope that he may never have a peal of bells in his tower that 'howl.' Pax vobiscum. My thanks to you, sir, for your kind indulgence.—Yours truly, A. FLAT SEVENTH.

SURPRISE MINOR.

The six bell company at Aldrington, Sussex, are adding to their Surprise repertoire, and the following 720's have recently been rung: On Tuesday, March 13th, 720 Surfleet Surprise Minor: R. S. Cherryman 1, K. Hart 2, F. Trusler 3, R. Stredwick 4, G. Steele (conductor) 5, A. White 6. First in the method by all and first on the bells. Also recently, 720 of Beverley Surprise Minor: R. S. Cherryman 1, R. Stredwick 2, G. A. Steele 3, A. Cherryman 4, A. White 5, J. White (conductor) 6. First in the method by all and first on the bells; and 720 London Surprise Minor: J. White 1, G. Steele 2, R. S. Cherryman 3, R. Stredwick 4, K. Hart 5, A. White (conductor) 6.

**YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
SOUTHERN DIVISION AND THE ANNUAL REPORT.**

The annual meeting of the Southern Division of the Yorks Association was held at St. John's, Ranmoor, Sheffield, on Saturday last. For an annual meeting the attendance was very disappointing, the towers represented being Rotherham, the Cathedral, St. Maries and All Saints', Sheffield; Ecclesfield, Arksey, Eckington, Chesterfield, Handsworth and Norton. The visitors were welcomed in the tower by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Lea Nicholls), himself a very enthusiastic ringing member of the association.

A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar, who, in a brief and interesting address, gave much good advice and counsel to those present.

Tea in the Schoolroom was heartily enjoyed by all. The business meeting was then held, the Vicar being voted to the chair.

Messrs. F. Wetherill (Wragby), G. Haigh (Doncaster), M. Wilson (St. Maries, Sheffield), E. Haynes (Ranmoor), and S. Shepperd and Miss Clarkson (Tickhill) were elected members of the association.

Mr. F. Clark was re-elected secretary; Mr. G. Holmes, Mr. C. D. Potter and Mr. O. Harrison were elected to the committee, and Mr. Harrison was further elected to the general committee (to retire in 1925).

Several members complained of inaccuracies in the annual report, and a long discussion was held on the subject, the following resolution being passed: 'That the General Committee be asked to consider the advisability of the secretaries and committees of the different divisions compiling the report for their respective districts and forwarding the same to the general secretary.'

An invitation was received from Wortley inviting the district to that place for the next meeting, and this was accepted, the date being fixed for June 16th.

Mr. F. Willey gave a short account of the arrangements made up to date in connection with the association dinner in September, and everyone was well pleased with the progress made.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to the local company and the ladies for the excellent tea, were acknowledged, and brought the meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MR. J. B. HOUGHTON.

PASSING OF A WELL-KNOWN IRTHLINGBOROUGH RINGER.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. James Betts Houghton, of 10, Lilley Terrace, Irthlingborough, the sad event taking place on Friday afternoon, March 9th, after a long and very painful illness, at the age of 62 years.

The sympathy of the Exercise will go out to Mrs. Houghton and family in their sad bereavement. Mr. Houghton was a ringer at Irthlingborough for over fifty years, he having first learnt to ring a bell at the age of ten, under the able instruction of his father, at the time when there were six bells in the tower. The peal was made into the octave in 1893, after which the deceased made rapid progress in change ringing, and rang in the first peals of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise in Northamptonshire.

Altogether he had rung 236 peals in the following methods: Doubles 3, Minor in 7 methods 17 (conducted 4), Grand sire Triples 14, Stedman Triples 31, Bob Triples 2, Bob Major 16 (cond. 7), Kent Treble Bob Major 21 (conducted 5), Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Double Norwich 60 (conducted 25), Superlative 55 (conducted 10), Cambridge 1, Treble Bob Royal 2. He rang in the 9,312 Superlative Surprise at Irthlingborough, the 11,000 and 17,104 Double Norwich at South Wigston, and was also the first to ring 100 peals for the Northants Association. Mr. Houghton was a member of the following associations: Central Northants, Bedfordshire, Warwickshire Guild, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Peterborough Association, and the Midland Counties Association. He rang his last peal, Double Norwich, last year, after which his health began to fail him.

Deceased was most regular in his attendance at his own belfry for ringing, ever ready to help others. Being an able conductor and a safe ringer, he will be very much missed, and his loss to St. Peter's, Irthlingborough, and to other towers in the county cannot be measured.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, March 13th the service being held in the Parish Church. Many ringers and friends were present, including Messrs. F. Barber (Wellingborough, district secretary), T. Law (Weston Favell), G. Basford, T. Abbott, J. Main (Finedon), H. Stubbs, W. J. Gilbert (Raunds), J. Garratt (Higham Ferrers), H. Horn (Irthlingborough). The cortege was met at the church by the Rector (the Rev. Walter A. Frift, M.A.), and the coffin was carried by eight of his brother ringers: Messrs. A. Tyler, W. Perkins, A. Perkins, J. Ward, C. Newman, J. Mawby, F. Wilford and F. Barber. The service was taken by the Rector, and the interment took place in the cemetery adjoining the churchyard.

Muffled touches were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening, and a course of Grand sire was rung on handbells over the grave by Messrs. A. Perkins, W. Perkins, A. Tyler and J. Mawby.

It is an interesting fact that the deceased and his father between them, gave 110 years' service as ringers.

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AN OLD RINGING MATCH.

INTERESTING RECORD OF A LANCASHIRE CONTEST.

Few records of the doings of ringers in the distant past have come down to us, and the following interesting account of a match between two well-known Lancashire companies will, we are sure, be read with interest. We are indebted for it to Mr. J. Bruce Williamson, who found it recorded in a volume of the 'Sporting Magazine' for the year 1808, under the heading of 'Sporting Intelligence.'

The following announcement appeared in the June issue: 'We have the pleasure to inform the amateurs in the art of change ringing, that the Oldham Youths of Lancashire have challenged the College Youths of Ashton-under-Line, in the said county, to ring them Mr. John Holt's Ten-course peal, of 504 changes, each course of Grandsire Tripples. The College Youths have accepted the challenge to ring them for 40 gs. a peal, in the above method, containing a true and complete peal of 5,040 changes only, at St. Michael's Church, Flixton, near Manchester, all in the said county, on the 25th day of June inst. Weight of the tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb.'

The story of the contest is told in the issue of July, as follows: **HARMONIOUS CHANGE RINGING.**

The Oldham Youths, sometime since, challenged the College Youths, change ringers of Ashton-under-Line, to ring them Mr. John Holt's ten-course peal of Grandsire Tripples of 504 changes each, making a complete peal of 5,040 harmonious changes. The Collegians of Ashton-under-Line accepted the challenge to ring the above peal for 40 guineas which was staked, and who have since completed it in the finest style of ringing, and in the quickest time on the new peal of eight bells at St. Michael's Church, Flixton, on Friday, June the 24th, 1808. Weight of the tenor bell 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. net bell metal.

This wager had caused a spirit of emulation between those two fine and lofty ringing societies; and various trials were made of their skill previous to the decision. The College Youths of Ashton-under-Line took the lead first (in practice); on Sunday, the 15th day of May, they rung at their village a complete peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in ten courses, containing 5,040 changes, which was finely completed in the quick time of two hours and 33½ mins.

On Monday, the 16th day of May, the Oldham Youths rung at their village, a complete peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples in ten courses, containing 5,040 changes, which was well rung in the quick time of two hours and 38 mins.

On Tuesday, the 24th day of May, the Ashton College Youths ascended St. Michael's tower at their villa, and rung well Mr. John Holt's ten-course peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing 5,040 changes, in the quick time of two hours and 34 mins.

Early in the morning of the 29th day of May, in honour of the old English oak, the Oldham Youths ascended St. Paul's Gothic tower, at their villa, and rung a fine peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, composed of 5,040 good pleasing changes, which was completed in the quick time of two hours and 29½ mins.

On the morning of the same day, the College Youths of Ashton-under-Line ascended St. Michael's fine Gothic tower, also in honour of the ancient English oak, and most nobly brought round a fine-rung peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in courses, containing 5,040 beautiful changes, in the quick time of two hours and 29½ mins.

On Saturday, June 4th, in honour of his Majesty's birthday, the Oldham Youths again ascended the Gothic tower at their village, and completed a fine peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, containing 5,040 changes, which they finely rung in the quick time of two hours and 29½ mins., in the ten-course method.

On Thursday, June 8th, from a friendly invitation, the College Youths of Ashton-under-Line, paid a visit to Mottram in Cheshire, and a select eight of them ascended the neat and Gothic tower at St. Mary's Church in that romantic village, and rung a charmingly fine peal, in ten courses of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in the very wonderful quick time of two hours and 23½ mins. The average speed of ringing this peal was thirty-five changes each minute, and towards the close of the peal thirty-six changes a minute, being the best and quickest ringing ever performed in this kingdom.

The College Youths of Ashton-under-Line, being highly pleased with their excursion to, and treatment at the romantic village of Hilly Mottram, in Longendale, Cheshire, they paid a second visit on Sunday morning, June the 19th, and highly delighted the natives in that part of the country with another remarkably fine rung peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in ten courses, containing 5,040 harmonious changes, which they completely and most nobly again brought round in the astonishing quick time of two hours and 23½ mins. Weight of the Mottram tenor 13 cwt. net bell metal.

The above eight peals being rung for practice, we must now approach towards the day of decision. Both companies of ringers met on the ground at Flixton, on Thursday, June 23rd, 1808, and each alternately ascended the Gothic tower of St. Michael's Church, and rung practice peals, according to their articles of ringing, during the day.

On Friday, June the 24th, early in the morning, both societies met and cast lots which company was to ring first. The Oldham Youths had the first innings, and they ascended St. Michael's Gothic tower at this village, and completely brought-round a fine and true rung

peal of Mr. John Holt's Grandsire Tripples, in ten courses, containing 5,040 changes, which they performed according to the articles of agreement, and in the quick time of two hours 32 mins. and 50 secs.

The College Youths of Ashton-under-Line ascended St. Michael's Gothic tower, and rung a superlatively fine half-peal (say, 2,520 changes), made the single in fine stile, and rang most nobly fine to the 21st treble lead of the sixth course, when the conductor of the peal called a bob two treble leads too soon, which threw the bells out of course, and then they were obliged to call bobs irregularly afterwards for some time. The two last courses were rung true, after all the misscalling; the single at last completely made, and round at the change of 5,012, being the two treble leads short of the whole peal (or 28 changes) which entitled the Oldham Youths to the wager of 40 guineas, and was paid to them by the decision of the four censurers and umpire, who were as follows:

- Ashton-under-Line Censurers.
Mr. Thomas Ogden, of Ashton-under-Line.
Mr. John Moss, of Ashton-under-Line.
Oldham Censurers.
Mr. Daniel Bamford, of Middleton.
Mr. John Amellows, of Oldham.
Ashton Treble lead taker down.
Mr. Joseph Tebbs, from Leeds.
Oldham Treble lead taker down.
Mr. Jonathan Hague, of Manchester.

The grand umpire for both parties, and sworn to do justice, was Mr. Joseph Grayson, silver plater, of Birmingham, but formerly of Sheffield, Yorkshire.

The ringing artists for this wager at Flixton were as follows:—

Ashton College Youths.		Oldham Youths.	
Treble, Mr. Jonathan Wild.		Treble, Mr. James Taylor.	
2. Mr. Thomas Dewsnap.		2. Mr. Robert Coope.	
3. Mr. Samuel Moss.		3. Mr. Henry Hindle.	
4. Mr. Thomas Hammond.		4. Mr. Joseph Newton.	
5. Mr. Aaron Walker.		5. Mr. William Rigby.	
6. Mr. Joseph Burgess.		6. Mr. Joshua Kershaw.	
7. Mr. James Moss.		7. Mr. John Whiteside.	
Tenor, Mr. Charles Greaves.		Tenor, Mr. James Gartside.	
Conductor, Mr. Jonathan Wild.		Conductor, Mr. Joseph Newton.	
Weight of the tenor, 14 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lb. net bell metal.			
Time of Ashton ringing 2 hours 34 mins. and 2 secs.			

The Society of College Youths of Ashton-under-Line received the following flattering testimonial from Ralph Wright, Esq., Justice of the Peace, at the village of Flixton, on this ringing occasion:—

'Mr. Wright has the honour to present his best compliments to Major Lees, and to request that he will take the trouble to divide ten guineas among the Ashton-under-Line ringers as a small compliment due to their merit on this day, in delighting the village of Flixton with their most excellent peal of Holt's Grandsire Tripples.—Flixton, Midsummer Day, 1808.

'N.B.—The inhabitants of Ashton-under-Line, and the Change ringers, conjecture that the conducting of the peal of Mr. John Holt's 5,040 changes, was wilfully lost at Flixton on the above day, and the Ashton College Youths purpose challenging the Oldham Youths to ring them again, the same peal, for one hundred guineas, on their own peal of eight bells, at Oldham, off hand, with another conductor.'

LOUGHBOROUGH TEN: ALPHA AND OMEGA

To the Editor.

Sir,—Deforme est de se ipsum predicare.' But when I was a careless schoolboy and my iron hoop didst become 'tired,' and verily did become unstuck, it didst cause me to muse and ponder over ye laws of matter, motion and force! Uh! I could howl when I even read ye 'R.W.'—but, 'Ecce audi.' Our friend 'O. A. B.' doth not muse and ponder on ye subject, but 'often hears, and even reads of metal becoming tired,' and even goeth so far as to say that ho knoweth 'how true it is.' Oh dear me! Perhaps ye great authority will enlighten ye whole Exercise on ye subject of 'tired metal,' especially on three points of vital import?

1. How and by what means may we distinguish ye 'tired bell' from that which is not in a state of fatigue?
2. What are ye chief factors which cause ye bell to become 'tired'?
3. And what restorative should we apply to bring about revivescence?

Oh! and 'just by ye way,' why keep booming Rudhall's 'Best'? Do give ye good old bells a rest or they will become weary! As a matter of fact, 'A.B.E.' was ye 'Bellytree Foet Laureate,' and he nearly strangled his vocabulary when he burst forth into poetic effusions, booming up his own works with vainglorious boasting inscription formulas! I need no convincing that they (the Rudhalls) were most skilful craftsmen, but 'A.B.E.' spoiled himself by 'slopping over' more than any of the others. Oh! and 'just edgeways,' ye can't have any more of ye Rudhall's fabrications for ye whole line are as dead as 'Queen Lizzie'!

But be of good cheer, friend, ye who wants a 'replica.' Oh, well, ye fact remains that ye 'Loughborough Ten' are superior, and speak for themselves! And that's that!

IRENEUS PISTOR.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

There are three churches at Ealing, Middlesex, and on Sunday, for the first time in one day, a quarter-peal was rung at each of them.—At Christ Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, H. A. Folkard 3, W. H. Hollier 4, C. Edwards 5, G. C. Iles 6, A. Harding 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr. (first quarter in the method) 1, E. J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, E. Harris 4, H. Belcher 5, W. H. Hollier 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr. 8.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to A. M. Stacey, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 47 mins.: L. H. Page (conductor) 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. B. Churchill 3, A. M. Stacey 4, P. W. Goodfellow 5, J. H. Hunnissett 6, A. Harding 7, H. A. Folkard 8. At the conclusion of the above, the clapper of the tenor dropped out.

SELBY ABBEY, YORKSHIRE—On Sunday, March 18th, at the Abbey Church of St. Mary and St. Germanus, for morning service, 413 Stedman Caters: B. Storr 1, J. W. Hall (conductor) 2, W. Hinton 3, J. Jackson 4, H. S. Morley 5, W. A. Hall 6, F. Cryer 7, G. Fenton 8, H. Fairlam 9, R. Moute 10. For evening service, 360 Bob Royal: G. Fenton 1, J. W. Hall 2, S. Morgan 3, J. Jackson 4, A. Cryer 5, W. A. Hall 6, F. Cryer 7, W. Hinton 8, H. Fairlam (conductor) 9, H. S. Morley 10. Also 395 Grandsire Caters.

COALBROOKDALE—On Sunday evening, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurslans'), in 43 mins.: H. Rixom 1, R. Evans 2, T. Abbott 3, W. Wase (conductor) 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders 6, W. Lago 7, J. Johnson 8. The ringer of the 3rd has recently returned from India.

ASHEAT, SURREY—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,260 changes): W. Cook 1, G. A. Cook 2, J. Beams 3, W. H. Corbett 4, G. Murriner 5, J. Hoyle 6, A. Harman (conductor) 7, A. Dean 8, followed by a short touch of Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Hoyle.

EXHALL, WARWICKSHIRE—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: A. Plackett 1, A. Sanders 2, F. Sanders 3, C. G. Bates 4, D. Ellender (conductor) 5, W. Smith 6. First 720 for ringers of treble and tenor.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK—At the Parish Church on Sunday, March 18th, for morning service 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Pierce 1, D. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, J. Ford 4, J. O'Neill 5, J. Howard 6, J. Larter 7, J. Jolly 8.—For evening service 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Hammond 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, A. H. Took 4, J. O'Neill 5, J. Howard 6, O. Moss 7, W. Pierce 8.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK—At St. Mary's Church, for afternoon service, on Sunday, March 18th, touches of Grandsire Minor, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Minor were rung by the local band.

HORLEY, SURREY—At the Church of St. Bartholomew on Sunday, Mar. 18th, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. Ellis 1, A. J. Bull 2, H. R. Thorpe 3, W. Beeson 4, G. Ellis 5, O. Sippetts (conductor) 6.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on March 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: L. Everest 1, C. Aylward 2, I. Cruwys 3, N. Butcher 4, H. Huntley 5, A. Longley 6, E. H. Everest (conductor) 7, A. Wiles 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who is only 12 years of age.

DEPTFORD, KENT—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, March 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, Miss Mabel A. Nye 3, G. Norris 4, T. A. Easterby 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX—On Sunday evening, 18th March, for service, a quarter-peal Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 51 mins.: A. G. Crane 1, A. R. Glascock 2, G. Ricot 3, W. Pickworth 4, G. Rester 5, J. E. Miller 6, John Armstrong 7, H. Miller 8, G. W. Fletcher 9, P. H. Bigg 10. First quarter-peal Grandsire Caters by ringers of 3 and tenor.

PETERBOROUGH—For evensong, at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday, March 18th, 528 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, S. Wright 2, H. Beecher 3, W. Cross, junr., 4, W. Cross 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

BARNES—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: *W. C. Stacey 1, H. Barret 2, W. H. Stevens 3, M. Jacobs 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. F. W. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8. * First quarter-peal.

LINTON, KENT—On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Button 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, Miss R. Thomas 3, G. Pound 4, H. Baker 5, T. E. Sone (composer and conductor) 6, L. Head 7, C. H. Sone 8.

WICKWAR, GLOUCESTERSHIRE—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on March 11th, 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor by the local band: A. Dyer 1, Henry Hale 2, W. Dyer (conductor) 3, H. V. Robinson 4, Fred Handoll 5, A. Handoll 6. First 720 in this method by all the band.

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NOTICES.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A District meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalen, Harlow Common, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available 2 p.m. A tea will be kindly provided at 5 p.m. (followed by a business meeting). Buses leave Bishops Stortford 2.30 passing through Sawbridgeworth, Harlow Town, Epping, 1 and 3.45.—F. Dench, Hon. Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Highgate, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 3.30 until 5. Business meeting to follow. It is hoped tea can be arranged. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above Branch will be held at Church Kirk, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Anne's-on-Sea, on Saturday, March 24th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, March 24th, at 3.30 p.m.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., 96, Grappenhall.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Western Division will be held at Steyning on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Service at 4. Tea at the Parish Rooms at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Cranford on Saturday, March 24th. Bells ready at 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Gentlemen heartily invited.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., Isham, near Kettering.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Lenton, Nottingham, on Saturday, March 24th. Ringing from 4 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Peckleton and Kirkby Mallory on Saturday, March 24th. Bells available at both towers at 4. Business meeting will be held in belfry at Peckleton 7 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—General committee meeting Monday, March 26th, 7 p.m., at the Edinburgh. Practice, Bishopsgate, Monday, April 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Quarterly general meeting, St. Clement Danes, Monday, April 16th, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8.15 p.m., at the Edinburgh.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting at St. George's, Bolton, postponed from March 24th until April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ST. MARY'S, ISLINGTON.—Practice every Friday evening 7.30 to 9. Will all old Holloway men kindly make an effort to attend these practices?—J. Bullock and A. Turner.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 31st, at Whittlesey. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

EASTER MEETINGS.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923. Meeting for election of officers and other business will be held at the Church House, adjoining St. Mary le Tower Church, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Rev. Canon Douglas Hamilton will preside. Arrangements are being made for ringing at the various churches in the town. A good attendance is desired.—George Wilson, Sec. (*pro tem.*), 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Brislington. Bells (8) available throughout the day. All applications for tea (for which a charge of 2/- per head will be made) should reach Mr. J. W. Cowling, 54, High Street, Bridlington, not later than first post on Tuesday, March 27th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Easter Monday. Service at St. Nicholas Church, 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each, free to members, Church Hall. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome. Bells (8) available.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 2nd. General meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., Dean. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15, with address by the Dean. Tea at 5.15 for all who notify me before Wednesday, March 28th. A small charge will be made. Bells, Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m., All Saints (10), St. Helen (8), St. Nicholas (6) and St. John (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained in St. Helen's Church House, before 12 and 1.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Annual meeting at Uckfield on Easter Monday. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea at 'The Holly Bush,' 5 (1/6 each). Business meeting to follow. Those intending to be present please notify the Divisional Secretary by Wednesday, March 28th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at St. Albans, on Easter Monday. Ringing at the four towers from 2 p.m. Earlier ringing can be had at the six-bell towers by request. Choral service in the Cathedral 'Under the Tower' at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. Can we include you in our tea party? I hope so. Please let me know.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, meeting after. Those expecting tea must notify Mr. W. Allin, 86, Church Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts, not later than 27th March.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the association will be held in the Priory Hall, Great Yarmouth, at 12 o'clock on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Luncheon will be served at Goode's Hotel, Marine Parade, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each. Members intending to be present at the luncheon kindly notify to the secretary not later than Thursday, March 29th. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon R. Aubrey Aitken) the ring of twelve bells at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas will be available. — Arthur L. Coleman, General and Branch Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The bells at All Saints', St. Alkmund's, St. Peter's and St. Luke's will be available for ringing from 10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Certificate Sub-Committee will meet at 2.45, and the Ordinary Committee at 3.15 in St. Alkmund's Institute. There will be a service at All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Nottingham. Collection for the Bell Repair Fund. Tea will be at 4.45 in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, and the general meeting will follow immediately after tea. The charge for tea will be 2s. per head, and I am asked to give particular notice that all requiring same should give notice to the Derby hon. sec., Mr. A. Braines, 1, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby, not later than Wednesday, March 28th. A smoking concert has been arranged to commence at 8 o'clock in the Assembly Rooms.—A. Coningsby Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Chatham on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Committee meeting in St. Mary's Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at noon. Dinner in Workman's Hall, 1.15 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open for ringing, St. Mary's, Chatham (8), St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Gillingham (8), Rainham (8). Apply for dinner tickets (1/- each), before March 28th, to Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Precincts, Canterbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service at noon addressed by the Rev. S. T. Adams, Hon. Canon of Ely and Rural Dean. Luncheon 1 p.m. The bells of Great St. Mary's, St. Andrew's and the Roman Catholic Church available, also, in the afternoon, Old Chesterton (6).—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashstead on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at Huntleys Tea Gardens, will those requiring tea kindly inform me not later than Wednesday, March 28th, so that accommodation can be reserved.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Secretary, 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—At the annual meeting on Easter Monday, Mr. E. P. Debenham will move the following alteration of first section of Rule 9, 'No peal of 5,000 changes or upwards on five or more bells shall be entered in the Peal Book that is not recognised as such by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, or other body for the time being exercising the powers of the Central Council with regard to Peals.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Opening of Ten-bell peal at St. James', Trowbridge. A Quarterly meeting will be held at Trowbridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The existing 8 bells available for visitors from 2 till 3 p.m. Service 3 p.m. After the service the peal of ten available for afternoon and evening. A free meat tea will be kindly provided in St. James' Hall at 5 p.m. All ringers invited. Those intending to be present should advise me by March 28th.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting will be held in St. Mary le Tower Church House, Ipswich, on Easter Monday at 2.30 p.m. Ringing as usual.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting of the above branch will take place at Slough on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923, when members and friends will be welcomed by the Vicar. Service at the Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute 5.30 p.m. Branch business at 6.30 p.m. The following Towers will be open for visitors during the morning by kind permission of the clergy. Old Windsor 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Burnham 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wooburn 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Windsor after meeting. Will ringers, all of whom will be heartily welcome, kindly notify me by 30th instant of their intention to be present.—Alfred J. Harman, 2, St. Mary's Cottages, Grove Road, Windsor.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater All Saints (6) on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Those intending to be present at tea kindly inform me by 26th, inst.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9 a.m., St. Peter's (6) later; service in St. Paul's at 12.30. Luncheon at St. Paul's Mission Room at 1, to be followed by the annual business meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. Meat tea (1/6 each) will be provided in the Priory Gate House at 5 p.m. if 20 or more names are sent to Mr. H. Haigh, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop, not later than Wednesday, March 28th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem*), 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Cheterick Bridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at the Oak Tree Inn, members 1/6, non-members 2/6. Those intending to be at dinner must notify the Hon. Sec., not later than Tuesday, March 28.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, N. Ormsby, Middlesborough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—North East Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield, (6) on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea should send their names to me by April 3rd.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornfield, Hon. Sec. 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than March 31st.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the above association will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. J. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, April 7th. Service at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the President, Rev. F. R. Bonsey. Tea and business meeting at St. Giles' School House, Endell Street, at 5 p.m. By the kindness of the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies), tea will be provided at the reduced charge of 6d. per member, and admission will be by ticket only. Secretaries of local bands, and individual members, should apply to either of the undersigned for admission tickets not later than Wednesday, April 4th. Payment may be made at time of application, or on the day of meeting. Arrangements for ringing are as follows: St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting, St. Clement Danes (10), from 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Bartholomew the Great (5), from 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E. 17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W. 4, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whetstone on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform J. H. Richardson, High Street, Whetstone, before April 6th. Reports for 1923 can be had at this meeting, 1/- each, or from H. E. Norman, District Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.30 p.m., in the Oddfellows Hall, Friar Street, Reading, near St. Laurence's Church. Notice of motion must reach General Secretary at least 10 days before meeting. Will all committeemen intending to be present please notify me, so that tea may be arranged for at the Master's invitation?—Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, April 7th.—Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Eight Bells at 5 p.m., by the kind invitation of L. J. Hodson, Esq., business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, April 3rd?—G. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The memorial to the ringers who fell in the Great War will be unveiled in Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 o'clock. Seats will be reserved

for relatives. For tickets apply, enclosing stamped envelope, to E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock, a short service at 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting after. All ringers intending being at the meeting please let me know not later than Tuesday, 10th April, and oblige. St. Michael's Tower will be open for ringing in the evening.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

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ANCIENT BELLS.

Although the trouble, which has recently occurred in a Kentish parish through the 'mutilation' of old bells in the process of rehangng, was not connected with a peal used for change ringing, the subject is certainly one which concerns ringers. With the incident at Chalk, and upon whom the blame rests, we have nothing to do, but we have on more than one occasion in this column pointed out that when bell restorations are taken in hand, the comparatively few really ancient bells which we now possess ought to be jealously guarded. The destruction of bells of real antiquarian interest in the past has robbed the present and future generations of valuable relics, which, once lost, can never be replaced. Some of these old bells may have been perfectly useless in conjunction with a modern ring, and because of this they have been sacrificed. Those that are gone, are gone for ever, and no amount of lamentation will bring them back. With those, however, that still remain, it is a different matter.

When restorations are contemplated, the fact ought not to be overlooked that these ancient bells, particularly those of the pre-Reformation period, however crude they may be as 'musical' instruments, are, after all, specimens of the bell founder's art which in themselves are archæologically valuable, and which will increase in value as the centuries pass. There is also a sentiment in regard to them which ought not to be ignored, and to put them into the melting-pot is rank vandalism. Where there are precious relics of this kind, and it is impossible to utilise them in connection with a restoration scheme, they ought to be preserved and retained in an honoured place in the church. It is true that such action would involve a greater expense than if the old bells went into the new peal, but we think little of a parish that would not gladly meet this extra outlay to preserve such relics.

We are glad to observe that a strong point is made of this matter in the joint report of the conference between the Central Council and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. That valuable old specimens of mediæval handicraft have been ruthlessly sacrificed in the past has been one of the reasons why antiquarians sometimes put obstacles in the way of the restoration of bells to make them pealable. It may be urged, and quite rightly, that what has happened has seldom been the fault of ringers; but, as ringers, we look upon ourselves as guardians of the bells, and wherever a church possesses bells cast by an early founder, special responsibility falls upon the ringers to see that such specimens of ancient work do not irretrievably disappear before some authority has had the opportunity of expressing an opinion upon their antiquarian value.

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On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Four Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.	
WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 10
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
FRANK I. HAIRS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

ALBERT ELLIS Treble	JOHN COOK 5
JOHN AKEHURST 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
WALTER CHARMAN 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

The thanks of the ringers are due to the Vicar, Rev. Sir Paget Bowman, for the use of the bells, also to a local gentleman, Mr. Worsfold, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ROBERT ANDERSON Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER 5
JOHN ANDERSON 2	†ADAM, DEAS 6
JOHN F. BIRD 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
*ERNEST FENWICK 4	ALBERT HALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, Mar. 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALFRED TOMLINSON Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH ... 5
MARGARET HOULDSWORTH ... 2	JNO. WHEWELL 6
ELLEN SHAW 3	JAS. HOULDSWORTH 7
JAS. SHAW 4	L. J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

The composition is now rung for the first time. This peal was arranged for L. J. Williams, it being his first in the method.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, Mar. 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	JAMES DURRANT 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	JAMES ROSE 7
GEORGE A. FLEMING 4	ALBERT A. FLEMING Tenor

Composed by DR. F. V. MEADOWS. Conducted by C.-SGT. J. BENNETT.

This is the 150th peal rung upon the bells since their dedication as a ring of eight on May 15th, 1902. For calling see C.C. Collection, Section II, No. 121.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, Mar. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*PERCIVAL W. NORTON ... Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	GEORGE M. KILBY 7
†EDWARD LANKESTER... .. 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Mar. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*LEONARD SHAW Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
*JOHN A. BREARLEY 2	*ALBERT HELLIWELL 6
*WM. A. WOOLER 3	†JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
SAM. HARRISON 4	WM. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung with the bells half-muffled for John Wilmot, a brother ringer at the above church, who died March 12th and was interred at Bolsterstone on March 15th.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Mar. 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	WILLIAM T. LAST 6
*GEORGE PRYKE 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	WILLIAM RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. T. LAST.
* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, Mar. 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

*BENJAMIN J. TOBY ... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
†ALLAN C. JONES 2	DAVID R. JAMES 6
RICHARD EVANS... .. 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on an 'inside' bell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, Mar. 21, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

FREDERICK CLARKE ... Treble	GEORGE PETTER 5
GEORGE TOMSETT 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 6
EDWARD ETHERIDGE 3	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7
GEORGE J. NICHOLLS 4	WALTER ENTICKNAP Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE TOMSETT.

This was Walter Enticknap's first attempt for a peal. He is 16½ years of age. A birthday compliment to G. Tomsett and E. Etheridge.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, Mar. 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5378 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
ERNEST PALMER 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

HARRY OVERTON Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
JOHN HAYES 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
RICHARD T. HOLDING... .. 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JAMES H. RIDING.

HENBURY, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT JEFFERIES ... Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
P. C. CYRIL HARDING ... 2	ERNEST PALMER 6
REGINALD DEVENISH ... 3	JOHN G. JEFFERIES 7
WILLIAM HEWITT 4	JOSEPH GOULD Tenor

Conducted by J. G. JEFFERIES.

Arranged for P. C. Harding who was stationed at Henbury, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. James. The ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 6th and 7th are from Mangotsfield, the rest are local men.

THUROASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON ... Treble	PERCY HARRISON 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
G. STEDMAN MORRIS 3	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	*ROY C. RIMINGTON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal and hails from Manchester. Specially rung to mark the 50th birthday of Mr. T. Rimington, donor of the 2nd bell, and for his nephew's first peal. Mr. T. Rimington kindly entertained the band at the Victoria Hotel, Leicester, to dinner and a convivial evening afterwards.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

GEORGE W. BRAME ... Treble	WILFRED H. BUXTON... .. 5
WILLIAM FOYSER... .. 2	J. ARTHUR ORGILL 6
CYRIL J. JENNINGS 3	WILLIAM A. PARSONS 7
JOHN W. GLEW 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells, and the first since they were rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

**PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.**

*On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

†EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 3	FREDRICK W. RISEWORTH 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	*WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Treble

Conducted by OLIVER G. NORMAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Triples in the method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

**STRETTON, CHESHIRE,
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Thursday, Mar. 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,*

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, two of Kent and three of Oxford Treble Bob.

*SYDNEY SAGE Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 4
*HARRY FAIRCLOUGH 2	*JOHN H. DAVENPORT ... 5
*ERNEST BOSTOCK 3	LEONARD BOSTOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells by a local band. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. A. Hatton.

NEWHURCH, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, Mar. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

WILLIAM GOULD Treble	WILLIAM HAMPSON 4
GEORGE POWNALL 2	JOHN YATES 5
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	*FRED PAGE Tenor

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal of Minor.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

**THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.**

*On Wednesday, Mar. 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE MASON Treble	JOHN FOSTER 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	BERT GOGLE 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	*RALPH NARBOROUGH... Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

* First peal in three methods.

LONDON.

**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, Mar. 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW-THE-GREAT, SMITHFIELD,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 3
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4
REUBEN SANDERS Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

This peal was rung to commemorate the 800th Anniversary of the dedication of the Church. It is believed to be the first peal rung on the bells, which are all of pre-Reformation origin.

First peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the tenor.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, Mar. 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... Treble	JOHN WOOLLEY 4
WALTER FLITTON 2	WILFRID HOOTON 5
PERCY WEBB 3	ARTHUR G. LILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILFRID HOOTON.

CREATON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Stedman Doubles, 12 six-scores of Bob Doubles and 20 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

FRED HOPPER Treble	†JOHN A. TOWNSEND 3
FRANK ROLLINGS... .. 2	*TOM TEBBUTT 4
THOMAS LAW Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS LAW.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Miss Landon after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.

*On Tuesday, Mar. 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 'St. MICHAEL'S,' JOSEPH'S ROAD,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART, Tenor size 15 in C.	
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4	GEORGE PETTER 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Witness: MRS. HAZELDEN.

This was Mr. G. Petter's first peal on handbells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*EDWARD JENKINS 1-2	†FRANCIS BIBBY... .. 5-6
†JOHN BIBBY 3-4	†WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (146). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Umpire: MR. H. C. COLLYER.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal of Major 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOUCESTER.

**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)**

*On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON... .. 1-2	†GEOFFERY J. HEMMING ... 5-6
JOSEPH J. JOHNSON 3-4	†JAMES HEMMING 7-8
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9-10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 304). Conducted by MISS N. JOHNSON. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs J. Hemming and Mr. J. D. Johnson.

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ELTHAM BELLS TO BE RESTORED. TO BE MADE INTO AN OCTAVE.

An appeal is being made for funds for the restoration and augmentation of the bells at Eltham, Kent. After the war the Council of the Parish Church was faced with several problems involving repairs to the structure and furniture of the church. Of these the most urgent were the cleaning of the organ, and the restoration of the bells and clock. The former has been completed, and the Council now propose to take in hand the more formidable task of restoring the bells and clock. For many years the clock, which was erected in the tower in 1884 has not been doing its duty properly as the chief clock of the village, partly on account of repairs necessary to its own works, and partly because the mechanism which connects it to the bells for chiming the hours and quarters is worn out. Further, some months ago the wheel of one of the bells broke, and the Council took the opportunity of having the belfry and clock surveyed by an expert. The survey revealed the fact that the wooden framework and wheels are in a state of decay, that three of the bells are cracked, and that any money spent on repairs would be wasted—total restoration being necessary.

The history of the bells is lost in the mists of antiquity. Ancient records, however, inform us that in 1467 there were three great bells in the steeple and a Sanctus bell of brass. In 1571 two of these bells were recast: the peal was again recast and a tenor added in 1610: the whole peal was again recast in 1794. In 1879 the tower of the present church was completed and the bells rehung on the old framework. In 1897 the wheels were repaired and the bells quarter-turned. Hence, when considering their great age, the condition of the bells is not surprising, and it has, therefore, been decided to embark on the work of restoration, and at the same time to complete the peal by the addition of two bells.

This will entail: (1) Clearing the tower of existing bells and clock; (2) fixing a new steel frame with eight bells, the metal of the old six bells being used in the new peal; (3) repairing and cleaning the clock, replacing it in the tower and connecting to the bells with modern mechanism; (4) providing a new clock face on the east side of the tower, i.e., facing up the High Street.

The modern method of casting and tuning bells, says the appeal, results in a tone far superior to that produced by the present bells, and this combined with certain alterations to the windows of the tower, which will throw the sound higher, will completely do away with the rather harsh tone at present noticeable by those in the close vicinity of the church.

The total sum required for this is about £850, and the whole work will be entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston of Croydon. Subscriptions (however small and by instalments if desired) are invited, and may be sent to Captain W. Anderson, M.C., 8, Sherard Road, Eltham, S.E.9, the hon. secretary and treasurer of the Eltham Bells and Clock Fund. Should a person or group of persons wish to give a bell either as a memorial or from any other motive, the Council would gladly allow the bell to be suitably inscribed.

The appeal has the support of many leading people of Eltham, and it is interesting to note that the list includes the names of the Wesleyan and Baptist Ministers.

DEATH OF MR. SPENCER MARSHALL.

It is with regret we have to record the death of Mr. Spencer Marshall, which took place suddenly on March 17th, at the early age of 35 years. The deceased was born at Rainham, Kent, and started ringing there in 1904. He rang his first peal at Sittingbourne. About 1906 his family moved to Bromley, Kent, and he joined the band at the parish church, and rang several peals with them. Working at Bexley Heath, he used to visit Crayford on practice nights and do his Sunday ringing at Bromley when he went home at the week-end. During the war he worked at Weybridge, Surrey, and took part in whatever ringing was available in that district.

Returning to his old employer after the war, he resided permanently at Bexley Heath, and joined the Crayford band, being a most regular attendant. He rang his last peal at St. John's, Deptford, last December, this being a Foresters' peal, conducted by Mr. W. J. Jeffries.

After ringing was suspended at Crayford last September, he, with three others, concentrated on handbells, and had it not been for Mr. E. Barnett, senr.'s, long illness would doubtless have rang a peal, having rung over half-way several times before Christmas. His peals number about 36, several of which he conducted, his last as conductor being Holt's Original at Crayford.

He had been subject to fits from a child, and he passed away in one of these seizures.

The funeral took place at Crayford on Thursday last, the Rev. Canon Jones (Rector) officiating. The deceased was carried to the grave by four of his brother ringers, and the lesson in church was read by Mr. E. Barnett, junr., who also carried the processional cross. A fortnight before his death he paid a visit to Whitechapel Foundry to see Crayford bells, and they were due to reach the church on the day of the funeral. Fortunately they did not arrive until the following day.—R.I.P.

FIVE-TONED OPINIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note, with interest, the very courteous letter in the issue of March 16th by the Rev. C. H. Clarke; also those in recent numbers. As Mr. Clarke truly says, in this small hide-bound convention-ridden, 'British-Navy-girt portion of the terrestrial sphere it has always been our proud boast that each and every citizen, be he ever so humble, is entitled to hold and to hold forth on "his own opinion." The aforesaid citizen is also entitled forcibly to inculcate his opinion on the rest of his compeers, of course, always providing the aforesaid compeers will allow him so to do. We admit that this great and glorious privilege has two disadvantages; some people have an unacceptable opinion, and will express it and other people have a good and sound opinion and can't be made to voice it. Mr. Barnett, to my thinking, had a sound opinion, and he had the courage to voice his opinion, and opinions voiced, as his was, lead to discussions which open the eyes of some at least, and cause them to think, and only good can come from sound thinking and honest debating on well-grounded opinions, and the Exercise owes a debt of gratitude to men like Mr. Barnett who have the courage to voice their beliefs in the face of decided opposition. And if this controversy will advance the art of campanology, by leading to improvements in tone and life of resonance, the Exercise will owe my old friend more than an ordinary debt of gratitude. The opinions already voiced include those of the expert Mr. Jerram, 'A Flat,' 'A Flat Seventh,' the very courteous letters of the Rev. C. H. Clarke, the very lucid and soundly-reasoned letter of Mr. A. P. Smith, and the letter which friend 'Irenæus Pistor' has not 'half done.' One could almost persuade oneself that Irenæus had really taken counsel's opinion on the case; and one wonders what size of a refresher the momentous brief is marked with, but I still agree with 'A Flat' when he says that he cannot see what relation rubber is to copper; it is no more like rubber than a minor canon is like a gun of large calibre nor has as much resemblance to tin as 'A Flat' bears to a metallurgist. But all castings being formed in a molten state, bear more than a marked resemblance one to another in their traits, be they copper, iron, steel or rubber; and the effect of machinery on each is the same, the effect of chipping is the same; but the effect of the one operation is not the same as the other. All castings have a power of resilience, and it has not yet been proved to us (as ringers) what operation effects that resilience most. No doubt none but the most expert metallurgists could give us these formulae, and as yet the very few members of the Exercise who have this knowledge (I only know one) have not spoken. In conclusion, I should like to point out to 'Irenæus Pistor' that Bradford Cathedral bells have replaced a peal which had not even reached middle age. There are people alive to-day who remember Bradford old bells in their pristine glory, when there was music in their voices, but not a soul regretted their demise, nor was it necessary to request 'no flowers.' 'Irenæus Pistor,' my hat is off to you. I can joust with a rubber quarter staff, an ye will't.—Yours sincerely,
ONCE A BEGINNER.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Feltham on Saturday, March 17th, when over 40 ringers attended, it being an ideal afternoon. The Ringing Master (Mr. R. Holloway) and the hon. secretary arrived at the church just before 3 o'clock, to find only Mr. J. R. Mackman, of Reading, and another waiting. Within a few minutes, however, St. Mary's (Ealing) cycle section arrived, led by Mr. F. Goodfellow, and they were followed closely by Mr. W. Welling and his Boy Scout band from Windsor on their 'steeds.' The bells were then set going to various touches from Grand sire to Double Norwich.

The Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Browell) attended the tea at the Parish Hall, at the invitation of the hon. secretary, and welcomed the association to Feltham, this being the first occasion he had had the pleasure of meeting the members.

At the business meeting, presided over by the Ringing Master, the usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mr. Denford (host), and steeplekeeper, after which the tower was again visited, and touches up to Cambridge Surprise was rung. The bells were kept going till 9 o'clock, when a pleasant afternoon ended.

THE BREAKING UP OF OLD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the 'formal inquiry' held at Chalk, it should be borne in mind by your readers that the founders are not always to blame for breaking up old bells. Founders are business people who have to show the largest profit they can on their year's work, and, as an employe of a firm of contractors, I can truthfully say that 90 per cent. of contracting firms would willingly smash up and recast, even the Pearly Gates, as they received the order so to do. Sentiment and business do not agree; the sentiment, if any, should be shown by those who place the order, and no amount of 'skilful commercial travelling' should allow the placer of the contract to allow himself to be talked into allowing the contractor to make the contract a 'bigger job,' by breaking up and recasting.—Yours faithfully,
ONCE A BEGINNER.

CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 1922 MEETING.

The second session of the eleventh Council (thirtieth meeting) was held in the historic Chapter House at Lincoln Cathedral, on Tuesday, June 6th, at 11 a.m.

The chair was taken by the President, Canon Coleridge, who opened the meeting with prayer.

The Dean of Lincoln then extended a welcome to the Council, and referred briefly to the dangerous condition of the towers in the Cathedral. He gave also a short description of the Ringers' Chapel and the old Ringing Guilds. The President expressed the Council's thanks for the welcome given to them, and for the kindness of the Dean and Chapter in placing the Chapter House at their disposal.

The minutes of the last meeting having been published, were taken as read, and duly confirmed and signed.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. A. H. Boughey, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Rev. E. S. Powell, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. G. Bolland, J. Carter, W. T. Cockerill, R. A. Daniel, C. Edwards, P. J. Johnson, E. H. Lewis, W. Lawrence, T. Law, W. J. Nevard, A. Roberts, J. R. Sharman, W. Shepherd, W. Storey, W. R. Small, A. Paddon Smith and J. A. Trollope.

The President explained that owing to an important engagement in London he would have to leave early (much to his regret, as he had not missed a meeting since the Council was formed). It was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, that on the president retiring, Alderman J. S. Pritchett should take the chair.

The President then referred to the serious loss the Council had sustained by the death of Mr. A. T. King, and made special reference to his arduous work on the Peals Analysis Committee. As a token of respect, and to express sympathy with Mr. King's family, those present rose in silence.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with £37 10s. 6d. in hand, and that affiliation fees amounted to £12 2s. 6d., interest on stock to £4 5s. 8d., and sale of publications to £2 13s. 8d. The expenditure was £17 6s. 8d., leaving 15s. in hand, and a balance at the bank of £47 10s. 8d. (apart from the sum of £100 previously invested by the Council). The statement of accounts having been audited in detail by the Standing Committee, was, on the proposal of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, duly accepted as correct.

The Honorary Librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported that during the twelve months 469 copies of publications had been sold, against 419 in the previous year. The profits of the sales were £2 13s. 8d., against £3 17s. 9d., the reduced profit being due to the increased cost of advertising. With regard to the library, it grew slowly, and he now had the record of ringing news from 1871 to the present date, with the exception of five years—1901, 1902, 1906 to 1909.—On the motion of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the librarian's report was adopted.

Mr. H. Chapman said that Mr. Samuel Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, had all the 'Bell News' from the beginning, which he would be willing to give to the library, and the offer of the copies to complete the collection was accepted with thanks.—On the motion of Mr. G. P. Burton, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, it was agreed to have the volumes bound at 5s. each.

Election of Honorary Members.—The President having pointed out the desirability of maintaining one vacancy, it was proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by Mr. J. George, and carried, that the retiring members be re-elected. These were the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. H. Chapman, Mr. J. W. Parker and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (the late Mr. A. T. King's place thus not being filled).

The Peals Collection Committee.—Mr. H. W. Wilde presented a statement on behalf of this committee, and it was resolved, on the motion of the President that the same be received, and also that the librarian be authorised to send one of the typed copies of the collection of Treble Bob peals to the chairman of the committee.

The Literature and Press Committee.—Mr. W. Willson presented a report for this committee stating that they were on the alert for any Bill inimical to the interests of ringers, which might be introduced into Parliament, and that the committee were prepared to give their assistance to any company where local attempt was made to suppress change ringing; in which case the facts concisely stated, should be sent in the first instance to the secretary of the Council.—On the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded by Mr. W. A. Cave, the report was adopted.

The President here relinquished the chair, which was then taken by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, who expressed his appreciation of the compliment paid to him, and referred to the honour which was about to be conferred upon the president, and which was the cause of his now leaving for London, viz., to receive at the hand of the Duke of Connaught the appointment of Provincial Grand Chaplain of the Mark Masons of England. Alderman J. S. Pritchett, as Recorder of Lincoln, in the absence of the Mayor, and on behalf of the city, also extended to the Council a most cordial welcome.

The Methods Committee.—The Rev. H. Law James gave a general report on behalf of this committee, and said that he thought the time had now come when some of the work done by this committee should be put into print, for which he had an estimate for £20 5s. 6d.—It was proposed by Mr. J. Griffin and seconded by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, that the tender of the 'Ringing World' to print 500 copies each of Plain Major Methods and the collection of Little Methods be accepted, and this was carried.—On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was also decided to leave to the committee the responsibility of naming the methods or otherwise.

The Peals Analysis Committee.—The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, in moving the adoption of this report, referred to the great loss the committee had sustained by the death of Mr. A. T. King.—On the proposal of Mr. T. H. Beams, seconded by Mr. E. Alexr. Young, the report was carried.—The Rev. E. W. Carpenter then referred to the whole question of the Nomenclature of Minor Methods, having regard especially to the principle of priority of use, and on the motion of the Rev. C. C. Marshall, seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, the committee were empowered to take this question up, and on the proposal of Mr. J. George, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, Mr. J. W. Parker's name was added to the committee.

The Towers and Belfries Committee.—On the motion of Mr. E. Alexr. Young, seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was added to this committee. The latter then, in the absence of Mr. E. H. Lewis, read the report, the adoption of which was moved by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, and seconded by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore. After reference to the committee's work, especially with regard to the joint conference with the S.P.A.B. (the papers of which were on the table), the report was adopted, and the chairman congratulated the committee upon the useful work which had been done.

The Records Committee.—The Rev. A. T. Beeston presented the report of this committee (which is compiling an official list of the 'first peals' and 'longest lengths' in the various methods). He said that further work remained to be done, and suggested that the printing of the schedule should stand over for another year. The report and suggestion were, on the motion of Mr. H. Chapman, seconded by Mr. H. Argyle, adopted, and thanks extended to the committee for their work.

Alderman Chambers moved a resolution 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 are insufficient to meet the cost.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Willson.—During debate, a suggestion as an amendment, was made by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by Mr. F. Hoggood, that 'the county and diocesan associations be asked to consider the possibility of establishing in their respective areas a bell restoration fund, etc.' After some further debate the amendment was accepted by the proposers, and the resolution in that form carried.

Before rising for lunch, the Chairman referred to the fund being raised to restore the Western towers at Lincoln Cathedral, and it was agreed to take a collection with the result that nine guineas was received and subsequently sent to the Dean.

After the interval, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies called attention to a feature of Holt's peals of Grandsire Triples in connection with a statement on page 12 of the 2nd edition (1905) of 'Grandsire' in the Snowdon series: wherein the Editor states that the calling of the two halves of the ten-part, starts in opposite directions from the same point, and those of the six-part from two points a lead apart from each other. But that the reverse was in reality the case. He exhibited a diagram, with a few leads pricked out in full, to prove the correctness of his argument. No resolution, however, was made, and the subject dropped.

The Rev. H. Drake moved, 'That the Council draw up a card of instructions, on the care and use of bells, suitable for hanging in a tower.' This being seconded by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, was, after general debate, carried with two dissentients; the bell founders present kindly offering to assist in the drawing up of the proposed card.

The Rev. H. Drake then moved his further resolution, 'That every tower should be officially affiliated to some one society and only one.'—This was seconded by Mr. C. Mee.—It was, however, generally held to be unwise to carry such a resolution, and it was defeated by a large majority.

Mr. A. E. Parsons moved, 'That the Council consider the advisability and practicability of proving and recording all new compositions before they are rung or published.'—This was seconded by Mr. W. Short, and after some debate 'Standing Committee' was substituted in the place of 'Council.' But on being put to the meeting the motion was defeated.

Mr. E. Alexr. Young, referring to the proposed exhibit in respect to Campanology at the Science Museum, proposed 'That a committee be appointed to deal with the case generally,' and suggested as members the names of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, the Rev. E. Banks James, Mr. C. Johnston, and himself.—This was seconded by Mr. A. E. Parsons.—By general agreement the names of Mr. E. H. Lewis, Mr. Pryce Taylor and Mr. A. A. Hughes were added, and the formation of the committee, as augmented, was carried.

A resolution, of which Mr. J. H. Banks had sent late notice, was formally moved by Canon H. J. Elsee. It was to the effect 'That in future no method be named after a county or county town, without the consent of the principal ringing association within the area.'—The motion, however, did not find favour, and was defeated.

The Standing Committee having suggested that next year's meeting be held at Cardiff. That place was proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Griffin, but was subsequently withdrawn in favour of Plymouth; Mr. J. Hunt proposed Bath; Mr. T. H. Beams, Salisbury; and Mr. Bibby, Chester. All were duly seconded. The latter, however, was withdrawn, and Plymouth, Bath and Salisbury receiving 2, 15 and 28 votes respectively, it was accordingly decided to hold the meeting at Salisbury.

On the motion of Mr. J. Griffin, seconded by Mr. G. Williams, it was resolved to communicate officially a report of the proceedings of the Council to the affiliated associations, by sending a leaflet, being the summary appearing in 'The Ringing World.'

It was proposed by the Rev. Canon H. J. Elsee, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Griffin, that the librarian be asked to ascertain the cost of engrossing on parchment, the names of ringers who fell in the great war, and that he report the same to the Council.—This was carried.

The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for kindly allowing the Council to meet in the Chapter House.—This was carried with acclamation, as was also a vote of thanks to the chairman, proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies. — The Chairman briefly replied, and the meeting closed about 4.30.

E. ALEX. YOUNG Hon. Sec.

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BOLSTERSTONE RINGERS' LOSS.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN WILMOT.

In John Wilmot, Bolsterstone ringers have lost a staunch and loyal member. Born in Devonshire in 1867, he first learnt to ring a bell as a lad in that country of cream and cider, and, although, wherever he went (and he was a great roamer, having been to several English Colonies) he always visited the nearest tower and rang with the ringers there, he never learnt change ringing till he went to Bolsterstone about eight or nine years ago. Since then he has been most enthusiastic and regular in his attendance at service ringing. On the occasion of his first peal two years ago, on New Year's Eve, he rang the tenor to a peal of Minor on the front six, with the 7th and tenor covering, a monotonous job which no one but a real enthusiast would attempt. After much struggling and many attempts he rang the 6th to a peal of Bob Major, a good peal, on December 31st last—his first and last peal inside, for he was even then suffering from the complaint of which he died. After the peal he presented a splendid oak framed mirror to the tower, in appreciation of the ringers' efforts to teach him change ringing.

His death occurred after an operation at the Sheffield Royal Infirmary. When he knew he would have to go there on some date unknown, he said, 'If I don't turn up some Sunday morning or to a practice you will know where I am,' and we did.

During the last seven or eight years the deceased has also fulfilled the duties of sidesman at St. Mary's, where his regularity at service was much appreciated. A man who had worked hard all his life, chiefly on public works, he was noted for his great physical and moral strength, his uprightness and honesty of character, and he will be greatly missed, both by his fellow workmen and his brother ringers. In the tower, his quiet geniality, his kindly and practical help and general ability in all matters connected with the bells were invaluable, and his untimely death will leave a gap not easily filled. May he rest in peace.

J. R. B.

STOKE DAMEREL BELLS TO BE RESTORED

The fine peal of six bells at the old church of Stoke Damerel, Devonport, are, owing to their bad state, to be restored by Messrs. Aggett and Sons. The bells were cast by Bilbie, of Collumpton in the year 1789, and the tenor is 16 cwt.

The bells are to be hung on modern fittings, including Messrs. Wm. Aggett and Sons' patent adjusting bearings, and it is hoped to commence in the tower by May.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Lord Bishop of London climbed the turret stairs at the Parish Church, Chiswick, to view the boat race from the roof. He was highly delighted when he saw his old colours leading (Oxford).

Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, have in hand the restoration of the peal of bells at Collaton, Paignton, Devon, and they hope to have these completed by the end of April. The date of the dedication service will be announced later.

A correspondent asks: Will the next attempt at ringing a record peal of Stedman Caters be broadcasted by wireless so that all who can will be able to listen in? It would be a novelty and much appreciated by all ringers interested.

The first known long peal of Treble Bob with the tenors paried was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on April 1st, 1727. The tablet in the belfry recording it, says, 'A remarkable peal was rung by the eight persons as under, called the quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob, all eight in, or the Union Bob, consisting of 10,080 changes, which they rung in 6 hours 28 minutes on the 1st day of April, anno 1727.'

On April 3rd, 1899, the peal of 15,072 Double Norwich Major was rung in 9 hours 24 minutes at Erith by the Kent Association. At that time it was the record for the method.

On April 1st, 1777, the first 6,000 of Treble Bob Maximus was rung. This was a College Youths' performance at Southwark.

The first recorded peal on the ancient bells at St. Bartholomew-the-Great, Smithfield, was rung in commemoration of the 800th anniversary of the dedication of the church on Wednesday in last week, when forty-two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung by five ringers, who, on Saturday, by way of contrast, took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, at Bow!

Congratulations to Miss Nelly Johnson, of Hinton, upon calling a 'double-handed' peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal. Mr. F. J. Johnson has a gifted family of ringers, and must be proud of his children's ability.

Reports of Peals rung on Monday next should be posted to us the same night, otherwise subsequent pressure on our space may cause delay in their appearance.

Easter Day Touches, to secure insertion, must be sent early, otherwise publication cannot be guaranteed.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN RICE.

A WELL-KNOWN SUSSEX RINGER.

The death occurred recently at Crawley of Mr. John Rice, a well-known Sussex ringer, who was 52 years of age, had for some time past been in indifferent health, and partial paralysis and other complications brought about his death after a short but painful illness. He was laid to rest on the 7th of March, near the tower in which he had spent so many happy hours. The sad service was attended by a great gathering of townspeople to pay their last respects, many local bodies, ringers and friends being present. Besides his interest in ringing John Rice was secretary of the local Co-operative Society, a past Grandmaster of the Oddfellows, and was ever foremost in working for charitable objects in the town.

His loss to ring at Crawley, with which tower he has been associated with for over thirty years, is irreparable. A good ringer and a good striker, regular for service ringing, he was an example to all who came in contact with him. He was of genial and retiring disposition, but into any task he undertook he put his whole soul and energy. For some years he served on the committee of the Sussex County Association, and he was also a member of the Sussex Association and Royal Cumberland Youths.

He had taken part in 161 peals as follows: Minor in 7 methods, 8; Grandsire Triples, 14 (conducted 5); Bob Triples, 1; Court Bob Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 13; Bob Major, 7; Kent Treble Bob Major, 31 (conducted 2); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Spliced Oxford and Kent Major, 2; Granta Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich, 13; Alliance Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 54 (conducted 1); Cambridge Surprise Major, 9; New Cumberland Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 2; Stedman Caters, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 1; total, 161 (conducted 8). His peals had been rung in 31 different towers, with 95 peals at Crawley, including at this church the 9,312 Superlative Surprise Major, in 5 hours 20 minutes on Dec. 26th, 1894; at that time the longest composed in the method.

He leaves a wife and daughter, besides a host of friends, to mourn their loss.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

As instructed by the Central Council at Lincoln last May, we have given this matter our careful consideration, and beg to submit our report.

We have been guided in our work by the principles we made known at the Lincoln meeting, viz., by priority of use, and by the advisability of retaining as much as possible, consistent with our present definitions, all that has been in use in the past. We have also had in mind the decision of the Council at London in 1921, that all claims to give names to unnamed methods in the collection should be sent to the librarian within six months.

The result of our effort is, we believe, quite in accordance with these conditions. To secure this we have been obliged to set aside a number of claims which were sent in at shorter or longer intervals after the lapse of the time allowed. Under such treatment some of these may be described as 'hard cases,' and we have real sympathy with all who are concerned in them in their disappointment. But we realised that to have dealt with them otherwise we should have been obliged to draw a dividing line between claims, all which, nevertheless, share in a common feature, viz., being too late. We were not willing to attempt the settlement of a question so justly open to a diversity of opinion, nor did we feel our terms of reference required us to do so.

It is, of course, open to the Council to modify or reject our decisions. This, we think, will afford the necessary opportunity for any claimant, who considers himself aggrieved, to renew his claim.

The following is the complete list of the names of all the regular Minor methods included in the C.C. Collection, and also of those not included. For the latter, see 'Bell News,' June 6th, 1914, p. 160, and 'Ringing World,' March 7th, 1913, p. 166.

In the case of methods to which more than one name had been given before the Council considered the question of Nomenclature, we have attributed those which our researches showed to be the first given to each method.

E. W. CARPENTER, Chairman.
A. T. BEESTON.
JOSEPH W. PARKER.
GEORGE WILLIAMS.

REVISED LIST OF NAMES OF ALL REGULAR MINOR METHODS.

PLAIN METHODS.—1 Plain Bob, 2 Double Bob, 3 Oxford Bob, 4 Double Oxford Bob, 5 London Bob Reverse, 6 London Bob, 7 St. Clement's, 8 St. James' Youths' Exercise, 9 Bala, 10 Frodsham, 11 Stepney, 12 Canterbury Pleasure Reverse, 13 Fulbeck, 14 Lytham Pleasure, 15 Thelwall, 16 Killarney, 17 Horsmonden, 18 Loch Lomond, 19 Roydon, 20 Ennerdale, 21 Cumberland, 22 Windermere, 23 Brentford Single, 24 Court, 25 Double Court, 26 College Single Reverse, 27 Stedman Slow Course, 28 Childwall, 29 Wavertree.

TREBLE BOB METHODS.—1 Oxford, 2 Sandal, 3 Grandsire Treble Bob, 4 Burton, 5 Rochester, 6 Morning Star, 7 London Scholar's Pleasure, 8 College Exercise, 9 Nelson, 10 Chadkirk, 11 Woodcock's Victory, 12 British Scholar's Pleasure, 13 Kent, 14 Killamarsh, 15 Trinity Sunday, 16 Shamrock, 17 Bluebell, 18 Kingston, 19 Norbury, 20 Daffodil, 21 Fuchsia, 22 Foxglove, 23 Hyacinth, 24 Marigold, 25 Trowell, 26 Overton, 27 Dahlia, 28 Geranium, 29 Norton-le-Moors.

FOURTH'S PLACE DELIGHT.—1 Evesham Abbey, 2 Tewkesbury Abbey, 3 Abbeyville, 4 St. Werburgh, 5 Canterbury, 6 Crowland, 7 Combermere, 8 Southwark, 9 Vale Royal, 10 Braintree, 11 Marple, 12 Wragby, 13 Willesden, 14 Hull, 15 Taxal, 16 Neasden, 17 Old Oxford Modernised, 18 Merton, 19 Bedford, 20 St. Albans Abbey, 21 College Bob IV., 22 Waltham Abbey, 23 Burslem, 24 Duke of Clarence, 25 Elstow Abbey, 26 Burtaby, 27 London Victory, 28 Kirkstall Abbey, 29 Glastonbury Abbey, 30 Tintern Abbey, 31 Sherborne Abbey, 32 Fountains Abbey, 33 Melrose Abbey, 34 Pointon, 35 Grove.

THIRD'S PLACE DELIGHT.—1 Carisbrooke Castle, 2 Dunottar Castle, 3 Conway Castle, 4 Caernarvon Castle, 5 Ludlow Castle, 6 Warwick Castle, 7 Kentish Delight, 8 Berkeley Castle, 9 Edinboro' Castle, 10 Pembroke Castle, 11 Wath, 12 Pontefract Castle, 13 Oswald, 14 Kent Delight, 15 Melandra Castle, 16 Bucknall, 17 Castleton, 18 Beeston Castle, 19 Chelsea, 20 Peveril Castle, 21 Stirling Castle, 22 Leasowe Castle, 23 Richborough Castle, 24 Conisboro' Castle, 25 Coventry, 26 Evening Star, 27 Disley, 28 Chespotow Castle, 29 Rostherne, 30 Skipton Castle, 31 Knutsford, 32 Belvoir Castle, 33 Pevensy Castle, 34 Dunedin, 35 Ely, 36 Queen Victoria, 37 Wilmslow, 38 Cambridge Delight, 39 Francis Genius, 40 Bogedone, 41 Pothering-hay Castle, 42 Dover Castle.

SURPRISE METHODS.—1 Munden, 2 Canterbury, 3 Alnwick, 4 Morpeth, 5 Newcastle, 6 Chester, 7 Whitley, 8 Northumberland, 9 Carlisle, 10 Wooler, 11 Sandiacre, 12 Coldstream, 13 Kelso, 14 London, 15 Wells, 16 Southwell, 17 Omeceastre, 18 Allendale, 19 Bacup, 20 Bamorough, 21 Warkworth, 22 Inmanuel, 23 Lightfoot, 24 Stamford, 25 Wearmouth, 26 Westminster, 27 Annable's London, 28 Netherseale, 29 Norwich, 30 Hexham, 31 Surfleet, 32 York, 33 Durham, 34 Berwick, 35 Beverley, 36 Norfolk, 37 Ipswich, 38 Ringers' Surprise, 39 Cambridge, 40 Hull, 41 Bourne.

SPLICED 720'S OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is yet another method of splicing, not used in the Norbury peal. This can best be explained by an example. In the Collection of Legitimate (Regular) Minor Methods, pages 14 and 15, it will be seen that Fourth's Place Delight, Nos. 3 and 5, contain the same changes in a lead except for the two middle changes.

No. 3	No. 5
623541	236541
632451	526451

Therefore, if in a 720 of No. 3, three leads be picked out which have the same bells in the same position in 4th's and 5th's places at the 'lead head,' Method No. 5 can be substituted for No. 3 in these three leads. Similarly Nos. 10 and 14 and Nos. 11 and 15 can be spliced by picking three leads with the same bells in 3rd's and 5th's, as shown by the figures below.

Yours faithfully,
EDWIN H. LEWIS.

720'S IN SIX METHODS (4TH'S PLACE DELIGHT).

23456	No. 4	23456	No. 10	23456	No. 11
64523		56342		64523	
— 23564	No. 5	42635		— 23564	No. 13
36245	No. 3	35264	No. 14	— 45236	No. 17
64352		— 64235	No. 12	24653	
45623		52364		62345	
— 45236		43652		36524	
— 45362	No. 6	— 26435	No. 16	— 45362	No. 15
23645		54326		23645	No. 11
56423		— 63542	No. 10	56423	
34256		42356		34256	
62534		56234		62534	
— 34562	No. 5	34625		— 34562	No. 13
46325	No. 3	25463	No. 14	— 25346	No. 21
62453		— 63425	No. 20	32654	
25634		54263		63425	
— 25346		32654		46332	
— 25463	No. 7	— 46325		— 25463	No. 15
34625		53246		34625	No. 11
56234		— 62534	No. 10	56234	
42356		34256		42356	
63542		56423		63542	
— 42563	No. 5	23645		— 42563	No. 13
26435	No. 3	45362	No. 14	— 35426	No. 34
63254		— 62345	No. 35	43652	
35642		53462		64235	
— 35426		24653		26543	
— 35264	No. 9	— 36245		— 35264	No. 15
42635		52436		42635	No. 11
56342		— 64523	No. 10	56342	
23456		23456		23456	

Sir,—We should like to acknowledge, through the medium of your columns, the courtesy shown by Messrs. Fernley and Blood in their replies to our questions, and to point out that the construction that may be placed upon the reason of our inquiry, as shown in Mr. Wilkerson's first paragraph, may not be correct; we were seeking knowledge only.

We should like to see some decision by the Methods Committee, regarding the names of the Minor methods, mentioned in our letter. We think the cost of printing these on a sheet would be small, and willingly would volunteer to undertake this, and the distribution of such slips, if only to prove our belief that the loss would be small, if any.—Yours faithfully,

G. DAWSON, Hon. Secretary,
St. John Baptist Association (Leytonstone).

The last paragraph of the above letter is to some extent answered by the report of the Central Council's Committee, published in this issue.—Ed. 'R.W.'

BOB ROYAL ON HANDBELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the handbell peal of Bob Royal, mentioned on page 168 of your issue of 16th March, it would be interesting to know whether that rung at St. Albans in 1889 was actually entered in the College Youths' books, and if so, at what date it was inscribed. When Mr. G. F. Woodhouse sent up the report of ours rung at Caius College on 3rd March, 1897, we certainly gathered that up to that time there was no peal of Bob Royal 'in hand' recorded in the society's books. It is only a small matter, but it has its statistical interest as far as it goes.—Yours truly,

Kington Magna Rectory. F. L. EDWARDS.

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ROYAL EXCHANGE, 1921.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT YORK.

The annual meeting was held at York on Saturday, March 17th, and the attendance was one of the largest seen at a district meeting for some time past, the delightfully fine day no doubt having much to do with the success of the gathering. The peal of twelve at the Minster was available during the afternoon and evening, by permission of the Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. W. Foxley Norris), as were also the rings of six at SS. Philip and James', Clifton, and St. Mary's, Bishophill, by consent of the respective Vicars the Rev. C. T. Alexander, M.A., and the Rev. B. W. Wood M.A. Various touches were rung on the bells in the standard methods by the visiting companies, who made good use of the time allotted to them.



YORK MINSTER.

Choral evensong was held in the Minster at 4 p.m., and was attended by a large number of ringers, who greatly appreciated the beautiful service.

Tea was provided at the Ebor Hall, to which no fewer than 68 sat down, representing towers at Badsworth, Beverley, Goole, Hemingbrough, Hull, Leeds, Market Weighton, Pontefract, Selby, Sherburn, Sutton, Tadcaster, Wetherby and York. At the conclusion, Mr. G. Horner, who had charge of the local arrangements, requested the Rev. R. G. Pyne to read a letter from the Dean, which he had received that morning. In this letter the Dean said he was more than disappointed not to be with them. He had been in London for some days with his son, who was very ill, and he would not arrive home until too late to be present at tea. The Dean asked Mr. Horner to tell the visiting ringers how cordially they welcomed the members of the association to York, and how much he wished he could have been amongst them.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the Dean, with an expression of hope for the speedy recovery of his son.

The business meeting followed in St. Michael-le-Belfry Schoolroom, Stonegate, the Rev. R. G. Pyne, M.A., Vicar of St. Cuthbert's, York, presiding. He was accompanied on the platform by the Rev. C. T. Alexander, the Rev. B. W. Wood, Mr. A. E. West (Sutton-on-Hull), Vice-president, and Mr. A. B. Cook (Hull), hon. district secretary.

The Chairman (who was formerly curate at Beverley Minster) remarked that he appreciated the honour at being invited to preside, not merely because he was interested in church bell ringing, but because he recognised the sense of fellowship and spirit of brotherhood that existed amongst ringers, and that they were all fellow-workers in one cause in the service of God, and in that way they could materially help and strengthen one another.

The following new members were elected members of the Association: Miss Violet A. Imeson and Mr. S. Steel, York; Messrs. L. M. Woodhead, A. White, W. Stephenson, and A. Jackson, of Goole; Mr. F. Hatfield of Hemingbrough; Mr. A. Turner, of Sutton-on-Hull, and Mr. J. W. Johnson, of All Saints', Hull.

Mr. F. Cryer (Selby) and Mr. R. B. Smith (Howden) were re-elected on the committee and the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr.

H. Walters (Pontefract), who had served for several years, was filled by the appointment of Mr. A. Walker, senr. (Pontefract). Mr. Cryer was re-elected on the Central Committee.

Mr. A. B. Cook was re-elected hon. district secretary. Mr. W. Middleton (Beverley Minster) invited the district to hold the next quarterly meeting at Beverley, in June, and this offer was unanimously accepted.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, hon. general secretary, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Dean of York, the Rev. C. T. Alexander, and the Rev. B. W. Wood for the use of the bells, and to the York ringers for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting.

The Rev. C. T. Alexander and the Rev. B. W. Wood replied, and both spoke in appreciation of the opportunity of getting the bells rung. The ringers were doing a really good piece of church work in ringing the bells, and it was highly appreciated by the parishioners. Mr. T. F. Earnshaw responded on behalf of the local company.

The meeting then concluded with a vote of thanks to the chairman, and the Benediction said by the Rev. C. T. Alexander.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Palm Sunday, for morning service, 720 London Surprise; J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 1. H. B. Gardner 2, A. C. Langford 3, O. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, J. R. Owen 6. First 720 of London Surprise by ringers of 2 and 4, and first in the method on the bells by a band of service ringers.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for evening service, 1,283 Stedman Caters; J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, G. O. Iles 4, A. Cuttmore 5, F. H. Crook 6, F. Norriss 7, E. W. Coulson 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, G. F. Edwards 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by E. W. Coulson for twelve years.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on March 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: A. Smith 1, Miss G. Baker 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, Miss P. Moss 4, S. Honor 5, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 6, W. Honor 7, F. Smith 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: A. Smith 1, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 2, Miss G. Baker 3, Miss D. G. Feltham 4, Miss P. Moss 5, S. Honor 6, H. Chandler 7, W. Honor 8, L. Potter 9, F. Smith 10. * First quarter of Caters. † First quarter of Caters 'inside.'

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Palm Sunday, for special afternoon service, a quarter-peal 1,287 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins.: W. Fisher 1, W. Davies 2, G. R. Newton (conductor) 3, C. S. Benwell 4, J. Wilkinson 5, H. Ludkin 6, J. Martin 7, E. Breeze 8, D. Cauce 9, C. Packer 10. Also rung in honour of the Royal christening at Goldsborough Church, in Yorkshire.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles; J. Chapman 1, K. Willers 2, A. Wilson 3, H. Wilson 4, W. Rayner (conductor) 5. First 720 by treble ringer, aged 13, who began to ring on January 15th.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday afternoon, March 18th, for the Confirmation service held at St. Mary's Church by the Bishop of Dover, St. Mary's Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. (1,260 changes taken from Holt's Original): K. Guyler (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Eagles 2, C. R. Walker 3, C. Turner 4, C. R. Millway (conductor) 5, F. W. Elliott 6, R. H. Stevens 7, G. A. Godfrey 8.

CAVENDISH.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford and 360 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Perkins 1, F. Kemp 2, A. L. Ives 3, P. Johnson 4, W. Underwood (conductor) 5, A. Catterwell 6.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 720 Bob Minor: J. W. Rodwell 1, W. Cousins 2, C. Cousins 3, J. R. Rodwell 4, F. Rose 5, W. J. Rose (conductor) 6. Ringers of 5 and 6 hail from Tilney, All Saints.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday morning, on March 18th, before morning service, 312 Oxford Treble Bob Minor; after service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob Minor; before evensong, 720 Double Court and 360 Woodbine Treble Bob the ringers being L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, E. Sitch, A. Bradley (conductor).

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: — Farr 1, G. Talbot 2, W. A. Penfold 3, — Pattenden 4, J. Powell 5, F. Bryant 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, W. Henley 8. Ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 7 are from Hawkhurst. The rest local.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday evening, March 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 minutes; also rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Winrow, who rang her first quarter-peal admirably, and is the second of the three Priory ladies to get through: H. Haigh (conductor) 1, Miss E. Winrow 2, Miss A. Taylor 3, G. Hardwick 4, W. Roberts 5, H. Jordan 6, A. Johnson 7, E. Clarke 8.

NORTH COLLINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 11th 360 Bob Minor and three 180's of the same method, in which three ladies took part. Conducted by H. Haigh and J. Semper. Longest lengths rung by the ladies.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.—On March 11th, for evening service, 720 of Bob Major: N. Moxon 1, A. Crawford 2, H. Haigh (conductor) 3, C. Crawford 4, T. Hopkins 5, J. Semper 6.

LEICESTER.—At St. Martin's Pro-Cathedral, on Sunday, March 11th, for morning service, 224 London Surprise Major, followed by 360 Cambridge Surprise Royal.—For evening service, 224 Bristol Surprise Major, followed by 720 Leicester Surprise Royal.—On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, 1,280 Bristol Surprise Major: P. Harrison 1, W. P. Whitehead 2, S. Burton 3, R. F. Elkington 4, H. J. Poole 5, H. G. Jenney 6, H. Broughton 7, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method by all.

1936 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

BY THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

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325746		4th	62453	—	—	—	—	53462	—	—	—	—
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MR. E. J. HARDING, SENR'S. 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 13 (conducted 2); Stedman Triples, 29; Bob Major, 11 (conducted 2); Kent Treble Bob Major, 18; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 24; Superlative Surprise, 2; Cambridge Surprise, 2; total, 100 (conducted 4).

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on March 22nd, 576 Bristol Surprise Major: A. Smith 1, T. Kendall 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Rollings 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, A. King 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method by all, who are Sunday Service ringers.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Monday, March 19th, in 52 minutes (1,260 changes), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Gluyas 1, H. Ashton 2, W. Rundle 3, T. Myers 4, W. Hamblin 5, H. Burner 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, S. Symons 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Flynn, wife of the Rev. Dr. Francis Flynn (chaplain to H.M. the King, and Vicar of the above church), who was interred the same day.

RATBY.—On Thursday, March 15th, dedications of additions to the war memorial by the Rev. A. Winnington-Ingram, 720 Oxford Bob (half-muffled): A. Priestnall 1, J. H. Spencer 2, W. Ball 3, P. Ingram 4, T. Chantrell 5, O. Allsop (conductor) 6. Also 360 Bob Minor (open), after the service.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Tuesday March 13th, for Confirmation service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *J. MacMillan 1, *J. Hanson 2, Reg. Dobbins 3, O. Willis 4, Wai. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, R. Baird 8. * Longest touch. Rung with 1, 2, 8 covering.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Tuesday, Feb. 20th, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Salisbury 1, H. Thomas 2, P. H. Smith 3, J. Morgan 4, W. Morgan 5, H. W. Wildo (composer and conductor) 6, S. Jones, junr. 7, F. W. Wilde 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Lady Ursula Grosvenor, eldest daughter of His Grace the Duke of Westminster, on attaining her 21st birthday.

EASTER MEETINGS.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held (D.V.) at St. Albans, on Easter Monday. Ringing at the four towers from 2 p.m. Earlier ringing can be had at the six-bell towers by request. Choral service in the Cathedral 'Under the Tower' at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute at 6 p.m. Can we include you in our tea party? I hope so. Please let me know.—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec., Duffield, St. Albans.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—At the annual meeting on Easter Monday, Mr. E. P. Debenham will move the following alteration of first section of the ring, 'No peal of 5,000 changes or upwards on five or more bells shall be entered in the Peal Book that is not recognised as such by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, or other body for the time being exercising the powers of the Central Council with regard to Peals.'—G. W. Cartmel, Hon. Sec.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Ipswich on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923. Meeting for election of officers and other business will be held at the Church House, adjoining St. Mary-le-Tower Church, at 3.30 p.m., at which the Rev. Canon Douglas Hamilton will preside. Arrangements are being made for ringing at the various churches in the town. A good attendance is desired.—George Wilson, Sec. (*pro tem.*), 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held on Easter Monday, April 2nd, at Bridlington. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Sidmouth on Easter Monday. Service at St. Nicholas Church, 4.30. Tea at 5, 1/- each, free to members, Church Hall. Meeting 5.30. All ringers welcome. Bells (8) available.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—Annual meeting at Uckfield on Easter Monday. Tower open 2, service 4.30, tea at 'The Holly Bush,' 5 (1/6 each). Business meeting to follow.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave St., Brighton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Annual meeting will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, meeting after.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the association will be held in the Priory Hall, Great Yarmouth, at 12 o'clock on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Luncheon will be served at Goode's Hotel, Marine Parade, at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each. By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon R. Aubrey Aitken) the ring of twelve bells at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas will be available.—Arthur L. Coleman, General and Branch Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Derby on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The bells at All Saints', St. Alkmund's, St. Peter's and St. Luke's will be available for ringing from

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10 a.m. to 3.45 p.m., and from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Certificate Sub-Committee will meet at 2.45, and the Ordinary Committee at 3.15 in St. Alkmund's Institute. There will be a service at All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon of Nottingham. Collection for the Bell Repair Fund. Tea will be at 4.45 in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, and the general meeting will follow immediately after tea. A smoking concert has been arranged to commence at 8 o'clock in the Assembly Rooms.—A. Coningsby Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Chatham on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Committee meeting in St. Mary's Vestry, 11 a.m. Service at noon. Dinner in Workman's Hall, 1.15 p.m. Business meeting after dinner. Towers open for ringing, St. Mary's, Chatham (8), St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Gillingham (8), Rainham (8). Apply for dinner tickets (1/- each), before March 28th, to Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Precincts, Canterbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Service at noon addressed by the Rev. S. T. Adams, Hon. Canon of Ely and Rural Dean. Luncheon 1 p.m. The bells of Great St. Mary's, St. Andrew's and the Roman Catholic Church available, also, in the afternoon, Old Chesterton (6).—Rev. R. Copeman, Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ashted on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at Huntley's Tea Gardens.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Secretary, 47, Beddington Grove, Wallington.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—Opening of 10-bell peal at Trowbridge. Quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at Trowbridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. The peal of 8 available for visitors from 2 till 3 p.m. Service in church, 3 p.m. After the service the 10-bell peal available for afternoon and evening. A free tea will be kindly provided at 5 o'clock. All ringers cordially invited.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

TO SUFFOLK RINGERS.—A meeting will be held in St. Mary le Tower Church House, Ipswich, on Easter Monday, at 12.30 p.m., to decide on the formation of a new society of ringers. Ringers in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich to elect officers and pass rules, etc. All ringers resident in the diocese are invited. Names of those wishing to join should be sent to Mr. C. F. Bailey, 20, Haylings Road, Leiston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting of the above branch will take place at Slough on Easter Monday, April 2nd, 1923, when members and friends will be welcomed by the Vicar. Service at the Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Church Institute 5.30 p.m. Branch business at 6.30 p.m. The following Towers will be open for visitors during the morning by kind permission of the clergy. Old Windsor 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Burnham 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wooburn 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Windsor after meeting.—A. J. Harman, 2, St. Mary's Cottages, Grove Rd., Windsor.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater All Saints (6) on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Paul's (10) will be available from 9 a.m., St. Peter's (6) later; service in St. Paul's at 12.30. Luncheon at St. Paul's Mission Room at 1, to be followed by the annual business meeting.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Worksop on Easter Monday. Bells (8) available from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec. (*pro tem.*), 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Cheterick Bridge on Easter Monday, April 2nd. Bells available for ringing all day. Dinner will be provided at the Oak Tree Inn, members 1/6, non-members 2/6.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, N. Ormsby, Middlesborough.

NOTICES.

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PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 31st, at Whittlesey. St. Mary's bells (8) available at 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on April 3rd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 5th; Southwark Cathedral on the 10th and 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 17th; all at 7.30 p.m. °Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—North East Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield, (6) on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea should send their names to me by April 3rd.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornfield, Hon. Sec. 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, April 7th. Service at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the President, Rev. F. R. Bonsey. Tea and business meeting at St. Giles' School House, Endell Street, at 5 p.m. By the kindness of the Rector (Rev. W. H. Davies), tea will be provided at the reduced charge of 6d. per member, and admission will be by ticket only. Secretaries of local bands,

and individual members, should apply to either of the undersigned for admission tickets not later than Wednesday, April 4th. Payment may be made at time of application, or on the day of meeting. Arrangements for ringing are as follows: St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting, St. Clement Danes (10), from 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Bartholomew the Great (5), from 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E. 17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W. 4, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than March 31st.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the above association will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. J. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whetstone on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform J. H. Richardson, High Street, Whetstone, before April 6th. Reports for 1923 can be had at this meeting, 1/- each, or from H. E. Norman, District Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.30 p.m., in the Oddfellows Hall, Friar Street, Reading, near St. Laurence's Church. Notice of motion must reach General Secretary at least 10 days before meeting. Will all committeemen intending to be present please notify me, so that tea may be arranged for at the Master's invitation?—Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, April 7th.—Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Eight Bells at 5 p.m., by the kind invitation of L. J. Hodson, Esq., business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, April 3rd?—G. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The memorial to the ringers who fell in the Great War will be unveiled in Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 o'clock. Seats will be reserved for relatives. For tickets apply, enclosing stamped envelope, to E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Bishopsgate, Monday, April 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Quarterly general meeting, St. Clement Danes, Monday, April 16th, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8.15 p.m., at the Edinburgh.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock, a short service at 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting after. All ringers intending being at the meeting

please let me know not later than Tuesday, 10th April, and oblige. St. Michael's Tower will be open for ringing in the evening.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting at St. George's, Bolton, postponed from March 24th until April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Those requiring tea notify me by April 10th.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, April 14th, by permission of the Rev. W. A. G. Gray (Vicar). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged and all are welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

'RINGING WORLD' WANTED.—The following Nos. of 'The Ringing World' are wanted; reasonable price paid—No. 495, vol. xv, Sept. 10th, 1920; No. 519, vol. xvi, Feb. 25th, 1921.—F. W. Goodfellow, 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Sedgley on April 14th. Bells available at 3. Service with address by the Rev. Dr. Swindell at 4.45. Tea (1/-) in the schoolroom at 5.30. Please send word not later than April 10th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 6-bell contest and meeting will be held at Silsden, near Keighley, on Saturday, April 14th. All entries for contest and number of tea tickets wanted (price 1/6 each) to be sent to the local secretary, Mr. John Cooper, Old Hall, Silsden, to reach him not later than Monday, April 9th. Draw to take place at 2.45; commence ringing at 3 prompt. Nearest station, Steeton and Silsden.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—By kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Lowe, M.A., the next meeting of the Western Division will be held at Batley in conjunction with the opening of the new peal of 8 bells on Saturday, April 7th. Tea will be served in the school at 5 p.m. at a charge of 1/6 per head. All applications for tea to be made to Mr. George Scholey, 69, Bradford Road, Batley, not later than first post April 3rd. For further particulars, see circular.—F. Hopwood, District Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. W. T. Reeder, R.D.). Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present please notify me not later than April 10th?—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

INVITATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE TO RINGERS.

On Saturday, April 21st, at Marsden, near Huddersfield, a new peal of 8 bells (tenor, 26½ cwt.) by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be open from 2 p.m. to all ringers. A hearty invitation is given to all towers. Please send any applications for order of ringing and the number of members who will want tea to Mr. F. Russell, Newsagent, Marsden, to reach him Monday, April 16th. First preference for both ringing and tea will be strictly given to those only who notify on or before that date.—The Local Church Council and Local Company, Marsden.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

A practice meeting of the Halesworth District was held at St. Peter's Church, Wenhamston, and was attended by ringers from Bramfield, Brampton, Halesworth, Henham, Meils, Wissett and Wenhamston. Several well-struck touches were rung in the following methods: Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Plain Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. The district secretary, Mr. F. C. Lambert, had arranged the meeting in connection with the 74th birthday of the popular verger and tower keeper, Mr. George Eastaugh, who took part in the ringing during the evening. Reference was made to the loss the society had sustained by the recent death of Mr. Jas. Motts, of St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, the respected Ringing Master of the Suffolk branch, and for many years one of the leading ringers of England. After leaving the tower, an hour's ringing on the handbells brought to a close a very successful meeting.

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THE SUFFOLK DEVELOPMENT.

The situation in Suffolk has come rapidly to a climax and Easter Monday saw, what to those outside ringing circles in that county, must appear an almost sensational development. The first inkling of what might be expected was provided by the notice 'To Suffolk Ringers' which appeared in our columns last week, which announced a meeting at Ipswich to decide upon the formation of a new society of ringers for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich. This appeared after notice had been given of meetings of the existing St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association and the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association to be held in the same town, on the same day. The upshot of the whole business was that by thirty-one votes to seven at the first meeting, it was decided to establish a Suffolk Guild for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, to which a considerable number of the leading Suffolk ringers gave their allegiance, including men who had previously declined to join the recently formed diocesan organisation. Following upon this the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association was dissolved, and at another meeting, the members present of the Suffolk Branch affiliated to the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association declined to carry on the branch, and passed a resolution that it should 'cease to exist.'

As a matter of 'legality' this resolution is probably *ultra vires*, for the branch having been established under the constitution of the Norwich, St Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association at a general meeting of members of the two counties, can hardly be thus disposed of by one section only. As a matter of practical politics, however, the action taken at Ipswich seems to us likely effectively to put an end to an organised branch of the older association in Suffolk. There is nothing to prevent them retaining their title and those members who desire to remain in their ranks, but the future in Suffolk seems to be with the new Guild. If one can form any views from the opinions which exist, there have been mistakes on both sides, and it would be a matter of satisfaction if one could believe that the dispute has come to an end. We do not know, however, what the Norwich action will be as a result of Monday's Ipswich meetings. Faced with the accomplished facts the Norfolk members may accept what appears on the face of it to be 'the inevitable,' drop the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich part of their title and devote themselves to building up a purely Norwich Diocesan Association. On the other hand it will not be surprising if a still further effort is made to retain Suffolk, although with the two ringing stronghold

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HARRY HEAD 8
LESLIE J. CLARK 3	WILLIAM PYE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
THOMAS LINCOLN... .. 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 11
CYRIL PEASE 6	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

*THOMAS SMITH Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
JAMES E. GROVES 2	J. D. GEORGE HARRIS ... 7
*HARRY A. FARLOW 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 8
JOHN PERRY 4	*WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 9
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5	*ROBERT THOMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

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JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 2	FREDERICK JORDAN 7
HERBERT JORDAN 3	GEOFFERY J. HEMMING ... 8
MISS NELLY JOHNSON 4	HENRY J. PHIPPS... .. 9
JOHN HALL 5	JAMES HEMMING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. George E. Nind, who was Secretary of the All Saints' and St. Lawrence Guild from its formation in 1910, and was interred in Evesham Cemetery on the preceding Thursday.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 18 lb.

BENJAMIN COOKE... .. Treble	EDWARD CRABTREE 5
SIDNEY GOODALL 2	JAMES E. CARTER 6
WILLIAM CLARK 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
ALBERT WALKER... .. 4	HERBERT PEEL Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by E. CROWTHER.

Ringers of the treble and 2nd belong to Liversedge, 4th and 6th are local, the remainder are from Birstall. Rung as a farewell to the 2nd ringer, who is 72 years of age.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
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On Friday, Mar. 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*JOHN STANFORD Treble	*JACK BRANCH 5
GEORGE WOODMAN 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
WESLEY PETTIFER 3	WALTER CHARMAN 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	JOHN COOK Tenor

Composed by W. CHARMAN. Conducted by J. COOK.
 * First peal. First peal of Major as conductor.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.	
JOHN LINDEN Treble	REGINALD C. LAMBERT 5
WALTER FRANKS 2	GEORGE KENWARD 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	JAMES WAGHORN 7
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Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
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ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	JOHN WHITE 6
JOHN HOYLE 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
GEORGE MARINER 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Corbett, White & Winch.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY & WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)
 On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 23½ cwt.	
FREDERICK WEBB Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE 5
LEONARD TUFFREY 2	JAMES FRANKLIN 6
WILLIAM STONE 3	WALTER JUDGE 7
JACK JUDGE 4	WILLIAM THORNE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER JUDGE,
 First peal in the method as conductor.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

SIDNEY T. HOLT Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	*WILLIAM LEWIS 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.
 First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor. * 50th peal.

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NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Mar. 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
 Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE NAYLOR Treble	JOE HARDCASTLE 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	WILLIAM BYRAM FRITH 6
JOHN LAWSON 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY 4	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.
 Rung with the bells deeply muffed in memory of the late Jonas Squire Ambler, whose remains were interred at All Souls' Cemetery, Halifax, March 24th.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Mar. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

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

HARRY GREENWOOD Treble	FRANK FIELDEN 5
JOHN NASH 2	TOM FIELDEN 6
*HARRY SUTCLIFFE 3	*ROBERT BARKER 7
*HAROLD GREENWOOD 4	SAM HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NASH.
 * First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Mitton upon attaining his 70th birthday. He has been a ringer at the above place of worship about 40 years.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	*CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BRICE 2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	FREDERICK BORRETT 7
FREDERICK ROOPE 4	TOWNSON ADCOCK Tenor

Conducted by F. BORRETT.
 * First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 (LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
 THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK H. CROOK Treble	HENRY G. GOWLETT 5
HARRY DYAS 2	EDGAR C. RUSSELL 6
GEORGE SHIPP 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
WILLIAM H. WOOD 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHENFIELD.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.	
ALBERT BRACKLEY Treble	ERNEST FURBANK 4
HARRY TURNER 2	WILLIAM LEGGETT 5
ALBERT RAINBIRD 3	ISAAC CAVILL Tenor

Conducted by I. CAVILL.

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RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.	
WILLIAM SPICE Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	CHARLES TUMBER 5
CHARLEY MILLARD 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

TERINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, Mar. 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

WALLACE COUSINS Treble	JOHN RODWELL, JUN. 4
CLAUDE COUSINS 2	TONY PRICE 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in more than one method on the bells.

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

On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob & Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	C.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4
HARRY ARGENT 2	GEORGE MORRAD 5
JOHN BURLES 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung on the eve of Easter as a coming-of-age peal for Frederick A. Mitchell. The Milton ringers thank Chr.-Sergt. J. Bennett for completing the band. The calling of this peal comprised 112 bobs and 82 singles.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Surfleet, Beverley, Cambridge, York, Durham, Wells and London. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN MOULE Treble	GEORGE DAWSON 4
GEORGE L. JOYCE 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
ALFRED PRIOR 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. PRIOR.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Thursday, Mar. 29, 1923, in Two Hours,
AT MALVERN VILLAS, NEW ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor size 17. 8

*VINCENT W. RIGG 1-2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3-4
HARRY BRAGG 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Minor.

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FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Mar. 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. GODFREY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR DYE 1	*EDWARD C. COOKE 4
JOHN A. GODFREY 2	WILLIAM E. BASON 5-6
CHARLES WYBROW 3	†ROBERT W. COOKE 7-8

Composed by W. E. BASON. Conducted by R. W. COOKE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, who attained his majority that day; also to the ringer of 5-6, whose birthday fell next day. * First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Major as conductor. Composition contains full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

ENFIELD.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, Mar. 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT 17, WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5060 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 1-2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7-8
GEORGE W. FLEICHER ... 3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL 9-10
JOHN THOMAS 5-6	WALTER J. BOWDEN 11-12

Composed and Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

First peal of Grandsire Cinques by all except the conductor. First peal of Grandsire Cinques by the Association.

CLAPHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT 63A, OLD TOWN, CLAPHAM.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 9-10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MISS E. RYCRIFT and MRS. PULLING.

The conductor's 400th peal 'in hand.'

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

A most successful annual meeting of the Western Division of the above association was held at Steyning on Saturday, March 24th. The day was gloriously fine, and no doubt accounted for the record number of members who attended, the following towers being represented: St. Peter's and St. Nicholas', Brighton; Shoreham, Heene, Henfield, Horley, Shipley, Crawley, Kirdford, West Grinstead, and members of the local band.

Various methods, which ranged from Grandsire to London Surprise and Bristol, were rung till 4.30, when the party attended a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Cox). Tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, was partaken of at the Steyning Tea Gardens.

Mr. J. Thornton Rickman, the Master, presided at the business meeting which followed.

The division has held four quarterly meetings during the last year, with a very fair attendance, and it has done a little better financially than the preceding year.

Mr. A. W. Groves was re-elected divisional secretary; Messrs. Lindup, Challen and Doick were elected to the association committee; and Messrs. W. Charman, Burdfield and T. Burtenshaw were re-elected on the Committee of Advice.

The following members were also elected: Messrs. H. Nichols and E. Enticknap of Kirdford; D. Hide, Geo. Joice, R. Green and A. Styles, of Steyning; and F. Meekens and F. Farmer, junr., of Heene.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Fittleworth in June. Votes of thanks were given the Vicar for providing the tea, and also for granting the use of the bells; also to Mr. Rickman for presiding, and to Mr. Hills for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

The party then wended their way to the tower for further ringing. This was the most successful meeting, both in point of numbers and in methods rung, held by the division for some years.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL FESTIVAL.
THE RECOGNITION OF PEALS.**

There was a large assembly of members of the Hertford County Association at the annual festival held at St. Albans on Monday. Members were present from St. Albans, Harpenden, Luton, Watford, Hemel Hempstead, Leverstock Green, King's Langley, Berkhamsted, Tring, Hertford, Ware, Hatfield, North Mymms, Kimpton, Barley, Little Munden, Bushey, Bushey Heath, Oxhey, Houghton Regis, Kensington, Fulham, Edmonton and Southgate.

At the special service held in the choir of the Cathedral, evensong was sung by the Rev. — Mayhew, and the lessons were read by the Dean of St. Albans. An especially interesting feature of the service was the address delivered, from the lectern, by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, the energetic and enthusiastic honorary secretary of the association, who chose for his text the words, St. John xv. 14, 'Ye are My friends if ye do whatsoever I command you.'

Mr. W. H. Lawrence, as outgoing president, occupied the chair at the tea and annual meeting at the Abbey Institute, which followed the service, those supporting him at the head table being the Dean of St. Albans, the Revs. G. M. Edmonds and B. Tyrwhitt Drake, and Messrs. E. P. Debenham, E. N. Wix, H. J. Loe (High Chief Ranger of the Ancient Order of Foresters), W. H. L. Buckingham, E. G. Benson and L. C. Head, and there was also among the large number present Mr. W. E. Garrard (Master of the College Youths).

The retiring president extended a hearty welcome to members, both old and new, and made reference to Mr. J. Conley, of St. Albans, who is now 87 years of age, and has been ringing for 62 years. He went on to say that the members of the association might congratulate themselves upon the fact that the year just passed had witnessed the highest standard of ringing since the association was formed (applause). They had also created a record for England by ringing Cambridge Surprise from Minor to Maximus (applause). The Edmonton hand and others had also rung the first peal of Grandire Cinques on handbells recently for the association. Mr. Lawrence also expressed gratitude to the Dean of St. Albans for allowing Mr. G. W. Cartmel to give the address at their service that day.

The confirmation of the provisional election of Miss Kate Wells, of Cambridge, and of Mr. Derrick Luck, of Kimpton, was agreed to.

The following were nominated as new members: Messrs. Spicer and Frank Beeson (St. Albans) R. Richardson, G. Richardson and H. Nobbs (Hatfield), J. W. Todd (Houghton Regis), and W. S. Lawrence (Little Munden).

Mr. Cartmel read his annual report, which was a record of excellent progress, and this was unanimously adopted.

Mr. E. P. Debenham, who presented the treasurer's annual report, stated that the year commenced with a balance in hand of £5 7s. 11d. The year's receipts had amounted to £35 19s. 11d., and the expenses to £36 7s. 11d., leaving a balance due to the treasurer of 18s. 10d. There was a surplus fund of £29 17s. 6d., and the association also held £15 15s. 9d. of War Stock. Mr. Debenham explained that although there was a small adverse balance on the year's working, the association was by no means bankrupt, nor need its members look on the black side of things in regard to the financial position.

The treasurer's report and statement of accounts was adopted.

MR. E. P. DEBENHAM ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence proposed the election of Mr. E. P. Debenham as his successor in the presidential chair for the coming year, and in so doing observed that he was sure the selection was one that would meet with the hearty approval of all the members.

Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham, who seconded, said he was sure they could not have a better president than their 'good old friend' (applause).

The newly-elected president said the Hertford County Association was one that it did them good to belong to, as it brought them together as friends. Long might that friendship last between those who had 'done their bit,' and the youngsters coming on. They had had some good ones in St. Peter's (St. Albans) during the year, and he had been very pleased to see that a certain amount of progress had been made in connection with change ringing by the young ones who had attended the district meeting held a few weeks ago, and again that afternoon. As to the presidency of the association Mr. Debenham said he would have preferred to wait for two years before taking that office, as 1925 would mark the completion of his fifty years as a ringer (applause). Mr. Debenham said that during his year of office he would endeavour to attend at least one district meeting in each district, and he would look for good behaviour and punctual attendance at the district meetings (laughter and hear, hear). He also stated facetiously: 'If Easter is not altered I shall have an extra three weeks of presidency included in my year. They get measures through so quickly nowadays, and they may turn Easter away from the moon; but unless it is turned away from the moon, I shall have three weeks added to my occupancy of the position of president.'

On the proposition of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, seconded by Mr. H. Eden, Mr. Debenham was re-elected treasurer, Mr. Debenham observing, amidst laughter, that he did not desire to occupy all the offices in that association. 'Please don't think I want to be the capital I in the association,' he added, to which the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake retorted, '£ s. d. is what we want you to be (laughter).'

Mr. Debenham said he did not want to be saddled with the deficit which the association's finances showed this year, and added that if towers that were in arrears would forward their subscriptions without delay, that deficit would be turned into a balance in hand.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel was, on the proposition of Mr. Winney, seconded by Mr. W. H. Lawrence, re-elected hon. secretary amidst applause.

As representative of the association on the Central Council, the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake was re-elected, and Mr. E. D. Livermore and Mr. J. Prewett were re-elected hon. librarian and hon. auditor, respectively, with thanks for their services.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S AUTHORITY.

Mr. E. P. Debenham proposed the following alteration to rule, 'No peal of 5,000 changes or upwards on five or more bells shall be entered in the peal book that is not recognised as such by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, or other body for the time being exercising the powers of the Central Council with regard to peals.' He explained that the object of the alteration was to bring the association into line with the Central Council with regard to the selection of performances that should be regarded as peals. The Central Council was the 'Parliament' of church bell ringing in England, and if they could not decide, on behalf of the Exercise at large, what performances should be recognised as peals, he did not think the association should decide for itself, and it would be much better to leave it to the Central Council to define.

Mr. Buckingham seconded the motion, remarking that he did not think it was a good thing for the association to go for peals that were not recognised by the Central Council; and if they did not recognise the Central Council, it was of no good sending a representative to it.

Mr. Ayre inquired what was at the back of the mind of the proposer; was it in reference to the 30-method peal rung at Norbury, or had it to do with any other method?

Mr. Debenham said that was not present in his mind at all. We were living in a democratic age, and he thought they had better accept what the Central Council accepted, and leave it there. If the Central Council recognised any performance as worthy of record as a peal then the Hertford County Association should do likewise.

Mr. M. Hibbert inquired whether, if anyone brought in a great innovation in Minor methods and the Central Council disagreed, what line would the association take?

Mr. Debenham: They must either accept it or reject it.

Mr. Eden expressed the view that unless all the associations came into line with Mr. Debenham's proposal, it would be hardly fair to the Hertford County Association.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake said it seemed that the 'spliced' method of ringing was excluded under the old rule, and now if Mr. Debenham's motion were passed it would be included. He did not think any other association would be accepting any peal that this association, if they adopted this rule, would be refusing, unless they went directly contrary to any ruling of the Central Council. There was no idea of cutting anything out, but rather of including Minor methods.

Mr. Debenham: It is rather a widening than a narrowing.

Mr. Cartmel explained that Mr. Debenham's idea in bringing this motion forward was to include everything that was a peal. To-day ringing was making such rapid strides that they did not know what would happen in twelve months' time. The Hertford Association were going to lead the other associations; they wanted to welcome all the peals that were rung in 20, 30, or 40 methods.

The motion was eventually agreed to.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

As district secretaries, Messrs. F. R. Bacon (Northern Division), W. Nash (St. Albans), H. Eden (Watford) and W. H. Lawrence (Eastern Division) were re-elected, and Mr. W. Ayre was elected to succeed Mr. Reeve (resigned) for the Western Division.

Mr. Debenham moved, and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake seconded, a vote of thanks to the Dean of St. Albans, and the Vicars of St. Peter's, St. Michael's and St. Stephen's Churches for placing their bellies at the disposal of the members for the annual festival. Mr. Debenham making special reference to the admirable address, at the annual service in the Cathedral, delivered by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, whose words they would treasure in the days to come. He referred also to the sustained interest which Mr. Cartmel showed in the work of the association, and said if it were not for him the association would not be in its present flourishing condition.

The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake jokingly remarked that the Dean of St. Albans now had such an excellent deputy on the Cathedral staff

of preachers that it would be an excellent thing if he would decide to go round to the small country parishes and give the incumbents there a holiday.

The Dean of St. Albans, in the course of his reply, also alluded to Mr. Carlme's address, which, he said, was one they would all value, and one which he hoped would aid them in their work. He said he liked to look upon ringers as being in a very real sense workers for God. This was the only ideal that could bring about true friendship amongst them. Incidentally the Dean said he believed it was fifty years ago this year since the Abbey Society was revived, and he expressed the hope that the jubilee would be marked by great success. They had lost their old captain, Mr. Whitbread, who had been with them for many years, but they were very glad to have as his successor Mr. Goodenough (applause).

A NEW SOCIETY FOR SUFFOLK. UNITY OF ACTION ACHIEVED AT IPSWICH MEETINGS.

There have been a number of meetings in Suffolk during the last few years which have claimed to speak for the county, but such a claim has in each case been disputed. There can, however, be no doubt about the meetings held at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Suffolk ringers had made up their minds that it was quite time that they managed their own affairs, and at 12.30 they assembled in a crowded meeting under the Archdeacon of Sudbury as president. Voting papers had been sent out to all the towers where ringing is carried on in the diocese, and so many were returned to Mr. Charles F. Bailey, of Leiston, that he was able to inform the meeting that an overwhelming majority of both towers and ringers were in favour of forming a new society. He, therefore, proposed that such a society be now formed.

This was seconded by Mr. C. J. Sedgley, of Ipswich, and opposed by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, of Henley, who wanted a joint association of the two counties of Norfolk and Suffolk.

The Rev. H. Drake said he was really in favour of such a joint association, and had been trying to work for it for nearly two years, but the mention of such a thing simply infuriated their Norfolk friends, so the only practical course was to adopt Mr. Bailey's proposal, and when their society was formed and had been working some years, co-operation might be possible, but at present it was impracticable. He denied Mr. Pearson's statement that he had organised this meeting; the movement was entirely spontaneous throughout the county, and his share of the work was confined to posting the notices and voting papers.

The proposal was carried by 31 against 7.

It was then agreed that the name of the society be 'The Suffolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.'

The Bishop was then elected patron; Archdeacon Farmiloe, president; Archdeacon Darling, vice-president; Mr. C. J. Sedgley, Ringing Master; the Rev. H. Drake, secretary; Mr. C. E. Fisher, treasurer; and the following members, in addition to the district secretaries, on the committee, Mr. Ar. Symonds, the Rev. R. L. Gardner, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Chas. Bailey, Mr. Poppy, Mr. Charles Mee. The rules were left to the committee, and it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Ipswich in July.

ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION DISSOLVED.

A meeting followed at 2.30 of the existing St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, and it was unanimously decided that at the close of that meeting the society be dissolved. A report of the whole working of the association was read and passed, and it was decided to ask the secretary to print it, together with a list of peals already rung by the association, out of the existing funds in his hands.

With regard to the matters left to this meeting by the previous meeting, it was decided to ask the New Guild to absorb the old association, to take over the life members, and those who have already paid their subscriptions, in return for which any balance in hand will be paid to the new Guild; £5 to be paid at once on account.

At 3.30 another crowded meeting was held; this time, of the members of the Norwich Diocesan Association. It only lasted about ten minutes. After formal business, Mr. George Wilson resigned the position of secretary pro tem., saying he had tried in vain to obtain a successor. After the chairman had appealed several times for nominations to this and the other vacant offices in vain, Mr. H. Day proposed, and Mr. B. Poppy seconded, that this branch cease to exist.

On being put to the meeting, it was carried, with only one dissentient.

LYMINGE, KENT.—For Easter Eve, 826 Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original: K. Gordon (age 14) 1, F. Castle (Elham, age 14) 2, A. Castle (Elham) 3, G. Cullum 4, A. Tanton 5, R. Webb 6, L. Head (Maidstone) 7, A. Webb 8. Conducted by L. Head. Longest length by 1, 2, 6 and 8.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT DERBY.

It was at Derby in 1882 that the association everywhere known by the abbreviated nomenclature of M.C.A. first saw the light; and for many years the place was the sole headquarters. The movement spread, and other towns as great or greater came into the combine, and ultimately it was decided to visit each of these in turn, viz., Burton, Derby, Nottingham and Leicester. Thus, once in every four years ringers turn at Easter to one of these centres, in their respective order, and on Monday last Derby was the venue. Although a popular place, and almost centrally situated, the railway authorities always seem to give the celebrated Midland town a 'miss-in-bank.' No trips are run on Easter Monday, although one can pass through and travel far afield at excursion rates, but as far as Derby is concerned it is full fare. The Midland motto of 'Semper idem' is loyally carried out, but such conservatism is not compatible with progress. There was a time when Derby went much further—so its traducers say—and that cyclists were forbidden to ride through the iron gate on a Sunday; in fact, if anyone was seen by the Guardian in Blue to be laughing, winking, or wagging his ear, he was promptly 'run in!' I do not vouch for the truth of this, for some of the ringers of Derby are lively enough to ward off depression, and are never averse when they appear before a judge in chambers!

On this occasion the merry bells of St. Andrew were silent, the reason being that they are undergoing rehanging and augmentation to ten. Fortunately, St. Luke's bells of 30 cwt. tenor, unring for many years, gave tongue after rehanging, as did St. Peter's (8) and a bright sparkling ring of eight at St. Alkmund's. The ten bells of All Saints were also in evidence during the day, but it is much to be desired that the peal should be rehung, recast and augmented to twelve. All Saints is a grand old tower, and a landmark for miles around. No effort should be spared to make the bells worthy of the church. Among the ringers one met could be seen faces from Chesterfield, Bolsover, Burton, Nottingham, Loughboro', and from many places north of the Trent.

The sub-committee appointed to consider the certificate of merit question met at St. Alkmund's Institute. This question, which has been discussed in 'The Ringing World' has many sides. There are two classes of objectors, one that thinks the Surprise methods are too far ahead for them, and, therefore, no differentiation should be made; the other, that their prowess is so well known that it would be infra dig. to mention it! There is another school of thought that thinks differently, and believes that honour should be given wherever it is due. The movers in this scheme hardly expected it to be accepted off-hand. Few pioneers see the fruition of their labours. It usually remains for the after followers to garner the work of the pioneer, but it should never be forgotten that the impossibilities (1) and ideals of goneby ages are the common places of to-day! Some thought that a test of striking should be asked for, in other words, prize ringing without the prize. A cup was also offered for good striking, but realising the half-digested opinion at present extant, it was resolved to refer the scheme back to the committee for further consideration.

The general committee met later in the same place to transact the business when the matter of finance was discussed. As notified in the 'report,' the hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Willson, brought forward the question of investing some of the funds in hand. Owing to the initiative of the president, Ald. R. B. Chambers, the association possessed a considerable number of patrons and hon. members, so much so that their subscriptions almost equalled those of ringing members. Never in its history had the M.C.A. been so affluent, and while the bank balance brought little interest on current account, it was possible to invest in registered stock of Government Loan at 25 per cent. per annum free of tax. This involved the question of trusteeship, and the hon. treasurer suggested that £100 be bought, with the president as trustee. After discussion, it was agreed to postpone the investment until the next quarterly meeting. It was also resolved to allocate £10 to the 'Bell Repair Fund,' from which a grant of £5 was made to the church at Castle Donington, on condition the work of rehanging the bells is satisfactorily carried out.

A ringers' service was held at 4 o'clock in All Saints' Church, when the Ven. Archdeacon of Nottingham occupied the pulpit. Ringers' hymns were used, and the reverend gentleman gave an interesting discourse to an appreciative audience. At the close of the service, a collection was taken for the 'Bell Repair Fund.'

Following this, tea took place in the Assembly Rooms, Market Place, when about 150 members and friends sat down to an excellent repast. The meeting was graced by the presence of Mrs. Chambers, Miss Chambers, Ven. Archdeacon Conybeare, the Revs. R. F. Wilkinson, R. W. Ellison, M.A., T. S. Wiling, J. T. Mumford, M.A., and others. The business meeting followed on the heels of the tea.

The election of general officers was then proceeded with. Only the present occupants of the offices were nominated, viz., president, Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.; secretary, Mr. A. C. Wright; treasurer, Mr. W. Willson; and these were re-elected nem con.—Votes of thanks to them for past services were passed, with applause.

For the next quarterly meetings it was resolved to visit Loughboro' at the opening of the carillon in July; Bakewell, Derbyshire, in September, while a place to be chosen was decided on for the January meeting in 1924. Nottingham falls for the annual meeting at Easter next, according to rota.

Thirty-one new members were elected, bringing the total membership up to 953.

In moving a vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells and to the local officers for the excellent catering, Mr. Willson said that Derby could now consider itself 'somebody.' It had got into the semi-final for the English Cup at football, had licked Leicester once at cricket (by a fluke) and now it remained to ring next time on the augmented ten at St. Andrew's.

Ringling throughout the day was of a first-class order, most of the standard methods being negotiated to the satisfaction of all concerned, while others, who only meet their friends at these meetings, retired to some of the cosy old 'snugs' to be found in Derby, where liquid nourishment is dispensed, and where they could ring their peals of long ago over again. Ah, well, they were good judges, too, for life is made up of anticipations—and memories.

In the evening, thanks to the generosity of Ald. Chambers, a social and 'smoker' was given in the Assembly Rooms, when the following items were well rendered: 'Napoleon,' Littleover Handbell Ringers; song, 'I care not' (Basil Hood), Mr. A. Roome; duet, 'Ring out, wild bells' (J. Blocksley), Messrs. Roome and Smith; song, 'The bellringer' (V. Wallace), Mr. A. P. Smith; quartette, 'Comrades in arms' (A. Adams), Messrs. Roome, Robinson, Dunning and Percival; 'The Ash Grove,' Littleover Handbell Ringers; 'Arlene Waltz' (Balfe), Littleover Handbell Ringers; song, 'The Songs of Araby' (F. H. Clay), Mr. A. Roome; duet, 'Flow gently, Deva' (H. Parry), Messrs. Roome and Smith; song, 'The Ringer' (Hermann Lohr), Mr. A. P. Smith; quartette, 'The long day closes' (Sullivan), Messrs. Roome, Robinson, Dunning and Percival; 'The Blue Bells of Scotland,' Littleover Handbell Ringers.

ERDINGTON BIRMINGHAM. — On Wednesday, March 28th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples 1,260 (Johnson's), in 43 mins.: C. Cotterill 1. Wm. B. Cartwright 2. J. Preston 3. G. F. Garrison 4. Wm. Davies 5. G. F. Swann 6. J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 7. W. T. Vowler 8.

RINGER'S TRAGIC DEATH.

RESULT OF A CYCLING ACCIDENT.

It is with regret we have to record the sad death of Mr. F. T. Sands, of Mayfield, Sussex, which occurred at Tunbridge Wells Hospital, on March 20th inst., as the result of an accident on the previous day. While cycling to collect orders he came into collision with another cyclist, and was thrown with such violence from his machine that he received terrible injuries to his skull, to which he unhappily succumbed.

The deceased was elected a member of the Mayfield ringers in Jan., 1912, and became secretary and sub-captain in 1921, which office he held at the time of his death.

He was buried at St. Dunstan's, Mayfield, on March 26th, and was borne to the church by four of his fellow ringers and four brother Foresters. In the evening touches were rung with bells muffled and the hand stroke of tenor open, friends from Rotherfield assisting.

Mr. Sands, who was only 32 years of age, was born at Mayfield, where he had lived all his life, with the exception of the time he served in the war. He leaves a widow and three children, the youngest being only six weeks old, and for them much sympathy is felt.

BRIGHTON RINGERS' SOCIAL.

Some 14 of the members of the St. Nicholas' Society, Brighton, recently met for a social evening at the house of Mr. F. Bleach, one of the band. An excellent repast, prepared by Mrs. Bleach and a friend, was most heartily enjoyed by the company, which was later increased by the arrival of one of the honorary members — the Rev. C. H. Clarke.

Music and song followed, the solo items being contributed chiefly by Messrs. John Jay, Fred K. Palmer, E. Bleach, A. York Bramble, and the Rev. C. H. Clarke. The thanks of the company were due to Mr. and Mrs. Bleach and to their son-in-law, who so ably accompanied throughout the evening—an evening marked by the prevalence of the true social spirit.

DEATH OF FORMER HEPTONSTALL RINGER

At Heptonstall Parish Church, the bells were muffled for evensong on Palm Sunday as a mark of respect to the late Mr. William Robertshaw, who was conductor at this church previous to removing to Haworth some 35 years ago. A touch of 1,008 Bob Major was rung in 40 minutes by T. Robertshaw 1. W. Crabtree 2. Mrs. W. Crabtree 3. F. Robertshaw 4. J. A. Robertshaw (longest length) 5. J. Robertshaw 6. R. Nowell 7. H. Devonport (conductor) 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Salisbury Branch of the Salisbury Guild is badly in want of a new secretary, the acting secretary, through pressure of other duties, being unable to hold the necessary branch meetings or to maintain and encourage the work of the bells. Here is a chance for an enthusiast.

Plans are under discussion for strengthening the tower of Tisbury Church, Wilts, so that the fine peal of bells there may again be brought into use.

The first non-conducted peal of Minor in seven methods was rung at Batley on April 6th, 1867.

On April 7th, 1741, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, London, the first peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung. This was a 5,200 'Oxford Triple Bob, ten in,' by the Eastern Scholars.

It was on April 7th, 1761, that the peal of 40,320 Bob Major was begun at Leeds, in Kent, to be finished on the next day, thirteen men taking part.

The rare performance for those early times, of two peals in one day was completed on April 9th, 1751. These were 5,800 Double Bob Major and 5,040 Bob Major, both rung at St. Mary's, Hillingdon. John Holt took part in these peals.

On April 11th, 1888, 13,265 Grandsire Caters was rung at Appleton in 8 hours 5 minutes, and on April 12th, 1909, the 18,027 Stedman Caters was rung at Loughborough in 12 hours 18 minutes. Easter Monday has been a favourite day for long peals.

The composition of 5,184 London Surprise Major, published last week under the name of Mr. S. Grove, was first produced by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and was rung in 1896. Several correspondents have pointed this out, and it is only fair to Mr. Grove to say that, having regard to the qualities of the peal, he felt convinced he could not be the first to obtain it.

In reference to Mr. Kim's letter published last week it should be stated that true peals of Triples in the methods referred to can be obtained if the Singles used are Holt's Singles.

The report of a peal rung on March 28th at Newton-in-the-Isle, Cambs, has been sent without the name of the conductor.

The following is the copy of an interesting old peal tablet at St. Nicholas Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne: 'On March 27th (Easter Sunday), 1842, the Union Society of Newcastle and Gateshead change ringers, in company with Messrs. John Cox and John Freeman, two members of the St. James' Youtlis, London, rang on the bells in this tower a true and complete peal of Holt's Grandsire Triples, consisting of 5,040 changes in the unprecedented short period of 2 hours and 59 minutes. Tenor 36 cwt. The harmony produced by the skill and talent employed on this occasion, displayed to the science an unequalled specimen of the sublime, beautiful and intricate art of change ringing. The following are the names of the artists who rang: Chas. Walker 1. John Elliott 2. Allan Stephenson 3. John Freeman 4. John Cox 5. Robt. Balmra 6. George James 7. Richd. Wanless 8. Conducted by John Cox. Stewards, R. Balmra, Geo. James.'

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

HINCKLEY DISTRICT MEETING.

A most successful meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Peckleton and Kirkby Mallory on Saturday, March 24th, when 23 members and friends attended from Barwell, Croft, Desford, Hinckley, Earl Shilton, Stony Stanton, South Wigston, Wigston Magna, and the local company. The bells were kept going in the standard methods till 7.30 p.m. At the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. S. R. Pocock) the ringers adjourned to the Rectory for their meeting. This was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb), who was supported by the Rev. S. R. Pocock, who was unanimously elected an honorary member of the association.

Five ringing members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Wolvey, in April.

Thanks to Rectors for use of bells at Peckleton and Kirkby Mallory were passed.—The Rev. S. R. Pocock, in replying, said, speaking for himself and his neighbour (the Rev. W. Townshend), he could assure the members it gave them great pleasure not only to place bells at the ringers' disposal, but also to hear them rung.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his kindness in providing refreshments at the Rectory after the meeting, and the Rector said what a pleasure it was to know of the good work the ringers were trying to do. He hoped they would all be able to pay them a visit on many future occasions.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT SAFFRON WALDEN

To the Editor.

Sir.—As I was partly responsible for the publication of the statement regarding the handbell peal at Saffron Walden, being the first by anyone of its members, I find 'Interested' is quite right. I, therefore, wish to withdraw that statement, although the peal was not included in the late Mr. Nathan Pitstow's list of peals published at the time of his death in 1914. It being the first handbell peal rung in Saffron Walden, still holds good.—Yours faithfully,

F. DENCH.

TEN-BELL TOWERS.

This article is the first of a series, kindly supplied by Mr. J. R. Jerram of Salisbury, upon the bells in some of the ten-bell towers of England.

ST. MAGNUS, LONDON BRIDGE.

There was originally at the church of St. Magnus, London Bridge, a peal of eight bells cast by Richard Phelps in 1714. In 1748 two trebles were added by Robert



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THE TOWER OF ST. MAGNUS CHURCH.

Catlin, to make a peal of ten, one of which (the treble) was recast by Mears in 1843 who had previously recast the tenor in 1831.

The inscriptions, all in large and small Roman capitals, are as follows:—

- Treble.—Thomas Mears, founder, London, 1843.
- Second.—Thos. * Gillmore * Jos * Ismay * Thos. * Hux * Church * wardens * Rt * Catlin fecit 1748, C.N.
- Third.—The gift of Mr. Richard West, of St. Magnus Parish, Fishmonger. R: Phelps fecit: 1714.
- Fourth.—Richard Cambridge and Thomas Preston, Esqs: bountiful benefactors, 1714.
- Fifth.—Sir: Geo: Mertins kt: ald: of this ward and Sir Fra: Forbes, kt. ald: of Dowgate ward Benefactors, 1714. R:P: fe:
- Sixth.—Richard Tustian, gent: benefactor. Richard Phelps made these bells, 1714.
- Seventh.—Richard Phelps made me, 1714.
- Eighth.—These five biggest bells were all made at the charge of the united parishes of St. Magnus and St. Margaret, 1714, by R. Phelps * *
- Ninth.—Mr. Charles Walkden—William Standart, Ch:w: of St. Margaret new fish street—Mr. George Browne—Noy Willey, Ch:w: of St. Magnus-the-Martyr. R:F: fecit: 1714 (a) I. Guy sexton (b).
- Tenor.—T. Mears, of Loudon. Fecit, 1831.
William Smither—Hadazer Whitfield Sharp, St. Magnus-the-Martyr.—Thomas Lindley—Joseph Carpenter, St. Margaret's, New Fish Street.—Edmund Ronalds, William Matthews—St. Michael's, Crooked Lane, Church wardens.
- Clock-bell.—C. and G. Mears, founders, London, 1845.
The tenor is 51½ inches diameter, weight about 24 cwt.

The following tablets are in the belfry:

The COLLEGE YOUTHS, on the 21st of Feb: 17. (obliterated) did ring in this steeple a complete peal of 5,148 DOUBLE GRANDSIRE CATERS, in 3 hours and 40 minutes, being the most ever performed in that method.

John Underwood	Treble	Emanuel Crew	Sixth
Willm. Mills	Second	George Meakins	Seventh
William Hatt	Third	Robt. Bly	Eighth
Jas. Darquit	Fourth	John Lokes	Ninth
Robt. Butterworth	Fifth	Fras. Buckingham	Tenor

The peal was called by Mr. G. Meakins.

THE SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS, established 1637.—On Saturday, November 3rd, 1853, the company rang a true peal of 5,079 Stedman Caters, in 3 hours and 13 minutes, being the first in that method on these bells. Performers:—

J. Mash	Treble	Wm. Lobb	Sixth
Geo. Monday	Second	Wm. Cooter	Seventh
W. Hinds	Third	G. E. Ferris	Eighth
Jno. Bradley	Fourth	Jas. Dwight	Ninth
Wm. Bannister	Fifth	M. A. Wood	Tenor

Conducted by Willm. Cooter Upwards of 40 years had elapsed since a peal had been accomplished in this steeple.

DEATH OF MR. J. S. AMBLER.

The Halifax, St. John's, company of ringers have sustained a severe loss, in their sadly depleted numbers, by the death of Mr. J. S. Ambler, on Tuesday, March 20th (after an illness of only three days) from sugar diabetes. Mr. Ambler had rung 69 peals in various methods for the Yorkshire Association, his membership of that body dating from 1888. He had also occupied all the senior offices of the Halifax and District Association, and his many activities made him known to an exceedingly wide circle of friends. The deceased had also been a regular member of parties of ringers organised each Whitsuntide by Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, to visit various parts of the kingdom, and his genial presence will be greatly missed at these functions, where his kindly disposition made him greatly esteemed by the other members of the party.

The funeral was led by a procession of some four hundred men, connected with the R.A.O.B., Plumbers' Institute, Master Plumbers' Association, and various change ringing organisations, and after a service at All Souls', Haley Hill, the interment took place at All Souls' Cemetery, both services being conducted by the President of the Yorkshire Association (the Rev. C. C. Marshall). Inside a square, formed by some two hundred members of the various orders, the last offices of the church were ministered at the graveside, the Grand Master of the R.A.O.B. conducting the rites of that order at the conclusion of the church service.

A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by G. Naylor, T. B. Kendall, P. J. Johnson and J. Broadley after which muffled touches of Treble Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters were rung on the bells at the Parish Church. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. Ambler and her son and daughter in their bereavement, while the loss of an enthusiastic and devoted helper to his ringing friends will be greatly felt, and it will be long ere the memory of our deceased comrade will be forgotten by his many friends.
P. J. J.

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JOHN NEW'S RINGING BOOK.

BITS FROM THE RECORD OF AN OLD TWICKENHAM RINGER.

The ringing book of John New, of Twickenham, who was born on June 14th, 1790, sets at rest all doubts as to the peal at Twickenham, the other day being the first of Major on the bells, for therein is recorded a complete peal of Bob Major, 5,040 changes in 3 hours 4 minutes, on October 10th, 1810. This peal was rung by Will Winson 1, J. New 2, J. Bates 3, B. Harris 4, E. Nelhams 5, E. Unday 6, W. Webb 7, G. Cole 8, and was conducted by G. Cole.

This ringing book, which has kindly been lent to us by Mr. T. Beadle, of Isleworth, is extraordinarily interesting. It was evidently begun by John New on October 27th, 1811, for it contains his name and this date boldly lettered on the fly leaf. Its principle object seems to have been to place the writer in possession of a copy of various methods and compositions, and with great pains and much obvious labour he has copied out the letterpress and figures relating to many of the methods and peals in 'The Clavis,' beginning with the changes on three bells and going on to twelve. Further on, John New's peals are recorded, carefully written, ruled round in red, and some of the special performances crudely decorated with designs of bells.

Although it is obvious that much of the writing was done at a later date, the owner of the book had apparently completed what he first set out to do, a few months after he started, for on the last page he has inscribed, 'Patience is a Virtue, And that you may see; this Book was begun and Finished by Me, John New, Feb. 27th, 1812.' As the years progressed, quite a variety of matters was crowded into spare spaces, ranging from the figures of handbell tunes, to business accounts and recipes for minor ailments. Among the last named, for instance, is a recipe by Mr. Thomas Ewington, which was written into the ringing book, apparently, on Dec. 7th, 1822: 'Tincture of Cantherides rubbed on the face three times a day is very serviceable in the Rheumatism, and take one spoonful of tincture of Gum Guacum put into three-quarters of a pint of water gruel going to bed at night.' Perhaps John New was suffering from rheumatism.

John New rang peals at many of the churches in Middlesex and Surrey, for at that time, between 1809 and 1822 there was an enthusiastic band of ringers at Twickenham, and peal tablets still remain at Isleworth and Richmond recording their prowess. Their conductor was George Cole, and he must have been a very able bob caller for in addition to many peals of Grandsire, including Holt's Original, there are peals of Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major and Royal, and Stedman Catens. The record of the first peal of Stedman Catens which they rang, occupies a position of special prominence in John New's ringing book. A full and decorated page is devoted to it, and it is thus recorded: 'On Sunday, October the 3rd, 1819, was rung at All Saints' Church, Fulham, Middlesex, after the long perseverance of two years and upwards, the arduous task of Stedman Catens. A complete peal of 5,031 changes, which was Performed in 3 Hours and 12 Minutes, it being the first Peal ever Performed in that Tower in the Method of Stedman, the Performers were: Messrs.

John New	1st	John Cooper	6th
John Barber	2nd	George Cole	7th
Charles Barber	3rd	William Platt, senr.	8th
Scholes Bamford	4th	John Platt	9th
John Stratford	5th	Edward Hudnot	10th

This Peal was Composed, Call'd and Rung by George Cole.
Brought Round at Hand and Finished in Fine Style.'

John New appears to have been at the opening of the twelve bells at Painswick on October 11th, 1819, to have rung at Gloucester on the previous day, and at Stroud on the day after, for a record of 'touches' at these places appears on a page following a list of towers at which he had rung. He was also present at the first opening of Mitcham Bells on April 26th, 1820, and on Feb. 16th in that year he rang a 'dumb peal for George, the King of Great Britain, the best King ever reign'd in England.'

Various bits of doggerel verse intersperse other matters and one 'a Ringer's Song,' extols the virtues of a peal of Oxford Treble Bob rung at Richmond, on Feb. 11th, 1809, presumably John New's first peal—at any rate it is the earliest recorded in this book. It was a 5,120.

They did ring so neat and clear,
That you might travel many a mile and not such ringing hear.
A Tite young Youth the Treble rung, his name it was John New.
The second veteran Nelhams, he did ring both just and true.
The third, Jem Cole, well play'd his part,
Tho' he so lately learnt the art.

The 4th Scholes Bamford he did ring, although but weak and low,
Yet while that he could stand and ring, his rope he'd ne'er let go.
The fifth Jack Bates, a staunch brave Boy
Did knock about to all our joy.

The sixth was rung by William Platt, a noble striker He,
The 7th his nephew, stout young Jack, his model to a Tee.
They made the Musick oo well tell
No Slur or Blur, but Ding, Dong, Bell.

The Tenor by George Cole was rung, he call'd the Peal likewise,
And had the Londoners been there, it had struck them with surprise.

The first Peal ere he rung at all
He did both manfully ring and call.

Now since the peal we have gone through, so early in the year,
Let's down to White's, of Staunch True Blue, and drink his nut brown beer.

And if that will not touch us fine,
He' got some glorious elder Wine!

Some of the habits of peal ringers a hundred and more years ago do not seem to have been vastly different to those of the present generation.

John New, and at any rate some of the other Twickenham men, were apparently members of the College Youths, for a peal of 'Oxford Treble Bob' was rung at Kensington on Dec. 8th, 1822, 'by eight of the Society of old College Youths.'

John New made a family register of his ringing book, and in it he recorded the dates of his own birth, and marriage, and the names of his children and the dates of their birth. He was married to Elizabeth Shores at Twickenham Church on Sept. 4th, 1814. One may imagine he was a decorator, glazier and sign writer by trade, judging from his accounts, and he must have provided a good many peal boards, for he notes against some of his peals, as, for instance, one of 'Gransire Triples' rung on Easter Day, March 29th, 1812, at Twickenham, 'Printed the Board for it.'

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

GATHERING AT CAMBRIDGE.

The annual meeting was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. The committee held a short meeting, at which the president (the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey) presided. The hon. secretary's balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £10 11s. 11½d., was approved, and the names of the officers were suggested for the approval of the general meeting.

The service was at Great St. Mary's at noon. The Vicar (the Rev. C. L. Hulbert) was assisted by the hon. secretary, and the lesson was read by the Rev. H. B. Woolley. The Rev. Canon S. T. Adams, Vicar of Holy Sepulchre and Rural Dean, gave an inspiring address. His text being 1 Cor., x. 31. At the close he quoted some words on the qualities required for successful change ringing, and dwelt on one, viz., 'Unselfish team work.'

A luncheon had been arranged at the Dorothy Cafe, at which 30 ringers and friends were present—a much smaller number than last year. After lunch came the general meeting, the chair being taken by Mr. Woolley as the president, who was suffering from a severe cold, begged to be excused from using his voice. The recommendations as to the officers were approved by the meeting: Hon secretary, the Rev. R. Copeman; treasurer, Mr. F. C. Turner; auditor, Mr. T. R. Dennis; district secretary, Ely Archdeaconry, Mr. A. E. Austin; district secretary, Huntingdon Archdeaconry, the Rev. H. B. Woolley; district secretary, Wisbech Archdeaconry, Mr. H. Giddings; district secretary, Marshland Branch, Mr. W. Cross. It was decided that the words 'Ringing Masters' should be deleted in Rule 10.

The question of printing the report was discussed. It was resolved that the reports be printed at the end of the financial year, and sixpence be charged for a copy. It was understood that the district secretaries ascertain the number of copies which would be taken in their districts.

Mr. J. Taylor proposed a vote of thanks to the incumbents of Great St. Mary's, St. Andrew's the Great, and Old Chesterton, and the Rector of the Church of our Lady and the English Martyrs for allowing their bells to be used.—This was seconded by Mr. Dennis, and carried with acclamation.—The Rector (the Rev. J. H. Marshall) replied, and said it gave him great pleasure to be present and to grant the use of their bells. Ringing in various methods was kept up during the afternoon at these churches, and the early comers raised the bells at the Church of our Lady soon after 10 o'clock.

It is hoped that the 7th at Great St. Mary's, which is cracked, may be recast before the next annual meeting.

The Hon. Secretary, in his report, stated that several district meetings had been held during the year, and that 23 peals had been rung: on the tower bells, six of Major and one Grandsire Triples, and 11 in various Minor methods, and five peals on handbells, three being Double Norwich Court Bob, one Kent Treble Bob, one Plain Bob.

BURGHLLY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Good Friday, March 30th, 1923 of Doubles, being 120 of each of the following: Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury, College Single, and St. Dunstons: J. Rawlings 1, A. Probert 2, W. Williams 3, R. Lloyd 4, C. Jones 5, W. Jones 6, J. Probert (conductor) 7, W. Davis 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, and 4, 6, 8 covering.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer 1, H. Belcher 2, P. Clarke 3, E. Harris 4, C. Edwards 5, E. J. Walsom 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, W. Dalton 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Woodbine, 360 Kent and 180 Oxford Bob; W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, W. H. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, E. Overall 5, G. H. Carter (conductor) 6.

SILSDEN, YORKS.—At St. James' Church, for Confirmation service, on Sunday afternoon, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: John Ayrey (conductor) 1, J. Cooper 2, T. Baldwin 3, R. Brown 4, J. H. Winstanley 5, A. E. Lambert 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT. At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Palm Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. B. Crowder 1, E. J. Fannett 2, Miss Mabel A. Nye 3, J. Dafters (Lee) 4, G. Harris 5, A. E. Goddard 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 3 and 4. For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, A. E. Goddard 2, J. Law 3, H. J. Norgate 4, J. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, T. A. Bastorby 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,260 changes), composed by G. Hollis, in 46 mins.: A. Prince 1, G. Temple 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, T. Hogsflesh 4, E. W. Brown 5, C. Densley 6, G. Harding 7, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, before 7 a.m. choral eucharist, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 120 Woodbine and 72 Oxford Treble Bob. Before 11 a.m. Matins, 720 Woodbine and 72 Kent Treble Bob. Before 6.30 p.m. evensong, 720 Double Court and 360 Kent Treble Bob by L. Camp, G. Camp, C. Harrington, H. Wright, A. Bradley, B. Sitch, A. Bradley and E. Sitch conductors.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,056 Bob Major: † T. I. Knight 1, † A. James 2, G. F. James 3, G. Durling 4, † E. Mounter 5, G. Huxley 6, P. J. Spice 7, S. Emery (conductor) 8. † Longest length Major. † Longest length with a bob bell.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Easter Sunday, for 6.30 a.m. service, at St. Mary's, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Cluett 1, J. D. Harris (conductor) 2, E. J. Harding, junr., 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, F. W. Rogers 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, S. J. Harding 8. Also for festal evensong, 1,120 Bob Major: F. A. Cluett 1, J. D. Harris 2, W. Tate 3, T. R. Taylor 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8.

MILTON, NORTHANTS. On Easter Sunday, for evening service, at the Church of the Holy Cross, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 420 of Original, 360 of Plain Bob, and 480 of Grandsire, in 48 mins.: A. Turner 1, C. Yates 2, R. Asplin 3, J. Townsend (conductor) 4, P. Asplin 5. Longest touch in three methods by all except the conductor.

BRAINTREE.—On Easter Sunday, for 6 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, 279 Grandsire Triples: L. E. Wiffen 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, C. H. Howard 6, G. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—For Matins, 704 Oxford Treble Bob: L. W. Wiffen 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. E. Hammond 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, C. H. Howard (conductor) 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—For evensong, 762 Kent Treble Bob: H. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, L. W. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, C. H. Howard (conductor) 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 48 mins.: W. H. P. Evans (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Smith 2, W. Richards (first quarter inside) 3, G. Large 4, W. Bolton 5, W. Coombes 6, F. Viles 7, A. Parnell 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, W. Richards 3, G. Large 4, A. Parnell 5, E. Coombes (conductor) 6, F. Chamberlain 7, S. R. Barker 8.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Easter Sunday, for Matins, 360 Grandsire Doubles and for evening service, 600 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cook 1, J. Smith 2, W. Chapman (conductor) 3, H. G. Smith 4, B. Cook 5, F. Egan 6. These are the longest touches rung on the bells by the local band.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): J. C. King 1, P. Ward (longest length with a bob bell) 2, A. E. Scharman (conductor) 3, G. Heley 4, Canon W. W. C. Baker 5, F. Ramsey 6, A. G. Matthews 7, J. B. Marks 8. Rung for the conductor's 41st birthday which occurred on Good Friday.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—At All Saints' Church on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: Miss Humblecroft 1, H. S. Hobden 2, P. Thompson (first quarter-peal) 3, E. Jennings 4, A. Hobden 5, C. H. Humphrey 6, A. Reid (conductor) 7, W. Jenner 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Easter morning, in 24 mins., 720 Plain Bob: A. Livermore 1, J. Burles 2, L. Beckett 3, F. M. Mitchell 4, F. A. Mitchell (conductor) 5, G. Morrad 6. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to F. A. Mitchell, this being his first attempt as conductor. Two 120's of London Surprise were also rung.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: S. Meadows 1, H. Prior 2, A. J. Le Clercq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Composed by Harry Franks.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Sunday, March 25th, at St. Michael's, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. S. Lethbridge 1, J. R. Sandover 2, F. H. Gardner 3, J. C. Oke 4, F. J. Davey 5, C. G. Glass 6, T. Laver (conductor) 7, F. M. Rogers 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: S. Meadows 1, H. Prior 2, G. Upshall 3, R. J. Hasted 4, E. Clapshaw 5, A. Baigent 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, T. Upshall 8.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Curd 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Bennett (conductor) 3, G. Hodson 4, K. Pattenden 5, G. Farr 6, H. Baker 7, W. Henley 8. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are from Frittenden, Kent, the rest local.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Palm Sunday evening, 720 Double Court and 120 Oxford Treble Bob: L. Camp 1, E. Sitch 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, A. Bradley (conductor) 5, G. Rogers (first in method) 6.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 47 mins.: J. Coppins 1, F. Jordan 2, E. Bridges 3, A. Higgins 4, A. Kedwell 5, S. Binfield (conductor) 6, J. Henley 7, W. Knight 8.

BALCOMBE, SUSSEX.—In honour of the Royal christening, on Sunday, March 25th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob, in 42 mins.: S. Wood 1, G. Olliver 2, A. Steele 3, E. Stoner 4, C. Holman 5, A. E. Gasson (conductor) 6.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—At All Saints' Church, on Palm Sunday, for evening service, 560 Bob Major: S. Gridley 1, M. Silvester 2, G. Dixon 3, L. Ollington 4, G. Tatum 5, T. Chinery 6, A. Maxim 7, D. Elliott (conductor) 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Leonard's Church, on March 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins. (1,260 changes): S. Rose 1, H. W. Cooper 2, A. Lewis 3, H. Hollier (conductor) 4, G. Gladman 5, H. Chandler 6, A. Harding 7, W. Lewis 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

In his notes upon 1922, published in the annual report of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Hughes D'Aeth) says the year was one of steady work, and also one in which there have been some notable restorations of peals, and in at all events one tower, the addition of bells. There have been some useful combined practices, which must bring forth much good, for it is chiefly through the help and skill from outside that some of our small country places can get their first insight into scientific ringing. The Master notes, with pleasure that there is to be another peal of ten in the diocese, in a district which has been very active in peal ringing during the year.

Thanks are expressed to the branch secretaries and the energetic and hardworking general secretary, and the Master once more asks the clergy to take a little more active part in the ringers' department of church work.

The hon. secretary's report also records steady progress. Sunday ringing has been well maintained, and several more parishes have adopted the Peace Bell on Fridays. Notable among restorations have been those effected in the ancient towers of St. Mary's Church, Marlborough, and St. Peter's, Shaftesbury.

Financially the Guild had a successful year, a balance in hand of £30 0s. 2½d. at the beginning being increased to £51 7s. 7½d. at the close.

The Guild has 108 affiliated towers, including one ten-bell and 26 eight-bell towers.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Cleator Moor on Saturday, March 24th, in the Montreal Schools, and presided over by the Rev. — Blackburn, who was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. J. Wallis, of Carlisle), and some 16 members from Arlecdon, Bridekirk, Cocker-mouth, Carlisle, Egremont, and the local band.

Mr. Wallis was again elected hon. secretary, and Mr. Geo. Temby, of Egremont, was appointed to work in conjunction with him, as, owing to pressure of business, Mr. Wallis cannot attend every meeting.

Tea was afterwards partaken of, and subsequently some good practice was had on St. John's bell, Plain Bob and Kent Minor being rung.

The annual bell ringing competition was held at Crosthwaite on Easter Monday.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 10th and 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 17th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD OF RINGERS.—North East Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Washfield, (6) on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea should send their names to me by April 3rd.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. W. Cornfield, Hon. Sec. 7D, Morgan Mansions, N.7.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on Saturday, April 7th. Service at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the President, Rev. F. R. Bonsey. Tea and business meeting at St. Giles' School House, Endell Street, at 5 p.m. Arrangements for ringing are as follows: St. Giles-in-the-Fields (8), from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m., and after the meeting, St. Clement Danes (10), from 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Bartholomew the Great (5), from 3 to 4.15 p.m.; St. Margaret's, Westminster (10), from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E. 17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W. 4, Hon. Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Woolton Hill on Saturday, April 7th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. — Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the Swindon Branch of the above association will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. J. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general committee meeting will be held on Saturday, April 7th, at 3.30 p.m., in the Oddfellows Hall, Friar Street, Reading, near St. Laurence's Church. Will all committeemen intending to be present please notify me, so that tea may be arranged for at the Master's invitation? —Richard T. Hibbert, General Secretary, Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is to be held at Horbury, Saturday, April 7th. Bells ready early. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

—Leicester District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whetstone on Saturday, April 7th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Those requiring tea please inform J. H. Richardson, High Street, Whetstone, before April 6th. Reports for 1923 can be had at this meeting, 1/- each, or from H. E. Norman, District Sec., 52, Ivy Road, Leicester.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Salehurst on Saturday, April 7th.—Tower open at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at the Old Eight Bells at 5 p.m., by the kind invitation of L. J. Hodson, Esq., business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Div. Hon. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The memorial to the ringers who fell in the Great War will be unveiled in Newcastle Cathedral on Saturday, April 7th, at 3 o'clock. Seats will be reserved for relatives. For tickets apply, enclosing stamped envelope, to E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—By kind permission of the Rev. F. E. Lowe, M.A., the next meeting of the Western Division will be held at Batley in conjunction with the opening of the new peal of 8 bells on Saturday, April 7th. Tea will be served in the school at 5 p.m. at a charge of 1/6 per head. For further particulars, see circular.—F. Hopwood, District Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, London, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday, 6.30 till 8 p.m. Ringing Sunday mornings, April 8th, 22nd and 29th, 10 till 11 o'clock; also Sunday afternoon, April 8th, 2.15 till 3.15 p.m. Business meeting Wednesday, April 25th, at 8 p.m.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Practice, Bishopsgate, Monday, April 9th, at 7.30 p.m. Quarterly general meeting, St. Clement Danes, Monday, April 16th, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8.15 p.m., at the Edinburgh.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock, a short service at 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting after. All ringers intending being at the meeting please let me know not later than Tuesday, 10th April, and oblige. St. Michael's Tower will be open for ringing in the evening.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting at St. George's, Bolton, April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. Those requiring tea notify me by April 10th.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 6-bell contest and meeting will be held at Silsden, near Keighley, on Saturday, April 14th. All entries for contest and number of tea tickets wanted (price 1/6 each) to be sent to the local secretary, Mr. John Cooper, Old Hall, Silsden, to reach him not later than Monday, April 9th. Draw to take place at 2.45; commence ringing at 3 prompt. Nearest station, Steeton and Silsden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, April 14th, by permission of the Rev. W. A. G. Gray (Vicar). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged and all are welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Sedgley on April 14th. Bells available at 3. Service with address by the Rev. Dr. Swindell at 4.45. Tea (1/1) in the schoolroom at 5.30. Please send word not later than April 10th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. W. T. Reeder, R.D.) Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present please notify me not later than April 10th?—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Audley on Saturday, April 14th. The tower will be open at 3.30 p.m., and tea will be served at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich Parish Church on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7.15 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions due; Reports at hand.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bowdon on Saturday, April 14th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me by Wednesday, April 11th, as arrangements are being made by the Vicar and Churchwardens to entertain the members?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, near Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. Members intending being present please send word to Sec.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.— Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. at Swan Hotel followed by short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A meeting will be held at Cradley on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Short church service. Tea provided.—Richard Thomas, Dis. Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at Winterbourne on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by April 9th. In

connection with the annual meeting to be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st, charabancs will leave Old Market Street, Bristol at 8.15 a.m. Fare 8/-—Members requiring seats should let me know as soon as possible as the number is limited.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley, Surrey, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, 9th?—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, April 14th. Intending visitors should inform me that they will be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittle-le-Woodson Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Members and friends all welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The Nomination meeting of this Society will be held on Saturday, April 14th, at Armley. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—Charles E. Lawson, Hon. Sec., 10, Leather Street, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, April 21st. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available for ringing from 12 o'clock. Service in the church at 4 o'clock. Tea at Botham's Cafe at 1/9 each, for all those who notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, April 18th. Business meeting immediately following tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers, who are within easy distance from Whitby, to attend the meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on April 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m.—Samuel Booth, Hon. Sec., 134, Union Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, April 21st, particulars next week.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 'Dunkery,' Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

INVITATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE TO RINGERS.

On Saturday, April 21st, at Marsden, near Huddersfield, a new peal of 8 bells (tenor, 26½ cwt.) by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be open from 2 p.m. to all ringers. A hearty invitation is given to all towers. Please send any applications for order of ringing and the number of members who will want tea to Mr. F. Russell, Newsagent, Marsden, to reach him Monday, April 16th. First preference for both ringing and tea will be strictly given to those only who notify on or before that date.—The Local Church Council and Local Company, Marsden.

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EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, for Sunday evening service, on March 25th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Folkard 1. G. Head 2, J. E. Frossell 3, J. Howes 4, J. Milner 5, O. Ebberson 6. A. Harding 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Wednesday evening, March 23th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins., composed by John Carter: A. Bayley 1, T. Abbott 2, H. Rixon 3, W. Wase 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders (conductor) 6, W. Lago 7, J. Garbett 8. — On Good Friday evening, for special service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), half-muffled, in 46 mins.: A. Bayley (conductor) 1, T. Abbott 2, J. Hanley 3, W. Wase 4, H. Rixon 5, W. Saunders 6, W. Lago 7, A. Garbett 8. Composed by J. E. Groves. — On handbells, the same evening, 648 Grandsire Caters: W. Lago 1—2, T. Tbbott 3 4, W. Wase 5—6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7—8 R. Rixon 9—10. Also 1,260 Grandsire Triples (composed by John Carter), in 39 mins.: W. Lago 1—2, T. Abbott 3—4, W. Saunders (conductor) 5—6, H. Rixon 7—8.

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RECOGNITION OF CENTRAL COUNCIL'S RULINGS.

The decision of the Hertford County Association upon the recognition of peals is, we think, a step in the right direction. The primary object of the motion at last week's meeting is to bring the Association's rule more in accord with present-day developments in Minor ringing, but it goes further than this. By accepting for its records only such peals as are recognised by the Central Council, it places in the hands of that body the responsibility for the definition of a peal instead of laying down its own rules upon the point. The old rule of the Association provided that no peal of less than 5000 changes on seven bells or upwards, or seven 720's rung in any one or more Minor methods on six bells, provided that each 720 is called differently, shall be entered in the Peal Book. The new rule is really much broader, and its value lies in the recognition of the Central Council as the final authority for deciding what shall and what shall not be deemed a 'peal.'

By accepting the resolution proposed by its new President, the Hertford County Association has set an example which we hope to see widely copied, and out of which we think might be developed the idea, so commendable in theory, but so difficult to put into practice, of giving the Central Council some kind of power to insist upon decisions being binding upon all affiliated societies. The subject has already been discussed by the Council, and some attempt made to ascertain the views of the associations and guilds upon the matter; but the response was only a feeble one, as very few of the organisations replied, or even considered the matter.

The Herts Association, however, has opened up a new line. Voluntarily they have agreed to abide by the Council's ruling with regard to what constitutes a peal. If every Association would do the same thing, the first step towards giving the Council some real power would be achieved, and, having got this stage, the Council could then well draw up a code of rules, relating to peals and other matters, which Associations could be asked to subscribe to as a condition of membership of the Council. Associations which had thus given allegiance, would be in honour bound to stand by their undertaking, and we believe that the influence which would thus be exercised would result in individual ringers giving the same adherence to the Council's rulings. The obstacle to making the Council's decisions binding has been the absence of power to enforce them, but if the initiative could come from affiliated bodies in the same way as the Hertford County Association has shown that it can do, the position of the Council would be quickly and effectively strengthened.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2	WILSON RUSHTON 8
HENRY G. MILES 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
ALBERT V. SELBY 4	JAMES R. MACKMAN 10
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	THOMAS LANGDON 11
WILLIAM E. JUDD 6	PERCY E. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. G. MILES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E.

FRANCIS E. DAWE Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 6
*GEORGE W. HARRIS 2	ALFRED J. TRAFFITT 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 8
†T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. 4	AMOS W. CLARK 9
‡REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal in the method and of Royal. † First peal of Royal. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	SAM GREENHALGH 6
SAM WOOD 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
EDWARD JENKINS 3	FRED PAGE 8
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY 9
HARRY SHUKER 5	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Tenor

Composed by S. WOOD.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Oxford Royal in the county and by the Guild. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Sam Wood and Mrs. H. Chapman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, Mar. 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST, CITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 6
*THOMAS W. TAFFENDER, JUN. 3	WILLIAM BERRY 7
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	GEORGE TINGLE 5
JAMES A. TEALE 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
WILLIAM WOODHEAD 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
WILLIAM E. H. ASH 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to a daughter of W. Ash.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
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On Sunday, April 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN GOOCH Treble	CHARLES WOODCOCK 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING... .. 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS... .. 7
JAMES ROSE 4	GEORGE FARNISH Tenor

Composed by J. BARBER. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal with working bell.

BIRSTALL, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

GEORGE W. STEEL Treble	GEORGE TINGLE 5
CHARLES E. LAWSON 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
JAMES A. TEALE 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
WILLIAM WOODHEAD... .. 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH Tenor

Composed by JAMES S. WILDE. Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT Treble	HENRY HUTTON 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. The company take this opportunity to thank Mr. Hutton for kindly obliging at the last moment.

MILNROW, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN FITTON Treble	GEORGE STAFF 5
*JAMES HARROP 2	JAMES H. LEES 6
MISS ROSE A. BELL... .. 3	JOHN H. MASSEY... .. 7
*WALTER STAFF 4	HERBERT DEVONPORT... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE STAFF.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HERBERT GREENHALGH ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5
THOMAS WORSLEY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
FRANCIS BIBBY 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung in honour of Easter Eve. * First peal of Major.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
HENRY W. WILDE 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTER.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	WILLIAM TOWNSEND 5
GEORGE WALTERS 2	ARTHUR CAUDLE 6
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	ALFRED HUNT 7
JOHN BALLINGER... .. 4	FRANK COLE... .. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

NORTHWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
JOHN HAYES 3	WILLIAM CLARKE 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb.

WILLIAM CLARKE Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	WALTER THOMAS... .. 6
JOHN HAYES... .. 3	SAMUEL JONES 7
REV. W. R. INGHAM 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

ELVEDEN, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
 AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK & ANDREW,

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

*FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN... .. 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 3	BEN S. THOMPSON 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 4	GEORGE MAYNRS... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

*ARCHIBALD C. KAY Treble	*ERNEST POWELL 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	PHILIP HODGRIN 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
LEONARD MANERING... .. 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by FREDK. ROBINSON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 10½ cwt.	
HERBERT DEVONPORT Treble	CHARLES BENNETT 5	CHARLES BENNETT 5	
*MISS ROSE A. BELL 2	JAMES H. LEES 6	JAMES H. LEES 6	
JOHN FITTON 3	JOHN GRIFFITHS 7	JOHN GRIFFITHS 7	
JAMES H. KERSHAW 4	GEORGE STAFF Tenor	GEORGE STAFF Tenor	

Conducted by JAMES H. LEES.

* First peal. First peal in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

BERTIE O. SODEN Treble	FRED HOPPER 5	FRED HOPPER 5	
GEORGE BASFORD 2	THOMAS LAW 6	THOMAS LAW 6	
†FRANK ROLLINGS 3	TOM TEBBOTT 7	TOM TEBBOTT 7	
WILLIAM FAREY, SEN. 4	*HARRY MARLOW Tenor	*HARRY MARLOW Tenor	

Conducted by TOM TEBBOTT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method on a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. H. Crane, sidesman of the above church, who was interred in the churchyard earlier in the day.

CHISWICK.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD AND ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.
On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART,
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

JAMES W. DRIVER Treble	GEORGE C. ILES 5	GEORGE C. ILES 5	
*FRANK C. NORRIS 2	HORACE BELCHER 6	HORACE BELCHER 6	
WILLIAM H. WOOD 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7	
WILLIAM H. HOLIER 4	WILLIAM DALTON Tenor	WILLIAM DALTON Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

* First peal and first attempt.

CHEPSTOW, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK ATWELL Treble	JOHN PRICKETT 5	JOHN PRICKETT 5	
ROBERT THOMPSON 2	JOHN W. JONES 6	JOHN W. JONES 6	
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7	CHARLES GREEDY 7	
FRED CHAMBERLAIN 4	*HAROLD SIMS Tenor	*HAROLD SIMS Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN W. JONES.

* First peal. Specially arranged and rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who for several years has been the leader and towerkeeper of this church, and who is now leaving for Durban, South Africa.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

JESSE SCREEN Treble	JOHN T. DAVIES 5	JOHN T. DAVIES 5	
EDWARD H. REEVES 2	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 6	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 6	
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7	
REUBEN HALL 4	JOHN RAY Tenor	JOHN RAY Tenor	

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

The ringer of the tenor was elected a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Lily Screen, eldest daughter of the ringer of the treble, to Mr. Thomas Millward, both of West Bromwich; also as a birthday compliment to Master Cyril Smith, grandson of the ringer of the 4th.

WYE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GREGORY AND MARTIN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

*MISS ROSE THOMAS Treble	HARRY PARKES 5	HARRY PARKES 5	
HORACE WHITEHEAD 2	†ERNEST POWELL 6	†ERNEST POWELL 6	
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	†HENRY C. CASTLE 7	†HENRY C. CASTLE 7	
FRANK BENNETT 4	†CHARLES J. HEAD Tenor	†CHARLES J. HEAD Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt. † First peal of Stedman. Miss Thomas is to be congratulated on her splendid performance as 504 was previously her longest touch.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, April 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

EDWARD EASTWOOD Treble	TOM CHAMBERS 5	TOM CHAMBERS 5	
TOM STANCLIFFE 2	RICHARD STANCLIFFE 6	RICHARD STANCLIFFE 6	
JOHN BLACKSHAW 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7	
*FRED CHAMBERS 4	FRED BRADLEY Tenor	FRED BRADLEY Tenor	

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th and 8th. * First peal in the method on an 'inside' bell. All are members of St. Michael's belfry and this was their first peal in a Surprise method.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, April 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

ERNEST J. AYLIFFE Treble	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER 5	
D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 2	OWEN H. GILES 6	OWEN H. GILES 6	
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7	
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor	JAMES GEORGE Tenor	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss E. Ayliffe.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ERNEST G. COTTIS Treble	ERNEST A. KING 5	ERNEST A. KING 5	
*ARTHUR K. HARRISON 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 6	GEORGE W. FAULKNER 6	
CALEB FENN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7	
EBENEZER ANDREWS 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor	

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal of Superlative. This peal was arranged for Mr. J. T. Dyke, who hails from Midsomer Norton, and was on a visit in the district. This composition is now rung for the first time.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*CECIL DRAKE Treble	*ALBERT PICKLES 5	*ALBERT PICKLES 5	
*THOMAS SENIOR 2	EDGAR WHITELEY 6	EDGAR WHITELEY 6	
*FRED HUTTON 3	GEORGE SCOTT 7	GEORGE SCOTT 7	
HAROLD PEARCE 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor	

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band, who are all Sunday service ringers at the above church. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. F. W. Bardsley, M.A., late Vicar of Queensbury, whose remains were interred at Langcliffe Church, April 3rd, 1923.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

HARRY R. PASMORE 2	...Trebble	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5
HENRY R. NEWTON 2		WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3		HERBERT LANGDON 7
LOUIS ATTWATER... .. 4		ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. in G.

JOHN H. B. HESSE 5	...Trebble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2		GEORGE W. STERR 6
ERNEST WEATHERBY 3		GEORGE F. HOAD 7
ALFRED H. POLLING 4		WILLIAM T. BRESON Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung after an attempt for Superlative, time being limited.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 5	...Trebble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2		BASIL D. BUTYRESS 6
FRED W. GOODFELLOW 3		T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 4		A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells and by all the band except A. G. Rivers. Believed to be the first peal in the method rung in the district.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.
TRUMPINGTON SOCIETY.

On Good Friday, Mar. 30, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*REV. A. C. MOULE 3	...Trebble	MISS KITTY WILLERS 3
A. C. WILSON 2		*H. WILSON... .. 4
†W. H. RAYNER Tenor		

Conducted by W. H. RAYNER.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble and as conductor. First peal by the local band. Rung with the bells fully muffled.

FINCHAM, NORFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday, Mar. 30, 1923, 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. 15 lb. in A.

*WALTER ASHBY 4	...Trebble	HARRY PORTER 4
ALFRED BACON 2		EDWARD BARKER 5
HARRY BOWEN 3		TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal away from a covering bell. Rung with clappers muffled, tenor only open at backstroke.

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SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

EDWARD BARKER... .. 4	...Trebble	CLAUDE COUSINS... .. 4
FRED WIGMORE 2		TONY PRICE 5
JOHN RODWELL, JUN. 3		JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

BEEDON BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores. Tenor 7 cwt.

*TOM CURTIS 4	...Trebble	*EDWARD CROCKER 4
SAMUEL QUINTIN 2		HENRY W. CURTIS 5
WILLIAM D. ADKINS... .. 3		EDWARD CHALLIS Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. and Mrs. Lousley, who are leaving the parish. First peal on the bells. * First peal. First peal as conductor. W. H. Adkins hails from Thatcham, T. Curtis from Beedon, the rest are Newbury Parish Church ringers. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. and Mrs. Lousley after the peal.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK C. MITCHELL 4	...Trebble	TOM GREENACRE 4
WILLIAM R. MITCHELL 2		JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. 5
ROBERT E. GREENACRE 3		GEORGE HAWES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal in five methods on the bells and by all except the 5th ringer, and rung for morning service.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-GOWTS,

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 9 cwt.

STANFORD J. WOLFE 4	...Trebble	GEORGE CHESTER 4
HERBERT LOWMAN 2		WILLIAM BETTLES 5
ROBERT H. HURST 3		WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

Mr. Chester has now rung a peal in each of the four ringing towers of Lincoln.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 4	...Trebble	JAMES HOWARD 4
WALTER KERRISON 2		JOHN SPENCER 5
*JACK FORD 3		JOHN LARTEN Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Minor.

KIMBLE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 10 different callings.

*ALFRED DARVILL Treble	*RUPERT GOMME... .. 4
GEORGE SEYMOUR 2	GORDON STRATHDEE 5
ARTHUR POULTON 3	*TOM CUMMINGS Tenor

Conducted by G. SEYMOUR.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble is local, 2nd hails from Bledlow, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th from Monks Risborough.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST.
EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Carlisle, Bourne and Cambridge.
Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD YOUNGS Treble	ALPHEUS BERRY 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
GEORGE BROWN 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. Leonard E. Last (formerly one of the band) and Miss Edith Brindley, of Hudson Rd., Plumstead.

SCOTTHORNE, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIMON CADE Treble	GEORGE JACKSON... .. 4
*MISS D. BARNES 2	CHARLES CADE 5
MISS D. MOTTRAM 3	WILLIAM CREASEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM CREASEY.

* First peal.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 18 cwt.

T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. Treble	*ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
C. W. WOOLLEY 2	W. H. J. HOOTON 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 3	*F. W. GOODFELLOW... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in five methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHBY ...1-2	WILFRED HOOTON ... ..5-6
JOHN WOOLLEY ... ..3-4	*CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ...7-8

Composed by JOHN WOOLLEY. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method for the Association.

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BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, Mar. 31, 1923, in Three Hours,
IN ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

FRANK E. PERVIN ... ..1-2	THOMAS RUSSAM ... ..7-8
ALBERT E. NORMAN ... ..3-4	JAMES E. GROVES ... ..9-10
ALBERT WALKER ... ..5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... ..11-12

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referee: MR. A. T. SCRIVENS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ...1-2	GEORGE W. STIERRE ... ..5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... ..3-4	MRS. W. R. MELVILLE ...7-8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Witness: MRS. POLLING.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

EDWARD JENKINS ... ..1-2	FRANCIS BIBBY ... ..5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... ..3-4	WILLIAM BIBBY ... ..7-8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 187). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Treble Bob 'in hand' by the Guild and by all the band.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 11, QUEEN ANNE TERRACE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... ..1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON ... ..5-6
C. W. WOOLLEY ... ..3-4	F. W. GOODFELLOW ... ..7-8

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

Arranged for F. W. Goodfellow, of London, the peal being his first touch in the method 'in hand.'

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E flat.

*JACK PILGRIM ... ..1-2	ROY PILGRIM ... ..5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... ..3-4	LEONARD W. BAILEY ... ..7-8

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER. Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

* First peal away from 7-8. This is Master Roy Pilgrim's 10th peal 'in hand,' his age being 15 years. He has not yet rung a peal on tower bells.

DEATH OF GILLINGHAM'S BLIND VICAR.

On Saturday, March 30th, the bells at Rochester Cathedral were rung half-muffled as a tribute to the late Dr. W. H. Robins, hon. Canon of Rochester and Rural Dean and Vicar of Gillingham for 38 years. Although blind, the deceased cleric had carried out his duties during life with the greatest energy.

The funeral took place on Saturday, March 30th, at Gillingham, attended by about 30 clergy, including the Bishop of Rochester, the Dean and Canons, the Mayor and Corporation of Gillingham, and a large congregation. At Gillingham the whole pull and stand was rung during the approach of the cortege to the church, and after the service a 504 Grandsire Triples. In the evening at the Cathedral 503 Grandsire Caters, and on Easter Sunday morning 639 Stedman Caters, 270 Grandsire Caters.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.**INTERESTING SOCIAL PROGRAMME FOR SALISBURY GATHERING.**

The committee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, who have been busily engaged in making arrangements for the visit of the Central Council and ringing visitors and friends at Whitsun have provided an admirable programme of social events, and it is earnestly hoped that a large number will avail themselves of the facilities offered for spending a pleasant week-end.

Local headquarters will be established at the Cathedral Hotel, Milford Street, with Mr. T. Hervey Beams as the local officer in charge.

On Saturday evening, May 19th 5-8.30 p.m., there will be ringing at city churches, followed by a social hour at headquarters.

On Whit Sunday, ringing at city churches for morning and evening services. In the afternoon, visit to Wilton House and Park (by special permission of Earl of Pembroke). Leave headquarters 2.30 p.m. Return fare 1s. 6d.

Whit Monday.—Charabanc trip of 60 miles through the lovely New Forest and Cranborne Chase district; ringing at Fordingbridge (8), Ringwood (8), Christchurch (10), Wimborne (10), and Cranborne (8). Leave headquarters 10.30 a.m. Fare 8s. 6d., including lunch. Ringing at city churches, 7-9 p.m. Social hour at headquarters.

Whit Tuesday.—The Council will meet in the Chapter House of the Cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter). 11 a.m.—1 p.m., morning session, preceded by official welcome to the Council by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; 1.15 p.m., luncheon at Cathedral Hotel, tickets 1s.; 2.30-4.30 p.m., afternoon session; 5.15, tea in the garden of the North Canonry (by kind invitation of Archdeacon Carpenter) After tea a conducted visit to the Cathedral; 7 p.m.—8.30 p.m., ringing at city churches; 8.30 p.m., reception at headquarters by the Earl of Shaftesbury and officers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Seats should be booked for (a) visit to Wilton, (b) charabanc trip, (c) luncheon by 11th May, and all communications in respect to these three items should be made to Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, Buckhorn Weston, Wincanton, Somerset.

The visit to Wilton, and the charabanc trip will only take place should a sufficient number book; while provision for luncheon and tea will only be made for those intimating they will be present.

Handbells, newspapers, and facilities for writing will be provided at headquarters, where further details as to ringing and other matters of interest will be notified.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Division was held at Uckfield on Easter Monday, when 29 ringers were present. Ringing commenced at 2.30. At 4.30 all attended service in church, the address by the Rector (the Rev. E. J. Sanderson) being much appreciated. Tea followed at the Holly Bush, the Rector presiding, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman). Afterwards the business meeting was held, at which the following new members were elected, Frederick William Healther and William Henry Woolven (Burgess Hill), Fredk. Howell and Alfred Willie (Lindfield), Messrs. Brown and Morey (Henfield), D. Findley and Wm. Collison (Tunbridge Wells).

The divisional officers were then unanimously elected as follows: A. D. Stone (hon. secretary), R. J. Dawe, Oliver Sippetts and Wm. Watts, senr. (committee); Keith Hart, W. Palmer and C. Tyler (committee of advice). The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, his address, and for presiding at the meeting; also to the organist for his services at the organ.

The tower was then again visited until 8 o'clock, the methods rung varying from Grandsire to Surprise. It is hoped to hold the next meeting at St. Nicholas', Brighton, this to be followed by Henfield.

Secretaries of towers should send in, at once, copy for report to their Divisional Hon. Secs.

AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am one of a committee now very seriously pondering the necessity or otherwise of 'Simpson Tuning.' The peal of bells which cause the pondering are now in the hands of bell founders for sand-blasting and simple tuning. The firm who have undertaken this work, now contend that nothing but Simpson tuning—which entails an expensive recasting job—will give good results. Perhaps you could help us to find out from those who have a chance of knowing, whether the old tuning methods, properly applied, cannot also be made to give good results.—Yours faithfully,

SEEKER AFTER FACTS.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: C. Roseveare 1, C. H. Walker 2, S. Goodwin 3, G. H. Simmonds 4, H. Warnett, senr., 5, H. Warnett 6, W. W. Fox (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.—On Sunday, March 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), conducted by H. Warnett.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To avoid clashing with the Ladies' Guild (Southern District) at Bramley to-morrow, the meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild, arranged for the same date at Chiddingfold has been postponed until the 28th.

Among the very long lengths rung at Painswick was a 12,006 of Grandsire Caters on April 18th, 1737, but it was not a record, for on the previous March 8th the men of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, had rung a peal of 12,603. News did not travel so fast in those days, and had the Painswick men known of the Norwich performance they would probably have added that other 600 changes.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was a record length of 7,200 rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on April 17th, 1820. The present record in the method, as most readers of this journal well know, is the 12,240 at Ashton-under-Lyne rung, curiously enough, also on April 17th, but in the year 1911.

On April 18th, 1894, the Royal Cumberland Youths rang their 13,440 Double Norwich Major at Romford.

The first peal of Cumberland Exercise Major was rung at Birstall on April 16th, 1838.

The peal of Bob Minor rung at Tydd St. Giles, on January 10th, and published in 'The Ringing World' on January 26th, should have been credited to the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association.

After nine months in Ashton Court Hospital, Bristol, Mr. G. H. Jennings, former secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild, is now sufficiently recovered to leave that institution.

Miss Rose A. Bell rang a peal of Bob Major at Milnrow, Lancs, and another of Grandsire Triples at Newhey on Easter Monday, and we believe this is the first time a lady has rung in two true peals in one day. We have a recollection of a Leicester lady taking part in a similar performance, only to find later that one of the peals was false.

Mr. John Prickett, who was for some years leader and tower keeper at Chepstow, Mon., is leaving for Durban, South Africa. He should be a useful acquisition to the company that is struggling with change ringing in that distant part of the Empire. He will find that 'The Ringing World' reaches there every week in numbers much greater than it gets into very many towers in this country!

Mr. H. R. Pasmore writes, with reference to the inquiry of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, that the handbell peal of Bob Royal rung at St. Albans does not appear in the College Youths' Peal Book.

FRIENDSHIP IN THE BELFRY.

One of the many happy features of ringing is the friendships we make. If a man is a change ringer, in whatever strange belfry he enters, the hallmark of friendship is seldom absent. There is a remarkable band of brotherhood existing to-day.

Some friendships are tinged with the desire of self advantage, so that they become degraded and valueless. But friendship to Jesus Christ must spring from the purest motives.

Regular, punctual attendance at the appointed hour should be the ambition of every ringer, and the conductor on his part should foster the corporate life of true fellowship.

You should not think lightly of your duties and responsibilities. Your office in the church is no mean job.

The basis of true friendship must begin with Jesus Christ. I ask you to take that friendship into your bellfries.

[Extracts from Mr. G. W. Cartmel's address to the Herts County Association in St. Albans Cathedral on Easter Monday.]

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RINGERS MARRIED.

A wedding was solemnised at the Parish Church of St. Peter's, Isham, on Easter Tuesday afternoon, the bride being Miss Beatrice Maud Everest, who was one of the four ladies who volunteered to maintain the bell ringing for Sunday service during the war. The bridegroom, Mr. George Sidney Valentine is also a member of the Isham band, as is Miss Cecil Hepburn, the bridesmaid, and Mr. Albert Foubt, the best man; while the bride's father is one of the oldest Isham bell ringers. The bells were rung both before the service and when the happy pair were leaving the church, and Mr. Percy Everest, the bride's brother, himself a bell ringer, played appropriate organ selections.

During the afternoon a peal was rung, in which the bride's uncle, Mr. George A. Blaxley, rang the tenor. In the evening the whole of the local ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Everest.

On Easter Sunday evening a presentation had been made in the belfry prior to evensong, when Mr. W. T. Wilson, the senior ringer, handed to Miss Everest and Mr. Valentine, on behalf of the Isham ringers, a handsome silver-plated teapot and butter dish. The bride's fellow lady ringers gave her a very nice pillow-lace handkerchief.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**THE MEMORIAL BELLS FOR CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL.**

The annual general meeting of the Kent County Association was held on Easter Monday, at Chatham, when about ninety members from different parts of the county attended. The delightful spring weather was an agreeable contrast to that experienced at Ashford last year, when a grievous northerly blast afflicted even the stoutest chest. True, the wind was in the east, but there was not much of it, and through the greater part of the day the sun shone brightly. The towers open for ringing were Chatham (8), St. Margaret's, Rochester (8), Gillingham (8), Rainham (8) and Cliffe-at-Hoo (8). By kind permission of the Dean, the Rochester Cathedral ten were available from 6 to 7 p.m.

At the committee meeting, held in vestry of St. Mary's, the report of the sub-committee appointed to examine the tenders for the two memorial bells at Canterbury was read and adopted. It was also decided that any inscriptions on the bells should be in English. The committee agreed that the shillings demanded of the members towards the cost of the dinner should be put to the war memorial fund; £3 3s. was voted towards the rehanging of the bells at Cliffe-at-Hoo.

Service followed at 12 noon. It is interesting to notice that the association service at the last meeting held at Chatham in 1901 was the very last held in the old church before its demolition. The fine old Norman arches in the west wall being part of the original church, much older than the building pulled down in 1901, are still retained in the new church.

The prayers and lessons were read by the hon. secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), and the Rector (the Rev. F. Wiltshire) gave the address from the text (Rom. xxi. 5), 'We, being many, are one body in Christ, and everyone members one of another.' Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., assisted at the organ. Three hymns were sung, the same as those used last year, viz., the Easter hymn, a special ringers' hymn, and 'Light's abode, celestial Salem.' The collection for the memorial fund amounted to £1 4s. 7d.

At the dinner in the Working Men's Hall the association was honoured by the presence in the chair of the Mayor of Chatham, Mr. H. F. Whyman, who is also churchwarden of St. Mary's, and 'a bit of a ringer.' The Rector was also present. Besides sundry officials and prominent members of the association there were in the hall one or two celebrities of the ringing world, notably Mr. John Carter, and a gentleman came even all the way from Birmingham to attend the meeting!

The usual toasts were duly honoured, viz., 'The King,' proposed by the Mayor; and 'Archbishop and Clergy, with special thanks to the preacher,' proposed by Mr. F. White (Tunbridge Wells), to which the Rector responded.

The Secretary proposed 'the Health of the Mayor,' remarking that the presence of the chief civic authority at their gathering was most unusual, but for that reason all the more appreciated.—The Mayor, after returning thanks, remained for a part of the business meeting and signed the minutes.

The secretary then read the report and balance sheet, both of which tend to show that the association continued to prosper.

The officers were re-elected, with the exception of the auditor, Mr. C. H. Drake being elected in place of the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke, who is resigning, on taking up the arduous post of Vicar of Faversham.

Five names having been sent up for representation in the Central Council in 1924, a contest became necessary, which resulted in the re-election of the present representatives, the hon. secretary receiving 64 votes, Mr. E. Barnett 63, Mr. J. H. Cheesman 61, Mr. Groombridge 48, and Mr. W. Haigh 44.

This concluded the business, and the company adjourned, some to the Chatham tower, and others, it is supposed, to the other towers open for ringing. A word of thanks is due to Mr. S. J. T. Shellock, secretary of the Chatham band, for making such excellent arrangements for the dinner.

AN APPEAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—May I ask you to be good enough to insert an appeal in your columns on behalf of Mr. William Grimes, of Debenham, who has now been seriously ill for nearly two years. He was the pioneer of change ringing in Debenham some 40 years ago, and is well known to most of the craft in East Anglia. His long illness, however, has sadly depleted his financial resources, and he has only 11s. per week coming in at the present time. The Debenham company have subscribed £2 as the nucleus of a fund for helping him in his trouble, and Mr. Chas. Mee of Sproughton, collected the sum of £2 3s. at the meetings at Ipswich on Easter Monday. Any donations, however small, will be much appreciated, and will be acknowledged from time to time through the medium of your journal. Such donations may be addressed to—Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Debenham, Stowmarket.

**THE SUFFOLK GUILD,
COMMITTEE GET TO WORK.**

A committee meeting of the newly-formed Guild was held on April 7th, in Ipswich, and was attended by a very representative gathering. It was clear from those who were present, and from letters received, that the new move had met with general acceptance throughout the county, and that there would be no lack of enthusiasm to make the new society 'hum.'

In order to get over the difficulty of enrolling so many new members in time to record peals that are being rung, it was decided that all ringers who give their names and subscriptions to the diocesan secretary or to the district secretaries before the annual meeting on July 21st next, be considered as members of the Guild as from Easter Monday.

To our report of the Easter Monday meeting, we might add that in opening the meeting, Archdeacon Farmiloe struck the note which was evidently in everyone's mind, by saying that they were met as Suffolk men to form a Suffolk Society for Suffolk ringing.

In supporting the proposal to call the new society 'The Suffolk Guild,' the Rev. H. Drake pointed out that the ancient English Guilds were more like our ringers' societies than anything else at the present time. They were composed of men who were interested in one particular craft or art, irrespective of class or position, in order to further the interests of that craft or art; and the clergy were important members of every Guild, although they might not have any especial knowledge of the respective craft or art. Moreover, the word 'Guild' was a word which sounded more pleasantly than the glib 'society' or 'association,' while 'Suffolk Guild' had a workman-like sound, which would endear it to members as years passed by.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**LARGE GATHERING AT WORKSOP.**

A large number of ringers visited Worksop on Easter Monday for the meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Association, which meets on alternate Easter Bank Holidays in the North Notts town. The rendezvous was the ancient Priory Church, and train, tram, motor-bus, bicycle and sturdy legs were all pressed into service to bring the ringers together. There were ringers present from Manchester, Wigan, Bolsover, Gainsborough, Lancham, Sutton-on-Trent, Sheffield Cathedral, Sheffield All Saints', Southwell Cathedral, Anston, Treeton, Handsworth, Tickhill, Slaveley Town, Eckington, Warsop, Ordsall, Norton Woodseats, and the local company. During the early part of the day many of the visitors spent their time in looking round the ancient priory and the newly restored lady chapel, before taking their places at the ropes. The bells were ringing from 11 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., with two brief intervals for a wedding, and the tea and Divine service. The methods rung during the day were Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise Minor, Grandsire Triples, Erin Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Little Bob, College Single, Double Norwich, Duffield and Superlatie Surprise Major, many of the ladies present, with indomitable spirit and unbounded confidence, trying their skill. During the afternoon ringers' wives, lady ringers, Mesdames Haigh, Hardwick, Else, Taylor, Weaver and Winrow were working like Trojans in preparing an excellent tea, to which upwards of 60 sat down. Earlier in the day, while the writer of these lines was busy preparing the bells and ringing chamber, some 'Meddlesome Matildas' or 'Henrys' went into the Priory Gatehouse and reduced the seating accommodation from 60 to 40. Were we down-hearted? No. And they were forgiven. 'Where there's a will there's a way,' and we borrowed, and hired elsewhere, so that everything passed off as merrily as the proverbial marriage bell.

After tea the usual business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. J. Lewis, supported by Mr. F. Watkinson, acting secretary pro tem. Eight new members were duly elected, and the next meeting was fixed for Ramore, Sheffield, on the first Saturday in May, when the annual address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, and four or five presentations will be made at the meeting following.

The Rev. S. Dennison, in the absence of the Vicar (Canon d'Arcy) gave the ringers a most hearty welcome to Worksop, and hoped everyone would enjoy their visit.

Mr. Chas. Baker (Gainsborough) moved, and Mr. Frank Willey (Sheffield) seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such an excellent spread and devoting their time to the task on such a beautiful day. Mr. Willey also alluded, in eloquent terms, to the beauties and antiquities of the ancient priory.—Mr. H. Haigh briefly replied for the ladies, and a further vote of thanks to the chairman and secretary and to the Vicar (Canon d'Arcy) for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

A short service in the lady chapel, conducted by the Vicar, followed, and the tower was then again visited, and the bells were lowered in peal at 9.30.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**' PASSIVE RESISTANCE ' PROTEST.**

The East Berks and South Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their annual meeting on Easter Monday at Slough, ringing also taking place at Wooburn, Burnham and Old Windsor. The ringing at St. Mary's, Slough, included London, Cambridge, Bristol and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire.

The Guild service was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenky), the Rev. W. S. Riddlesdale, Vicar of Bray, being the preacher. Miss D. M. Feltham presided at the organ. After service a large company sat down to tea in St. Mary's Institute, ringers being present from Staines, Bagshot, Warfield, Marlow, Wycombe, West Wycombe, Wooburn, Beaconsfield, Burnham, Boyne Hill, Cookham, Hitcham, Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, Chalfont Old Windsor, Windsor, Bray and Slough, Hillingdon, Hughenden, Egham, Reading, Winkfield, Penn, Caversham, etc.

The Rev. W. S. Riddlesdale presided over the business meeting, at which the Rector of Slough was accorded a vote of thanks for the use of the church and for arranging for the attendance of some of the choir.

The Secretary and Treasurer (Mr. Alfred J. Harman) presented the statement of accounts, which had been audited by Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, and which showed that the year commenced with a credit balance of £19 0s. 11d., and ended with one of £13 12s. 7d. In giving his report, Mr. Harman said that Mr. Fussell had assisted him on every possible occasion. The credit balance was less, but that was due to the fact that some of the members had withheld their subscriptions as a protest against the holding of the festival at Oxford every year.

The Chairman said he was sure they would like to say they were very grateful to Mr. Harman for having undertaken a very difficult job. He felt that it was very unfair to choose a man to be secretary and then not to assist him in every possible way. There was a great deal to be said for their wish that the festival should not always be held at Oxford, but for the members to withhold their subscriptions to the branch as a protest was not playing the game.

' Let us express our feelings in a fair way,' he said, ' but not in that way. I feel very strongly about it. I think no tower has any kind of justification for withholding subscriptions to the branch because it feels that the whole Guild ought to pay some attention to our feelings in that respect.'

The financial statement and the report were adopted, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Harman for his services.

PRESENTATION TO MR. W. H. FUSSELL.

Mr. Harman acknowledged the compliment, and asked the chairman to present a gold watch to Mr. W. H. Fussell in recognition of the work he had done as secretary. Since he had retired from the secretaryship, he (Mr. Harman) had had to call upon him for assistance on all sorts of occasions, and he looked forward to receiving the same assistance in the ensuing year. He would have more time at his disposal, and he was sure that they were going to have a very successful year (applause).

The Chairman said he was very happy indeed to be their spokesman on the occasion and to hand Mr. Fussell the beautiful present as a token of regard from the Guild for all the work he had done (applause).

Mr. Fussell said he should like to thank all of them for the valuable present. It was a very nice keepsake to give him for the little bit of Church work he had done on behalf of the ringers during the six years he was secretary. Before he was elected, owing to the war, arrears had accumulated, and there was a loss of touch with the clergy, the foremen of the towers, and the ringers. But the committee backed him up and gradually they got together a very powerful branch. He must say that the work had been very interesting, and he had a love for it, but for the past two years he had been very unsettled, and when he was away for a month or six weeks there were about 30 letters to answer in connection with the Guild. He was still only too glad to help. The present they had given him was a very handsome one, and he should treasure it very much. When he wound up the watch he should think of his old friends and acquaintances, and he hoped to see them for many years to come (applause).

The Bishop of Buckingham was unanimously elected as president of the branch, and the Rector of Slough as vice-president. The chairman was re-elected a vice president.

The following were elected the committee: Messrs. Boreham, Buckland, Kirk, G. Martin, G. Trust, T. Smith, Welling, White and W. H. Fussell.

Mr. Harman was unanimously re-elected secretary and treasurer, and he acknowledged the compliment.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**THE QUESTION OF GRANTS FOR BELL RESTORATION.**

The annual general meeting and luncheon of the Bedfordshire Association was held in St. Paul's Mission Room, Bedford, on Easter Monday. The meeting was preceded by a service in St. Paul's Church, at which the Rev. L. R. Levitt (curate of All Saints', Bedford) was the preacher, and gave a most interesting and original address.

The Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, president of the association, presided at the lunch, supported by the Rev. L. R. Levitt, Mr. E. Ransom and Miss E. Steel, vice-presidents, and members from most of the affiliated towers. A large number of Northamptonshire friends were also present including Mr. D. J. Nicholls (hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association).—At the business meeting, the President, before reading the 40th annual report, drew attention to the fact that the committee had departed from the usual custom of presenting the report and balance sheet in manuscript, and had had them printed.—The report, which was a satisfactory one, and recorded steady progress, was unanimously adopted.

The accounts, which had been audited, showed a balance in hand of £34 6s. 1½d., being an increase of nearly £1 over that of last year.—The balance sheet was considered very satisfactory, and unanimously passed.

Canon Baker was unanimously re-elected president.—In returning thanks, he said the association had been in existence over 40 years, and during that time he had only missed about three meetings.

The vice-presidents, Mr. Charles Herberg (Woburn), Mr. Edwin Ransom and Miss Evelyn Steel (Bedford), and Mr. A. King (Luton) were re-elected.—Mr. E. Ransom, in a moving little speech, in reply, said they had been worthily complimented that morning in St. Paul's. Though he had passed four-score years, he hoped to be with them a little longer, and then they might meet in another sphere which they knew nothing of but which faith most clearly pointed to.

The hon. secretary and hon. auditor were both re-elected, the President humorously remarking that they might seem greedy at Dunstable to have both president and secretary, but added, there was one thing, they didn't fall out much.

Miss Steel then moved: ' That a grant be made towards the restoration of Tempsford bells,' and pointed out that Tempsford was only a small village, which was trying to raise £450 for rechanging their peal. The band there was attached to the association, but at present had no bells to ring on.—Mr. Harlow seconded the resolution.

The President said that in the past they had always set their face against making grants, as they felt with no special fund, they ought not to use their ordinary funds in that way.—The Hon. Secretary pointed out that at the last Central Council meeting, at Lincoln, this question was discussed; and while being in hearty agreement with Miss Steel, he could not see how they could make grants out of a subscription of 1s. per year.

After considerable discussion, the President put the following resolution: ' That a sum of two guineas be given towards the Tempsford Restoration Fund,' and this was carried unanimously.

The formation of a belfry repair fund, as suggested by the Central Council, was ordered to be placed on the agenda for the next annual meeting.

Canon Baker then moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given the Rev. L. R. Levitt for his address at the service. He said he had himself given a good many, and had listened to a good many others in his time, but he certainly thought Mr. Levitt's was the most original he had ever heard.—The Rev. L. R. Levitt, in reply, said they had a funny trick at St. Paul's of turning to him for all sorts of occasions (laughter), to preach to extra special congregations, but that was a congregation of friends, as ringers were friends all the world over (applause). He would look forward to meeting the members another year.—After votes of thanks had been passed to the Vicars of St. Paul's and St. Peter's for the use of their bells, the ringers wended their way to the towers, and ringing took place until a late hour.

During the afternoon the members were very pleased to welcome the new Vicar of St. Paul's (the Rev. W. A. Robins) who has been seriously ill, and only allowed to get out of bed in the afternoon. The reverend gentleman visited the ringing chamber at St. Paul's, and gave a very hearty welcome to the members. He promised at all times to do all in his power to help the association.

A noteworthy feature of the day was the very high standard of the ringing; the second touch being a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal, the first in the county. Other methods rung were: Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Caters, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major, and Treble Ten, at St. Paul's; and a number of Minor methods at St. Peter's. The gathering was very successful, and, in the words of an old member, ' one of the best meetings the Bedfordshire Association had ever held.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Ashenden 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. A. Penfold 3, J. Blake 4, H. Baker 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, F. Chapman 8. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are from Frittenden; the rest local.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on April 8th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Pinnigar 1, J. Crowder 2, W. G. Pinnigar 3, H. James 4, J. Lawson 5, C. Moulton (longest touch as conductor) 6, J. Dafters 7, H. Brasher 8.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service 608 Bob Major: J. C. G. Hagger 1, S. Hammond 2, W. J. Groom 3, E. G. Grindell 4, S. Rowe 5, T. H. Chappell 6, W. C. Rumsey 7, G. S. Rowe 8.

EXETER.—On Sunday, April 8th, when the Bishop of Exeter visited St. Sidwell's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: W. Southwood 1, W. Howe 2, W. Drake 3, C. Carter 4, T. Bartlett 5, E. Shepherd (conductor) 6, J. Moss 7, F. Murphy 8, E. Sargent 9, A. Minkley 10.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (part of Carter's Odd and Even), in 50 mins.: W. E. Oakley 1, R. W. R. Pictou 2, S. Hoare 3, E. M. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, for evening service, on Sunday, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the back eight, in 55 mins.: C. F. Winney (conductor) 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. R. Macdonald 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. Belcher 5, W. Rush-ton 6, A. A. Hughes 7, F. Palmer, senr., 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, April 8th, for evening service, 336 Stedman Triples: A. Crane 1, W. Mead 2, J. Mead 3, F. Whitehead 4, H. F. Morris 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Stanton 8.

ACON.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. R. Fardon (conductor) 1, H. Wincote 2, Robt. Fardon 3, Miss P. Moss (first of Stedman) 4, C. Brown 5, Robt. Holloway 6, E. W. Coulson 7, S. D. Breeze 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Maries, for evening service, on Sunday, April 8th, a quarter-peal of Job Major (1,280 changes), in 53 mins.: R. Lake 1, T. O'Hara 2, T. Sarel 3, J. Evinson 4, R. Harrison 5, G. Lewis (conductor) 6, J. A. Dixon 7, C. Harrison 8.

LITTLE MUNDEEN.—For morning service, on April 8th, 720 Oxford Delight Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, G. H. Carter 2, S. Carter 3, E. A. Overall 4, A. Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, E. A. Overall 3, A. Phillips 4, G. H. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 8th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 24 mins., by the following: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, R. Kynaston 3, J. Hughes 4, H. T. Hughes 5, R. Evans 6, R. Edwards 7, B. H. Kynaston 8. Conducted by R. Evans. Also for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 minutes: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, H. T. Hughes 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Evans (conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Evans.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on April 8th, 1,263 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, W. H. Hollier 2, W. H. Wood 3, F. C. Norris 4, G. C. Iles 5, H. Cutmore 6, F. Crook 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skevington 9. H. Page 10.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Easter Day, for evensong, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 2, Miss E. M. Burnett 3, P. Giles 4, W. Ayles 5, J. H. Blake 6, H. Aitken 7, W. Scaife 8. Arranged for J. H. Blake, of Chichester.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Bowers 1, T. Pebbutt (conductor) 2, H. Marlow (first quarter-peal of Triples) 3, J. Metherell 4, J. Mackay 5, B. Soden 6, T. Haynes 7, W. Gammage 8.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. J. Gutridge 1, F. Tindall 2, R. Wood (first quarter inside) 3, E. Gosling 4, R. Franklin 5, A. Cross (first as conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, F. Middleton 8.

ERITH.—On Easter Day, at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: L. Cullum 1, F. Cullum, senr., 2, J. S. Morton 3, D. Harvey 4, E. Illott 5, J. Pemberton 6, A. J. Morton (conductor) 7, O. Robinson 8. The ringer of the 6th was a welcome visitor from Birmingham.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Easter Day, the following 720's were rung: 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, for early Matins: Fred Wilkins 1, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 2, J. Jull 3, W. Nye 4, G. H. Spice 5, W. Spice 6.—Morning service at 11 a.m., 720 College Single, conducted by W. Nye, and 720 Plain Bob, conducted by W. Spice.—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Holness 1, W. H. B. Wilkins 2, James Webb 3, W. E. Spice 4, W. Spice 5, G. H. Spice (conductor) 6, W. H. B. Wilkins and his son Fred hail from Oxford, and were on holiday in their old county.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association was held at Great Yarmouth on Easter Monday, when, by kind permission of the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, M.A., Vicar of Great Yarmouth, the ring of twelve bells of the Parish Church of St. Nicholas was placed at the disposal of the members.

The general business meeting, by kind permission of the Vicar, was held in the Priory Hall at noon, the Dean of Norwich presiding, supported by the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), and the following members of the committee: Messrs. G. P. Burton, Denison Hayward, F. W. Naunton, J. Souter, and representatives from Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Wrentham, Beccles, Knodishall, Diss, etc.

On the motion of the general secretary, the following were elected members of the association: Herbert H. Neale, Walter R. Farrow, Robert H. Johnson, William G. Baker, Fredk. W. Warren, Alfred R. Bye, James Nunn, Victor Read, R. J. Wells, S. J. Smith.—The Secretary also moved that the election of John Rodwell prior to a peal on February 1st, 1923, be ratified, the total being four Norfolk members and seven Suffolk members.

The officers were re-elected, viz. Mr. A. L. Coleman, branch secretary; Mr. G. P. Burton, Ringing Master; Messrs. W. L. Duffield, J. A. Godfrey and John Souter, as three elected members of the committee.

It was resolved that the Whit Monday meeting be held at Pullham Market, and the August Bank Holiday meeting at Swaffham.

Luncheon was served at Goodie's Hotel, the president, the Dean of Norwich, being in the chair, supported by the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, the general secretary, Messrs. G. P. Burton, D. Hayward, F. W. Naunton, J. Souter, and other representatives.

The President proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was heartily drunk.

The President also moved a vote of thanks to the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken for his kind welcome to the association, and for the use of the fine ring of twelve bells of the Parish Church.—The motion was seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman, and carried unanimously.—Canon R. A. Aitken suitably replied. The members then adjourned to the belfry, and were joined by late comers. The total attendance for the day was some 30 members.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

RINGING CONTEST AT CROSTHWAITHE.

The annual ringing contest for the Rawnsley Shield was held at Crosthwaite Parish Church, Keswick, on Easter Monday. Six teams competed from Arlecdon, Bridekirk, Carlisle, Cleator Moor, Egremont and Keswick. As the appointed judge was unable to attend, Mr. W. T. Holmes, of Cocker-mouth, kindly consented to take his place. The contest resulted as follows: No. 1, Egremont, rang 576 Double Norwich in 21½ minutes with 160 faults; No. 2, Bridekirk, Kent Minor for 10 minutes, when they broke down; No. 3, Cleator Moor, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 minutes, with 165 faults; No. 4, Arlecdon also rang 720 Bob Minor in 27 minutes, with 210 faults; No. 5, Keswick, rang 576 Bob Major in 24 minutes, with 205 faults; No. 6, Carlisle, rang Kent Minor for 4 minutes, when they broke down. Egremont were, therefore, awarded the shield for the second year in succession, and were congratulated upon their fine performance, as they only had a year in which all of them had to learn the method.

The business meeting was held in the Parish Room Keswick, Mr. F. Grisedale presiding. St. Bees was chosen for the next meeting, to be held in July.—Votes of thanks were given to the Vicar for the use of the bells and room, to Mr. F. Grisedale for presiding, and Mr. W. Holmes for adjudicating. More ringing completed the day.

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NOTICES.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is to be held at Horbury, Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready early. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at All Saints', Maidstone, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock, a short service at 4.30, tea at 5.15, business meeting after. St. Michael's Tower will be open for ringing in the evening.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting at St. George's, Bolton, April 14th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Cogenhoe on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 2.30. — S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 6-bell contest and meeting will be held at Silsden, near Keighley, on Saturday, April 14th. Draw to take place at 2.45; commence ringing at 3 prompt. Nearest station, Steeton and Silsden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, April 14th, by permission of the Rev. W. A. G. Gray (Vicar). Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged and all are welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Sedgley on April 14th. Bells available at 3. Service with address by the Rev. Dr. Swindell at 4.45. Tea (1/-) in the schoolroom at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby St., Wolverhampton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—Annual meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, April 14th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Memorial Hall at 5 p.m., by kind invitation of the Vicar (Rev. W. T. Reeder, R.D.). Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich Parish Church on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7.15 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Subscriptions due; Reports at hand.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Swineshead on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., Butterwick, near Boston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 14th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Service 5.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 6 p.m. Members intending being present please send word to Sec.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley, Surrey, on Saturday, April 14th. Bells (6) available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m.; tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Will those intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, 9th?—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, April 14th. Intending visitors should inform me that they will be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whittle-le-Woodson Saturday, April 14th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Members and friends all welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly general meeting, St. Clement Danes, Monday, April 16th, 6.30 p.m. Business meeting 8.15 p.m., at the Edinburgh.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Gen. Sec., Stoke Green, near Slough,

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' SOCIAL will be held at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, on Tuesday next, April 17th. Commence at 7.30 p.m. Songs, monologues, recitations and music by the band. Come and bring your friends. Rev. T. C. Fowler in the chair.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, April 21st. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available for ringing from 12 o'clock. Service in the church at 4 o'clock. Tea at Botham's Cafe at 1/9 each, for all those who notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday, April 18th. Business meeting immediately following tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers, who are within easy distance from Whitby, to attend the meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at New Hey Parish Church on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford (6 bells) on April 21st. Short service in church. Tea at 1s. Station Widford (G.E.R.). Pretty country; quite worth a visit. All will be welcome. Bells ready any time.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingskerswell on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please inform me by the 18th inst. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Aylsham District.—A meeting will be held at Buxton Lamas on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—Wm. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Christleton on Saturday, April 21st. Ringing 3 p.m., service 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 17th? — J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., School House, Aldford, Chester.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. (1s. per head), meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., "Dunkery," Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, April 21st. The bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at STRATFORD-ON-AVON on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will members kindly note all subscriptions for 1923 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale on Saturday, April 21st. All requiring tea please advise Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston, Notts, not later than April 18th. I should like to hear from members with a view to forming a party of 12 or more to travel together from Nottingham at the reduced fares allowed by Railway Company.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Will hold their quarterly meeting at Lye, Worcestershire, on April 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m., service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Meeting afterwards. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names to be sent not later than Wednesday, April 18th, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at St. Mary's, Lambeth. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Further ringing before and after a short service at 7.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 21st. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be available for ringing from 1 to 9 p.m., with brief intervals for tea and meeting. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. at Cooke's Café, Carolgate, at 1s. per head to members only who notify Mr. D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, not later than Tuesday, 17th inst. 1s. 6d. will be charged to all others after this date. Short service in Parish Church 4.20 to 4.55 p.m. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations. — H. Haigh and D. A. Piercy, Hon. Secs.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guisborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Naseby on Saturday, April 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by April 18th? — W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Hythe on Saturday, April 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. D. Dale). Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for those who notify me of their intention to be present on or before Tuesday, April 17th.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Orlingbury (5) on Saturday, April 21st. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, April 17th.—R. G. Black, Dis. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30. — C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. — J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, April 21st. 4 p.m.: Service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Scott). 4.45: Tea at the Chequers Inn. Meeting following. Bells available during afternoon. All ringing friends welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 17th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Trusting for a good attendance of members and friends. Reports to hand. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbotham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo, where the bells have just been overhauled and rehung, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3; the association form of service at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. T. Wallis). Tea will be provided at the Six Bells at a charge per head for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 25th. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. Trains from Gravesend 2.28 and 5.44. Buses from Chatham, Rochester and Strood 2.15 and 4.15.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, April 28th (not 14th). Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at St. Luke's, Bromley. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. W. Hassard-Short (Vicar). Tea and meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute. Will those who require tea, which will be at a moderate charge, please send their names to me not later than Tuesday, April 23rd, as I have to give a guarantee? Please come if you send.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th. Evensong at Cathedral at 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15 p.m., at 1/9 per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 24th. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln. Please note that failure to comply with this request causes considerable inconvenience to those responsible for the arrangements.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 5—9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. C. Mayne.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st. Management Committee meeting at 11 a.m. Service Holy Trinity Church at 12 noon. Hot dinner 2s. 6d. per head at 1 p.m. General business meeting at 2 p.m. Followed by tea, 1s. 6d. per head. Meetings and meals at Viners' Restaurant, Castle Street. Kindly notify me before May 10th for dinner and tea.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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OXFORD GUILD 'PASSIVE RESISTERS.'

It is strange to read of the action, reported last week, of certain members of the Oxford Guild in taking up a line of passive resistance by withholding subscriptions because the annual festival is always held at Oxford. This is the first time in ringing affairs that we have heard of the adoption of such an attitude in an endeavour to achieve the desire of a section of the members, and, in our opinion, the policy is a dangerous one. It is likely to lead to the disintegration of any society, and, in any event, the logical result must be that the dissatisfied ringers, if they continue to refuse to pay their subscriptions, will eventually allow their membership to lapse—and the place of the annual festival will cease to be their concern at all.

Questions such as that which seems to be disturbing the Oxford Guild must of necessity be settled by the majority of the members who attend the annual meeting, at which every member has the right to be present and vote. We know the argument that is likely to be raised against this; that when the meeting is always held in one centre, those who reside in the distant places are already handicapped in getting such an arrangement altered, because the smaller numbers who can attend from these areas are outvoted by those who have the meeting in their midst. It has to be admitted that there is a very real disadvantage here. But the Oxford Guild has some very live and admirably managed branches, and if there is a really general desire for a 'movable' festival, strongly backed resolutions from these districts would, we have no doubt, carry weight—certainly they would have far greater influence than any policy of passive resistance.

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drain upon the resources of time and money which only few are able to stand. It seems, therefore, only equitable that the venue of the festival should be moved to the various districts in turn. All the same, the action which has been taken of withholding subscriptions is not, in our view, either right or best calculated to achieve the object which it is hoped to attain. Constitutional methods are wisest in the long run, and in this case 'passive resistance,' if persisted in, must eventually put the protestors out of court.

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On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

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Tenor 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY HARRISON... Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ...	6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ...	7
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SHIRLEY BURTON... ..	4	HARRY BROUGHTON	9
ERNEST MORRIS	5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	Tenor

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

THOMAS WRIGHT... Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS	6
THOMAS BALDWYNE	2	CHARLES GARDINER	7
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	GEORGE ORCHARD	8
ALBERT WRIGHT... ..	4	HARRY BARRETT	9
FRANK COLE... ..	5	ALBERT HANKS	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

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EXETER, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. HOWE ... ..	... Treble	EDWIN SHEPHERD	6
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL ...	2	EDMUND M. SARGENT	7
HARRY S. PARSONS	3	ERNEST W. MARSH	8
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY	4	*ALFRED G. BETTS	9
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ALBERT D. STONE Treble	FRANK BENNETT	6
KEITH HART... ..	2	JOHN JAY	7
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HARRY BROUGHTON 3	*JAMES F. CLARKE 7
*E. HARRY STONELEY 4	*A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. C. WRIGHT.
* First peal of New Cambridge. Author's composition No. 57.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6162 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
*FRED W. HILL 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
JAMES F. CLARKE 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by ERNEST PYE. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
* 50th peal. The above peals were rung in honour of the marriage of Miss Gwen Taylor and Mr. G. F. Mears, the happy event taking place at Pernambuco, Brazil, the same day.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCAS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS M. HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
WILLIAM RILEY... .. 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL 6
ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH 7
JAMES SHAW 4	*W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.
* First peal in the method. Arranged for W. W. Wolstencroft, of Ashton-under-Lyne, Manchester.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

GEORGE BENNETT Treble	PERCY PARKER 5
ALBERT FLEMING 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	CHARLES W. PARKER 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by T. W. LAST.
The peal was arranged to oblige the ringers of 3rd, 5th and 7th bells, who belong to Tuddenham, and was also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th, the conductor and the Rector of Helmingham (the Rev. J. R. Garrett).

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HERBERT A. HOLDEN 6
JOHN S. MORTON... .. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 4	*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to Mr. E. Barnett, sen., on his return to ringing after a long and painful illness. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
GEORGE CLEAL 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
HARRY ARGYLE 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON
First peal of Major on the bells.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JAMES BURDFIELD 5
ALBERT FEIST 2	MAURICE SMITHER 6
RAYMOND WOOD 3	ALWYN CHARMAN 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT... .. Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-ON-THE-HILL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
JOHN HAYES'... .. 3	WILLIAM CLARK... .. 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 4	JAMES MORGAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by J. MORGAN.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	HAROLD A. EDWARDS... .. 5
REUBEN SANDERS 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
FRANK C. NEWMAN 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES,

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. C. Newman.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	ERNEST PALMER 5
EDWIN H. LEWIS 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 3	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT HOLLOWAY Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	HARRY KILBY 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	GEORGE M. KILBY 7
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

*HAROLD B. DITCHBURN ... Treble	ROBERT WALKER... .. 5
GEORGE S. TAYLOR 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
WILLIAM OXLEY 3	THOMAS H. NAISBY 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the dedication of the first five bells, which took place on Easter Day, 1898.

ALDERMASTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY TUCKER Treble	SAMUEL QUINN 5
FRANK HOPGOOD 2	*HENRY CURTIS 6
*JAMES ABERY 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 4	HENRY SIMMONDS ... Tenor

Conducted by Rev. CYRIL JENKYN.

* First peal of Stedman.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	FRANCIS TAYLOR... .. 5
*FREDERICK NAISH 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
*EDWARD V. NAISH 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JAMES BUTLER 4	FREDERICK W. WOODWARDS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal and first attempt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
HAROLD W. CLARKE 2	WILLIAM KYLE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	REUBEN SANDERS... .. Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

ABERAVON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES Treble	*JOHN HAMMOND... .. 5
*JOHN E. BLOXHAM 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
*ERNEST STITCH 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
*HARRY BOYCE 4	*FREDERICK E. STONE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. J. PITMAN,

First peal of Stedman on the bells. * First peal of Stedman Triples.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	ERNEST GIBBS 5
*JOHN BAYLISS 2	*SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
WILLIAM NIBLETT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, rung as a birthday compliment to R. G. Knowles.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lb.

REGINALD BROWN Treble	WILLIAM TATE 5
FREDERICK A. BURNETT ... 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

First peal in the method as conductor.

HARBORNE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt. in C.

LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT ... Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES... .. 5
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
CHARLES H. STANLEY 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS SHORT Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
†MISS STELLA DAVIS... .. 2	†JAMES HAZELL 6
JACK HONEY 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 4	*GORDON CAUDWELL ... Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

First peal of Major on the bells. † First in the method. * Fiftieth peal.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN S. MORTON... .. Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HERBERT AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

A birthday peal for E. Barnett, Jun.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.
THE BUCKLAND SOCIETY.

On Sunday, April 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's Oxford Bob, and three 720's Plain Bob.

JAMES ROBINSON Treble	WALTER R. HUMPHREY ... 4
*JOSEPH WALLIS... .. 2	FRANCIS J. SANDERS ... 5
†JAMES JUDD 3	HUGH R. THORPE ... Tenor

Conducted by H. R. THORPE.

* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. H. Beaumont, of Buckland Court, upon attaining his 89th birthday.

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

On Tuesday, April 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS MARY RANDALL... .. Treble	*HARRY BAXTER 4
MISS DOROTHY M. ATKINS 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The peal was rung in honour of, and immediately after, the wedding of Miss Beatrice M. Everest and Mr. George S. Valentine, both of whom are members of the local society. * First peal in 7 methods.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six 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, College Single and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM,

Rung as the quarterly peal for the Western Branch, and the first peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., the 'go' being splendid.

COALPIT HEATH, GLOS.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob.

†ALBERT RODMAN Treble	*ERNEST PALMER 4
*WILLIAM HEWITT 2	*THOMAS JAMES 5
*PERCY C. WILLIAMS... .. 3	†JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. G. JEFFERIES.

First peal on the bells, a grand new ring by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough. * First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor as conductor. ‡ First peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of treble, who is one of the local men, for the way he rang, he having rung only once before in Minor. The ringers again take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

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MACHEN, MON.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

with Tenor covering.

Tenor 12 cwt.

PERCY JONES 2	GEORGE COOKE 5
*EDWARD DURE 3	ALBERT ADDICOTT ... 6
WILLIAM PIKE 4	FRANK BOUCHER 7

*JAMES HURFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BOUCHER.

Rung after meeting short for Triples. * First peal in any method. First peal of Minor by all.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain. Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY HALL Treble	JOHN HALL 4
FRANK RUFFLES 2	ALFRED WATSON... .. 5
JOHN GARRETT 3	WALTER RUFFLES ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER RUFFLES

HORSLEY, GLOS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores each called differently.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F sharp.

†LESLIE BARRY Treble	GEORGE LATHAM 4
†BASIL LATHAM 2	GEORGE ORCHARD ... 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	*FRANK CLEVELAND ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. ‡ First peal inside.

BERGH UPTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one 720 Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ARTHUR CORBYN Treble	CHARLES F. SAVER ... 4
*CHARLES SPURGEON 2	THOMAS BECKETT ... 5
*ROBERT WARMAN 3	†FREDERICK A. FINCH... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, April 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size in B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	PERCY O. LAFLIN 7-8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 9-10
JAMES E. GROVES 5-6	JOHN NEAL 11-12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN
Referee: MR. ALBERT WALKER.

This peal arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Percy O. Laffin and the conductor, Albert E. Norman, it being the latter's 100th peal, and rung on his 21st birthday.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

JOHN E. BIBBY 1—2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 5—6
FRANCIS BIBBY 3—4	GEORGE H. RANDES... .. 7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
Witness: Mr. W. BIBBY.

* First peal in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.

*RAYMOND PHILPOT 1—2	GEORGE W. STEERE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	MRS. W. R. MELVILLE 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: Mrs. PULLING and W. R. MELVILLE.

* First peal on 1—2.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

EDWARD JENKINS 1—2	FRANCIS BIBBY 5—6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3—4	*ERNEST PALMER 7—8

Composed by F. CLAYTON. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in hand.

ENFIELD.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5082 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER... .. 1—2	*E. MAURICE ATKINS 7—8
GEORGE W. FLETCHER 3—4	WILBY J. HAZELL 9—10
JOHN THOMAS 5—6	WALTER J. BOWDEN 11—12

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTER MEETING AT CATTERICK.

The Easter Monday meeting was held at Catterick Bridge, ringers attending from Richmond, Middlesbrough, Marske, Saltburn, Ripon, Tadcaster, West Hartlepool, Darlington St. John, Darlington Holy Trinity, and Shildon. The peal of eight bells was kept going from 10 a.m. until about 7 p.m. to the tune of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. Dinner was provided at the Oak Tree Inn, 40 ringers doing ample justice to the good old English fare, which included roast beef and Yorkshire pudding.

No business was transacted at this meeting, except the acceptance of new members, as it is considered a day of enjoyment for the meeting of old friends, of whom there was a good number who talked over what had been done in years gone by, and the prospects of the future.

During the afternoon several ringers visited the beautiful little village of Bolton-on-Swale, where there is a peal of six bells, which were set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Everyone had a most enjoyable day so far as ringing was concerned, but the weather seemed to have laid itself out to make it as uncomfortable as it could possibly be, for rain fell almost the whole day. Ringers, however, can generally make themselves happy, even if the weather is not 'up to the mark,' and this occasion was no exception to the rule.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.—On Sunday morning, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: L. Williams (first quarter-peal) 1. H. B. Frossel 2. H. King 3. W. Davison 4. H. L. Harlow (conductor) 5. W. Freeman 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss L. R. Harlow, daughter of the conductor, on her 21st birthday.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

IMPRESSIVE CEREMONY AT NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL.

To the Glory of God and in honoured memory of the members whom we bless for their unselfish Sacrifice in giving their lives in the Great War, this tablet was erected by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.

This runs the superscription upon the tablet, containing the names of 41 members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, unveiled at an impressive service in Newcastle Cathedral on April 7th.

The service commenced with the hymn, 'God of the living, in whose eyes,' followed by an address by the Vicar of Newcastle (Canon G. Newsom, M.A.), who said many of those present that day were thinking with melancholy pride of their dead comrades, who, though hating war, stood forward to offer themselves when the call came. That was a great deed; and without them, and others like them, the world might have become a hopeless place.

After a few prayers, said by the Vicar, a special hymn for ringers, composed by Mrs. W. Pennington-Bickford, 'Father! King Immortal!' was sung kneeling. During the next hymn, 'O valiant hearts, who to your glory came,' the choir, clergy, relatives of the fallen, and congregation, proceeded to the memorial, which is placed on the west side of the south-east pier of the tower facing the belfry door.

Canon E. Williams (Vicar of Bamburgh), in unveiling the memorial (which is surmounted by the arms of the two dioceses, enamelled in colours, and has a decorative scroll as a border ornamented with bells), said he deemed it a great honour and high privilege to be permitted to do so. He owed the honour, not only to the fact that he took a keen interest in change ringing, but also to the fact that he represented the belfry which had been the hardest hit in the two counties. They had lost six ringers out of the eight who had joined up, and one of the six was in Holy Orders. They were all men of promise whom they could ill spare.

The dedication prayer by the Vicar of Newcastle followed, and a wreath in the shape of a bell was then placed at the foot of the memorial by Mr. W. Story, president of the Durham and Newcastle Association, followed by other wreaths from relations and friends of the fallen. A course of Stedman Caters on handbells was then rung as a tribute to the fallen by five members from St. Paul's Parish Church, Whitley Bay.

During the hymn, 'Let saints on earth in concert sing,' the choir, clergy and congregation returned to their places. The Blessing, pronounced by the Vicar, brought the service to a close. The clergy in robes included Canon G. Newsom, M.A., Vicar of Newcastle; Canon E. Williams, M.A., Vicar of Bamburgh; Canon A. Boot, M.A., Vicar of St. George's, Jesmond; Canon H. S. Stephenson, M.A., Rector of Gateshead. The association is very much indebted to all friends at the Cathedral for doing everything possible to make the service of unveiling a success; the Vicar for his help in drawing up the form of service and advice in many other matters, and for conducting the service; Mr. Ellis, the Cathedral organist, and the choir for so ungrudgingly giving up the Saturday afternoon. The services of the organist and choir added greatly to the service. Thanks are also due to Canon E. Williams for unveiling the tablet; Canons A. Boot and H. S. Stephenson for supporting the association, and Mr. R. Thompson, the senior verger, for his painstaking help in many ways.

The Cathedral bells were rung half-muffled until 2.50, when the whole pull and stand was rung until 2.57. Then the tenor was tolled until three o'clock, the hour of the service. There was more ringing after the service at the Cathedral and at St. Mary's, Gateshead. If any relative of the fallen who was not able to be at the service would like a copy of the form of service (which has a print of the memorial on the front page) they can have one by sending a large stamped envelope to the hon. secretary. There were about 200 relations, ringers and friends at the service which will not readily be forgotten by those who were present.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

ACCOMMODATION AT SALISBURY.

The following hotels at Salisbury offer a wide choice, and can be recommended to members of the Central Council and friends who are visiting the city at Whitsun. They are placed in order of costliness.

Licensed Houses.—White Hart, Exeter Street; County, Fisherton; Crown, High Street; Cathedral, Milford Street; Red Lion, Milford Street; White Horse, Castle Street; Nelson, Fisherton; Chough, Blue Boar Row.

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NEWMARKET'S NEW TENOR.

COMPLETION OF A TWENTY YEARS' OLD SCHEME.

About twenty years ago the five bells at St. Mary's Church, Newmarket, having become unsafe for ringing were rebung in a new iron frame on steel supporting girders, and the 3rd bell recast, Messrs. Taylor and Co. doing the work.

It was hoped at that time that sufficient funds would be forthcoming to carry out the suggestion of Mr. F. C. Turner (hon. treasurer of the Ely Diocesan Association, and of the Bell Restoration Committee) that a new tenor bell should be added to make the ring of five, which were in the minor key, into a major six. This unfortunately did not materialise, but the committee agreed to have the frame constructed to carry six bells, and a new tenor added when funds would permit.

Subsequently other work in the church intervened, and the matter dropped for the time being, but the idea was not allowed to be lost sight of. Since the end of the great war, when prices of metal were coming down, the matter was again taken up, and last November a meeting of the Parochial Church Council was held to consider estimates from various firms, when it was decided to accept the tender of Messrs. Taylor, of the famous Loughborough foundry, and the order was duly given.

The new bell arrived recently, and is a magnificent specimen of the bellfounder's art. Its weight is 21 cwt. 14 lb., and note E flat, and is tuned on the Simpson principle. Many of the parishioners visited the church to see it before it was hauled up in the tower. The hanging, which is on ball bearings, was completed in four days by Messrs. Taylor's bellhanger, and the bell was rung up and tested by Mr. Turner, who expressed complete satisfaction both with the ease of ringing, and also to the grand, full and mellow tone it gave out. On the occasion of the dedication, the old five bells were rung before the service. The clergy, consisting of the Ven. W. T. Farmiloe (Archdeacon of Sudbury), the Rev. J. Prankerd (Rector), and the Rev. E. A. Gray, proceeded to the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor, and open to the church. Here the Archdeacon repeated the dedication prayers, and a few rounds were rung on the six bells as the clergy returned to the chancel. Psalm 150 was then sung, and the hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' The Archdeacon preached from the text, Numbers x. 2, 'Make thee two trumpets of silver,' and in the course of his remarks, said he felt it was not only a pleasure, but a privilege to be permitted to take part in that service, because he knew it meant the crowning of many years of work given, he was sure, in a spirit of love and faith for the greater glory of God.

The hymn, 'Hark, hark, my soul,' was then sung, and the service concluded by the Archdeacon pronouncing the Blessing.

After the service, several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung by the local ringers, many of the congregation staying to watch whilst others went outside to hear the effect of the new bell and the vast improvement it has made to the peal, the general opinion, which was freely expressed, being one of praise for the grand tone of the new bell. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the splendid splice they have made.

St. Mary's Church now has a ring of six second to none in the county. The inscriptions and weights of the bells are as follow:—

- Treble.—John Draper made me 1619. Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr.
- 2nd.—De Buri Sauti Edmondi Stefanus Tonni me fecit 1580 W.L. Weight 5 cwt. 2 qr. 8 lb.
- 3rd.—Same as 2nd (with) 'Recast 1904,' and Taylor's stamp. Rev. Arthur Reeve, Rector. Charles Eaton Hammond, John Alfred Dawson, Churchwardens. Weight 9 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.
- 4th.—John Draper made me 1619. Weight 9 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.
- 5th.—W. Sandiver, W. Headley, C.W. Tho. Newman and Tho. Gardiner. Fecit 1719. Weight 12 cwt. 21 lb.
- Tenor.—Rev. H. B. Young, 1904—1920, Rev. J. Prankerd, 1921. Rectors, Frank A. Simpson, Wm. J. Moon, Churchwardens, and Taylor's stamp, 1923. Weight 21 cwt. 14 lb.

RETUNING OF BELLS.

A number of replies have been received to the letter of 'Seeker after Facts,' who made inquiries with regard to the retuning of bells; they have been forwarded to our correspondent, as they are too numerous to publish.

The consensus of opinion expressed in these letters is that any really bad bells should be recast, but that if the bells are of fairly good tone the old method of tuning properly applied would give good results.

WEDDING BELLS AT CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL

On Tuesday, April 10th, for the wedding of Lady Doris Gordon Lennox to Mr. Clare Vyner, at Chichester Cathedral two 504's of Grandsire Triples were rung, conducted by Mr. W. Ticehurst; Miss E. M. Burnett, Messrs. T. Doick, W. Falconer, F. B. Tompkins, J. H. Blake, M. Heffer, F. Arther, W. G. Bull, G. Marshall and C. Smithers also taking part.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Up to the present, we understand, no notices of motion have been received by the hon. secretary of the Central Council for the Salisbury meeting. The last date for sending these in is April 21st, so there is not much time to lose.

We understand that Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker have resigned their positions as hon. secretary and assistant hon. secretary, respectively, of the London County Association.

An ebony walking stick, suitably inscribed, has been presented to Mr. J. W. Foster, of St. Cuthbert's, Benfield, in recognition of his having completed fifty years as a ringer at that church.

Two records, both of which still stand, were made on April 22nd. In 1889, the Gloucester and Bristol Association rang the 15,227 Grandsire Caters at Cheltenham, and in 1922 the Oxford Guild and College Youths rang the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Appleton.

At Otley, in Suffolk, on April 22nd, 1895, what was believed to be the first 'family' peal on handbells was rung, viz., seven 720's of Minor by Miss Constance Meadows (aged 14), Frederick Meadows (aged 15), conductor, and Sidney Meadows (aged 18).

On April 24th, 1896, a 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Shipley.

Ringers will join in congratulating Mr. William Rock Small, the Tipton veteran, upon his 84th birthday, which he will celebrate on Sunday. He was born on April 29th, 1839, at Wednesbury.

Poorly attended bell-ringing practices at Linslade (Bucks) were (according to a London newspaper) attributed at a Parochial Church Council meeting to some of the ringers having to remain at home to mind the children while their wives went to the Women's Institute!

An appeal is to be made to the whole diocese of Oxford for help in raising a fund of £1,000 for the restoration of the tower of High Wycombe Parish Church, known as the 'Cathedral of Bucks.' The tower contains the only peal of twelve bells in the county.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major will be made at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing to commence at 1.30 p.m. prompt.

'PRINCESS MARY' SURPRISE ROYAL.

The first peal of Mr. Arthur Craven's method, 'Princess Mary' Surprise Royal, was rung on Saturday at Leicester. The figures of the method appeared in 'The Ringing World' on March 3rd, 1922. It should be noted that the lead end is 1573920486, and not as published.

After the peal had been rung it was decided to publish it under the name given it by the author, although the ringers think a more suitable name might have been found for it.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Swineshead on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. and was continued to 4.30, when a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Hayes), was held. Immediately afterwards the members and friends sat down to a splendid 'knife and fork tea,' generously provided by the Vicar, churchwardens and Church Council.

The usual business meeting presided over by the Vicar, in the absence of the president, followed. Mr. W. Lakin, junr., of Benington, was elected to the office of Ringing Master of the branch, in succession to Mr. A. H. Palmer, whose resignation was accepted with regret.

The Rev. J. R. Trotter, Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick, invited the branch, through the secretary, to hold its next meeting at Butterwick in July. It was unanimously decided to accept the kind invitation. The Butterwick bells are being rehung in an iron frame, and a new treble added by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and it is hoped they will be completed by then.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and the methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. During the evening a band which had been to Ewerby, but had been unsuccessful in an attempt to ring a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, joined the party. Among the band were the Rev. H. Law James (Ringing Master of the Guild), the Rev. E. Bankes James and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, Cambridge University Guild. After their arrival touches of Cambridge Surprise Major and Double Norwich Major were brought round.

THE ROYAL VISIT TO CIRENCESTER.

On the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to open the Royal Agricultural College at Cirencester, Glos., on Thursday, April 12th, the following touches were rung at the Parish Church: On their arrival: 504 Grandsire Caters: E. Edwards 1, A. Parsons 2, F. W. Bond 3, W. G. Cook 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. H. Hayward 6, W. C. Cuss 7, F. J. Lewis 8, H. C. Bond 9, J. Hayward 10; and on the departure, 504 Grandsire Caters: A. Parsons 1, J. E. Waters 2, F. W. Bond 3, J. King 4, W. G. Cook 5, W. H. Hayward 6, W. C. Cuss 7, G. Dore 8, H. C. Bond 9, E. Edwards 10.

'TWO IN A DAY.'
To the Editor.

Sir,—While heartily congratulating Miss Rose A. Bell on her feat of ringing two peals in one day—and this is more remarkable as one of them was her first peal—your remarks in 'Belfry Gossip' about the Leicester lady who did similarly, but one was false, does scant justice. My daughter Hilda, at the age of 14, rang four peals in three days, concluding with two in one day of Stedman Caters and Double Norwich. Both peals were accomplished within 7½ hours, and I have yet to read of youth of either sex equalling this performance. Months afterwards, the composition of the Stedman Caters proved to be false, but that does not invalidate the practical part of the ringing. You cannot put back time and say what has been has never been, and there is no reflection on the ringers in a peal because of the fault of the composer. The fact remains, whatever technical error there may be in the composition. Because the winner of a race discovers that the prize is a dud, it does not disqualify him or rob him of the fact that he accomplished what he set out to perform. Of course, I am naturally interested in this, and have no intention of forgetting it. What a Gilbertian situation would be caused if a band rang a long length of Minor and claimed the record! You could not deny it, yet of every 5,000 of Minor over 4,000 are false! I may add, apart from the above, that on August 3rd, 1914, I rang two peals of Superlative and Double Norwich for the Central Northants Association, in which Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford, took part.—Yours truly,
W. WILLSON.

Dear Sir,—While heartily congratulating Miss Rose A. Bell on her performance on Easter Monday, she is not the first lady to ring two peals in one day. Miss Phyllis Hare and Miss Elsie Brandon, of Peterborough, both rang in two peals: A peal of Minor at Burton-upon-Stather, and Bob Major at Barton-on-Humber, Lincs, on Nov. 12th, 1921. Miss K. A. Jutson of Peterborough, rang in two (one on tower and one on handbells) on July 31st, 1920.—Yours sincerely,
RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Dear Sir,—On Monday, August 3rd, 1914, Miss E. Steele, of Bedford, rang two peals: Double Norwich at Finedon, and Superlative at Irthlingborough. She was the first lady to ring two peals in one day.—Yours truly,
W. PERKINS.

NEW PEAL OF SIX AT EASTRINGTON.
THANKSGIVING MEMORIAL DEDICATED.

The new ring of six bells at the Parish Church, Eastington, Yorks, was dedicated on Easter Monday, by the Bishop of Hull. The bells form a unique memorial, inasmuch as they have been provided as a thanksgiving for the safe return of men from the parish who served in the late war.

The new bells have been recast from three ancient bells which formerly existed, and dated back to the 15th and 16th centuries. The work has been carried out by the famous firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. An entirely new steel and iron frame has also been provided, and the bells are hung on ball bearings in the latest and most scientific method. They are tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, in the key of C.

A large number of visitors attended from Howden, and the surrounding villages, and extra seating accommodation had to be provided. The service throughout was of a most impressive character. Following the Bishop's sermon, the choir and clergy proceeded to the west end of the church to the singing of 'Angel voices ever ringing.' The congregation turned towards the tower, and the Bishop, after being called upon by the Vicar, offered suitable prayers and solemnly dedicated the bells 'to the glory of God and for the benefit of His church and as a thanksgiving for the return of men from this parish who served in the war.'

After a brief silence the bells rang out a short peal. Further prayers by the Bishop followed, and the procession reformed, and returned to the chancel during the singing of the hymn, 'Fling, ye bells, your songs to heaven.' The Te Deum was sung immediately before the Blessing, which was pronounced by the Bishop.

In the course of his sermon the Bishop said the parishioners of Eastington had carried out a memorial in a most appropriate manner, and one which he feared was often forgotten. At the east end of the church they had erected over the altar a memorial to those who had fallen in the war, and now at the west end of the church they had a memorial for all time for the men who returned safely from the war. Nothing could be more appropriate. Thanksgiving was a thing they should always remember. No one could say it was chance or luck when one man was taken and his brother left, and if God had spared a man's life it meant that He had some work for that man to do on His behalf. When they heard the bells ring as a call to the church services they should remember it was a call to each one of them, and not merely for someone else. The bells were again rung after the service by the following Howden ringers: R. Smith, J. A. Sherburn, C. R. Smith, J. P. Powis, E. Philpot and J. Thompson.

Other ringers taking part were Messrs. J. W. Walker (Howden), W. A. Hudson, A. Hatfield, G. O. Terry (Hemingbrough), C. F. Johnston and A. J. Trappitt (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston), G. H. Robinson (Derby), and W. Robbins (North Cave).

DOUBLE GRANDSIRE.
To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Hims is quite right in pointing out that the six-score of Double Grandsire Doubles in the C.C. Collection of Doubles, Minor and Triples is false, and I must apologise to the Exercise for the mistake. The fact is that Grandsire, Reverse Grandsire and Double Grandsire, Doubles and Caters all break the q set rule in their construction, so that you cannot arrange all the rows in plain courses. Triples is, however, different, and the three false rows which Mr. Hims gives, together with the handstroke lead of the treble, are all out of course; therefore, they cannot appear at the treble's backstroke lead if you use Holt's singles, or reverse the rows after an ordinary single; that is, let the bell in the hunt go in front of the treble.

In Doubles you can reverse the rows without singles, and in Double Grandsire the q set rule compels you to do so to get the extent which is given below.

12345	14523	13524	15324	13425	14235
21354	41532	31542	51342	31452	41253
23145	45123	35124	53124	34125	42135
32415	54213	53214	35214	43215	24315
34251	45231	35241	53241	42351	23451
43521	54321	53421	35421	24531	32541
45312	53412	35412	34512	42513	23514
54132	35142	53142	43152	24153	32154
51423	51524	51324	41325	41245	31245
15432	13542 S	15342 S	14352	12453	13254 S
14523	13524	15324	13425	14235	13245

repeated.
This is constructed from B blocks by plaining four q sets which gives two rounds blocks of 5 leads each and two B blocks and then link up with six singles. Exactly the same thing occurs in Grandsire Doubles in the plain course.

12345	12534	12453
21354	21543	21435

All obviously belong to the same q set, but in the six-score the third member of this q set appears in this form, and is called a bob, the rows coming up the reverse way round, and in composing 21435 Grandsire Caters we have to guard against this very danger, 12453 and it seems probable that the extent of Double Grandsire 14235 Caters would only be got by the same rule. To obtain a six-score of Double Grandsire Doubles start from a bob lead, making 3rd's place whenever the treble goes to lead or behind and whenever she leaves the lead or behind. Omit the 3rd's place whenever 1-2 change places behind and whenever 1-5 change places in front or behind; this produces 60 rows. Grandsire S half-way and end.
H. LAW JAMES.
Surfleet.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
A VISIT TO BRIDLINGTON.

A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held on Easter Monday at Bridlington, when some sixty members, drawn from a wide area, assembled. The magnificent peal of eight bells (tenor 26½ cwt.) were set going from 11 a.m. onward to a variety of methods, and the famous Loughborough Foundry had their reputation still further enhanced by the admiration of the visitors. The interior of the venerable Priory Church proved a source of great attraction, while the more Spartan enjoyment of sea bathing on a biting cold day attracted the activities of some of the younger and more vigorous members.

The general meeting was held in the Priory Church Institute, the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) being supported by the principal officers of the association.

A hearty invitation was received to hold the next general meeting at Otley in September, and this was gratefully accepted, on the motion of Mr. G. B. Bolland, seconded by Mr. F. Cryer.

A vote of thanks to the Rector of Bridlington (the Rev. Canon Topham) for kindly granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind efforts, was responded to by the reverend gentleman, who expressed his great gratification at hearing changes rung on the bells, and hoped that his own ringers would take up change ringing as a result of the meeting.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. F. J. Johnson, Canon Topham was elected an hon. member of the association, as also was Mr. E. Lambert, a churchwarden, of Bridlington.

Tea followed at Marshall's Cafe, and who can describe the efforts of hungry ringers being defeated by a bountiful caterer, in their attempts to create a famine in the town as a result of their visit? So ended a most pleasant meeting, the only regret being that the violent weather of the preceding two days, probably deterred many intending visitors from being present at the meeting.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—At St. Anne's Church, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: Miss K. Corbett 1, Miss M. Nye 2, J. Corbett 3, H. Gould 4, T. Gould 5, P. Francis 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, W. Varndell 8.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT ST. GILES'-IN-THE-FIELDS.

One of the most successful annual general meetings in the history of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, on Saturday, April 7th, when about 90 members attended, and enjoyed good ringing and excellent company. Divine service was held at 4.30 p.m., conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. H. Davies). A stirring sermon was preached by the President of the Association (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey), who took for his text, St. John xiii. 13-17. Referring to the present-day neglect of public worship, which was a considerable worry to all church workers, he asked his hearers to consider the causes, when, having found them, they would perhaps be able to find the remedy. If people were asked if they were Christians simply as a means of saving their souls they would probably say 'Yes,' but that was not true Christianity. Real Christianity meant a life of service to others. Christ never appealed to men to save themselves, but always to serve others. To so many Christianity was not the dominant factor in life, but only an afterthought, a thing for Sunday, and isolated from everyday life. The real purpose of Church-going and Communion did not end in ourselves, but was a means to greater end by service to man, a furtherance of the Kingdom of God. This was true of all church work. It was necessary to eliminate self. The reason of a falling off in ringers was due to men taking up the work in a selfish way, without consecration. It was a sad thing that so many professing Christians never interpreted religion in such terms. Church to many is a formality, one of life's decent conventions; but it should be a means of curing the social evils of the world, and ridding it of poverty, disease, ignorance, and vice. 'We should ask ourselves,' added the preacher, 'is our work real service for God? He is asking if you are helping to win the world for Him. Let us do our best to do it.'

After the service, an excellent tea was partaken of in the Church House, which was immediately followed by the business meeting. The Rev. F. R. Bonsey (president) was in the chair, supported by Messrs. F. A. Milne, J.P. and T. Beadle (vice-presidents), Wm. Pye (Master), C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secs.), G. B. Lucas and R. Holloway (District Masters), the Rev. W. H. Davies, and nearly 80 members.

The President thanked the members for the great honour they had done him in electing him President of the Association. It was with a great deal of diffidence that he accepted the office, as he felt himself to be unworthy. However, although he felt very small amongst such giants of the Exercise as they had present that day, he could ring a little, and always did ring with his own ringers on Sundays. He felt it a great privilege to follow their late president, Mr. King, who was the best man the association ever had (applause). He started the association, and carried it on almost to to-day, and he was a man that it would be impossible to replace. He (the speaker) thanked the members very much for electing him, and added that he would do his best to follow Mr. King's example.

Arising out of the minutes of the last annual meeting, it was reported that plans for the erection of a memorial to the late president were nearing completion. The funds in hand amounted to £31 6s. 6d., the inscription for the tablet had been decided upon, and it was hoped that the work would be put in hand at an early date. At the request of the members present, a slight alteration was made in the inscription, and the plans generally were approved.

BEST PEAL RINGING YEAR SINCE THE WAR.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, the former being taken as read. After dealing with the life and work of the late President of the Association, especially in connection with his efforts on behalf of ringers generally, the report states that the peal record for 1922 was the best since the war. Sixty-seven peals were rung, 146 members taking part in them, an increase of eight peals and 13 ringers over the previous year. Seven members rang their first peals, and 53 their first peals in a new method, or on a different number of bells, including 21 in Surprise methods. Amongst the more noteworthy of these peals were three of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, one of which was rung at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, a remarkable heavy-bell achievement in a difficult method. The first peal of Middlesex Surprise Royal ever rung was accomplished during the year, and the first peal of Grandsire Cinques rung by the association was performed on handbells, conducted by Mr. A. H. Pulling. The conductors of peals numbered 22. A large number of quarter-peals were rung, no less than 161 being recorded, and it was mentioned that Ealing (St. Mary's), Isleworth and Acton led the way in this very satisfactory feature of Sunday Service ringing with 27, 24 and 23 quarter-peals respectively. During the year 51 new members were elected, including the St. Mary's, Twickenham band, and the total membership is now 684.

The balance sheet showed a credit to the Central Fund of £16 17s. 11d., as against £17 8s. 5d. at the end of last year, but with a prospective considerable saving in the costs of the annual report, the future was looked forward to with confidence.

The whole of the officers of the association were re-elected.

LIFE RINGING MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTION REDUCED.

A recommendation made by the Central Committee that the subscription of life ringing members be reduced to 5s. was carried.—In proposing this, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that the recommendation was not made because the higher subscription had been a failure; that not being the case. During the three years the higher subscription had been in operation the number of life members elected was quite up to the usual average, but it was thought that out-county ringers joining the association with the object of ringing a peal or two should have the benefit of the first step in reducing subscriptions. The committee only regretted that they could not yet recommend the reduction of all subscriptions.

Mr. Wm. Hewett, who stated that he was one of those who had objected to the raising of this particular subscription, seconded, and, as stated above, the recommendation was carried.

District Rules 1 and 5 were altered, making it in order for the members to elect district officers at the respective district annual meetings, instead of this being done by the district committees.

The action of the hon. secretary, in writing a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Shurtleff, daughter of the late Dr. Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., on the sudden death of her father, was endorsed by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

It was decided that the next annual general meeting should be held at Fulham.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. W. H. Davies for his hospitality to the members of the association that day, and also to Mrs. Davies and friends, who had so ably assisted at the tea tables. The former very suitably replied, stating that they felt honoured at the presence of so many members of the association.

Thanks were also given to Canon Carnegie (St. Margaret's, Westminster), the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes), and the Rev. W. F. G. Sandwith (St. Bartholomew-the-Great) for placing their bells at the disposal of the members. It was to be greatly regretted that the Rector of St. Clement Danes had to withdraw his permission at the very last moment, owing to a serious case of illness near the church.

The ringing done during the day was of a very varied nature. Quite a large number of ringers visited St. Bartholomew's, and rang several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles on the Pre-Reformation peal of five and made an inspection of the very ancient church, with one exception the oldest in London. Other members took part in touches in several methods, including Cambridge and Bristol, at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, whilst after the ringing a large company visited St. Margaret's, Westminster, where Mr. W. Hewett had all in readiness, and rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

A very pleasant meeting ended all too quickly.

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Bramley, Surrey, on Saturday. Ringing started punctually at 3 o'clock and many touches, including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford Single Bob, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine, were brought home. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Green), who gave the Guild a warm welcome.

Tea was thoroughly enjoyed at the Jolly Farmer, and then the business meeting was held. Miss D. E. Orlebar, of Tunbridge Wells, was elected a member, and Cranleigh decided on for the next meeting on July 14th, if possible.

Ringling was resumed and continued till 8 o'clock. The ladies thoroughly appreciated the good 'go' of the bells.

THE ARTHUR T. KING MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me space gratefully to acknowledge the following further amounts received towards the above fund: St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, band, 10s.; Harrow Weald band, 5s.; Tottenham band, 5s.; Messrs. C. W. Bird, 4s.; E. F. Pike 2s. 6d.; H. Burnett (2nd donation), 2s. 6d.; J. Waghorn, 1s.; E. H. Lewis, 5s.; A. H. and G. Ward, 10s.; E. A. Young, 5s.; W. H. Lawrence, 2s. 6d.; B. Foskett, 2s. 6d.; W. J. Nudds, 2s. 6d.; A. Mason, 5s.; Rev. F. R. Bonsey, 10s. Previously acknowledged £28 14s.; total £32 8s. 6d.

It is expected that the preparing of the memorial tablet will be put in hand at an early date and my committee will be grateful if all friends of the late Mr. A. T. King who wish to subscribe to this fund will do so as early as possible.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES, Hon. Sec. to Committee.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, E.17.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.—At St. Michael's Church, on April 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: N. Kingwood 1. F. Gurr 2. G. Hewitt 3. N. E. Hope 4. H. Coomber 5. J. Wren 6. R. Eade (conductor) 7. J. Warner 8. Messrs. Hewett, Hope, Coomber and Wren from East Grinstead, and the rest are local men.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—On Sunday, April 15th, in 43 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: E. Chivers 1, W. Milbourne 2, C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 3, I. B. Holmyard 4, W. Farley 5, J. Hambleton 6, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 7, W. Koevill 8.

HIAVITREB, DEVON.—On Sunday, April 15th, at St. Michael's, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins.: F. Rogers 1, T. Bartlett 2, R. Hibditch 3, T. Laver 4, C. G. Glass 5, A. Mitchell 6, J. R. Santover (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. M. Gray 1, G. Mansfield 2, F. Lucas 3, A. Booth (first quarter inside) 4, A. Mansfield 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, at St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, Johnson's 1,068 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: R. Ducker 1, T. Miller (conductor) 2, W. Ellis 3, J. Porter 4, C. Mackenzie 5, E. Mullins 6, T. Kelly 7, T. Miller, junr., 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled for a member of the band (Mr. T. Feerick), who died suddenly on the 9th inst., aged 35 years.

WORCESTER.—At the Church of St. John, on Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, 720 Wells Surprise: J. Woodyat 1, W. Page 2, S. T. Holt (conductor) 3, W. C. Jones 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, W. Lewis 6.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church of St. Martin's, for morning service, on Sunday, April 15th, in 45 mins., Brooks' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. B. Evans 1, J. Hopson 2, A. Clarke 3, T. W. Cattell 4, F. Ward 5, A. Rowley 6, C. Winwood (conductor) 7, L. Parton 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 1, 2, 3 and 8 and by C. Winwood as conductor. All the above are members of the local band, and Sunday Service ringers.

AOTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on April 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, C. Brown 3, S. D. Breeze 4, J. W. Fruin 5, Robt. Holloway 6, E. W. Coulson 7, A. W. Sear (first quarter) 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 544 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. E. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, W. E. Cross 3, H. Beechey 4, W. G. Cross 5, T. R. Vaughan 6, F. T. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, April 15th, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,257 Stedman Caters: W. H. Wood 1, F. V. Sinkins 2, C. W. Roberts 3, C. F. Winney 4, G. W. Faulkner 5, A. E. Bradley 6, P. L. Miles 7, W. E. Judd 8, W. E. Garrard 9, H. G. Miles (conductor) 10.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Brooks' Variation, in 45 mins.: J. Eagles 1, C. R. Walker 2, F. W. Elliott 3, R. H. Stevens 4, C. Turner 5, H. Whitehead 6, G. R. Millway (conductor) 7, J. Coppins 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Eagles. Mr. J. Coppins belongs to the St. Mary's band, Folkestone, and was on a visit to Dover.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, for evening service, on Sunday, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on the back six, in 49 mins.: R. E. G. Geare 1, W. H. Howe 2, W. Glover (first quarter-peal) 3, H. Putland (conductor) 4, A. Putland 5, G. Clifford 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Easter Sunday a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, J. Crowder 2, J. Horrell 3, E. J. Pannett 4, E. B. Crowder 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, R. A. Fosdike 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Easter Sunday, for 6 a.m. service, 720 College Singles: Nat. Hayes 1, A. Howard 2, F. Hays 3, W. A. Tack 4, W. F. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.—On March 18th, 720 Plain Bob: Nat. Hayes 1, H. Howard 2, W. A. Tack 3, A. Howard 4, W. F. Sermons 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6. Conducted by R. Howard.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Sunday, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 144 Double Court. For 11 a.m. service, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor, 288 Woodbine Treble Bob. For 6.30 p.m. service, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent. After evening service, 240 Oxford Treble Bob. The following taking part: S. Briggs, E. Bailey, junr., E. Bailey, senr., F. Wade, G. Lee, A. J. Naunton, A. J. L. Naunton, E. W. Hall, F. W. Naunton (conductor). It is worthy of note the 720 of Norwich was rung by: E. Bailey, junr., 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, E. Bailey, senr., 3, F. Wade 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton 6. It was the first 720 in the method on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd, and was rung at the first attempt. Mr. A. J. Naunton took part in the touches of Treble Bob. He is 79 years of age, and rings regularly for all Sunday services.

NORTON.—On Sunday, April 1st, for Divine service, in the evening, 240 each of London Wells, Durham and Cambridge Surprise: E. E. Johnson 1, J. W. Walker 2, W. C. Lawrence 3, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 4, F. T. Dawson 5, J. Walley 6. The above was rung in honour of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wheeldon's 24th wedding day.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—At the Church of St. John-the-Brange-list, on Easter Sunday, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), for evening service: R. H. Johnson 1, A. Coates 2, F. W. Johnson 3, A. Hunter 4, H. Broadley 5, W. Broadley 6, W. Dowson 7, H. Taylor (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of the treble and seventh; also rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. Booth (curate) on his leaving after 10 years.

A SUNDERLAND CELEBRATION.

With reference to the peal rung at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the opening of the first five bells it is a remarkable and interesting fact that three of the ringers (J. W. Parker, R. L. Patterson and G. S. Taylor) were members of the original band, and one (M. F. Harrison) has been a member since 1899.

After the peal the ringers and a few friends met at the residence of the captain (Mr. J. W. Parker) and presented him with a very fine rosewood clock as a mark of the esteem in which he is held. The presentation was made by Mr. R. L. Patterson, and Mr. Parker feelingly thanked his fellow-ringers and friends for their kindness.

'TIRED' BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Editor, — Goode Mistress Peppery did exclaim with great gusto, when she handed me my weekly solace, the 'R.W.' 'There, Peppery, that will make you shout "I.P., I. Pooray." ' And it did. For ye letter from friend Irenæus Pistor hit at least a few of the nails plumb on their pates. I agree with him in toto. Abe Rudhall, sure, was the clear candy where self-advertisement was concerned. Funny I never noticed it before, but I have taken Irenæus Pistor's very excellent advice 'Ecce audi,' and just looked matters up a bit, and, according to the pages of the 'R.W.', I find that the modern purveyors of the 'best ever' are not above a bit of 'slopping.' Now, I know that 'beauty is in the eye of the beholder,' so Rudhall for me, and just put a recurring spot after the eyestricker, please Mr. Editor. I really must tender my apologies to friend Irenæus Pistor for being so remiss as not to have noticed that the Rudhalls are as extinct as the Dodo, and that we can't have any more of their fabrications, but I still have just enough ineffaceable cohesive attraction and repulsion in my whelkish ruminating box to realise that if Irenæus Pistor and others have their way we are not even to be allowed to have any like unto ye fabrications of 'ABE' slopped over though they may have been. Verb, sap.

Pistor, my friend, an ye keep booming Simpson's best. I fear me they will get as tired as Rudhalls. I was at the opening of a much-lauded Simpson peal some time ago, and while basking in the sun on a hillside listening to some really fine Stedman, I remarked to a cleric who sat near: 'By yon bonnie banks and by yon bonnie braes,' He snapped, 'Yes—the "brays" are there, sure enough.'

Irenæus, ye bell has become tired when hys clapper no more rebounds as of yore, and ye sound produced is as ye sound produced by a stone on an anchor (anchors, by the way, are things whelks nest among), and ye chief factor to cause ye feeling of lassitude in ye bell is hys own shape as a casting. Any casting which is cylindrical is always in a state of tension, and through the course of time the multitude of small cells of which the metal, as a casting, is composed become worn out through sustaining the aforesaid tension. My friend Irenæus must excuse me for pointing out that there is no restorative for tired metal, 'it must be born again.' I have always been of the opinion that the Loughborough ten are a really fine ten, but why don't all founders put up some better ones and then try to do better still? And not try to make use believe that the various rings they put on to our backs are the Alpha and Omega, when we know they are not even as good as the Loughborough ten.—Yours resolutely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea will be provided at a nominal sum for those who send word to Secretary, Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on April 28th. Towers open: St. Mary's (8), Godmanchester (8) and Hartford (6). Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea and meeting at Plum's Refreshment Rooms, 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea reply by Tuesday, April 24th, to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton?

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn (10 bells), on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Whitby on Saturday, April 21st. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available for ringing from 12 o'clock. Service in the church at 4 o'clock. Business meeting immediately following tea. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers, who are within easy distance from Whitby, to attend the meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at New Hey Parish Church on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Widford (6 bells) on April 21st. Short service in church. Tea at 1s. Station Widford (G.E.R.). Pretty country; quite worth a visit. All will be welcome. Bells ready any time.—W. H. Lawrence, Little Munden, Herts.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kingskerswell on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Aylsham District.—A meeting will be held at Buxton Lamas on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—Wm. B. Duncan, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Ilminster on Saturday, April 21st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. (1s. per head), meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., "Dunkery," Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, April 21st. The bells will be available from 2.45 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at STRATFORD-ON-AVON on Saturday, April 21st. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will members kindly note all subscriptions for 1923 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 21st. East Retford (10), West Retford (6) and Ordsall (6) will be available for ringing from 1 to 9 p.m., with brief intervals for tea and meeting. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. Short service in Parish Church 4.20 to 4.55 p.m. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh and D. A. Piercy, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting will be held at Whatton-in-the-Vale on Saturday, April 21st. I should like to hear from members with a view to forming a party of 12 or more to travel together from Nottingham at the reduced fares allowed by Railway Company.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Will hold their quarterly meeting at Lye, Worcestershire, on April 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m., service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Meeting afterwards. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Hythe on Saturday, April 21st, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. H. D. Dale). Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Orillingbury (5) on Saturday, April 21st. Usual arrangements.—R. G. Black, Dis. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, South Shore (6 bells) on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Twywell on Saturday, April 21st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Cassington on Saturday, April 21st. 4 p.m.: Service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Scott). 4.45: Tea at the Chequers Inn. Meeting following. Bells available during afternoon. All ringing friends welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A committee meeting of the General Committee of the Association will be held in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, on Thursday, April 26th, at 3 p.m. Important business on the affairs of the Association to be transacted. All members of the committee are kindly requested to attend that meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Trusting for a good attendance of members and friends. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbotham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo, where the bells have just been overhauled and rehung, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3; the association form of service at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. T. Wallis). Tea will be provided at the Six Bells at a charge per head for those who notify me by Wednesday, April 25th. Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. Trains from Gravesend 2.28 and 5.44. Buses from Chatham, Rochester and Strood 2.15 and 4.15.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at St. Luke's, Bromley. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. W. Hassard-Short (Vicar). Tea and meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute. Will those who require tea, which will be at a moderate charge, please send their names to me not later than Tuesday, April 23rd, as I have to give a guarantee? Please come if you send.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th. Evensong at Cathedral at 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15 p.m., at 1/9 per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 24th. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln. Please note that failure to comply with this request causes considerable inconvenience to those responsible for the arrangements.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 5—9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. C. Mayne.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Crofton on Saturday, April 28th. Six bells ready early. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 24th. — Harold Walker, 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District. — A meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome. — Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Aston on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea, in the Church Rooms at 5.30, by the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Ascott-under-Wychwood on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (6) available 2 o'clock. Service 4 p.m. in the Parish Church.

Tea and business meeting afterwards. All ringing friends welcome. — Jack Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Stinchcombe on Saturday, April 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Stebbing Guild will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2.30. Short service with address 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Those wishing to be present for tea please notify J. T. Barker, Hillside, Stebbing, Essex.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Western District will be held at Consett on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Will those intending to be present please notify me to arrange for tea? — H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fitzhead (6 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Business and tea, at a small charge, to all who give me notice by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. Please notify me by Wednesday, April 25th. A social evening has been arranged.—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-Conquest on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 2.30. It is hoped that all members will try and attend. All ringers and friends invited. — H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch. — A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 28th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Kingsnorth on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, April 28th, at 4.30. Bells (8) available.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Marlborough on Thursday, May 3rd. Business meeting in Town Hall at 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 3.30. Preacher, the Rev. C. D. Hoste. Meat tea in Town Hall at 4.30, 1s. Bells available: St. Peter's (8), St. Mary's (6). Other towers to be announced next week. All ringers heartily invited.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea in the Institute at 5.40, price 1s. Will all requiring same please let me know by May 1st? Harrow Weald bells available after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A meeting of the above district will take place at Ripley on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 2 till 8. Will those requiring tea, for which a nominal charge will be made, kindly advise Mr. A. Hutchinson, Market Place, Ripley, not later than May 3rd? A good attendance is required. — A. Braines, 1, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, May 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

SITUATION WANTED.

CHANGE RINGER, 8 or 12 bells, seeks employment as caretaker, or any position of trust; no family. — Address, 'Spinx,' c/o 'The Ringing World,' Woking.

INVITATION AND PUBLIC NOTICE TO RINGERS.

On Saturday, April 21st, at Marsden, near Huddersfield, a new peal of 8 bells (tenor, 26½ cwt.) by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, will be open from 2 p.m. to all ringers. A hearty invitation is given to all towers. First preference for both ringing and tea will be strictly given to those only who notify on or before that date.—The Local Church Council and Local Company, Marsden.

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THE NAMING OF METHODS.

One of the most mysterious things about ringing is the curious manner in which certain words and names have crept into use in connection with the art. They have come in the process of time, though no one knows their real origin. The mists of the past surround them, and in these days we cling to them largely for the sake of tradition, but without knowing exactly why they came to mean what they at present convey, or how they came to be used. How many people, for instance, can tell us why the word 'Grandsire' was applied to the method, or whence comes the word 'Bob' as applied to Treble Bob? So with many of the names applied to other methods, they are presumably just the designation given at the caprice of composer or ringers, and in not a few cases they are ludicrous, and would seem so to ringers were it not for their familiarity. There is no reason, however, why these absurdities should be amplified and perpetuated when the opportunity occurs to remedy some of the ridiculous appellations of the past. Yet, in the report of the Analysis Committee of the Central Council, which is to be presented for adoption at the meeting at Whitsun, there appear names for methods which some may think picturesque, but which we venture to believe will be a laughing-stock to the majority of ringers. To give such names as Dahlia and Geranium, to mention only two, to Treble Bob methods seems to us sufficient to kill the methods for ever. We can only think the Committee adopted flower names for some of this group because some unimaginative persons in the past designated a few of the earlier methods by titles such as 'Tulip' and 'Primrose.' Then, too, they have retained such a name as 'Trinity Sunday' for a Treble Bob method, 'Francis' Genius' for a third's place Delight, and 'Ringers' Surprise' for one in the highest group.

The Committee tell us that they have been guided in their selection by priority of use and the advisability of retaining as much as possible, consistent with present definitions, of all that has been in use in the past. There can, however, be no advantage in extending the absurdities of the years gone by, and while there is much less objection to the word 'abbey' or 'castle' as part of a title, there can be no gainsaying the fact that nothing sounds so well as the plain name of a county, city, or town applied to the names of the methods we ring. There is still a vast number of such names left, and if there were not sufficient of these, even the rivers would have given us a better type of name than flowers. At any rate, we fancy there is something a little more impres-

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sive about such titles as 'Thames,' 'Severn' and 'Trent,' for instance, than 'Bluebell,' 'Fuchsia' and 'Marigold,' which, pretty as they may be in themselves, savour of fairy stories and nursery rhymes, instead of a serious art. If it is desired to preserve the ancient names which were given to some of these methods, it should have been sufficient to place them on record with a reference to the new designation, and thus kept the identity of the ancient titles from being lost. For the sake of the dignity of the art we hope the Committee will feel inclined to take back their report and amend it so that the Exercise may be rid of some of these absurdities. At the same time the question of naming new methods might be taken in hand by way of laying down some lines for the future. Only last week the Leicester men, ringing the first peal of Mr. Arthur Craven's new method, felt that the name given was not a suitable one. It is difficult to dispute an author's right to call his creation what he chooses—that is how some of the names in the past were handed down to us—but if the Council expressed their views as to the limits within which titles should be found, it is more than likely that they would be readily accepted, and, in any event, when the day arrives that all affiliated associations acknowledge the rulings of the Council as binding, the Council will have power to change any names that do not comply with their requirements.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Four Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWITT Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
ALBERT W. COLES 3	REUBEN SANDERS 9
GEORGE R. RYE 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. II
CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

*THOMAS PRICE Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS 6
WILLIAM IRELAND 2	FRANK COLE 7
HERBERT SCRIVENS 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	*JAMES SMITH 9
THOMAS BALDWIN 5	ALBERT HANKS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal of Caters.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	WILSON RUSHTON 6
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 2	FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	THOMAS LANGDON 8
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN 5	ALFRED JOYCE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

ABRAM WILKERSON Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	*EDWIN MARTIN 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	†DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE 7
THOMAS DICKENS... .. 4	FRANK BRASSINGTON... .. Tenor

Conducted by D. H. ARGYLE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal in the method as conductor.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

*SYDNEY SADLER... .. Treble	RALPH UMPLEBY... .. 5
ERNEST SIMPSON 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
GEORGE ROBINSON 3	GEORGE MCHALE 7
HARRY DAVISON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN H. BLAKISTON (Middlesborough).

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Ambler, Jun., of Pudsey.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... Treble	PERCY MAY 5
CHARLES PARKER 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
JAMES DURRANT 4	ROBERT H. BRENDLE Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Ablitt, who hails from Hasketon. Calling, see page 89 of Hubbard's 'Art of Ringing.'

COLEMAN'S HATCH, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

DONALD FINDLAY Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
STAFFORD H. GREEN 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
WILLIAM COLLISON 3	WILLIAM LATTER 7
BERNARD COLLISON 4	ALEC. RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALEX. RICHARDSON.

First peal as conductor on eight bells. The ringers of the 5th and 6th hail from Horsmonden, Kent, the rest from Tunbridge Wells.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WOODMAN Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
JOHN AKEHURST 2	ALBERT ELLIS 6
JOHN COOK 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
PETER CHARMAN 4	GEORGE ELLIS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART.

WILLIAM CHAPMAN Treble	CHARLES CHAPMAN 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	ARTHUR MARKS 6
*GEORGE PEERS 3	JAMES PRATT 7
MAURICE J. SWINFELD ... 4	WALTER J. COPE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES PRATT.

Ringers of 2nd and 4th belong to Burton, 8th to Lichfield, the rest to Tamworth. First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal of Stedman Triples. John H. Swinfeld and Maurice J. Swinfeld were made members of the above association previous to starting for the peal.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	TOM STANCLIFFE 5
*HARRY TOMLINSON 2	†EDWIN OGDEN 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	JOHN WATSON 7
HERBERT WORMWELL ... 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal in method. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th hail from Burnley, tenor from Church Kirk, and remainder from Blackburn.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART, No. 6. Tenor 13½ cwt. in G.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble	JOHN FOREMAN 5
WILLIAM STORY 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6
WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
ALFRED F. HILLIER 4	ALBERT M. HALL... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung to commemorate the golden wedding of the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Archdale. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Canon for his kind hospitality before and after the peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. NORTON ... Treble	*HARRY KILBY 5
ROBERT HOLLOWAY 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
EDWARD LANKESTER 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* Fiftieth peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven 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.

GEORGE DURLING Treble	JOHN LYDDIAED 5
GEORGE HUXLEY 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
*THOMAS I. KNIGHT 4	EDMUND MOUNIER Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. SPICE.

* First peal in the method on a bob bell. First peal as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY... ..	... Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH	5
ARTHUR W. DIX	2	WALTER AYRE	6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
CHARLES N. LEMAN	4	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor	

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by W. G. WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. M. Hall, M.A. (President of the Bushey Society, and Patron of the Hertford County Association), on completion of 25 years' service as Rector of Bushey. M. Hibbert's 50th peal upon these bells, also 75th for the above Association.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFS.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Four Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7360 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST LANDON ... ..	... Treble	*SAMUEL CARDELL	5
ALBERT E. ALDERSEA... ..	2	ALBERT CRAWLEY	6
JOHN E. WHEELDON	3	CHARLES MORLEY	7
GEORGE CRAWLEY	4	CHARLES H. PAGE	Tenor

Composed by S. THURSTON. Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

This is a record for the Association, also the longest length by all the band. Rung at the first attempt. * First peal in the method.

PENDLEBURY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 9.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH H. RIDYARD ... ..	... Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD	5
FRED GRUNDY	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	6
TOM LINGARD	3	ARTHUR RIDYARD... ..	7
WILLIAM JONES	4	JOHN EDGE	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR RIDYARD.

This peal was rung as a welcome home to the Dean of Manchester (Rev. J. G. McCormick), on his safe return from a mission tour in India.

DAVENTRY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS ... ..	... Treble	*WILLIAM PARKER	5
BERTIE O. SODEN	2	*WALTER ADSTIN	6
†HARRY BAXTER	8... 3	FRED HOPPER	7
*THOMAS LAW	4	GEORGE BASFORD	Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Kent Major. † First peal on eight bells. The 3rd ringer hails from Broughton, nr. Kettering, the tenor from Finedon, the rest from Northampton. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, also Mr. A. Moore for having everything in readiness.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

*WILLIAM BUTTON, JUN. ... Treble	BENJAMIN BAKER... ..	5
MRS. H. BAKER... ..	HARRY BAKER	6
MISS ROSE THOMAS	GEORGE BILLENNESS	7
WILLIAM H. HOAD	GEORGE THOMAS	Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt. The above is the first time that ladies have attempted a peal at Rye. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Rose Thomas. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. E. Curd and Miss Curd.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEONARD BARLOW ... ..	... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ..	5
JOSEPH LOWE	2	JOHN POTTER	6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH	3	TITUS BARLOW	7
GEORGE PINCOTT... ..	4	AMOS TRIPPIER	Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS B. WORSLEY.

The conductor's 100th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS ... ..	... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	E. HARRY STONELEY	6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	3	JAMES F. CLARKE	7
THOMAS H. VALLANCE	4	HARRY BROUGHTON	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by HARRY BROUGHTON.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS ... ..	... Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY	5
ERNEST MORRIS	2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON	6
JAMES F. CLARKE	3	THOMAS H. VALLANCE	7
HARRY BROUGHTON	4	HAROLD J. POOLE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE,

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and 5 of Plain Bob.

*LEONARD MASON ... ..	... Treble	JOHN FOSTER	4
ARTHUR WIGMORE	2	BERT GOGLE	5
FRED WIGMORE	3	*HARRY SEINKINS	Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

* First peal in two methods and first attempt.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JULIAN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of each, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 13 cwt. in F.

JAMES E. LILLEY... ..	... Treble	REGINALD R. POLE	4
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON	2	DENIS J. BOUCHER	5
GEORGE W. JONES	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Minor in seven methods by the Guild and St. Chad's Society, also in the county by resident members. Rung at the first attempt and is the first peal in seven methods by all except the conductor. It was a birthday compliment to the conductor, also rung as a welcome to the new churchwardens, Mr. H. C. Harris and Mr. J. Robertson.

WHEATHAMSTEAD, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST HUNT Treble	WALTER AYRE 4
THOMAS J. HULL... .. 2	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	HARRY HOLLICK Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal on the bells which were recast in 1883. Many attempts have been made but have failed through the long draught of rope. Ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, represent 4 towers of St. Albans. The company wish to express their thanks to the Rector (the Rev. Baird-Smith) for his kind hospitality after the peal.

NEWCHURCH, LANCS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

FRANK REYNOLDS Treble	WILLIAM HAMPSON 4
GEORGE POWNALL 2	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 5
WILLIAM GOULD 3	JAMES ORME Tenor

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

† JACK BOURNE Treble	* CHARLIE JONES 4
* IVOR RAWLINGS... .. 2	ARCHIE PROBERT 5
* WILLIAM WILLIAMS 3	IVOR PROBERT Tenor

Conducted by IVOR PROBERT.

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by the local band. † First peal. * First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung at the first attempt.

BLISWORTH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 Six Score of Bob Doubles, and 30 Six Score of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 19½ cwt.

* PHILLIP C. ASPLIN Treble	JOHN A. TOWNSEND 3
ALBERT W. TURNER... .. 2	J. WILFRED SEARP 4
TOM TEBBUTT Tenor	

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on a bob bell.

EASTRINGTON, NEAR HOWDEN.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 changes of Plain Bob, 1,440 of Oxford Treble Bob, 2,880 of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE CURTIS TERRY ... Treble	AUGUSTUS HATFIELD 4
J. WILLIAM HALL 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
HORACE MORLEY... .. 3	WM. ARTHUR HUDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. ARTHUR HUDSON.

This is the first peal on the bells which were opened on Easter Monday. The ringers wish to give all praise to the founders, Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, for the 'go' and tone of the bells. The peal was also rung in honour of the Vicar's 42nd Wedding Day. The Vicar entertained the ringers to tea after the peal.

STEEPLE ASHTON, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 19 cwt.

* SIDNEY FRANCIS... .. Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2	CHARLES DOEL 5
JESSE FRANCIS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, April 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.

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

Tenor size 15 in C.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5-6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) 3-4	REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) 7-8

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE.

A PEAL OF NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5-6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) 3-4	REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) 7-8

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, April 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE,

PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5-6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) 3-4	REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) 7-8

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, April 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifteen 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 (QUEENS') 5-6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) ... 3-4	REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) 7-8

Composed by the REV. H. L. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 16, 1922, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6000 CHANGES;

Size 17 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7-8
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 9-10	

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
Umpire: H. BROUGHTON.

Witnesses: J. MORRIS and G. S. MORRIS.

First peal 'in hand' by all the band, and first attempt. First of Stedman Caters as conductor.

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COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
RUNG ON THE TOP OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH TOWER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor size 12 in F.

BERT RIXOM 1—2 | *THOMAS E. ABBOTT 3—4
ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5—6

Conducted by A. S. BAYLEY.

Witnesses: WILLIAM R. EVANS and JAMES L. JONES.

* First peal in hand. Rung as a welcome home to T. E. Abbott on his return from service with H.M. Forces in India, he being proposed a member of the above Guild before starting.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes
IN HOLY TRINITY CHURCH BELFRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 size in B.

BERT RIXOM... .. 1—2 | WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5—6
*THOMAS E. ABBOTT 3—4 | ALFRED S. BAYLEY 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WM. SAUNDERS.

Umpire: WILLIAM D. WASE.

Witness: WILLIAM R. EVANS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT NO. 3, HOLLY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A.

JACK PILGRIM... .. 1—2 | ROY PILGRIM 5—6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3—4 | LEONARD W. BALE 7—8

Composed by WILLIAM E. BASON. Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1—2 | ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 5—6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3—4 | ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

By kind invitation of the Rector and Mr. W. Neuth an extra by-meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held on Saturday, April 7th, at Ardleigh, 42 members attending from 14 towers. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar. This was followed by an excellent tea provided at the Neuth Hall. Mr. W. J. Nevard (the District Master) was in the chair, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stannard). Six new members were elected, and the Master, in thanking Mr. Neuth for his generosity, spoke of the good feeling amongst ringers in the district, and hoped the next meeting, on May 12th, at Tendring, would be equally well attended.

YEOVIL.—On Easter Day, for morning service, Mr. James George's quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Batty 1, J. E. Baker (conductor) 2, F. Hunt 3, E. T. Griffen 4, C. Norman 5, R. C. Maunder 6, W. Fry 7, S. J. Baker 8. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung by a Yeovil band, and first quarter for all except the ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th. The tenor is 45 cwt.

SALHURST, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: Jas. Goodsell 1, L. Booth 2, T. Hoad (conductor) 3, F. Morgan 4, T. Booth 5, Wm. Hoad 6, E. Mills 7, G. Mills 8. First quarter as conductor, and first attempt.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: T. Clark (conductor), 1, F. Brown 2, Wilf. Young 3, Wm. Young 4, J. Fear 5, G. Hasell (first quarter-peal) 6.

ANCIENT WILTSHIRE BELLS RESTORED.

The ancient village of Ogbourne St. George, Wilts, lying in a pretty valley between two ridges of the celebrated Wiltshire Downs, has charming pastoral surroundings, and just below the venerable parish church the clear waters of the Ogbourne, a tributary of the Kennet, flow placidly by. The church contains a grand old ring of five bells, with a noble tenor, described in 'Church Bells' by W. C. Lukis, M.A., F.S.A., as follows:—

1. To bee the leading bell,
To prayse and ring well,
I was given by Master Thomas Baude, R.T., July fifteenth, 1825.
2. God be our guyd. R.B. 1603.
3. Geve thanks to God. R.B. 1603.
4. William Goddard, William Dixon, Churchwardens. William Purdue and Thomas Purdue, 1652.
5. William Goddard, William Dixon, Churchwardens. William Purdue and Thomas Purdue cast mee 1652.

For many years these beautiful bells have been practically unringable, but they have recently been rehung in a new steel and iron frame with entirely new fittings and ropes by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and, needless to say, the work has been admirably done. The tone of the bells has been greatly improved by careful tuning.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Smith, M.A.) has worked with characteristic energy in collecting the funds amounting to £375, and a further sum is required to carry out some necessary repairs to the tower and the provision of a new floor.

A dedication service was held on Saturday, April 14th, when the opening ringing was performed by local ringers, and their experiences were not too happy, the transformation to the easy-going bells somewhat upsetting them, and one enthusiast soon had a stay off. A number of ringers from neighbouring towers were also present, and the bells were kept going until a late hour.

The ringers were entertained to tea in the Parish Room by the Vicar, to whom a vote of thanks was accorded for his kind hospitality.

The Rector's subject in his sermon was a unique one. It was based on simplicity and the superiority of all things represented by simple words or monosyllables. 'In the farm,' he said, 'you have the sheep, the horse, the cow, the ox, the goat, corn, wheat, hay. In life you have love, light, food, sleep. All the best things were expressed by simple words. What more musical word could you find than that of "bell"?' The preacher congratulated the people of Ogbourne on their efforts which had culminated so successfully that day, and on the comparatively short period which had elapsed from the inauguration of the scheme to the completion of it. He greatly regretted that indisposition had prevented the Archdeacon of Wiltshire from performing the ceremony, which he had been called upon to do in his place.

At the conclusion, Mr. E. Bishop, of Swindon, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his hospitality, and expressed his entire satisfaction at the excellent way in which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had restored the bells. Mr. C. F. Johnston seconded the vote of thanks, and expressed the hope that the Ogbourne ringers would soon master the art of change ringing.

Thus another of Wiltshire's grand old rings has been restored, and it is safe to say that if the bells, frame and fittings are properly cared for they will continue to ring out their messages for many generations to come. The tenor is 18½ cwt. in E.

In the adjoining village of Ogbourne St. Andrew there is another interesting ring of five bells, with a Pre-Reformation tenor, and the Rev. W. C. Lukis in the book above referred to says: 'The tenor bell of Ogbourne St. Andrew, which was cast in the 15th century, and weighs about 15 cwt., cannot be surpassed for richness and dignity of tone.' The black letter inscription is 'Trinitatem adoremus.'

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING AT LAMBETH.

The Southern district of the London County Association held a very successful and enjoyable meeting at St. Mary's, Lambeth, on Saturday last. It will be remembered that the bells were recently restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the splendid 'go' and tone was fully appreciated by the 30 ringers who attended during the afternoon and evening. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent-Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung.

Tea was partaken of at the Archbishop Temple Boys' School, and the excellent fare was heartily enjoyed. At the business meeting which followed, two new members were made. — A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Hardy and the local men for having them in readiness.

After some handbell ringing, the tower was again visited, and further ringing indulged in.

At 7.30 the ringers attended evensong, and at the conclusion of the short service, the bells were once more set going. But 'all things come to an end,' and a very pleasant afternoon and evening came to a close all too quickly.

Ringers attended from Beckenham, Camberwell, Chelsea, Clapham, Beddington, Deptford, East Ham, Ealing, Hammersmith, Kensington, Lambeth, Rotherhithe and Willesden.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The last quarterly meeting of the society's year was held at Sedgley on Saturday, April 14th. Between forty and fifty members attended, which was a very fair muster, considering the inclement weather which prevailed.

A short service was held in church, at which the Rev. Dr. Swindell (Vicar) delivered a helpful address. A bountiful tea was provided in the Schoolroom by the wives of local ringers, and was greatly enjoyed. The Rev. Dr. Swindell was present, and gave the company a warm welcome to Sedgley, as well as a little fatherly advice.—A vote of thanks to him for his address and the use of the bells, etc., to the organist, and to the ladies who attended to the wants of the inner man, was moved by the Rev. C. H. Barker, and carried with applause.

Handbells were brought into use, and several tunes were played. The ringing during the afternoon and evening comprised the four standard methods as well as touches of Cambridge Surprise and Double Norwich Major.

The annual meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Lichfield on June 23rd.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Houghton-le-Spring on Saturday week. About 30 members attended from Newcastle, Gateshead, Sunderland, Chester-le-Street, etc., and several touches of Bob Minor, Kent and Woodbine were brought round during the afternoon. Afterwards, at the kind invitation of the Rector, the members sat down to an excellent tea in the Parish Room. A short business meeting followed, the district vice-president (Mr. R. Parkinson) presiding, supported by the Rector, Mr. W. Story (president of the association), Mr. A. M. Hall (treasurer), and Mr. J. W. Parker.

The Rector, in responding to a vote of thanks for his hospitality, said that, as he had expected, the desirability of the octave being completed in the tower of his beautiful old church had that afternoon been pointed out to him, but he was afraid it was impossible at present.

It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Sunderland, on Saturday, June 2nd.

After a walk round the beautiful gardens of the Rectory, the bells were again set going, and a 720 of Double Oxford brought round.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A most successful meeting of the South and West District was held at Ruislip recently, when between 60 and 70 members and friends attended from Acton, Battersea, Brookley, Beaconsfield, Chelsea, Clapham, Camberwell, Chiswick, Ealing, Fulham, Heston, Hounslow, Hillingdon, Hanwell, Hammersmith, Isleworth, Kensington, Staines, Windsor, Willesden, and the local company. The ringing commenced at 3 p.m., under the leadership of the Master (Mr. Robert Holloway). Tea, which had been arranged by the hon. secretary, was partaken of by 40 members, including the vice-president (Mr. T. Beadle). Again visiting the church a short touch was rung for service, which was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. G. Gray), a lady ringer kindly presiding at the organ.

After the service, the Vicar visited the ringing chamber, when the customary vote of thanks was accorded him and others, whose kindness will not readily be forgotten. Ringing was further indulged in until 9 p.m., the methods ranging from Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise to Grandsire, the higher methods being for the first time rung upon the bells since their restoration. The 'go' of the bells is excellent, in spite of seventy feet of rope. Silence had long reigned supreme in the old flint tower, and this added much to the enthusiasm displayed, and was partly responsible for the large gathering, while last and not least was the social side, which fulfilled to the full the views expressed in the article upon 'Friendship in the Belfry,' which appeared in a recent issue of 'The Ringing World.'

5,184 CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR.

By the REV. E. BANKS JAMES.

23456 O H 5th's I

42635	x	—	—
63254	—	—	—
26435	x	—	—
43652	—	—	—
64235	x	—	—
32645	—	—	S

11 times repeated, adding S at 5th's last course of 6th and 12th parts.

The peal contains 4, 5, 6 each 20 courses in 6th's at course ends. Rung at Surfleet on April 11th, 1923, conducted by W. H. J. Hooton.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand that there is likely to be an attempt to beat the Stedman Cinques record in London on Whit Monday.

The present longest length is the 11,111 rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 8 hrs. 2 mins., on December 26th, 1901. A 15,000 at Southwark Cathedral is now proposed!

Our tame diarist got a little mixed last week with regard to Mr. William Rock Small's birthday. He was born on Nov. 12th, and not April 29th, 1838, so the congratulations were a little previous. The 'Black Country Veteran' has been a ringer for more than 60 years, but his advancing age now prevents him from adding to his 330 peals.

There is still with us another veteran, who fifty-five years ago today took part in the 15,840 Kent Treble Bob at Bethnal Green, by the College Youths. This is Mr. Ted Horrex.

Seven years earlier, on April 27th 1861, the Ancient Society rang the then record of Stedman Cinques, 8,580, at Cornhill.

On April 28th, 1800, the Royal Cumberlands rang 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Edmonton.

Next Wednesday is an anniversary which should be celebrated by a peal in many places. On May 2nd, 1715, the first peal of which there is any authentic record was rung at St. Peter Maneroft, Norwich, a peal of Grandsire Bob Triples.

Messrs. Groombridge and Palmer are engaged on strengthening the frame and supplying new bearings to the bells at St. John's Church, Croydon.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major will be made at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, April 28th. Ringing to commence at 1.30 p.m. prompt.

GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As long ago as June, 1900, I pointed out in the columns of the 'Bell News' that the Bob Lead of the Grandsire method is symmetrical within the lead, while the Plain Lead is not. Nearly 23 years later the truth of that statement is at last becoming clear!—Yours faithfully,

Brighton.

GEORGE BAKER.

OXFORD GUILD 'PASSIVE RESISTERS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to your 'leader' of April 20th upon 'Passive Resisters' of the Oxford Guild, it was proposed at the annual meeting, held at Oxford last year, to circularise each tower in union, so that all members could vote on the question of holding the annual meeting always at Oxford. If this had been done there would be no reason for Passive Resisters.—Yours truly,

F. VICKERS.

THE 'COLLEGE YOUTHS' CERTIFICATE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was asked by the Master and officers of the Ancient Society of College Youths at our last business meeting, on the 17th inst., to forward the following information, which we think will be of considerable interest to the Exercise, viz., that the certificate of the society was engraved by none other than the great Bartolozzi himself.

In Andrew W. Juer's catalogue of 'Bartolozzi and his works' our certificate is scheduled as follows: No. 2131 Society of College Youths. This number is to be found in Vol. II. of the catalogue.

Francesco Bartolozzi was born in Florence in 1725. In Venice, Florence and Milan, he etched several pieces on sacred subjects. He then took up his abode in England, where he lived for 40 years, and died in Lisbon in 1813. His works in this country are, of course, classical, his best engravings being 'The Death of Lord Chatham,' after Copely, and the 'Virgin and Child.'

I should be much obliged if you will kindly publish this information for the benefit of those members of the society who are scattered throughout the country, as it is only by means of your valuable periodical that we can get such information to them, especially as it enhances the actual value of the certificate, which several experts assure me is now worth to collectors anything between 15s. to 3 guineas.—Yours faithfully,

F. A. YORKE, Captain, R.G.A.
King's House, Tower of London.

LINSLADE WIVES AND SWEETHEARTS.

Sir,—In 'Belfry Gossip' last week mention was made of the poorly attended ringing practice at Linslade. At the Easter Vestry, the President of the Women's Institute asked if the ringers' practice could not be held on some other evening, as the two events now clashed.

The Foreman remarked he would be only too pleased to alter the evening, as the junior members of the band had their young ladies to take out, and the senior members had to stay at home to look after their children while the wives attended the Institute.—Yours truly,

F. VICKERS.

**TEN-BELL TOWERS.
BECCLES CAMPANILE.**

By J. R. JERRAM.

Beccles, in Suffolk, whose chief interest for ringers is its peal of ten bells hung in one of the very few detached Campaniles in England, had a peal of eight bells over a hundred and sixty years ago, and on a board in the tower is the following record:—

ROBERT MARGEROM.

Churchwarden,
took down the old peal
of Eight Bells, and took up
and Hung this new peal
of ten, himself in the
year 1762.

This peal of ten was cast by Lester and Pack at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1762, the tenor being stated to be 27½ cwt. The fifth bore the inscription:—

'Our Voices shall with Joyful Sound,
Make Hills and Valleys echo round.'



THE CAMPANILE OF BECCLES CHURCH.

The late Canon Raven, in his account of the bells, mentions that several were cracked when he took inscriptions, the 8th and 9th being hooped round with iron bands, while some of the bells had 'wooden crowns.' Messrs. Taylor and Co. carried out a complete overhaul of the bells in 1909, when the 4th, 6th and 9th were recast (the 8th having been recast twenty years before), and the whole ring hung in a steel frame. The present tenor is 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb., in D flat.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follow:—

- 1.—Treble.—Edwd. Brooks Portreve, 1762. Lester and Pack, of London. Fecit.
- 2.—Lester and Pack, of London. Fecit.
- 3.—Thomas Mears, of London. Fecit, 1804.
- 4.—Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1909. John Rowsell, Rector. A. R. Clatworthy, Womack Brook, Churchwardens. W. J. Money, Mayor.
- 5.—Recast by John Warner and Sons, of London. 1889.
- 6.—Same as 5th, with the addition 'In memory of Queen Victoria.' (This line is surmounted by a bust of Queen Victoria.)
- 7.—Recast by John Warner and Sons, London. C. F. Parker, R. C. Houghton, Churchwardens, 1871. (This bell bears the Royal Arms, followed by the word 'Patent'.)
- 8.—Recast by John Warner and Sons, London. 1889.
- 9.—Vivos voco. Mortuos Plango. Fulgura Frango. Recast by John Taylor and Co., Loughborough, 1909. John Rowsell, Rector. A. R. Clatworthy, Womack Brook, Churchwardens. H. Hopson, Captain. W. J. Money, Mayor.

Tenor.—Wm. Clark and Robt. Margerom, Chwardens. O. Quam Dulce Sonas Domini Properemus. Adeedes. Lester and Pack, of London. Fecit 1762.

The only early peals, of which there is any record, are:—
5,220 Bob Royal, May 24th, 1837, to celebrate the birthday of Princess Victoria; 5,040 Bob Major, 1885; 6,048 Bob Major, 1867-5,040 Grandsire Triples, 1878. These are recorded on boards and tablets in the tower.

THE RINGERS' JUG.

A fine specimen of local pottery is kept in the belfry under lock and key. It is of ordinary brown glazed ware, 17in. high and 46in. in circumference at the widest part. The inscription thereon is as follows:—

1827.—When I am filled with Liquor strong
Each man drink once, and then ding, dong.
Drink not too much to Cloud your Knobs,
Least you forget to make the Bobbs,
A gift of John Pattman, Beccles,
Samuel Stringfellow, Potter.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM GRIMES.

A SUFFOLK PIONEER.

It is with much regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William Grimes, of Debenham, Suffolk, which sad event took place on Saturday, April 14th. As announced in our columns a few weeks ago Mr. Grimes had been seriously ill for nearly two years, and the end was not altogether unexpected. It was chiefly owing to his energy and enterprise that change ringing was started at Debenham, when he came to reside there some 42 years back, and he had always taken a leading part in the advancement of the art in the district. He had also been a member of the choir for just on 40 years, and was connected with many other public bodies in the town.

His peal records show that he had rung 118 in all of which 116 were to the credit of the old Norwich Diocesan Association. The methods included Minor 1, Bob Triples 2, Grandsire Triples 3, Stedman Triples 2, Bob Major 20, Kent Treble Bob Major 10, Oxford Treble Bob Major 28 (including 16,608), Double Norwich Major 30, Cambridge Surprise Major 1, Superlative 9, Kent Treble Bob Royal 5, Kent Treble Bob Maximus 1. Of these he had conducted about 30.

The funeral took place on Thursday, April 19th, and was attended by a large and representative gathering, including several past and present officers of Court 5318 'Star of Suffolk,' A.O.F., of which deceased was a Past Chief Ranger. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Hubert Day 1—2, William Rose 3—4, Wm. C. Rumsey 5—8, Ernest F. Poppy 7—8; and in the evening half-muffled touches of Cambridge and Stedman Triples were rung upon the bells of St. Mary's Church. These were followed by the whole pull and stand, after which the age of the deceased (64 years) was tolled on the tenor. On Sunday afternoon a peal of Double Norwich (deceased's favourite method) was rung as a last tribute of respect to his memory. A record of this will be found in its proper place.

It is proposed to keep the fund (started for the benefit of Mr. Grimes) open for a few weeks on behalf of the widow, and subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged in the usual way by Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham. The contributions to date are: Debenham company, £2; meeting at Ipswich, Easter Monday, per Mr. Chas. Mee, £2 3s.; Mr. Thos. Fitzjohn, 2s. 6d.; Col.-Sergt. James Bennett, R.M., 5s.; Mr. W. H. Fussell, 5s.

On Saturday, April 21st, an attempt was made for a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. William Grimes, who was a life member of St. Mary-le-Tower Society. The whole peal was rung in 3 hrs. 30 mins., but two bells 'shifted' in the 3rd course from home, and, therefore, the performance cannot be recorded as a peal: W. P. Garrett 1 R. H. Brundle 2 W. Tillett 3. C. J. Sedgley 4, J. Rose 5, H. R. Roper 6, C. H. Gillingham (conductor) 7, G. E. Symonds 8, F. J. Tillett 9, C. A. Catchpole 10.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Luton district was held at Luton on Saturday last, members and friends being present from Dunstable, Barton Le Clay, Houghton Regis, Harpenden, Hitchin, St. Albans, Tring, Turvey, Leighton Buzzard, Kimpton, and the local tower. A short service was held in the beautiful Wenlock Chapel, conducted by the Vicar of Luton (the Rev. C. Moltan Williams), who gave a short address, which was greatly appreciated by the members.

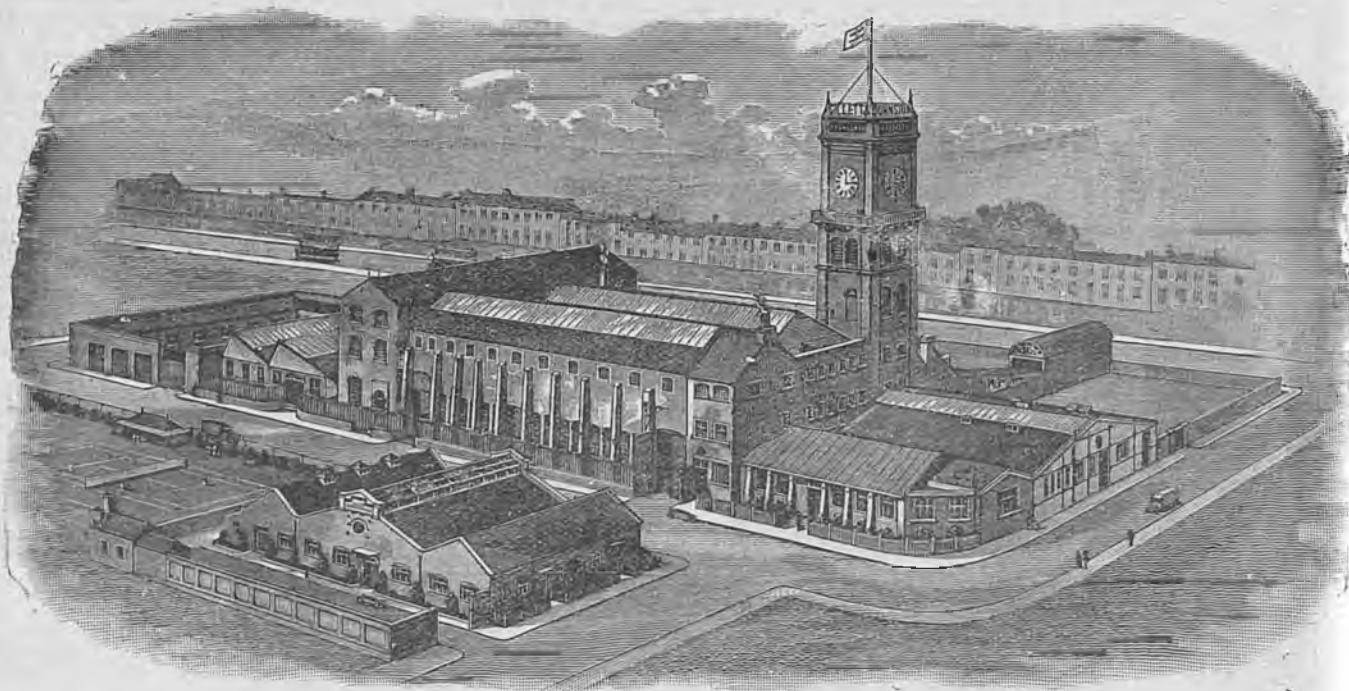
The tea and meeting were held at the Red Lion Hotel, presided over by the Rev. C. M. Williams, who was afterwards elected an hon. member of the association.

Woburn was selected for the next meeting, on June 2nd, if this date is found convenient. One life member was elected, viz., Mr. H. Hollick, St. Albans.

After the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar of Luton for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting, the tower was again visited, and further ringing took place. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Bob Doubles, for the learners, to Bristol Surprise for the advanced members.

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NEW BELLS AT TROWBRIDGE.

FIRST PEAL OF TEN IN WILTSHIRE.

There was a great day for ringers at Trowbridge on Easter Monday, when the two new bells added to the existing octave to make the first peal of ten in Wiltshire were opened. The bells have been added by Messrs. Llewellyns and James, of Bristol, and are inscribed as follows:—

Treble (5½ cwt.).—'Lest we forget.' Harold Butcher, a parish church ringer, killed in the Great War. P. A. Nash, M.A., R.D., Rector. W. E. Stanley and F. W. Saxty, Churchwardens. S. J. Hector, Ringing Master. C. M. Lansdown, F. H. White, F. P. Garrick, H. Ledbury and J. A. Cooper, Committee. Easter, 1925.

2nd (6½ cwt.).—'In gratitude, 1914—1918.' Lucy Mackay. This refers to the safe return of the late Mrs. Mackay's sons from the war. The name of the firm which cast them is also on each bell.

A gathering of nearly 300 ringers was present for the opening. Among the towns and villages represented were London, Bristol (which sent thirty or forty), Bath, Wells, Newport, Frome, Shaftesbury, Warminster, Westbury, Devizes, Chippenham, Swindon, Melksham, Midsomer Norton, Pewsey, Bratton, Steeple Ashton, North Bradley, Bishop's Cannings, Rowde Seend, Radstock, Holt, Bourne-mouth, Milverton, Bradford-on-Avon, Hilperton, Wootton Bassett, Colne, Bromham, Reading, etc.

The proceedings began with two hours' ringing on the old eight bells, and then, assembling outside the Town Hall, the ringers formed a procession and marched to the church, headed by the Comrades' band. The church was full to overflowing. A service was held, at which the Rev. P. A. Nash, Rector, gave a short address of welcome to the ringers, and referred to the circumstances leading up to the addition of the two bells. The lesson, from the service appointed to be used by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers, was read by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Rector of Kingston Magna, Gillingham, who is general secretary of the Guild. The actual 'opening' of the enlarged peal was done by Trowbridge ringers, followed by a touch by a picked band from Bristol towers.

After the service there was tea at the Town Hall. The chairman of the Devizes branch, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, opened the proceedings after tea, and in the course of an interesting address, said: 'This is a red-letter day in the Church history of this county, and in the history of the Devizes branch of the Diocesan Ringing Guild, for we have witnessed the formal opening of the first peal of ten bells in both. We are, I think, quite naturally very proud that our branch of the Guild should have this honour. I have heard that this branch also contains the first peal of eight rung as an eight for ringing in the whole county, viz., at Bishop's Cannings, and if this is true we have an additional reason to be proud of our branch. We naturally think on an occasion like this of the donors, through whose generosity the peal of eight in the parish church has been augmented to ten. As most of you are aware, one of the bells was given by the late Mrs. Mackay in grateful memory that through the mercy of God her two sons were spared in the recent deplorable European conflict. One cannot help thinking what a splendid method of showing gratitude to Almighty God this is. The other bell and the remainder of the work, including the chining apparatus, has been enabled to be carried out through the generosity of Trowbridge citizens (not of one denomination only), and they may well be proud of the result. We are told on all sides to-day that the prevailing elements where Church work and worship are concerned, are "apathy" and "indifference." But I say "Mr. Apathy" and "Mr. Indifference" never caused a church bell to be hung in their lives. No! To organise work like this needs patience, needs hope, needs a burning and unquenchable enthusiasm, and in the Trowbridge ringers, and especially in the man for many years their leader, you have these qualities personified. I refer to Mr. S. J. Hector.'

Mr. Heginbotham went on to refer to the great general improvements which had been effected in the belfries during the last thirty years, and went on to speak of the constructive programme which he would like to see carried out. 'First and foremost,' he continued, 'we want a more definitely pronounced recognition of ringers as Church workers. To enable us to achieve this we must have hearty co-operation between clergy and ringers. I strongly recommend that one or more ringers from every lower get a place on their respective parochial church councils, which now regulate and control parish finances, and with the assistance of the incumbent obtain from them a grant, however small, either from an offertory or the freewill offering funds, in aid of their Ringing Guild branch funds. A course like this would have far-reaching advantages. The ringers would have better chances of obtaining instruction in change ringing. It would also bring before them the fact that they must not be selfish and imagine their own tower and their own pockets are the only consideration. From the incumbent's point of view it would prevent any remarks, such as I have frequently heard, that the ringers are unrecognised by himself or the other Church workers, and quite naturally he would expect to see that the branch funds to which his parish had contributed, were properly expended, and as a consequence would take a greater interest in the Guilds as a whole, and

in his own branch in particular. Secondly, I wish to see more mobility on the part of the ringers. Even if they are only round ringers they can and should visit other local towers, and rubbing shoulders with their fellows is bound to make them feel more keenly the bond of fellowship and brotherhood which unites all who take part in ringing the church bells. I want to see all ringers recognise their responsibilities. Never was there a time when sterling men and true were more wanted in the Church and by the Church than to-day. If ringers and choristers—many of you are both—especially the younger generation, will recognise their responsibilities there is no need to be disheartened. In the course of my wanderings over the South of England I have never met a body of men who on the whole are more genial, more ready to help a comrade in distress, more ready to extend the hand of good fellowship, than church bell ringers; and as long as the Church Ringing Guilds can count among their followers such men as Mr. Cave, of Bristol; Mr. King, of Bath; Mr. F. Green, the secretary of this branch, and others here present too numerous to mention by name, we can look forward to the future with an unclouded vision.'

The Rector also spoke a few words, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards thanked the Trowbridge ringers, on behalf of the Salisbury Guild, for the kindness extended to the visitors.

Two bands of handbell ringers came from Bristol, representing respectively the Guild of St. Thomas in that city and the Guild of St. Philip. They gave exhibitions of ringing outside the Town Hall before the procession started, and again from the platform of that building after the tea, and were listened to with interest and appreciation.

Ringing was later resumed at the parish church, and several good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung. From every point of view the day was most successful.

**DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
THE COMING JUBILEE.**

One of the most successful meetings of the Mid-Devon branch was held at Kingskerswell on Saturday last. Ringers were present from Exeter, Christow, Buckfastleigh, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Torquay and Paignton. The members were met at the church by Mr. George Facey, the local captain, and the bells were soon set going, some well-struck touches of Kent Treble Bob, Stedman and Grandsire being rung. At 5 p.m. the members adjourned to the Lord Nelson Hotel, where Hostess Sitter provided a splendid tea, the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. F. Fagan) joining the members.

At the subsequent business meeting Mr. H. W. Wilkes presided. Mortonhamstead was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and the chairman thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, also for joining them at tea.

In replying, the Vicar said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the Guild, and he hoped they would soon pay them another visit.

Mr. H. J. Hole (hon. secretary) said he was pleased to announce that since the last meeting four hon. members had been elected; also the Rev. Brown and his band of Collaton, where a new peal of bells are to be erected next week.

The Rev. E. S. Powell, general secretary of the Guild, reminded members that next year would be the jubilee of the Guild, which was formed in 1874. He urged them to try and achieve something to commemorate the event. — Messrs. E. Shepherd and Richardson (Exeter) also addressed the meeting, and further ringing was then indulged in at Coffinswell and Kingskerswell towers.

ONE HUNDRED PEALS AT 21.

MR. A. E. NORMAN'S RECORD.

Mr. Albert E. Norman, of Birmingham, had the distinction on Thursday, April 5th, of calling his 100th peal on his 21st birthday. An able ringer and full of enthusiasm Mr. Norman has made the most of the excellent opportunities which living in such a ringing centre as Birmingham have made for him, but, even allowing for this, his first 'century' is really unique, including as it does 32 'double handed' peals, 41 peals on twelve bells, and one on fourteen. His 'Hundred' is made up as follows:—

	Tower Bells	Handbells
	Rung. Cond.	Rung. Cond.
Stedman Sextuples	14	1
Stedman Cinques	5	1
Stedman Caters	19	1
Stedman Triples	3	1
Grandsire Caters	0	1
Grandsire Triples		1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus		1
Kent Treble Bob Royal		1
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	
Double Norwich C.B. Major	7	
Bob Major	5	1
	68	5
	32	5

Total 100, Conducted 10.

SUNDAY SERVICE NOTICES.

MILKSHAM.—On Sunday, April 22nd, in 42 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Archard 1, B. Trueman 2, C. Lovelock 3, R. H. Legge 4, A. W. Angell 5, W. C. West (conductor) 6, H. Taylor 7, E. C. Redford 8.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at the Church of St. Giles, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Cook 1, A. W. Osborne 2, L. T. Osborne 3, W. Simmonds 4, A. Bailey 5, G. Wiggins 6, H. Egley 7, H. Osborne (conductor) 8. First in the method by the ringers of treble and 4th. First of any method as conductor.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, April 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Fraser (Elham) 2, E. J. Pannett 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, J. Crowder 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. A. Fosdike 1, T. A. Easterby 2, J. Law 3, H. J. Norgate 4, J. Daffers (Lee) 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

IDLE, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service, 720 Stedman Triples: H. Foster 1, G. Duck 2, F. Davison 3, H. Davison 4, W. Feather 5, F. Kilshaw 6, R. Umpleby (conductor) 7, H. Buckley 8.

ILKSTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 22nd for evening service, a quarter-peal of Sphered Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung in 48 mins.: E. Fletcher 1, J. H. Iliffe 3, C. J. Baker 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, H. Harrison 6, E. C. Gobey (composer and conductor) 7, J. F. George 8.

TRING.—On Monday evening, April 22nd, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Keen 1, A. E. Dollimore 2, A. E. Weedon 3, H. Heley 4, F. J. Reeve 5, F. O. Reeve 6, R. S. Cook (conductor) 7, W. Redman 8. First quarter by 1, 2 and 6. The ringers of 2, 3 and 7 hail from King's Langley, the rest are local.

EXETER.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at St. Sidwell's Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, W. Howe 2, W. Drake 3, C. Carter 4, T. Bartlett 5, E. Sargent 6, J. Moss 7, F. Murphy 8, W. Richardson 9, A. Monkley 10.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, 544 Bob Major: H. Cole 1, C. W. Woolley 2, Rev. H. B. Woolley 3, H. J. Hazell 4, Geo. Crisp 5, J. B. Woolley 6, Frank Warrington 7, C. W. Cook (conductor) 8.

BUCKLEBURY.—Oxford Guild.—On April 22nd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss S. Davis 1, W. Wigmore 2, G. Davis 3, Miss B. Franklin 4, S. Chapman 5, J. Hazell 6, W. Mathews (conductor) 7, C. Smith (first quarter-peal) 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: *A. W. Wright 1, A. Jones 2, F. J. Thyer 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, J. Evans 6, D. R. James 7, C. Greedy 8. * First quarter-peal away from the tenor.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, April 22nd, for service, 1,260 Stedman Triples (by C. Charge), in 48 mins.: W. H. Wood 1, F. C. Norris 2, F. Skevington 3, W. G. Matthews 4, H. Harding 5, J. W. Driver 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, H. Page 8.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at All Saints', for morning service, 560 Bob Major: R. Porter 1, J. C. Newman 2, C. Rogers 3, R. Fisher 4, J. Sadler 5, G. Hayward 6, H. Dawkins 7, W. Keable (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. O. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. Rogers 5, W. Keable (conductor) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) from Carter's 12-part: Ernest H. Jeffries (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, J. E. Wakes 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis 4, W. H. Hayward 5, G. Dora 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. G. Cook 8.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, 700 Grandsire Triples: W. Pierce 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, J. Ford 4, J. O'Neill 5, J. Howard 6, A. H. Took 7, J. Jolly 8. For evening service, two touches of Kent Treble Bob Major.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, April 15th, for afternoon service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Peck 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, W. Kerrison 3, T. Crane 4, J. Howard 5, A. H. Took 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on April 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Smith 1, Miss G. Baker 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, Miss N. G. Williams (1st quarter-peal as conductor) 4, Miss P. Moss 5, W. Honor 6, J. J. Pratt 7, F. Smith 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, Miss D. G. Feltham 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, Miss P. Moss 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, S. Honor 6, E. Hancox 7, P. Jones 8, W. Honor 9, H. Chandler 10.—On April 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Smith (of Hayes) 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, J. J. Pratt 3, H. Chandler 4, E. Hancox (conductor) 5, R. Carter 6, W. Honor 7, F. Smith 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Sunday, 15th April, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Scott, senr., 2, A. Callaway 3, W. J. Scott 4, W. Upton 5, W. Chambers 6. First 720 by the local band in the method, and first as conductor.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, four 120 Grandsire Doubles, in which E. C. Hartley, A. D. Barker (conductor), Mrs. A. D. Barker, W. Bateman, L. J. Bateman, A. W. S. Bateman, T. G. Hawkins, J. Shaker and W. L. Gutteridge took part.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday, April 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): W. Dickinson 1, Mrs. J. Thomas 2, S. W. Crabb 3, J. Thomas (conductor) 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, H. Ellis 6, H. F. Putland 7, E. A. Hull 8.

TWICKENHAM.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, April 15th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, G. H. Head 3, W. H. Hollier 4, F. Digby 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, April 15th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following: H. Skinner 1, P. J. Spice 2, G. F. James 3, T. I. Knight 4, G. Durling 5, G. Huxley 6, E. Mounter (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, A. James 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Huxley.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, April 15th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Wm. Middleton 1, George Blanchard 2, A. Peart 3, Rev. H. T. Pary (Rector) 4, H. E. Dannatt (Barrow) 5, J. W. Crowder (Barrow) 6.

CHARLTON KINGS, GLOUCESTER.—On Sunday, April 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 minutes: G. Dyer (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Martin 2, A. Hunt 3, T. Dyer 4, M. Hicks 5, R. Hemmings 6, J. Ballinger (conductor) 7, F. Simmons (first quarter-peal) 8.

EXETER.—For Divine service, on Sunday, April 15th, at the Parish Church of St. David's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,259 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Lethbridge 1, C. Carter 2, F. J. Davey (conductor) 3, J. Asberry 4, J. C. Oke 5, F. Gardner 6, J. Moss 7, W. Milton 8.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Ilminster on Saturday last, when about 30 members were present. Touches in Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire were rung during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom. The business meeting followed the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding, supported by the Rev. J. N. Boughton, Vicar of Ilminster, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Kingston Magna, Dorset (secretary of the Salisbury Guild), and about 30 members. The only regret was the absence, through illness, of Mr. D. G. Taylor, the captain of the local band, and one of the churchwardens. A vote of sympathy with him was unanimously passed, on the motion of the Master.

No fewer than fifty-nine performing and three hon. members were elected.

The Master announced that the next meeting, the annual, would be held at Yeovil, the date to be fixed later.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and arranging the service, the Master remarked how much better it would be if every incumbent took as much interest in the ringers as the Vicar of Ilminster did.—The vote was carried with applause.

The Vicar, in responding, said he had a very enthusiastic band of ringers, and he spoke very highly of the work done by Mr. Taylor.

A short service was then held in the church, at which the Rev. J. N. Boughton officiated and gave a very earnest address, ably pointing out the duties of ringers. The service over, the tower was again visited, and touches in various methods rung.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

ENJOYABLE 'SOCIAL.'

Something more than an annual dinner has been the outcome of the establishment of Bristol United Guilds. The social side of ringing is being successfully extended, and on Tuesday of last week there was a big gathering at St. Thomas's Church Room on the occasion of a musical evening. There was a splendid attendance of ringers, their wives, their sisters, their cousins and their aunts, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The chairman was the Rev. T. C. Fowler (president of the United Guilds), and among those also present were the Rev. M. E. Thorold (St. Philip's) and Mrs. Thorold, the Rev. E. J. Phillips (Coalpit Heath) and Miss Phillips; and the Rev. M. Paterson (St. Thomas's).

Contributions by an orchestra were greatly enjoyed, and songs by Miss Ivy Baker, Mr. T. H. Edmunds and Mr. W. S. Emery were finely rendered. Mr. W. D. Moncrieffe contributed musical monologues, and St. Thomas's Guild gave handbell selections. Encores were the rule, and the very pleasant gathering concluded with a half-hour's dance. The refreshments were provided by a ladies' committee, under the capable management of Mrs. F. G. Leaker.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. Trusting for a good attendance of members and friends. Reports to hand. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbotham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Cliffe-at-Hoo, where the bells have just been overhauled and rehung, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3; the association form of service at 5, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. T. Wallis). Half rail fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. Trains from Gravesend 2.28 and 5.44. Buses from Chatham, Rochester and Strood 2.15 and 4.15.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 28th, at St. Luke's, Bromley. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. F. W. Hassard-Short (Vicar). Tea and meeting to follow in St. Luke's Institute.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th. Evensong at Cathedral at 4 p.m. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea in Co-operative Hall at 5.15 p.m., at 1/9 per head.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Beaconsfield on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 5—9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. C. Mayne.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at North Mymms on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—Quarterly meeting at Aston on Saturday, April 28th. Bells (10) available from 4 o'clock. Tea, in the Church Rooms at 5.30, by the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Stebbing Guild will be held at Stebbing on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available 2.30. Short service with address 4.30, followed by tea at 5 p.m. Those wishing to be present for tea please notify J. T. Barker, Hillside, Stebbing, Essex.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Fitzhead (6 bells) on Saturday, April 28th. Bells 3

p.m. Service 4.30. Business and tea, at a small charge, to all who give me notice by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Local Sec., Bishop's Hull.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wollaston on Saturday, April 28th. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A social evening has been arranged. — F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton-Conquest on Saturday, April 28th. Bells available from 2.30. It is hoped that all members will try and attend. All ringers and friends invited. — H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chepstow on Saturday, April 28th, at 4.30. Bells (8) available.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, April 28th. Bells ready 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea will be provided at a nominal sum for those who send word to Secretary, Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on April 28th. Towers open: St. Mary's (8), Godmanchester (8) and Hartford (6). Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea and meeting at Plum's Refreshment Rooms, 5 p.m. Will all requiring tea reply by Tuesday, April 24th, to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton?

SUFFOLK GUILD.—For the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich.—A district practice meeting will be held on Saturday next, April 28th, at Woodbridge. Bells (8) available from 2.30 to 6.30. Business meeting in the Tower 4 p.m. Ufford bells (8) available in the evening. All ringers are cordially invited.—Chas. E. Fisher, High Street, Ufford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on May 1st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 3rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The festival will be held at Marlborough on Thursday, May 3rd. Business meeting in Town Hall at 2 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 3.30. Preacher, the Rev. C. D. Hoste. Meat tea in Town Hall at 4.30, 1s. Bells available: St. Peter's (8), St. Mary's (6), Aldbourne (8), Mildenhall and Overton (6). All ringers heartily invited.—F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holm Lacy on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Vicarage 5.45 p.m. Free only to those notifying me not later than May 1st. — C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea in the Institute at 5.40, price 1s. Will all requiring same please let me know by May 1st? Harrow Weald bells available after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A meeting of the above district will take place at Ripley on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 2 till 8. Will those requiring tea, for which a nominal charge will be made, kindly advise Mr. A. Hutchinson, Market Place, Ripley, not later than May 3rd? A good attendance is required. — A. Braines, 1, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, May 5th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those who require tea please notify me by May 2nd.—Albert E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, May 5th, at Leeds Parish Church. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting 7.30 p.m.—C. E. Lawson, Hon. Sec., 10, Leather Street, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. All members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, May 1st. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE. — The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at East Tytherley on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8), also Lockerley (6), from 2.30. Tea and meeting at the Star Inn at 5 o'clock for those who notify me by May 2nd.—W. T. Tucker, Hon. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road, West Ham, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for members who advise me by the 3rd inst. at 1s. each. Subscriptions for 1923 are now due.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — The next monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5, followed by short business meeting.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Coker on Saturday, May 5th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Churchill, near Bristol, on Saturday, May 5th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing (at St. Mary's) from 2 p.m. Service (at St. Mary's) 4.15 p.m.; preacher, Canon Streatfeild. Tea (in the Pitman Institute) 4.45 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. The tea is being generously provided by Canon Streatfeild, and those intending to be present must send me their names by April 30th. Other towers open after business meeting. Half rail fares (maximum 2s.) to members. — Rev. C. H. Clarke, Hon. General Sec., 10, Silverdale Road, Hove.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open 3.30 p.m., tea at 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—The quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kimbolton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at the Vicarage to those notifying me not later than May 1st.—A. Talbot, District Secretary, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting, 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 8th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea. Also Hillingdon on June 9th; please let me know early for tea. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., meeting to follow. By kind permission of the Rev. A. G. Le Masurier, East Molesey bells (8) will be available from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, May 8th? —Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 44th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st.—F. H. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

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LINCOLN.—At the Cathedral, on Thursday, April 19th, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 51 mins.: G. Chester 1, J. Walden 2, G. Flintham 3, T. Pyle 4, C. H. Chester 5, S. J. Wolfe 6, C. W. P. Clifton 7, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method upon the bells, and by the ringers, who are all service ringers at the Cathedral.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Wednesday, April 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans) was rung in 50 minutes, with the bells half-muffled for the memorial service to the late Mrs. E. Cubley, who was a great church worker, also Sunday School teacher for 40 years: E. C. Gobey (conductor) 1, H. Harrison 2, E. Fletcher 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, C. J. Baker 6, J. F. George 7, F. Tarlton 8.

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This peal raises once more the necessity, upon which we have dwelt from time to time in this column, for an official record of all compositions, in order to set at rest any question of disputed authorship. In the case of this record peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, three well-known members of the Exercise are said to have laid claim to the composition. Each has indisputably constructed this record length, and their compositions, we are informed, although not identical, are so far alike as to come within the definition of a 'variation.' The ringers of the peal made an effort to solve the riddle without arriving, we believe, at a wholly satisfactory result, and they have, therefore, appended the name of Mr. E. Hims, who appears to have been the first to publish it. If there had been in existence an official record of all compositions, this question could not have arisen, because the first author to register the peal would be entitled to the credit, in the same way as a person who patents an invention or registers a trade mark.

Before the Central Council meeting last year we advocated setting up such a reference file of peal compositions, and the proposal got before the Council in the shape of a motion, but it was loaded with another scheme to put the onus of proof of peals upon the Council. This latter portion of the resolution was alone discussed, and, being defeated, dragged the other part of the question down with it. There is, however, a distinct need for, and there would be an important advantage in having such a record of compositions in the hands of the Council, for we believe there are many peals rung to-day under the names of new composers which were produced years ago. The men of to-day, however, have no means of ascertaining whether their figures have previously

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been obtained by another person, and the longer this state of affairs goes on, the more difficult will it be to remedy the omission. The Council is not overburdened with notices of motion for its Salisbury meeting, and here is one subject which it well might tackle. We are quite convinced that sooner or later this matter will have to be taken in hand, and the longer it is left, the heavier and more complicated will the task become.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON Treble	JOHN EVANS 7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2	JAMES WILLSHIRE 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	ERNEST BRETT 9
HORACE BELCHER 4	THOMAS LANGDON 10
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	HERBERT LANGDON 11
PERCY E. CLARK 6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... Tenor

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Conducted by WILLIAM T. COCKERILL.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER TWIST Treble	† RICHARD INGRAM 6
† GEORGE MITCHISON 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 8
HENRY JONES 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9
BERNARD WITCHELL 5	* WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by W. KENT.

Conducted by A. E. NORMAN.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal with bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Johnson.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	* HARRY OVERTON 6
* GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES H. RIDING 7
* RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	* SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 8
RICHARD T. HOLDING 4	* WILLIAM WEATHERBY 9
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN JAY Treble	JAMES A. HART 6
WILLIAM PELLING 2	* ALBERT REED 7
GEORGE PIPER 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 8
HERBERT RANN 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	THOMAS DEADMAN Tenor

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PERCY HARRISON... .. Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
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WILLIAM JONES... .. Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5
FREDERICK GRUNDY 2	*THOMAS HOWARD 6
JOHN POTTER 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
*DANIEL HOWARD 4	*WILLIAM COLLIER Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First in the method. Mr. John Potter's 100th peal of Stedman Triples. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for allowing them the privilege of ringing the first peal of Stedman on the bells, which was successful at the fourth attempt.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ERNEST CHEESMAN 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	HENRY SIMMONDS 7
JOHN S. MORTON... .. 4	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY... .. Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE BENNETT Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING 2	*JOHN CROOKS 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
LESLIE WHIGHTMAN 4	JOHN GOOCH Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 20, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*MISS NORA BIBBY Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 2	HENRY C. COLLYER 6
FRANCIS BIBBY 3	CECIL RADDOON 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. First peal in the county by a resident lady member. It is possible this may be the first peal rung this year in which a father, two sons and a daughter have taken part.

ROYAL WEDDING PEALS.

The following peals were rung in honour of the wedding of
H.R.H. the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE WESTMINSTER ABBEY GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Collegiate Church of St. Peter in Westminster,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW Treble	JAMES WILLSHIRE 5
HENRY R. NEWTON 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6
HERBERT LANGDON 3	JOHN W. GOLDING 7
HARRY R. PASMORE 4	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN N. OXBORROW.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. Margaret's Guild.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*THOMAS BENT Treble	*CHARLES CATTELL 6
†GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 7
*ALFRED BALLARD 3	†ARTHUR CATTELL 8
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 9
JOSIAH MORRIS 5	†JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Stedman. † First of Stedman Caters. ‡ First peal. First in the method as conductor, and first of Stedman Caters on the new bells.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. JOHN'S GUILD, CARDIFF.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

ERNEST H. HUNT Treble	ERNEST COOMBS 6
FREDERICK SMITH 2	WILLIAM BOLTON 7
FREDERICK G. VILES... .. 3	ALFRED PARNELL 8
GEORGE LARGE 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
WILLIAM HEATH... .. 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Also a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 8th, it being his first peal away from the treble. First peal of Caters on the bells by an entirely St. John's band of Sunday Service ringers.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLS 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 8
HENRY S. ELLIS 4	REUBEN SANDERS 9
*FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... 5	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by GEO. R. FARDON. Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* 200th peal.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE PART.

JOHN MACKAY Treble	JOHN METHERELL 5
FRED WILFORD 2	BERTIE O. SODEN 6
*HARRY MARLOW 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
WILLIAM ROGERS 4	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on a bob bell and first attempt.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR H. PALMER Treble	* DANIEL COOPER 5
*MRS. A. W. CLARK 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 6
HERBERT J. SKELY 3	† CHARLES H. KIPPEN, JUN. 7
AMOS W. CLARK 4	JOSEPH TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First away from tenor.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes, 3.30 P.M.
At the Church of St. Wilfred,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5858 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

W. BOLTON Treble	J. T. TAYLOR 5
A. MARTIN 2	E. LRECH 6
J. BOLTON 3	D. ILIFFE 7
WM. ADKINSON 4	F. STAMFORTH Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS. Conducted by F. STAMFORTH.

This composition now rung for the first time. This is the first peal by an entirely local band on eight bells at this church. First peal of Bob Major by all except the ringers of the 4th, 7th and tenor. The conductor's 50th peal and the first of Bob Major as conductor.

WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*JAMES W. CROFT Treble	ALFRED J. HARMAN 5
†WALTER P. CROSS 2	†ALFRED BATEMAN 6
THOMAS SMITH 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	JOHN H. CROPLEY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

* First peal. † First in the method. It was intended to be a local peal, all being Service ringers excepting Mr. Henley, who took Mr. Farr's place at short notice.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt, 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.

JOHN W. FAITHFUL Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	† HARRY REEVES 6
*FREDERICK L. MURSELL 3	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 7
HERBERT PAYNE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. The ringers of 1 and 2 each lost an arm in the Great War—J. W. Faithful the left, G. Pullinger the right.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas a Becket,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM DALE Treble	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
GEORGE KENWARD 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Composed by the REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by A. E. EDWARDS.
* First peal on eight bells.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	J. WILLIAM FROIN 5
SAMUEL D. BREEZE 2	ROBERT HOLLOWAY 6
CHARLES A. BROWN 3	HARRY KILBY 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	E. MAURICE ATKINS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt, 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5
ERNEST WEATHERBY 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal of Major.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6408 CHANGES;

JOHN E. BIBBY Treble	ERNEST PALMER 5
GEORGE H. RANDLES 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
HENRY C. COLLYER 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (163). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

BUSHLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHLEY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*FRANK STACEY Treble	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
*EDWARD G. GUTTERIDGE 3	FRANCIS A. SMITH 7
†PERCY PARSLOW 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt, 22 lb.

*HERBERT GREENHALGH ... Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, SEN. 5
JOSEPH HALL 2	PERCY SHUKER 6
MISS EMMA TONGE 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
ALLEN F. BAILEY 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK, SEN.

* First peal in the method with a working bell, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. H. Hall, father of the ringer of the 2nd, on his 84th birthday.

HAWKHURST.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 19 lb.

THOMAS ASHENDEN Treble	BENJAMIN BAKER 5
*GEORGE TALBOT 2	OLDER WAGHORN 6
†WILLIAM A. PENFOLD 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
JOHN BLAKE 4	HARRY M. BATEHUP Tenor

Composed by A. E. SEERS. Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal inside and first attempt. Ringer of No. 5 comes from Frittenden, and the rest local. It was intended to have all local men, but Mr. J. Powell, having had to leave the parish, rendered this impossible.

SLOUGH, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BOCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lb. in E.

*ARTHUR JOHN HARDING Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
GEORGE H. GOTTERRIDGE 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	EDWIN T. HOOPER 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	†WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH J. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Also rung to welcome two Bishops and other distinguished speakers attending the opening of a Missionary Exhibition at Slough the same afternoon. † 15th peal. * 1st peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM MORRIS Treble	GEORGE DENT 5
LEWIS A. CORDELL 2	HARRY SMALE 6
STANLEY CLARK 3	JOHN CORDELL 7
VINCENT TIFTON 4	WILLIAM WHEELER Tenor

Composed by J. PAGEZ. Conducted by G. DENT.

First attempt in the method by all the band except the conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

(AND ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY).

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
GEORGE WILSON 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	*CHARLES SAMPSON 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of London Surprise.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS JENNION Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
WALTER HUGHES 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
*CLAUDE S. BENWELL 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed and conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the royal wedding, the band not being able to meet on the 26th.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER ANDREWS Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5
CHARLES W. BRETT 2	HARRY PARKES 6
FRED G. BRETT 3	COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
FRANK JENKINS 4	MORTON PIERCE Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN,

ABERAVON, GLANORGAN.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

FRED STONE Treble	RONALD ELLIS 5
ERNEST STITCH 2	HARRY BOYCE 6
DAVID LEWIS 3	ALBERT PITMAN 7
JOHN HAMMOND 4	JOHN WETHERSBY Tenor

Composed and conducted by A. J. PITMAN.

This composition contains 186 bobs and 14 singles, and has the 246-7's at back stroke.

SAMPLESBURY, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ALEC MARTIN Treble	JOHN BAILEY 5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 2	FREDERICK HARWOOD 6
JOHN T. BIMSON 3	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Oxford by the Preston Branch, and by all the band except the conductor. First in the method on the bells, and first attempt by ringers of 3 and 7.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

OWEN W. PORTER, JUN. Treble	ERNEST NASH 5
WILLIAM G. WICKS 2	JESSIE HISCOCK 6
OWEN W. PORTER 3	GEORGE CLEAVE 7
CHARLIE SHEPPARD 4	ROBERT ALLUM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CLEAVE.

First peal and first attempt by 1, 4 and tenor. First peal of Triples by 5, also by the Service ringers of this church, who also are members of the St. Peter's Society, Caversham. The band are entirely local.

HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JOSEPH W. DOWNES Treble	*GEOFFERY W. TAYSONE 5
WALTER S. EVANS 2	WILLIAM WILLIAMS 6
ALLEN GWYNNE 3	CHARLES EDWARDS 7
†WILLIAM C. JONES 4	†JOHN HUSBANDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight. † First peal on eight with a bob bell. † First peal. Mr. Husbands is the respected steeple-keeper at All Saints', and he rang the tenor exceedingly well in spite of his 67 years.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES R. GRIFFIN Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
THOS. HAMMOND 2	JAS MARTIN 6
EDWARD CAUNCE 3	*SYDNEY F. BARNES 7
JOHN COOKE 4	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Composed by and Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's with different callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... Treble	†WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
EDWIN YATES 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
*HERBERT E. TOMPKINS ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT... Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT,

* First peal of Minor on an inside bell. † First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on an inside bell. First of Cambridge Minor by conductor.

LECHLADE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 19½ cwt.

BASIL GUY Treble	HERBERT ACOCK 4
WILLIAM C. CUSS 2	*GEORGE W. HASTINGS ... 5
VICTOR R. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN HOPE Tenor

Conducted by J. HOPE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. * First peal of Minor on an inside bell.

WINCANTON, TEMPLECOMBE.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 42 six-scores.

B. BUDDEN... .. Treble	T. STANLEY 4
*W. HALLET 2	P. HAZZARD 5
F. HAZZARD 3	F. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by P. HAZZARD.

* Major C. Hughes-D'Aeth, ringing-master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, kindly acted as umpire and time-keeper, and certified it a true peal. The ringer of the tenor is only 15 years of age.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR,

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Woodbine, T.B., Oxford T.B., and Kent T.B.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

A. HOWARD Treble	W. MANSFIELD 4
H. HOWARD 2	*W. F. SERMONS... .. 5
W. A. TACK 3	R. HOWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. HOWARD.

* First peal of Minor, also first inside.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

THOMAS HARPIN Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	CHAS. A. ROBINSON 5
CHAS. WM. CLARKE 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

BRIDGNORTH BRANCH SUCCESSFUL MEETING.

The first quarterly meeting of the year in connection with the Bridgnorth Branch was held at Broseley, on Saturday, April 21st. It was the largest gathering since the opening of the district, members being present from Bridgnorth, St. Leonard's and St. Mary's, Stockton, Madeley, Coalbrookdale and Broseley.

The bells were started at 3 o'clock, and the Guild's service was afterwards conducted by the Rev. W. A. Warner.

About 40 ringers sat down to a splendid tea in the Rectory, kindly provided by the Rev. and Mrs. Warner. At the business meeting the Rector was voted to the chair.

The report and balance sheet for 1922 were read, and were highly satisfactory, a balance of £3 being in hand to start the year with.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Saunders, seconded by Mr. Overton (Ringing Master), the Broseley ringers were made members of the Guild, with the Rev. W. A. Warner as hon. member. Two other members were also elected.

On the proposition of Mr. Saunders, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and Mrs. Warner for kindly providing the tea, and for use of the bells.

The Rector said how pleased he was to have been at the meeting. He had greatly enjoyed it, and he would do what he could for the benefit of the ringers, and hoped now that they had joined the Guild they would soon become change ringers.

Mr. W. Saunders' band then rang a touch of Grandsire Caters, 'double-handed,' and then the visitors returned to the tower, where the methods rung included Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Oxford.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT STRATFORD-ON-AVON.

It is quite a number of years since the Guild visited Shakespeare's historic town, 1909 being the last occasion, and a good number of members and friends availed themselves of the opportunity of visiting the grand old church and making the acquaintance of the bells, upwards of 30 being present on Saturday week from Berkswell, Birmingham, Coventry, Ilmington, Nuneaton, Stoke, Tredington, and the local band. They were met and cordially welcomed by Mr. Haynes, the leader of the local men, Mr. Wright, and several others who had everything in capital order, the bells and their fittings being evidently well looked after. Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon.

Councillor F. P. Lawson had kindly made arrangements for tea at the White Swan Hotel.—The business meeting followed, presided over by the president (the Archdeacon of Warwick), and the question of a printed report was discussed, the hon. secretary being instructed to obtain estimates.

Arrangements were made for the monthly meetings in each district, the hon. district secretaries being asked to arrange them in their own districts to the best advantage, Nuneaton and Coventry districts taking the first and third Saturdays in each month respectively.

A discussion took place respecting members contributing to the cost of the report, and ultimately it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the annual meeting in July.

Four new members were duly elected. A slight alteration of Rule 4, defining the qualification of hand-bell ringers as members, was carried.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts) moved a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Melville for the use of the bells, and expressed the hope that the interval between this and the next meeting at Stratford would be much shorter than the time that had elapsed since the last.—The Archdeacon seconded, and at the outset regretted it was not possible to have the Guilds' service in church. He congratulated the hon. secretary on being able, at the first attempt, to get the right side of Canon Melville, succeeding where he himself had failed. He stated he knew previous applications for the bells had been persistently refused, but he felt sure if the conditions of the Canon's permission were carried out it would not be long before Stratford was again visited.

After tea some good ringing was accomplished, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Cambridge, and Bristol Surprise.

THE ROYAL WEDDING.**A PEAL AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY.**

The Westminster Abbey band consists of twelve members, and as all were present at the Royal Wedding on April 26th, and wished to ring, a 504 of Stedman Triples by J. N. Oxborrow (conductor) 1, A. A. Hughes 2, H. R. Pasmore 3, A. Macdonald 4, J. Willshire 5, S. Andrews 6, W. H. Pasmore 7, J. Rumby 8, was rung as the Royal couple left the Abbey. While ringing rounds the band was changed, and the peal of Cambridge successfully accomplished, the bells thus being kept going for 3 hrs. and 50 minutes.

After the peal the band was, by the kindness of the Dean, entertained to tea in the Old Dining Hall of the Abbots.

Among the touches rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon were the following:—

SWANAGH, DORSET.—At St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,440 changes), in 58 mins.: C. Turner 1, E. S. Bastable 2, C. H. Tomes 3, D. Hill Brown 4, A. J. Haysom 5, G. F. Haysom 6, G. J. Williams 7, W. G. Bishop (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

BAMPTON, DEVON.—On Thursday, April 26th, in 29 mins., 840 Grandsire Doubles: P. J. Lazarus 1, W. R. Scott 2, J. Bowden 3, J. Wood 4, Rev. E. V. Cox (conductor) 5, V. J. Burrow 6.

ALDERSHOT.—At the Parish Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Nancy Denyer (age 13) 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss B. M. Mills 3, Miss H. F. Mills 4, W. Denyer 5, A. J. Croucher 6, Qmr. Sergt. George Gilbert, R.E. (conductor) 7, G. Peto 8. All the above are local band and Sunday Service ringers. First quarter-peal by Miss Denyer, who rang exceptionally well throughout.

WASHFIELD, DEVON.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), at the Parish Church, in 45 mins.: Miss G. Snell 1, F. Taylor 2, T. Arscott 3, H. May 4, W. Snell (conductor) 5, F. Balmert 6.

SWINDON.—At Christ Church, Swindon, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,248 changes), in 50 mins.: H. W. Bishop 1, F. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. Lancaster 4, S. Palmer 5, H. A. Heare 6, T. Townsend 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Also a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,440 changes), in 55 mins.: H. W. Bishop 1, F. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. Lancaster 4, G. Townsend 5, H. A. Heare 6, S. Palmer 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. James 1, G. F. James, P. J. Spice 3, G. Durling 4, E. Mounter 5, G. Huxley 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, H. Skinner 8.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At St. Michael's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Springham 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. J. Tucker 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, T. Ward 8. Also 476 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, P. Springham 7, C. Ridgewell 8. Also 504 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, W. T. Prior 3, P. Springham 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8; and 336 Grandsire Triples.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 51 minutes: E. W. Day 1, J. Hare 2, C. Cannon 3, J. F. Foster 4, H. W. Else 5, E. J. Newell 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

IDLE, YORKS.—Touches of Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Court Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, and 360 Violet Minor: H. Buckley, T. B. Kendall, F. Davison, H. Davison, R. Umpleby, F. Kishaw, W. Feather, H. Foster.

FULHAM.—A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted by the Middlesex County Association and All Saints' Society, but came to grief after 1 hr. and 40 minutes' ringing.

ELHAM, KENT.—Two 120's Plain Bob and one 120 Grandsire Doubles, and a plain course of Bob Minor: E. Smith, J. E. Whittall, G. Sheppard, F. Verney, J. Verney, F. Castle and A. Castle (conductor).

NORTH SHIELDS.—At Christ Church, two 720's Bob Minor, with cover, and 504 Grandsire Triples.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,276 changes), in 61 mins.: A. Griffiths 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. W. Jones 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. R. Pole 5, J. E. Lilley 6, D. J. Boucher 7, A. Short 8, T. Pritchard 9, W. Fairhead 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, E. V. Rodenhurst 12. First quarter-peal of Cinques on the bells and by all except the conductor. Also by resident members in Shropshire since 1799, when the Union Society flourished. All are Sunday Service ringers except E. V. Rodenhurst, who hails from Hodnet; also 315 Stedman Caters.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist an attempted peal of Grandsire Triples was lost, after 1½ hours' ringing: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, J. Carter 3, J. J. Lamb 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, G. H. Davnes 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

ASHEAD, SURREY.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: A. Dean 1, J. Beams (conductor) 2, G. Marriner 3, A. Harman 4, G. Cook 5, C. Read 6, J. Hoyle 7, W. Cook 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Next week we shall publish the Central Council's Analysis of the peals rung in 1922.

A unique performance is recorded in our peal columns. In a peal at Southampton two ringers took part, each of whom lost an arm in the late war.

The conductor of the record peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on Saturday (Mr. Harold J. Poole) is still some months short of the age of 21 years.

This performance stands out as one of the most remarkable of our time. A casual glance of the composition would be enough for most bob callers.

Although Mr. Poole's peal ringing career only commenced in July, 1920, he has rung to date 94, and has conducted peals of Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Ten, Superlative, London and Cambridge Major, and Royal. He also rang in the 10,400 of Real Double Superlative, and a 13,440 of Bob Major, and has also rung peals of Double Norwich, Treble Twelve and Stedman Cinques. Not a bad collection in 2½ years!

This record length is one not likely to be displaced in Cambridge Surprise Major, for, as far as present knowledge goes, this 12,896 is the extent of the method.

The Ancient Society of College Youths must have a valuable possession in the plate of their certificate engraved by the great Bartolozzi. In view of the discovery, made after great search by Capt. F. A. Yorke, a copy of the certificate has been sent to the British Museum.

The plate was probably engraved between 1790 and 1800, but the figure of the century has been altered to keep pace with the times.

Twenty years ago next Friday, viz., on May 11th, 1903, the record peal of London Surprise Major, 14,112 changes, was rung at King's Norton.

On May 10th, 1777, the Royal Cumberland Youths rang 10,200 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch in 7 hrs. 40 mins.

Fifteen years later, on May 7th, 1792, the first peal of Grandsire Bob Maximus was rung at Southwark.

A long peal of more than a century ago, although not even at that time a record, was the 12,312 Grandsire Caters at Painswick on May 5th, 1817.

The first peal in Dorset, Grandsire Triples, was rung at Bridport on May 5th, 1887.

By an error it was indicated in our report of the death of Mr. W. Grimes that he took part in the long peal of Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham in 1892. Mr. Grimes did not ring in the peal, although he was steeple keeper at the tower at the time.

Peals are never certain until the last change rolls round, and it is certainly 'counting your chicken before they're hatched' to write the report of it before the ringing begins. A conductor in a tower in the South Eastern Counties, however, did this on the Royal Wedding day, leaving only the time to be filled in, in order to get the report into the local paper next morning. In this case the peal came off.

Mr. Richard Newton, of Boston, U.S.A., and formerly one of the ringers at Manchester Town Hall, was married at St. Paul's Cathedral, Boston, on April 9th, to Mrs. A. Nelson. In the evening the bride and bridegroom were present at a dinner of the staff of the Merchants' National Bank, and were showered with rice and confetti and good wishes.

Mr. T. E. Sone, of Harwarden, Buffs Brac, Dunfermline, Fife, will be pleased to hear from any ringers in Scotland.

Owing to pressure on our space on account of the many peals rung for the Royal Wedding, numerous peals and reports, as well as letters to the Editor, are unavoidably held over.

LONDON RINGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.

We much regret to record the sudden death of Richard F. Forward, which took place on April 24th. Deceased was returning home in the evening by tram when death took place. He had been employed for several years by the London County Council as a tram conductor, although he was a surgical boot maker by profession.

Mr. Forward was a native of Cranbrook, Kent, where he learnt to ring a bell, but it was only during the last two or three years that he had taken up change ringing. He was making very good progress indeed, considering that his opportunities for practising were limited owing to his duties. A member of St. Leonard's, Streatham, local band, he also met the Ancient Society of College Youths whenever he was able. All his peals have been with the tenor behind, and he was a reliable man in this position, whether on 8, 10 or 12 bells.

The funeral took place on Tuesday at Streatham Cemetery, and was attended by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who paid the usual mark of respect.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Eleventh Council (30th annual meeting) will be held in the Chapter House, The Cathedral, Salisbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, 22nd May, 1923, 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.

AGENDA, 1923.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
5. Presentation of new Members to the President.
6. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees, viz. :-
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Literature and Press.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f) Records.
 - (g) Museum Exhibit.
7. To agree a card of instructions, on the Care and Use of Bells, suitable for hanging in a Tower.
8. That this Council, meeting in the Diocese of Salisbury, in which Sir Christopher Wren was born and baptised, expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the churches, with which he adorned the City of London and which bear such a valuable witness to the Christian Religion in the world's busiest centre of secular activities.
9. This Council recommends that first or record peals should not be rung for a Society outside the limits of that Society's area.
10. That the Peals Analysis Committee be asked if they can add a column showing the ratio between the number of Members, and the points gained by each Society.
11. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
12. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,
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THE POSITION IN SUFFOLK.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATIONS BY N., ST. E. AND I. DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, held on Thursday at Norwich, it was resolved to recommend the general meeting to discontinue the present district organisation in Suffolk, to change the title to the Norwich Diocesan Association, or the Norfolk Guild for the Diocese of Norwich, and to retain Suffolk members, whose subscriptions are paid to 1923, as life non-resident members.

A fuller report of this important meeting will appear in our next issue.

STEDMAN CINQUES.

ATTEMPT ON THE RECORD.

All being well, twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques (15,051 changes), at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, commencing about 8.30.

ROPESIGHT.

The seventh edition of this valuable work by the late Jasper W. Snowdon, which forms an introduction to the art of ringing, has just been published. It treats on the rudiments of change ringing, and carries the beginner by simple steps and lucid explanations, through the Plain Bob method to Major, dealing also with conducting and the proof of compositions. 'Ropesight' is still the leading text book for beginners. It can be obtained, post free 1s. 10d., from Mrs. Laura Snowdon, Cartmel, Lancs.

THE EXTENT OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

RECORD PEAL RUNG AT STONEY STANTON.

The attempt by members of the Midland Counties Association for the record length of Cambridge Surprise Major was successful at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, the peal comprising 12,896 changes, being rung in 7 hrs, 35 mins. Congratulations will go out to the band upon their success.

It is possible there may be rival claims to the authorship of the composition, which we give below. Before attempting the peal, the band made efforts to decide the question, and have appended to it the name of Mr. E. Hims, who first published his figures in 'Church Bells' on February 28th, 1902. Other claimants, we understand, are Mr. J. W. Washbrook and Mr. F. Dench. Mr. Washbrook's composition appeared in 'The Ringing World' on April 14th, 1911. All three compositions are variations of each other, and the peal as rung is yet another variation.

12,896 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By E. HIMS.

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427536	x				x	
476532	x				x	—
624537	x				x	
246537	x	—			x	
462537	x	—			x	
327564					x	
743562	x				x	
632547					x	
276643	x				x	
463572					x	
324576	x				x	
746523					x	
637524	x				x	
274536					x	
742536	x	—			x	
287534	x				x	
672534	x	—			x	
726534	x	—			x	
754526					x	
467523	x				x	
674523	x	—			x	
436527	x				x	
364527	x	—			x	
643527	x	—			x	
376524	x				x	
763524	x	—			x	
347526	x				x	
473526	x	—			x	

The last ten courses three times repeated.

The extent of the method. Rung by the Midland Counties Association at Stoney Stanton, Leicestershire, on Saturday, April 28th, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

ANOTHER SPOKE IN THE WHEEL OF HISTORY.

By 'A FLAT.'

On Saturday last six good men and true, the pick of the regiment, attended by one lady and myself, boarded a bus which was a cross between a bun wagon and an undertaker's van, bound for that village of musicians and pigeon flyers, Stoney Stanton. Just to show the contrariness of the sex, the lady said, 'I hope they get it, just to stop some of them for a bit.' Anyway, the old bus functioned all right, and we arrived in time to hear our good friend the steeple-keeper getting the bells up. The church, which is a good example of what a church should be, is well built and well cared for. This also applies to the bells, which, despite having been in upwards of forty years, 'go' like fiddles. On being met by a friend from Nuneaton, one of the kind who made ringers and ringing what it is, also a friend from the Battle of Bosworthfield area, whose ambitions are: (1) To climb the North Pole; (2) to ring the whole caboodle of Major, 'Go' was called at 1.50, and, although the beat was somewhat 'syncopated' for the first course, the ringing quickly settled down to near half-way, when the thought seemed to circulate through the whole band, 'Tread lightly by your granmies,' as they neared the fatal spot. Although the mainspring was on the 'great-un,' his understudy was in charge, and here centred the success of the peal, and further illustrated his ability for the task. Just one word aside: if only you will let the young blood go ahead and the old dogs follow in the van the seemingly impossible can be accomplished. This is the spirit the Exercise must harbour. But to get on with the peal, things went well until about 7.30, when someone refusing to dodge, made our bristles stick up. But the lad at the wheel steered a straight course, and rounds came up at 9.23, when

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our friend from King Dicks', Waterloo, remarked, 'Just a course of Bristol, I don't get any chance of practice for Major!'

After congratulations had been received, we adjourned to the Blue Bell—still amongst the belles. Joined by the father of ringers, Mr. H. Briggs, we proceeded to 'convivate,' but as there was only time for two courses before 'Dora' stepped in, we had to cut it short.

Still, some of them managed to call the host 'in and out at one' with a bitter.

Although the bells at Stoney Stanton are not quite a feast of music, such as 'O.A.B.' requires, they are nevertheless quite agreeable for a long length, and I am sure were no more tired after their effort than the ringers concerned. The aspirations of some of the band are not concluded, as they hope to accomplish 14,000 of Cambridge Royal, 18,000 of Bristol, culminating their performances with 25,000 of Stedman Caters at the Collegiate Church of St. Martin's (perhaps!).

GIDLEIGH'S ANCIENT BELLS.

The four ancient bells, at the old Church of Holy Trinity, Gidleigh, Devon, on the borders of the Moor are claimed to rank amongst the oldest in England. Two of the bells are pre-Reformation, the 2nd is dated 1674, and the treble is a Robert Norton bell (14th century), the product of the oldest known founder.

Orders have been given to Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford, Devon, to place these bells in order, and to add another bell. The old bells will be removed to the foundry, and tuned without recasting. A new section of massive oak is to be provided to take the new bell, and the present oak frame is to be strengthened. The bells will be hung on Messrs. Aggett's patent adjustable bearings, and the work is to be completed by August.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

LARGE GATHERING AT WOODBRIDGE.

This new Guild is evidently going strong, not to say 'booming.' A large and enthusiastic district meeting was held at Woodbridge on Saturday, at which there were present ringers from all over the county, including Debenham, Helmingham, Ipswich, Grundisburgh, Hasketon, Woodbridge, Ufford, Marlesford, Leiston, Saxmundham, Kelsale, Friston, Framlingham, Blaxhall, Badingham and Otley. Ringing was kept going under some restriction, owing to the position of the bells in this high tower, from three to six o'clock, after which the rest of the evening was spent at Ufford. Many methods were rung, ranging from Grand sire to London Surprise Major. The meeting was much helped by the favourable weather and a desire was expressed for many and frequent district meetings all over the county, Helmingham, on May 26th, being the next fixture.

SILVER WEDDING.

On Friday last, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton-on-the-Green, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Mr. Johnson is well known among the ringing community, he having done much spadework for the benefit of beginners, and both he and Mrs. Johnson have a large circle of friends. On Friday every member of their family was at home with them, and naturally it was not surprising they were the recipients of some most useful presents.

To mark the event a handbell peal had been arranged, and a peal of Grand sire Cinques had been specially composed by J. D. Johnson for the occasion. This was pulled off in good time, and great credit is due to Mr. J. Hall for the way he rang throughout the peal, this being his first peal 'in hand.'

After the peal a happy time was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, their health being heartily drunk, and the hope expressed that they would be spared to celebrate a more important event 25 years hence.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham Branch was held at Charlton Kings on Saturday, April 14th, when about 40 members attended from Leckhampton, Tewkesbury, Gloucester, Tredington, Leigh, Ashchurch, Winchcombe, Cheltenham (St. Mark's), Prestbury, Swindon, and the local tower. The service held at the Parish Church was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Edgar Neale, M.A.).

Afterwards the party adjourned to the Parish Room for tea, and enjoyed the hospitality of the Vicar and churchwardens.

The business meeting followed, Mr. Ballinger being in the chair.—The Secretary read his report, and several new members were elected, including the Archdeacon of Cheltenham (Canon Gardner), the Vicar of Charlton Kings and Winchcombe, and the Rector of Alderton. Winchcombe was the place chosen for the next meeting, in June.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the service in church and his excellent address; the use of the bells, and also for providing the tea; as well as to Mrs. Fry, the churchwarden's wife, for kindly superintending the tea.

The ringers afterwards adjourned to the tower, when the fine ring of eight bells were kept going in the standard methods.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A YEAR OF STEADY PROGRESS.

The 36th annual meeting was held at East Retford on Saturday week. Members and visitors from kindred associations were present from Anston, Barlborough, Blyth, Harthill, Harworth, Shireoaks, Treeton, Norton Cuckney, Tuxford, Sutton-on-Trent, East Markham, Worksop, East and West Retford, Ordsall, Wheatley, Lincoln, Sheffield, Wortley and Handsworth. The bells of three towers were at the disposal of visitors, and ringing was indulged in during the greater part of the afternoon and evening, with the clappers half-muffled, as a sorrowful tribute of deepest grief and respect to one of the oldest members, Mr. Charles Crawford, of Laneham, late of East Markham, who died on the 17th April.

Service was held at East Retford Church, where the Rev. G. E. Summers gave an excellent address to upwards of 70 ringers and friends.

Tea followed, provided by Host and Hostess Cooke, at the Cafe in Carolgate.

Before the commencement of business the Secretary briefly alluded to the loss the society had sustained by the death of Messrs. F. Hind, of Worksop, and Charles Crawford. In Mr. Crawford, he said, they had one of the best and most good-natured fellows the society ever had for a member. A band of ringers visiting East Markham always found a hearty welcome and kind hospitality awaiting them. He came into this district in the early eighties, when there was a dearth of ringers, and rendered good service to the association until his passing away.

The members stood in silence for a few moments as a mark of sympathy and respect.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. F. Hargreaves, of Shireoaks.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) presented the annual report and balance sheet, which were unanimously adopted.

The report stated that the year had been one of steady progress, although not a single 5,000 had been rung. A great variety of new six-bell methods had been rung by the Anston company, six by the young and progressive Barlborough company, a date touch in three methods by Ordsall, and five quarter-peals in three methods by the Worksop company, four ladies taking part in these performances—the Misses Barker (Ordsall), Taylor, Weaver and Winrow (Worksop); their indomitable spirit, and unbounded confidence reflecting the highest credit on these ladies, who had passed through the initiatory stages of ringing during the past twelve months. A hearty welcome was given to the following towers and members who had become affiliated during the year—Edwinstowe, Harworth and Sutton-on-Trent, the latter village having replaced an old peal of five bells by a new peal of six bells tuned on a new principle, and reputed to be the best in the association. With regard to the condition of ringing throughout the country, enthusiasm is being revived, and a rapid recovery is being made to pre-war days. The committee urge members to go in for quality rather than quantity, and be careful to avoid giving offence or causing annoyance to the general public by their ringing. The association stands well in efficiency, notwithstanding they have had a heavy year of expenditure. The membership roll up to the end of the year contained the names of 20 vice-presidents, 197 performing, probationary, unattached and non-resident members; whilst the balance at the bank and in treasurer's hands displayed a sum of £22 10s. 7d.

All the officers were re-elected, and the following new members were elected: Rev. H. R. Peel (Norton Cuckney), vice-president; Rev. R. F. Gould (North Collingham). Efficient members from North Collingham: Mrs. T. East, Miss V. Birkett, Miss E. Webster, and Messrs. J. H. Clayton, A. W. Broadbury, J. Handiff, W. Mitchelson, A. Priestley and R. Thompson. From Wheatley: J. Wright and W. Bauskin. West Retford: J. Skelton. Blyth: Charles Willington and J. E. Hind. Norton Cuckney: W. Newton, H. Upex. Shireoaks: W. Parkin. Harworth: E. K. Lidster and Arthur Hicks, making a total of 21.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the chairman for presiding over the meeting; to the Rev. G. E. Summer, Rector of West Retford, for his admirable address; and to the three incumbents of the town for the use of the bells.—Mr. F. Hargreaves suitably replied.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the hon. secretary and committee for their services rendered during the past year.

The following methods were rung at the three churches during the afternoon and evening: Kent Treble Bob, London Scholars and Violet Treble Bob at West Retford; Kent Treble Bob and Sandall at Ordsall, where two 720's were recorded; at East Retford: Grand sire Triples and Caters Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Bob Royal, Little Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major and Superlative Surprise Major, a lady taking part in the Bob Royal and Grand sire Caters. All the bells were lowered in peal at 9 p.m., and another satisfactory and pleasant day ended.

The next meeting will be held at Barlborough on Saturday, June 9th, and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, April 29th, at Holy Trinity Church, two 720's Kent Treble Bob Minor. First 720: T. H. Bill 1, A. Webb 2, F. Taylor 3, T. Vincent 4, H. Angell 5, A. Hall (conductor) 6. Second 720: W. Westcott 1, A. Webb 2, F. Taylor 3, W. H. Theobald 4, A. Hall 5, E. Smith (conductor) 6.

CHIPPENHAM.—On Sunday, April 29th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's, 1,008 Stedman Triples: A. Date 1, E. Perry 2, W. Hulbert 3, C. Lovelock 4, L. Ambrose 5, R. Pearce 6, F. Lambeth (conductor) 7, H. Powell 8.—For evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Date 1, L. Ambrose 2, W. Hulbert 3, E. Perry 4, C. Lovelock 5, R. Pearce 6, F. Lambeth (conductor) 7, H. Powell 8.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. C. Stacey 1, H. Barrett 2, W. H. Stevens 3, F. Skevington 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Hunt on the 25th anniversary of their wedding day.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, W. Tate 3, T. R. Taylor 4, E. J. Harding, junr. (conductor), 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, F. W. Rogers 8.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 672 Stedman Triples: F. W. Rogers 1, E. J. Harding, junr., 2, J. J. Symons 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, J. D. Harris 6, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor) 7, R. J. Stone 8.

TOTTENHAM.—On Sunday, April 29th, at All Hallows' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss D. Bryant 1, J. Thomas (conductor) 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, H. Ellis 6, E. A. Hull 7, W. Patmore 8.

EASTBOURNE.—On Sunday, April 22nd, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. T. Hibbert 1, W. D. Smith 2, F. G. Waymark 3, A. C. Pankhurst 4, G. H. Howse 5, G. W. Stokes 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, T. Deadman 8. Rung on the anniversary of the long peal of Stedman Caters at Appleton, in which the ringer of the treble took part.

CROSTHWATE CHURCH, KESWICK.—For morning service, on March 25th, 672 Bob Major: W. Hogg 1, T. Wilson 2, Miss C. Grisdale 3, D. Usher 4, Fred Hogarth 5, F. Grisdale 6, T. Hartley 7, T. Hogarth (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss C. Grisdale 1, Miss L. Telford 2, D. Usher 3, T. Wilson 4, F. Grisdale 5, T. Hogarth (conductor) 6, W. Hogg (covering) 8. First 720 for ringer of the 3rd on inside bell.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—Hatfield Guild of College Youths.—On Saturday, March 24th, in 47 minutes, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the following: A. Lawrence 1, J. G. Dunham 2, S. Honor (first as conductor) 3, H. Nobbs 4, L. Shepherd 5, D. Richardson 6, A. Shepherd 7, G. Richardson 8. This is the first quarter-peal by all except the ringers of the 3rd and 7th, and all except these two are under 20 years of age.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins., 7, 6, 8 covering: *W. H. Howe 1, H. F. Putland 2, *G. Cowley 3, *O. Callan 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, *R. E. Geare 6, J. Clifford 7, *H. Francis 8. * First quarter.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Paul, for morning service, on March 25th, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Denny 1, A. Birstow 2, H. Atkinson 3, A. Smallbones 4, W. Foster 5, L. Rawnsley 6, M. Harrington 7, V. Birstow (conductor) 8. Longest length for ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 6. Also 640 for evening service.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on March 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Smith 1, R. Lane 2, J. Hutchley 3, J. Saddington 4, S. Smith 5, E. Reader (conductor) 6.

LLANDUDNO.—On Sunday, March 25th, for evening service, at Holy Trinity Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (1,260 changes): A. Westley-Jones 1, T. Barrow 2, T. Lodge 3, S. A. Cullington 4, S. Brown 5, A. Fairlie 6, G. H. Harding (conductor), Bath 7, T. Lowe 8.

WORKSOP.—On Palm Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: Miss E. Weaver 1, Miss A. Taylor 2, G. Gabbitas 3, T. R. Flint 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, A. Johnson 6, W. H. Dale 7, E. Clark 8. First quarter-peal by Miss Weaver. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Hardwick 1, Miss A. Taylor 2, T. R. Flint 3, W. H. Johnson 4, H. Haigh 5, A. Johnson 6, W. H. Dale 7, J. H. Brothwell 8.

HORBURY, YORKS.—At SS. Peter and Leonard, on Palm Sunday evening, 784 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: A. White 1, G. Hunt 2, W. Mitchell 3, J. Smith 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, G. Pickles 7, R. Thickett 8.

BLMLEY CASTLE.—On Easter Sunday, at St. Mary's Church, for Holy Communion, 720 Grandsire Doubles: S. Moore 1, W. Bennett 2, R. Harris (conductor) 3, O. Holford 4, E. Moore 5, F. Rolls 6. For 11 o'clock service, 360 of St. Dunstan's Doubles and 360 of Dream Doubles by the same band, with C. Holford as conductor.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Martin 1, T. Allbut 2, J. Eaves 3, T. Wilson (of Blackburn) 4, G. Ward 5, A. Moore 6, J. Mason (conductor) 7, Rev. S. G. Lavery 8.

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN NORTH NOTTS RINGER.
AN APPRECIATION.

The passing of Charles Crawford, of Lancham, and late of East Markham, Notts, removes from the ringing district an interesting personality. His genial countenance was an index to his heart. His face was sunlit, and he was a pleasing conversationalist. He came into North Notts in the early 'eighties,' at a time when there was a dearth of change ringers, and settled down at East Markham as a farmer and miller. He was not there many years before he commenced to work with assiduous perseverance to have the old four bells rehung and two new trebles added to make a ring of six, and succeeded in teaching his own band of ringers, afterwards conducting for them a peal of 5,000 changes. It is difficult to say how many peals he had rung, but he rang his two first at Doncaster, under the conductorship of the late Thomas Hattersley, of Sheffield.

Although he was 67 years of age, physically he seemed to be endowed with perpetual youth. He rang his last 5,000 with the writer on the South African Peace Day, May 31st, 1902, a peal of Kent Major at Gainsborough. He had, however, rung several since, but no record has been kept.

He would cycle 20 miles for a 'bit of good ringing,' and always tell you he was quite a young man. The last time I rang with him, after his long cycle ride, was at North Collingham and Sutton-on-Trent, when he looked the picture of robust health. We planned many things for 1923, but 'Man proposes, God disposes.' The world seems to be divided into three main classes; those who will not work under any circumstances; those who work only when driven; and those who work willingly and do too much. Charles Crawford belonged to the last class.

You might at times disagree with his opinions, but he never left you in doubt as to his mental whereabouts.

To all bands of ringers who visited East Markham his hearty welcome and hospitality awaited them. His left hand never knew what his right hand gave away, and he was instrumental in helping many struggling villagers in their distress.

He broke a blood-vessel on April 13th, lingered until the 17th, talking most of the time of his dearest, cherished ringing friends, past and present celebrities, and then passed peacefully beyond the veil.

He was laid to rest on Friday, April 20th, in that peaceful, picturesque little graveyard of East Markham, beneath the sound of the bells he loved so well, and there we leave him 'Until the day breaks and the shadows flee away.'

H. H.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SOAP AND WATER IN THE BELLRY.

In his annual report, presented to the members on Easter Monday, the Hon. Secretary of the Herts County Association (Mr. G. W. Carmel) referred to the high state of efficiency revealed by a perusal of the peal list, which comprised one handbell peal (the first of Grandsire Cinques by the association), and 33 tower bell peals from Minor to Cambridge Maximus, the association being the first to have rung peals of Cambridge Surprise on all numbers from six to twelve bells. The 'Service Ringing Page' of the 'Ringing World' had also offered ample evidence of real progress amongst various bands. Most useful work had been done in all the districts, but in the Watford district the attendance at meetings had been small. The general secretary appealed to the members in that area to rally round their district secretary even if it entailed the giving up of football matches. The thanks of the association were due to the district secretaries for their splendid work.

After referring to the loss, by death, of Mr. John Dennis, of Knebworth, Mr. P. Waterton, of Tring, and Mr. G. W. Steabben, formerly of St. Albans, who died somewhat tragically as the result of an accidental shooting affray in Mexico, the hon. secretary went on to say that he was glad to notice that 'The Ringing World' had recently commented upon the care of ringing chambers. Although there are still to be found some in that county which were made the receptacle of the church's rubbish and unwanted furniture, yet on the whole their bellries were well kept. Every belfry should have its weekly sweep, and periodical application of soap and water. In many cases this could best be arranged by the ringers themselves or by arrangement with the respective Parochial Church Councils. The report concluded with thanks to the auditor (Mr. J. Prewett); the hon. members, without whose welcome financial assistance the association's sphere of usefulness would be somewhat restricted; and the incumbents through whose generous permission members had been able to indulge in peal ringing. There are still some towers in Hertfordshire where change ringing is not practised and it would be a step forward if some of these could be 'roped in' before the association enters its fortieth year.

PAIGNTON BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

Restoration of the peal of eight bells at St. John's Church, Paignton, will commence during the next few weeks, the work being in the capable hands of Messrs. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford, who have also received orders for the recasting, adding to and restoring the bells of Withiel Church, Bodmin, Cornwall. Messrs. Aggett hope to commence next month the work in connection with the bells at Stoke Damarel Church, Devonport.

NOTICES.

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HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holm Lacy on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea at Vicarage 5.45 p.m.—C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea in the Institute at 5.40, price 1s. Harrow Weald bells available after tea.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above district will take place at Ripley on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 2 till 8. A good attendance is requested.—A. Braines, r, Clarence Row, Mansfield Street, Derby.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Abingdon on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Those who require tea please notify me by May 2nd.—Albert E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 4 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Speldhurst, on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—The Lancashire Association.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, May 5th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Barking Road, West Ham, on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for members who advise me by the 3rd inst. at 1s. each. Subscriptions for 1923 are now due.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5, followed by short business meeting.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at West Coker on Saturday, May 5th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Churchill, near Bristol, on Saturday, May 5th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Eastbourne on Saturday, May 5th. Ringing (at St. Mary's) from 2 p.m. Service (at St. Mary's) 4.15 p.m.; preacher, Canon Streetfield. Tea (in the Pitman Institute) 4.45 p.m., to be followed by the business meeting. Other towers open after business meeting. Half rail fares (maximum 2s.) to members.—Rev. C. H. Clarke, Hon. Gen. Sec., 10, Silverdale Road, Hove.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Kingsley on Saturday, May 5th. Tower open 3.30 p.m., tea at 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—The quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Kimbolton on Saturday, May 5th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. at the Vicarage.—A. Talbot, District Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, May 5th, from 5 to 8 p.m.—All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for May, 1923.—Sunday 6th, St. Clement Danes, 10 a.m.; Monday 14th, 7.30 p.m.; Monday 28th, 7.30 p.m.; Monday 7th, St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Bullock, Hon. Gen. Sec., *pro tem.* 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, Islington, N.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 10th and 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting, 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 8th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea. Also Hillingdon on June 9th; please let me know early for tea.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., meeting to follow. By kind permission of the Rev. A. G. Le Masurier, East Molesey bells (8) will be available from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present notify me by Tuesday, May 8th? —Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Guilsborough District.—A special meeting will be held at East Haddon on Saturday, May 12th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by 10th? —W. Bott, District Sec., Guilsborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at Olveston on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5, meeting to follow. Please notify me by May 7th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Tendring on May 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers will be entertained by the Vicar of the parish. Please notify me by Tuesday, May 10th, all wishing to attend.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on May 12th. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting, 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea 1/6 each to those who apply to Mr. A. Mitchell, 76, Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate, near Rotherham. All ringers invited. A good meeting is desired.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Festival will be held at Courteenhall (by kind invitation of Rev. A. Wake) on Saturday, May 12th, commencing with a service in church at 11 a.m. Ringers of neighbouring associations who wish to become unattached members will be heartily welcomed. Names must be sent in to me by May 5th. Annual subscription 1s. 6d.—R. A. Hornsby, Acting Hon. Sec., Green's Norton, Towcester, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle (bells 6) on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. The next meeting will be held at Didsbury Parish Church on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Cars No. 42 and 45 from Piccadilly to West Didsbury, then Cheadle motor bus to Didsbury Hotel.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — A Monthly meeting will be held at Sheepshed on Saturday, May 12th (bells 8). Business meeting after tea.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The quarterly meeting will be

held at Church Stretton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Hon. District Secretary, 19, Castle Street, Ludlow.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arsley on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Secretary, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, May 19th, being the reopening after rehanging by Mears & Stainbank.—C. Sharpies, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District will hold a business meeting at St. John of Jerusalem Church, South Hackney, on May 19th. Ringing from 3.30 until 5.30. Service after; and it is hoped that tea can be arranged. Ringing will be continued afterwards until 9 o'clock. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec., 98, Cassland Road, South Hackney, E.9.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 44th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral with address by the Rev. W. H. Pelham, M.A., Vicar of Terling. 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street. 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, price 2/- each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8); no ringing permitted during service and meeting. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 15th.—C. H. Howard (Master), F. J. Pitstow, (General Secretary and Treasurer), 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Morpeth on May 21st. Committee meeting at 12 noon. Dinner at 1 o'clock, followed by general meeting at the George & Dragon Hotel. Dinner, 2s. to members, 3s. to non-members. The Watch Tower bells are available all day. Those intending to be present at dinner please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 15th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Whit Monday, May 21st. 12.15, Service in Cathedral; Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. 1 p.m., dinner at Booth Hall, 3s. 2 p.m., business meeting, Bishop in the chair; 6 p.m., tea, 1s. Members intending to be present at dinner or tea must notify me by Tuesday, May 15th.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. General Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Cullompton, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service at Parish Church, 12.15. Dinner, Half Moon Hotel, at 1. Tickets, 2s., to be applied for before May 12th. Meeting, 1.45. Towers open: Broad Clyst, Cullompton, Kentisbeare, Halberton, Pinhoe.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Secretary, the Vicarage, Holbeton, S.O., Devon.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Llandudno on Whit Monday. Service at 2.30 in Parish Church, followed immediately by meeting in Church House. Those intending to be present please advise C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — Will members kindly note the Hon. Sec.'s new address—57, Mellows Road, Wallington.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec.

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THE PROPOSED SUFFOLK SETTLEMENT.

The difficulties which have arisen in ringing affairs in Suffolk, on account of the establishment of the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, carved out of the old dioceses of Norwich and Ely, seem to be in a fair way of settlement. The recommendations which the committee of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association have drawn up, and which we have no doubt will be accepted by the members, provide in effect for the restriction of that organisation to the present diocese of Norwich, thus leaving the county of Suffolk without a rival association to the newly-formed Suffolk Guild. The Norwich Diocesan Association will retain its touch with its Suffolk members by constituting them non-resident life members upon payment of a sum of two shillings on the top of this year's subscription.

We think the recommendations which are now made will be generally looked upon as satisfactory, but the position has to a large extent been forced upon the committee. Faced with the fact that its branch in Suffolk refused to function as an integral part of the Association, there was little to be done, except to drop the attempt to embrace the new diocese, a large part of which had, neither geographically nor by tradition, any connection with the former diocese of Norwich. The desire among many Suffolk ringers for an Association of their own, coupled with the official backing which the new organisation for St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich has got, made any such attempt to hold East Suffolk and to 'penetrate' West Suffolk almost foredoomed to failure, and the committee have been wise in realising this position.

The steps by which it is proposed to retain the Suffolk members as 'non-resident life members' may probably meet with some criticism, as being not altogether generous. Members of 35 years' standing are to become honorary life members, but any lesser period of membership will involve the ringer in a further payment of two shillings on the top of his current subscription. This may be a comparatively small matter, but the treatment of performing members ought scarcely to be on any worse footing than that of honorary members, who, if of eight years' standing, may, on leaving the district, be excused, under Rule VII., from their annual subscription and become life members. This, however, will probably be dealt with when the recommendations come up for confirmation.

We are glad to see the possibility of this vexed question of Suffolk apparently so near settlement, and if the

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members in that area are retained under satisfactory financial arrangements there is no reason why the best of good feeling should not continue between the two counties. Many Suffolk ringers of to-day have the most loyal affection for the old Association, and while circumstances have made the break almost inevitable, we have no doubt they will see to it that their membership remains, although under changed conditions. From a pealing-point of view the loss of two such centres as Ipswich and Leiston is a serious matter for Norwich, but doubtless efforts will not be lacking to replace these with equally active towers on the other side of the border.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	THOMAS MILLER 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	PERCY O. LAFLIN 8
JAMES E. GROVES 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
BERNARD W. WITCHELL 6	GEORGE H. YENDALL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Arranged and rung with the bells half-muffled and in the inverted titums and handstroke home position, to the memory of Sir John Holder, Bart., philanthropist and one of Birmingham's foremost citizens, who died on April 25th.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BIRLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE POUND Treble	C.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 5
GEORGE NEWMAN 2	GEORGE BELL 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
LEWIS NEWMAN 4	JAMES W. LEONARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART NO. 1.

GEORGE EDWARDS Treble	ARTHUR READER 5
PERCY DENTON 2	JAMES MAYNARD 6
JOHN DENTON 3	HARRY SEAL 7
JOHN MEDHURST 4	HARRY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by PERCY DENTON.

First peal by the ringers of 3rd and 4th who, together with the ringer of the 6th, hail from Speldhurst; the rest belong to the local band. A birthday compliment to H. Seal and G. Edwards.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

CHARLES WINSOR Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
FRANK BELSEY 2	WILLIAM SPICE 6
*JOHN HAIGH 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 7
*CHARLES NORRIS 4	RICKS PAINE Tenor

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal in method. Mr. W. Spice hails from Tunstall, Kent, the rest belong to the Rochester Cathedral Society.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

A. BLOGG Treble	† F. G. BRADLEY 5
* E. B. COXHEAD 2	† A. HARTLEY 6
C. SALISBURY 3	W. LANCASTER 7
V. B. BLACKWELL 4	A. A. BLACKWELL Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by W. LANCASTER.
* First peal. † First in the method. First peal as conductor.
Rung in memory of the four ringers who gave their lives in the Great War. This was the first peal in the method by an entirely local band.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

On Sunday, April 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

JOHN C. G. HAGGAR Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
ALPHAUS J. BERRY 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	THOS. H. CHAPPELL Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.
Rung with half-muffled clappers as a token of respect to the memory of the late William Grimes. Believed to be the first peal in the method to the credit of the newly formed Suffolk Guild.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT RAINBIRD Treble	ALFRED PYE 5
FRANK RINGE 2	EDWIN D. BAKER 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM LEGGETT 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	† SAMUEL CARROLL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
* First peal. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 7½ cwt.

* HERBERT COLE Treble	† E. GEOFFREY BENSON 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY 2	† HAROLD J. HAZELL 6
GEORGE CRISP 3	JOHN B. WOOLLEY 7
FRED J. COOK 4	CHARLES W. COOK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES W. COOK.
* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on tower bells. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal of Major as conductor.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

DANIEL COOPER Treble	ARTHUR H. PALMER 5
* MRS. AMOS W. CLARK 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	JAMES E. COOPER 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.
First peal on the bells for 10 years. First peal of Major as conductor. * First peal on an inside bell.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

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

WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	JOSEPH J. PRATT 5
* PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	RICHARD CARTER 6
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 3	WILLIAM HONOR 7
EDWARD HANCOX 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER Tenor

* First peal.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HERBERT J. SKELT Treble	AMOS CLARK 5
MRS. A. CLARK 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
MISS NORA E. SHORTER 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

HYTHE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

* JOHN EAGLES Treble	ARCHIBALD C. KAY 5
† WILLIAM BIDNELL 2	HENRY C. CASTLE 6
RICHARD H. STEVENS 3	† ERNEST POWELL 7
CHARLES TURNER 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.
* First peal of Major and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major.

BOKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

† HARRY GREAVES Treble	PERCY JERVIS 5
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2	† CHARLES SEVERN 6
† JOHN HUMPHRIES 3	† WILLIAM H. TURTON 7
* FREDERICK A. ADAMS 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.
* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(VIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

* JOHN BAGLEY Treble	† THOS. ROGERS 5
† JOHN COOKE 2	JAMES R. GRIFFIN 6
† HAROLD ROGERS 3	JOSEPH GODDARD 7
† EDWARD W. ELWELL 4	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LUDKIN.
Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon. * First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal in the method with an inside bell. First peal in the method by a resident band.

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THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. P. BRICE ... Treble	WALTER G. CROSS 5
THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... 2	ARTHUR NEAL 6
SIDNEY E. WRIGHT 3	*ARTHUR ACRED 7
*JAMES OLDFIELD 4	FREDK. T. COOKE Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by F. T. COOKE.

* First peal.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK R. WILBY ... Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
JOHN A. GODFREY 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed and conducted by G. H. CROSS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 18 4-6-8's with the 6th extent home.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. WASEY ... Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 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 and contains all combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 30, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

GEORGE LADD Treble	WALTER H. WOOD 5
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2	*JOHN W. WOOD 6
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 3	†WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ... 4	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.
Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* 100th peal. † First Surprise peal with a bob bell.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20½ cwt.

*REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 5
*FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First Surprise peal.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, May 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC EMERY Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
*REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	ARTHUR H. PALMER 6
T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 7
*JOHN LYDDIARD 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.
Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

* First peal in the method.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CREWE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

*HAROLD EDWARDS ... Treble	JOHN BRASSINGTON 5
†WALTER LONGMAN 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
†WILLIAM SUTTON 4	†ARTHUR STUBBS Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal 'inside' in the method.
† First peal. First peal on the bells since they were augmented and rehung by Taylor & Co. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor man.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt.

RAYMOND PHILPOT ... Treble	THOMAS UPSHALL 5
GEORGE UPSHALL 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
MADRICE SMITHER 4	ALBERT E. KING Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

The ringers of 2nd, 5th and tenor belong to the local band.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

WALTER PERKINS ... Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5
*ANNIE PARKINS 2	JAMES WARD 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 4	FRED WILFORD Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by FRED WILFRED.

* First peal in the method and rung at first attempt. It was also specially arranged for Mr. R. Richardson and Miss A. Parkins, being the birthday of Miss A. Parkins, who received the congratulations of of the band.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY OF CHARITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

WALTER H. ANDREWS ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT 5
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 2	WILLIAM SPICE 6
CHARLES W. BRETT 3	GEORGE G. JENKINS 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 4	GEORGE H. SIMPSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung to celebrate the induction of the Rev. P. A. L. Clarke, late Rector of S. Alphege, Canterbury, to the Vicarage of Faversham, which took place on May 3rd. All but one of the above are members of the Cathedral company.

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TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of St. Clement's, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

* EDWARD HODGES Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 4
CHARLEY MILLARD 2	THOMAS JULL 5
CHARLES TUMBER 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First peal in seven methods.

WEOBLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED TALBOT... .. Treble	ALFRED TOMKINS... .. 4
GEOFFREY W. TAYSONE 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

* First peal. This is the heaviest peal of six in the county.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* FREDERICK BARRETT ... Treble	EDWARD E. TUMBER 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	EDWARD HODGES... .. 5
EDWARD E. GAMBELL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First 5040. A birthday compliment to W. Nye.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being each of Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... Treble	GUY R. AMBROSE 4
* CHARLES WATERMAN 2	† JOHN BURLES 5
HARRY ARGENT 3	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLES.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods as conductor. Rung as a compliment to Mr. & Mrs. E. Clark (eldest daughter of the ringer of the 4th), who returned from their honeymoon and have taken up their residence at Shorne.

BICTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(St. Chad's Society.)

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

* JOHN GRIFFITHS... .. Treble	REGINALD R. POLE 4
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 2	DENIS J. BONCHER 5
† JAMES E. LILLEY 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in seven methods away from treble. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BASTRINGTON, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Plain Bob, 1440 Oxford Treble Bob, 2880 Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

G. C. TERRY... .. Treble	A. HATFIELD 4
J. W. HALL 2	R. B. SMITH... .. 5
H. MORLEY 3	W. A. HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

The first peal on the new bells. The event fell on the 43rd anniversary of the Vicar's wedding day, and the ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Vicarage.

KEEVIL, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 21 cwt.

* ALBERT STOKES Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4
JESSE FRANCIS 2	CHARLES DOET 5
WILLIAM R. BAXTER... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, St. Clement's, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

ARTHUR WIGMORE Treble	JOHN RODWELL, JUN. 4
TONY PRICE 2	CLAUDE COUSINS... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal in five methods by all the band and on the bells.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Merchant's Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford and Plain Bob.

A. LAYTON Treble	C. BOWER 4
R. LEWIS 2	D. HORNE 5
C. LAYTON 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the Duke of York and Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon.

WESTBURY-SUB-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY... .. Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 4
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
STANLEY CARTER... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT 17, WELLINGTON ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 1-2	JOHN THOMAS 5-6
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 3-4	* WALTER J. BOWDEN 7-8

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal of Bob Major in hand.

Other peal reports are unavoidably held over.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION. PROPOSED DISCONTINUANCE OF SUFFOLK ORGANISATION.

A special general committee meeting of the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association was held in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft Church, Norwich, on Thursday, April 26th. In the absence of the president (the Dean of Norwich), the Rev. W. C. Pearson (Vicar of Henley, Suffolk) was voted to the chair. Supporting him were Messrs. G. P. Burton, J. E. Burton, W. L. Duffield, Denison Hayward, F. Knights, C. S. Tutill, and A. L. Coleman (general secretary).

Letters of apology for non-attendance were received from the Rev. A. G. Blyth, Messrs. C. E. Borrett, F. R. Borrett, D. O. Holmes, G. T. Peggall, R. J. Goate and E. E. Diaper.

Mr. A. L. Coleman, in reviewing the present position of affairs in connection with the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch, said that a new movement had been developing in Suffolk some weeks prior to its climax at Ipswich on Easter Monday, and there had resulted from the meetings at Ipswich on that day:—

- (a) The formation of a new association (the Suffolk Guild).
- (b) The dissolution of another association (the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association).
- (c) The disbandment of a third body (the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Branch of the N. and St. E. and I. Diocesan Association).

All these changes were of vital interest to Suffolk ringers, while the last named concerned intimately the ringers of the N. St. E. and I. Association also. The members then present at Ipswich had declined to elect officers, and had passed, instead, a resolution, 'that this branch cease to exist.' Such a resolution, however, was ultra vires, as the branch having been constituted under the auspices of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, could only be dissolved constitutionally by and with the consent of the whole association. So comparatively few ringers had been present at that meeting that the resolution was open to question as being representative of the opinion of the members in Suffolk. He had, therefore, taken steps to obtain at first hand a real expression of opinion of that branch, and he had now available something quite definite to lay before the committee. He had issued a circular and questionnaire to all the district secretaries and leaders of companies in the Suffolk Branch. The questionnaire was as follows:—

- 1.—How many ringers in your district or company have definitely decided, to your knowledge, to continue membership of old Association; and their names?
- 2.—How many ringers altogether do you anticipate will continue?
- 3.—Do you think it desirable under present circumstances to continue our N. and St. Ed. and Ipswich districts as organised? Or, if not, in any other form?
- 4.—Do you desire a change in title? If so, what do you suggest?
- 5.—Other remarks.

COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

The replies received to that date represented some 222 members, of whom a large majority decided to continue their existing membership, viz.: 76 as honorary life members (non-resident), 120 as annual subscribers (to be presumed). Seven replies were adverse to continuation of district organisation; five replies were in favour of continuation of district organisation. As regards the title two only replied in favour of the retention of the present title; three were in favour of modification; while eight expressed a preference for reverting to the original style, 'The Norwich Diocesan Association,' to cover the area of the Norwich Diocese only. The majority, however, had expressed no opinion on this important point. Mr. Coleman added that there were several replies still outstanding, and he hoped the members would kindly send them in before the general meeting of the Association, to be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, June 2nd.

After a long discussion the committee decided to recommend at the general meeting of members, that it is not desirable under the present circumstances to continue the district organisations in Suffolk, and two proposals were put forward for the future title of the Association, viz.: (a) The Norwich Diocesan Association; and (b) The Norfolk Guild (for the Diocese of Norwich).

To meet the wishes of the members desiring to retain their membership, it was resolved to recommend that all members of 35 years' standing should be excused any further subscription; and, ipso facto, become honorary life members (non-resident); also that all Suffolk members who have paid their subscriptions for 1923 should, with a further payment of 2s., become, ipso facto, honorary life members (non-resident) in lieu of the usual fee 5s., and that members who have not paid their subscriptions for the current year will, on payment of two years' subscriptions (4s.), become, ipso facto, honorary life members (non-resident). For new members the fee will be 5s. as per Association Rule VII.

The Secretary announced that the branch meeting to be held at Pulham Market on Whit Monday, May 21st, had been postponed to Saturday, June 2nd, at Pulham Market, and would be constituted a general meeting of the association. Much of the business to be transacted at that meeting concerned the members of the Suffolk branch, and he hoped that they would be well represented on that occasion.

It should be noted that any alterations in the constitution of the association will, under Association Rule XI., have to come up for confirmation at the annual general meeting of the association in September next, and in the meanwhile the association stands constituted as hitherto.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. W. C. Pearson for kindly presiding over the meeting.

CENTRAL NORTHTANTS ASSOCIATION. GENERAL SECRETARY'S PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS.

There is a striking feature in the report of the general secretary (Mr. D. J. Nichols) of the Central Northants Association, which has just been issued. It is very gratifying to record, he says, the steady growth of the Guilsborough district, which has increased in membership and added one new tower to its number during the year. I regret to say the Northampton district has lost 46 members who have been crossed off the books, which include the ringers of St. Sepulchre, Northampton, who have been members of the association for many years. I hope they will reconsider their decision, and before the year is out join the association again.

The number of towers now in union with the association is 65, a decrease of two from last year. There are now 450 members, a decrease of 46 from last year, being 43 honorary and 407 ringing members. I would like to call the attention of members to the fact that there are 26 towers out of the 65 in union with the association which have not a complete band of ringers to enable them to ring all their bells for the Sunday services.

A great many bands, continues the report, were depleted during the war, which is no doubt still being felt. But I venture to suggest that there are other reasons which have also some bearing on the question which includes:—

1. Differences between ringers and clergy.
2. Differences amongst ringers themselves.
3. Not enough probationers being brought along to fill up the gaps as they occur from various causes.
4. Those in control of the belfry not having sufficient patience in teaching beginners.
5. Not sufficient opportunity being given to promising young ringers to act as conductors.
6. Others staying away because they do not get ringing suitable to their taste when there are learners in the tower.

I would sincerely ask the members to give the question their consideration, and in doing so I would like to make the following suggestions:—

1. That the committee in each district bring before their members that it is desirable that efforts be made to get a complete band of ringers in each tower.
2. District committees should consist of members who are prepared to take an active part in visiting and assisting the local bands in the district.
3. That it is desirable that the association should draw up a list of ringers who would be competent to give instruction in their district.
4. That the association allow out-of-pocket expenses to instructors for a stated number of visits.

The report shows that 44 peals were rung during the year 1922, in which 18 ringers rang their first peal, and 17 were awarded the association's certificate for having rung their first peal on a working bell. The association had a satisfactory year, financially, the receipts on general account being £57 13s. 9d., and the expenditure £46 11s. 5½d., leaving a profit on the year's working of £11 2s. 3½d. Grants were made to Peterborough Cathedral and Grafton Underwood, of £5 5s. and £3 3s. respectively, from the Belfry Repairs Fund for bell restoration. This fund now stands at £28 15s. 9d. Thanks are extended to Mr. R. F. Turner on retiring from the position of district secretary after several years' hard work.

THE RECORD PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE To the Editor.

Sir,—I was always under the impression that I was the first to obtain the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major in the early part of 1907. In August of that year I rang a 5,024 in the method which was an offspring, also the same thing as publishing the full extent. The fact that the 5,024 turned out false makes no difference whatever. The 5,024 was the coveted peal or missing link of the day, and a lot of people were surprised of the discovery.—Yours, etc.,
39, Pleasant Valley, Safron Walden.

F. DENCH.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The mention made in this column last week of a peal report being written out before the peal was rung, recalls the fact that at Guildford some years ago a board was actually written before the peal (Stedman) was attempted, and it was opened three days later! 'That,' remarks our correspondent, 'was a "bit hot."' And we agree. Can anyone go one better?

On May 12th, 1788, at Wakefield, 'a new composition peal of Tripple Bob Tripples, called Wakefield Delight, consisting of 5,040 in 8 courses compleat,' was rung. 'The same set of ringers without changing a man or setting a bell began another peal of Oxford Single Tripples in twelve courses, consisting of 5,040 called Wakefield Surprise. Both these peals consisted of 10,080 changes were performed, including Raising and Settling the bells in seven hours and one minute, and were rung with a exactness and nice distinction, an instance never before done in ye Kingdome.'

The ancient report goes on to say, 'What adds to the singularity of this performance is—There were two fathers, five sons, five brothers, four cousins, one uncle, one nephew, yet only eight persons and only two names.'

May 15th is the anniversary of two long peals. One was 12,096 Grandsire Caters at All Saints', Fulham, rung in 7 hours 50 mins. on Whit Monday, 1837.

The other was the 8,800 Superlative Surprise Major at Loughborough in 1894, composed and conducted by Nathan Pitstow. The present president of the Central Council took part in that performance.

An interesting record has been made by Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs, who have now rung together, handbell peals of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, and Kent Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, as well as Double Norwich Major.

The peal at St. Margaret's, Westminster, the report of which was published last week, was Mr. H. Ellis' 200th peal. The asterisk notifying this got into the wrong place. Mr. F. G. Newman, against whose name the 'star' appeared, rang his 200th peal over 30 years ago—in January, 1893, to be exact.

The answer of the ringers of the long peal of Cambridge Major to 'A Flat,' re their alleged aspirations for the future, is simply this—'You're another!'

There will be no ringing on the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Chislehurst, until further notice. A crack has developed in the tower, and the bells require rehanging.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Canterbury Cathedral for the wedding of the Duke of York calls for a line of explanation. A start was made for a peal of Caters, but one of the hand being taken ill, it had to be abandoned, and Triples was substituted.

According to the 'Lincolnshire Standard' they do not do things by halves at Boston. It is reported that for the Royal Wedding, the Parish Church ringers rang '1,200 peals of grandsire doubles and 350 peals of grandsire trebles'! In reality it was something far less imposing.

STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD.

All being well, twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques (15,051 changes), at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, commencing about 8.30.

DEDICATION OF BELLS, ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, EXETER.

WHIT SUNDAY.—The new ring of eight, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated on Whit Sunday, May 20th, at a service at 3 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. There will be a special ringers' service at 6.30 p.m. on the evening of the same day, at the conclusion of which a commemoration tablet, the gift of the ringers, will be unveiled. In the afternoon and evening the bells will be rung by the St. Sidwell's and the Cathedral bands.

WHIT MONDAY.—On Whit Monday the tower will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (by kind permission of the Vicar) to all visitors. Will secretaries of bands desirous of ringing please communicate with me, stating the time preferred? All visiting ringers who notify me not later than Wednesday, May 16th, are invited to tea at the Buller Hall, Cowick Street, at 6 p.m.—W. J. Southwood, 14, St. James' Road, Exeter.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's R.C. Cathedral, on Wednesday, April 25th, 1,708 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Norman 1, E. Mullens 2, A. Walker 3, T. Miller 4, J. F. Smallwood 5, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 6, T. Kelly 7, T. Miller, junr., 8. This was an attempt for a peal, and was brought round at above number owing to a faulty rope. Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of Thomas Fearick, a ringer at this Cathedral.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Eleventh Council (30th annual meeting) will be held in the Chapter House, The Cathedral, Salisbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, 22nd May, 1923, 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.

AGENDA, 1923.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
5. Presentation of new Members to the President.
6. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees, viz. :-
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Literature and Press.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f) Records.
 - (g) Museum Exhibit.
7. To agree a card of instructions, on the Care and Use of Bells, suitable for hanging in a Tower.
8. That this Council, meeting in the Diocese of Salisbury, in which Sir Christopher Wren was born and baptised, expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the churches, with which be adorned the City of London, and which bear such a valuable witness to the Christian Religion in the world's busiest centre of secular activities.
9. This Council recommends that first or record peals should not be rung for a Society outside the limits of that Society's area.
10. That the Peals Analysis Committee be asked if they can add a column showing the ratio between the number of Members, and the points gained by each Society.
11. That in compositions of 5,000 changes or upwards on seven or any higher number of bells in which the plan of splicing various methods is adopted, it is essential that there should be no repetition of any row throughout—that is to say, that the whole composition shall be 'true' in the universally accepted sense of that word.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

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SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

Local headquarters will be established at the Cathedral Hotel, Milford Street, with Mr. T. Hervey Beams as the local officer in charge.

On Saturday evening, May 19th, 5—8.30 p.m., there will be ringing at city churches, followed by a social hour at headquarters.

On Whit Sunday, ringing at city churches for morning and evening services. In the afternoon, visit to Wilton House and Park (by special permission of Earl of Pembroke). Leave headquarters 2.30 p.m. Return fare 1s. 6d.

Whit Monday.—Charabanc trip of 60 miles through the lovely New Forest and Cranborne Chase district; ringing at Fordingbridge (8), Ringwood (8), Christchurch (10), Wimborne (10), and Cranborne (8). Leave headquarters 10.30 a.m. Fare 8s. 6d., including lunch. Ringing at city churches, 7—9 p.m. Social hour at headquarters.

Whit Tuesday.—The Council will meet in the Chapter House of the Cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter), 11 a.m.—1 p.m., morning session, preceded by official welcome to the Council by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese; 1.15 p.m., luncheon at Cathedral Hotel, tickets 1s.; 2.30—4.30 p.m., afternoon session; 5.15, tea in the garden of the North Canonry (by kind invitation of Archdeacon Carpenter). After tea a conducted visit to the Cathedral; 7 p.m.—8.30 p.m., ringing at city churches; 8.30 p.m., reception at headquarters by the Earl of Shaftesbury and officers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Seats should be booked for (a) visit to Wilton, (b) charabanc trip, (c) luncheon by 11th May, and all communications in respect to these three items should be made to Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, Buckhorn Weston, Wincanton, Somerset.

The visit to Wilton, and the charabanc trip will only take place should a sufficient number book; while provision for luncheon and tea will only be made for those intimating they will be present.

Handbells, newspapers, and facilities for writing will be provided at headquarters, where further details as to ringing and other matters of interest will be notified.

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FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR.

The Four Shires Guild held their half-yearly meeting and ringing competition on Saturday, April 28th, at St. Edmund's Church, Shipston-on-Stour, in glorious weather. Nearly one hundred members attended to take part in the various competitions which were held. The judging was ably done by Messrs. J. D. Johnson (Hinton) and J. Hemming (Hampton), who awarded the points as follows: Imington: Rising and Falling, 91; Call Changes, 90; Method, 96; total, 276. Willersey: Rising and Falling, 63; Call Changes, 93; Method, 91; total, 247. Blockley: Rising and Falling, 71; Call Changes, 66; total, 137. Moreton-in-Marsh: Rising and Falling, 63; Call Changes, 70; total, 133. Ebrington: Rising and Falling, 26; Call Changes, 73; total, 99. Wootton Wawen: Rising and Falling, 18; Call Changes, 63; Method, 10; total, 91.

The handsome challenge shield of the Guild goes to the band which obtains the greatest number of points during the year, and a certificate of merit is awarded to the band which is second.

A special service was held in the church at 4.30 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. W. H. Manton, Vicar of Long Compton. Afterwards tea was provided in the hostel, where justice was done to an excellent repast.

At the business meeting which followed, the secretary, Mr. A. R. White, intimated his desire to resign, and Mr. Horace Terry was elected in his stead. It was decided to hold the autumn meeting at Wootton Wawen on Saturday, October 27th.

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE.

In presenting the report for another year, the committee consider it a matter for congratulation that it shows the Exercise to be in such a progressive condition. While the recovery from the effects of the war is gradual, such a condition is well in view. Each year the number of peals rung steadily increases, and as there is every indication of this growth being maintained, it should not be long before the big totals of immediate pre-war years are surpassed.

The analysis for 1922 shows that 253 more peals have been rung than in the previous year. The increase in tower bell peals exceeds this number, being 285, while peals on handbells have decreased by 12. The totals for the year are as follows:—

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Sextuples	—	1
Maximus	11	1
Cinques	33	13
Royal	54	16
Caters	106	29
Major	631	52
Triples	465	40
Minor	322	8
Doubles	94	9
	1716	169

A grand total of 1,885 peals, this being only 474 short of the record number.

The Norwich and Ipswich Diocesan Association retain their position at the head of the list for both peals and points, their total being 204 peals, including 23 on handbells, and 3,476 points. This is an increase over last year of 15 peals and 140 points. The number of other Societies which rang over 100 peals has increased by one, being three as against two, as follows:—

Midland Counties Association, 149 tower bell peals and 2,754 points; Kent County Association, 123 peals (including 3 on handbells) and 1,799 points; and the Lancashire Association, 102 tower bell peals and 1,646 points. It may be noted that while the last-named association has rung exactly the same number of peals as last year, the points value has increased by 197. The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association again have the highest average points per peal, 30.77 for 22 peals (including 1 on handbells) and 677 points. They are run very closely by the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths with 23.18 for 11 tower bell peals and 310 points, St. Martin's Guild being third with 27.69 points for 36 peals (including 15 on handbells), and 997 points.

The total number of Surprise peals, excluding Minor, is 232, an increase of 44 over 1921, clearly showing the advance in quality as well as in quantity. Cambridge continues to advance in favour, showing an increase of 2 peals of Maximus, 2 of Royal, and 17 of Major; it is also much preferred by Minor ringers. London Major has advanced considerably, 37 against 24 peals; while Superlative Major shows a small increase of 5 peals; Bristol has only held its own with 15 peals. Other Surprise methods rung are: 2 peals each of Clifton and Middlesex Royal, 2 of Premier Major, and 1 each of Norfolk, Suffolk, Dublin and Lancashire Major. Grandsire and Stedman run a close race as the favourite method, there being 347 peals of the former and 332 of the latter, excluding Doubles.

Of Major methods, while Kent and Oxford Treble Bob show 172 peals, a decrease of 17, Double Norwich continues to ascend, showing 148 peals against 112 for 1921. Triples have increased by exactly 100 peals to a total of 505. Minor and Doubles have also gained ground, showing 433 peals against 368 last year.

The records show that 690 have joined the ranks of peal ringers, and in addition 7 have rung their first peal on tower bells, 12 their first away from the tenor, 73 the first inside, and 52 their first on handbells; 18 first peals have been rung by local bands, first on the bells 51, after rehanging, addition, etc., 28, and in the method on the bells 199; 85 made their debut as conductors. First pealers of Doubles numbered 18, Minor 88, Triples 34, Major 104, Caters 57, Royal 51, Cinques 31, Maximus 12. First peals in the method were rung in Doubles by 17, Minor 170, Triples 209, Major 627, Caters 120, Royal 94, Cinques 33 and Maximus 13. The number of muffled peals was 84, and there were 19 farewell peals; 74 peals were rung in honour of the Royal Wedding, 58 being on the day of the ceremony.

Performances worthy of special mention are: The first peal on 14 handbells, the method being Stedman Sextuples by the St. Martin's Guild; the first peal of Real Double Superlative by the Durham and Newcastle Association, and the record length, 21,363 changes of Stedman Caters by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

A pleasing feature of the year's work is the number of new methods: Clifton and Middlesex Surprise Royal; Dublin Premier and Lancashire Surprise Major, Cambridge Court Bob Major on handbells, and in addition the Granta Variation of Treble Bob Royal for the first time on tower bells.

A rather unusual feature is the peals on 7 bells, two omitting the 2nd, and one without the tenor. The novelty of the year was a peal on handbells rung in bed.

The recording of the peals shows that much more care is taken by those sending them in for publication. The committee, however, are still troubled by slight errors. For instance, the name of the same conductor sometimes appears with different initials or with them reversed, and it is difficult to decide without inquiry whether it is the same person or not. If such errors are not corrected by those responsible, the committee will be compelled in future to record them as published.

The conductors of five peals and upwards are shown on the following list. The figures in brackets show the number of handbell peals conducted: 64 peals, A. H. Pulling (43); 36 peals, G. H. Cross (2); 30 peals, W. Pye (2); 28 peals, C. F. Bailey (9); 26 peals, E. Jenkins; 25 peals, K. Hart; 22 peals, W. H. J. Hooton (18); 21 peals, E. Morris; 20 peals, G. Williams; 18 peals, F. Bennett, H. J. Poole; 17 peals, H. Langdon, J. Thomas (4); 16 peals, J. T. Dyke, A. Wright; 15 peals, T. Groombridge, senr. (1), R. Richardson (4); 14 peals, C. Camm, R. Matthews, R. Sperring, G. E. Symonds, A. Tomlinson; 13 peals, F. Cotton, F. H. Dexter, G. R. Newton, W. Poston, T. Price, T. H. Tafender, A. Walker (6); 12 peals, J. H. Chesman, T. Groombridge, junr. (2), A. E. Lock, F. W. Naunton (2), O. Sippetts; 11 peals, N. R. Bailey (3), H. Knight, S. H. Symonds (5); 10 peals, W. Clarke, W. Nye, W. Page; 9 peals, W. H. Barber (1), F. R. Borrett, O. T. Coles, A. E. Edwards, C. Edwards, W. Keeble (1), J. D. Matthews, E. Whiting; 8 peals, E. M. Atkins (3), F. Chamberlain, A. Harman, B. A. Knights, C. R. Lilley (1), W. Welling; 7 peals, J. Austin, H. M. Day, J. Flint, R. G. Rice, C. H. Song, J. Sparrow (7), G. F. Swann (2), A. H. Ward; 6 peals, E. Barnett, senr., G. Cattermole, F. W. Dixon, M. F. R. Hibbert, E. G. Hibbens, J. Houldsworth, Rev. H. L. James (1), J. D. Johnson (5), W. Large, F. J. Lewis, R. C. Loveday, H. Ludkin, J. Oldham, G. R. Pye, W. C. Rumsey, W. Saunders (3), T. Tebbutt, B. Thorpe, J. A. Trollope (5), C. Wallater, C. F. Winney (3); 5 peals, W. Ayre & Billenness, W. B. Cartwright, G. T. Croft, E. C. Gobey, J. A. Gofton, J. F. Groves (2), S. T. Holt, P. J. Johnson (1), W. T. Last, J. Lord, G. Martin (2), W. Miller, A. E. Norman (3), F. W. Perrins (4), F. Pervin, C. Platt, J. Potter, Rev. A. Simpson, D. G. Wightman, B. W. Witchell.

There were also 29 conductors of four peals (2), 52 of three peals (3), 109 of two peals (7), and 297 of one peal (8). In addition all the band took part in conducting two peals of Minor, and one handbell peal of Grandsire Doubles was non-conducted. Three lady conductors are included in these figures, Miss E. K. Parker having conducted two peals, and Miss A. Brown and Miss C. Hepburn one each. Six reverend gentlemen have conducted peals during the year.

In lighter vein it may be remarked that while the greatest number of peals have been conducted by the P's, the Q's are not represented.

Five peals of over 7,000 changes have been rung, viz., 13,440 of Bob Major and 10,400 of Superlative Surprise Major (the record length), with bobs behind and in front, by the Midland Counties Association; 8,096 and 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major by the Lancashire Association; and the record length in any method, being 21,363 of Stedman Caters, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

(Signed) E. W. CARPENTER, Kingerby Vicarage, Lincoln.

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NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service at 4.30. Tea and meeting, 5.15 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 12th. Ringing from 3. Will arrange tea. Also Hillingdon on June 9th; please let me know early for tea. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Thames Ditton on Saturday, May 12th. Bells (6) available 2.45 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m., meeting to follow. By kind permission of the Rev. A. G. Le Masurier, East Molesey bells (8) will be available from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at Olveston on Saturday, May 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea 5, meeting to follow. — P.C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Tendring on May 12th. Service at 4.30. Tea 5.15. All ringers will be entertained by the Vicar of the parish.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on May 12th. Bells ready at 3. Tea and meeting, 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Festival will be held at Courteenhall (by kind invitation of Rev. A. Wake) on Saturday, May 12th, commencing with a service in church at 11 a.m. Ringers of neighbouring associations who wish to become unattached members will be heartily welcomed. Annual subscription 1s. 6d. — R. A. Hornsby, Acting Hon. Sec., Green's Norton, Towcester, Northants.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Brindle (bells 6) on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch. The next meeting will be held at Didsbury Parish Church on Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready 3.30, meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. Cars No. 42 and 45 from Piccadilly to West Didsbury, then Cheadle motor bus to Didsbury Hotel.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District. — A Monthly meeting will be held at Sheepshed on Saturday, May 12th (bells 8). Business meeting after tea.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Landsworth, Saturday, May 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers invited. A good meeting is desired.—C. D. Potter, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, May 19th, being the reopening after rehanging by Mears & Stainbank.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District will hold a business meeting at St. John of Jerusalem Church, South Hackney, on May 19th. Ringing from 3.30 until 5.30. Service after; and it is hoped that tea can be arranged. Ringing will be continued afterwards until 9 o'clock. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec., 98, Cassland Road, South Hackney, E.9.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—Hursley (All Saints'). Augmentation to ring of 8. The new bells will be dedicated by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Guild, on Whitsun Eve, Saturday, May 19th, at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who inform the District Secretary on or before May 16th, Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wem, Salop, Saturday, May 19th. 2.30 ringing and prayers in belfry, 4 Peal Committee meeting in belfry, 5.15 tea at Kynaston's Tea Rooms, 1s. or 1s. 3d.; 6 meeting in Tea Rooms.—(Rev.) F. Tennison, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready from 3. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcomed.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Southwold District.—A practice meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 4 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—F. W. Naunton, Dis. Sec., pro tem., Wrentham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Faringdon Branch.—Spring meeting at Faringdon on Saturday, May 19th. Service 4 p.m. (no address). Tea (8d. per head) 4.30 p.m. Ringing in afternoon and evening. Those intending to come please notify Rev. E. B. Lock, Faringdon Vicarage, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 44th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral with address by the Rev. W. H. Pelham, M.A., Vicar of Terling. 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street. 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, price 2/- each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8); no ringing permitted during service and meeting. It is most important that notice of intention to be present should be sent to the Hon. Secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, May 15th.—C. H. Howard (Master), F. J. Pitstow, (General Secretary and Treasurer), 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Morpeth on May 21st. Committee meeting at 12 noon.

Dinner at 1 o'clock, followed by general meeting at the George & Dragon Hotel. Dinner, 2s. to members, 3s. to non-members. The Watch Tower bells are available all day. Those intending to be present at dinner please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 15th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Whit Monday, May 21st. 12.15, Service in Cathedral; Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. 1 p.m., dinner at Booth Hall, 3s. 2 p.m., business meeting, Bishop in the chair; 6 p.m., tea, 1s. Members intending to be present at dinner or tea must notify me by Tuesday, May 15th.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. General Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Cullompton, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service at Parish Church, 12.15. Dinner, Half Moon Hotel, at 1. Tickets, 2s., to be applied for before May 12th. Meeting, 1.45. Towers open: Broad Clyst, Cullompton, Kentisbeare, Halberton, Pinhoe.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Secretary, the Vicarage, Holbeton, S.O., Devon.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandudno on Whit Monday. Service at 2.30 in Parish Church, followed immediately by meeting in Church House. Those intending to be present please advise C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bicker on Whit Monday, May 21st. Dinner at the White Swan at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting to follow. Service immediately after meeting.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, May 21st. Committee meet in St. Edmund's Vestry at 11 a.m. Service in St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Cinema Cafe, Market Square, at 1 p.m., at 2s. 6d. per head, to all those who notify Mr. S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton, on or before Wednesday, May 16th. Bells available: St. Giles (10), St. Edmund's (8), All Saints' (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Sepulchre (8) from 10 a.m.—David J. Nichols, General Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting of this district will be held at Deal on Whit Monday, May 21st. The bells of St. Leonard's, Upper Deal (6) will be available from noon, St. Mary's, Walmer (8), from 2.30. The meeting to be held in St. Leonard's Parish Hall (by kind permission of the Rev. Bowser, Rector of Upper Deal) at 2 o'clock. Divine service at Upper Deal at 4 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st. Management Committee meeting, 11 a.m.; service, Parish Church, 12 noon; dinner, 2s. 6d. per head, 1 p.m.; general business meeting, 2 p.m.; tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 5 p.m. Meals and meetings at Viner's Restaurant, Castle Street. Charabanc leaves Bristol Old Market Street 8.15 a.m., fare 8s. For the few seats that are left apply to Mr. P. C. Williams or to Edgar Guise, General Hon. Sec., 30, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, May 21st. Bells of the Parish Church (8), tenor 17 cwt., are available for ringing all day. Service in the Parish Church at 1 p.m. All members and friends are invited to attend. The address will be given by the Vicar of Thirsk. Lunch will be provided at the Three Tuns Hotel at 2 p.m.; members 2/6, non-members 4/-; those intending to be at lunch must notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, May 15th.—T. Metcalfe, Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesborough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 24th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on May 26th. The Rev. H. R. M. Hutt will kindly entertain all ringers attending this meeting. Will those members intending to be present please advise local secretary, who will arrange party, if 12 or more, to travel by 2.20 train, Victoria Station, 1s. 1d. return fare, not later than first post May 24th? — F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Glinton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Those intending to be present please let me know early. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Room, to be followed by the business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The peal of eight at Gravesend have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, and will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester on Wednesday evening, May 30th, at 6 p.m., when all ringers will be welcomed.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, June 2nd, at which the president will preside. By kind permission of the Rectors (the Ven. A. R. Buckland and the Rev. E. W. Field) the rings of eight bells of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Mary the Virgin will be available. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m. at the School Room. Tickets 2s. each, followed by the general business meeting. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the same to Mr. F. R. Borrett, Pulham Market, not later than Tuesday, May 29th. Important business will be transacted concerning the affairs of the St. Edmunds-

bury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch of the Association. It is hoped that members from both branches will be well represented on that occasion. — Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. A tea will be provided for those only who notify the secretary by first post Tuesday, May 29th, latest. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — Will members kindly note the Hon. Sec.'s new address—57, Mellowes Road, Wallington.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon District Sec.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

When, last year, the Central Council was induced to fix its next meeting place at Salisbury, the members were promised that they would receive a hearty welcome in the ancient Southern City; and, judging from the programme which has been arranged by the Special Committee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the social side of the gathering bids fair to exceed in its attractiveness any preceding meeting of the Council—and many most enjoyable functions, notably at Newcastle, can be recalled. For the first time there will be a recognised headquarters from Saturday until after the meeting. This, in itself, will be a great advantage in many ways, for hitherto the members have had to make their own meeting places if staying over the week-end. Then, in addition to the ringing which will be provided, there will be organised excursions, and the official ceremonies on Tuesday will include a welcome by the Bishop of Salisbury in the morning and a reception at headquarters by the Earl of Shaftesbury in the evening. These features will add to the importance as well as the pleasure of the gathering.

As to the business meeting itself, the agenda, which is not overburdened, provides a variety of subjects on which members will find opportunity to talk, but there is little that is likely to prove really contentious. Committee reports always form an important part of the morning session, and the report of the Museum Exhibit Committee will be awaited with interest, inasmuch as the Exercise is likely to learn upon what lines the exhibit at the South Kensington Museum is to be organised. Among the resolutions of which notice has been given the suggested recommendation that first or record peals should not be rung for a society outside the limits of that society's area, is probably the only one that may be seriously challenged.

There have been a few cases in the past where the first peal in a method for a society has been rung outside that society's area, such, for instance, as the first peals of Norfolk and Brighton Surprise for the Norwich Association, which were rung in London. Then, too, the record peal of Bristol, rung at Hornchurch in Essex, was a Middlesex Association peal. It may be an ideal to ensure that first peals and records should be rung within the area of the society to which they are credited, but it is another thing to get the principle accepted by ringers. There is, moreover, one serious obstacle to its general application. How can the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, for instance, ring its first peal of Stedman Cinques, or Treble Bob, or Cambridge Maximus within its own borders, when it has not got a twelve-bell tower? The Salisbury

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Guild may not have aspired to these heights of method ringing yet, but we instance the Salisbury Guild because the subject is to be discussed at Salisbury. The argument applies with equal force to other societies, and we see no reason why a society should be debarred from the first peal in a method obtained outside its borders if it has not got the facilities for ringing it within its area. Even if the word 'first' is to be taken as meaning the first ever rung in a method anywhere, we think the same argument applies, and the proposer may find some difficulty in disposing of this serious obstacle to his suggestion.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GOSFORTE, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ADAM DEES... ..	...Treble	JAMES E. GOFTON	6
*WILLIAM L. GOFTON	2	*RICHARD A. GOFTON	7
GEORGE R. HOLMES	3	R. ALDER GOFTON	8
JOSEPH A. GOFTON	4	*STEPHEN W. STRATFORD	9
EDWARD A. HERN	5	THOMAS T. GOFTON	Tenor

Composed by W. PYE.

Conducted by THOS. T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Cambridge Royal by all the band, by the association, and first peal of Royal on the bells. Edward Hern hails from North Shields, Adam Dees is one of the local band, and the rest are from Whitley Bay.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH & THE ALL SAINTS' YOUTHS.)

On Thursday, May 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... ..	...Treble	WILLIAM LEWIS	6
*WILLIAM NIBLETT	2	WILLIAM PAGE	7
GEORGE HINTON, JUN.	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	8
SIDNEY T. HOLT	4	CHARLES CAMM	9
WILLIAM C. JONES	5	WILLIAM H. JOHNSON... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung upon the Feast of the Ascension. * First peal on ten bells. First peal of Stedman Caters by all except Messrs. Jones and Page. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor, also first peal of Stedman Caters by all members of the Western branch.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

JAMES E. GROVES ... ..	...Treble	*WILLIAM SAUNDERS	6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS	2	*ERNEST MANSELL	7
ALBERT WALKER... ..	3	*STANLEY BRAGG	8
THOMAS H. REEVES	4	*JOHN BRAGG	9
ERNEST T. ALLWAY	5	†ALBERT E. NORMAN	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Treble Ten. † First peal of Treble Ten on tower bells. W. Saunders hails from Coalbrookdale, Salop, and he has now completed the Four Standard Methods from 6 to 12 bells.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ALMONDBURY, HUDDERSFIELD.

On Tuesday, April 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 21 lb.

A. WALKER Treble	J. ROLLINSON 5
H. ARMITAGE 2	E. R. ARMITAGE 6
A. ARMITAGE 3	W. B. FRITH 7
H. NUTTON 4	J. E. CARTER Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by J. E. CARTER.

First peal in this method on the bells.

MORETONHAMPSTEAD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(MID-DEVON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*FRANCIS ALLWOOD ... Treble	HENRY W. WILKES ... 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT ... 2	FREDERICK T. GOVER ... 6
JOHN S. COLLINS ... 3	HERBERT J. HOLE ... 7
*FREDERICK NORRISH ... 4	FREDERICK E. PARNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. WILKES.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is 62 years of age, and has only taken up change ringing since the war. First peal on the bells, which have lately been rehung and augmented to eight by Gillett & Johnston.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, CAMBERWELL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON ... Treble	JAMES WILTSHIRE ... 5
HARRY R. PASMORE ... 2	HAROLD N. PITTSTOW ... 6
WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
LOUIS ATTWATER ... 4	ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

WIGSTON MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WALTER BREWIN ... Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	†W. H. HUMBERSTONE ... 6
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 3	*JOSEPH CARTER ... 7
JOHN W. CHANDLER ... 4	HAROLD J. POOLE ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First deal in the method. † First on a working bell. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 6th and 7th.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	CHARLES WATERMAN ... 5
RICHARD SMITH ... 2	†FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN BURLES ... 3	CHARLES H. SONE ... 7
STEPHEN BRIDGLAND ... 4	EDWARD HADLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal on eight bells. † 75th peal and first peal as conductor in the method. Arranged for Mr. C. H. Sone, Linton, and rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Hadlow, who has collected nearly £500 towards the Gravesend bells, this being the adjoining parish.

ANSTHEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
ARTHUR CATTELL ... 3	WILLIAM WILLSON ... 7
G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4	ALFRED CUFFLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

First peal of Stedman as conductor and first attempt.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. A. LAMBERT'S VARIATION OF PRITCHARD'S. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
DAVID HODGKIN ... 2	*HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 3	GEORGE WAGHORN ... 7
FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

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

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ... Treble	GEORGE ROBINSON ... 5
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 2	HARRY DAVISON ... 6
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... 7
RALPH UMPLEBY ... 4	FRED SEAGER ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by ERNEST H. SIMPSON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

HENRY CHANCE ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	*WILLIAM G. DOWDING ... 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 7
ERNEST GIBBS ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST BRETT ... Treble	*CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 5
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 2	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by the society in the City of London. Rung to celebrate the re-election of Messrs. A. C. Stanley-Stone, C.C., and Thomas Walker as Churchwardens.

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR (Kent and Oxford Spliced)
5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 5
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... 6
WILLIAM FERNLEY 3	JAMES FERNLEY 7
JOHN W. HARTLEY 4	FRED HOLT Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

PONTEFRAC T.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Five 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, JUN. ... 5
WILLIAM HAWLEY 2	JOHN FRYER 6
WILLIAM PEARSON, SEN. ... 3	HARRY C. WALTERS ... 7
JOHN H. LENTON 4	ARTHUR WALKER, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY C. WALTERS.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 21, 1923, in Four Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM STOCK Treble	EDMUND J. HOBBS 4
HENRY WM. GAYTON 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 5
CHARLES W. CLARKE 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

This peal was rung on the 15th anniversary of the wedding day of H. W. Gayton, also in honour of the coming of age of the daughter of the ringer of the 5th. It is the longest peal by all except the conductor, and believed to be the longest yet rung in the county. These bells are the heaviest ring of six in Bedfordshire.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH H. WHITE Treble	FRED GARDNER 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2	CHARLES AYLETT 5
HUBERT SUMMERS 3	JOHN W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

First peal of Treble Bob upon the bells, and rung previous to the unveiling of an oak peal tablet recording the first peals in 5 and 7 methods on the bells. Also rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. D. Perrott, M.A., who is leaving for St. Margaret's, Uxbridge.

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DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*FREDK. MEARS Treble	CHAS. ALLSOP 4
*DENNIS WOOD 2	†JOS. TAYLOR 5
CHAS. PETTIT 3	*WM. SARGESON Tenor

Conducted by C. ALLSOP.

* First peal. † First 'inside.' Ringer of the 4th bails from Ratby, 5th from Thurlaston, the remainder local.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 1, 1922, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EBBE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one of College Single.

FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM HARRIS 4
HARRY TOLLEY 2	WALTER JUDGE 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	FREDERICK T. CLINKARD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

First peal by the ringer of the treble whose age is 14½ years, and first peal of Minor by W. Judge. The above peal was rung in honour of the conductor's silver wedding on April 30th.

WALSOKEN, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1923, 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 15 cwt. in F.

WALLACE COUSINS Treble	JOHN RODWELL, JUN. ... 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	TONY PRICE 5
CLAUDE COUSINS 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal on the bells,

SMARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 Six-scores of Plain Bob in 14 different callings. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*RONALD CORNES Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY ... 4
*FRANK PEARSON 2	†GEORGE GRANT 5
†WILLIAM BROWN 3	*CHARLES BROWN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK S. MACEY.

* First peal. † First peal with a working bell. First peal of Doubles by all. All are local ringers, and with the exception of the conductor have learned change ringing since the new peal was installed in the tower in May, 1922, by A. Bowell & Son. of Ipswich.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTBLAC,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In 8 methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Single and Double Oxford (Spliced), St. Clement's, Double Court and Bob Minor. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
MISS PHILLIS HARE 2	JOSEPH LONDON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

For practice after the peal a course of London Surprise the first by Miss Hare, for whom the peal was arranged.

WILDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-score of Grandsire and 12 six-score Bob Doubles with ten different callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW... ..	Treble	*MISS EVELYN STEEL... ..	3
EDWARD WHITE	2	WILLIAM COCKINGS	4
HENRY STAPLETON Tenor			

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells which have recently been overhauled and two recast by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who is to be congratulated on the 'go' of the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar's son, and also to the ringer of the tenor. The ringers thank the Vicar and Mrs. Pullan for providing tea after the peal.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST HUNT	Treble	*H. E. C. GOODENOUGH	4
THOMAS J. HULL... ..	2	HARRY HOLLICK... ..	5
JOHN MALYAN	3	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in three methods. The conductor's 100th peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE,

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(LEDBURY DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, May 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Merchant's Return, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

R. LEWIS	Treble	C. BOWERS	4
W. RANDFORD	2	D. HORNE	5
C. LAYTON	3	G. JORDON	Tenor

Conducted by D. HORNE.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Powell on his 71st birthday. He has been a ringer at Mathon for over 50 years.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE,

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each Wragby, Willesden, London Scholars', Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Sandal Exercise, and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY	Treble	HAROLD HALLWORTH... ..	4
JOHN P. FIDLER	2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	5
WILLIAM FERNLEY	3	JOHN W. HARTLEY	Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

This peal, in which the calls in each extent are made when the Treble is both behind and in front, is believed to be the first ever rung on this plan.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. in F sharp.

*STANLEY RICHARDSON	Treble	WALTER WALLINGTON	4
FRED WALLINGTON... ..	2	WILLIAM HECTOR	5
*WALTER ROBINSON... ..	3	ARTHUR MANNING	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

First peal as conductor. * First peal of Minor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th.

HANDBELL PEALS.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT 82, STANLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*MISS E. K. PARKER	1-2	JOHN THOMAS	5-6
*GEORGE W. FLETCHER	3-4	*WILBY J. HAZELL	7-8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand.' Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Thomas on the anniversary of their wedding.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*ALFRED BARNES	1-2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	5-6
ALLEN F. BAILEY	3-4	†FREDERICK PAGE... ..	7-8

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 9-10

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

First peal of Stedman Caters rung 'in hand' in the county and by the association. * First peal in the method 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand.'

HINTON-ON-THE-GREEN, GLOUCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Friday, April 27, 1923, in Three Hours,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5060 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON	1-2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING	7-8
JAMES HEMMING	3-4	*JOHN HALL	9-10
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	5-6	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON	11-12

Composed and conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

Umpire: THOMAS HANDS.

* First peal 'in hand.' First peal of Cinques by all the band, and of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' by the association. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Johnson on celebrating their silver wedding, and to Mr. and Mrs. J. Hemming on the 23rd anniversary of their wedding day.

HADLEY, Near WELLINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT 12, HAYBRIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER LAGO	1-2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS	5-6
WILLIAM D. WASE	3-4	*JAMES L. HAYWARD	7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Umpire: ALFRED S. BAYLEY.

Witnesses: LEONARD G. HEWITT AND WILLIAM A. FLETCHER.

* First peal 'in hand,' and rung on his own bells, a new peal by Mears & Stainbank. Rung during the week of the Royal Wedding, also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Stanier, and as a birthday compliment to W. D. Wase.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

[On Wednesday, May 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 63A, OLD TOWN, CLAPHAM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 in B flat.

*MRS. F. I. HAIRS	1-2	*JOHN THOMAS	7-8
WILLIAM PYE	3-4	†FRANK I. HAIRS	9-10
GEORGE R. PYE	5-6	†WILLIAM H. HEWETT	11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: Mr. C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.

* First peal of Treble Twelve. † First in the method 'in hand.'

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the School House,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 16½ in B flat.

*HORACE E. GOODENOUGH ... 1—2	WALTER AYRE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	*JOHN MALYAN 7—8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING AND MRS. AYRE.

* First peal in hand.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 30, 1923, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At Long Stanton Vicarage,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

C. W. WOOLLEY 1—2	E. G. BENSON 5—6
W. H. J. HOOTON 3—4	*REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by E. G. BENSON.

* First peal on eight bells 'in hand.' First peal as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

REV. A.H.F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5—6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) ... 3—4	*E. C. BENSON (ST. CATH.) ... 7—8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A.H.F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5—6
REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) ... 3—4	*E. C. BENSON (ST. CATH.) 7—8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method away from 1—2.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES (CAIUS) ... 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 5—6
REV. A.H.F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 3—4	*K. G. HOARE (TRIN.) ... 7—8

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal:

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Residence of MR. A. F. DAVIDSON,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*ALLAN F. DAVIDSON 1—2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5—6
THOS. T. GOFTON 3—4	R. ALDER GOFTON 7—8
JAMES E. GOFTON 9—10	

Composed by C. H. FOWLER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Royal.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At 90, BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN AMBLER 1—2	WILLIAM BARTON 5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3—4	*WALTER MORRELL 7—8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Umpires: SIDNEY SADLER AND JAMES R. KEMP.

* First peal.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.
DUNSTER BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

West Somerset ringers were well represented at the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association held at Dunster on Saturday, April 28th. A little practice on the bells preceded a service held at the Parish Church, which was conducted by the Rev. W. T. Reeder (Vicar of Dunster, and Rural Dean), assisted by the Rev. G. L. Fitzmaurice (President of the Branch). The special form of service for ringers was used, Miss Sorby presiding at the organ. Mr. Reeder gave a particularly suitable address, in which he impressed upon his hearers that ringers were really God's ministers, and as such they should strive to make their ringing a religious act.

After the service the members assembled at the Memorial Hall for tea, to which they were entertained by the Vicar. At the annual meeting which followed, the Rev. G. L. Fitzmaurice presided. Messages of regret at inability to attend were received from the Rev. W. P. Holmes (Porlock) and the Rev. T. S. Dawson (Carhampton). The towers represented at the meeting were Cutcombe, Minehead, Williton, Selworthy, Dunster, Chipstable, Timberscombe and Stogumber.

The hon. secretary (Mr. G. Stacey) presented the report for the past year. This stated that the branch held meetings at Cutcombe, Timberscombe, Porlock and Old Clevea. There had been 21 new members and one honorary member elected, the present strength of the paying members being about 108, as compared with a pre-war strength of 120. They had to record the loss, through death, of Mr. R. Hole, Dunster; Mr. C. Gale, Exton; the Rev. H. McCririck, Wiveliscombe; the Rev. H. A. Folkard, Sampford Brett; and the Rev. F. K. Warren, Exton; and while two members, the Rev. C. H. Bradburn, Selworthy, and the Rev. T. Hawkes, St. Decuman's, had left the district.

Having decided on Monksilver as the venue for the next quarterly meeting, the meeting proceeded to the annual elections.—The Chairman explained that he would be shortly leaving Cutcombe for Brompton Ralph, so that he would not be so much in touch with the branch, and he suggested that they should elect a local president.—The Rev. T. S. Dawson (Carhampton) was unanimously elected president for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Fitzmaurice for the interest he had taken in the branch, to which he suitably responded.

Mr. G. Stacey's re-election as hon. secretary was attended by a warm appreciation of his services from the chair. Other re-elections were Mr. H. Phillips (Timberscombe) as representative on the general committee of the association, and Mr. W. Hoyle (Minehead) as Ringing Master. Three new members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. Webber (Timberscombe), W. Thrush and T. Elliott (Dunster).

The thanks of the members to the Vicar for allowing the use of the tower for the ringing, for officiating at the service, and for his kindness in providing tea; and also to Miss Sorby, the organist, were expressed in the form of a resolution by the chairman.—Mr. Stacey, who seconded, spoke of the great interest which Mr. Reeder took in the association. He attributed the fact that the gathering that day was not larger to the absence of any band of ringers at Dunster. He reminded those present of the excellent band which Dunster once had, and referred to Dunster as the home of change ringing in West Somerset. In past years they had there the best band of ringers in the West, and he suggested that if the few ringers remaining there would put their backs into it, and form a new band, in which the association would help them, they might have a good band again there.

The Vicar thanked Mr. Stacey for what he had said, and intimated how pleased he was to welcome the association to Dunster. They had not got a band of ringers there, he said, but he hoped that this would be remedied soon.

After the meeting the members again adjourned to the church, and there spent the time in ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples until about 8 p.m.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A district meeting was held on Saturday, May 5th, at East Tytherley and Lockerley, both peals being available during the afternoon and evening. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Double Court, Bob Minor and Major were rung. The tea and meeting were held at the Star Inn, presided over by the Ringing Master (Mr. G. Williams), supported by the Vicar of East Tytherley, and members from North Stoneham, Curdrige, Bishopstoke, Romsey, Portsea, Ringwood, Lymington, Salisbury and Winchester.

The Vicar was elected an honorary member of the Guild, and a vote of thanks was passed to the respective incumbents for the use of the bells. This was acknowledged by the Vicar of East Tytherley, who assured the members of a welcome at any time they came to Tytherley for a peal or combined practice.

Afterwards further ringing took place at both towers. The next meeting is fixed for August 25th, at Hursley.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN BRANCH MEETING.**

By kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. S. H. W. Lovett, the quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Toddington on Saturday, May 5th, and in spite of the inclement weather, this was well attended. A pleasing feature was the presence of the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Rector of Alderton) and the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton), this being proof of the increasing interest taken by the clergy in ringing activities. Among other visitors were Messrs. H. Colley, senr., and H. Colley, junr., of Wootten Wawen. The association's special form of service was conducted in the Parish Church, the full choir being present, and the Vicar giving an original and instructive address. Tea, provided through the generosity of Mrs. Andrews and the Vicar, was partaken of in the Village Hall.

The Vicar presided at the subsequent business meeting, at which several new members were elected, and an invitation to hold the summer meeting at Badsey was accepted.

Subject to the approval of the Vicar, it was decided that the quarterly peal be attempted at Toddington, with Mr. Geo. Ashley as conductor, and the hope was expressed that it would be found possible to ring the peal with an entirely local band.

Attention was drawn to a paragraph in the annual report, urging local bands to attempt more peals in preference to peals rung by mixed bands.

Votes of thanks (which were carried with applause) were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and presiding at the meeting; to the organist and choir for their services, and to all who provided for or assisted with the tea.

The musical peal of six bells were well utilised throughout the afternoon and evening, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and various Minor methods being rung.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most excellent practice of the Southern District was held on Saturday, May 5th, at All Saints', Fulham, with its fine ring of ten. In the early part a 504 of Stedman Triples was rung, and later members attended from all parts, including some from Birmingham, Crayford, Greenhithe, Kent, and Walton-on-Thames, who took part in touches of Stedman Cabers, Treble Bob Royal, Cambridge and London Surprise.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE SCHEME FOR A PEAL OF TWELVE AT THE CATHEDRAL.**

The annual meeting was held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 28th, and was, as usual, attended by a large number of members from all parts of the county. The bells of St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts, and St. Botolph's were set going early in the afternoon and the Cathedral bells were also available from three o'clock until evensong at four o'clock. There can be few cathedrals where the services are more beautifully rendered than at Lincoln, and to many members, who visit the city only on very rare occasions, one of the most appreciated items in the day's proceedings is the Cathedral service.

Tea was provided in the Co-operative Hall, after which the usual business meeting took place, Mr. F. F. Linley presiding.

All the officers were re-elected as follows: President, the Dean of Lincoln; Master, the Rev. H. Law James; secretary, Mr. F. W. Stokes; treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley.

The balance sheet and report were passed as printed. The latter showed that during 1922, 53 peals were rung (one more than in 1921), including two of Cambridge Surprise Royal. The methods rung generally again indicated a decided improvement in the standard of ringing throughout the Diocese. The Grimsby band has scored peals of Double Norwich; Lincoln recorded Stedman and Double Norwich, and Market Deeping was doing well in Minor ringing.

The question of the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund was again brought forward, and discussed at some length. A considerable sum of money still remains to be raised to complete the amount required for the proposed augmentation of the Cathedral bells from eight to twelve, but there appears to be a confident feeling that if an organised and determined effort is made during the coming year, the long desired object will be attained.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Dean and Chapter, and to the incumbents of the various city churches for the use of the bells during the day, and to Mr. Linley for presiding.

The towers were again visited, and the bells kept going until nine o'clock. The ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major, besides many Minor methods at the two six-bell towers.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The table of handbell peals published last week omitted, by a typographical error, to show the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung by the Worcestershire Association, although it was included in the total and the points, and also in the general table.

The weight of the tenor of the recently augmented ring at Nantwich is 14 cwt. 2 gr. 18 lb. In a peal report last week it was given as 2 cwt. less than this.

Members of the Central Council upon reaching headquarters, the Cathedral Hotel, Milford Street, Salisbury, will be able to obtain a neatly printed souvenir programme giving particulars of all the arrangements made for their benefit.

Much interest is centred in the College Youths' attempt next Monday to set up a new Stedman Cinques record. It is a huge undertaking on a peal of bells with a tenor of 50 cwt., and if they are successful the men at the back end will deserve gold medals, although they will probably appreciate some of the contents of the Coffee Pot better than medals when the bells come round.

There will probably be many listeners, voluntary as well as involuntary, and of this we may be certain, there will be a good peal, or none at all.

By the way, the length is curious; it is the same whether read forwards or backwards—15051.

Here's more power to the elbow (or should it be elbows?) of the twelve good men and true, who will 'ascend the tower of the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Southwark,' on Monday next, and may they have the satisfaction of hearing the bells run home!

They will not be alone in their long peal effort. Members of the Chester Diocesan Guild intend to start on a 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Over, Cheshire, on the same day.

The present Treble Bob record is the 16,800 of Kent, rung at Mottram, in 9 hrs. 40 minutes on June 8th, 1906.

Before that the record was 16,608, the 40th anniversary of which performance in the Kent Variation being, curiously enough, to-day. This was also rung at Mottram, the time being 9 hrs. 48 mins.

On May 18th, 1846, Thomas Thurstans' 'masterpiece,' the four-part peal of Stedman, was rung for the first time. This was at St. Martin's, Birmingham, Henry Johnson being the conductor.

In 1777, on May 19th, the College Youths rang 11,080 Kent Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch in 8 hrs. 2 mins.

Fifty years ago next Monday, Matt Wood conducted the first peal of Grandsire Triples in Scotland.

May 21st also is the anniversary of a 10,061 Grandsire Caters at Wednesbury in the year 1861, and of the 13,054 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham in 1888.

Tuesday is the anniversary of the 17,024 Double Norwich Major at Kidlington, which was rung on May 22nd, 1899.

Owing to the spire of St. Michael's Church, Southampton, being unsafe, the peal of eight bells cannot be rung. The bells are at present at the Croydon Foundry all ready for hanging, and will remain there till the defects of the spire are put right.

Of course, it was sure to come—a peal of Bristol Surprise Major by that band of Leicester ringers who have been making history lately. It was the first in the method by all the band, but we warrant it won't be the last. And there is that 19,000 odd by the Rev. H. Law James waiting to be rung!

Six members of one family in a peal of Cambridge Royal—the first by all the band and by the association—is a noteworthy incident. The peal was rung at Gosforth, and the family party were from Whitley Bay, comprising six Goftons.

It was in the early part of 1901 that Mr. Fred Dench produced his 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major, not 1907 as stated in his letter last week.

Last week the report of a peal at Birling, Kent, was claimed as the first of Major on the bells. Mr. W. Short of Clent, writes that the opening peal at this church was one, in which he took part, of 5,088 Kent Treble Bob Major on May 19th, 1891, by the All Hallows' Society, Tottenham. It was rung for the Middlesex Association, conducted by G. B. Lucas.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue dated May 11th a notice of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association contained an inaccuracy on my part. The service will be held at Holy Trinity Church Watermoor, not the Parish Church as stated. Any ringer intending to be present can get all information at Viner's Restaurant in the morning.—Yours faithfully,

EDGAR GUISE.

General Hon. Secretary.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The Third Session of the Eleventh Council (30th annual meeting) will be held in the Chapter House, The Cathedral, Salisbury, on Whitsun Tuesday, 22nd May, 1923, 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.

AGENDA, 1923.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
4. Election of Honorary Members.
5. Presentation of new Members to the President.
6. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees, viz. :—
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Literature and Press.
 - (c) Methods.
 - (d) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f) Records.
 - (g) Museum Exhibit.
7. To agree a card of instructions, on the Care and Use of Bells, suitable for hanging in a Tower.
8. That this Council, meeting in the Diocese of Salisbury, in which Sir Christopher Wren was born and baptised, expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the churches, with which he adorned the City of London, and which bear such a valuable witness to the Christian Religion in the world's busiest centre of secular activities.
9. This Council recommends that first or record peals should not be rung for a Society outside the limits of that Society's area.
10. That the Peals Analysis Committee be asked if they can add a column showing the ratio between the number of Members, and the points gained by each Society.
11. That in compositions of 5,000 changes or upwards on seven or any higher number of bells in which the plan of splicing various methods is adopted, it is essential that there should be no repetition of any row throughout—that is to say, that the whole composition shall be 'true' in the universally accepted sense of that word.
12. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
13. Other business, if any.

155, Rushey Green,
Catford, London, S.E.6.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS. POINTS FOR HANDBELL PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The publication of the report of the Peals Analysis Committee is an event which is looked forward to with much interest by ringers generally, and the information and details contained therein bear eloquent tribute to much thorough and painstaking work.

Nevertheless, I must confess I was surprised when I saw the number of points awarded for the peal of Stedman Sextuples rung on handbells at Birmingham. Here, certainly, the Analysis Committee have not erred on the side of generosity, and one certainly wonders upon what grounds the committee thought fit to award only 38 points.

I am of opinion that the allocation of points for handbell peals, as compared with tower bell peals is a matter which needs a certain amount of overhauling.

To quote one instance: A peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells receives 32 points, whilst a peal of Grandsire Cinques receives only 13 points. From the handbell ringers' point of view, the latter is probably as difficult as the former.

I think, therefore, that points allotted for handbell peals should be on an altogether different basis to those allowed for tower bell peals.

Perhaps we shall be favoured with the views of some of the more prominent handbell ringers on this subject—Yours, etc.,

39, Longford Street, Derby. J. FRANK SMALLWOOD.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt will be made by the Chester Diocesan Guild (Chester Branch) or 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major at Over Cheshire, on Monday, May 21st. Ringing will commence at 10.30 a.m.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM GRIMES.

The following further donations are acknowledged with many thanks: Already acknowledged, £4 15s. 6d.; St. Peter Mancroft Society, Norwich (per Miss H. Bill), £1 4s. 6d.; Mr. H. Barton, 5s.; P. and W. N., 2s. 6d.; Fakenham company, Norfolk (per Mr. Chas. Tuthill), 10s. 6d.; Mr. A. L. Coleman, 10s. Contributions should be sent to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, Debenham, Stowmarket.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CHALLENGE BELL COMPETITION TO CEASE.

The annual general meeting of the Sussex County Association was held at Eastbourne, on Saturday, May 5th, and proved to be one of the most successful meetings held since the war. In all, 87 members from all parts of the county and several non-resident members, attended. The tower of the Old Church (St. Mary's) was open for ringing during the earlier part of the afternoon, and the service was held in St. Mary's Church—a feature being the hearty singing led by the church choir and organist—and the sermon was preached by the Vicar (Canon Streatfeild), a vice-president of the association.

A splendid tea was provided by the generosity of Canon Streatfeild in the Pitman Institute, and after full justice had been done to it, there followed the business meeting. Mr. Frank Bennett was elected peals secretary for the ensuing year, and the other officers were re-elected. The following gentlemen were elected life members, honoris causa: Messrs. Keith Hart, Frank Bennett, G. H. Howse, W. D. Smith and A. A. Hughes.

It was decided—

(1) That the interest on the Reserve and Benevolent Funds be paid into the general account for two years in order to help payment of rail fares to meetings.

(2) That the rules be altered so as to include the peals secretary and the Central Council delegates, if any, on the General Committee.

(3) That a list of all towers in the county containing five or more bells be added to the report.

(4) That competition for the challenge bell should cease, and that the bell be loaned to the Brighton Museum.

(5) That a postcard vote be taken on the subject of members' subscriptions being paid, in addition to the payment of £1 ls. for a tower.

(6) That the next annual general meeting be held at St. Leonards.

A vote of sympathy with the family of the late Mr. J. Rice, of Crawley, was passed, and the secretary instructed to write a letter of condolence.

A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Streatfeild for his generosity in providing tea and for the splendid arrangements for the service and the meeting, was passed by acclamation. Ringing took place in some other towers in the town during the evening.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western District was held on Saturday at Thames Ditton, and members attended from Mitcham, Sunbury, Isleworth, Otlands Park, Walton, Hershams, Battersca, Chertsey, Leatherhead, Clapham Park, Surbiton, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor were rung.

A short choral service was conducted by the Vicar, and 24 members sat down to tea, which was followed by the business meeting.

It was proposed that the next meeting take place at Weybridge, failing that, Egham.

The ringers then adjourned to the tower, where further ringing brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

DEATH OF HALEWOOD RINGER.

The death has occurred at Halewood, Lancs, of Mr. George Calland, who for 34 years had been a ringer at St. Nicholas' Church, and for the same length of time had been a member of the Lancashire Association. Mr. Calland for the last few years had also been tower keeper, and was always most courteous and obliging to visiting ringers, by whom he will be greatly missed. He had taken part in twelve peals, which were chiefly Grandsire Triples. The bells were rung half-muffled on the Sunday after his death, and also after the funeral by the local ringers.

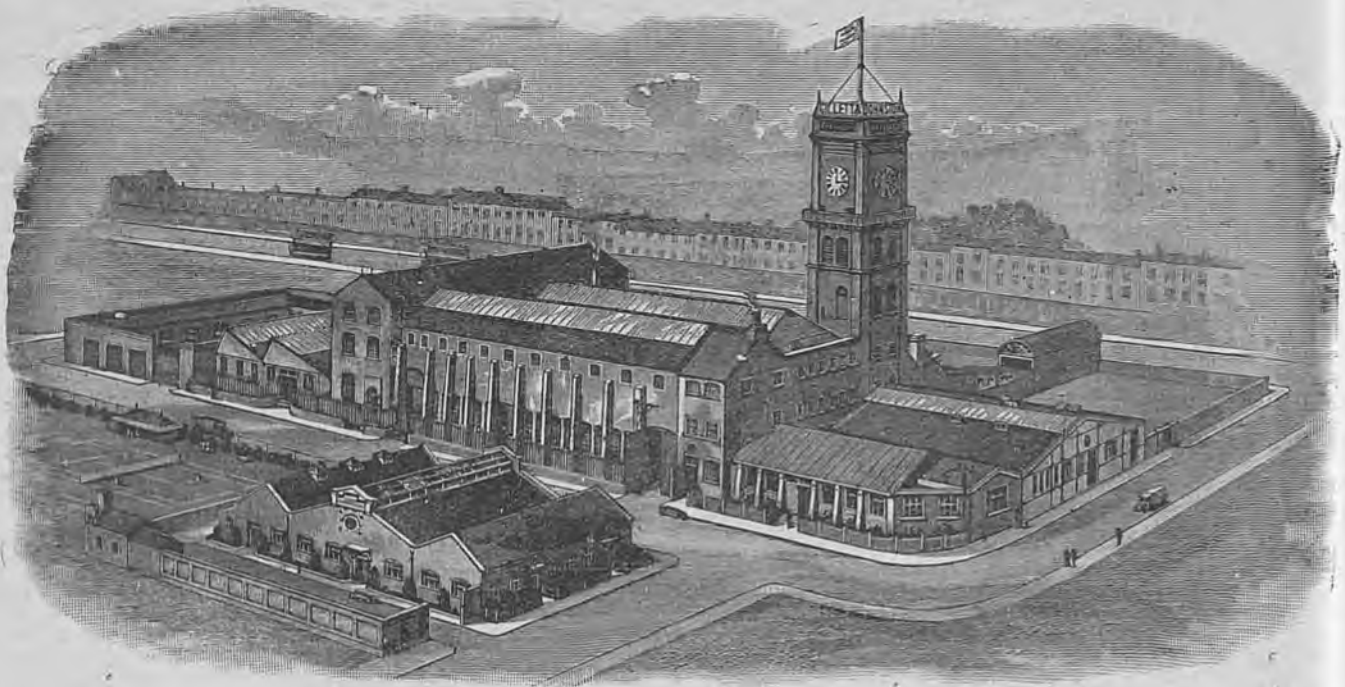
On Friday, May 4th, as a last token of respect, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by B. Trevitt 1, F. J. Hancock 2, T. Hammond 3, T. Jennion 4, E. Jones 5, G. R. Newton (conductor) 6, E. Counce 7, J. Almond 8. Much sympathy is extended to his sister and other relatives in their sad bereavement.

THE EDITOR'S ETERNAL PROBLEM.

After allowing for the space taken up by peals and notices this week the Editor had nine columns available for other news. But he had 23 columns of matter to get into it! Can our contributors wonder that some of their items cannot find a place?

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

APATHY OF THE CLERGY.

Ringers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild assembled in considerable numbers at Marlborough on May 3rd for their annual meeting. Both towers were open for ringing during the day, and touches in various methods were rung, while a party also visited Ogbourne St. George, where Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have recently relunged the bells.

At the business meeting, the Master (Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth), who presided, remarked that as that was possibly the last occasion on which he should have the opportunity of addressing the members of the Guild in his present capacity, he should like to say a few words on a subject which was very close to his heart. In his report for 1922 he once more asked the clergy to take a little more active part in that particular department of Church work. He felt bound to say that in his journeys about the diocese he had found what a friend had called a certain amount of apathy on the part of a certain number of the clergy. In going to a belfry he generally asked whether the parson took any interest in the ringing, and the reply he generally got was that they seldom saw the parson in the belfry. But as long as the Guild existed they had to remember that they were not merely a guild of ringers but a guild of Church workers, and that as such they were entitled to say, claimed—a certain amount of respect from some of the clergy. The clergy did not as a rule go to the recognised practices and offer up a prayer that their work might be blessed by God, and he feared that the time was coming when the bands of ringers would become merely social organisations for ringing only without any thought of God. He was sorry to say that in many churches, including some belonging to their own Guild, the ringers did not attend worship in God's house: they called others to prayer and praise, but did not themselves attend the services. Surely there must be something wrong in that. He was sorry to complain, and though he had nothing to say against the clergy he could not help thinking that many clergymen paid fewer visits to their belfries than to their dentists. Such things ought not to be. Turning to the other side of the picture the Master said he knew of one church not very far from Marlborough where there were seven ringers, six of whom were also in the choir. They not only thought of their bells but of the church as well. He would think that that were the general practice. The best ringing was as a rule to be found in churches where the parson took an interest in his ringers. He did not like to see ringers walk out of church when the services commenced. Prayer should not be left to a layman in the presence of the parson. If this apathy continued he was afraid they would tend to become a mere social club that knew not God. He trusted the clergy would forgive him if he had said anything to ruffle them. What he had said was meant to further the good work of the Guild so that it might be not only a guild of ringers but a guild of workers who could praise God at the end of the rope as well as in their places in the Church services.

Arising out of the minutes, the Master said they felt rather abashed and somewhat annoyed at their last meeting at Lyme Regis to hear that the Dean and Chapter of their Cathedral had thrown cold water and completely extinguished the small spurt of energy which they tried to put forward in raising what they thought was a suitable memorial to the ringers of the diocese who fell in the war.

The statement of accounts presented by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Kington Magna), showing a credit balance of £51 7s. 7½d., was approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Master, hon. secretary and treasurer, and hon. assistant secretary (Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole) were all re-elected.

Thanking the Guild for the honour they had again done him, the Master said he must ask them to look round and find another Master next year, as he thought it was time they had a younger and more energetic ringer for the office. When the time came it would be with great sorrow that he would give up the mastership, because he loved the work, in carrying out which he was greatly indebted to the branch secretaries for their loyal support, not, of course, forgetting the hard work of their general secretary.

Mr. H. R. Hopkins (Kington Magna) and the Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Wimborne) were elected auditors, and the Rev. Canon Myers, the Rev. C. Wood, Mr. J. R. Jerram, with the officers of the guild and branches were re-elected on the committee.

The meeting elected as representatives on the Central Council Mr. T. H. Beams, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Wimborne), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, and Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth.

The instructors in change ringing are Messrs. G. T. White (Dorchester), J. E. Wiltshire (Secord), S. Hillier (Devizes), T. H. Beams, F. W. Townsend (Poole), S. J. Hector (Trowbridge), and H. Taylor (Melksham), and the inspector of belfries is Mr. J. R. Jerram (Salisbury).

ALTERATION OF RULES.

Rule 3 was remodelled thus—The secretary of the branch shall collect subscriptions from members on a date not later than the last meeting of the branch held before Christmas and forward same to

the general secretary at the end of the year, retaining not more than one-half of the subscriptions for local expenses, and at the same time send a brief report of the year's work together with a summary of the branch accounts.

In future rule 4 will read—Each company shall appoint one of its members as belfry correspondent. It shall be his duty to collect subscriptions and deliver them to the secretary with a correct list of their names at or before the last meeting of the branch held before Christmas in each year, also to deal with communications.

DIOCESAN WAR MEMORIAL.

On the question of the proposed memorial to ringers who fell in the war, the Hon. Secretary said that as members of the guild were aware they were not allowed to erect the memorial in the precincts of the Cathedral. Some time ago, however, he had an interview with the Dean who spoke to him about a design he had in hand for improving the war memorial in the Cathedral to consist of the restoration of one of the ancient chapels in such a way that it could be used for public and private worship as a memorial chapel. In the course of that work there was to be constructed across the entrance to the chapel an oak screen, and there was a place on each side of the screen where it was desired some panelling should be introduced, and the Dean suggested that the guild should undertake to provide the panelling. The Guild had in hand a sum of £5 collected for the purpose of a memorial, and if a further sum of about £20 could be raised the guild of ringers could be officially associated with the diocesan memorial.

The meeting approved the suggestion, and referred the matter to the branches, and appointed a committee, consisting of the Master, secretary, and assistant secretary to receive their reports, with power to act.

KINGTON MAGNA TOWER.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards remarked that they had an ancient tower to the church at Kington Magna which was in considerable need of restoration, and they were endeavouring in a village of 350 inhabitants to raise sufficient money to put the tower into effective repair so that they could continue to use the five bells without fear of endangering the safety of the tower. The Guild had sometimes made grants for such a purpose, and he would leave it to those present to say whether or not they would make a small grant towards his own church.

The Master observed that if there were any bells rung anywhere in the diocese it was at Kington Magna. The ringers were not only ringers, but they regularly attended the house of God. He suggested that the Guild make a grant of £1 Is.

Ultimately the meeting voted five guineas towards the object, and Mr. Edwards thanked the Guild for its unexpected act of generosity.

VISIT OF CENTRAL COUNCIL TO SALISBURY.

The Master said he supposed that most of them knew that the diocese was being honoured with a visit from the Central Council at Salisbury at Whitsun. The occasion would be quite unique as he believed the Central Council had never before met in the beautiful cathedral of the city of Salisbury. The visit would entail certain expense. The Guild proposed to take the Council to Wilton House by permission of the Earl of Pembroke on Whit Sunday, and they would afterwards be taken to certain eight and ten bell towers. The Wimborne branch had already made a contribution towards the expenses of the visit, and he ventured to suggest that the Guild might help them in some way.

On the proposition of the Rev. C. Cox the Guild decided to make a grant, not exceeding £5, for the purpose.

Members afterwards attended a special service at St. Peter's Church, where an appropriate address was delivered by the Rector (the Rev. C. D. Hoste). The visitors foregathered for tea in the Sessions room at the Town Hall.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hunts District was held at Huntingdon on Saturday week the bells of St. Mary, Huntingdon (8, tenor 17 cwt.), Godmanchester (8, tenor 21 cwt.) and Hartford (a light six) being open for ringing. A service was held at St. Mary's Church, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. O. V. Burder), the address being given by the Rev. H. B. Woolley.

At the tea, held at Plum's Refreshment Rooms, 26 ringers were present, including two visitors from Northants.—It was decided to hold the next meeting, if possible, at Spaldwick on June 16th.

Ringers were present from St. Neots, Henningford Abbots, Great Staughton, Eynesbury, Drv Drayton, Cambridge, Long Stanton, Ramsey, Fenstanton, Woodford and Binford.

Messrs. S. F. Staffurth, of Ramsey, W. R. Matson (Godmanchester), and Miss Annie Townsend, of Great Staughton, were elected members of the association, and the election of Mr. Herbert Cole, of Long Stanton, was confirmed.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded to the incumbents of the three churches for the use of the bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXETER.—On Sunday evening, May 13th, previous to Divine service at the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, Exeter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by the following members of the Cathedral band: T. Bartlett 1, C. Carter 2, J. Oke 3, J. Arberry 4, F. Garner 5, W. Lethbridge 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, J. Harris 8. The above was rung on the 'Thomas eight' in 52 minutes.

NEWBURN, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Sunday, May 13th, at the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, for evening service, 720 Double Oxford Minor: *R. Swan 1, *L. Oliver 2, T. Colvin 3, *H. Taylor 4, J. Lowery 5, E. Lowery (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: R. Turner 1, H. Wingrove 2, C. C. Mayne (conductor) 3, H. J. Eldred 4, J. Blackmore 5, J. Batting 6, R. H. Young 7, R. Buckland 8.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, for evensong, on May 13th, 1,044 Stedman Caters: G. Watkin 1, W. Dean 2, H. H. Mance 3, A. Reeve 4, A. Newman 5, H. S. Ellis 6, F. Crook 7, W. Essery 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, P. Norton 10.

BARLEY, HERTS.—On May 13th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, for morning service: R. Howard 1, H. Howard 2, W. A. Tack 3, W. Mansfield 4, A. Howard 5, W. F. Sermons 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: Nat. Hayes 1, A. Howard 2, W. Mansfield 3, W. F. Sermons 4, W. A. Tack 5, R. Howard (conductor) 6.

PORTMADOC, NORTH WALES.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. W. Jones 1, J. V. Humphreys 2, John Owen 3, H. MacMillan (first as conductor) 4, H. Roberts 5, P. Roberts 6, H. Wakefield 7, E. Brown 8.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples: R. Widwall 1, H. Lewin 2, F. Barks 3, F. Turner 4, A. March 5, L. Hooton 6, G. R. Goodship 7, G. Hooton 8. The first touch by the local band on their own bells, and the longest by all except the ringers of 2nd and 7th.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Sunday, May 13th, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,251 changes) was rung for morning service: J. Williams 1, T. O'Connor 2, H. Knight (conductor) 3, O. Beech 4, T. Roden 5, H. A. Farlow 6, J. D. G. Harris 7, D. F. Mitchell 8, H. M. Hawkwood 9, W. A. Cooper 10.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for evening service, on Sunday, May 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, Miss D. G. Feltham 2, Miss G. Baker 3, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, Miss P. Moss 5, S. Honor 6, J. Bacon (first of Caters) 7, H. Chandler 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith 10.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, for Divine service, 382 Stedman Cinques: Fred Hayes (conductor) 1, Geo. Hinton (first in the method) 2, R. Coles 3, J. Gransbury 4, E. R. Coles 5, E. Markham 6, A. J. Hoing 7, Geo. Twitche 8, F. Boxell 9, O. E. Smith 10, S. T. Goodchild 11, W. H. Plumridge 12.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Fred A. Mitchell 1, H. Argent 2, G. A. Jones 3, F. C. Rice 4, J. Buries 5, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by Mr. F. C. Rice, who hails from St. Albans, Herts. He also rang his first 720 Plain Bob (42 singles), with the same company on Tuesday, April 17th.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, May 13th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, J. Hurrell 3, J. Law 4, J. Crowder 5, H. J. Norgate 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, May 13th, for Matins, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: E. J. Runter; C. Gentry, J. Wood, A. Saltmarsh, P. Timson, J. Clark, W. E. Cheater, H. W. Kirton (conductor), O. Pease, W. Pease. First quarter-peal of Caters 'inside' by ringers of 2nd and 4th. Arranged to oblige Mr. Cheater, who hails from Ringwood, Hants.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evensong, at St. Nicholas' Church, two 120's of Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: S. E. Daynes 1, R. D. Marshall (conductor) 2, W. E. Daynes 3, G. Redding 4, A. Ford 5, E. Merritt 6, G. H. Daynes 7, F. Morris 8. These were the first 120's of Grandsire Doubles by the re-formed St. Nicholas' Society.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday evening, May 13th, for service, and as a compliment to Mr. T. Beadle on attaining his 73rd birthday, 1,280 Bob Major, by C. Charge: T. Beadle 1, J. Milner 2, G. Spencer 3, E. F. Cole 4, W. H. Lidbetter 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. Beckensale 7, A. Harding 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—On Ascension Day, for evening service, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Cook 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Mackrill 3, G. C. Hes 4, H. Belcher 5, H. Crook 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, May 6th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: R. Fitzsimmons 1, E. Hughes 2, H. Martin (conductor) 3, W. Dean 4, H. Young 5, J. Hughes (first quarter-peal) 6. Rung on the anniversary of the accession of H.M. King George V., and also for the occasion of a church parade of the William Hesketh Lever Lodge of Freemasons.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Robt. Fardon (conductor) 1, Ralph Saddler (first quarter) 2, C. Brown 3, S. D. Breeze 4, J. W. Fruin 5, H. Wincote 6, Robt. Holloway 7, E. W. Coulson (arranged for Mr. A. Saddler) 8.—For Ascension Day service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: C. Brown 1, H. Wincote 2, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 3, S. D. Breeze 4, J. W. Fruin 5, C. Edwards 6, Robt. Holloway 7, F. Goodfellow 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: S. Smith 1, H. Stubbs 2, J. Saddington 3, J. Hutchby 4, Pryce Taylor 5, W. Smith 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, John Oldham 8. Also 224 of Bob Major.

EASTBOURNE.—On Sunday, May 6th, at Christ Church, for evening service, 1,120 of Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. D. Smith 1, A. Gower 2, A. A. Hughes 3, G. Norris 4, A. C. Pankhurst 5, G. W. Stokes 6, B. Hobbs 7, E. Gower (conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Mary Abbots Church, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. E. Garrard 2, R. Gordon-Brown 3, P. E. Clark 4, C. W. Roberts 5, A. V. Selby 6, J. T. Kentish 7, R. Congreave-Pridgeon (conductor) 8, H. G. Miles 9, G. W. Frayne 10.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 22nd, for evening service, at St. John-the-Divine, Vassell Road, Brixton, S.W., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Carter 1, H. Taylor 2, G. W. Harris 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, R. W. Chappell 6, J. R. Gammon 7, H. Winter (first quarter-peal) 8.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, at St. Giles' Cripplelegate, City, 1,188 Stedman Cinques: A. J. Neale 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, G. W. Harris (longest touch on 12) 4, J. R. Gammon 5, T. W. Taffender, junr., 6, R. W. Green 7, G. B. Lucas 8, G. Card 9, W. Berry 10, J. Bullock 11, W. E. J. Hewson 12.

HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, March 18th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Morgan 1, W. Cartwright 2, E. Rose 3, G. Pigott 4, F. Russell 5, R. Withers (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, March 25th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Pigott 1, H. Withers (conductor) 2, E. Rose 3, H. Stanley 4, C. Webb 5, P. O. Lakin 6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Chiswick on Saturday last, and attended by over 40 ringers. Ringing commenced at 3.15, and was followed by service, conducted by the Rev. E. P. Gough (Vicar). Miss Dora Feltham kindly presided at the organ.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall by Mr. H. Thurley (churchwarden). The Vicar presided, but was unable to stay for the business meeting, at which the Rev. R. W. Townsend kindly filled the chair. He was supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. Bird) and the hon. secretary (Mr. W. H. Hollier).—Three new members were elected, and the usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. Townsend), the organist, Ringing Master, Mr. Thurley, and the ladies, who so kindly assisted him; Mr. W. Dalton and the Chiswick ringers for their welcome.

At the request of the Rev. R. W. Townsend a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells by G. Stevens 1—2, A. M. Stacey 3—4, J. W. Driver 5—6, J. Herbert 7—8, Robt. Holloway 9—10.

Further ringing on the tower bells was indulged in until 8 p.m.

DEDICATION OF BELLS, ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, EXETER

WHIT SUNDAY.—The new ring of eight, by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated on Whit Sunday, May 20th at a service at 3 p.m. by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. There will be a special ringers' service at 6.30 p.m. on the evening of the same day, at the conclusion of which a commemoration tablet, the gift of the ringers, will be unveiled. In the afternoon and evening the bells will be rung by the St. Sidwell's and the Cathedral bands.

WHIT MONDAY.—On Whit Monday the tower will be open from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (by kind permission of the Vicar) to all visitors. Will secretaries of bands desirous of ringing please communicate with me, stating the time preferred?—W. J. Southwood, 14, St. James' Road, Exeter.

STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD.

All being well, twelve members of the Ancient Society of College Youths will attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques (15,051 changes), at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, commencing about 8.30.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's, Blackpool, on Saturday, May 19th, being the reopening after rehanging by Mears & Stainbank.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District will hold a business meeting at St. John of Jerusalem Church, South Hackney, on May 19th. Ringing from 3.30 until 5.30. Service after; and it is hoped that tea can be arranged. Ringing will be continued afterwards until 9 o'clock. All welcome.—E. E. Holman, Hon. Sec., 98, Cassland Road, South Hackney, E.9.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Wem, Salop, Saturday, May 19th. 2.30 ringing and prayers in belfry, 4 Peal Committee meeting in belfry, 5.15 tea at Kynaston's Tea Rooms, 1s. or 1s. 3d.; 6 meeting in Tea Rooms.—(Rev.) F. Tennison, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, May 19th. Bells ready from 3. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcomed.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Southwold District.—A practice meeting will be held at Southwold on Saturday, May 19th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the tower 4 p.m. All ringers are cordially invited.—F. W. Naunton, Dis. Sec., pro tem., Wrentham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Faringdon Branch.—Spring meeting at Faringdon on Saturday, May 19th. Service 4 p.m. (no address). Tea (8d. per head) 4.30 p.m. Ringing in afternoon and evening. Those intending to come please notify Rev. E. B. Lock, Faringdon Vicarage, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 44th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, May 21st. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral with address by the Rev. W. H. Pelham, M.A., Vicar of Terling. 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street. 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hick's Restaurant, High Street, price 2/- each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8); no ringing permitted during service and meeting.—C. H. Howard (Master), F. J. Pitstow (General Secretary and Treasurer), 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Morpeth on May 21st. Committee meeting at 12 noon. Dinner at 1 o'clock, followed by general meeting at the George & Dragon Hotel. Dinner, 2s. to members, 3s. to non-members. The Watch Tower bells are available all day.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, Whit Monday, May 21st. 12.15, Service in Cathedral; Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. 1 p.m., dinner at Booth Hall, 3s. 2 p.m., business meeting, Bishop in the chair; 6 p.m., tea, 1s.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. General Sec., Madley Vicarage, Hereford.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting at Cullompton, Whit Monday, May 21st. Service at Parish Church, 12.15. Dinner, Half Moon Hotel, at 1. Meeting 1.45. Towers open: Broad Clyst,

Cullompton, Kentisbeare, Halberton, Pinhoe. — E. S. Powell, Gen. Secretary, the Vicarage, Holbeton, S.O., Devon.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Llandudno on Whit Monday. Service at 2.30 in Parish Church, followed immediately by meeting in Church House. Those intending to be present please advise C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bicker on Whit Monday, May 21st. Dinner at the White Swan at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Business meeting to follow. Service immediately after meeting.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Northampton on Whit Monday, May 21st. Committee meet in St. Edmund's Vestry at 11 a.m. Service in St. Edmund's Church at 12 noon. Luncheon at the Cinema Cafe, Market Square, at 1 p.m. Bells available: St. Giles (10), St. Edmund's (8), All Saints' (8), St. Peter's (8), St. Sepulchre (8) from 10 a.m.—David J. Nichols, General Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The summer meeting of this district will be held at Deal on Whit Monday, May 21st. The bells of St. Leonard's, Upper Deal (6) will be available from noon, St. Mary's, Walmer (8), from 2.30. The meeting to be held in St. Leonard's Parish Hall (by kind permission of the Rev. Bowser, Rector of Upper Deal) at 2 o'clock. Divine service at Upper Deal at 4 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, May 21st. Management Committee meeting, 11 a.m.; service, Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 12 noon; dinner, 2s. 6d. per head, 1 p.m.; general business meeting, 2 p.m.; tea, 1s. 6d. per head, 5 p.m. Meals and meetings at Viner's Restaurant, Castle Street. Charabanc leaves Bristol Old Market Street 8.15 a.m., fare 8s. For the few seats that are left apply to Mr. P. C. Williams or to Edgar Guise, General Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Colse, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, May 21st. Bells of the Parish Church (8), tenor 17 cwt., are available for ringing all day. Service in the Parish Church at 1 p.m. All members and friends are invited to attend. The address will be given by the Vicar of Thirsk. Lunch will be provided at the Three Tuns Hotel at 2 p.m.; members 2/6, non-members 4s.—T. Metcalfe, Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 24th; Southwark Cathedral on the 22nd; and *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting will be held at Bingham (8 bells) on May 26th. The Rev. H. R. M. Hutt will kindly entertain all ringers attending this meeting. Will those members intending to be present please advise local secretary, who will arrange party, if 12 or more, to travel by 2.20 train, Victoria Station, 1s. 1d. return fare, not later than first post May 24th? — F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Glington on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Those intending to be present please let me know early. All ringers welcome. — John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Room, to be followed by the business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Thorne on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 22nd.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at West Meon on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Business after. Members requiring tea please acquaint me by Wednesday, 23rd.—E. J. Harding, Dis. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tytherington on Saturday, May 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Limpsfield, Chart, on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short service, with address, 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Cary Deanery.—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, May 26th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow. — E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Warfield on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 4 to 9 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—G. Higgs, Gorse Place, Chavey Down Road, Bracknell.

OXFORD GUILD. — Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, May 26th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6). Bells will be available from 2.30. Tea about 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 26th. The bells will be available for ringing from 3 p.m. —H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The peal of eight at Gravesend have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, and will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester on Wednesday evening, May 30th, at 6 p.m., when all ringers will be welcomed.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Saturday, June 2nd, to give all who desire it, the opportunity of a 'pull' on the new peal of ten. Tower open 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Tea will be provided by the kindness of the Vicar (Canon H. M. Hardern) to THOSE ONLY who let me know not later than Tuesday, May 29th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. —Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the Association will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, June 2nd, at which the president will preside. By kind permission of the Rectors (the Ven. A. R. Buckland and the Rev. E. W. Field) the rings of eight bells of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Mary the Virgin will be available. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m. at the School Room. Tickets 2s, each, followed by the general business meeting. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the same to Mr. F. R. Borrett, Pulham Market, not later than Tuesday, May 29th. Important business will be transacted concerning the affairs of the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch of the Association. It is hoped that members from both branches will be well represented on that occasion. — Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar (Canon G. Astbury), to be followed by tea and meeting. A tea will be provided for those only who notify the secretary by first post Tuesday, May 29th, latest. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston, near Bath, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Will all those who require tea please let me know not later than June 4th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

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PUBLICATION.

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An interesting ceremony took place last Sunday week in the belfry of Henbury Church, Gloucester, after evensong, when Mr. Charles Jefferies was the recipient of a purse of money subscribed by the parishioners as a mark of esteem on his completing 40 years as a ringer in the parish church.—The Vicar (the Rev. C. P. Way) said, to his knowledge, Mr. Jefferies put in at least 60 attendances a year at the church, and had to walk two miles each way, which meant him journeying 9,000 miles. The Vicar also spoke of the excellent qualities which Mr. Jefferies possessed.

Mr. J. A. Waller, the senior churchwarden, in making the presentation, said how much he appreciated the services by Mr. Jefferies. He hoped he would long be spared to assist in ringing the bells.—Mr. J. Gould (captain of the ringers) also spoke of Mr. Jefferies' good work as a ringer, and endorsed all that had been said of him.

Mr. Jefferies thanked the parishioners for their great kindness towards him, and hoped the younger generation would continue to carry on the work.

The ladies also had a present for Mr. Jefferies, the gift consisting of a painting of the church, which was suitably inscribed, so that Mr. Jefferies may be reminded of the pleasant time he had spent in the church.

As a compliment, the following ringers rang 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Gould (first 504) 1, C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 2, R. Devenish 3, E. Devenish 4, J. Martin 5, W. White 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jefferies 8.

It is interesting to note that the Vicar, at evensong, praised the work of the ringers and choir, and midway through the service, as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for all His goodness and for blessing on the crops, the ringers rang a short touch.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Thursday, April 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, G. H. Daynes 2, J. J. Lamb 3, E. J. Pannett 4, W. J. Jefferies 5, J. Carter 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, G. H. Macklin 8. Rung for the induction of the Rev. R. R. Neill.

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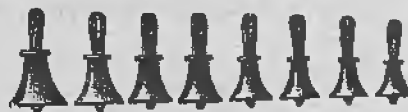
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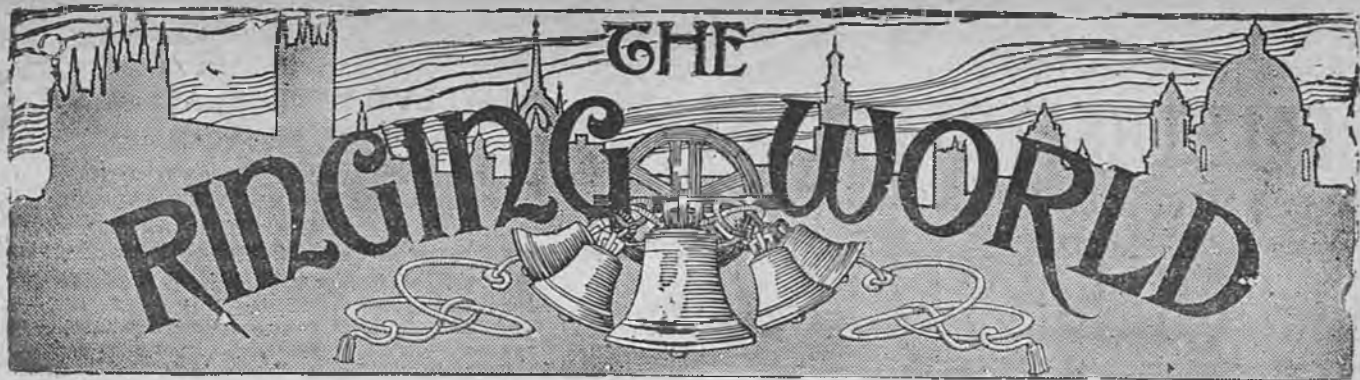
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PROPAGANDA AND INSTRUCTION.

A correspondent puts forward some pertinent suggestions, in a letter which we publish, in connection with the Management of Associations, and he emphasises the importance of greater propaganda and instructional work by the ringing organisations. These are two subjects upon which we have frequently dwelt in this column, and too much emphasis cannot be laid upon them. Many of the associations do very little in either direction, and, apart from periodical meetings, leave the instruction of beginners to the chance interest of some neighbouring ringer, and propaganda to take care of itself. Yet, as a matter of fact, these two things are of real—indeed, vital—importance. The former will raise the standard of ringing and increase the number of change ringers, the latter should be first directed to interesting the clergy of those towers where they are at present ignorant of or indifferent to the objects of ringing associations.

With regard to instructing beginners in the art, there are some ringers who do not agree with the principle of paid instructors. Voluntary effort is no doubt best, and before fees are paid out an association, of course, would have to be satisfied as to a ringer's efficiency as an instructor, but where a man who has the ability to impart knowledge to others is prepared to give his time to instructional work, he ought at any rate to receive his out-of-pocket expenses. The question of instruction is by no means a simple one. Given a capable instructor and a keen and intelligent band, much good can be done in a very short time; but effort is wasted unless tutor and pupils show the necessary qualifications in their respective roles. Another important consideration is how long the instruction should be continued in the case of a receptive band. It is frequently the case that as soon as a few six scores of Doubles can be rung the instructor is withdrawn and the band left to shift for themselves. This, in our opinion, is a very bad policy. To reap the full advantage, the instructional course ought to be continued well beyond this very elementary stage, and one of the reasons for the frequent failure of these courses is that the work is not continued as far as it ought to be.

On the question of propaganda, there are few associations which work on any settled plan. An occasional meeting at some tower unaffiliated with the organisation is held in the hope of winning the support of the incumbent and the ringers, and usually, be it said, this brings success, but the infrequency of such meetings would make it, in the case of some associations, a question of years before all the towers could be reached. What is wanted in many parts of the country is a big 'push,' with propaganda work organised on comprehensive and sustained lines.

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LOUIS E. ALLEN 2	ERNEST MORRIS 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 8
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Tenor 32 cwt. in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	GEORGE TWITCHEN 6
*GEORGE HINTON 2	FRANK W. BOXELL 7
RALPH COLES 3	CECIL E. SMITH 8
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A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	JAMES BOUGHTON 6
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E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ROBERT HOLLOWAY 2	HARRY KILBY 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
* EDWARD LANKESTER... .. 4	PERCIVAL W. NORTON Tenor

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On Ascension Day, Thursday, May 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four
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On Friday, May 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
FREDERICK PAGE... .. 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER 6
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A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ in E.

ALBC. MARTIN Treble	EDWARD ARMSTRONG 5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 2	FREDERICK HARWOOD... .. 6
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
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A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Treble	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 5
* ALBERT FLEMING 2	JAMES ROSE 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING... .. 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
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A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	DET.-SEGT. H. G. JENNEY 6
SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
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HENRY HUTTON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
ERNEST WEATHERBY 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

JOSEPH H. ILIFFE Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE 5
* EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	JAMES F. GEORGE 6
HENRY HARRISON 3	CECIL J. BAKER 7
ALFRED MOSS 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late J. A. Walker, who had held every office in the Parish Church; also to the late Edwin Trueman, and the late Mr. Chas. Mitchell, J.P., aged 92. All three had held offices on the Town Council, and were interred during the week.

ROTHWELL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	GEORGE TINGLE 5
WILLIAM WOODHEAD... .. 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
WILLIAM E. H. ASH 3	FRANCIS BARKER... .. 7
GEORGE E. ROBINSON... .. 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

F. Barker's 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the mother and sister of the treble ringer.

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

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, 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.

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
CHARLES COTTRELL 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER 4	*CHARLES H. VITLER... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Alfred Henry Matthews and Miss Eva Winifred Salter, at the above church on May 12th, 1923.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 2	HERBERT MARKWELL... .. 6
ROBERT J. DAVE... .. 3	FREDERICK H. WHITE ... 7
STAFFORD S. GREEN 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PISTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

BRITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

SIDNEY ANSTEAD... .. Treble	JOHN WHEADON... .. 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 2	*JOHN S. MORTON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich with 'inside' bell.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 33. Tenor 12½ cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	FRANK WARD 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 7
JOSEPH FAULKNER 4	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES NORRIS Treble	FRANK BELSEY 5
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
RICKS PAINE 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 7
*HARRY SPRINGATE 4	*GEORGE LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal in the method.

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MILNROW, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES'. Tenor 20 cwt.

R. BUCKLEY Treble	H. DAVENPORT 5
JOHN FITTON 2	JAS. LEES 6
MISS R. BELL 3	JOHN H. C. MASSEY ... 7
MRS. WM. CRABTREE 4	WM. CRABTREE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WM. CRABTREE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. T. Platt on attaining their golden wedding day. Mr. Platt was sexton at this church for 39 years and one of the first band of ringers. After the peal Mr. and Mrs. Platt entertained the ringers, with other friends, to tea.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
JOHN BASS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
*EDGAR MARLOW... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of London Surprise.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALL,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	JOHN HAVES... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 7
HARRY OVERTON... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 16½ cwt.

HARRY FOLKARD Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
*FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
JOSEPH MILNER 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
GEORGE SPENCER 4	ALBERT BECKENSALE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. T. Beadle, vice-president of the association, on attaining his 73rd birthday. * First peal of Triples in the method.

PRESTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

E. ROGER MARTIN Treble	FRED HARWOOD 5
ALEC. MARTIN 2	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ... 6
*J. RICHARD TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
EDWARD ARMSTRONG 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled to the memory of Sir Harry Cartmel, O.B.E., who was interred at St. Anne's on the same day. He was six times Mayor of Preston, and a very prominent public man.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb. in E. *

*WILLIAM JAMES JOHNSON... <i>Treble</i>	*ALBERT CALLAWAY 5
WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... 2	*WALTER J. SCOTT, JUN. ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
HARRY BARTON 4	*WILLIAM JOHN CHAMBERS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

A centenary peal to perpetuate the memory of the father of change ringing in Newport, Mr. Wm. Rayner, who died in this borough, 15th May, 1823, and was interred at Arreton Church, his tomb being suitably inscribed with a ringer's verse. * First peal in the method.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E Flat.

*WILLIAM J. JOHNSON ... <i>Treble</i>	*ALBERT CALLAWAY 5
*WILLIAM UPTON 2	J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 6
*HARRY ALFRED PHILLIPS 3	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 7
HARRY BARTON 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method upon the bells. * First peal of Major.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRANK HOPGOOD <i>Treble</i>	*MAURICE W. NORMAN ... 5
*MISS VERA ROBINSON ... 2	STANLEY C. DAVIS 6
FRANK LUSH 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN 7
*ARTHUR LOVEJOY 4	HARRY SIMMONDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by S. C. DAVIS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. Mrs. Robinson, 'Fair Home,' kindly entertained the band after the peal.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDMUND WEBB <i>Treble</i>	ARTHUR G. KING... .. 5
JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... 2	ARTHUR J. PAGE 6
†CHARLES R. HALL 3	GEORGE D. BRIDGE 7
JOHN W. B. GIDDENS ... 4	BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. NICHOLL. Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major on an inside bell. Rung with the bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late Rev. J. V. Durell, 50 years Rector of this parish, who died on Sunday, May 13th, 1923.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... <i>Treble</i>	EDGAR GUISE 5
*GERALD GRIFFIN 2	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
ALBERT STOWELL 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
†STANLEY BADMAN 4	WILLIAM KNIGHT... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal in the method. † First of Triples in the method.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

*LEONARD GOATER <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES BAKER 5
JAMES MAYNARD 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
HARRY SEAL 3	ERNEST EVEREST... .. 7
ARTHUR WILES 4	HARRY BAKER <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal. Ringer of 2 hails from Speldhurst, 4 and 7 from Chiddingstone, the remainder locals. H. Seal has now rung a peal on each bell in the tower.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MORRISTON, GLAMORGAN.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

†L. PELZER <i>Treble</i>	W. DOBBINS 4
J. HAMMOND 2	*G. LEWIS 5
*J. T. WILLIAMS... .. 3	*G. WILLIAMS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by J. HAMMOND.

* First peal. † First peal, one-armed ringer (left arm). This was the first peal rung in the tower. J. Hammond hails from Neath.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST C. WELSH <i>Treble</i>	*THOMAS H. TAYSON... .. 4
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 2	*HERBERT J. TAYSON... .. 5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Burslem, City Delight, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent.

*CHARLES BOWEN <i>Treble</i>	ALICE PRESTON 4
†ALICE WHBELDON 2	†WILLIAM FRADLEY 5
CHARLES PRESTON 3	WILLIAM WHBELDON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM FRADLEY.

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

HANDBELL PEALS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT SUPERLATIVE VILLA,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5,000 CHANGES;

EDWARD JENKINS ... ..1-2	FRANCIS BIBBY... ..5-6
JOHN E. BIBBY ... ..3-4	WILLIAM BIBBY ... ..7-8

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5080 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 18 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... ..1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING ... ..5-6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... ..3-4	WILLIAM T. BRESON ... ..7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. GREGORY, MRS. PULLING.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A YEAR OF PROGRESS.

PRESENTATION TO MR. SAM THOMAS.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, Ranmoor, on Saturday, May 5th, and in spite of a disappointingly wet afternoon, proved very successful. About 80 ringers and friends (including quite a number of ladies) were present from Sheffield (All Saints', Pitsmoor; the Cathedral, St. Mary's, Handsworth, St. Marie's R.C., and St. John's, Ranmoor), Barnsley, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Dore, Eckington, Ecclesfield, North Wingfield, Norton, Rawmarsh, Rotherham (Parish Church and St. Stephen's), Whiston, Wortley, etc. The peal of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.) was kept going at intervals from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., some very good striking being accomplished in all the standard and several Surprise methods. It not being possible for all the members to be in the tower at once, many took the opportunity of making a closer acquaintance of this exceedingly beautiful church, one of the finest examples of modern architecture in the country, and of admiring its noble proportions and decorations. The church, though modern, already has something of a history, and its fine environment, situated in one of the most delightful of the many beautiful suburbs of Sheffield, overlooking the beauties of Endcliffe Vale and the hills beyond, coupled with the almost unlimited facilities for change ringing and the warm welcome always extended to visiting ringers, make it an ideal headquarters for the society.

The first church built from designs by Mr. E. M. Gibbs, and consecrated by Archbishop Thomson in 1879, was, with the exception of the tower and spire, totally destroyed by fire on the first Sunday morning of 1887. The fine organ and many beautiful memorials all perished in the flames. Rebuilt from designs by the same architect at a cost of about £14,000, it was reopened in 1888, and a tablet in the porch records the fact. The present beautiful building is in a style influenced by French Gothic. The spacious and lofty nave has 750 sittings, and presents a stately appearance. A notable feature is the triforium, unusual in parish churches, and an apsidal chancel. As might be expected in such a wealthy district, the church has been enriched by many beautiful and costly gifts, including some very beautiful windows, and a fine organ. The bells, though a musical peal, and one on which there have been many notable performances, are hardly up to the exceedingly high standard of the rest of the church, and it is the hope of the local company that the church may one day possess a fine peal of ten to harmonise with its other beauties.

A short musical service was held in the church, opening with the Te Deum, and including some well known hymns, which were heartily sung by those present. An interesting address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls), himself an enthusiastic ringer, and an incumbent who, in the Sheffield Diocese at any rate, holds the unique distinction of being Ringing Master in his own tower, and who in spite of many and urgent calls on his time, including often two sermons on a Sunday, is seldom absent from his place in the belfry.

A tea was held in Parish Hall, followed by the annual business meeting, at which the Vicar presided. The balance sheet (which showed a small balance on the right side) was presented, and a short report of the previous year was given by Mr. Sam Thomas, who explained that he had been asked to undertake the duty; the late secretary (the Rev. J. F. Amies) having left the district, and the new secretary not having yet been officially appointed. The report showed a gratifying year of progress, with a membership reaching 300 and 30 affiliated towers. About 25 peals has been rung in most of the standard methods, and several Surprise methods, including Norfolk and Cambridge.

RECOGNITION OF MR. THOMAS'S VALUABLE WORK.

At this point the Bishop of Sheffield arrived, and after being given a hearty reception, and expressing his regret that pressure of other engagements had prevented his earlier attendance, at once proceeded to make a presentation to Mr. Sam Thomas, at the request of the chairman. The presentation, which had been kept a secret until the last moment, and came as a complete surprise to Mr. Thomas, consisted of a very handsome smoker's cabinet (fitted up with tobacco, cigars and cigarettes), with a suitable inscription on an attached plate, and an exceptionally beautiful illuminated and framed address, worked by Mr. Tom Lee, of Norton, himself a change ringer, and one whose work in illuminating peal records and the like is well known in the district. The address, dated 1890-1923, recorded Mr. Thomas' 33 years' association with change ringing in the district, and his 21 years' association with the Sheffield District Society, for many years as president, and later as its secretary. It recognised his untiring and disinterested efforts in the cause of change ringing, particularly in the training and encouraging of young bands, and concluded by expressing the hope that he might be spared for many years to carry on his good work, and asking his acceptance of the

presentation with the most cordial good wishes of the society. It was signed by all the officers of the society on behalf of the subscribers.

The Bishop again expressed his regret at the fact that other engagements had interfered with his presence at the meeting, but stated that at all costs he had been determined to be in time to make the presentation to Mr. Thomas. He knew well the value of the work of the ringers, and especially of men like Mr. Thomas, who threw themselves heart and soul into the work, and he could, as Bishop, bear testimony to the appreciation in which their services were held, and especially those of Mr. Thomas, in sticking to it and persevering in the task of training up and encouraging young bands. He had the greatest possible pleasure, he said, in presenting these tokens to Mr. Thomas on behalf of the society, in associating himself with its sentiments and in wishing the recipient a long and happy life.—The text of the address was then read out by Mr. G. Lewis (president).

Mr. Thomas, who confessed himself taken completely by surprise, and remarked that everyone had been in league against him, and that he felt quite unable to make a speech, assured those present that he felt that he did not deserve what had been done, and expressed his sincere thanks to the subscribers. What he valued most was the unanimity and spontaneity of it all. He assured those present that he was no back number yet, and that he should continue to do all that he could for the art. He asked to be excused from saying more, as he felt too full and too affected to speak.

It might perhaps be mentioned that the presentation was in the first mainly due to the disinterested efforts of the late secretary (the Rev. J. F. Amies), whose departure from the district was much regretted, and whose services to the society, though short, were much appreciated. An appeal was sent out to the various towers in the society, and only a small subscription was asked for, but the response, much to the gratification of the organisers, was considerably beyond expectations, and came as a further proof of the esteem in which Mr. Thomas is held.

Following the presentation to Mr. Thomas, the society's silver cup and framed certificate, for the best year's attendance for Sunday Service ringing, were presented by the Bishop to Mr. F. Watkinson, representing the Handsworth company, the Bishop genially remarking that he always seemed to be presenting things to Handsworth—they had a splendid Rector, and did well in everything that they took up.

Other calls on his time intervening, the Bishop had to leave at this point, and smilingly declined a formal vote of thanks—an informal one was, however, accorded to him as he rose to leave, in the shape of very hearty applause.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Mr. F. Watkinson (Handsworth), in place of Mr. G. Lewis (Ecclesfield) resigned; vice-presidents, Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield) and Mr. J. Holman (Sheffield Cathedral); hon. treasurer, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Ranmoor); hon. secretary, Mr. Thomas William Chown (Sheffield Cathedral), in place of the Rev. J. F. Amies (Chesterfield) resigned; peal secretary, Mr. Sam Thomas (Ranmoor); hon. auditors, Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover) and Mr. G. Hollis (Chesterfield).

The committee was re-elected, with the addition of Messrs. A. Robinson (Dore) and Measures (St. Stephen's, Rotherham), with the cup sub-committee as before. The fixtures for the ensuing year were confirmed—the next annual meeting, in accordance with the rules, being fixed for Chesterfield, the hope being expressed that by that time that popular peal of bells would be again available and the wonderful crooked spire in a stable condition.

Twenty-one new members were elected—a sure sign of progress—from Dore, Norton, Rawmarsh, Rotherham (St. Stephen's), Sheffield (Cathedral, Ranmoor, and St. Marie's, R.C.), and Whiston.

A number of business matters were discussed—including the question of the control of the ringing at the various meetings; services at each meeting; and the provision of fixture cards. No resolutions were passed on the first two items, but in regard to the last, the recommendation of the committee was accepted, i.e., that small fixture cards should be printed as in pre-war days, with all the details of the society and the year's fixtures recorded on them, and that members should be charged 1d. per card—these cards to take the place of the large tower fixture cards previously supplied.

A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. Sam Thomas, and seconded by Mr. Cockey, and responded to by Mr. G. Lewis.

Mr. R. Harrison, in a racy speech, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, organist, local company, and ladies—expressing the opinion that now that his old friend, Mr. Thomas, had been able to rejoin, one would soon be hearing of things doing at Ranmoor as in the old days.—Mr. C. Haynes suitably responded.

Mr. Potter (Barnsley) proposed a vote of thanks, which was carried by acclamation, to Mr. Tom Lee for his exceptionally fine work in the illuminating of the address to Mr. Thomas, and to his generous action in doing it as his contribution to the presentation.—Mr. Lee, in

response, referred to his work as a labour of love, and acknowledged the help and encouragement he himself had always received from Mr. Thomas in the art of change ringing.

Messrs. G. Hollis and F. Willey proposed a vote of thanks—carried by acclamation—to the chairman (the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls), and for the great interest he always showed in ringing matters.—The Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls, in responding, extended a most hearty welcome to the society in their visits to Ranmoor.

Some very good handbell ringing was indulged in during the evening, and was much appreciated by those present.

COLLATON CHURCH BELLS.

On Saturday the new peal of bells at Collaton, Paignton, Devon, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter at 3.30 p.m. The opening ringing will be done by the Mid-Devon Guild (Paignton), after which the bells will be open to visiting ringers.

The bells were recently completed by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of the Bell Works, Chagford.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT COURTEENHALL.

One of the most successful festivals held by the Towcester and District Association took place at Courteenhall on Saturday, May 12th, on the kind invitation of the Rev. Archibald Wake. The proceedings commenced with a service in church, followed by the annual business meeting, and a capital luncheon served by a committee of local ladies in the Schoolroom. The President (Major C. O. E. Nicholson) occupied the chair, and was supported by Lt.-Col. Sir Hereward Wake, D.S.O., the bellfries represented being: Alderton, Courteenhall, Lichborough, Passenham, Blakesley, Gayton, Lois Weedon, Pattishall, Cold Higham, Green's Norton, Leckhampstead, Towcester, and Wicken, and unattached members from Northampton.

The Rev. A. Wake is one of the founders of the association, and the amount of work done by him to assist it in various ways has been enormous. No one is happier among bell ringers than the genial Rector of Courteenhall. His generous and unstinted hospitality will long be remembered by those who participated in this year's festival.

A tribute was paid by Lt.-Col. Sir Hereward Wake to the oldest member of the association—Mr. T. Birch, of Pattishall—who has been a ringer for 61 years.—Mr. Birch, in reply, said he had attended every festival of the association since its foundation in 1894, and hoped to attend a few more.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Stow on Saturday, May 12th. It was not so successful as had been anticipated, the only tower represented being Gainsborough, in addition to two ringers from Scothorne and one from Lincoln, but those who did put in an appearance consider themselves amply recompensed for their presence, first by the very hearty manner in which they were received by the Stow members; secondly, by the quality of the ringing during the afternoon and evening. The methods rung included Cambridge Surprise Minor and Erin Doubles, this being the first occasion upon which these two have been introduced at a Gainsborough district meeting. The Guild's form of service was said at 4.30 p.m. The Rev. J. Barber (Rector) officiated, and gave a very appropriate address, basing his subject upon the festival of the Ascension.

Subsequently an excellent tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting.

It was proposed and seconded, that, owing to the triennial festival of the Lincoln Diocesan Guilds Union having been fixed for June 9th, the Messingham meeting, which had previously been arranged for that date, should be held on June 16th.—This was carried unanimously.

Votes of thanks to the members of the Stow company for their very kind hospitality, also the Rev. J. Barber for the use of the bells and for presiding at the meeting, were carried with applause.

These were duly responded to from the chair, and concluded the business.

A Grimsby district meeting was held at Bigby on Saturday, May 5th. The bells were kept going in various touches during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Parry, vice-president of the district), assisted by the Vicar of Ujceby, and was sung heartily by the ringers.

Tea, kindly given by Mrs. Parry and the Rector, was much enjoyed by the fifty-one members present, who were waited on by the ladies of the village.

A business meeting followed, and after disposal of routine items, a vote of thanks to the Rector, Mrs. Parry, and the other ladies, as well as to the organist, was carried.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on May 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mr. W. Oldroyd: N. Dale 1, F. Overton 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, E. W. Abbot South 4, E. Metcalf 5, S. Bromfield 6, H. Mingay (conductor) 7, R. S. Long 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Stedman Caters (composed and called by John Reeves) was rung on May 28th, 1787, at St. John's, Horsley Down, London. We never hear of these bells being rung now. There is probably good reason for it. The bells, we believe, are hung in three tiers, and the belfry is exceptionally small.

The record peal of Bristol Surprise Major (15,264) was rung at Hornchurch, Essex, on May 28th, 1912.

On May 29th, 1901, the first (and only) peal rung on the sea was accomplished on the s.s. 'Cambria' between Dublin and Holyhead, and the same day the first Surprise peal in Wales was rung.

The first peal of New Cumberland Surprise was rung at Burton on May 31st, 1886, and on the same day of 1898 the 'four eights' of Stedman Caters were rung on handbells at Aston.

Birmingham ought not to miss the celebration of an interesting peal next Sunday week. Exactly 150 years ago on June 3rd the first twelve bell peal in Birmingham was rung. This was a 5,324 Grand-sire Cinques, and doubtless this will be fittingly commemorated in the tower, where, probably, more twelve bell peals have been rung than anywhere.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, last week. It is believed that the previous peal of Treble Bob on the island was rung on the old Carisbrooke bells by the College Youths, in the Oxford Variation, over a century ago; the band arriving by sailing boat from London via the Straits of Dover.

The Newcastle Cathedral Guild have been 'broadcasting' handbell ringing. On the Royal Wedding Day they broadcasted from the Newcastle station a touch of Grandsire Triples. On Sunday week they opened the evening wireless concert with some popular changes on eight bells and 70 changes of Grandsire Triples. These were taken much slower than on the first occasion, and the effect was reported to be much better. The experience shows that changes should not be rung faster than 16 or 18 to the minute for broadcasting purposes. The Guild again opened the programme on Whit Sunday evening.

Miss Vera Robinson, daughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, rang her first peal on May 16th. It was for the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which her father was for so long the Master.

Six of the band who took part in the peal at Corston on Saturday have a great appreciation of the energies of the other two (Messrs. Knight and Stowell), who, when the usual means of travelling failed them through overcrowding, promptly set out to walk the seven miles to the tower, and thus enabled a start to be made only 35 minutes after the appointed time. Owing to another engagement, the Master of the Bath and Wells Association (Rector of Corston) could not, as he usually does, welcome the whole of the band in the tower before starting, but he wished success to those who were present.

Last Saturday week the restored peal of six bells at Blessington, Co. Wicklow, Ireland, were reopened, after restoration, by ringers from Dublin. On the following day a sharp skirmish took place in the village between Free State and Republican troops!

Four resident lady change ringers of Kent took part in a peal of Grandsire Triples last Saturday at Marden, all of them ringing 'inside' bells. This is going one better than the previous occasion, when three resident Kent ladies rang in a peal at the same tower about ten weeks ago.—Miss Thomas cycled from Mersham, a distance of, approximately, 24 miles, and rode the 'iron horse' home after the peal, making in all somewhere near 50 miles.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 12th, and was attended by nearly 40 members. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., with several touches with the Ringing Master Mr. R. Holloway, present. Service was conducted by the Rev. F. L. Rees, who gave an excellent address, and welcomed the association on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Sharp), who, after service, entertained the visitors to tea at the Church Hall, his kindness being much appreciated.

The Rev. F. L. Rees presided over the tea and business meeting, at which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Sharp for their kind hospitality. Thanks were also given to Miss Sharp (the organist), the Rev. F. L. Rees, Mr. Hunnisett for assistance and welcome on behalf of the local ringers, and Mr. Page for his instruction in making the St. Mary's band so efficient in change ringing.

The Vicar paid a brief visit and received a great ovation. He acknowledged the thanks accorded to him. After some handbell touches the tower was again visited.

STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE.

The attempt to beat the record length of Stedman Cinques made by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths at Southwark Cathedral on Monday was successful. The intention was to ring a peal of 15,051 if possible, and although this length was not accomplished, a peal of 12,675 changes was brought round in 9 hrs. 47 mins., thus exceeding in length any previous peal on twelve bells.

The task was a stupendous one, and one which deserves the admiration of all ringers. For more than nine and three-quarter hours those twelve men rang some of the finest Stedman Cinques that ever were heard, for all listeners agree that from first to last the ringing was magnificent. The bells went off into changes at two minutes past nine in the morning, and so even was the ringing that the first ten courses came up in 62 minutes, the next ten in the same time, and each of the two succeeding ten courses in only one half-minute more. Hour after hour the ringing went on with clocklike regularity, but after the record had been broken it was deemed wise to bring the bells round, for Mr. Alfred Peck on the tenor was feeling the strain of the long sustained effort. No one can wonder at that. To ring a 50 cwt. bell for that length is a tremendous triumph, and everyone must agree that a 12,675 in hand is worth a good deal more than 15,051 in the bush, so to speak. Great credit is due to everyone of the band, and it should not be forgotten that there were, in addition to men of tried merit and long experience, two youths in the peal, one of whom, Wilson Rushon, is only 17½ years of age.

One of the things which enabled the peal to be rung was the attention given to the bells by Mr. Albert Hughes, who four or five times during the peal went up among the bells, and with great coolness and dexterity oiled all the bearings.

When the bells rang smoothly round, a considerable number of ringers had assembled, and the successful hand received the hearty congratulations of all.

Southwark Cathedral has been the scene of some great ringing triumphs in the past, and among the greatest of early performances were peals on these historic bells. The first peal of Treble Bob Maximus ever rung was achieved here by the College Youths on March 12th, 1758, and various longer lengths in this method were rung there until on March 22nd, 1802, the Cumberlands pulled off a 7,104 in 5 hrs. 30 mins., 'the greatest performance ever done on twelve bells, which was completed by twelve men only.' This peal took precedence, in point of length, of the 7,008, rung in 5 hrs. 48 mins. by the College Youths in 1784 at the same church.

As far as we are aware there have been no exceptional lengths of Stedman Cinques rung at Southwark, although in an attempt to beat the then Painswick record of 8,448 (made in 1858) over 8,000 changes were rung in about six and a half hours, the peal being upset through confusion caused during 'lighting up' in the belfry. The peal was afterwards rung at Cornhill in 1861, the length being 8,580, and the time 6 hrs. 41 mins.

The succeeding longer lengths in the method were 9,238, in 6 hrs. 48 mins., at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Feb. 28th, 1881, and the 11,111 in the same tower, rung in 8 hrs. 2 mins. on Dec. 26th, 1901. There are still two survivors of the 1881 peal, Messrs. John Buffery and H. Johnson, junr.

PEAL ATTEMPT AT OVER ABANDONED.

Owing to one member of the band being unavoidably prevented from taking part in the long peal attempt at Over on Monday last, the enterprise was abandoned, as the shortness of the notice rendered it impossible for a substitute to be found. The band hope to make the attempt now on August Bank Holiday.

A SUSSEX RESTORATION.

Many welcomed the joyous pealing of the church bells at East Grinstead, Sussex, after many months' silence owing to repairs.

After evensong, on Sunday, May 13th, the Vicar (the Rev. W. W. Youard) conducted a special dedication of the seventh bell, which had been recast. Afterwards a 504 Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Potter 1, G. Tizzard 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. E. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8. In addition to the recasting of the seventh bell, all have been retuned and rehung on ball bearings, and the result appears to be eminently satisfactory. The work has been done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the firm that cast the original bells 110 years ago.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Rainford, Lancashire, on Tuesday, May 15th, the first half of Holt's ten-part (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 34 mins.: J. Rigby 1, W. Hesketh 2, H. Hesketh 3, G. Saint 4, S. Cadwallender 5, R. Hayton 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, Prince Bagley 8. Longest length by ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th, 6th and tenor.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT SALISBURY.

The third session of the eleventh Council was held at Salisbury on Whit Tuesday. Excellent arrangements for the visitors had been made by a committee of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, and many of the members spent an enjoyable holiday in the Wiltshire capital. On each day, from Saturday to Tuesday at the various churches, the bells were available, and on Sunday, by special permission of the Earl of Pembroke, a party visited Milton House, where they spent an interesting time.

On Monday a party of over thirty had a delightful charabanc trip through the New Forest, and were able to ring at Fordingbridge, Ringwood, Wimborne and Cranborne. A social gathering took place in the evening at the headquarters at the Cathedral, where accommodation was placed at the disposal of the ringers.

The meeting on Tuesday was held in the Chapter House at the Cathedral, the chair being taken by the President (the Rev. Canon Coleridge). There were also present the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (hon. librarian), Mr. E. Alex. Young (hon. secretary and treasurer), and 58 members.

The proceedings having opened with prayer, a welcome was extended to the Council by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who was accompanied by the Dean and Archdeacon Carpenter, and the Bishop was afterwards thanked by the President.

The minutes having been passed, the Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £74 10s. 3d., affiliation fees amounted to £12 10s., interest on stock to £4 8s. 2d., and there was cash in hand 15s., and a balance of 3s. due to the hon. secretary. The expenditure included: Books and stationery, 17s. 6d.; notices and printing, £4 5s. 3d.; postage and petty expenses, £7 10s. 6d., and loss on sales of publications, £2 15s. The balance at bank was £76 18s. 7d.

The accounts together with the librarian's report and balance sheet, were adopted.

The following hon. members whose term of office had expired were re-elected: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. J. George and Mr. H. W. Wilde.

Messrs. E. Bishop (Gloucester and Bristol), J. Hughes (Dudley Guild), new members, were presented to the President.

The Hon. Librarian reported that between 1,100 and 1,200 names had been received for the Roll of Honour, and it was agreed that it be written in copper plate writing on the best paper, with the best ink suggested by the authorities of the British Museum, the leaves being afterwards bound, the title page only to be illuminated; the words from the King's Scroll are to appear on first page, with the words, 'Their name liveth for evermore,' on the last page; the names to appear in alphabetical order, followed by the initials, the town at which the man was a ringer, and the name of the Association or Guild in which he resided, written in abbreviated form.

It was resolved that the Council's expenditure on the roll should not exceed £20, but a suggestion by Alderman Pritchett that if there was any additional expense it should be raised by subscription, met with warm approval, Alderman Pritchett urging that they should be loath to limit the cost, and that many of them would be glad to subscribe to make the roll worthy of that Council.

The Peal Collection Committee had nothing to report, except that the remainder of the collection of peals of Treble Bob was in the hands of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. It was hoped a definite report as to the position would be available at the next meeting.

Mr. W. Willson presented the report of the Literature and Press Committee, in which special reference was made to the action taken to prevent the long peal attempt at Evesham.—The Rev. C. E. Matthews seconded the motion, which was carried.

The Rev. H. Law James, for the Methods Committee reported that the work was in the hands of Mr. Lewis, and as soon as he could complete it the collection of Plain Major methods would be printed.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston presented the Peals Analysis Committee's report, the essential particulars of which have already been published, and the committee were thanked for the labour exercised on the report.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved the adoption of the report of the Towers and Belfries Committee, which included the findings of the Conference between the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the committee upon the question of preservation of towers and bells. The summary of the findings has already been published in these columns.

The report was adopted, after a short discussion, and a motion was subsequently passed that 'this Council does not desire to exercise any rights of copyright on the report of the conference.'

The Analysis Committee's report upon the nomenclature of methods came up for consideration, and was adopted, but a discussion arose as to the alteration made by the committee in the names of College Single and Canterbury Pleasure. Eventually it was decided, by 23 votes to 20, to proceed to the next business.

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The Rev. A. T. Beeston presented the report of the Records Committee, which was adopted, and it was agreed to have the schedule typed and put into the library for circulation.

The Hon. Secretary reported for the Museum Exhibit Committee, who have had the promise of Mr. John Carter's machine for five years, and also the promise of bell exhibits from various founders, while he (Mr. Young) had had made a model of a ring of six for the purpose. It was also suggested that there should be a wall exhibit of diagrams. The report was adopted, the diagrams to be those in use in Snowdon's 'Standard Methods.'

Mr. Cave offered to print courses of methods in large figures for the exhibit, and his offer was accepted with thanks.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed, 'That this Council, meeting in the Diocese of Salisbury, in which Sir Christopher Wren was born and baptized, expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the churches, with which he adorned the City of London, and which bear such a valuable witness to the Christian religion in the world's busiest centre of secular activities.'

After a short discussion, in which opinion was expressed that the subject was outside the scope of the Council's business, 'the previous question' was moved and carried.

The Rev. H. Drake, with assent to an alteration in the form of the motion of which he had given notice, moved a resolution as follows: 'That this Council recommends that first or record peals should if possible be rung for a society within the limits of that society's area.'—The motion was held to be impracticable, and on being put to the meeting was lost.

The Rev. H. Drake also moved, 'That the Peals Analysis Committee be asked if they can add a column showing the ratio between the number of members and the points gained by each society.'—This, however, found no seconder, and was accordingly dropped.

The following resolution, moved by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by the Rev. E. S. Powell, was carried nem. con.: 'That in compositions of 5,000 changes or upwards on seven or any higher number of bells in which the plan of splicing various methods is adopted, it is essential that there should be no repetition of a row throughout—that is to say, that the whole composition shall be "true" in the universally accepted sense of that word.'

A card of instructions on the care and use of bells suitable for hanging in a tower was considered in detail, and adopted, and the Rev. H. Drake offered to bear the cost of printing up to £5. He was heartily thanked for his offer.

It was decided to approach the Dean of Westminster with a view to holding next year's meeting in the Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey.

A vote of congratulation was passed, on the motion of Mr. C. T. Colds, to the Ancient Society of College Youths upon their record performance on Monday.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the Chapter House, and to the Salisbury Guild for their excellent arrangements, especially to Major Hughes D'Aeth (Master), the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary), Mr. T. H. Beams, who was in charge of headquarters, and Mr. Martin Stewart.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the President.

Afterwards a party of over 60 partook of tea in the Church House, at the invitation of Archdeacon Carpenter, and many of the visitors joined in a 'conducted' visit to the Cathedral. In the evening a reception by the officers of the Salisbury Guild took place at the Cathedral Hotel.

MUFFLED RINGING.

The ringers of Nottingham and district, on May 11th paid a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Kenneth Cobbin, the younger son of Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Cobbin, Mr. Cobbin being the Ringing Master of St. Peter's company. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,278 changes) was rung, with the bells half-muffled, by the following members of the M.C.A.: F. Bailly 1, G. R. Goodship 2, T. H. Kirkby 3, E. C. Sheppard 4, A. R. Coppock 5, F. Bradley 6, W. A. James 7, F. Johnson (conductor) 8, G. West 9, A. R. Leader 10.

On Whit Sunday, at Egremont, Cumberland, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble, Bob Major, with the bells fully muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Jos. Spedding for many years a sidesman at the Parish Church, who was killed on Tuesday whilst following his employment. He was interred on Friday. The touch was also as a token of respect to Mr. Thos. Tidyman, who was a Sunday Service ringer for a number of years, and who died after a long illness, and was interred on Thursday: Wm. Cook 1, I. B. Douglas 2, Ben Douglas 3, J. J. Spedding 4, Wm. Douglas 5, Jno. Rothery 6, Wm. Norman 7, G. W. Tamby (conductor) 8.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On May 13th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 23 mins.: H. Clay 1, R. Turner 2, W. Lycett 3, S. France 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, W. Clay (first 720 of Minor as conductor) 6.

NANTWICH BELLS.

AUGMENTATION AT A FINE OLD CHESHIRE CHURCH.

The ring of bells at Nantwich, Cheshire, have just been augmented to eight by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., and as already recorded, the first peal was rung on them on May 5th. The history of the old bells has recently been told in the Nantwich 'Parish Magazine.' In the year 1600 there were five bells in the tower. In 1608 the 'Great Bell' was 'new cast' by George Lee, of Congleton, the weight being 2,300lbs. In the following year the 4th was recast, at the same time that 'the timber worke of the roufe of the steeple, weathercock poole and the tow floures in the steeple were new made.' The next reference to the bells in the records is in 1669, and is as follows: 'Our Great Bell in Nantwich, being above 2000 li. in weight, chanced to be cracked, and was cast anew at Wellington, in Shropshire, by one Clitheroe. Robert Parker, Mercer, and Jon. Dean, Barber, Churchwardens anno 1669, wch. cost the parish near £30.' Forty years later it was deemed advisable to recast the whole peal, and the Wilbraham Journal states: 'Sept. 17th, 1713. The five bells belonging to the Church of N. were taken down in order to cast into six by Abram Rudhall.'



The bells cast in the year before Queen Anne died have remained until the present day, and one did not even require tuning when the recent restoration was carried out. The rehangng of 1713-14 was, however, marred by a tragedy, for the registers record under date January 22nd, 1714: 'Mark, son of Mark Topham, Kill'd by the 4th bell Clapper.'

The peal, as hung by Abram Rudhall, consisted of six bells, of a total weight of some three tons, the largest—tuned to the note F—weighing about 15 cwt., and measuring about 3ft. 8in. across the mouth. The inscriptions are as follow: '(Treble) Prosperity to this Town and Parish, A.R. 1713, (2) Peace and Good Neighbourhood, A.R. 1713, (3) Abr. Rudhall cast us all, 1713 (4) God save the Church and Queen Ann. A.R. 1713, (5) Prosperity to all our Benefactors, A.R. 1713, (Tenor) Tho. Talbot, Humphrey Hales, Churchwardens, 1713. They were hung in a massive oak frame, but this arrangement was never quite satisfactory,' says the Parish Magazine, 'tending to throw considerable strain on the tower, and making good ringing somewhat difficult. Apparently little attention was given to them until 1878. In this year the bells were quarter-turned, the frame was repaired and strengthened, and new wheels and ropes fitted, at a cost of £113 8s.'

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, May 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, W. G. Parker 2, J. Milner 3, A. Price 4, F. G. Goddard 5, J. Kent (conductor) 6, C. J. Tricker 7, D. G. Archer 8. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar after his recent illness.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—For evening service, on April 22nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Pritchard 1, R. Lewis 2, G. Lewis (conductor) 3, C. Bowers 4, D. Horne 5, G. Jordan 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Whit Sunday, for Communion service, 7 a.m., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Hamington (first quarter-peal) 2, F. Smith 3, E. Coombs 4, W. Heath 5, A. Parnell 6, F. Viles (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: B. Goodall 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. Hearmon 3, C. Bunch 4, G. Butler 5. — Read (conductor) 6, S. Riddell 7, G. Ives 8. Arranged for Mr. Read, a visitor from Petersfield. The others are Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

TOTTENHAM.—On Whit Sunday, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Ellis 1, H. Barnett 2, W. Crabb 3, H. Ellis 4, W. Dickinson 5, F. Richardson 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Sunday, April 29th, at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), composed by H. Haigh: E. Webb 1, Miss V. Shorter 2, C. Hall 3, J. W. B. Giddens 4, J. T. Newington 5, A. Page 6, G. Bridge 7, C. E. Patten (conductor) 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Whit Sunday, for Matins, at the Cathedral, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: Miss E. M. Burnett 1, W. Falconer 2, J. H. Blake 3, F. B. Tompkins 4, H. D. Falconer 5, W. L. Ayles 6, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 7, M. Heffer 8. The ringers of the 6 and 7 hail from St. Thomas's, Portsmouth.

WICKEN, BUCKS.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: C. Read 1, A. J. Green 2, F. Case 3, J. Roberts (conductor) 4, D. Chexfield 5, G. Cooper 6, L. Smith 7, G. Green 8. All belong to the local band.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Whit Sunday, for Divine service, at St. Mary's, 624 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, W. Tate 4, R. J. Stone 5, J. W. Parker (composer and conductor) 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. Also 224 Cambridge Surprise Major.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Rummery (first quarter triples) 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, G. Talbot 3, W. A. Penfold 4, J. Powell 5, H. Baker 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Batehup 8. — Also a quarter-peal in the same method, for evening service: E. Tumber (first quarter of triples) 1, G. Talbot 2, W. A. Penfold 3, J. Blake 4, J. Powell 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Batehup 8. Mr. and Mrs. Baker are from Frittenden; E. Tumber (Teynham); the rest local.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.—North Wales Association.—At St. Matthew's Church, before evensong, on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,263 changes), in 48 mins.: A. N. Jones 1, G. Dymont 2, E. Shone 3, P. Roberts 4, S. Birks 5, J. T. Hopwood 6, E. Missham (conductor) 7, Wm. Bellis 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. Henry Hayes, who for a number of years was clerk of the church, also churchwarden.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Whit Sunday, for the 7 a.m. service, 504 Grandsire Triples.—For Matins, 546 Grandsire Triples. — For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Street 1, F. Green 2, E. Green 3, E. Hendley 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Collins 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Whit Sunday, May 20th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,243 Stedman Cabers: A. Cutmore 1, F. V. Simkins 2, C. W. Roberts 3, G. W. Frayne 4, H. G. Miles 5, A. E. Bradley 6, P. L. Miles 7, W. H. Wood 8, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 9, P. E. Clark 10.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—At St. Peter's Church, on Whit-Sunday morning, May 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: B. Collison (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, F. Ballard 2, D. M. Findlay (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, F. White 4, H. Cook 5, E. Vickers (first quarter-peal in the method away from treble) 6, S. H. Green (conductor) 7, A. E. Richardson 8.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—At St. Mary's Church, on May 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,263 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Taylor 1, F. Batterham 2, G. Coleman 3, J. Young 4, S. Bennett 5, A. Bennett (conductor) 6.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, May 13th for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Macro 1, E. Hunt 2, T. Stagg 3, H. Mason 4, W. Egling 5, F. A. Salter 6.—Also 720: E. Hunt 1, T. Stagg 2, O. Ford 3, H. Mason 4, W. Egling 5, F. A. Salter 6. Both conducted by F. A. Salter. E. Hunt and H. Mason hail from Shropham; W. Egling from Harling, and the rest from Thelford.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Peter, Woolton on Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Grace 1, E. L. Humphriss 2, G. R. Newton 3, J. Almond 4, A. Almond 5, J. Seddon 6, B. Trevitt (conductor) 7, J. Stevenson 8. Rang on the 81st birthday of Alderman A. S. Mather and also in honour of the visit to this church of the Lord Bishop of Coventry (a former Vicar), to dedicate four memorial windows to the memory of the late Mrs. Mather.

BEDWELLY, MON.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: T. Lewis 1, G. Popnell (conductor) 2, W. Williams 3, W. L. Williams 4, W. Powell 5, L. Rowlands 6, T. Popnell 7, M. Thomas 8. First quarter-peal for all the band except the conductor and 3rd ringer.

GREEN & NORTON.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evening service, 720 Double Court: J. M. Gray 1, F. Hopper 2, J. A. Townsend (first attempt in the method) 3, A. Mansfield 4, G. Mansfield 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, May 13th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 580 and 192 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: W. H. Dyson 1, W. J. Sadler 2, G. Wifien 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, L. E. Hammond 5, G. Lindridge 6, L. W. Wifien 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 29th, for evening service, 700 Grandsire Triples: H. Chance 1, W. Niblett 2, F. Price 3, E. E. Barber 4, H. Price 5, R. G. Knowles 6, C. Camm (conductor) 7, A. Richings 8. Longest touch of Triples by 3 and 5.

BARNES.—On Whit Sunday, for afternoon service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. O. Stacey 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Rivers (first quarter-peal of Grandsire) 4, R. Mackrill 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8.

THE MANAGEMENT OF ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your reports of numerous annual meetings of Associations held recently provide much material for reflection concerning the management of these bodies. For instance, some Associations have practically doubled their balance on the general account in a year's working, others have such huge balances that they are considering the investment of the same. Whatever can be the eventual use for it? On the other hand, at least one Association has discussed a motion to increase the fee for membership, and yet another has agreed to charge 6d. for a copy of the annual report! At the same time, there is a notable absence of any statistical matter, e.g., the number of members and towers belonging to each Association compared with a year ago, or the percentage of towers affiliated to each Association as against the towers with rings of bells unaffiliated in each area, etc.

As to the financial aspect, I cannot think of any benefit accruing from the accumulation of large balances, for surely it must be far more advantageous to keep the membership fee at a lower basis, and thus encourage more to join. It must be admitted, too, that members in remote country districts get very little for their money. However, I think the system of the Bath and Wells Association in this respect is worth copying. Next, as to the printing of the annual reports which, owing to abnormal conditions, has become a serious item. I consider each member ought to be presented with an annual report of the essential facts, statistics and financial state of the Association to which they belong, together with the list of officers, rules, etc., which could all be printed on a 4-page leaflet if the space were properly utilised. The printing of the list of peals which at present entails the largest proportion of expense could then be dealt with as a supplemental report and sold at cost price, which I consider would be a far better method of raising the necessary money than a booking fee for peals and much less trouble to everyone concerned. By the way, I should like to mention that I have never yet seen peals set out in a report in an economical manner. It would be quite easy to print nine peals on a demy 8vo. page by printing them in three columns.

Lastly, as to propaganda work undertaken by the Association, I have an insistent feeling that we are not going ahead with the same energy that we did in years past. Thirty years ago my Diocesan Association was giving instruction to five bands in one year, but for some years now they have done nothing in that direction. Then there is still an inexplicable ignorance with many incumbents and bands of ringers concerning the objects of an association to be overcome. Is it not possible that the issue of an informing circular from time to time would increase their knowledge and interest? At any rate, one feels that there is a great work yet to be accomplished. May I also recall a letter which you kindly printed in your journal some two years ago anent the desirability of introducing change ringing in leisure hours in our public schools and theological and training colleges, through which the future clergy and schoolmasters generally pass? I suggested a deputation from the Diocesan Association immediately concerned in each area to point out the great advantages to students, especially those intending to take up work in the Church, of making themselves acquainted with the art, and to offer, on behalf of their Association, the voluntary services of qualified instructors. You, sir, very kindly published a leading article on the subject, and suggested that it might be considered by the Central Council. I think every good ringer agree that the parson who is an enthusiastic ringer is a valuable asset in their work, and generally a good fellow withal.—Yours faithfully,

TOUCHSTONE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ENJOYABLE MEETING AT STANMORE.**

In remarkably fine weather, a meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Stanmore and Harrow Weald on Saturday week, upwards of 50 members and friends attending from all parts of the county, and from the neighbouring districts of Bushey, Oxhey and Watford. Excellent practice in several methods was obtained until 5 p.m., when a short service was held at which the Rector (the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays) gave a very helpful and sympathetic address, which was much appreciated. An excellent tea was provided in the Church Institute, and, at the subsequent business meeting, eight new members were admitted, including seven members of the local band.

The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) gave a hearty welcome to the several members and friends from 'over the border,' stating that it was one of the best features of their meetings that they were always pleased to see ringers from other Associations, whether members of their own Association or not, and he gave the visitors from Hertfordshire as cordial a welcome as he was sure they would give to their Middlesex friends at their own meetings.

It was announced that a date had been provisionally fixed for the unveiling of the memorial to the late president (Mr. Arthur T. King), and, subject to the necessary faculty being received in time for the work to be completed by June 16th, the ceremony would take place on that date.

It was decided that the next meeting of the district should be held at Barnet on the date mentioned, in connection with the unveiling. Should, however, circumstances not permit of this arrangement to be carried out, the next meeting would be held at Northaw.

Other important items of business included a congratulatory vote to the band that had rung the long peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Stone Stanton; and also a sincere vote of condolence to the relatives of the late Mr. William Grimes, for ten years a member of this Association, and father of one of the most brilliant ringers this society ever had amongst its members.

Votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed towards the success of the meeting, including the Rector of Stanmore and the Vicar of Harrow Weald; also Mr. Hughes and Mr. Furness, the tower-keeper, and to the organist, and those who had prepared tea.

Afterwards a further visit was paid to the tower. The bells, which now number eight, were in continuous use until nearly 8.30, and the many methods rung ranged from Grand sire to London, including four Surprise methods. The bells, whilst rather noisy in the belfry chamber, are of good tone, and constitute a very nice ring, with a tenor of 12 cwt. It is hoped that the noise in the belfry will soon be obviated.

Several members paid a visit to Harrow Weald, where Mr. J. Furness gave them a hearty welcome, and rang several touches of Plain and Treble Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**CLUN DISTRICT.**

The fifth annual meeting of the Clun District was held at Knighton (Radnorshire) on Saturday, April 21st, when there was a muster of 40 members, the following towers being represented: Bromfield, Bitterley, Clun, Clunbury, Hopesay, Knighton, Leintwardine and Ludlow.

A special service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. S. P. Jones, the Guild's service being used, and a very helpful address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. T. S. Griffiths).

Tea followed, Mr. and Mrs. Tench most kindly entertaining the whole party.—The Rev. H. J. Scott, on behalf of the members, expressed their thanks to the host and hostess for so kindly entertaining them; also to the Vicar and the Rev. S. P. Jones, Mr. P. Jones (Belfry Master), and the local hon. secretary (Mr. H. Smallwood) for the excellent arrangements made for the gathering.

The business meeting immediately followed, and was presided over by the Rev. H. J. Scott, Ringing Master.—The hon. secretary (Mr. W. Mead, Clun) presented the balance sheet for 1922, and reported that the balance in hand had increased to £3 5s. 9d., and the membership to 31. Good progress was being made, the Guild being in a very healthy condition, having a balance in hand of £70, and a membership of nearly 600.—Three hon. members and 15 members and probationers were elected.

The District Ringing Master (the Rev. H. J. Scott) and the district hon. secretary (Mr. W. Mead) were re-elected, and it was decided to accept the offer of Mr. W. H. Fussell to give a round of instruction to the various towers in the district.—The next meeting will be held at Bishop's Castle.

Afterwards some good handbell ringing took place and an adjournment to the tower was then made, the bells being kept going until nightfall.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.

—The next branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, May 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.

—The next meeting will be held at Birmingham (8 bells) on May 26th. The Rev. H. R. M. Hutt will kindly entertain all ringers attending this meeting.

—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.

—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Hawley (Blackwater) on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., Parish Room, to be followed by the business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.

—Quarterly meeting will be held at West Meon on Saturday, May 26th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Business after.—E. J. Harding, Dis. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.

—A meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Limpsfield, Chart, on Saturday, May 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Short service, with address, 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Cary Deanery.

—The quarterly meeting of this branch will be held at West Pennard on Saturday, May 26th. Service 4.15. Tea and meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.

—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Warfield on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (8) available 4 to 9 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—G. Higgs, Gorse Place, Chavey Down Road, Bracknell.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.

—The next meeting will be held at Thurleigh on Saturday, May 26th. Bells (6). Bells will be available from 2.30. Tea about 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—

Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.

—The peal of eight at Gravesend have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, Loughborough, and will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Rochester on Wednesday evening, May 30th, at 6 p.m., when all ringers will be welcomed.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Saturday, June 2nd, to give all who desire it, the opportunity of a 'pull' on the new peal of ten. Tower open 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6. Tea will be provided by the kindness of the Vicar (Canon H. M. Hardern) to **THOSE ONLY** who let me know not later than Tuesday, May 29th.—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, June 2nd, at which the president will preside. By kind permission of the Rectors (the Ven. A. R. Buckland and the Rev. E. W. Field) the rings of eight bells of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Mary the Virgin will be available. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m. at the School Room. Tickets 2s. each, followed by the general business meeting. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the same to Mr. F. R. Borrett, Pulham Market, not later than Tuesday, May 29th. Important business will be transacted concerning the affairs of the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch of the Association. It is hoped that members from both branches will be well represented on that occasion.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar (Canon G. Astbury), to be followed by tea and meeting. A tea will be provided for those only who notify the secretary by first post Tuesday, May 29th, latest. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District—A meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, June 2nd, 1923. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. H. Cutler, South View, Manor Estate, Apsley End, by the previous Wednesday.—W. Ayre, District Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 2nd. Intending visitors please notify Vicar.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) will be provided at 5 p.m. only to those who notify Mr. J. Gillott, Post Office, Bradfield, near Sheffield, by Wednesday, May 30th. Bus leaves Malin Bridge for Bradfield at 2.30, 3.30, etc.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A district meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, June 2nd. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2 o'clock, and bands will be made up for Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius (all 8-bell towers). Tea in St. Ignatius Parish Room at 5 o'clock, at cost price. Members intending to be present please notify me by the 30th inst.—George S. Taylor, Dis. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells at 3 p.m. Visitors will be heartily welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., Dunstable.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sutton Ely on Saturday, June 2nd. Six bells, ready from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30. Tea provided for those who let me know.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5, followed by a short business meeting.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea 5, in Men's Hut, 1s. each. Will those requiring tea kindly notify H. Stoneley, Stoke Golding, by May 31st? All ringers and friends welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open at 2.30 Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting. 6d. allowed for tea to all members informing me not later than Saturday, June 2nd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Basingstoke.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, June 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. It is hoped there will be a large attendance. Tea will be provided after the service to all those who notify Mr. F. Barber, Gordon Road, Wellingborough, on or before June 6th.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston, near Bath, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Will all those who require tea please let me know not later than June 4th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at Newport Pagnell. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting after. Those expecting tea please notify me not later than June 2nd. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 8-bell contest and annual meeting will be held at Halifax on Saturday, June 9th. Draw to take place at Ring of Bells at 2.45. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who send word on or before Monday, June 5th, to Mr. Fred Salmons, 9, Salisbury Place, Halifax, to whom all entries for contest must be sent.—L. Hargreaves, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who kindly let me know by June 4th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, June 16th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Hare and Hounds, Waddon. A good attendance desired and all ringers welcomed.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, 1s. to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, June 12th. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A most successful half-yearly meeting of the North Berkshire Branch was held at Abingdon on May 5th. Service was held in St. Helen's Church, and a most appropriate address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. H. A. Kennedy. There were some seventy ringers present, including members of the local band, and visitors from Caversham, Appleton, Wallingford, Goring, Bucklebury, Hagbourne, Harwell, Steventon, Chalgrove, Marcham, Hendred, Chilton, Blewbury, Hinton, etc., and all were entertained to a most enjoyable tea. The meeting was presided over by the Branch Chairman (the Rev. E. H. W. Leachman), and the report presented by the hon. secretary, Mr. A. E. Lock, was very favourable. Both these officers were unanimously re-elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting, which takes place at a date to be settled later (usually in October), at Appleton.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and the Guild secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) both addressed the meeting, the latter congratulating the local bands at Wallingford and Steventon on their successful progress in change ringing.

The bells at St. Helen's and St. Nicholas were at the disposal of the ringers, and touches of Grandire Triples and Caters, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung on the former. Sutton Courtenay and Drayton bells were also utilised.

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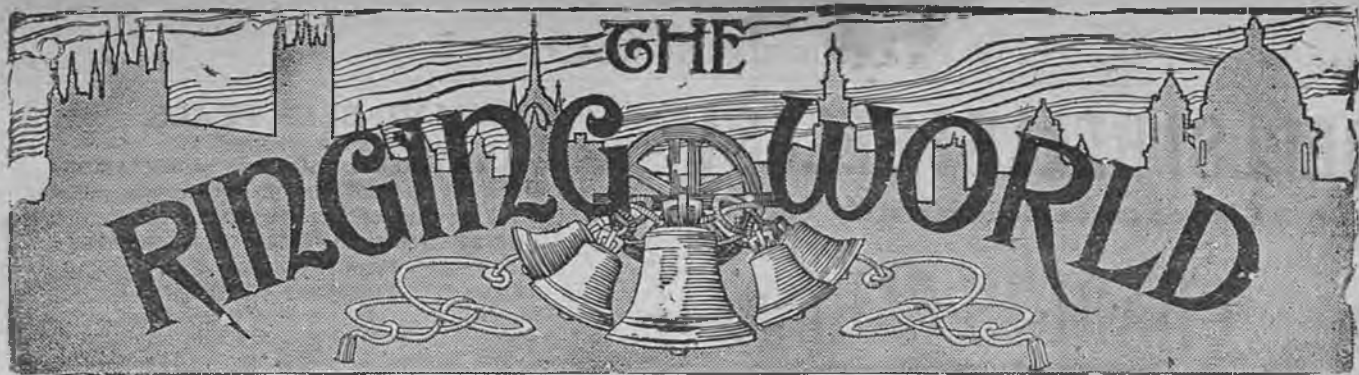
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

As a 'social' event the Central Council Meeting at Salisbury surpassed any that had gone before it, and the Salisbury Guild, and particularly the Committee responsible for the arrangements, can look with satisfaction upon their efforts to provide for the comfort and entertainment of the members of the Ringers' Parliament, and the Council are greatly indebted to them. The programme, however, went further than merely catering for the pleasure of the visitors, and had the result of giving a new impetus, as it were, to the claim of ringers to be recognised as Church Workers. For the first time in the history of the Council, they were welcomed by the Bishop of the Diocese in which they were meeting, and it was clear from the Bishop's speech that he is under no doubt as to the position which ringers should occupy in the organisation of the Church. It is to the great advantage of church bell ringing that a dignitary such as the Bishop of Salisbury should publicly welcome a body like the Central Council, and this one feature of last week's meeting alone would make the Salisbury meeting a memorable one. The circumstances of the Council's meeting do not always render it possible to bring it into the same touch with the head of a diocese as on this occasion, but what was done at Salisbury is a precedent which we hope may be followed on many future occasions.

The business side of the Council's visit was interesting, without having any striking features. Sufficient material was found to provide a meeting of several hours' duration, and despite some waste of time and discursive discussion, there was 'something attempted, something done.' Most of the Committees were able to report progress in the various directions in which their work lay, but we must defer to later issues comments upon details. The notices of motion on the agenda were neither numerous nor, as it turned out, generally acceptable to the Council. Three resolutions were 'turned down' by one means or another, and only that relating to the truth of spliced-method peals on seven or more bells was carried. There has scarcely been a meeting of the Council at which there has been so little debate upon subjects which come under the heading of 'notices of motion.' Indeed, the Council seemed to consider them hardly worth discussion. It is a pity that more of the affiliated associations do not send up suitable subjects for discussion by the Council. There ought to be among the many organisations that exist, a sufficiency of ideas upon matters closely affecting the welfare of ringing and ringers, to provide the Council every year with a really serious agenda to debate. Until this is realised and acted upon, there will always be a weakness reacting upon the usefulness of the Council.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	EDWIN JOHN BROWN 8
ALBERT WALKER 3	WILLIAM KNIGHT 9
*EDGAR GUISE 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE 10
RICHARD CLARK... .. 5	JOHN A. BURFORD 11
ALBERT STOWELL 6	JAMES R. JONES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

First peal of Cinques on the bells and by the Association, and rung under the auspices of the Bath and Wells Association at the request of the local band. * First peal on twelve bells.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DUREHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5,016 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Treble	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 7
GEORGE R. HOLMES 2	JOHN FOREMAN 8
JOSEPH ROWELL 3	ALFRED F. HILLIER 9
WILLIAM STORY 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 10
RICHARD THOMPSON 5	THOMAS T. GOFTON 11
JAMES E. GOFTON 6	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

☐ Rung in honour of the Queen's Birthday. First peal of Maximus on the bells, and by all the band, except the ringers of the treble and ninth. Also the first of Little Bob Maximus ever rung.

TEN BELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE 6
FRANK BENNETT 2	*GEORGE TOMSETT 7
EDWARD RADDON 3	WILLIAM W. THORNE 8
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 4	HARRY PARKES 9
CHARLES HAZELDEN 5	*GEORGE PETTER... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. W. Thorne on his 60th anniversary. Mr. Parkes was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST WHITING ... Treble	JAMES BOUGHTON 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 2	*CHARLES CUTTING 7
FREDERICK J. ROOPE 3	*WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 8
CHARLES BAKER 4	GEORGE H. CROSS 9
ALFRED SMITH 5	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal as conductor on ten bells.

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On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

*STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... Treble	† DANIEL COOPER 6
† REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... 7
§ ALFRED L. BROWN 3	WILLIAM ESSERY 8
ALFRD J. TRAPPITT 4	AMOS W. CLARK 9
† MRS. AMOS W. CLARK ... 5	JAMES E. COOPER Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal of Grandsire as conductor. * First peal. † First peal of Grandsire on an 'inside' bell. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. § First peal on ten bells.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... Treble	* FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 2	CHARLES MILLWAY 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 8
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 9
* SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... 5	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. R. Milner, steeplekeeper of the above church.

GARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM RICHARDS ... Treble	ERNEST COOMBS 6
GEORGE LARGE 2	ERNEST STITCH 7
HARRY PAGE 3	WILLIAM HEATH 8
WILLIAM B. BISS 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 9
CHARLES H. PERRY ... 5	SEYMOOR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. CHAMBERLAIN.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to W. Richards and F. Chamberlain. H. Page hails from Penre, C. H. Perry from Bridgend, and E. Stitch from Aberavon.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, COBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB ... Treble	* EDWIN F. PIKE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	CHARLES T. COLES 7
REUBEN SANDERS ... 4	HAROLD W. CLARK ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	WILLIAM BROWN 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	JAMES BODGHTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	CHARLES CUTTING 7
ERNEST WHITING ... 4	FREDERICK ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. 1 lb.

DAVID HODGKIN ... Treble	MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR ... 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
MISS ROSE THOMAS ... 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 7
* MISS ETHEL TOMLINSON ... 4	JOHN BROWN Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. This is the first occasion on which four resident lady ringers of Kent have figured together in a peal. Miss Orlebar belongs to Tunbridge Wells, Miss Thomas to Mersham, Miss Tomlinson to Speldhurst, Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker to Frittenden, Mr. Billenness to Hawkhurst, Messrs. Hodgkin and Brown to Marden.

AUGHTON, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.

* JAMES MARSH ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
† THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
GEORGE LUNT 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells. † 50th peal.

CLIFFEAT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S.

Tenor 15 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM HAIGH ... Treble	COL. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	HERBERT E. ADSLEY ... 7
* CHARLES WATERMAN ... 4	CHARLES FILMER Tenor

Composed by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman for 25 years. Rung after meeting short for Major, C. Filmer filling the vacancy. First peal on the bells since they were overhauled and rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, 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.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

† ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5
† THOMAS W. TAFFENDER ... 2	† WILLIAM J. LEE 6
GEORGE A. CARD 3	HARRY MANCE 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	* ARTHUR H. KEIGHLEY ... Tenor

Composed by THOMAS WILFRED TAFFENDER, JUN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Stedman Triples, also first attempt at conducting a peal.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CYRIL PEASE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HERBERT W. WATTS ... Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
WALTER PRIOR 2	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 6
GEORGE JORDON... .. 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 4	WALTER T. AYRE... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

* First peal. This peal was arranged to oblige H. N. Pitstow and W. T. Ayre, from London.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	ERNEST J. DOBBIE 5
CHARLES MILLWAY 2	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... .. 6
WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE [.. .. 7
FREDERICK W. ELLIOTT ... 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(BURTON DISTRICT.)

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 5
*MAURICE SWINFELD... .. 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 7
JESSE GILLET 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by J. AUSTIN.

The ringers of 3rd, 4th, 5th and tenor belong to Gloucester, 6th and 7th to Derby, treble and 2nd are local men. Messrs. C. H. Austin, J. Gillett and E. E. Davis were elected members of the association previous to starting the peal. It was also rung on the occasion of Mrs. A. H. Ward's birthday. * First peal Double Norwich.

HITCHIN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

*ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... Treble	HERBERT E. DAY... .. 5
†HERBERT ELSE 2	JOHN HARE 6
JOHN J. CAWDELL 3	GEORGE T. CROFT 7
ERNEST J. NEWELL 4	WILLIAM J. CROFT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. J. CROFT.

* First peal. The treble ringer is 15 years of age, and the band congratulated him for the way he rang his bell throughout the peal.
† First peal with an inside bell.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE... .. Treble	THOMAS UPSHALL 5
MRS. HAZELDEN 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN... .. 7
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was Mrs. Hazelden's first attempt for a peal in the method.

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HENLEY-ON-THAMES, OXON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE W. HARRIS ... Treble	EDGAR C. RUSSELL 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK 6
T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. ... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 4	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal on the bells since 1906.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb. in E.

EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
GEORGE W. HARRIS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AT ARCHES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC VICKERS ... Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
GEORGE FLITHAM 2	GEORGE CHESTER 6
*H. LESLIE PASK... .. 3	*HAROLD MARCON 7
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	*FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 5
GEORGE HOLLIS 2	WILLIAM T. PALMER... .. 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
JOHN P. TARLTON 4	*WILLIAM WAIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford.

ALLEWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

BRNJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	BERT HORTON 5
EDGAR MARLOW 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
WILLIAM BAYLISS 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	JOHN T. DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung as a thanksgiving to Almighty God for the recovery of the Rev. Edgar Burford, Vicar (formerly of St. Giles' Church, Willenhall, and St. John's Church, Princes End, Tipton), from a long and serious illness and to whom the band, with their wives and children, are greatly indebted for his kind hospitality previous to starting for the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
*ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ALLEN F. BAILEY 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON* 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
* First peal of London Surprise and first attempt.

BARTON-UNDER-NEEDWOOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERT HORTON Treble	EDGAR MARLOW 5
WILLIAM FISHER... .. 2	JOHN T. DAVIS 6
BENJAMIN GOUGH 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 4	WILLIAM BAYLISS Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

This is believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells, also the first peal on the bells for 15 years. E. Marlow's 50th peal for the Society.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 5
*JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	DET.-SEGT. H. G. JENNEY 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal of London.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 23, 1923, 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.

DAVID VINCENT Treble	WILLIAM BROWN 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	FREDERICK BORRETT 7
FREDERICK ROOPE 4	FREDERICK FINCH Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT Treble	HENRY HUTTON 5
ERNEST WEATHERBY... .. 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
†GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	†ARTHUR CATTELL 7
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.
Rung on the light eight in honour of Empire Day. First peal of Surprise on the bells. * First of Cambridge. † First of Surprise 'inside.' ‡ First Surprise peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble	ERNEST A. PITSTOW 5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW... .. 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 6
GEORGE JORDON 3	THOMAS JORDON 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
Rung in honour of Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to the wife of the ringer of the third. First peal in the method as conductor and first attempt.

OAKHAM, RUTLANDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAM Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	R. HENRY BARTRAM 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
First Surprise peal in the county. The conductor's 100th peal.
Rung after meeting short for London.

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DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REUBEN SANDERS... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of Her Majesty's birthday.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Thursday, April 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5030 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

*L. HIGGS Treble	*W. A. WESTON 4
*J. STANWAY... .. 2	H. WHITEHURST 5
*W. BOWERING 3	J. COTTRELL Tenor

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of H.R.H. the 1st Duke of York and Lady E. Bowes-Lyon.

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PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*GEORGE R. WILKINSON ... Treble	CHARLES E. PETTIT 4
DENNIS J. WOOD 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5
WALTER TANSER 3	EDWIN A. HALL Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

* First peal. The ringer of treble was made a member of the M.C.A. previous to starting the peal. The band wish to tender their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Hall for their kind hospitality after the peal.

BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 1440 Plain Bob, 1440 Oxford Treble Bob, 2160 Kent

Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. in F.

JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4
*ERNEST CUTSFORTH 2	*PETER CROOK 5
GEORGE POWNALL 3	TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells, which were installed in 1786 and rehung in 1922. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Samuel Greenhaigh, of Pendleton, and to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Richard Newton (U.S.A.).

SHIRLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 120's with ten different callings. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT ... 3
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	C. HOWARD STANLEY 4
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... Tenor	

Conducted by WM. B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all the band, and it is believed to be the first peal on the bells, which are by C. and G. Mears and dated 1854. The band takes this opportunity of putting on record their thanks to the Vicar, the Rev. S. P. Riley, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT RELFE Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4
JAMES WAGHORN 2	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 5
FRANK PATTENDEN 3	GEORGE WAGHORN Tenor

Conducted by A. RELFE.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Whit Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Comprising each of Kent and Woodbine Treble Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

D. VINCENT Treble	J. SMY 4
W. SMITH 2	A. E. SMITH 5
A. A. LING 3	A. LING, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

Rung to oblige the treble ringer, who hails from Tunbridge Wells.

CHARING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM HENNIKER Treble	CHARLES TUMBER 4
SIDNEY HOPPER 2	C. FRED GOOD 5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Conducted by W. PYE.

The conductor and C. Tumber hail from Teynham, S. Hopper from Ashford, the others being local men. A. V. Good was elected a member before starting.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT NO. 3, HOLLY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK PILGRIM 1-2	ROY PILGRIM 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3-4	LEONARD W. BALE 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 1-2 and 7-8.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Performed on handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by the performer. Umpire: FREDERICK WAITLING.

First peal in the method to be tapped on handbells in history.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE INSTITUTION,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor size 17 in A.

WALTER LAGO 1-2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 5-6
THOMAS E. ABBOTT 3-4	BERT RINOM 7-8

Conducted by WALTER LAGO.

Umpire: ALFRED S. BAYLEY. Witness: GEORGE CLEOBURY.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A beautiful day and the glorious scenery of the Meon Valley brought many ringers to the meeting held at West Meon on Saturday last. The bells were placed at the disposal of the ringers during the afternoon and evening, and members attended from Aldershot, Alton, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), North Stoneham, Southampton, Swanmore, Upham, Wickham and Winchester, and also Mr. E. P. Duffield.

The tea and meeting were held at the Red Lion Hotel, the latter presided over by the Master (Mr. G. Williams). One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishop's Waltham, in August.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the bells, after which the ringers visited the tower until 8.30 p.m. Although the attendance was not very large, the twenty ringers who were present made good use of the bells in all standard methods, and also Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

At the annual meeting of the Essex Association on Whit Monday, Mr. O. H. Howard was elected Master for the fourteenth successive time. Mr. F. J. Pittow was re-elected hon. secretary.

The membership of the association is 989, a decrease of 32 on the year, but there is a record number of 99 towers in union with the association. Financially there was a net gain on the year of £4 10s. 3d., and the number of peals rung was 48. A report of the meeting will appear in our next issue.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.**NEXT YEAR'S JUBILEE.**

The annual general meeting was held at Cullompton on Whit Monday. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar, at which there was an attendance of over 150. All told, there were present at the dinner and meeting no less than 186 members and visitors—almost a record for the Guild, 22 bands in union being represented, besides ringers from Croydon, Hershams, Taunton and Bridgwater.

The annual report for 1922, which showed steady but real advance in the progress of change ringing, was brought forward by the general secretary (the Rev. D. S. Powell), and seconded by the general treasurer (Mr. T. G. Bartlett), who described how the accumulated funds were being expended in meeting the out-of-pocket expenses of instructors to bands of learners.

The membership of the Guild for 1922 consisted of 72 honorary, 123 life, 283 performing, and 115 associate members, together with four lady associates making a total of 597, representing a net increase of 84 in the course of the year. There were 42 affiliated bands, as against 36 in 1921.

The President (the Rev. M. Kelly) moved a resolution dealing with the coming jubilee of the Guild, which was founded on March 21st, 1874. He himself was elected a member on June 17th 1874, and in a moving speech he outlined the progress made during the intervening period both in the status of the ringer and the practice of change ringing, which was practically unknown in the South-West at the time of the foundation of the Guild. He made an urgent appeal for unity among ringers, the lack of which, where it exists, being in all respects disastrous. He pointed out that the Devon Guild was the earliest of all similar associations in the country, and that its jubilee would, therefore, occur before any other.—He moved the following resolution, which was adopted: 'That the general annual meeting on Whit Monday, 1924, take the form of a jubilee festival held in Exeter, and that the service be in the Cathedral, if the Dean be willing. That in order to celebrate the occasion further it is desirable that every band in union should endeavour to accomplish during the year ending March 21st, 1924, something which it has not previously done to further the advance of change ringing in the Diocese of Exeter. The members of each band will themselves decide the form of this undertaking. That the Guild organise a peal of Grandsire Cinques for the jubilee, if sanction can be obtained.'

All the officers of the Guild were re-elected.

HAMPSHIRE'S NEW EIGHT.**HURSLEY BELLS DEDICATED.**

On Saturday, May 19th, the augmented peal of eight bells at Hursley, Hants, was dedicated, the service being conducted by the Rev. O. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and Rural Dean of Lyndhurst. Mr. Matthews was formerly curate at Hursley, 1896-99, since which time he has been Vicar of Bursledon, and of Titchfield, and is now Vicar of Milford-on-Sea. In the course of the service and during the singing of the hymn, 'The church bells ringing from the height,' the clergy and choir proceeded to the western tower. Here the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Husband) asked the Rev. O. E. Matthews to dedicate the bells 'to the glory and praise of God.' Mr. Matthews and the Vicar ascended the tower to the belfry, where the dedicatory prayers were said; also the prayer appointed by the Guild, after which three bob leads of Grandsire Triples were rung, while the choir and clergy returned to the chancel, the service being resumed. The Rev. O. E. Matthews then gave an excellent address, basing his discourse on the words, 'There are so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification,' 1 Cor. xiv. 10. Following the address, a hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' composed by the Rev. O. E. Matthews, was sung, and the service closed with the Blessing. Afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung.

Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, ringers being present from Bishopstoke, Bindfield, North Stoneham, Romsey, Winchester, and the local band, and Mr. C. Dean from the Croydon Foundry.—Mr. W. T. Tucker apologised for the absence of Mr. G. Williams, Master of the Guild, and Mr. W. Andrews thanked the Vicar for his hospitality. Further ringing took place in the evening, including two courses of Treble Bob.

The new treble has been given by Sir G. A. Cooper, Bart., of Hursley Park, and the 2nd by Mr. F. W. Talbot, of Pitt, Hursley. The 3rd and tenor have been recast, and the latter is now 14 cwt. in *F* sharp, being 2 cwt. heavier than the old bell. Of the rest, the 4th and 5th were cast in 1835 by W. and J. Taylor, of Oxford, and the 6th and 7th in 1616. These two bells bear the inscriptions, respectively, 'Prayse God, I.W.,' and 'Give thanks' to God, I.W.' The previous tenor was cast in 1713. The back six are hung in the old frame, which has been strengthened, the new trebles being in an iron frame. The whole work reflects great credit upon Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have executed the contract, and Hursley possesses one of the finest peals of eight for their weight in Hampshire.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

His many friends in England, as well as in Ireland, will learn with deep regret that Mr. Gabriel Lindoff has lost his wife. Mrs. Lindoff was staying in England for her health, and only on Thursday Mr. Lindoff received a reassuring letter from her. On Friday she passed away suddenly. The deepest sympathy will go out to Mr. Lindoff in his bereavement.

A thanksgiving peal was rung at Alrewas, Staffs, on Tuesday week, for the recovery of the Vicar from serious illness. The bells at this church have recently been recast, and two trebles added by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, upon whom the splendid work done reflects the greatest credit. The tone and 'go' of the bells is all that can be desired.

A correspondent, writing with reference to the bells at St. John's, Horsleydown, where, as mentioned in this column, the first peal of Stedman Caters was rung, says that he surveyed this ring in March with the view to teaching a band, but found it impossible to ring the bells, the strap irons of several having snapped, and some having no ropes. The Vicar and churchwardens would like to have the bells rung, but the parish being a poor one, they cannot raise the necessary money for the restoration.

The Saffron Walden Society celebrates its tercentenary on June 27th. It has an unbroken history of 300 years, almost an unrivalled thing in ringing annals, and there ought to be a record gathering of ringers for this unique event. The Mayor and Corporation are taking a hand in the celebration, particulars of which are announced in an advertisement.

Wilfred Taffender, son of the Master of the London County Association, has achieved yet another distinction. Having rung 'inside' for a peal of London as his first peal, and achieved other performances of great merit, he has now rung his first peal as conductor, this being a peal of Stedman Triples (his first), which he called from a non-observation bell! And his age is 15 years!

Owing to a fete being held at Long Melford on June 23rd next, in aid of their bell restoration fund, the Lavenham annual gathering will be postponed. Notice of the event will appear in the 'Ringing World' in due time.

The peal of Stedman Triples, rung at Preston on May 15th, and reported in our issue of the 25th, was rung in 3 hrs. 16 mins. (not 2 hrs. 16 mins.).

The bell of Great Brampton House, Herefordshire, is rung six times daily by the Ringing Master of the Diocesan Guild, excepting when he is ringing a larger bell at one of the parish churches.

June 4th is the anniversary of the opening of two well-known peals of bells. In 1762 the new peal of 16n at Bow, Cheapside, were rung for the first time, and in 1814 the bells of St. Nicholas', Liverpool, were opened.

The long peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major (16,608) was rung in 10 hrs. 32 mins., at Debenham on June 6th, 1892, and on June 8th, 1906, the 16,800 in the Kent Variation was rung in 9 hrs. 40 mins., at Mottram, Cheshire.

The report of a peal rung at Burnham has been sent without the number of changes.

THE ARTHUR T. KING MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you, with your usual courtesy, please permit me to acknowledge the following further amounts received towards the above: Christ Church, Cubitt Town, band, 5s.; Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, 2s.; Messrs. A. Barnes, 2s. 6d.; J. W. Parker, 2s. 6d.; R. Richardson, 5s.; previously acknowledged, £32 6s. 6d.; total, £33 3s. 6d.

Will you also let me ask members of the Middlesex County Association, and other friends, who have very kindly subscribed to this fund, to please note that the unveiling of the memorial tablet will (D.V.) take place at Barnet Parish Church on Saturday, July 14th, instead of on June 16th, as previously stated? It is hoped that the tablet recording the half-muffled peal rung at Upper Clapton will be unveiled on the following Thursday, July 19th. Full particulars of both ceremonies will be announced later.—Yours faithfully,

G. T. COLES,

Hon. Sec. to the Fund Committee.

INGATESTONE, ESSEX.—On Tuesday, May 8th, 720 Bob Minor: *E. Minnett 1, G. Camp 2, *W. Cranmer 3, W. White 4, G. Miles 5, G. Rogers (1st 720 as conductor) 6, First 720 on the bells. * First 720.

CARSHALTON.—On Saturday, May 19th, at All Saints' Church, for evensong (eve of the Feast of Pentecost), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: D. Cooper 1, Mrs. A. W. Clark 2, A. W. Clark 3, S. W. Holdaway (first quarter-peal) 4, F. B. Darby 5, J. E. Cooper 6, C. H. Kippin, junr. (composer and conductor) 7, C. Kippin, senr., 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. BISHOP OF SALISBURY'S WELCOME.

The 30th Annual Meeting of the Central Council was held in the Chapter House at Salisbury Cathedral on **Whit-Tuesday**.

A summary of the proceedings appeared in our last issue.

The attendance included the following: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Oxford Diocesan Guild), president; Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. (Oxford Diocesan Guild), hon. librarian; Mr. E. Alex. Young (London County Association), hon. secretary.

Hon. members: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. Armiger Trollope, J. George and J. W. Parker.

Ancient Society of College Youths; Mr. A. A. Hughes.

Bath and Wells Diocesan: Mr. A. E. Coles.

Bedfordshire: Canon W. W. C. Baker and Mr. A. E. Sharman.

Central Northants: Messrs. D. J. Nichols, F. Wilford, T. Law and E. M. Atkins.

Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. J. Norbury and W. Bibby.

Devon: Rev. Maitland Kelly and Rev. E. S. Powell.

Dudley and District: Mr. J. Hughes.

Ely Diocesan: Mr. T. R. Dennis.

Essex County: Messrs. G. R. Pye and W. J. Nevard.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan: Messrs. W. A. Cave and E. Bishop.

Herts County: Rev. B. H. Tyerwhitt Drake.

Kent County: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. T. Groombridge and E. Barnett, senr.

Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.

Lancashire Association: Canon H. J. Elsee and Mr. W. E. Wilson.

Llandaf and Monmouth Diocesan: Mr. J. W. Jones.

Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James and Mr. R. Richardson.

Midland Counties: Alderman R. B. Chambers, J.P., Messrs. W. Willson and Pryce Taylor.

Middlesex County and London Diocesan: Mr. C. T. Coles.

Norwich Diocesan: Messrs. A. L. Coleman and G. P. Burton.

Oxford Diocesan: Messrs. F. W. Hopgood and J. Evans.

Royal Cumberland Youths: Mr. J. Parker.

Salisbury Diocesan: Major W. Hughes D'Aeth, Rev. F. L. Edwards, Messrs. T. H. Beams and A. F. Martin Stewart.

Stafford Archdeaconry: Mr. H. Knight.

Suffolk: Rev. H. Drake and Mr. C. Mee.

Surrey: Mr. C. Dean.

Warwickshire: Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts.

Winchester Diocesan: Rev. C. E. Matthews, Messrs. G. Williams and A. H. Pulling.

Worcestershire: Mr. A. E. Parsons.

Yorkshire: Mr. J. Cotterell.

Apologies for absence were received from Rev. A. H. F. Boughev, Messrs. J. H. Cheesman, J. Carter, E. Lewis, T. Metcalfe, Rev. W. T. Wright, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, C. H. Howard, W. Lawrence, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. A. Paddon Smith, W. Storey, H. W. Wilde, J. R. Sharman, J. D. Matthews, P. Johnson, G. Bolland, H. Haigh, J. Hunt and R. Narborough.

The Bishop of Salisbury, the Dean and the Archdeacon of Sarum attended the meeting to welcome the Council.

The welcome extended to the Council by the Bishop of Salisbury was a very hearty one. He said they had done wisely in choosing that city as a place of meeting, for he felt sure they would admire it and fall in love with it, as everyone did who came there. He welcomed them as Bishop of that Diocese, because he wanted to do all he could to encourage the work they did. He had the greatest possible opinion of the whole work of bell ringing, and he claimed to know a little about it, because he had lived in a country for seventeen years where there were hardly any bells, and coming back to the sound of the bells made a real difference. There were two peals of bells in his diocese of Brisbane, and when he went there one peal was in abeyance. He remembered what a tremendous effort was made by a few old Englishmen to get the bells rehung. They struggled until they got them done, and they were now hung as the Cathedral bells of Brisbane. Continuing, the Bishop said from the point of view of history he felt the bells were a real and eloquent link with the past. Bells had been associated with the main episodes of the life of the nation, they expressed the people's joy and sorrow, they had expressed the people's warlike spirit. As a citizen he felt that bell ringing, especially in the country places, provided an agreeable and delightful occupation for their young men, and he wondered why young men had not taken it up more freely, because it combined so many things—skill, and interest and good exercise. As a clergyman, he felt the connection between the young men, who rang the bells, and the clergy of the parish churches generally ought to be a very real one (applause), and he was sure it could be made a very real one. It did not follow that the clergy need know how to ring, but it certainly was his desire that the clergy should take the greatest interest in the belfry (applause). When he had a church where there was a peal of bells, he was frequently up in the belfry, and those ringers

were most faithful not only in their ringing, but in their attendance at church (applause). As between the clergy and the bell ringers there was a real link, which should be kept up. In conclusion, the Bishop added that although they welcomed that Council to Salisbury, the most beautiful city in England, they also felt honoured by their coming there representing as they did such a wide interest (applause).

The President, on behalf of the Council, thanked the Bishop most warmly for his kindness in coming to their meeting, and for his inspiring and helpful address. It was a matter not only of interest, but of very great benefit to them, to know that the head of that diocese came to welcome them as loyal church workers in England (applause). Although the Council had met for 30 years, it was only within the last two years or so that they had been honoured by the presence of any cathedral dignitary to welcome them. They were welcomed at Gloucester by the Dean, and at Lincoln by the Dean, but that was the first time they had had a Bishop to address them (applause). They had also had the Dean with them, and the Archdeacon of Sarum. They were glad to be welcomed by those who held such high office in that diocese, and thanked them for their kindness (applause).

The Bishop briefly replied, and then left the meeting with the Dean and Archdeacon.

The audited accounts, a summary of which we gave last week, were passed, on the motion of the Rev. H. Law James seconded by Canon Elsee.

ADVERSE BALANCE ON PUBLICATIONS.

The Hon. Librarian, in presenting his accounts, reported that contrary to custom he had to declare an adverse balance on the year's working, and had to ask the Council to refund to him the sum of £2 15s. Quite accurately, the balance on the year's working was only adverse to the amount of 15s. It would be remembered that at Lincoln it was voted that a sum of 5s. per volume should be allowed to him for binding copies of 'Bell News' for the library. He had had eight volumes bound, which thus accounted for the £2. There is now for the purpose of reference a complete historical record of ringing from 1871 to the present date. The thanks of the Exercise were due to those members who had contributed towards this. With regard to the 15s., he had realised by sales of publications an amount within 9s. of last year, but the contribution from the 'on sale or return' source was short of last year to the amount of over £3. Accordingly, between them they had only realised £9 16s. 8d., which did little more than cover the cost of advertising. However, the books were finding their way among ringers. During the year he had bought in 30 copies of 'On the Preservation of Bells,' and had sold them nearly all. He had no more copies of 'Rules for an Association,' and only a very few of 'Rules for a Company,' while the 'Collection of Minor Methods' would at the present rate hardly last for two years. There had been a fair demand for the loan of the 'Treble Bob Peals Collection.' The Librarian added, 'I should like to put on record that I am constantly being asked for a book for beginners. There is not, I believe, on the market such a book at anything like the price of even the most expensive of the Council's publications, which are chiefly for the more advanced, and I venture to suggest that the Council should bear this in mind.'

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

Mr. G. P. Burton pointed out that a great many peals in the 'Collection of Peals' were false compositions. Ringers purchased these books thinking that the compositions were true; they chose one and rang it, and perhaps found it was false. He suggested that the librarian, before issuing further copies, should stamp in the books that these peals were false, and that there was no guarantee that any of them were true. The worst feature was that they sold the books as official publications of the Council, and it was a very bad thing for them to let them go out with false compositions in them.

The Librarian said he had written to the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson that the Peal Collection Committee should take in hand the proving of all peals in the collection. Mr. Richardson had replied that he thought it was a good idea, and asking to be supplied with copies of the collection. These had been sent to him. He (the librarian) thought he had better be authorised to stamp each volume with a notice that the truth of the peals was not guaranteed.

Mr. W. A. Cave said he did not like either of the suggestions. To indicate that the compositions were not guaranteed would render the book almost valueless to those ringers who did not trouble about proving. He considered it would be best to find out the peals that were false and issue a slip.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said so far as the Bob Major Collection, for which he was responsible, was concerned he believed there was only one false peal; but he would undertake to let the librarian know which was false, and also to go through the peals of Double Oxford and certify them.

The Rev. H. Law James undertook to go through the Double Norwich collection in the same way.

Mr. A. H. Pulling suggested that when the false compositions had been ascertained they should be advertised in 'The Ringing World'

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for the benefit of those ringers who had already purchased these books.

The suggestion that each of the false compositions should be stamped was agreed to, and the librarian's report was adopted, an offer by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore to present a copy of 'Campanology' to the library, being accepted with thanks.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

The Hon. Librarian reported that at the last Council meeting he was instructed to prepare a Ringers' Roll of Honour. Immediately afterwards he wrote to all secretaries of associations, enclosing their lists (which he had been keeping since the Northampton meeting) for revision. He asked especially for ringers' names, initials, towers and information as to their membership in other associations in order to avoid repetition. He received the last of these returns on the previous Saturday. He dealt with them as they were returned, and he had each man's name clearly written on a separate card, together with his initials and his tower, and Guild or association. There would be between 1,100 and 1,200 names. It was for the Council now to say in what manner they should be preserved. When the matter was brought up at Lincoln an offer was made to write the names free of charge in a book to be provided, but in view of the number of names (nearly double what was anticipated) he hardly liked to mention the offer. He suggested that a small committee be appointed to deal with the matter, the Council naming an approximate sum to be expended. The librarian added that the Standing Committee had had the matter under consideration, and suggested that the names be written in good 'copper-plate' writing upon leaves of good paper, these leaves to be afterwards bound into a book. Illumination should be on the title page only, which should contain these words:—

'Church Bell Ringers' Memorial Book of the Great War, 1914-1918.

They whom this work commemorates were numbered among those who, at the call of King and country, left all that was dear to them, endured hardness, faced danger, and finally passed out of the sight of men by the path of duty and self-sacrifice, giving up their own lives that others might live in freedom.'

Then should follow the list of names, with initials, the town to which the man belonged, and in brief form, his Guild or association. The Standing Committee suggested that this should be done at a cost not exceeding £20. That cost might be very much less if they could have the same or a similar offer as that made last year. It was for the Council to accept these suggestions, or to propose a sub-committee to act with him.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett said he would be loath to limit the cost to £20, although he agreed that not more than £20 should be taken from the funds of the Council. If, however, it cost more than £20 to do it properly, he suggested they might raise the balance by means of subscriptions among themselves, for many of them would gladly subscribe to make this list worthy of the Council (applause).

The proposals made by the librarian were adopted, and the matter was left in his hands, the suggestion being added that the question of the most suitable paper and most durable ink to be employed, should be left to authorities at the British Museum to decide.

PEAL COLLECTION.

It was reported that the remainder of the collection of the Peals of Treble Bob were in the hands of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and it was left with him to carry on, a desire being expressed that the committee would present a definite report upon the position to the next Council meeting.

(To be continued.)

DEATH OF MR. T. MANNERING.

LOSS TO KENT RINGING.

The Kent County Association and the All Saints' Society, Maidstone, band, have lost a valuable and esteemed member in the person of Mr. Thomas Mannerling, who died on May 4th after eleven weeks' illness, aged 53 years. From boyhood he had been a member of the choir of St. Peter's, Maidstone, and also belonged to the West Borough Adult School. For thirty-six years he was a member of the All Saints' band of ringers and for twenty-two years conductor. He was also on the committee of the association as representative of the Maidstone district. In 1890 he was made a College Youth.

A very safe ringer, equally good at either the light or heavy end, he had rung seventy-four peals, of which he had conducted sixteen.

A good number of his ringing friends attended the funeral on May 9th, the greater portion of the service being held at St. Peter's, the Rev. F. T. Marr, Vicar of St. Peter's; Canon Harcastle, of All Saints', and the hon. secretary of the association (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) taking part. Canon Harcastle gave a short address, in which he spoke very feelingly of Tom Mannerling's exemplary life and conduct, as a Christian man, a regular chorister and Sunday School teacher, and a first-class ringer and conductor. His body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Loose, belonging to the town of Maidstone.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

RAPID GROWTH.

The annual festival was held at Hereford on Whit Monday. The proceedings comprised a service in the Ladye Chapel of the Cathedral, with an address by the Bishop; luncheon in the Old Oak Room of the Boothe Hall Hotel, presided over by the Bishop, and the business meeting.

A simple but very beautiful service was conducted by the Rev. G. W. Turner, Vicar of Madley, hon. general secretary of the Guild, the special form of service being used. The Rev. H. D. Wall (diocesan missionary) presided at the organ, and the Rev. R. A. Lyne read the lessons. The collection, which was for the memorial tablet fund, amounted to £2.

The Lord Bishop, in a very thoughtful and helpful address, said that discipline, co-operation and sincerity, were the chief factors which made for success in bell ringing, and these were exactly the characteristics that were most wanted among men. He believed the bell ringers were doing a great service to the diocese.—Some 120 bell ringers were present and listened with rapt attention.

At the lunch there were present 111 ringing and hon. members, representing over 30 parishes. An excellent hot dinner was enjoyed.—After the loyal toast, Mr. C. Edwards, Ringing Master, proposed the health of the Bishop and clergy, and thanked the Bishop for his address.—The Bishop responded, and proposed the health of the Master, Mr. J. G. Buchanan, who had been an officer in the Guild since its birth, 37 years ago; six years as hon. secretary, and 31 years as Master.

After the Master had returned thanks, Mr. W. H. Fussell proposed 'the health of the Guild' in an interesting and eloquent speech.

At the business meeting the officers were re-elected.—The accounts showed a balance of £70 3s. 4d., being an increase of £10 18s. 4d. The balances of the districts amount to £42 13s. 2d. There are 76 tower in union with the Guild, an increase of six, and 605 ringers, an increase of 45; hon. members increased from 58 to 80.

The annual report of the Guild shows that the organisation is in a very sound condition. Sixty peals were rung in 1922, against 28 in 1921, and the report comments that these are a sign of increased skill and great keenness. The man who has rung a peal will never cease to remember that he is a bell ringer. The Guild is in a very satisfactory financial position, the districts having added £5 12s. 3d. to their balances, and the Central Fund £10 18s. 4d. to its balance instead of losing £15 as last year. This is due partly to a windfall of £4 4s. for two life honorary members, partly to the reduced cost of printing the report, and partly to the payment by the districts of half instead of a third of their receipts. The financial stability is to a great extent due to the increase in hon. members. In 1921 they numbered 58; in 1922, 80. With regard to probationers, the report states that four districts out of ten have no probationers. This is a sign of weakness. It either means that there has been no growth, or that members are, contrary to rule, admitted to full membership without first being on probation. Experience shows that what men obtain easily they value lightly. Even where ringers' subscriptions are paid out of a local fund, probationers should be required to pay their 2s. 6d. on admission to the tower. The association's war memorial is to cost about £35, but only about £11 has been received from 35 towers. It is hoped the other towers will quickly send their contributions. The report adds some words of advice, suggesting that all members should take a copy of 'The Ringing World,' and that each tower should pay out of its funds for a copy. This should be done, says the report, not only for the advantage of each tower, but also as a duty for the advancement of ringing generally.

THE STEDMAN CINQUES RECORD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to offer my very hearty congratulations to my colleagues in London upon their meritorious performance at Southwark Cathedral on Whit Monday, especially to that wonderful old veteran, Mr. Challis E. Whinney. I have no wish to single out any one man in particular—even Mr. Hughes' part was wonderful—but I think every ringer in the country will acknowledge with pride and pleasure Mr. Whinney's extraordinary feat and marvellous endurance both in mind and body for such a lengthy period. I know from experience that St. Saviour's bells are not toys to handle, and I suppose one gets used to Mr. Whinney's almost automatic accuracy in all methods, but apart from that, the physical strain upon a man of 65 is enormous and bound to tell its tale. I am sure all of his brother ringers will join me in wishing him continued good health and strength to carry on the wonderful work he is doing, and that his very alert mind and equally active body may hold out to add further laurels to an already enviable career.

This performance on the part of each individual ringer, to say nothing of the responsibility incurred by the popular conductor, Mr. Bert Langdon, merits the widest publicity.—Yours faithfully

FRANK BALL.

Hanbury Lodge, Hanbury Road, Chifton, Bristol.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Trinity Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: A. Whistler (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, H. Bush 2, F. Justice 3, W. Ratcliffe (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, H. Williamson 5, H. Byfield 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, T. Storer 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely Sunday Service band of the above church.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, A. R. Miles 2, S. Thomas 3, E. J. Harding, junr. (conductor) 4, T. R. Taylor 5, J. D. Harris 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. The ringer of the second hails from Mayfield, Sussex.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six (tenor 32 cwt.): York Greedn 1, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 2, J. B. Woolley 3, W. Welch 4, T. R. Dennis 5, F. E. Kemp-ton 6.

LEICESTER.—On Whit Sunday, May 20th, at St. Margaret's, for morning service, a course of Superlative Surprise Major and two courses Grandsire Cinques, the latter by E. Morris (conductor) 1, F. Sharman 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, A. Cattell 4, A. Ballard 5, E. Whitehead 6, E. E. Smith 7, H. Peach 8, C. Cattell 9, R. F. Elkington 10, J. Morris 11, J. Grant 12. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. Whitehead 1, W. Whitehead 2, G. S. Morris 3, R. F. Elkington 4, J. Morris 5, A. Cattell 6, E. Morris (conductor) 7, J. Grant 8.—On May 17th, in honour of the marriage of T. Bent (one of the ringers), 360 Grandsire Doubles: J. Morris 1, H. Peach 2, E. Whitehead 3, E. Morris (conductor) 4, A. Cattell 5, J. Grant 6.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): R. Burgess 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. Button 3, C. Tribe 4, H. Want 5, H. Baker (conductor) 6, B. Baker 7, J. Neve 8. First quarter-peal as conductor.—On a previous Sunday evening, a 720 of Bob Minor, with 6-8 covering: J. Neve 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, H. Baker 3, H. Want 4, C. Tribe 5, W. Bulton 6, R. Burgess 7, C. Mitchell 8.

PENDLETON.—On Sunday, May 6th, for school sermons, also a welcome to Canon Edwards-Rees, D.D., a former Vicar of the parish, two 504's and 1,260 of Stedman Triples, those taking part in one or more touches being: T. Greenhalgh, S. Greenhalgh, J. Winterbottom, F. Page, W. H. Cooper, J. Lowe, W. H. Shuker, A. Bailey, A. Trippier, W. E. Clark. The conductors were A. Bailey, F. Page and J. Lowe.

BREDENBURY HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for early service, 480 Grandsire Doubles were rung, conducted by W. Watkins. For morning service, 360 College Single, 120 Oxford Bob Minor. For evening service, 360 Oxford Bob, 360 Bob Minor, conducted by A. Tomkins. The ringers taking part were A. E. Tomkins, E. Tomkins, J. Passey, W. Watkins, W. Mantell, H. Hodges, R. Bethell, A. Tomkins.

PONTEFRACT, YORKS.—On Easter Sunday, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Walters 1, W. Hawley 2, A. Walker, junr., 3, W. Senior 4, T. Holder 5, J. Jackson 6, J. Fryer 7, A. Walker, senr. (conductor), 8.—For evening service, 413 Stedman Caters: A. Walker, senr., 1, W. Pearson 2, A. Walker, junr., 3, W. Hawley 4, J. Carter 5, T. Holder 6, H. Walters (conductor) 7, J. Jackson 8, J. Fryer 9, W. Senior 10. Also 305 Grandsire Caters, with the Vicar, the Rev. J. Young, on the treble.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—For evensong, on Easter Day, 630 Grandsire Triples: F. Allwood 1, Miss C. M. Austin (longest touch and first attempt) 2, J. S. Collins 3, F. Norrish 4, C. F. Austin 5, F. E. Parnell 6, F. T. Gover (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Collegiate Church, on Sunday, April 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes) was rung for morning service, in 55 mins.: J. Williams 1, T. O'Connor 2, H. Knight (conductor) 3, H. M. Hawkwood 4, T. Roden 5, H. A. Farlow 6, J. D. G. Harris 7, E. F. Mitchell 8, W. H. Lawley 9, T. Smith 10. Longest length in the method by all except 3rd and 7th, and longest length of Royal on the bells.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Gill 1, G. Edser 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, Miss V. E. Shorter 4, W. Woodrow 5, B. Batty 6, F. Sheppard (conductor) 7, W. F. Shorter 8.

COLESHILL—Warwickshire Guild.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, 120's in these methods, viz., Christmas Eve, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury Plain Bob, Old Double, Grandsire, April Day, and St. Clement's Doubles: J. Simmonds 1, F. Clayton (conductor) 2, Thos. Goldby 3, C. Dale 4, J. Fifield 5, W. Simmonds 6, C. Davis, T. Davis and R. Hancock also took part in the ringing.—For morning service, on April 15th, 120 Stedman Doubles: F. Clayton (conductor) 1, F. Fifield (first 120 in the method and first attempt) 2, Thos. Goldby 3, C. Dale 4, C. Davis 5, W. Simmonds 6; and on Sunday evening 120 Old Doubles, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire, Bernard Mitchell, of Erdington, taking part; and on Sunday, April 22nd, for morning service, three courses of Bob Minor.

**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.
THE OVERLAPPING OF SOCIETIES.**

The annual general meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Cirencester on Whit Monday, and proved to be very successful. About 90 members attended, and these included life members from Birmingham and Cambridge, whilst three charabancs were requisitioned to convey members from Bristol. The bells of the Parish Church; Holy Trinity, Watermoor; Siddington, and South Cerney were open for ringing, and a service was held at Holy Trinity by kind permission of the Rev. Westmacott.

The Master (Mr. H. T. Howell) was unable to attend owing to the serious illness of his wife, and a vote of sympathy was accorded to him by the general meeting.—The Rev. T. C. Fowler, vice-president, was elected to the chair, and read a very satisfactory report of the year's work from the Master.

The hon. treasurer's balance sheet was incomplete owing to one branch not having sent their returns to him in time, and was referred back for the second year in succession.

The Hon. Secretary pointed out the need of action either by the Central Council or the Association to prevent overlapping of district associations into diocesan areas. He pointed out that a neighbouring association which was for a district, had in one of their branches approximately forty per cent. membership enlisted from the Gloucester diocese.

The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. F. K. Howell, who retires from the hon. treasurership, after having served for so many years in various offices of the association.

Mr. Francis J. Lewis, of Cirencester, was elected as Master, and is thus honoured for his excellent services in the past.—Mr. William Lansdon, of Bristol, was elected hon. treasurer, and the hon. secretary and peal secretary were re-elected.

Acting upon the recommendation of the Central Council, it was decided to establish a belfry repair fund, and a monthly subscription sheet is to be issued to all towers in both dioceses.

It was agreed to place a brass tablet in St. Stephen's tower, Bristol, to the memory of the late Mr. Raymond John Wilkins.

It was also agreed to issue reports for the year 1921.—A vote of thanks to the Rev. Westmacott, the organist and verger, for their kindness in helping with the service, was heartily accorded, as were also thanks to Mr. F. J. Lewis for recommending such an excellent place for meals.—The vote of thanks was proposed by the Rev. E. J. Phillips in a humorous speech.

THE NEW PEAL AT COLLATON.

The new peal of bells recently installed at Collaton, Devon, by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford, were dedicated on Saturday, May 26th, by the Lord Bishop of Exeter. There was an impressive service, in the course of which a procession, comprising the choir, clergy and the Bishop, moved to the tower, where the Lord Bishop read the names of the men whose names are inscribed on each of the bells, and offered the dedicatory prayers.

The bells were rung for five minutes by the newly-formed Collaton band of ringers, with great success, under the conductorship of Mr. Pope. After the address, given by the Lord Bishop, the bells were set going by the Mid-Devon Branch of the Devon Guild, representatives being present from Torquay, Plymouth, Dartmouth, Marlton, Ipplepen, Stoke Gabriel, Exeter and Newton Abbot, and other ringers from the West of England. The tone, and especially the 'go' of the bells, were excellent, and all expressed their approval at the highly efficient work, so well carried out by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons. The bells are all hung on the firm's patent adjustable bearings and modern fittings.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Bedford district was held at Thurlough on Saturday, May 26th. Members were present from Bedford, Riddenham, Kempston, Clapham, Roxton, Turvey, Dunstable, Great Staughton, Kettering and Isham; Miss K. Willars, of Trumpington (who rang her first course of London Surprise Minor) and the local company. Tea was served at the Red Lion, and at the business meeting, at which Mr. C. W. Clarke presided, it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Kempston. Two new members were elected, Messrs. T. Osborn, of Thurlough, and J. Barker, of Clapham.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening ranged from Bob Doubles to London Surprise Minor.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and defraying half expenses for the tea brought a good meeting to a close.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, May 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Kemp (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Prior 2, G. Upshall 3, R. J. Hasted 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Knox 1, H. Prior 2, A. J. Le Clercq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

'A CITY OF BELLS.'

EXETER'S NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.

St. Thomas' Church, Exeter, with its lofty pinnacled tower, is now in possession of a magnificent ring of eight bells, which have been provided by the great generosity of Mr. Edgar Stroud Plummer, the Vicar's warden. Formerly there was a ring of six, which fell into dilapidation in the early years of the century, and finally had to be abandoned for ringing in 1916. Mr. Plummer was interested in a scheme of restoration as a result of the representations made to him by Mr. W. J. Southwood, the hon. secretary of the Exeter district of the Devon Guild. At first the recasting of the cracked 5th and the re-hanging of the bells was contemplated, but eventually Mr. Plummer decided to make himself responsible for a complete renovation and augmentation, with the result that Exeter possesses yet another peal of eight bells, and is rapidly becoming a 'City of Bells,' having not only the peal with heaviest tenor, but, for its size and population, probably the greatest number of ringable peals.

The restoration at St. Thomas' has been worthily carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the tenor is now 14 cwt. 5 qr. 8 lb. The two new bells are inscribed as follows:

Treble: Remember Edgar Stroud Plummer and Evelyn his wife, who first gave this bell, 1923.

'There is neither speech nor language, but their voices are heard among them.'

2nd: Remember Edgar Stroud Plummer and Evelyn his wife, who first gave this bell, 1923.

'Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring out the false, ring in the true.'

The old six bells were cast in 1789 by the Penningsons, and the treble, recast in 1901, had added the name of General Sir Redvors Buller, V.C., who was then patron of the living. The recast tenor is inscribed:—

James Buller Esq., Patron; Chr. Churchill, Vicar, I.P., C.P. 1789

The six old bells were recast and rehung, and two new trebles added as a gift from Edgar S. Plummer, Crossmead, Exeter. The Lord Bishop of Exeter, Patron; Hubert G. Chalk, Vicar; Edgar S. Plummer, Edward J. Henson, churchwardens; Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1923.

The Bishop of Exeter dedicated the bells at a special festival service on Whit Sunday, and following the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung for the first time by the St. Thomas' band viz., J. Hosgood, W. J. Shobbrook, W. S. Robert, T. J. Stokes, A. Monkley, J. Moss, C. G. Routley and A. H. Goad. The ringers were attired in cassocks, which is quite a novelty. It adds, doubtless, to the solemnity of the proceedings, where the ringing chamber is open to the church, but is hardly likely to increase the comfort of the ringers.

The Bishop concluded an appropriate and thoughtful sermon by remarking that the bells should not be rung merely as a pastime, but as part of a great service and the worship of God. The church bells gave God's message as truly and as really as the man who stood either in choir or pulpit. Let them esteem those bells—thank God for the gift, and say a prayer for the ringers and donor, and pray that the message of the bells would reach some soul.

After the dedication service the bells were rung by St. Sidwell's band, and after evening service by the Cathedral company. Mr. Plummer entertained the ringers to tea.

Not the least interesting of the day's proceedings was the unveiling in the evening of a 'Ringers' Tablet,' placed in the tower entrance to the church as an appreciation of Mr. Plummer's generosity. Mr. W. J. Southwood crowned his many acts of kindness in connection with the installation of the bells by designing a handsome oak tablet subscribed for by ringers (past and present) who desired to set on record their feelings of gratification and appreciation. The tablet—five feet long and two feet six inches deep—bears an incised inscription, and illuminated panels on vellum. The inscription is as follows: 'St. Thomas' Church Bells. Augmented to a peal of eight, the old six being entirely recast and the bells rehung in an iron frame with ball bearings by Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The whole of the above being the generous gift of Edgar S. Plummer, eight years warden of this parish.' The left-hand panel contains the inscriptions on the bells and the right-hand panel the names of the St. Thomas' ringers who first rang them. The tablet also contains particulars of the weights of the bells, and the fact that the St. Sidwell's band rang after the dedication and the Cathedral band after evensong. The tablet was unveiled by the Vicar, who based his sermon on ringing. There was a large congregation.

The work of providing a raised ringing chamber, putting in a new floor under the bell cage, and certain repairs to the structure of the tower, have been undertaken by the parish, and represents an expenditure of about £150 or £160. The chiming apparatus is to be put in order, and it is hoped to carry out this work when the clock chimes are being adjusted.

In connection with the restoration of the bells Messrs. W. J. Southwood and Co. have issued a souvenir booklet, the sale of which at 6d. each is intended to augment the St. Thomas' Church Tower Fund. The souvenir contains much interesting matter and several excellent photographs.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Brighton, on Saturday, June 2nd, to give all who desire it, the opportunity of a 'pull' on the new peal of ten. Tower open 2.30. Tea 4.30. Service 6—A. D. Stone, Hon. Sec., 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Association will be held at Pulham Market on Saturday, June 2nd, at which the president will preside. By kind permission of the Rectors (the Ven. A. R. Buckland and the Rev. E. W. Field) the rings of eight bells of St. Mary Magdalene and St. Mary the Virgin will be available. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m. at the School Room. Tickets 2s. each, followed by the general business meeting. Important business will be transacted concerning the affairs of the St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Branch of the Association. It is hoped that members from both branches will be well represented on that occasion.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick on Saturday, June 2nd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Guild service in church at 5 p.m. Address by the Vicar (Canon G. Astbury), to be followed by tea and meeting. A tea will be provided for those only who notify the secretary by first post Tuesday, May 29th, latest. Subscriptions for 1923 now due.—F. Colclough, Hon. Sec., 1, Earl Street, Bilston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District—A meeting will be held at Apsley on Saturday, June 2nd, 1923. All welcome.—W. Ayre, District Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Newbury Branch.—Summer meeting will be held at Bucklebury on Saturday, June 2nd. Intending visitors please notify Vicar.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bradfield on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea (1s. 6d. each) will be provided at 5 p.m. Bus leaves Malin Bridge for Bradfield at 2.30, 3.30, etc.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A district meeting will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, June 2nd. Meet at Bishopwearmouth Church at 2 o'clock, and bands will be made up for Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius (all 8-bell towers). Tea in St. Ignatius Parish Room at 5 o'clock, at cost price.—George S. Taylor, Dis. Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoke Golding on Saturday, June 2nd. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea 5/- in Men's Hut, 1/- each. All ringers and friends welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Leek on Saturday, June 2nd. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be served at 5.30 p.m.; and a committee meeting will be held at 6.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Saturday.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Monthly meeting at Guiseley on Saturday, June 2nd. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6 Laurel Grove, Armley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June, 1923.—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, June 3rd, 10 a.m.; Monday, June 11th and 25th, 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph's, Bishopgate, Monday, June 4th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 7th and 21st; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting. 6d. allowed for tea to all members informing me not later than Saturday, June 2nd.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Basingstoke.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, June 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. It is hoped there will be a large attendance. Tea will be provided after the service to all those who notify Mr. F. Barber, Gordon Road, Wellingborough, on or before June 6th.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Corston, near Bath, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30, followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Will all those who require tea please let me know not later than June 4th.—Edith Smith, Sec., 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at Newport Pagnell. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting after. Those expecting tea please notify me not later than June 2nd. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea by arrangement after. All welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next 8-bell contest and annual meeting will be held at Halifax on Saturday, June 9th. Draw to take place at Ring of Bells at 2.45. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who send word on or before Monday, June 5th, to Mr. Fred Salmons, 9, Salisbury Place, Halifax, to whom all entries for contest must be sent.—L. Hargreaves, Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who kindly lent me know by June 4th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, June 9th. The bells will be available all the afternoon and evening. Tea will be kindly provided free in the Parochial Hall by the Rector, Rev. E. U. Mills, at five. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—E. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Quarterly Meeting at Ifley, Saturday, June 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 4.45 p.m., 1s. Business meeting after tea.—Wm. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., 28 New Street, St. Ebbes, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22 Silver Street, Miles Platting.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Barlborough, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. per head, in the Church Institute, at 5 p.m., for all those who notify W. Sturman, 142, Creswell Road, Clown, near Chesterfield, not later than June 5th. A good attendance desired.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

GUILD OF DEVONHIRE RINGERS.—A series of Cinques practices will be held at the Cathedral, Exeter, with a view to the ultimate selection of a band for a peal attempt. All members capable of profiting by this experience are urgently invited to attend. First practice, Wednesday, June 13th, at 6.30 p.m.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Secretary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, June 16. Bells (8) ready 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Will all requiring tea (1/- each) notify Mr. H. Burkinshaw, The Shop, Wortley, by Thursday the 14th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, June 16th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Hare and Hounds, Waddon. A good attendance desired and all ringers welcomed.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, is. to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, June 12th. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. —Next meeting at Northaw on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, at a small cost, will be arranged for those who require same and advise me by June 13th. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Established 1623. —The Tercentenary Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27. A free dinner will be provided at one o'clock; and an official reception by the Mayor and Corporation at a Tea, at 4.30, kindly given by them. A very hearty welcome will be accorded to all visiting ringers: and, it is sincerely desired that as many as possible will attend to honour the Saffron Walden Society on this unique occasion. It is essential that those intending to be present should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, not later than Thursday, June 21st, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec., West Road, Saffron Walden.

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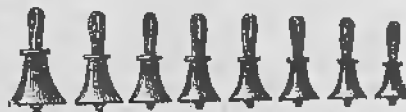
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OVERLAPPING.

The question raised at the annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association with reference to the overlapping of ringing organisations is a very important one to many societies. In the case of the Gloucester and Bristol Association we learn that forty per cent. of the membership of the overlapping society is drawn from the diocesan area, and if these ringers are not members of both societies, it can readily be realised that this position of affairs must seriously affect the numerical and financial strength of the Diocesan organisation. Although no action appears to have been taken, it was suggested that the Central Council might take this matter up, so that overlapping might be prevented.

Such action by the Council would bristle with difficulties, and in the present stage of the development of ringing organisation would probably do more harm than good. There are many areas in which more than one society operates, and for the most part, what rivalry there is, is of a most friendly type. Instances could, of course, be mentioned where the official feeling between the societies thus placed is not altogether cordial, but any outside interference in the direction of delimiting spheres of operation or influence would not be taken kindly. Unless there are clear-cut geographical boundaries, there is always risk of the 'offence' of poaching, even in cases where each society recognises the presence of the other upon its territory, and whatever action was taken by way of arranging existing cases of overlapping there would be no future guarantee that new societies would not from time to time spring up.

Where there now exist two societies covering one area, to the detriment and not to the mutual support of one another, our view is that the safest and most hopeful line to follow is to seek amalgamation. Whether such a step is possible in the diocese of Gloucester and Bristol we are not in a position to say, but action upon this basis was successful in Lancashire, where the Liverpool Diocesan organisation joined forces with the Lancashire Association. On the other hand, we have such cases as the Leeds and Sheffield district societies thriving within the borders of the Yorkshire Association, supported by leading members of the county organisation, and carrying on together in the most amicable fashion. When, however, the position is otherwise, it is lamentable to find two bodies, which might form one strong whole, suffering from the actions of each other, to the detriment, often, of membership and finance, and most certainly to the art of ringing. Unity is strength in this as in other matters, and it should be the object of all to see that weakness, brought about by the division of strength, does not harm the cause which both have at heart.

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WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	THOMAS F. KING 7
*CHARLES DOEL 3	WALTER FARLEY 8
CHARLES J. GARDINER 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 9
GILBERT H. HARDING 5	*WILLIAM R. BAXTER... .. Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BUISS.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. First peal on ten bells in the county. Rung on the eve of the 9th anniversary of Mr. T. F. King's wedding day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

*On Whit Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE FLEMING Treble	ALBERT FLEMING 5
TONY PRICE 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 6
ROBERT HARDY 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK 7
GEORGE ABLITT 4	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

For calling see N.D.A. Report for 1908, peal No. 1955. This and the five following peals were arranged for T. Price and R. Hardy during a week's holiday, two other attempts being unsuccessful.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

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

Tenor 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. in E flat.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	TONY PRICE 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	*LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
ROBERT HARDY 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by GEORGE WHITING.

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

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH.

*On Wednesday, May 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL Treble	ROBERT HARDY 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	TONY PRICE 6
WALTER RUFFLES 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

*On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT HARDY Treble	GEORGE FLEMING 5
*TONY PRICE 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
PERCY MAY... .. 4	JOHN GOOCH Tenor

Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

*On Friday, May 25, 1923, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	GEORGE FLEMING 5
ROBERT HARDY 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	*TONY PRICE 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	WILLIAM T. LAST Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM T. LAST.

* First peal in the method. For calling see Snowdon's Treble Bob, page 81.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

J. W. WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

*TONY PRICE Treble	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	HARRY R. ROPER 6
ROBERT HARDY 3	GEORGE E. SIMMONDS 7
JAMES DURRANT... .. 4	FREDERICK GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method.

MOORSIDE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

*On Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,*

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

F. DUNKERLEY Treble	J. COLLIER 5
A. LEYLAND 2	I. KAY 6
H. BARLOW 3	J. HALLAS 7
W. BARNES 4	C. PLATT Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by C. PLATT.

First peal by ringers of 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

*On Thursday, May 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,*

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

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in E.

CHARLES DRAPER Treble	ERNEST STONE 5
WALTER J. HORTON 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 6
*WALTER MARTIN 3	ABRAHAM WILKERSON... .. 7
THOMAS DICKIN... .. 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method inside. W. H. J. Hooton was elected a member in the tower. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of esteem and respect to the late Thomas Winfield, a previous churchwarden, who was interred the previous day.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	*FREDERICK MORLOCK ... 5
*FREDERICK A. POOLSON ... 2	*FRANK TURNER 6
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 7
*MAURICE SYMONDS 4	W. R. JOHN POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Carpenter for the use of the bells, also Mr. S. Evans for having them ready.

DARTFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923 in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN W. STEDDY... .. Treble	CHARLES WINNER 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	COL.-SGT. BENNETT 6
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HENRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, May 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 2	*REGINALD BROWN 6
*WILLIAM TATE 3	JAMES PARKER 7
MISS E. K. PARKER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal of Superlative, also first peal of Superlative on the bells.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

†WILLIAM GIBES... .. Treble	*WILLIAM COLEY 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	*ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in any Surprise method. † First peal of Superlative.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*G. MARK COE Treble	CHARLES H. BRIGGS... .. 5
HARRY BRIGGS 2	CHARLES H. WEBB 6
†ARTHUR WATERS 3	GEORGE P. GARNER 7
HENRY WRIGHT 4	†FRED COTTON Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. † First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

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PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	ALBERT E. NORMAN 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 6
WILLIAM H. JONES 3	OLIVER G. NORMAN 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Arranged and rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Morris.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. in G.

*ALFRED A. RACKHAM ... Treble	*WILFRED WILLIAMS... .. 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	*WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 6
SIDNEY T. RACKHAM ... 3	*JAMES P. HYETT 7
*ALEXANDER A. RACKHAM... 4	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE,

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

The 50th year as Vicar by the Rev. Walwyn-Trumper, M.A. First peal of Major on the bells. The hospitable tea after ringing was kindly provided, as usual, by the Vicar, Mrs. S. Rackham and Mrs. Edwards joining the company.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*THOMAS I. KNIGHT Treble	GEORGE DURLING 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	GEORGE HUXLEY... .. 6
WALTER SMITH 3	PERCY J. SPICE 7
*EDMUND MOUNTYER 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE DURLING.

For calling see K.C.A. Report, 1909, Peal No. 1475. * First peal of Major. Rung on the exact 150th anniversary of the opening of the bells, which were cast by Thomas Jannaway, and are still intact.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, May 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH, S.W.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ALAN R. MACDONALD... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 5
WILLIAM HIBBERT 2	HARRY R. PASMORE 6
LOUIS ATTWATER 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 4	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of James Willshire and Joseph A. Lambert, who passed away on May 22nd and May 27th respectively.

MILNROW, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S FIVE-PART.

R. BUCKLEY Treble	G. STAFF 5
J. FITTON 2	W. CRABTREE 6
MISS R. A. BELL 3	J. H. MASSEY 7
*MRS. CRABTREE 4	H. DAVENPORT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE STAFF.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the Vicar and Mrs. Elliot, who congratulated the ringers on their performance, and entertained them to tea. * First peal in the method.

**QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CECIL DRAKE Treble	ALBERT PICKLES 5
THOMAS SENIOR 2	EDGAR WHITELEY 6
WALTER MOONCEY 3	FRED HUTTON 7
HAROLD PEARCE 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

**RUNCORN, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION**

*On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

*BENJAMIN TREVITT Treble	JAMES MARTIN 5
*CLAUDE S. BENWELL 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
JOHN WILKINSON 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
WALTER HUGHES 4	*THOMAS W. MATHER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman. Also the first peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

**LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
DAVID HODGKIN 2	*THOMAS BEADMONT 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 3	LEONARD MANNERING 7
LOUIS HEAD... .. 4	PHILLIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by C.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V. For calling see Peal No. 88, Section 2, C.C. Collection. * First peal of Major.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

SIDNEY FIGGESS Treble	CHARLES NORRIS... .. 5
CHARLES WINSOR 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
RICKS PAINE 3	JOHN HAIGH... .. 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. HAIGH.

Rung to celebrate the King's birthday, and the birthday of the conductor, also after the marriage of Lieut. Gordon Lawes, Assistant Commissioner of Police, Malay States, and Miss Maude Violet Ranger, of Gillingham.

**NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(WINCHESTER DISTRICT)

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	PERCY W. CAVE 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
GEORGE POLLINGER... .. 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
*WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Friday, June 1st, a quarter-peal of Doubles on the back six (consisting 360 Stedman and 900 Grandsire Doubles), in 45 mins.: W. Ratcliffe 1 H. Bush 2, F. Justice 3, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 4, H. Williamson 5 E. William. son (first quarter-peal) 6.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

KNOWLE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

CHARLES HOLLAND Treble	*ARTHUR MORRIS... .. 4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	HARRY BRAGG 5
*GEORGE R. BAILEY 3	HARRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. T. W. Downing, Vicar of Knowle, whose birthday occurred during the week.

TILNEY ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.

**THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, May 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

*CHARLES BUNTING Treble	FRED C. WIGMORE 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	JOHN R. RODWELL 5
WALLACE W. COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS Tenor

Conducted by CLAUDE COUSINS.

* First peal and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells.

THE CHART, LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, May 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS FIRMAGER Treble	HYLTON F. H. TIDY 4
PERCIVAL C. TIDY 2	EDWARD E. TIDY... .. 5
CHARLES W. CLINCH 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

This peal was rung by the local band to commemorate the 21st anniversary of the opening of the bells, the bells being first raised and rung on May 23rd, 1902.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 120's with ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

REGINALD BEALE Treble	SAMUEL PYNE 4
HARRY POCOCK 2	EDGAR ELSON 5
WILLIAM UNDERHILL... .. 3	CHARLES AVIS Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR ELSON.

First peal by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.

**THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.**

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, May 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF SS. MICHAEL AND FELIX.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Canterbury and April Day and two 720's of Grandsire Doubles.

Tenor 10 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 3
*SAMUEL BIRD 2	JACK FORD 4
WALTER KERRISON Tenor	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day, and also the wedding of Mr. W. Cleveland and Miss M. Harrold, daughter of Mr. W. Harrold, churchwarden. * Proposed a member before starting for the peal.

IMBER, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

SYDNEY FRANCIS Treble	WILLIAM LOUD 3
JESSE FRANCIS 2	WILLIAM BAXTER 4
SAMUEL HECTOR Tenor	

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

STOKE EDITIL, HEREFORDSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WARGENT ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOME ... 4
THOMAS H. TAYSOME 2	HERBERT J. TAYSOME ... 5
ALEC. J. TAYLOR 3	WALTER TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal. First as conductor.

HARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	WILLIAM SPICE 4
WILLIAM J. WOOD 2	CHARLES H. SONE 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK
SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

LESLIE WIGHTMAN ... Treble	ALPHEUS BERRY 4
FRANK RUFFLES 2	WALTER RUFFLES 5
GEORGE BROWN 3	WILLIAM GROOME ... Tenor

Conducted by W. RUFFLES.

NEWHURCH, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

FRANK REYNOLDS ... Treble	WILLIAM HAMPSON 4
GEORGE POWNALL 2	JOHN YATES 5
WILLIAM GOULD 3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Tenor

Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

* First Surprise peal on the bells, and first peal in the method by all the band. All the ringers belong to the local company.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Sandal and Oxford Treble Bob (spliced). 720 Double Oxford and Single Oxford (spliced), 720 Double Bob and Plain Bob (spliced) and 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent Treble Bob Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Grandsire, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 8 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

WILLIAM POWELL ... Treble	JAMES BLAKE 4
JOHN J. BEVAN 2	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal in 14 methods by the Guild.

DENVER, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, College Single Reverse, St. Clements, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

WALLACE COUSINS ... Treble	JOHN RODWELL, JUN. ... 4
CLAUDE COUSINS 2	BERT GOGLE 5
FRED WIGMORE 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

First peal and first attempt in seven methods by all the band. Quickest peal on the bells.

DENFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two 720 of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt.

LESLIE GROOM ... Treble	FRANK KIRK 4
DANIEL REDHEAD 2	*JOHN COLEMAN 5
*CYRIL WILSON 3	JAMES M. NICKERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

* First peal of Minor with a working bell. Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival, also on the eve of the King's birthday. First peal on the bells for ten years.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HAMPTON, EVESHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6021 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in A.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON 1-2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 5-6
JAMES HEMMING 3-4	JOHN HALL 7-8
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 9-10	

Composed by J. D. JOHNSON. Conducted by F. J. JOHNSON. Rung as a compliment to Miss Ruth Johnson on her coming of age.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT 90 BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;

JAMES R. KEMP 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	*SYDNEY SADLER 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

Attested by WALTER MORRELL.

* First peal on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ALDBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E flat.

JACK PILGRIM 1-2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5-6
ROY PILGRIM 3-4	LEONARD W. BALE 7-8

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY. Umpire: GEORGE HOKE.

Longest length in the method by all the band. This composition, a two-part, is now rung for the first time.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SUPPORTING THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S DECISIONS.

The annual meeting was held at Thirsk on Whit Monday, when members attended from Ripon, Thirsk, Wath, Northallerton, Middlesbrough, Darlington St. John and Holy Trinity, West Hartlepool, St. Aidan's, Shildon; Stockton, and Sharow. The bells, a peal of eight, with tenor of 17 cwt., were kept going practically all day, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major being rung.

A committee meeting was held at which a considerable amount of business and discussion took place, followed by a short service in the church, there being a good gathering of members and friends. The address was given by the Rev. N. P. H. Austin, Vicar of Thirsk, who gave the association a very warm welcome to Thirsk.

Dinner was held at the Three Tuns Hotel, presided over by the Rev. A. Simpson, president, supported by the Rev. G. F. Amies (curate of St. Mary's, Cockfield), the hon. secretary, Mr. T. Metcalfe; vice-presidents, W. Pick (Sharow), J. Stott (Thirsk), J. W. Passman (Middlesbrough).

At the business meeting which followed, the Secretary submitted the annual report showing, amongst other things, that ten peals had been rung during the year by 45 members in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The year had begun with £30 14s. 11d. in hand, and closed with £33 14s. 10d.—The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.

The president (the Rev. A. Simpson), vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Pick, J. Stott, G. F. Alexander, J. W. Passman and the Rev. J. L. Kyle; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. T. Metcalfe; auditors, J. W. Whittle and J. C. Pollard were re-elected, and were unanimously thanked for their past year's services.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Thirsk for conducting the service and giving the address and the use of the bells; also the Vicar of Felixkirk for granting the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. J. Todd, the organist.

The President explained there had been a movement amongst various associations to back up the Central Council in their work and suggestions. He suggested that the association should fall into line by passing a resolution that they would abide by the decisions of the Central Council. This would give them a moral support, and help them in their undertaking.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The committee's recommendations of meetings for the year are:—September, Bedale; Easter Monday, 1923, Robin Hood's Bay; annual meeting, Whit Monday, 1924, Middlesbrough.

The President also suggested that the vice-presidents should try and arrange other meetings at various towers and send invitations to the members and officials. He thought this would do a great deal of good and stir up more interest in the art of change ringing.

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ROMNEY MARSH GUILD CELEBRATE A BIRTHDAY.

A meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, held at Aldington on Saturday, May 26th, was arranged specially to celebrate the 86th birthday of Mr. Charles Slingsby, the father of the Guild, and captain of the Aldington ringers. Mr. Slingsby rang the treble to the first touch of Bob Minor, and also in a subsequent touch. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were also rung. Service was conducted by the Rector, who gave a very nice address, based on the words, 'Honour to whom honour is due.' He referred to Mr. Slingsby as one particularly to whom honour was due, as he was always to be found in his place in the belfry, and afterwards at the services.

At the conclusion of the service a tablet was dedicated to commemorate a 720 of Bob Minor which was rung at Aldington on Mr. Slingsby's 85th birthday. The members were then invited to the Rectory, where a splendid tea awaited them on the terrace, Mrs. Slingsby and Mrs. Sherwood assisting the Rector's wife and his family. There were two fine birthday cakes, one being Mr. Slingsby's, the other for the Rector's youngest daughter, whose birthday it was as well.

The meeting was held on the terrace immediately after, the Rector presiding.—New Romney was fixed as the place for the next meeting, on June 16th.—It was decided to have an annual outing in July, and the Master, Mr. C. W. Everett and Mr. O. Tribe were deputed to make the necessary arrangements, the route proposed being Tunbridge Wells, East Grinstead, Edenbridge, etc.

The good wishes of the Guild were accorded to Mr. Slingsby upon his birthday, and the hope expressed that he might, like his father, reach a century.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for permission for service, and for his generous hospitality, with thanks also to his wife and family, and the ladies who had assisted.

A course or two of Grandsire Triples were then rung on the handbells by C. Tribe, H. Baker, F. S. Macey and G. Johnson, and thus ended a very pleasant and enjoyable meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The ancient peal of bells at Holy Trinity Church, Gidleigh, have just been removed from the tower. Three of them are by Robert Norton, 1430; the other bell by W. Bennington, 1641. They are to be tuned, and a new bell added. These bells being of such a good age and shape, Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons have recommended that they should be saved by tuning and adding a new bell to make the peal. They will be rehung on modern principles.

During the next fortnight the old bells at Withiel, Bodmin, Cornwall, will be removed to Messrs. Aggett's Bell Works. Two of the bells fell through the tower floor, three are still in the bell frames. All are to be recast, and a new tenor bell added, and the whole rehung in new fittings.

On June 9th, 1850, the first peal in America was rung. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's ten-part) called by Henry Haley at Philadelphia. There were two tenormen, one of them, a one-legged man, ringing the bell for the first 24 hours.

Believed to be the first peal of Grandsire Maximus out of London, a peal in this method was rung at Birmingham on June 12th, 1815.

Mr. C. Wallater writes with regard to the footnote to the peal of Stedman Triples at Barton-under-Needwood, Staffs, that he received a letter from Mr. F. J. Cope, of Lichfield, stating that he rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at Barton-under-Needwood on Oct. 13th, 1906, by the Burton branch of the Midland Counties Association, and that he is under the impression that there had been a peal in this method rung there previously by the Burton men.

The time of the peal rung at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on May 26th, published in our last issue, should have been given as 3 hrs. and 22 mins.

The St. John-the-Baptist Society, Leytonstone, have held their customary two days' excursion, and set about it with the same energy that always marks these annual excursions. Amongst other ringing, they brought round eighteen complete 720's of Surprise Minor!

Winchcombe bells, Gloucestershire, have been rehung by Messrs. Bond, of Burford, Oxon, and were opened on Sunday week by members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. They are a peal of six, with tenor of 12 cwt.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on May 24th, was the first peal of Cambridge rung in the city by a local band.

ROWLEY REGIS BELLS.

AN APPEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I take the liberty of appealing through your columns for help towards reinstating the peal of bells of the ancient parish of Rowley Regis, Staffordshire.

The church was destroyed by fire in June, 1913 when so many other churches and public buildings were being sacrificed in a political campaign of that period.

After lying in ruins for ten years the church is now being rebuilt. The tower has been built as high as the nave roof, but the Church Council being already in debt to the extent of over £2,000 cannot undertake the completion of the tower and installing the bells.

A public effort is being made by the four daughter churches of Blackheath, Old Hill, Cradley Heath and Tividale to complete the tower, and also help toward the £400 to rehang the bells. Rowley Regis is one of the poorest parishes in the Black Country, where there are practically no industries.

The bells, undamaged by fire, were augmented to eight in 1887 by James Barwell. The original five were by Matthew Bagley, of Chalcombe, 1694. The tenor, 15 cwt., was recast in 1848 by Mears, and again in 1881 by Blews.

On behalf of the poor parishioners, who are yearning to hear their bells again, I ask all large-hearted clergy, laity, and ringers to help. Subscriptions will be gladly received and duly acknowledged through your columns, and may be sent to Lloyds Bank (Rowley Bells Account), Old Hill, or to me.—Yours, etc.,

A. E. PARSONS.

Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

FALSE PEALS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL'S PLAIN BOB COLLECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The question of false peals having been brought forward at the recent meeting of the Council, I would point out that the following peals have been duly notified as false, through the ringers' Press:—

Page 145, peal No. 2 (J. Carter), can only be five times repeated, producing 4,032 changes (not 8,064); page 213, peal No. 149 (A. Craven); page 217, peal No. 156 (A. Craven); page 222, peal No. 167 (H. Dains).

Bob Royal Group.—Page 242, peal No. 21 (H. Dains).

Double Oxford Group.—Page 254, peal No. 1 (H. Dains).

It really seems a pity that the Royal Group does not contain the first-class compositions which had been rung years before the collection was printed.—Yours truly,

J. HUNT.

Taunton.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 347.)

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Mr. W. Willson presented the following report on behalf of this committee, many of the quotations from newspapers in reference to bells and ringing, causing the members of the Council considerable amusement: "During the past year, numerous comments upon bells and bell ringing have found their way into the public Press. A strike or 'lock-out' of a band of ringers in the North was sufficient to cause the Sunday newspapers to broadcast the information that the ringers' 'Trade Union' had withdrawn its men for a 'living wage.' On behalf of the committee, it was pointed out to the various Editors that the statement was absurd that no such union existed, nor was likely to exist, that the ringers on strike were outside the pale of the Exercise of change ringing, and that their status was that of the itinerant organ grinder compared to a church organist. The coming of the carillon has also helped to bring the bell question before the public. An article in the 'Daily Mirror' of March 27th, on 'Chimes,' remarked: 'On the Continent, especially in Flanders, bells have a much mellow and more stirring ring than in England, and church carillons, although melancholy, are wonderfully soothing. Cromwell and his Puritans were responsible for the melting down of ancient and beautiful toned bells, but those now being manufactured have a dry and sharp sound. Are some secrets of bell founding lost? or is there no demand for perfect chimes?' Also in the 'Morning Post' of April 16th, a 'leaderette' dealt in a most interesting manner with the same subject. The writer was obviously well versed in bells and ringing. The article was headed 'Singing Towers.' After describing the high state of efficiency in the ringing of to-day, the writer proceeded: 'The music they provide is a noble accompaniment to the people's emotions: it decorates the passing time with arabesques of stately sound which, according as the mood of the listeners colours them, may be far-flung litanies of lamentation, or, on joyous occasions, the veritable 'laughter of music.' We shall never cease to take delight in the intricate sequences of 'change ringing,' even though we welcome a higher form of bell music—that which is possible only where a keyboard carillon, such as exists in every tower of Belgium and Holland, has been installed. . . . We are now on the eve of a new and significant development—the creation of a school of carillon players and composers under the auspices of the University of Birmingham.' Now, while every one with an ear for music will appreciate tune-playing and its recognition, it would be unfortunate for our art if carillons were to be preferred to bells hung for ringing. The carillon has come to stay, and we must adapt ourselves to what it may entail. Your committee suggest that when a carillon is about to be installed, influence should be brought to bear, so that out of the many bells a ring of eight or ten be hung for ringing, on the ground that a carillon cannot express public or national sorrow or rejoicing as does a ring of bells hung for ringing. Thus provision would be made for both forms of bell music. The question of ringing defence has cropped up in a new guise. A mixed band from various parts of the country, arranged to attempt a long peal and permission was granted by the authorities concerned. When the 'Ringing World' announced it, other ringers took umbrage, wrote letters to the local Press and induced the authorities to cancel the permission on the ground of possible damage to the tower and bells! While it is admitted that there may be reasonable and just objections to long peals, and the public have a right to be considered it is scarcely 'playing the game' for ringers within the ranks to incite a protest and thus bring about an embargo. Any 'backdoor' influence to suppress the legitimate aspirations of a band—whether local or not—is to be deplored. Such objections should be made through the Ringing Press, and weighed for what they are worth.'

Mr. Willson emphasised the feeling of the committee with regard to the action taken to prevent the long peal attempt at Evesham, and pointed out that while objection was taken to this peal attempt, another band rang a peal in the same tower the next week.

Rev. C. B. Matthews seconded the report.

Rev. F. L. Edwards pointed out, with regard to carillons, that it was a mistake to suppose that carillons abroad took the place of church bells for ringing. They did nothing of the kind, they were only a supplement.

Mr. G. P. Burton, who is a member of the committee, said they ought to be glad that the Press was showing greater sympathy if not greater intelligence as regards bell ringing. The 'Daily Mail,' in connection with the Stedman Cinques record at Southwark on the previous day, had announced to the world the amazing news that ringers preferred to ring in their shirt sleeves (laughter). He suggested that some member of the Council or committee should be asked just to leave the official 'card' of the Council so to speak, at the editorial office of one or two of the important papers. They had a friend at court at the office of the 'Morning Post,' who was most friendly to ringing generally, and he suggested they might with advantage get into touch with some of the other papers.

Alderman Pritchett said he wanted to remove one misapprehension.

They had no professor of carillon music at Birmingham University, and he did not think it was likely they would have one.

Mr. Pryce Taylor said he believed money had been left for the purpose of instructing students at Birmingham University in carillon music.

The report was adopted.

METHODS COMMITTEE.

The Rev. H. Law James, on behalf of the Methods Committee, said they were authorised last year to print the collection of Plain Major Methods. His part of the business was done, and so was Mr. Trollope's part, and the papers were at the present moment in the hands of Mr. E. H. Lewis, who was an extremely busy person. He had been carrying them about with him from one hotel to another all over the country, dealing with them piecemeal as he could, and Mr. Lewis had suggested that he should give it up and resign from the committee. That, said Mr. James, was the very last thing they wanted. Mr. Lewis was one of the best members of their committee, and doing good work. It was work that was of importance, and he suggested that the Council should have patience and let them get it done as soon as they could. They could not hurry Mr. Lewis, who was up to his eyes in work.

The Council agreed.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The report of the Analysis Committee was read by the Rev. A. T. Beeston. Practically the whole of it had previously appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and the members got rather tired of the repetition of a mass of statistics, but, when questioned as to the necessity of going through already published details, Mr. Beeston said he was merely carrying out the request of the chairman of the committee, who was not present at the meeting.

When the report had been read, the Rev. B. H. T. Drake humorously suggested, amid laughter, that it be referred back for further details.

The President said they were greatly indebted to the committee for the enormous labour they had expended upon the report. All he could say was that they had infinitely more leisure than he had (laughter).

Mr. W. A. Cave called attention to the inclusion in the Analysis of peals of Triples rung on seven bells, and said he understood that the Council had decided that these should not be recognised.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the decision of the Council was that they should not be 'countenanced.'

Canon Baker asked how the Council could discountenance them except by omitting them from the records.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

The report was adopted, and later the same committee's report on method nomenclature was brought up by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who moved its adoption. This report has already been published in these columns.—The motion was seconded by Alderman Chambers, and had been declared carried, when the Rev. H. Law James intervened to point out that the committee had taken upon itself to change the names of methods which had been applied by the Methods Committee, and published in 1907. He mentioned as instances College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and added that by their action the Analysis Committee wanted to say that a reverse method was a single method—in other words, that black was white. He moved that the matter be referred back.—Mr. J. A. Trollope seconded, and added that he would also like to see a revision of some of the names. The only safe plan in naming methods was to name them after towns.

Mr. J. W. Parker said the committee had the highest respect for the opinions of Mr. James, and they recognised what he had done with regard to the publication of methods, but in this matter they could not agree with him. The object of the committee was to indicate as clearly as possible what the method in the collection really was. The method of College Single Minor had been rung for over 200 years. It was the method in which, when the treble got down into 3rd's place, the bells from the front made 4th's, and went back to lead. The method in the collection was that method reversed, and as the old method was that rung as College Single the committee thought by putting it down as College Single Reverse they were indicating to the Exercise what exactly the method was. Continuing, Mr. Parker said the committee either wished the report to go through as it stood or that the matter should be placed in the hands of some other committee.

The Rev. H. Law James said this matter was not a question of opinion: it was a question of what was right and what was wrong.

Mr. G. P. Burton said some ringers were much concerned about the absurd names the committee had given to some of the methods. They did not want to make the Exercise a laughing-stock.

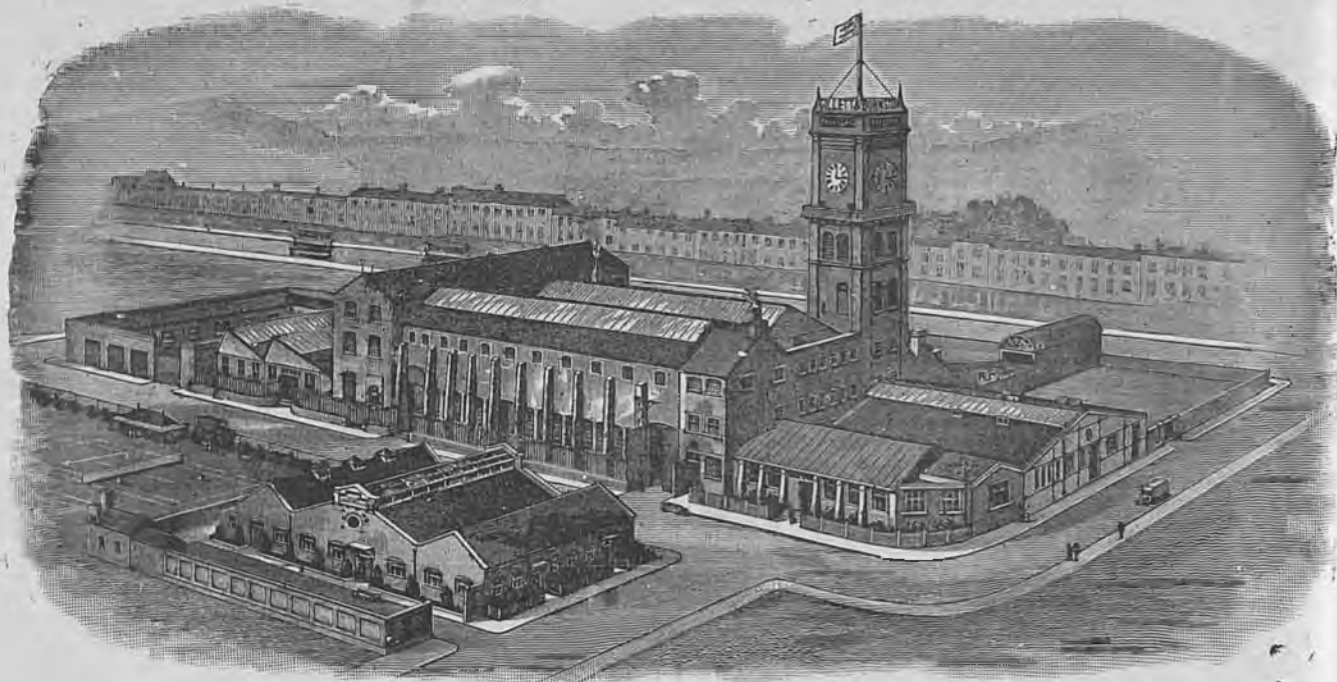
The Rev. E. S. Powell asked if the committee had not gone beyond their powers, in renaming these methods. He understood they were asked only to find names for the unnamed methods.

PRIORITY OF USE.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the question arose out of the difficulty experienced by the Analysis Committee. When methods were rung bearing two names, they were not aware which method had been rung, and it was to get rid of that confusion that it was de-

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ecided that any claim to the name of a method should be sent in to the librarian within a certain period. At the Council's last meeting it was decided that the Analysis Committee should take up the work of clearing up this confusion. That being the case, it was necessary to go back and find out what names had been given to methods that were being rung, and in the search they had to make they came across methods bearing certain names which were in the collection, bearing other names. In dealing with the matter they found it necessary to go, as they stated they should do, on priority of use. Acting on that principle they embodied these changes in their report, and they stood by it.

Mr. Trollope said the names of the two methods referred to by Mr. James were put into the collection deliberately by the Methods Committee. There was a principle behind the action. The method to which the Methods Committee gave the original name of College Single was being rung as such in many places, and the name of College Single as applied to the old method would die out. If there was any point in the argument about confusion, he believed it was only a question of a few years before it would be eliminated entirely. What the Analysis Committee were now doing was setting back a matter that had long been going steadily forward, and which had been entirely approved by the Exercise.

Referring to the point raised by the Rev. E. S. Powell, the President read the minute of the meeting by which it was decided that the committee should after a certain date name the unnamed methods.

The Rev. E. S. Powell: Does that give them power to give a new name to a method which already had a name printed in the collection?

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the Methods Committee, when they published the collection, gave the name of Stedman Slow Course to a method which they acknowledged to be a mistake. Had the Methods Committee power to take the name given to a recognised method and give it to one of their own?

The Rev. H. Law James said if they accepted the Analysis Committee's recommendation, the Council, to be consistent would have to say that Cambridge Surprise must lose its name, and that Double Norwich Major should be Norwich Court Bob.

Mr. C. T. Coles said the committee seemed to have gone beyond the terms of the reference.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said the Council, at their last meeting, accepted the principle on which the committee had acted, namely, the question of priority of use.

The Rev. H. Law James said the subject was a technical one which should have been settled. He had been trying his best for the last month or six weeks to bring the committee to see it in its true light, and that was why he was prepared to fight (laughter).

Mr. Cave pointed out that members might refrain from voting for the amendment because the committee had threatened to resign. It would be a great regret to many of them if the question was not decided on its merits.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards moved that the matter be adjourned until next year's Council meeting.

Mr. A. F. M. Stewart seconded.

Mr. W. Willson moved, and Mr. J. Parker seconded, that the Council proceed to the next business.

On being put to the meeting this was carried by 28 votes to 20.

(To be continued.)

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held in Northampton on Whit-Monday.

The service was held in St. Edmund's Church at noon, when the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Johnson) preached a very practical sermon.

Luncheon was served at the Cinema Cafe, Market Square, the company of guests including the Rev. J. P. Friend (president of the Association), the Rev. A. M. Johnson (Vicar of St. Edmund's), the Rev. E. C. Channer (Northampton), the Rev. C. H. L. Hopper (Weekley), the Rev. J. White (Pitsford), the Rev. J. O. Hichens (Guilsborough), vice-presidents; Mr. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), Mr. D. J. Nichols (general secretary), Messrs. R. Black, F. Barber, S. J. Lawrence, and W. Bott (district secretaries), Miss C. Hepburn (secretary Ladies Guild), Mr. W. Martin (Nuneaton), Mr. H. Wood (London), Mr. W. R. Drage (Long Eaton), and about 50 others.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the president. The election of officers resulted in the president, treasurer and general secretary all being unanimously re-elected, with thanks for past services. Mr. M. Hobbs and Mr. J. Saddington were also re-elected auditors.

Representatives to serve on the Central Council for 1924, 1925 and 1926 were elected as follows: Messrs. D. J. Nichols, F. Hopper, E. M. Atkins and F. Wilford.

Grants of three guineas were made from the Belfry Repairs Fund to the Desborough and Doddington Bell Restoration Funds.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Kettering.

Arrangements were made to hold a special meeting of the Association on Saturday, June 9th, at Wellingborough, when the Lord Bishop of Peterborough will address the members.

The President proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Edmund's for conducting the service, and to the clergy of Northampton for placing the various rings of bells at the disposal of the ringers during the day.

The Vicar of St. Edmund's, in replying, said how pleased he was to meet the ringers, and promised to do all he could to help the Association.

Some excellent ringing was enjoyed in a variety of methods by a representative gathering during the day.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Llandudno on Whit Monday, when members from the following towers were present: Buckley, Wrexham, Rhyl, Portmadoc, Hawarden, Bangor, Gresford and Llandudno. A service was held at Holy Trinity Church, when the Rev. Canon Ll. R. Hughes gave an excellent address, dealing with the origin and development of bell ringing as a means of calling people to the worship of God.—Mr. Hughes presided at the organ.

The business meeting was held in the Church House, the chair being taken by the Rev. Canon Hughes. Mr. A. J. Hughes, of Rhyl, spoke of the recent bereavement of the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of Bangor, president of the association, by the death of his wife, and it was unanimously resolved that a letter of sympathy be sent to him.

The following officers were all re-elected: President, Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Bangor; Master, Mr. A. J. Hughes, Rhyl; hon. treasurer, Mr. Edw. Rowlands, Wrexham; hon. secretary, Mr. C. H. Jones, Buckley; district secretaries: Bangor, Mr. Wm. Pegler, Rhyl, Mr. B. R. Collis; Wrexham, Mr. H. Moore, junr.; Buckley, Mr. C. H. Jones. It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Bangor on Saturday, Sept. 1st, and the next annual meeting at Rhyl on Whit Monday, 1924.

New members were proposed from Portmadoc, Buckley, Wrexham and Bangor, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Hughes for presiding at the meeting, and also for his address at the service.

After the meeting, the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea, provided by Mr. Hughes.

Touches in various methods were rung during the day both before and after the meeting.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Whit Monday meeting was held at Morpeth in ideal weather. A company of 25 sat down to an excellent dinner at the George and Dragon Hotel, Mr. Story (the president) presiding, supported by Mr. E. Ferry (hon. secretary), Mr. A. M. Hall (hon. treasurer), Messrs. G. Holmes and R. Parkinson (vice-presidents of the Northern and Eastern Districts, respectively), Mr. J. E. Gofton, Northern District secretary, and others. The agendas for the committee and general meeting were very short, and the party were soon out enjoying the country, but not before they had had the pleasure of hearing the Whitley Bay band tap off a course of Stedman Caters on the handbells, and three courses of London Surprise Major by the Gofton brothers. The Whitley Bay band arrived in style, with 'Elizabeth,' and T. T. G. as 'chefonier.' As well as walks round the Castle Grounds and the country in the immediate district, touches of Plain and Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Cambridge Surprise Major, etc., were rung on the ancient watch tower bells, situated in the Market Place. The parish church, for the services of which the watch tower bells ring, is about a mile further south. In the ringing chamber is a slab bearing the lines:—

Have you heard the Morpeth Wonder,
Church and steeple a mile asunder?

The tower has two stone watchmen on its battlements. The bells are rung thrice daily, and the curfew is still rung here.

The clock is said to be a very old one, brought from Bothal Castle. For many years it had only one pointer which made it, if not a Morpeth wonder, a Morpeth curiosity. The late Alderman Cranston supplied the necessary works for the second pointer. The fact that the clock had only one pointer, stamps it as an ancient one for, as most people know, the first clocks had only one hand, the hour hand, the minutes had to be guessed.

The Roman Catholic Church in Oldgate, Morpeth stands in what was part of the gardens of Collingwood House, the residence of Lord Collingwood. The pastures round the Castle are full of oak trees planted by Lord Collingwood, when he feared there would be a shortage of oak to build the men-of-war.

Until quite recently there was a strap and long heavy rope some 25ft. or 30ft. long kept in the Watch Tower belfry, which was used in the old days of bull baiting; it is now in the Town Hall Museum. It was a law of the ancient Corporation that no butcher should kill a bull, the flesh of which was to be sold for human food, unless the bull had been publicly baited in the market place. In the museum are many interesting relics of the past, including 'The Branks,' or bridle, for punishing scolding women.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

MORETON-IN-MARSH GLOS.—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, for service, 420 Grandsire Triples W. Buttler 1, C. Grimes 2, F. Jones 3, J. Gardner 4, N. Brion 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Lloyd 8.

PRESTBURY.—On Sunday evening, June 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Hale 1, T. Pendry 2, H. Newman 3, H. Halford 4, J. Canson 5, C. Tovey 6, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, June 3rd, at St. John's Church, in honour of the King's birthday, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Woodvough 1, C. Bowkett 2, S. Holt 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, W. Lewis 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, June 3rd, previous to evensong, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: H. W. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, E. J. Newell 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, G. T. Croft 6, H. E. Day 7, W. J. Croft (conductor) 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Booth 1, E. A. Hornsby 2, A. Mansfield 3, G. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. Willford Sharp (conductor) 6. Also 180 Double Court.

HILLINGDON MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on June 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 50 mins.: A. Smith 1, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 2, Miss G. Baker 3, H. Chandler 4, S. Honor 5, Miss P. Moss 6, J. Bacon 7, H. Folkard 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith.

YATLEY, HANTS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. G. Stilwell (first quarter-peal) 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. Hearmon 3, C. Bunch 4, H. Tice 5, G. Butler (conductor) 6, S. J. Riddell 7, W. A. Goodall 8. All are regular Sunday Service ringers.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 3rd, at St. Margaret's, for morning service, 1,088 London Surprise Major: A. Keeble 1, F. L. Fisher 2, M. Bailey 3, E. Fisher (longest length in method) 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, Edgar Bailey 6, Ernest S. Bailey 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 3rd at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in honour of King George's birthday: R. W. Jennison 1, J. Edmondson 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hall 5, H. Thorpe (conductor) 6, A. Jackson 7, J. Coulton 8.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, for afternoon service, on May 27th, five courses Grandsire Caters: D. Gibb 1, T. McMorran 2, J. Alkinson 3, C. Harrison 4, W. Wilson 5, J. Cherry 6, A. Murray 7, G. Wilmot 8, J. E. Sykes (conductor) 9, W. Gibson 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Gabriel Lindoff.

BLACKBURN.—At St. Michael's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins., 1,280, by H. Haigh: A. Tomlinson 1, H. Chambers 2, A. Chamberlain 3, E. Eastwood 4, T. Chambers 5, F. Chambers 6, F. Bradley 7, L. J. Williams (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method for ringers of 2 and 4.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Nickerson (conductor) 1, G. Jeffs, junr., 2, G. Jeffs, senr., 3, A. Smart 4, L. Wyman 5, J. Seamark 6, A. Bellamy 7, R. Loveday 8. First quarter-peal with an inside bell by G. Jeffs, junr.

PETERBOROUGH.—On May 27th, for evensong, at St. John's Church, 546 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, W. M. Cross 2, H. Beechev 3, S. Wright 4, W. G. Cross 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8. Also 560 Double Norwich, with Miss P. Hare at treble, H. Poole (Leicester) 5th and F. Davis 6th.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Trinity Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, at St. Mary's, 720 Cambridge Minor: J. J. Jutson 1, Miss Elsie Brandon 2, Miss Annie Dale 3, Miss Phyllis Hare 4, W. Waldron 5, H. J. Poole, Leicester (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge Minor by ringers of 2, 3 and 6.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Spaldwick on June 16. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present please reply by Tuesday, June 12th, to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Longstanton, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on June 16th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me before Tuesday, June 12? — J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., School House, Aldford, Chester.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT CHELMSFORD.

The 44th annual meeting of the Essex Association was held on Whit Monday, at Chelmsford, and proved one of the most successful in its history. There was a large gathering of ringers from all parts of Essex, together with distinguished visitors from outside the county, which testified to Chelmsford being the most suitable venue for Essex ringers. Chelmsford, with its ring of twelve at the Cathedral, and the number of eight-bell towers in the neighbourhood is recognised as one of the best ringing centres in the Eastern Counties. Proceedings opened with service at the Cathedral in the morning.

The Rev. Canon Lake, Rector of Chelmsford, conducted, and the lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. (Braintree), Master of the Association.—The Rev. W. H. Pelham, Vicar of Taving, gave the address.

The annual meeting followed in the Vestry Hall. The Master presided over a crowded attendance, among those present being Canon Lake, the Rev. W. H. Pelham; Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden), hon. secretary and treasurer; the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (formerly hon. secretary and treasurer); Messrs. W. J. Nevard, Master, N.E. Division; W. H. Dyson, Master, N. Division; A. Edwards, Master, S.E. Division; P. Timson, secretary, S.E. Division; W. H. Theobald, secretary, S.W. Division; F. Dench, secretary, N.W. Division; and the following well-known ringers: Messrs. W. and G. R. Pye, Romford; D. Elliott, Great Henny; Mr. and Mrs. Ilains, Clapham; Miss Parkins, Peterborough; Mr. J. Souter, Diss; Mr. Rupert Richardson, Surfleet; Messrs. W. Hewitt and E. Pyke, London; T. R. Dennis, Cambridge; T. and W. G. Faulkner, C. Fenn, Barking, etc.

THE MASTER'S REPORT.

The Master, in his report, stated: Although the total membership is slightly reduced, it does not indicate any slackening of interest, but is rather due to the difficult times through which we are passing. A considerable number of names have been removed from the list, due to non-payment of subscriptions, some not of their own choice, but from a necessity arising out of lack of regular employment. The membership now stands at 989, showing a decrease on the year of 32, which is undoubtedly temporary, and will again show improvement when the revival in industry is more apparent. The income of £58 2s. 4d. is smaller by £5 11s. 9d. than last year, and expenditure amounts to £53 12s. 1d. showing a balance in hand of £23 14s. 0½d., resulting in a net gain of £4 10s. 3d., which would have been greater had all subscriptions due been paid. The five-bell tower of Shalford has again been affiliated and has an enthusiastic young band, making 99 towers in union with the Association which constitutes a record. Forty-eight peals all on tower bells have been rung as follows: Stedman Cinques, 1; Bob Royal, 2; Stedman Caters, 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; London Surprise, 2; Cambridge, 4; Superlative Surprise, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; T. B. Major, 4; Bob Major, 3; Stedman Triples, 2; Grandsire Triples, 4; Surprise Minor, 4; Minor in various methods, 14; and Doubles, 2. Thirty-one members shared in the conducting, and forty-two rang their first peal.

The new ring of eight, hung in a steel frame in the triangular tower at All Saints', Maldon, has been dedicated and opened. The ring of eight at Romford has been rehung in a steel frame. A new treble has been added to each of the rings of five at Kirby-le-Soken and Ingatestone. It is proposed to recast some of the Rayleigh bells and hanging the whole ring of eight. Necessary repairs have also been carried out at Halstead and Thaxted. An appeal for funds is being made to rebast and rehang in a new frame the ancient ring of eight at Great Baddow. Although the past year may be described as uneventful, we can congratulate ourselves that good work has been accomplished. It is gratifying to know that in an increasing number of parishes the bells are regularly sending out their message, inviting all to public worship, which as church workers is our first duty. In conclusion, the Master expressed thanks, on behalf of the Association, to the honorary secretary, district officers and auditors for their zealous work to promote the interests of the association during the past year.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.—Mr. G. Faulkner raised the question of advertising the meetings of the Essex Association in the 'Ringing World,' and the Master stated that arrangements had now been made for the notices to be regularly published in the 'Ringing World.'

The election of officers followed.—Canon Lake, who temporarily took the chair, said it was a great pleasure for him to propose the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard as Master, and the Essex Association were very fortunate in having a Master who took such a keen interest in its affairs (hear, hear).—Mr. Caleb Fenn (Barking) seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously amid applause.

Mr. C. H. Howard, in reply, said he was extremely obliged for the renewed confidence (this being his fourteenth successive appointment to the office), and so long as it was the wish of the members that he should occupy the position he would endeavour to continue to carry on the business of the association in a proper manner (hear, hear).

The Master proposed the re-election of Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) as hon. secretary and treasurer, and said he had entered with enthusiasm into his work, which he was carrying on in a most satisfactory manner.—Mr. G. Faulkner seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.—Mr. Pitstow, in reply, acknowledged the good work done by the district Masters and secretaries, and said he should be pleased to carry on for another year.

Messrs. G. A. Black and G. W. Faulkner were re-elected auditors, and thanked for their services. Messrs. G. R. Pye, W. J. Nevard, E. J. Butler, and the Master, were again appointed representatives to the Central Council.

The question of association property was discussed and it was agreed that the handbells should be kept in the ringing chamber at the Cathedral, and the peal books and other property in the hands of the general secretary.—Mr. T. Faulkner very kindly undertook to write the peal book up to date free of cost.

The question of the utility of the peal analysis published by the Central Council in the 'Ringing World' was discussed, and the Master stated that it was interesting to a great many ringers and associations, and entailed a large amount of labour upon those who compiled it.

A number of new numbers from Harwich and Braintree were enrolled.

RECOGNISED BY CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

Mr. T. Faulkner proposed thanks to the Master for presiding, and acknowledged the good work of the district officers for the association.—The motion was carried unanimously.

The Master, in reply, returned thanks for himself and the district officers, whose work he always recognised in the annual report. The Essex Association was now recognised in the county as an authority on bells, and during the past year he had been applied to over a score of times from different parts of the diocese for advice. The Master of the Association and district officers were often written to from parishes where there were proposed restorations of church bells, and there were frequent journeys to parishes where meetings were held to consider such matters. In the last ten years the Essex Association had become recognised by the church authorities in such matters, and there was scarcely a restoration going on in the county where the association had not been asked for advice. Very often the association had been the means of preventing patched up jobs being made of bells restorations, and sometimes work had been put off for a year or two, so that it could be done well. The influence of the Essex Association was always to see that work was properly carried out (hear, hear).

Mr. F. J. Pitstow proposed, and Mr. W. H. Dyson seconded, thanks to Canon Lake and the Rev. W. H. Palham.

Canon Lake, in reply, said the church authorities at Chelmsford regarded it as a great compliment to have the Essex ringers there, and they could always be assured of a warm welcome.

After a luncheon at Hicks' Restaurant the ringers adjourned to the Cathedral and various towers in the district, where some excellent touches were brought round. On the Cathedral bells there was some very fine ringing, including Stedman Cinques and Cambridge Royal. At the other towers methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise were successfully brought round by mixed companies. Every opportunity was given to young ringers to try their hands on twelve bells and in advanced Major methods. The Essex Association has held many successful meetings during its long history, but it was agreed that this gathering at Chelmsford was the most successful and enthusiastic ever experienced, and spoke well for the advance of the art in Essex.

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NOTICES.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Andover on Saturday, June 9th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45, followed by business meeting.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Overton, Basingstoke.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, June 9th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. The address will be given by the Lord Bishop of Peterborough. It is hoped there will be a large attendance.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held on Saturday, June 9th, at Newport Pagnell. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.15 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Meeting after. All ringers welcome. — Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Harpenden, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea by arrangement after. All welcome.—Wm. Nash, Dist. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Hillingdon (St. John's) on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea arranged for those who kindly lent me know by June 4th. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on Saturday, June 9th. The bells will be available all the afternoon and evening. Tea will be kindly provided free in the Parochial Hall by the Rector, Rev. E. U. Mills, at five. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Quarterly Meeting at Iffley, Saturday, June 9th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea, 4.45 p.m.; 1s. Business meeting after tea.—Wm. Harris, Hon. Branch Sec., 28 New Street, St. Ebbs, Oxford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June, 1923.—St. Clement Danes, Monday, June 11th and 25th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 21st. *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 12th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILD OF DEVONHIRE RINGERS.—A series of Cinques practices will be held at the Cathedral, Exeter, with a view to the ultimate selection of a band for a peal attempt. All members capable of profiting by this experience are urgently invited to attend. First practice, Wednesday, June 13th, at 6.30 p.m.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Reddish, on Saturday, June 9th. Bells ready 3.30 p.m. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22 Silver Street, Miles Platting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, June 16. Bells (8) ready 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30 Tea and meeting after. Will all requiring tea (1/- each) notify Mr. H. Burkinshaw, The Shop, Wortley, by Thursday the 14th?—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, June 16th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Hare and Hounds, Waddon. A good attendance desired and all ringers welcomed.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, 1s. to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow. Please send word by Tuesday, June 12th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Northaw on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea, at a small cost, will be arranged for those who require same and advise me by June 13th. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick and Mrs. Back extend their usual invitation to all members to visit Berkswell on Saturday, June 16th next. In order to assist Mrs. Back with the catering arrangements, will those who intend being present kindly let me know as soon as possible? Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Barkway, on Saturday, June 16th. Tea will be provided at 1/3 each to all who send me word on or before Tuesday, June 12th, at the Wheatsheaf. A bus will run from Royston at 3.20 p.m. There will also be a bus leave Hertford at the same time. Either or these will give members and friends a good three hours at Barkway.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Huntsham (8) on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 2.30; service at 4.45; tea at 5.15, 9d. each. Those requiring tea must send their names to me by Tuesday, June 12th.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at New Romney on Saturday, June 16th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All are welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Alveston on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Please notify by June 11th.—P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—GUILDSBOROUGH DISTRICT.—The annual meeting will be held at GUILDSBOROUGH on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 14th inst.?—W. Bott, District Hon. Sec., GUILDSBOROUGH.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 4.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—GUILDFORD DISTRICT.—A district meeting will be held at Ewhurst on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham and District Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, June 16th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. M. Wickham). Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 12th inst.?—W. Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, June 23rd. The Minster bells (10) available from 1 to 9 p.m., and St. Mary's (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. Service in the Minster Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley, by first post Tuesday, June 19th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Train to Shrivenham Station. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea arranged for those who kindly let me know by June 18th.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Branch Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly let me know by Tuesday, the 19th instant?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom, Lancs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at S. Nicolas, Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please

notify me by Tuesday, June 19th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Established 1623.—The Tercentenary Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27. A free dinner will be provided at one o'clock; and an official reception by the Mayor and Corporation at a Tea, at 4.30, kindly given by them. A very hearty welcome will be accorded to all visiting ringers; and it is sincerely desired that as many as possible will attend to honour the Saffron Walden Society on this unique occasion. It is essential that those intending to be present should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, not later than Thursday, June 21st, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec., West Road, Saffron Walden.

OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH.—On Saturday, June 30th, the new peal of 12 bells, weight of tenor 35 cwt., recast by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be open to all ringers from 12 noon. A hearty invitation is given to all. Teas will be provided at a nominal fee. Applications for teas must be sent to the secretary on or before Tuesday, June 26th.—James Cox, 144, Horsedger Street, Oldham, Lancs.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 14th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

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POINTS FOR PEALS.

Sooner or later the Central Council will have to drop the allocation of points for peals in the Analysis which they annually publish. As a tabulated record of the peal performances of the various associations, the table is an exceedingly interesting one, and the historical records of the Exercise, to say nothing of the immediate interest, would lose a great deal if the analysis were abandoned altogether, but with the allocation of points it is a totally different matter. No member of the Analysis Committee would, we think, endeavour to claim that points can be any true criterion to the 'value' of all peals. In order that the points may be considered as in any way a reflection of the peals rung by an association something much more than a flat rate for each method and length is necessary. Under the present arrangement it is not possible to take into account weight of metal, 'go' of the bells, 'first peals,' good ringing or bad ringing, or anything of that kind which contributes towards the true worth of a performance, and ringers are recognising more and more that the points allotted may have no real relation to the merit of a peal. Without any reflection upon the county of cream and cider, a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by a Devonshire band under the conditions which exist there, is of equal, if not greater, merit than a peal of London Surprise rung by the leading lights of, say, the Middlesex Association. But none of these things are, or can be, taken into account in dealing with peal points, and to that extent these points are worthless, if not misleading.

Then there is the question of handbell peals. Recently we published a letter from one of the Birmingham band (who know as much about twelve-bell ringing both on tower and handbells as anyone), expressing surprise at the paucity of points allowed for the peal of Sextuples, and calling attention to the disparity of points between Grandsire and Stedman Cinques. Mr. Alfred Pulling, whose authority and experience in handbell ringing is well known, points out other anomalies in his letter in this issue, and his opinion is but one in the gathering feeling of discontent among ringers, who seriously study the peal point question.

The scale of points, even within its present scope, is by no means satisfactory. Add to this that there is now no competitive spirit acknowledged by the Analysis, that many important factors are perforce ignored, and that the allocation of points greatly increases the work of the committee, and we have weighty reasons why 'points for peals' should be dropped from the table compiled on behalf of the Central Council.

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LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	...Trebles	CYRIL PEASE 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3		HAROLD W. CLARKE 8
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4		WILLIAM PYE 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5		CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 10
ARTHUR EDWARDS 6		REUBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM J. NODDS 7		THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*HENRY WHITE 2	...Trebles	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 2		REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS... .. 3		GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. ... 8
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 4		RICHARD WHITE 9
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 5		F. STEDMAN WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SENR.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURNHAM BEDCHES, BUCKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*EDGAR C. RUSSELL 2	...Trebles	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 5
RICHARD F. DEAL 3		ERNEST BRETT 6
ROBERT W. GREEN 4		GEORGE SHIPP 7
JEFFREY R. GAMMON 5		JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

* First peal Treble Bob.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BARNES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*HAROLD TAYLOR 2	...Trebles	T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2		RALPH MACKRILL 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3		WILLIAM H. WOOD 7
WALTER G. MATTHEWS ... 4		CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal. Rung on Queen Mary's 56th birthday. A. J. Neale's 50th peal of Treble Bob Major on tower bells.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON 2	...Trebles	*ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
*SIDNEY CHENEY 3		†J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 6
*JOHN E. CLARKE 4		HAROLD J. POOLE 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4		ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method 'inside.' Rung in honour of the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Clarke.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(EAST DEVON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM BURROWS Treble	HARRY S. PARSONS 5
GEORGE BURROWS 2	JOHN E. BAKER 6
GEORGE BETTS 3	LOUIS A. WILSON 7
FRED STUCHEY 4	EDWARD MARKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BAKER.

Rung in honour of the preferment of the Rev. E. F. Tozer, Curate of Ottery St. Mary, to the living of St. Paul's with St. Pancras, Exeter. * First peal. Twenty years have passed since a local band rang a peal on these bells. J. E. Baker hails from Yeovil, and L. A. Wilson from Wootton Bassett; both are old members of the Ottery band, and were on a visit to their native place.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*WILLIAM NASH Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER 5
JOHN T. KENTISH 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN... .. 3	JAMES PARKER 7
ALICK CUTLER 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

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

STOUBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM GIBBS... .. Treble	*ALBERT L. DUNN 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
JOHN BASS 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
*GILBERT D. SKELDING ... 4	ALFRED W. DODD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. Also a compliment to W. Smith, of the local band, on his 21st birthday.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REEVES' VARIATION. Tenor 23 cwt.

*SYDNEY D. JAMES Treble	JOHN BROCKBANK... .. 5
*ALBERT PARKER... .. 2	THOMAS HOWARD 6
DAVID CLARKE 3	JOHN HOWARD 7
DANIEL HOWARD 4	WILLIAM COLLIER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HOWARD.

* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd and 7th hail from Poolstock, Wigan; the rest are of the local company.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*HARRY REVILL Treble	†JOHN THOMAS BARTRAM ... 5
*HARRY MORGAN 2	*JOSEPH DIXON 6
*PERCY NOBLE 3	*WILFRED THOMAS COOPER 7
*EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 4	*CHARLES ALLAN HEWITT Tenor

Composed by JOHN NICHOLS. Conducted by HARRY MORGAN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. H. Revill, who was elected a non-resident life member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, previous to starting, hails from Ordsall, Retford; J. T. Bartram, from Misterton; the rest are Sunday service ringers at the above church.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

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

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb.

JAMES ROSE Treble	CHARLES WOODCOCK 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE A. FLEMING 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 4	FREDERICK J. PILLETT ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES NICHOLL. Conducted by C. A. CATCHPOLE.
First peal as conductor. For calling see Snowdon's Treble Bob, Part II, page 27.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM LOVE Treble	GEORGE A. COOKE 5
†BENJAMIN HAMMOND ... 2	JOHN A. GODFREY 6
WILLIAM E. BASON 3	WILLIAM J. HOWSON 7
†EDWARD C. COOKE 4	FREDERICK R. WILLBY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.
Rung in honour of H.M. The King's birthday. For composition, see 'Bell News,' 1897, Vol. XV., p. 575. * First peal, age 14. † First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Four Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	RICHARD T. HOLDING 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
JOHN HAYES... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday. Longest length by all the band.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Sunday, June 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 5
*EDWARD GRINDELL 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
*FRANK RUFFLES 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... Tenor

Composed by the late ARTHUR T. KING.
Conducted by WILLIAM J. GROOM.

* First peal in the method.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, June 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

RONALD FRANKLIN Treble	*E. S. T. FARR 5
WILLIAM WELLING 2	ERNEST E. GOSLING 6
FREDERICK TINDALL 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
ARTHUR CROSS 4	FREDERICK MIDDLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal. Rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday.

**CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, June 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.**

ALFRID J. BULL Treble	ALBERT DISERENS 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON 7
*GEORGE MARRINER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
Rung on the occasion of the King's birthday. * 100th peal.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Wednesday, June 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.**

*HECTOR W. CRICKMER ... Treble	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 2	WALTER RUFFLES ... 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 7
*SYDNEY C. ROWE ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... Tenor.

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

For calling see N.D.A. Report for 1892, Peal No. 430. * First peal of Treble Bob. The conductor's 100th peal on Debenham bells, and 50th peal by W. Ruffles. Rung to commemorate the 31st anniversary of the 16,608 in the same method on June 6th, 1892.

**DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.**

*On Friday, June 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,*

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.**

JOSEPH ATKINSON Treble	WILLIAM WILSON 5
ALFRED BACON 2	WILLIAM E. LYNCH 6
RICHARD LYNCH 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
GABRIEL LINDOFF 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor.

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

The conductor has now called a peal in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

**SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.**

ERNEST WHITING Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
ROBERT N. HARDY' 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by E. WHITING.

**QUEDGELEY,
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 9, 1923, 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 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt**

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	GEORGE BRUNSDON 5
WILLIAM HARRIS 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
*WILLIAM FRIDAY 3	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 7
*HERBERT MANSFIELD ... 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. AUSTIN.

* First peal.

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*On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 24 cwt.**

STANLEY CARTER Treble	GEORGE SIBLEY... .. 5
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	*WILLIAM ROSEWELL... .. 6
DAVID G. TAYLOR 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
FREDERICK C. RICH 4	WALTER FARLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on eight bells. W. Farley's 50th peal for the Association.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.**

*WILFRED BOOTH Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
FREDERICK WHITE 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 3	†WILLIAM LATTER 7
WILLIAM COLLISON 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

First peal of Major on the bells. * First peal in the method. † First peal of Superlative with an inside bell.

HEPTONSTALL, YORKSHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(ROCHDALE AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

*On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Brooks' Variation. Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.**

HERBERT DAVENPORT ... Treble	†HARRY ENTWISTLE 5
WILLIAM CRABTREE 2	JOHN WATSON 6
LAWRENCE WILLIAMS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
*WILLIAM HORAN 4	GEORGE STAFF Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of 1 and 2 are from Todmorden Parish, 3 from Church Kirk, 4 Cross Stone, 5 Burnley, Holy Trinity, 6 Blackburn Parish, 7 St. Michael's, Blackburn, Tenor, Milnrow Parish.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(St. Chad's Society.)

*On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. in E flat.**

WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... Treble	GEORGE W. JONES 5
JAMES E. LILLEY... .. 2	WALTER FAIRHEAD 6
REGINALD R. POLE 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
DENIS J. BOUCHER 4	DAVID JAMES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung by a band entirely resident in the Archdeaconry. First peal rung on bells in the Archdeaconry by a resident band, all of whom hail from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. The company tender their best thanks to Mr. W. Page for getting all ready.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

**A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.**

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	WILLIAM E. ASH... .. 5
WILLIAM WOODBEAD 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
JAMES R. KEMP 3	FRANCIS BARKER... .. 7
FRANK RENTON 4	GEORGE W. STEEL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*JOHN NOBES Treble	THOMAS SHORT 5
FREDRICK JUGGINS 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JACK HONEY 4	†ALBERT P. W. FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal of Triples.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD,
PIMLICO,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

†MISS MARGARET A. PHILIP Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 5
*MISS ELLEN E. HARCASTLE 2	CHALIS F. WINNEY 6
†MISS FRED A. ORR 3	THOMAS LANGDON 7
†ARTHUR T. SMALLEY 4	*FRANK E. LOCK Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*SIDNEY BRIGGS Treble	†ERNEST BAILEY 4
GEORGE LEE 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal on tower bells and first attempt. † First peal on a working bell and first attempt. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naunton, parents of the fifth and tenor ringers. Their 56th wedding anniversary was on May 16th, and Mr. Naunton celebrated his 79th birthday on May 14th. Mr. A. J. Naunton has been a ringer at the above church for upwards of 50 years, and is still a regular Sunday service ringer.

LILLESHELL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, one each of Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

*HERBERT CLAY Treble	†STEPHEN FRANCE 4
*WILLIAM CLAY 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
†WALTER LYCETT 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor on a Bob bell. † First peal on a Bob bell. First peal on the bells. Arranged for the ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th, who belong to the Stanton-on-Hine-Heath band. H. Clay was proposed a member of the Guild in the tower.

DICKLEBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE BARRETT Treble	W. STEGGALL 3
*C. R. CATCHPOLE 2	*W. MUSK 4
*JAS. FAIRWEATHER Tenor	

* First peal. Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

BIRSTALL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREATER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*REV. E.A. MERRYWEATHER Treble	W. H. CLARKE 3
†A. DISNEY 2	G. H. STRAW 4
†R. BARROW Tenor	

Conducted by R. BARROW.

* Made a member previous to starting the peal. † First peal away from treble. † First as conductor.

MONKS RISBORO', BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

JACK POULTON Treble	GORDON STRATHREE 4
AUBREY SEYMOUR 2	ARTHUR POULTON 5
GEORGE SEYMOUR 3	J. W. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

First peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor. First peal of Minor on the bells. The ringers of the 1st, 4th, 5th are local. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Bledlow, 2nd from Nymef St. George, Devon, and the 6th from High Wycombe.

UPTON SNODSBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KENELM,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM C. JONES Treble	WILLIAM PAGE 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CANN Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal on the bells. The band wish to tender their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Tarran for their kind hospitality after the peal.

SPALDWICK, HUNTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford Single Bob, Bob Minor, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

AMOS SMART Treble	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 4
*ARTHUR BELLAMY 2	JAMES HUDSON 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal in seven methods with a working bell, and rung at first attempt. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal to Mrs. R. C. Loveday, wife of the conductor.

HASKETON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT Treble	GEORGE R. FINCH 4
FRANK L. FISHER 2	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

WOODHOUSE-BAYES, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 2, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* S. A. JOHNSON ... ..	... Treble	G. H. STRAW	4
R. BARROW	2	W. H. CLARKE	5
A. DISNEY	3	* K. ELLIOTT	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

* First peal. The treble ringer was made a member previous to starting the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 29, 1923, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,
IN THE TOWER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS	1-2	* REGINALD DENT	4
FRANK TURNER	3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, May 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. M. SMITHER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size II in G.

WALTER G. BROCKHORST	1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING	5-6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	3-4	GEORGE LOFF	7-8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Umpire: M. SMITHER. Witnesses: MRS. SMITHER & MRS. POLLING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size I3 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT	1-2	ALFRED H. POLLING	5-6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT	3-4	MAURICE SMITHER	7-8

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

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Performed on Handbells by

ARTHUR T. MORRIS

Composed by E. MULLINS, Birmingham.

Conducted by the Performer. Umpire: JACK SCARFE.

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

On Thursday, June 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Six 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	ALBERT E. NORMAN	9-10
JAMES E. GROVES	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11-12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

A BROKEN ROPE.

On Saturday, June 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, Whittlesea, Cambs, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major came to grief through the breaking of the 2nd rope, after ringing 3,820 changes in 2 hrs. 27 mins.: V. Butler 1, T. Vaughan 2, Miss Phyllis Hare 3, S. Wright 4, W. Cross 5, H. Beechey 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

ROWLEY REGIS BELLS.
AN APPEAL.

Dear Sir,—I take the liberty of appealing through your columns for help towards reinstating the peal of bells of the ancient parish of Rowley Regis, Staffordshire.

The church was destroyed by fire in June, 1913, when so many other churches and public buildings were being sacrificed in a political campaign of that period.

After lying in ruins for ten years the church is now being rebuilt. The tower has been built as high as the nave roof, but the Church Council being already in debt to the extent of over £2,000 cannot undertake the completion of the tower and installing the bells.

A public effort is being made by the four daughter churches of Blackheath, Old Hill, Cradley Heath and Tividale to complete the tower, and also help toward the £400 to rehang the bells. Rowley Regis is one of the poorest parishes in the Black Country, where there are practically no industries.

The bells, undamaged by fire, were augmented to eight in 1887 by James Barwell. The original five were by Matthew Bagley, of Chalcombe, 1694. The tenor, 15 cwt., was recast in 1848 by Mears, and again in 1881 by Blew.

On behalf of the poor parishioners, who are yearning to hear their bells again, I ask all large-hearted clergy, laity, and ringers to help. Subscriptions will be gladly received and duly acknowledged through your columns and may be sent to Lloyds Bank (Rowley Bells Account), Old Hill; Blackheath Branch of Lloyds Bank, or to me.—Yours, etc.,
A. E. PARSONS.

Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SQUIRE PROCTOR'S VETERANS RINGING AT BENNINGTON.

A very enjoyable meeting was held on Saturday at the old-world and, from a ringer's point of view, interesting village of Bennington, upwards of forty making the journey through the by-lanes and roads. Those who attended for the first time expressed the pleasure it had given them to be at Bennington, which 60 years ago was a famous ringing centre, as the numerous peal boards testify. There were ringers from many places, including Cheshunt, Hertford, Ware, Hitchin, Tottenham, Ilford, Hatfield, Walkden, Great and Little Munden, and last, but by no means least, the Edmonton band, who, together with several ladies, arrived in a charabanc and were a welcome addition to the company. The Rector received and welcomed the visitors very heartily, and provided tea free to all.

At the business meeting, held afterwards, he presided, and was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his kindness and generosity. Touches were rung in all the standard methods London and Bristol Surprise included.

One very interesting feature was to see two of the veterans of the old Squire's band of 60 years ago, Mr. S. Page and Mr. L. Chapman, both between 70 and 80 years of age, the former ringing a faultless course of Superlative Surprise, and the latter a course of Stedman Triples.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

On Saturday afternoon, June 9th several members of this Guild, including Mr. W. Storey (president), Mr. A. M. Hall (hon. treasurer), of the Durham and Newcastle Association; Messrs. J. E. R. Keen, J. Rowell, W. H. Barber, A. F. Hillier, J. Foreman, and G. R. Pickering, journeyed by motor-car and bus to Cramlington for one of their periodical visits to the church tower, where touches of Kent, Cambridge, Double Court and Bob Minor were rung on the six bells.

Mr. Oswald Simms, the indefatigable Ringing Master of the tower, received the party, and joined in the ringing. Afterwards he entertained the members at his house to tea, where they were joined by the Rev. Hughes (curate), whose genial company added much to the enjoyment of the outing.—After tea ringing took place on handbells, accompanied by the organ.—Mr. Storey thanked Mr. and Mrs. Simms, on behalf of the members, for their very kind hospitality. Had the weather been more favourable a friendly game at cricket, with some of the local talent, would have formed part of the day's outing.—It was indeed gratifying to note that Mrs. Simms' health had been restored after her illness.—The party returned to Newcastle about 10 o'clock, after a most successful and enjoyable day's excursion.

MUFFLED RINGING.

On Monday, June 4th, after the funeral of the late Mr. J. A. Lambert, a well-known member of the Surrey Association, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung, with the bells half-muffled, at St. Peter's, South Croydon: Miss Ellen E. Hardcastle 1, Miss Elsie E. Chapman 2, T. A. S. Bloxham 3, Miss Freda E. Orr 4, F. W. Larbey 5, T. Banister 6, W. J. Rundle 7, C. Dean (conductor) 8, J. E. Cooper 9, S. W. Holdaway 10. The ladies are from Clapham Park, the ringer of the 7th from Plymouth; of the 9th from St. John's, Croydon; the rest of the local church.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Central Division, held at St. Nicholas', Brighton, June 2nd, proved successful, about 60 being present. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when the visitors proceeded to St. Nicholas' Hall, where tea had kindly been provided by the Vicar (Canon H. M. Hordern), who welcomed all as they entered.

The business meeting which followed was mostly of a routine nature. Messrs. A. Backshaw (Keymer), E. E. Bish (London) and Chas. Dean (Croydon), were elected members. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the service, and for his most generous hospitality. The members then attended choral service in the church, the address being given by the Vicar. The collection taken for the Association's Benevolent Fund amounted to £1 0s. 7d.

The tower was again visited until about 8.30 p.m., rounds to Cambridge Royal being rung, many ringing on ten bells for the first time.

The following towers were represented: Aldrington, Angmering, Brighton (St. Nicholas and St. Peter's), Burgess Hill, Eastbourne, Heene, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Keymer, Lewes, Lindfield, New Shoreham, Rotherfield, Steyning, Twineham, Uckfield, Waldron, and non-resident members from London, Croydon and Portsmouth.

Best thanks are due to the organist and choir, and to the St. Nicholas' branch, who did much towards making the meeting a success. The next meeting will be held at Henfield.

DURBAN'S YOUNG BAND.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with the greatest pleasure that we read in 'Belfry Gossip' in 'The Ringing World' for April 15th, that Mr. John Prickett, of Chesham, was leaving the old country for Durban. No doubt there will be many who will miss him sadly, but their loss will, I hope, be our gain. We are sadly in need of skilled assistance, and a very warm welcome awaits him at St. Mary's, Greyville, if he cares to join us. It may interest ringers to know that, excepting the writer, none of our band had heard or handled bells before, and their keenness and constant attention to their work is an object lesson. The band contains four young ladies, and six boys, the ages ranging from 14 years to 21, the oldest being a young lady. A little bird whispers that one of the boys is preserving his 'Ringing World' with a view to having it bound for the tower.

The correspondence on 'Simpson Tuning' has been closely followed by us, and we can only say that we are very well pleased with our bells which are tuned on the five-tone principle.—Yours faithfully,
H. Oblate Road, Durban. F. SIMPSON.

DEATH OF A WESTMINSTER ABBEY RINGER.

MR. JAMES WILLSHIRE'S SUDDEN END.

All London ringers, and many in the country also, will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. James Willshire, who passed away on May 22nd. About forty years ago, when the Rochester Row band was formed, the deceased began his ringing career under the late Mr. J. M. Hayes, and he was always to be found at his post at St. Stephen's Church on Sundays. He was one of those selected to form the Abbey company, and was ringing there on Whit Sunday. On Whit Monday he and his family paid a visit to Brighton. When retiring to bed that evening he was in his usual health but passed away apparently in his sleep, about six o'clock on the Tuesday morning, from heart trouble.

The funeral took place on the following Monday at Wandsworth Cemetery, Canon J. Perkins, of the Abbey, representing the Dean and Chapter, conducted the service, and gave a very touching address to about thirty ringers who were present. Among the many wreaths was one in the form of a church bell swinging in its frame sent by his Abbey comrades. A course of Stedman Triples was rung over his grave by H. R. Newton, H. R. Pasmore, W. H. Pasmore and J. N. Oxborrow.

In the evening the usual 'whole pull and stand' was rung at St. Stephen's Church by J. N. Oxborrow, J. Rowbotham, A. A. Hughes, H. Ellis, H. R. Pasmore, A. Macdonald, W. H. Pasmore and A. B. Peck. The deceased took part in many peals on eight ten and twelve bells, the last three being the wedding peal of Cambridge at the Abbey, a peal of Maximus, and one of Bristol Surprise. He will be greatly missed by his Westminster comrades.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke district was held at Andover on June 9th, those present including the Rev. C. D. P. Davies (hon. secretary of the Division), Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. W. T. Tucker, and about 50 members from Woolton Hill, Winchester, Whitchurch, Swindon, Ringwood North Stoneham, Hightclere, Dene, Bramley, Bishopstoke, Basingstoke and Andover.

At the business meeting which followed the tea in the Church Rooms, the Rev. Barlow (Andover) was elected an honorary member, and Mr. Gardiner (Swindon) a compounding member.

During the afternoon and evening, good practice was had in the four standard methods.

The next meeting will be held at Bramley in September, of which due notice will be given in the 'Ringing World.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Stedman Caters on handbells was rung by the College Youths on June 15th, 1851.

On June 20th, 1756, a peal of 'Carathan's Triples' was rung at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, and it is pretty well recognised now that this peal was Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, the name of the composer having become wrongly spelt in handing it on.

Jasper Snowdon, to whom ringers owe so much, was born at Ilkley, Yorks, on June 18th, 1844.

The will has just been proved of the Rt. Hon. Richard Robert Cherry, K.C., formerly Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, and President of the Irish Association. He left estate valued at £53,439.

It falls to the happy lot of few ringers to conduct peals of Cambridge Surprise Royal and Bristol Surprise Major on one afternoon. This was accomplished on Saturday last at Loughborough, by Harold J. Poole, of Leicester. More strength to his elbow!

The first Surprise peal in the City of Leicester by an entirely 'local' band still remains to be rung. Verb. sap.

GRAVESEND BELLS.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT DEDICATED.

A mixed lot of bells at St. George's, Church, Gravesend, have now been recast into a fine peal of eight by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The bells were dedicated at a special service on May 30th by the Bishop of Rochester, the event being one of joy and general congratulation in the town. The service was the consummation of two years' persevering efforts, in which the Mayor and Corporation lent a hand by subscribing one hundred guineas, the Mayoress (Mrs. Thomas) raised a similar sum, and Mr. E. Hadlow, one of the ringers, collected no less than £500. One bell was recast at the charge of the children of the late Mr. William Russell, J.P., and another at the charge of Mr. G. Sandford. The cost of the peal is about £790, but other expenses have raised the total cost of the improvements to about £900.

The inscriptions on the bells give their history:—

Treble: Several gentlemen strangers gave this bell 1736. Recast at the charge of the Parish 1793. John Tucker A.M. Rector. Geo. Thompson and James Kirk Ch. Wardens. Thos. Mears of London fecit. Recast 1923.

2nd: Cast by John Warner and Sons, Ltd. London 1900. This bell was recast and the peal rehung in 1900. E. Lionel Gedge Rector. William Fletcher, J. R. Croft, Wardens. Recast 1923.

3rd: Geo. Arnold, Esqr., Mayor. Thomas Killick, John Haies, Ch. Wardens. T. Mears of London fecit. Recast 1923.

4th: Mears and Stainbank, founders, London. Robt. Joynes Rector. E. F. Jewell, John Paine, Churchwardens 1871. Recast 1923, at the charge of George Sandford, Esq., J.P. Ring out sweet memories of the past.

5th: Recast by John Warner and Sons Ltd. London 1902. Jno. Joynes, Wat. Nynn, Wm. Lance, Anth. Ireland, Wm. Myers, Jno. Fox, Jno. Bolger, Jno. Hughes, Ja. Roe, Geo. Clarke trustees for the subscription money, gave this bell 1736. John Applebee and Richard Phelps made these eight bells. In loving memory of William Russell, J.P., who died November 26th, 1920, aged 78 years, for 13 years a warden of this church, also of Jane, his wife, who died July 6th, 1914, aged 67 years. Recast 1923, at the charge of George Ireland, Gertrude and William Beaumont, children of the above.

6th: James Wade, Mayor, Esqr., Gaynham Rackstraw, George Thompson, Ch. Wardens, 1771. Recast 1923. Mrs. W. E. Thomas, Mayoress of Gravesend, raised one hundred guineas towards this peal. Edward Hadlow, a ringer of this tower, collected the greater part of the subscription money. Labor omnia vincit.

7th: Mears and Stainbank, founders, London. Frederick Beckley Nettlingham, Mayor, gave this bell, A.D. 1879. Robt. Joynes, Rector, James Davies, James Turner, Churchwardens. Recast 1923. In memory of ringers of this tower who fell in the Great War, 1914-1918. Charles Edward Constant, Walter James Crowhurst, Wilfred Randall Clarke.

Tenor: The Corporation gave £50 towards these bells. William Man, Esq., Mayor 1736. This bell was recast at the charge of the parish 1793. John Tucker, A.M. Rector. Geo. Thompson and James Kirk, Churchwardens. Thos. Mears of London fecit. 1923. This peal was recast and rehung in a new frame by public contribution. The Town Council subscribed the sum of one hundred guineas. William Evan Thomas, Mayor, Edward Lionel Gedge, Rector, William Henry Archer, James Everden, Churchwardens.

The Mayor and Corporation and other dignitaries attended the service of dedication, which was of an impressive nature, and the Bishop gave an appropriate address. After the dedicatory prayers, rounds were rung on the bells by E. Hadlow 1, R. Tall 2, R. Constant 3, Miss D. Tall 4, R. Smith 5, J. Constant 6, A. Constant 7, W. Parris 8. After the service, which concluded with the Te Deum, the Benediction and the Hallelujah Chorus, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung.

The bells, tuned on the Simpson principle, are hung on ball bearings. The cast iron frame is carried on heavy steel girders, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out their work with their usual efficiency. The tenor is 18½ cwt. in E.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 363.)

A VALUABLE REPORT.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn moved that the Council adopt the report issued by the joint conference of the Towers and Belfries Committee and the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. This report, upon the preservation of ancient towers and bells and advice as to bell restoration, was the outcome of conferences between the two bodies, and a summary has already appeared in our columns. Mr. Jenkyn said the outstanding personality at these conferences was Mr. E. H. Lewis.—Major J. H. B. Hesse seconded the adoption of the report.

The President said it was the most valuable report they had ever issued, and would do immense good from the ringers' as well as architects' point of view. It was a happy augury for the future that architects and ringers had come to agree upon such an important subject.

Canon Elsee said it would be remembered that there was recently a case where ancient bells had been mutilated by having the cannons removed. It was at a tower with only three bells, but there was a great deal of indignation expressed by authorities in the diocese concerned that this mutilation had been done without proper authority, and it was sometimes assumed that ringers, as such, cared only about the 'go,' and, to some extent the tone of their bells, and nothing about the history or preservation of ancient bells. He was, therefore, especially glad to see this report signed by representatives of the Council as well as by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. It emphasised the need for care for their old bells. Modern bells were far more musical in nearly every case than ancient bells. Old bells were, however, priceless, as evidence of the bell founders' work in the past, and ringers as a rule knew too little about the history of the bells in their tower. Every care should be taken to preserve any ancient bells that they still had. The difficulty was that many were in towers which scarcely came under that Council, but he was glad that it should be distinctly recognised by that Council that ancient bells should be treated with the greatest possible care (hear, hear).

Mr. T. H. Beams asked if the report had been submitted to the Royal Institute of Architects, if they could be got to agree to it, it would be of still greater weight.

The President said the architects had been largely circularised with this report.

BALL BEARINGS FOR BELLS.

The Rev. H. Drake pointed out that since the report was drawn up Major Hesse (one of the Council's signatories) had publicly stated that he had changed his mind with regard to ball bearings for bells, and asked what his position now was.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said the report merely said that the advantages of ball bearings was doubtful. Personally he was very much against ball bearings.

Major Hesse said his opinion was that they were cheaper and better both for the user and bell hanger. To renew them every ten years even would be cheaper than renewing plain bearings every forty years.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said the conference was careful not to overstate facts, and, if they were not sure, they would not pretend that they were. They all felt, and Major Hesse felt, at the time the report was drawn up, that nobody could be quite certain about ball bearings. He thought Major Hesse had been more convinced as to their utility since, and it was quite possible that everybody's opinions might change as time went on. Continuing, the Librarian said, with regard to the distribution of the report, he thought they ought to play up to the society who were selling it where they could to cover the cost of printing and giving it away in cases where it might be given with advantage. That Council had provided £5 towards the cost of printing, and he suggested that copies of the report should be sold at 4d. each. He thought, however, that if associations or diocesan authorities desired to print it they should be allowed to do so, but he was most anxious that if it were printed it should be printed in full.

The report was adopted, and on the motion of the Librarian, it was also resolved: 'That this Council does not desire to exercise any rights of copyright on the report of the conference between representatives of this Council and the S.P.A.B.'

THE YEAR'S NEW RECORDS.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston presented the report of the Records Committee, and submitted a list of the records of first peals in new methods and of progressive lengths rung since the last Council meeting. He said they were glad to notice that the new methods, both of Major and Royal, were of the highest order. The list included the first peal of (1) Kent Treble Bob Royal in the 'Ilkeston' Variation by the Midland Counties Association; (2) Kent Treble Bob Royal, in the 'Granta' Variation by the Middlesex Association; (3) Stedman Sextuples (in hand) by the St. Martin's Guild; (4) Lancashire Surprise Major by the Lancashire Association; (5) Cambridge Court Bob

Major (in hand) by the Cambridge University Guild; (6) Middlesex Surprise Royal by the Middlesex Association; (7) three spliced Major methods (in hand) by the Cambridge University Guild; (8) Princess Mary Surprise Royal by the Midland Counties Association; (9) Double Oxford Bob Major (in hand) by the Ely Association. Progressive lengths have been rung as follows: 21,363 Stedman Caters by the Oxford Diocesan Guild; 5,376 and 5,408 Yorkshire Surprise Major by the Chester Diocesan Guild; 5,040 Clifton Surprise Royal by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association; 7,003 and 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major by the Midland Counties Association. The committee thought it advisable to direct the attention of the Exercise to the necessity of adding a claim by footnote or otherwise to the announcement of any performance which was known or believed to be a record. No claim, for instance, was attached to the 7,000 Cambridge Surprise Major rung during the year. Such omissions increased the likelihood of these performances being overlooked. The committee awaited the Council's instructions respecting the publication of the schedule they had prepared of first and record performances in all methods. Mr. Beeston added the committee were of opinion that it would be unwise to print it until it had been subjected to examination by the Exercise and any mistakes pointed out.

The report was adopted, and on the suggestion of the hon. secretary it was decided to have typed copies of the schedule placed in the library for circulation among ringers.

SOUTH KENSINGTON MUSEUM EXHIBIT.

The Hon. Secretary, reporting for the Museum Exhibit Committee, said the committee had not achieved very much so far, but they had broken a lot of ground, and come to one or two tangible points. The committee had had an interesting meeting with the authorities of South Kensington Museum, and they were unanimous as to the lines which they should follow. The authorities were not spending any money on them, but they would give them the use of a glass case and a certain amount of wall space. When they considered what they should put into the case, the great thing focussed upon everyone's attention, especially the experts', was Mr. John Carter's famous machine, with which the authorities were very much impressed. Without that machine the exhibit would lose 90 per cent. of its value. Mr. Carter had expressed his willingness to loan the machine for a period of five years. With the machine (which he wanted some auxiliary exhibits, and he (the hon. secretary) had himself had made a model, showing a ring of six bells hung in a teak frame. That was at the museum, but Mr. Carter's machine was not. Then, they had had very kind offers on the part of one or two of the founders to see what they could do, in the way of putting in one or two models of bells. If and when they got these, they would be making a start, but until they had Mr. Carter's machine they could not fully represent the science of ringing in the splendid case which had been placed at their disposal. The reason why the machine was not yet there was that before Mr. Carter deposited it, he wished to ring, officially and in a proper manner, a peal on it, and also desired a certain gentleman to call that peal. As to the wall space, the committee agreed it would be wisest to utilise it by having diagrams printed and framed. Then came the question whether the Council was prepared to pay for the printing and framing, or were they to fall back on the private munificence of their members, or to make a collective effort. He was tempted to suggest that they should have some diagrams printed and sell them to towers, where they might be very useful, to defray the cost.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said it was exceedingly important that they should have something to show at the South Kensington Museum as soon as they could. They had been in conference for something like two years, and it was time they did something, however little.

Mr. James George said he should deplore printing diagrams for belfries, because they had plenty of lazy ringers now. The place to learn methods was at home, but if these cards were used in belfries the lazy ones would come to the belfry to learn the methods.

The Rev. H. Law James suggested that they should use the diagrams from Snowdon's 'Standard Methods' for the purposes of the exhibit.

Mr. A. Hughes said the great idea of having the cards, and having them large, was in order that they could be easily seen. If they put up the small diagrams on the big wall space they would be too small to be seen by anyone passing through the museum.

The proposal to use 'Standard Method' diagrams was carried by 27 votes to 17.

The Rev. H. Drake then moved that both the large and small diagrams should be used. He believed the large cards would be of use in a belfry.

The Hon. Secretary said if the diagrams were to be in scale with the exhibit they must be large. If they had the cards and the small diagrams, any person whose interest was aroused by the large diagrams would be able to look at the smaller ones, and they would have the whole thing.

Mr. W. A. Cave offered to print the large diagrams for the Council, and this offer was accepted with thanks.

This concluded the business of the committees.

(To be continued.)

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NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION. THE PROPOSED NEW TITLE.

The general meeting of the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association was held at Pulham St. Mary Magdalene, on Saturday, June 2nd, when, by kind permission of the Rectors of Pulham St. Mary Magdalene and Pulham St. Mary-the-Virgin, the rings of eight bells at those parish churches were placed at the disposal of the members throughout the day.

Luncheon was served in the School Room, the president (the Dean of Norwich) being in the chair, supported by the Ven. A. R. Buckland (Archdeacon of Norfolk), the Rev. T. J. Perowne (Rector of Starston), and the following members of the committee: Messrs. F. R. Borrett, G. P. Burton, R. J. Goate, A. L. Coleman (general secretary), and between 30 and 35 representatives from the borderland of Norfolk and Suffolk.

The President eloquently proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was cordially honoured.

The President said before the business of the meeting was transacted, he would like to move a vote of thanks to the Ven. A. R. Buckland for his kind welcome to the association to Pulham, and also, on behalf of the members, to thank the Archdeacon and the Rector of Pulham St. Mary-the-Virgin (the Rev. E. W. Field) for the use of their bells. To that motion he would also like to add the names of Mr. F. R. Borrett, Mr. Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Whiting, for the splendid arrangements they had made for the luncheon and meeting.—The motion was carried with acclamation, and the Ven. A. R. Buckland, in a few well-chosen words, responded.

The General Secretary submitted the following 18 nominations for membership: The Rev. T. J. Perowne, hon. member; Mr. David Vincent, Tunbridge Wells, hon. member, non-resident; Messrs. William Musk, George Barrett, James Fairweather, Charles Catchpole, Corbett Snelling, Charles Hubbard, Robert Harry Amis, Walter Newell Ashby, Walter J. Cunston, Thomas Kerridge, Hector Dennington, Charles Spurgeon Robert Warman, Harry Barrett, Arthur Corbyn, and Mr. William Steggall (re-election).—The President, after putting the nominations for membership before the meeting, declared all duly elected.

The general secretary having moved that the date of the annual general meeting of the association be fixed at this meeting, the Dean of Norwich very kindly invited the association to hold their annual service in the Cathedral. This invitation was gladly accepted by the members, and it was resolved that the annual meeting be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 4th, and that the arrangements be left in the hands of the Dean of Norwich, the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) and Mr. G. P. Burton.

The General Secretary submitted a brief report on the present position of affairs, in so far as it concerned the Suffolk members, and supported the recommendations of the general committee of April 26th, as published in 'The Ringing World' of May 11th, 1923. He said he would not take up the time of the meeting by going any further into detail, but leave it to the discussion of the members present. The matter was one of vital importance, and needed their most careful thought and consideration.

BORDERLAND VIEWS.

A long discussion, ably opened by Mr. F. R. Borrett, then took place on the future title of the association. There was a strong feeling on the part of many of the borderland members present for retaining some reference to Suffolk in the title, in view of so many members in East Suffolk having decided to continue their membership either as life members (non-resident) or hitherto as annual subscribing members, and it was strongly urged that the association should not, therefore, dissociate Suffolk entirely from its style, apart from which, the borderland ringers would be seriously inconvenienced if they were left out in drawing the new boundary, and in framing the new title. It had also to be remembered that a large portion of East Suffolk (the whole of Lothingland Deanery—the Lowestoft hinterland) remains definitely in the area of the Diocese of Norwich.

Mr. F. R. Borrett proposed, and Mr. G. H. Cross seconded, that the future title of the association be the Norfolk and Suffolk Association.

Mr. A. L. Coleman (general secretary) said such a title as the Norfolk and Suffolk Association would rather complicate the present position of affairs than lessen difficulties, the meeting having provisionally accepted the committee's recommendation with regard to discontinuing the district organisations in Suffolk. Suffolk members would retain their membership either as life members (non-resident) or as annual subscribing members, as they pleased, the latter receiving a free annual report. If no organisation was to be carried on in Suffolk, the title should be confined to Norfolk only, otherwise the position in Suffolk would appear somewhat anomalous with organisation in Norfolk and none in Suffolk, and should have further consideration.

Mr. G. P. Burton took the same view, and gave reasons for a change of title, rather than reverting to the old style, 'The Norwich Diocesan Association,' as some wished, which was not acceptable to many in Suffolk, especially the Suffolk clergy. He proposed as an

amendment (which Mr. Ben S. Thompson seconded), that the title be the Norfolk Guild for the Diocese of Norwich.

This amendment, however, was lost by a large majority, and on the chairman putting the substantive motion, it was carried by an overwhelming majority.

The Chairman, replying to a question as to whether the title selected was a wise one, said he could only reply with that well-worn phrase, 'Wait and See.'

As all motions passed at the meeting must come up for ratification at the annual general meeting on October 4th next, it will allow time for development and consideration.

SUFFOLK MEMBERS' FUTURE POSITION.

Mr. G. P. Burton moved, and Mr. Ben S. Thompson seconded, 'That this Association wishes well to the newly-formed Suffolk Guild, but in view of the intimate relations existing for so many years past between Norfolk and Suffolk the Association will continue to welcome Suffolk ringers as members.'

The motion, on being put to the meeting, was carried nem. con.

Mr. F. R. Borrett moved, and Mr. R. J. Goate seconded, as a recommendation to the annual general meeting of the Association, 'That all East Suffolk members of 20 years' standing should be excused any further subscriptions, and ipso facto become life members (non-resident).—Mr. A. L. Coleman moved as an amendment, and Mr. G. P. Burton seconded, a term of 25 years instead of 20 years.—The amendment, on being put to the meeting, was lost, and on the chairman putting the substantive motion, it was carried by a majority.

Seeing that the figures had not been gone into, and that calculation must be made of the effect of the proposal on the association's finance, the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) was instructed to do so, and report to the annual general meeting.

On the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Ven. A. R. Buckland for presiding over the second part of the meeting, the president (the Dean of Norwich) having had to leave for Norwich.

THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

THE 'FARCE' OF POINTS.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The more experience one gets the more one realises the fæce of points for peals. The Exercise cannot expect the Analysis Committee to be able to judge performances, yet is it fair to allot the same number of points to a band who may have been struggling for months to ring a peal of Grand sire 'in hand' as if our company here at Guildford rang one? Again, take compositions; in my humble opinion the finest thing yet recorded 'in hand' was the silent Carter's Odd-Bob One-Part by the College Youths, but they only received the same number of points as if they had rung the Four-Part, conducted by that master of Stedman, Mr. Winney. You cannot compare the two things. The writer of the letter in your issue of May 18th mentions Stedman Sextuples. Anyone who has had any experience at all of handbells must realise what a performance that was. It does not matter how remarkable the band may be in ringing Cinques, when it comes to two more bells it is a wonderful thing. The least the Analysis Committee could have done was to have written to the conductor and found out what he and his band considered a fair number of points for the performance.

The suggestion is made to have different points for tower and hand-bell peals, and I agree, if you are to have points at all, although I do not think the Exercise at large takes much notice of points. Handbell peals are a different thing altogether from tower bell peals, and should be treated separately. Take eight men on tower bells and four on handbells, of the same ability, give them exactly the same amount of practice, and who would ring a peal of Stedman first? I should advise some of our friends who do not think much of handbell ringing to try it, and they may find out there is something more than simply bringing the bells up and down.—Yours etc.,

A. H. PULLING.

TWO SUGGESTIONS AND A CORRECTION.

Sir.—In looking through the interesting 'Analysis of Peals rung during the year 1922,' on page 297 of 'The Ringing World,' I find a difficulty which I think will be experienced by many whose eyesight, like my own, is not what it once was, of connecting the grand totals of points and averages with the associations to which they belong, owing to a tendency to 'get off the metals' in tracing the long lines of figures backwards, this being especially the case with the middle figures half-way down the list. May I suggest to the Analysis Committee the advisability of, in future, printing the list of associations after the table of figures as well as before it, as is often done with the lists of stations on the time-tables printed in broad sheet form, which one sees at railway stations? Another help would be to divide the list into sections of five or six associations each, by means of horizontal lines extending from end to end, the entire width of the table.

In the analysis of handbell peals (page 300) the Ely Diocesan Association is credited with an average of 8.88 points per peal. If the other figures are correct, the average should be 11.55.

Long Stanton.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXETER.—On June 10th, for Divine service, in the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 51 minutes on the Thomas eight at Exeter Cathedral by the following: S. C. Davis (of Reading), 1, C. Carter 2, J. Oke 3, J. Arbury 4, H. Pook (Thorverton) 5, F. J. Milford (Thorverton) 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, June 10th, at the Portsmouth Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. C. Martin 1, Miss E. M. Burnett 2, F. A. Burnett 3, P. Giles 4, L. P. Cook 5, W. L. Ayles 6, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 7, W. Scaife 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Baker, which took place at St. Thomas's that morning. Mr. Baker has been a regular Sunday ringer at the church for several years.

BARNES.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, 1,260 changes of Oxford Bob Triples: W. O. Stacey 1, H. Barrett 2, M. Jacobs 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, in 51 mins., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): J. Tansey 1, C. Randle 2, J. Clarke 3, H. Brown 4, S. Cheney 5, G. Burton 6, E. Jelley 7, L. Willars (conductor) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., by S. Meadows 1, H. Kemp 2, A. J. Le Clercq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, H. Prior 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, G. Upshall 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, and on the occasion of His Majesty's birthday, 1,299 Stedman Caters: F. Hayes (conductor) 1, G. Hinton 2, R. Coles 3, J. W. Wilkins 4, A. J. Hoing 5, G. Twitchen 6, E. Markham 7, F. W. Boxell 8, S. T. Goodchild 9, W. H. Plumridge 10.

RAWMARSH.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, June 3rd, on the occasion of a visit of the Bishop of Sheffield, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,360 changes): C. Torr 1, A. Firth 2, A. Mitchell 3, G. Tuke 4, E. Liversedge 5, T. Cooper 6, F. Pickering 7, H. Mortimore 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, for evensong, Sunday, June 3rd in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,200 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Radford 1, R. Philpott 2, H. Hutton 3, A. J. Burtlett (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, M. Smither 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

TEWKESBURY.—At the Abbey, on Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service (also in honour of the King's birthday), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): W. Prew 1, R. Harris 3, O. Attwood 4, G. Watts 5, W. Hughes 6, C. Dyson (conductor) 7, R. Duck 8. Rung, through being one short for Triples, with 7 and 8 covering.

LECHLADE.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for R.A.O.B. Club service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: G. Law 1, A. King (first quarter-peal) 2, B. Guy 3, G. J. Winter 4, J. Hope (conductor) 5, E. Telling 6.

BARNES.—On Sunday, June 3rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in honour of His Majesty's birthday: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Dyas 3, W. H. Wood 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. H. Wood 1, W. H. Hollier 2, F. Norris 3, A. K. Harrison 4, A. Outmor 5, G. Faulkner 6, A. Harding 7, A. J. Trollope 8, F. Skevington (conductor) 9, M. E. Smith 10.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 13th, at the Church of St. Matthew, 720 Bob Minor: J. S. Napper 1, W. Hilbert 2, J. Honey 3, W. Hitchman 4, R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, G. Caudwell 6.

FULHAM.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Norris 1, H. Dyas 2, J. W. Driver 3, G. Iles 4, A. Harding 5, F. Skevington 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, H. Pagel 8.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Adams 1, T. Butlin 2, J. W. Haynes 3, P. Asplin 4, J. A. Townsend (conductor) 5.

PELSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 29th, at St. Michael's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Stokes 1, F. Cooper 2, G. Cooper 3, W. Willdig 4, J. Gregory (conductor) 5, D. Cooper 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, April 29th, for morning service, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, 360 Bob Minor: J. W. Collins 1, C. Bunting 2, W. W. Cousins 3, J. Rodwell, senr., 4, J. Rodwell, junr., 5, C. Cousins (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 120 Bob Doubles, with A. A. Bunting. Rung by an entirely local band.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Sunday evening, April 29th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., as a farewell to the Rev. F. W. Jones (curate), who has taken an appointment at Stafford: C. Williams 1, A. Pickering 2, H. F. Baraclough 3, J. W. Walker 4, A. Edward Reeves 5, J. Screen (conductor) 6, R. Hall 7, J. Reed 8.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.**HON. SECRETARY RESIGNS.**

A quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, June 2nd, at the Old Church, Smethwick, in very favourable weather. The bells (eight) were placed at the disposal of the members, and were set merrily going from 3 o'clock until service time in various methods. The service was conducted by the Rev. Stanley Astbury (son of the esteemed Vicar of Smethwick), who also gave a very interesting and inspiring address. An adjournment was afterwards made to the Parish Hall, where a substantial tea was in readiness, the party numbering about 40 from various towers affiliated with the Guild.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Astbury) presided, and gave the members a right hearty welcome to Smethwick.—The Hon. Secretary announced his decision to resign office. Much persuasion was used in trying to get him to reconsider his decision, and to hold office until the end of the year, but was of no avail, and on the proposition of Mr. Harry Mason, seconded by Mr. Arthur Spittle, and supported by Mr. Ben Gough, the former secretary, Mr. Herbert Sheppard, was prevailed upon to fill the gap during the remainder of the year. In future, therefore, all correspondence concerning the welfare of the Guild should be addressed to him at 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

The place and date for the next quarterly meeting were left in the hands of the secretary.

Other business of a routine character having been transacted, a hearty vote of thanks was, on the proposition of Mr. Harry Mason, seconded by Mr. Arthur Spittle, accorded to the Rev. Canon Astbury, for readily granting permission for the Guild to hold its meeting at Smethwick, for the use of the tower and bells and Parish Hall, and for presiding at the meeting; to the Rev. Stanley Astbury for conducting the service in church, and his address. Thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for the bountiful tea, to Miss Pigott and her assistants for having everything in readiness; to Miss Astbury for kindly presiding over the tea, and to all who had assisted to make the meeting a successful and happy one.

In replying, on behalf of those concerned, the Vicar said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild again, and hoped that it would not be long before they paid Smethwick another visit.

A LINK WITH THE PAST.

On Thursday, June 7th, was laid to rest in the pretty little village churchyard at Apsley, Herts. all that was mortal of Mrs. M. A. Smith, mother of two well-known London ringers, Messrs. W. D. and G. J. Smith, old members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Mrs. Smith celebrated her 88th birthday last March, and had enjoyed fairly good health right up to her very peaceful end, on Sunday, June 3rd. Her father, George Marriott, who died in 1837, was a prominent member of the Royal Cumberland Society for many years. He rang the 9th in the 7,746 Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 5th May, 1851, the then greatest number of changes ever rung in that method by twelve men only. He also assisted at the funeral peal of Malachi Channon (the ringer of the 9th bell in the 12,000, at Shoreditch, in 1784). Her husband, David Smith, was also a member of the Royal Cumberland Society. On Thursday, 6th December, 1866, at St. John at Hackney, a peal of Grandsire Triples (5,040 changes) was rung in 3 hrs. 17 mins. by the St. James' Society, conducted by Henry Booth: C. Jarvis 1, J. Pettit 2, E. Horrex 3, R. Richardson 4, H. Booth 5, J. M. Hayes 6, G. Marriott 7, D. Smith 8. Mr. Horrex is the last surviving member of the band.

It used to be a standing joke with the late Mr. John Cox to say to Mr. W. D. Smith, 'I called your grandfather's first peal, a week before your mother was born.' This peal was rung on the 12th of March, 1835, at St. Botolph's, Bishopgate.

LADIES' GUILD.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent at Corston, near Bath, on Saturday last by members and friends of the Western District of the Ladies' Guild, who were made very welcome by the Rev. C. C. and Mrs. Parker, and the Corston band of ringers. All attended service in the beautiful church at 4.30, and tea was served immediately after in the Village Hall. The Guild are very grateful to the Rector and Mrs. Parker, to the organist and choir boys, and to the ladies who so kindly arranged the tea. After tea a short business meeting was held, at which six new members were elected, and Wraxall, Somerset, was chosen for the September meeting, the secretary to try to arrange for this on the third or fourth Saturday in the month.

NOTICE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be at Goosnargh, on Saturday, June 23rd. A short time, 3-5 p.m., will be spent at Ribchester. Tea at Goosnargh at 5.30, about 1/6 per head.—W. Taylor, Tower House, Penwortham, Branch Sec.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Spaldwick on June 16. Tea at the George Inn at 5 o'clock.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton, Cambridge.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Tettenhall on June 16th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., School House, Aldford, Chester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly Meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, June 16. Bells (8) ready 2 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting after.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday, June 16th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.15 p.m. at Hare and Hounds, Waddon. A good attendance desired and all ringers welcomed.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells: St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 o'clock. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, 1s. to fully-paid members, to others 1s. 6d. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—Next meeting at Northaw on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick and Mrs. Back extend their usual invitation to all members to visit Berkswell on Saturday, June 16th next. In order to assist Mrs. Back with the catering arrangements, will those who intend being present kindly let me know as soon as possible? Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Meeting at Barkway, on Saturday, June 16th. A bus will run from Royston at 3.20 p.m. There will also be a bus leave Hertford at the same time. Either or these will give members and friends a good three hours at Barkway.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin, Herts.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS. — North-Eastern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Huntsham (8) on Saturday, June 16th. Bells available at 2.30; service at 4.45; tea at 5.15, 9d. each.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Hon. Sec., Bampton Vicarage, Devon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Leesfield on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6.30. All are welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guilsborough on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, District Hon. Sec., Guilsborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, June 16th. Bells ready at 4.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Ewhurst on Saturday, June 16th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30, followed by business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham and District Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Winchcombe on Saturday, June 16th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, by invitation of the Vicar (Rev. F. M. Wickham). Business meeting to follow. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than the 12th inst.?—W. Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Glastonbury on Saturday, June 16th, to endeavour to restart the branch. A good attendance of ringers is requested. Tea at Taylor's Restaurant at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. Bells ready 3 p.m.—W. Farley, Wells.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 21st; Southwark Cathedral, on the 19th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fittleworth on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Church Room 5 o'clock. Pulborough bells are also available in the evening if required. Will all those who intend being present kindly advise me not later than the 20th?—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, June 23rd. The Minster bells (10) available from 1 to 9 p.m., and St. Mary's (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. Service in the Minster Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m. to those who notify Mr. W. Gibson, 3, Brithunus Place, Long Lane, Beverley, by first post Tuesday, June 19th.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Train to Shrivenham Station. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock. Tea arranged for those who kindly let me know by June 18th.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Branch Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will those in-

tending to be present kindly let me know by Tuesday, the 19th instant?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom, Lancs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION,—Western District.—A meeting will be held at S. Nicolas, Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 19th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Horbury for practice. No official business, and tea provided, on Saturday, June 23rd. A good attendance is desired.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Bradford.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wellingborough District will be held at Finedon on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available at 2. Service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Greaves). Tea at 5. Will those requiring same please notify me not later than June 20th?—F. Barber, Dis. Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Daybrook (8 bells). Tower open at 2.30. Tea in Social Centre, 1s. 3d. each, at 5.30. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. R. Elson, 55, Church Drive, Daybrook, not later than June 21st?—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Frodsham, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 4.45, followed by tea. Kindly advise me by the 20th, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, June 23rd, from 6 till 9 p.m. Tea provided.—Jos. White.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea (5.30) will be arranged at a restaurant.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Alberi Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Wilmslow, Saturday, June 23rd.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service 5 p.m., followed by meeting.—P. Tinson, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER GUILD.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at Bishopstoke on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (8) from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify, not later than June 20th, Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) ready 2.30. A picnic tea 4 o'clock

(weather permitting). It is essential that those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, June 20th, otherwise it cannot be provided. Evensong at 6 o'clock.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, Kettering.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwell (6) on Monday, June 25th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Orr). Bowls and other attractions on Vicarage lawn. Intending visitors kindly notify by June 21st.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Established 1623.—The Tercentenary Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27. A free dinner will be provided at one o'clock; and an official reception by the Mayor and Corporation at a Tea, at 4.30, kindly given by them. A very hearty welcome will be accorded to all visiting ringers: and it is sincerely desired that as many as possible will attend to honour the Saffron Walden Society on this unique occasion. It is essential that those intending to be present should communicate with the Hon. Secretary, not later than Thursday, June 21st, in order that suitable arrangements may be made.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec., West Road, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. Tea provided for all who send their names to W. Mapp, Post Office, Singleton.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Swinford on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30.—A. J. Skeiding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The annual gathering of ringers will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Any company requiring them earlier please let me know by June 29th. No peal attempt. Entrance west end with cycles.—A. Symonds, 41, Market Lane.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Smarden (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. L. H. Evans). Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. All members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, June 27th.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Method proposed: Double Norwich.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH.—On Saturday, June 30th, the new peal of 12 bells, weight of tenor 35 cwt., recast by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be open to all ringers from 12 noon. A hearty invitation is given to all. Teas will be provided at a nominal fee. Applications for teas must be sent to the secretary on or before Tuesday, June 26th.—James Cox, 144, Horsedje Street, Oldham, Lancs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in

crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—J. Halsall, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 3. This peal has been recast by Messrs. Taylor, and all ringers will be welcomed. Further particulars later. — Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 14th. Fuller particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE. — The Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will take place at Sheffield on Saturday, September 22nd. Full particulars later. Will ringers kindly book the date?—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec.

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COUNCIL DEBATES.

Two incidents in the Central Council meeting indicated what, to outsiders, may appear as a certain lack of good spirit. The first occurred when the discussion arose on the Analysis Committee's report on the nomenclature of methods. Two objections were raised to this report as it stood, one by the Rev. H. Law James upon the committee's action in altering certain names which had been deliberately given to methods by the Methods Committee when they compiled and published the Collection of Minor Methods, and the other voiced by Mr. G. P. Burton on the question of the absurd names given to some methods by the Analysis Committee. When asked to take the report back for further consideration the committee adopted a 'take it or leave it' attitude, and, holding up the bogey of having nothing further to do with the subject unless the report was adopted in toto, persuaded the Council into accepting the report unaltered, mainly from fear of offending the committee. There was no desperate need for its immediate adoption, for the report is of little importance until the Council reprint the method collection. Moreover, it does not strengthen the ground of anybody to threaten to resign a task if he cannot have his own way; and many members must have felt with Mr. Cave that they would like to see these questions settled on their merits. It is a moot point whether the committee did not go beyond their powers in changing existing names, and when they introduced a brief report last year stating what were to be their guiding principles, few people imagined they proposed to deal with existing names as well as with methods which were unnamed. On the point of the new garden titles for some of the methods, persistence in them is but adding to the terms which may bring ridicule upon the art. The committee had an excellent opportunity of doing something to raise the dignity of the names applied to methods and to set a precedent for future action; instead they chose to go back to the antiquated ideas of a century ago and to take up an attitude, when their choice was questioned, which a little backbone on the part of the Council could have defeated.

The second point on which the Council showed lack of spirit was when they carried 'the previous question' in regard to the motion on the subject of the demolition of City churches. If a topic of this kind is outside the purview of the Council it should be for the President to rule it out of order before it is discussed, but 'the previous question' is a poor way of getting rid of any matter. It excludes any further discussion until disposed of, and members who may have had views to ex-

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THOMAS LANGDON 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 8
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CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5	ALBERT HOWELL M.P.S. ... Tenor

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WILLIAM A. JANES 4	*SIDNEY DAWSON 9
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On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

COL.-SGT. BENNETT Treble	WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	*JOHN WHEADON... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	CHARLES WINSER 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* 100th peal. This band greatly appreciated the kind hospitality of Chr.-Sgt. Bennett after the peal.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

HENRY FLETCHER Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD... .. 5
WILLIAM POYSER 2	WILFRED H. BUXTON... .. 6
*CYRIL J. JENNINGS 3	JAMES PAGETT 7
JOHN W. GLEW 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Trooper W. J. Davis, killed in action June 11th, 1916.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, June 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 3	RUSSELL RICHES... .. 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	TAWNSON ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by E. WHITING.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH Treble	MAURICE SMITH 5
THOMAS EAST 2	WALTER HITCHMAN 6
*JOHN SIMONS 3	RICHARD G. RICE 7
WALTER V. WEBB 4	ROBERT N. ALDRIDGE... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

* First peal. Arranged for Messrs. Smith and Simons, of Banbury.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADLINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung by Mears & Stainbank in a cast iron frame on steel girders and ball bearings, the 'go' being perfect.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHES... .. Treble	ROBERT RAYNER 5
ROBERT RICHES 2	JAMES RICHES 6
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 3	WALTER RICHES 7
RUSSELL RICHES 4	ALBERT RICHES Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ALBERT RICHES.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWARD C. CHASTY Treble	CECIL J. BAKER 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
JAMES F. GEORGE 3	†JOHN FLOWER 7
*GEORGE R. GOODSHIP ... 4	HENRY HARRISON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Spliced T.B. This peal contains only 17 Bobs, besides a lead of Oxford in every course. † 100th peal.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

†H. BARRELL Treble	†CHARLES CLARKE 5
*JACK FORD 2	EDWIN R. GOATE 6
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 3	ERNEST LINCOLN 7
CHARLES F. SAYER 4	FREDERICK FINCH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Bob Major.

EDMONTON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

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

MISS PHOEBE UPSHER... Treble	WILBY J. HAZELL 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	JAMES PARKER 6
ALICK CUTLER 3	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 7
WALTER J. BOWDEN 4	WILLIAM ANDERSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. J. Hazell.

BENSON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.		Tenor 16 cwt.	
FRANK BARRETT Treble	THOMAS SHORT 5	MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
FREDERICK NAISH 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7	JACK HONEY 4	*CHARLES SPICER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman since the bells were rehung.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 30 cwt.	
†CHARLES WALKLATE ... Treble	JOHN MALYON 5	*THOMAS J. HULL 2	WALTER AYRE 6
JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7	*WILLIAM LITTLE 4	†GEORGE DEBENHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

† First peal on eight. First peal as conductor. * First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung on the Eve of St. Alban's Day.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTIAN'S FOUR-PART.		Tenor 25½ cwt.	
THOMAS J. SALTER ... Treble	JOHN BASS 5	WILLIAM SHORT 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
ERNEST J. BROOKS 3	JOHN SMITH 7	KEITH SALTER 4	JOSEPH DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Keith Salter on his 21st birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.	
EDGAR BAILEY ... Treble	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 5
BEN. S. THOMPSON ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	FRANK R. COPEMAN 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the treble. Quickest peal on the bells.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.		Tenor 13¾ cwt.	
GEORGE F. SWANN ... Treble	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 5	OLIVER G. NORMAN 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
WILLIAM H. JONES 3	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7	JONATHAN PRESTON 4	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. J. S. Swann (brother of the conductor) to Miss E. M. Morris, which took place at St. Thomas' Abbey Church, Erdington, earlier in the day.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.		Tenor 18 cwt.	
*CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 7	WILLIAM DUDLEY 4	GEORGE E. WILSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* rooth peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

FEELING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.	
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble	CYRIL PEASE 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
JAMES FLEUTY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Claydon, and to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 8 cwt. o qr. 3 lb. in A flat.	
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... Treble	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 5	REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLZ ... 3	*HARRY R. ROPER 7	JAMES DURRANT 4	†FREDERICK GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal in this method on an inside bell.

NORTHELETT, KENT.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH'S,

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

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
PERCY E. CLARK ... Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5
EDWIN F. PIKE 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.	
CHARLES MORTIMER ... Treble	FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	*HENRY STAPLETON 6
BERNARD FISHER 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7
MISS EVRLYN STEEL 4	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Tenor

Composed by late JOHN THORPE. Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

* First peal Treble Bob and local ringer.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.	
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... Treble	THOMAS WILLIAMS 5
HARRY HOLDEN 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
WALTER H. BRETERTON ... 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
*WILLIAM H. COOPER 4	WALTER MASTERS Tenor

Composed by TAYLOR. Conducted by C. E. PERKINS.
Arranged as a birthday compliment to Robert Gordon's 21st birthday, a member of the local band. * First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Canterbury Pleasure and two 720's each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK RUMMERY... ..Treble	EDWARD W. TUMBER... .. 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	EDWARD HODGES... .. 5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL 3	WILLIAM NYE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

DINDER, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF S. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY... ..Treble	GERALD F. GRIFFIN 4
STANLEY CARTER 2	WILLIAM KEEVILL 5
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

COALEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(WOITTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD SMART ... ..Treble	HORACE ROBINSON 4
WILLIAM DYER 2	JAMES F. PARKER 5
FREDERICK OAKHILL... .. 3	JAMES SMITH ... ..Treble

Conducted by JAMES SMITH.

First peal of Minor on the bells and by all the band. First peal as conductor. * First peal.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, St. Clements, Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER BATTLE ... ..Treble	JOHN WILKINSON... .. 4
HERBERT LUDKIN 2	THOMAS A. ROGERS 5
†JOHN COOK 3	JAMES R. GRIFFIN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. R. GRIFFIN.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods away from the treble. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Joynson for so kindly meeting them and having the bells in readiness.

BECKFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ...Treble	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 4
JAMES HEMMING 2	WILLIAM RICKETTS 5
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

First peal on the bells.

HARESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

WILLIAM JONES ... ..Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 4
CHARLES EAST 2	HARRY BARRETT... .. 5
THOMAS PRICE 3	FRANK COLE... ..Teno

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

*FREDERIC C. RICE ... ..Treble	HARRY ARGENT 4
†FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... .. 2	JOHN BURLES 5
CHARLES WATERMAN 3	GEORGE MORRAD... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on a Bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. H. Argent.

HAMPTSTEAD NORRIS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 9, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*W. PARFITT ... ..Treble	W. J. TIGWELL 4
A. GREGORY 2	A. HALL 5
E. PONTIN 3	C. PARFITT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. PARFITT.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. Ringer of the 4th elected a member before starting for the peal.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, June 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*DAVID J. MOORE ... ..Treble	TREVOR JONES 4
*DAVID H. BENNETT 2	JAMES P. HYETT... .. 5
†HENRY J. PEAKE 3	JOSEPH T. MORRIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal for 10 years.

HUNTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE POOND ... ..Treble	TOM SAUNDERS 4
CHARLES H. SONE 2	COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
LOUIS HEAD... .. 3	LEWIS NEWMAN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

The methods were rung alternately and each 720 called differently.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 13, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 20 cwt.

GERALD F. GRIFFIN ... ..Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 4
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 2	CHARLES DOEL 5
JESSE FRANCIS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Teno

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

The conductor's 150th peal.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Thursday, June 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt. in F

ALBERT BOSWELL Treble	FRANCIS BOSWELL 4
HORACE TERRY 2	WALTER LARGE 5
HENRY COLLEY 3	CHARLES SABIN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

Rung in honour of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, who passed through Henley during the ringing of the peal. After an excellent meat tea, provided by friends in Henley, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung to celebrate a presentation made to the retiring High Bailiff, Dr. Nelson. The ringers stood as for the peal which was conducted by H. Terry.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720 each of Kent and Oxford and Three of Plain Bob.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM BUTLER Treble	*JOSEPH ELLIOTT... .. 4
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	*EDWARD BONE 5
WILLIAM ELLIOTT 3	*GORDON KEEBLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung as a farewell compliment to E. Bone who is shortly leaving for Limpstone, Devonshire. * First peal. Also rung to celebrate the 54th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. B. Keeble, of Romford, who were married at the above church, June 7th, 1869.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE RANGLES Treble	DANIEL T. MATKIN 4
*M. W. BOTT 2	*WILLIAM MAPP 5
*JACK HARDWICK 3	*GEORGE JONES Tenor

Conducted by D. T. MATKIN.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and tenor all hail from the parish church at Bromfield, and the conductor from Ludlow.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 11, 1923, in One Hour and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT MR. W. A. JANES' OFFICE, CASTLEGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*WILLIAM A. JANES 1—2	†EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3—4
FREDERICK W. BAILEY... .. 5—6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal on handbells. † 25th peal. This is the first handbell peal rung in Nottingham.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 14 in D.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1—2	GEORGE W. STEERE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	*JOHN FOSTER 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt for Grandsire Triples.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, June 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes.

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY (TRIN.) 1—2	J. B. WOOLLEY (JESUS) ... 5—6
E. C. BENSON (ST. CATH.) 3—4	H. G. BENSON (KING'S) ... 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. B. WOOLLEY.

AN IRISH PEAL OF SIX RE-OPENED.

PEPPERY'S TRIP TO BLESSINGTON.

The Parish Church of Blessington, in the county of Wicklow, is dedicated to St. Mary, and contains a peal of six bells all dated 1682, some of them bearing the founder's name, Thomas Bartlet, and the foundry mark of the Whitechapel Foundry. There is in the chancel a very fine tablet inscribed in Latin, and surmounted with the arms of Archbishop Boyle, of Armagh, to whose memory it was erected. The translation runs: "Michael Boyle, D.D. Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, chancellor for 20 years, and frequently acting as judge in ecclesiastical causes. Among his many praiseworthy acts for the good of church and country he erected at his own expense the Church of Mary, Blessington, and the cemetery (for the glory of God, the worthy carrying out of Divine worship, and for the convenience and use of the parish), and provided all the necessary sacred vessels and church furniture, and added a bell tower with a chime of six bells. He solemnly dedicated the above to God, and the service of Religion on the 24th day of August, 1683. This memorial stone, with the inscription thereon, has been set up as a memorial of his munificence by his son, Morough, Viscount Blessington.

Go thou and do likewise."

The title of Viscount Blessington is now extinct, but time seems to lay its hands lightly on Blessington, as all the ancient stones and buildings which the writer saw were as fresh as when put in by the pious Blessington folk now passed to their rest more than two centuries ago. Even the bells which are beautiful castings show no signs of corrosion, each one bearing a beautiful medallion with the arms of the donor.

Saturday, May 12th, was a real red-letter day in the Wicklow Hills, as the bells were to be reopened, after a more than usually long silence. They had been rehung by Master Matthew O'Byrne, of Dublin; in a new steel frame and fittings, with the firm's patented slide rest. "The 'go' of the bells is all that could be expected," was the unanimous verdict of the numerous ringers who took the eventful trip (on a train which might have conveyed our forbears to meet Goode Master Bartlet in 1683), to open the new peal.

'Twas not necessary for me to adjure Goode Mistress Peppery to call me early on the eventful 12th (not of August, Goode reader, though the 'grouse' were getting it hot up there), for, 'i' faith, ye Goode Dame was as ready as her liege to take the glorious air and feast her eyes on the superb Wicklow Hill scenery. We boarded ye Goode 'Rocket Express' at Terenure Terminus, near a score of faint hearts and fair Ladies. Goode Mistress Peppery did adjure some of us to tie knots in our lower limbs ere we ventured on the top deck as ye roof was so low and ye sides 'non est.' Ye gent from Christ Church did call it 'Electric.' As to that I had 'mae doots,' for on disembarking we did all resemble prime smoked Yarmouths, but he did assure me that that was where the 'trie' came in. Punctually at 2.0 p.m. our fiery dragon emitted a smoke screen and tried to emulate a swallow, but had to stick to the rails in the end, and off we sailed up the hills, past the old stone house, yelept 'Hell fire club,' where the Fenians of old held their deliberations. We did not stop to seek election, though Goode Mistress Peppery did assure me I was qualified these long years. At the next stop the Railway Hotel had its windows broken, and the frames covered with wire netting, and ye Goode Captain of St. Pat's did affirm 'twas to keep the tourists from stealing the glass as souvenirs, but Goode Dame Peppery did venture that 'twas to keep their own thieves in, not others out.

At Tallaght there is a fine old church tower, partly ruined, amid beautiful scenery and a small inviting emporium, equipped with a quaint old painted sign of two foxes rampant, which informs all and sundry that 'this foxe's covert never draws blank.' This last I can vouch for the accuracy of; but, good readers, 'with bated breath,' I did arrive just in time to hear ye Captain of Pat's explaining to Goode Mistress Peppery that 'Tallaght' was Irish for 'burying place,' and ye Goode Spouse did confide in him that she knew Peppery had long thought of settling down, and that such a sylvan retreat would be ideal for him. I did then ponder long which of the two coverts would be drawn most often for my graceless self.

At the next junction the gent from Christ Church retired below decks. I murmured 'mal-de-mer,' but Mrs. P. blamed the hailstorm then in its pomp. I did opine 'twas cold enough for snow, but a gent from St. Pat's granted that if it did the smoke screen emitted by our chip machine was effective to hide us from any snow yet snown, an we had the pluck to brave the top deck of the first car.

But all things end some time, even conjugal smoke screens, and I arrived in Blessington with my bows stove in and my patent log out of action, but needless to relate ye Beste of Pilots was, as usual, triumphant.

We were greeted on arrival by the Rector, the Rev. Wm. Reeves Scuyll, with a hearty welcome that touched all with its spontaneity, and we were at once at home. His arrangements for our comfort were perfection itself, and when he piloted us to the tower to try the bells we were met by Mr. Matthew O'Byrne, of the Fountain Head Bell Foundry, which has been in existence for more than two hundred years, and does a very flourishing trade in bells. We were shown his firm's work, which he described with a verve that only one of his own genial personality can. We rang them, and we changed hands and listened to them, and everyone was satisfied with the various 240's of Minor, 120's of Doubles, and call changes with the local ringers, and our praise was unstinted. Then we were shown the church and its famous tablet by the Rector, who piloted us down to tea in an old-world room in this beautiful old-world Wicklow atmosphere, where the tables groaned 'neath their load of good honest Wicklow cheer, and the ladies were all smiles as they welcomed us and pressed upon us dainties after dainties, till even ringers could do no more, good trenchermen though they always are.

Our votes of thanks to all concerned are of the heartiest, especially to those Wicklow ladies who surely 'had the way with them.' Need I say that 'train' time came all too soon after more ringing, and a pleasant hour with Mr. Byrne.

It is worthy of note, that in 1798, the time of the Fenian Rebellion, a rebel attack was repulsed from the church tower, and at the present day Blessington is again in the limelight as a centre for rounding up the Republican troops; indeed, a sharp skirmish took place the very evening after our visit, but it is pleasing to find that during this time all places of worship are immune from the attentions of both parties—and the local band are taking up change ringing.

PEPPER & HISSELF.

FAIRFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 13th in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Triples: G. Law 1, O. G. Farmer 2, B. Guy 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, G. W. Hasting 7, A. King 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for ringer of the tenor, and first quarter-peal of Triples with all local Sunday ringers inside. The ringer of the tenor hails from Lechlade.

BARNET, HERTS. — On Saturday, May 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): R. Roffey 1, F. A. Milne, J.P., 2, H. Eldred 3, G. M. Kilby 4, C. V. Ebberson 5, H. Kilby 6, J. Armiger Trollope (conductor) 7, J. W. Langley 8. Rung after meeting too late for a peal.

OVERLAPPING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of June 1st I see that at a meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association the secretary complained of overlapping, and stated that a neighbouring society in one of its branches had 40 per cent. of its members from the Gloucester Diocese. Now, if he means the Worcestershire Association (Southern Branch) let me point out that the fault lies entirely with themselves. A few years ago the members of two bands in the Winchcombe district approached me about joining an association, and I advised them to join their own county association. I also saw a prominent ringer from Cheltenham, and gave him the address of the secretary of each band. I also gave the address to another ringer in Gloucester, but it appears that no action was taken to rope in these ringers, so they attended one of our quarterly meetings, and made application to join our association. Since then another band from near Tewkesbury made application at a quarterly meeting. Can anyone blame us that we accepted these bands as members?—Yours, etc., F. J. JOHNSON.

LOCAL BANDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your last issue you have an inspired note in 'Belfry Gossip,' which says: 'The first Surprise peal in the city of Leicester has yet to be rung (by a local band).'

In your issue of June 17th, 1921, was a peal of Superlative rung at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, in which every ringer was a member and exclusively attached to the tower. The footnote stated that 'this is the first Surprise peal rung in Leicester by an entirely local band.'

I am not aware of anything to invalidate the claim.
23, Hopfield Road, Leicester.

W. WILLSON.

THE A. T. KING MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir Dear,—I have to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, 10s. from the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and 5s. from Mr. A. Miller of Winnipeg, Canada, towards the above fund. The total received for this fund, which is now closed, is £33 18s. 6d., and, as will be seen on reference to your notice column, the memorial tablet will be unveiled at Barnet on Saturday, July 14th. I trust that all members of this association, and also others who so kindly subscribed to the fund, will endeavour to be present.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES,

Hon. Secretary to the Fund Committee.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths wishing to join the St. Mark's-in-the-Field's company for their annual outing on September 1st can have full particulars by forwarding stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary, Mr. J. W. Cornford, 7a, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.7.

Many ringers who attended the recent meeting of the Central Council in Salisbury were loud in the praises they bestowed on the local committee, especially on the man in charge. That his efforts in other matters is no less appreciated is evinced by the fact that last week he was the recipient of a gold demi-hunter watch, given him by the West Dorset teachers as an acknowledgment of his work as hon. treasurer and secretary for the past ten years, with the sincere wish that he may continue in office for many years to come.

The peal of six at Kingswinford, Staffordshire, is being augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, and will be dedicated on Sunday, July 1st. The work is being carried out by Mr. J. E. Groves.

An interesting little booklet, entitled 'Why are you a ringer?' has been written by a ringer and published at 2d. by Mr. W. J. Southwood, 14, St. James' Road, Exeter. It is suitable for distribution by clergy among bands, and twelve copies can be obtained post free for 6s. 6d.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District of the London County Association held a very successful and enjoyable meeting at St. John's, Croydon, on Saturday last. Upwards of 30 ringers were present from various places, including Beckenham, Camberwell, Chelsea, Beddington, Ealing, Lambeth, Roehampton, Putney, Streatham, Westminster, Addiscombe, Walton-on-Thames, etc.

The heavy peal of eight (tenor 30 cwt.) were made full use of, and the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Major. Several of the youthful members ascended to the top of the tower to enjoy the view, and probably this may account for the wonderful appetites shown later.

An excellent tea was partaken of at the Hare and Hounds, and was very much appreciated and enjoyed.

At the subsequent business meeting, four new members were made.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Clark for the splendid arrangements made, to the Rev. P. McCormick for the use of the bells, and to 'mine host' for the splendid tea supplied. The next meeting was announced to take place on July 7th at All Saints', Fulham.

The tower was re-visited, and a further hour's ringing took place. At the kind invitation of 'mine host', the party again adjourned to the Hare and Hounds, and a pleasant social evening was spent. Good-humour was abundant, and everyone was merry. Several present rendered some songs, the general secretary being in his element as the accompanist. Stedman Caters and other methods were rung on handbells, and all items received the applause deserved. 'Time flies,' and this particular evening went all out to prove it, it seemed, and the ringers reluctantly dispersed at 'the correct time.'

It is hoped that these social evenings may occur more regularly at meetings, although, of course, accommodation is not often available.

RINGERS IN A CHESHIRE VILLAGE.

The village of Capenhurst, in the Wirral Peninsula, was visited on Saturday, June 16th, by 80 ringers and friends, including the Master and general secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild.

The war memorial ring of six bells were kept going from 3 p.m. until 9 p.m., in a good variety of methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise. The quaint old church was well filled for the service, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston gave a short address. After service, the Rector kindly provided tea at the Rectory. The wife of the Rector and willing helpers kept their guests well supplied with good things.

A short business meeting followed, and a vote of thanks was enthusiastically accorded the Rector and all those who had done so much for the ringers and friends.

SURPRISE PEAL IN LEICESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Would you please insert the following reply? 'Re Surprise peal in Leicester. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung on the 24th May, 1923, was the first peal of Cambridge Surprise rung in the city of Leicester by a LEICESTER band.' This is not an affiche, as the writer is not au fait on such things. As for sending it 'local' instead of 'Leicester,' there are various lectures to many pars, if the reader wishes it. Therefore, I stick to my statement above, that it is accompli.—Yours truly,
BASTA.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 377.)

PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF CITY CHURCHES.

The Rev. F. Li. Edwards then moved the first of the motions on the agenda: 'That this Council, meeting in the Diocese of Salisbury, in which Sir Christopher Wren was born and baptized, expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the churches, with which he adorned the City of London, and which bear such a valuable witness to the Christian religion in the world's busiest centre of secular activities.' The mover said he considered the motion was appropriate in point of time and of place. In point of place it was appropriate because Wren was born in the diocese of Salisbury. As to it being appropriate in point of time, he mentioned that two or three years ago, a motion, not on similar lines but the same in principle, was passed at a meeting of the Council, but missed because it was sent to the secretary of a committee which it was subsequently discovered had ceased to exist. The same question of the demolition of churches in the city was to be brought forward again by another committee appointed by the Bishop of London.—Major Hughes D'Aeth seconded.

Mr. J. A. Trollope opposed the motion, remarking that the majority of the churches it was proposed to demolish were worth nothing at all, and were a dead weight on the London diocese. For the site of one of the churches at the back of Lombard Street Barclays Bank were prepared to give a quarter of a million. The committee that recommended the removal of these churches consisted of eminent Churchmen who knew a good deal more about the churches than did those who agitated against their removal from a craze for preserving things because they were old.

Mr. G. P. Burton, who supported the motion, protested against Mr. Trollope's statement that these churches were worth nothing. Every time he (the speaker) went into St. Michael's, Cornhill, it was an inspiration to him. All Hallows', Lombard Street, was a beautiful church. If from a business point of view these churches were worth so much money, were they not worth ten thousand times more to the country? It would be a scandal if that Council did not let it go forth that they protested against the demolition.

Canon Baker said he felt the motion was out of place there. They were Churchmen met for a special purpose, to discuss matters relating to bell ringing, and if they discussed matters outside the scope for which they were met it seemed to him there was no limit to the subjects they might put down on the agenda. Next year they might have a resolution on the question of Prayer-Book revision, and fancy that Assembly passing a resolution about Vestments or Reservation, or that sort of thing. He thought the question of the city churches was an architectural one or an artistic question, and not one that was within the scope of their proceedings. He proposed 'the previous question.'

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said this was largely a motion of sentiment and to bring it down to a point where that Council was concerned with it directly, it ought to be stated in the resolution what churches containing peals of bells it was proposed to demolish.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he partly agreed with Canon Baker, but not altogether. He thought they might pass some resolution on the towers that contain bells, which was what they did at Northampton. There, it was held that it was outside their province to express opinions about churches which had no bells, but as a congress of ringers they might express their opinion about churches which had peals of bells.

Alderman Pritchett said he did not think they could logically distinguish between churches with bells and churches without. They were equally sacred, and if they preserved one, they should preserve the other, but he thought the Council was going outside its functions in debating a question of that kind.

The motion of 'the previous question' having been seconded, was put to the meeting, amid some protest against this method of closing discussion, and carried.

FIRST AND RECORD PEALS.

The Rev. H. Drake had given notice to move 'That this Council recommends that first or record peals should not be rung for a society outside the limits of that society's area. He said the objection raised to it in 'The Ringing World' was not one which that resolution was intended to meet, and he, therefore, suggested that he should be allowed to amend it so that it was in positive instead of negative form, viz., 'That this Council recommends that first or record peals should be rung for a society within the limits of that society's area.'

The President: Are you going to alter that now?

The Rev. H. Drake: I am going to ask the meeting to allow it to be put in the positive form.

The alteration having been agreed to, the Hon. Secretary seconded the motion pro forma.

The President: Does anyone wish to speak on it?

The Rev. H. Law James: Yes. I will move 'the previous question' (laughter).

Mr. W. Willson opposed the resolution, and pointed out the difficulties of applying it. Suppose, he said, eight men travelled from one county to the next for a peal, who was going to elect them as members of that association, when there was no one else in the belfry? They were not competent to elect themselves, therefore they would be bound to ring the peal for their own association.

The Rev. H. Drake: The resolution only recommends.

Mr. James George said he agreed with Mr. Willson, and, although he belonged to pretty well every society in the kingdom, and the resolution would not make much difference to him, why should he be compelled to join a society when he went into some other area for a peal, and who would elect visiting ringers unless there was a majority of the band belonging to the society?

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore pointed out that the resolution did not refer to all peals, but only to first and record peals.

Alderman Pritchett put his opposition to the resolution very concisely. 'In the first place,' he said, 'it is unnecessary, in the second place it is unreasonable; in the third place unworkable, and in the fourth place unintelligible, and I am going to vote against it' (laughter).

Mr. E. M. Atkins: What is the 'area' of a society like the Cambridge University Guild?

A Member: Or the College Youths?

The Rev. H. Drake said he had discussed the resolution with Mr. Willson, and altered it to meet his objection, but it did not seem to have done so (laughter). As it stood, the resolution was simply an expression of pious opinion that ringers should not go out and ring first or record peals in the area of other societies, but that they should preferably ring them at home.

The motion, on being put, was lost by a large majority.

MORE DETAILS NOT REQUIRED.

The next motion was also in the name of the Rev. H. Drake: 'That the Peals Analysis Committee be asked if they can add a column showing the ratio between the number of members and the points gained by each society.' He said that after the very heavy report which they had heard that morning he was unwilling to add to the committee's labours but if they were to have anything said as to which was the first society there should be some account taken of the number of members. It seemed rather absurd, for instance, for the Salisbury Guild, which was in fairly low place in the analysis, to be contrasted with an association like the Norwich or Midland Counties—there was not a fair chance of comparing the two. If they could have another column showing the ratio between the number of members and the points gained they would be able to get some further value out of the analysis than they had at present.

The motion found no seconder, and, therefore, was declared lost.

SPLICED-METHOD PEALS.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies proposed 'That in compositions of 5,000 changes or upwards on seven or any higher number of bells in which the plan of splicing various methods is adopted it is essential that there should be no repetition of any row throughout—that is to say, that the whole composition shall be "true" in the universally accepted sense of that word.' He said that years ago, when he was young, it was a great thing, not very often accomplished, for a peal of 42 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, or seven 720's of Minor to be rung. Then the practice grew of ringing six bell peals in seven different methods, and those things, he thought, were most laudable. It was a great thing for those who had only got six bells to make the utmost use of what bells they had got, but when it came to the question of eight-bell towers, where they could ring peals of Triples or Major, the question assumed a different aspect. He was led to put this motion down on the agenda by a letter which he received a little time ago, in which his opinion was asked upon a proposal to ring a quarter-peal each of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, each coming round at back stroke and going off into the next method at hand. To his mind that was a very different question from that of the six bell ringers whom he had mentioned. All honour and credit to them for making the best use of the bells they had. They had only 720 changes to work upon, and could not help repeating them. But when they had got eight bells, if they permitted repetition, they would be striking at the root of what had always been the main object in every peal ever composed from the beginning of change ringing, namely, that it should be true. He was rather old-fashioned, and he could not say that he 'cottoned' very warmly to splicing at all, but if they wished to have splicing let them have, on eight or more bells, a true peal.

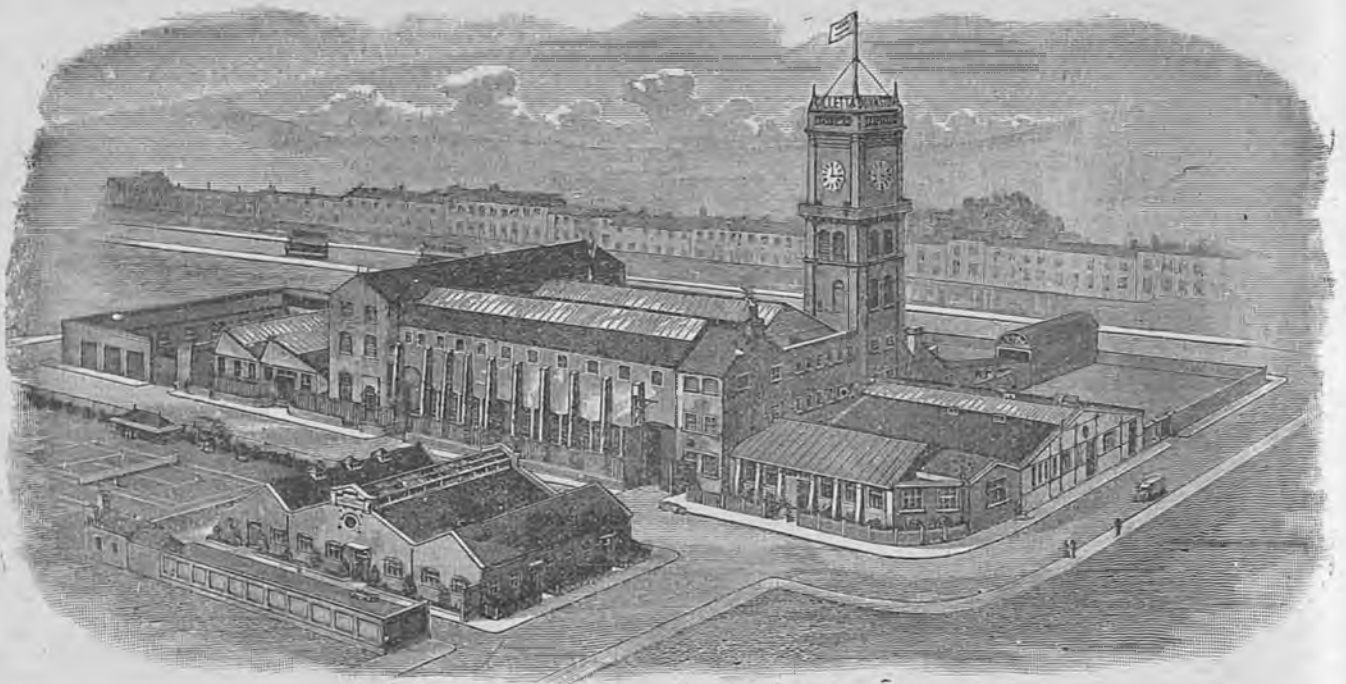
The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded the resolution.

The Rev. H. Law James asked if the resolution was necessary. The rules of the Council already laid it down that every peal on seven bells and upwards must be true, and therefore, he thought, the motion was needless.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he believed the original suggestion was made between himself and Mr. Davies in the course of corre-

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spendence. His feeling at the time was that it was a thing worth doing, and if they did not like to call it a 'peal' they could call it a 'performance.' The band that could ring four quarter-peals in this way would be doing something worth doing. They could not splice the methods together, so they would have to ring it in quarter-peals.

Mr. J. Parker said he should not think anyone would attempt to ring four quarter-peals that were not true. He was not so sure it was impossible to get a true composition. It was not necessary to change from one method to the other at a lead end.

Mr. W. Willson asked if one of the rules of the Council did not already provide that in peals on 8, 10 or 12 bells there should be not less than 5,000 true changes rung without interval in any one method.

The President: The motion is absolutely in order.

Mr. E. M. Atkins: The effect of the motion is simply to enlarge that rule, to cover a number of methods spliced together in one true peal.

The resolution, on being put, was carried nem. con.

(To be continued.)

POINTS FOR PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Ringers generally will agree with the text of Mr. Pulling's letter of last week re 'Points for Peals,' what concerns ringers more than points (or no points), for peals is the number of hand-bell peals rung without a competent umpire or referee being employed, I believe the Central Council many years ago made some recommendation on the subject. Apart from the findings of the Central Council, it seems quite the proper thing to have a referee in close proximity to the ringers of the peal with a copy of the composition at hand, ready to tick off any or all of the course ends of the peal as they come up, or should one come where it should not be, call stand. Unless a peal is rung under usual conditions this rule (I consider) should apply, or the peal be not included in the Guild or Association's record under whose auspices the peal is supposed to have been scored.

JOHN BEAMS.

West Ewell, Surrey, June 16th, 1923.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTE BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 9th, when a very large gathering was present from Blechley, Beachampton, Calverton, Chichelev, Emberton, Feuny Stratford, Great Henwood, Great Linford, Linslade, Maids Morton, Newton Longville, Old Bradwell, Olney, Stony Stratford, Simpson, Stoke, Goldington, Sherrington, and the local ringers. Visitors from neighbouring societies included representatives from Northants and Towcester and district. The bells, a fine peal of eight were set going at 2 p.m., and service was attended by over 100 ringers. The chairman of the branch (the Rev. L. Moxon) officiated, and an instructive address was given by the brother of the chairman (the Rev. Moxon, of Stewkley). After service, tea was partaken of, and was followed by the business meeting.

The balance sheet was accepted, together with the treasurer's report, showing that the branch was financially sound, having a balance of £21 18s 3d, to its credit, £10 of which was invested in War Loan.

The Rev. L. Moxon was re-elected chairman, and Mr. W. Sear was elected secretary and treasurer.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), together with the Guild sec. (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) attended, and both addressed the meeting, expressing their entire satisfaction with the healthy condition of this North Bucks Branch, which reflected credit on those who worked in its interests.

The Secretary stated that they had 30 towers in union with the Guild, with a membership of about 240, and continued to grow which made it very difficult for him to get round them all frequently, but while they placed confidence in him he would endeavour to do his best.

A letter from the late chairman (the Rev. J. R. Vincent), who was in Italy, was read, expressing the hope that the meeting would be a success, and the secretary was asked to write and thank Mr. Vincent for his kind letter, and say how all regretted that he was not amongst them.

Various discussions took place on matters relating to the interest of the branch, and then the usual votes of thanks were given to the chairman for making arrangements, the choir for attending the service, and the ringers for having things all ready and arranging for the tea.

Two ladies from the Oxford Guild were among those present, viz. Miss Robinson and Miss Davis, and both took part in the ringing. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Major methods from Plain Bob to Cambridge Surprise.

A PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

BISHOP SUGGESTS A FEDERATION.

A federation of ringing societies in the diocese of Peterborough, which covers the counties of Northampton, Leicester and Rutland, was suggested by the Bishop at a meeting of the Central Northants Association held at Wellingborough on Saturday week, and a resolution suggesting a conference on the subject was carried.

The meeting had been arranged in order that the Bishop might meet the ringers, and one of the largest gatherings in the history of the association took place.

The Kettering District was represented by 57 members, Wellingborough by 51, Northampton by 22, Thrapston by 22, Peterborough by six, Guilsborough by seven, and Weedon one. The Central Association officers present included the Rev. J. P. Friend (president), Mr. W. T. Wilson (treasurer), and Mr. D. J. Nichols (secretary); the Wellingborough District by Mr. F. Barber (secretary); the Kettering District by Mr. Black (secretary); the Northampton District by Mr. S. J. Lawrence; the Thrapston District by Mr. J. Nickerson; the Weedon District by Major C. O. E. Nicholson; and the Ladies' Guild by Miss Hepburn. Amongst the clergy present were the Rev. R. G. W. Smeaton, Rev. V. F. Honnibal (Wellingborough Parish Church); Rev. E. J. W. Nesbitt (West Haddon), Rev. C. F. Westacott (Wilby), Rev. C. H. L. Hopper (Weekley), Rev. Cole-Hamilton (Desborough), Rev. J. White (Pitsford), Rev. H. J. Atkins (Isham), and Rev. D. McVarish (Wollaston).

It was a very hearty service in the Parish Church, familiar hymns being sung, with Mr. E. Head at the organ, the Vicar taking the prayers in the early part of the service, and the Bishop the special prayers at the close of the service. The collection for the bell restoration of Peterborough Cathedral realised £3 0s. 10d.

MESSAGE OF THE BELLS.

The Bishop founded his address on the words, 'O come, let us worship,' a sentence which contained in the fewest words the message of the bells. They in that diocese, and not the least in that county, had a peculiar interest in bells. One of the earliest of bells so far as the actual date was concerned, came from Cold Ashby, and was dated 1317. The history of church bells was part and parcel of the history of English Churchmen through the centuries, and how they had tried to make the worship of God the centre of their life. One of the earliest bell foundries was connected with that county, and they also knew there was one at Leicester, where the maker used to put on bells the head of the reigning king. After sketching the history of Taylor's, of Loughborough, which in 1731 had a foundry at Kettering, and telling of some of the famous bells that they had cast, the Bishop went on to speak of how the bells entered into the life, especially on great national occasions. The bells marked the occasions of joy and also of sorrow, and he supposed there were more muffled peals rung during the last ten years than for five centuries before. They were outward and audible signs of their duty towards God, and bell ringers were the instruments by which that call to worship was made far and wide, a call which, alas, often met with little response on the part of those who heard it, a call which, none the less, was responded to by thousands and thousands every Sunday and often on weekdays as well. Though the call to worship had never been responded to as it should be, it had never ceased to be sounded, and he ventured to say that there was no class of people who ought more fervently to realise their duty of the call to worship than the ringers themselves, who might reasonably be expected to practice what they preached. He once remembered reading of a blind lamplighter who went about the town and lit the lamps, but he never saw the light himself, nor did the light ever bring any benefit to him. That would be rather a parallel case to the bell ringer who sounded the call to worship and yet, though himself a worker in the House of God, never realised the privilege and joy of uniting in worship with his fellow Christians. Let them be an example in that respect, and realise that they belonged to a big family circle. In these days the greatest need of Europe and of their own country was an acknowledgement of God, both in public and private affairs, and, therefore, the ringers' work should be one taken with great solemnity, for the bells were a continual reminder to those who had ears to hear to remember God and His worship. The Bishop concluded by expressing the hope that in the meeting that was to follow some kind of federation would be formed that would link the ringers in the three counties of the diocese in one great family.

Service over, an adjournment was made to the Church Hall, where 170 sat down to tea. The Rev. Friend presided, and the Bishop also honoured the gathering with his presence.

The Chairman, with the opening observation that ringers were reasonable people, went on to say that they had improved enormously. When he started to ring 31 years ago he found the members of the team attending practices more regularly than on Sundays, and discovered that the reason for that was an enormous stone jar in the belfry (laughter). He then pointed out that the belfry was part of God's House, though it had not always been looked upon as such. As a Rural Dean he always took care to visit the belfry of churches and look at the bells.

THE SUGGESTED FEDERATION.

Mr. D. J. Nichols observed that the presence of the Bishop that day would help to stimulate all matters connected with bells and ringers. He felt sure that the suggestion of the Bishop of the formation of a Diocesan Ringers' Association was welcomed by a large number of ringers. It was suggested that the association should be called the Peterborough Guild of Church Bell Ringers, and should embrace all the associations. They would still have their own district organisations.

The President moved the following resolution: 'That in the opinion of this meeting it is desirable that a Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Ringers should be formed; and that the president and secretary of this association be asked to confer with representatives of other associations in the counties of Northamptonshire, Leicestershire, and Rutland, to report to our committee, for the information of the Bishop.'—This resolution was carried unanimously.

Following upon a general discussion, the Bishop said it was a very great pleasure to find himself at so large a gathering of that association, and welcomed the idea of a federation of the associations of the whole diocese. He used the word federation instead of amalgamation, as it left each association freedom of movement, but it linked up the ringers from all parts of the diocese. Incidentally Dr. Woods observed that the bell ringers of the diocese were not limited to the male sex. If the federation was formed no one would be more pleased than the Bishop of the diocese.

Mr. F. Wilford (Northampton) moved thanks to the Vicar of Wellingborough for allowing the use of the bells, and to Mr. Nichols and Mr. Barber (of the Wellingborough District) for making the local arrangements.—This was seconded by Mr. Wilson, and heartily carried.—Major Nicholson also initiated a hearty vote to the Bishop for his presence and interest.

The Vicar of Wellingborough, responding, first told of his difficulty in getting to be a proficient bell ringer, and went on to say that a year ago he ventured to make a remark about how desirable it was that ringers, who called other to church, should first set the example, and, in spite of its unpopularity, he said it again (laughter).

The Bishop's brief reply terminated this part of the proceedings, and several touches on the bells followed.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on June 18th, for the wedding of Mr. Hyde and Miss Puddlephatt, 1,386 changes of Grand-sire Triples, in 55 mins.: A. Rookwood 1, H. Walker 2, T. Blackburn 3, A. King (conductor) 4, C. Rollings 5, T. Kendall 6, F. Hunt 7, R. W. Spire 8. First quarter-peal of ringer of the 8th.

NEWPORT, I.W.—At St. Thomas' Parish Church, for 10.30 Matins, on Sunday, June 17th, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Johnson (conductor) 1, W. Chambers 2, H. Jennings 3, H. Barton 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Phillips 6, W. Upton 7, J. Leal 8. Also at Carisbrooke St. Mary's, for 11 o'clock service the same day, 420 Stedman Triples: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, H. Phillips 3, W. Upton 4, A. Callaway 5, H. Barton (conductor) 6, H. Jennings 7, C. Taylor 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 minutes: T. Marshall 1, J. Hughes 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. Jones 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Edwards 6, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 17th, at the Institution, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Thurstans: Thomas R. Butler, junr., 1—2, Thomas E. Abbott 3, Thomas Butler, senr. (conductor), 4, William D. Wase 5, Alfred S. Bayley 6, William Saunders 7—8. Specially arranged for Messrs. Butler, of Ellesmere, Salop. This is the first time a pair of working bells have been rung to a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in Coalbrookdale.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, at St. Nicolas' Church, 576 Cambridge Surprise: E. Dumper 1, O. H. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, C. J. Fray 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. T. Tucker 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, June 17th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters: F. V. Simkins 1, W. E. Judd (conductor) 2, P. L. Miles 3, G. M. Mackman 4, H. G. Miles 5, A. E. Bradley 6, C. W. Roberts 7, G. H. Harding 8, W. E. Garrard 9, P. E. Clark 10.

LONDON.—At St. Stephen's Church, Clapham Park, on Friday, June 15th, a memorial quarter-peal (half-muffled) for H.R.H. Princess Christian of Grand-sire Triples, from Holt's Original: Miss E. E. Harcastle 1, Mr. T. Langdon 2, Miss M. A. Philip 3, Mr. Challis P. Winney (conductor) 4, Mr. J. S. Higgins 5, Mr. A. T. Smalley 6, Mr. W. Rushton 7, Rev. G. H. Ensor, M.A., 8.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples, from Holt's Original: Miss F. E. Orr 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss E. E. Harcastle 3, Miss M. A. Philip 4, Mr. F. Lock 5, Mr. A. T. Smalley (conductor) 6, Mr. J. S. Higgins 7, Rev. G. H. Ensor, M.A., 8. First quarter-peal by local band.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, June 17th, for evening service, 1,265 Stedman Caters: F. Norris 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. Cutmor 3, W. R. Wood 4, G. C. Iles 5, J. Driver 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, A. J. Trollope 9, H. Page 10.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday June 17th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, 640 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Niblett 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton, junr., 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, C. Camm 8.

PUTNEY.—On Thursday, June 14th, 1,260 Grand-sire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Rowland, T. Bolton, H. G. Frampton, G. Rivers, F. Skevington, E. Cassell, W. T. Elson (conductor), F. Edwards. Ring with the bells half-muffled at an anniversary service for the dedication of the war memorial.

ST. ALBANS.—On Sunday June 10th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: *C. Walklate 1, S. Lindsell 2, J. Chattey 3, W. Little 4, W. H. L. Buckingham 5, H. S. Reeves 6, H. E. C. Goodenough 7, J. Blow 8. Conducted by H. E. C. Goodenough. * First quarter-peal.

EAST HENDRED, BERKS.—On June 10th, 72 Bob Minor: G. C. Worley 1, J. Nobes 2, H. A. C. Stratton 3, F. Naish (conductor) 4, F. W. Woodward 5, R. G. Rice 6. First 720 of Minor on these bells for sixteen years.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Webb 1, W. Judge 2, L. Tuffrey 3, W. Stone 4, F. Clinkard 5, J. Judge 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, W. Thorne 8.

TEYNHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 College Single, 360 Oxford Bob, and 180 Plain Bob, in 40 mins.: F. Rummery 1, C. Tumber 2, E. W. Gambell 3, W. Nye (conductor) 4, E. Hodges 5, E. W. Tumber 6.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 10th for morning service, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: S. Briggs 1, G. Lee 2, E. Bailey 3, E. Bailey 4, A. J. L. Naunton 5, F. W. Naunton (conductor) 6.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 10th, for evensong, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Caters: W. Chivers 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, G. J. Nichols 4, C. Hazelden 5, G. Peter 6, G. Tomsett 7, E. Raddon 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
NORTHERN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Messingham on Saturday, June 16th, ringers being present from Gainsborough, Stow, Scotter and Scunthorpe, in addition to some of the local company. The bells were available and kept going in various five bell methods. A short service was held at 4 p.m., at which the ringers' form of office was used, amongst those present being Canon Hicks, Messingham, and the Rev. J. Barber, Stow.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. Peirce) officiated, and gave a most instructive and profitable address to those present. Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. J. Barber presided in place of Canon Hicks, and the Vicar, who, owing to other duties, were obliged to leave early.—Mr. E. Dalingwater was proposed district secretary pro tem. for the remainder of the year as successor to Mr. F. S. W. Butler, who resigned the office owing to just recently having been elected secretary for the Northern Branch.

Mr. C. H. Baker seconded the proposition, and at the same time moved a vote of thanks to the late secretary for his past services. Both these were carried unanimously.—Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his very able address, the organist for his assistance at the service, the ladies for their excellent catering and assistance at the tea-table, Mr. A. Loughton for having made the necessary arrangements, and the Rev. J. Barber for presiding.

During the interval previous to the business meeting, Mr. A. Loughton and his brother, who is over on a visit from California, entertained the members with some interesting items, consisting of songs and sleight-of-hand tricks, which were very much appreciated and acknowledged by a hearty vote of thanks.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting was held at Barkway on Saturday, 16th June. Ringers were present from Royston, Barley, Cambridge, Fulbourn, Letchworth, Hitchin, and the local company. Tea was served at the Wheatsheaf, followed by the meeting at which three new members were elected. During the afternoon and evening good practice was had in the four standard methods. The tower, which was rebuilt in 1851, contains eight musical bells, and is in the fifteenth century style of architecture. The ancient step ladder which originally gave ascent to the belfry (up which many a ringer has trod) is still preserved in the belfry as a specimen of mediæval carpentry.

NOTICES.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fittleworth on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Church Room 5 o'clock. Pulborough bells are also available in the evening if required.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beverley on Saturday, June 23rd. The Minster bells (10) available from 1 to 9 p.m., and St. Mary's (10) from 6 to 8 p.m. Service in the Minster Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Minster Parish Room at 5 p.m.—A. B. Cook, Hon. District Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Bishopstone on Saturday, June 23rd. Train to Shrivenham Station. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Branch Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Hellingly on Saturday, June 23rd. Tower open at 2.30. Service 4.30, and tea at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. W. Stokes, Hon. District Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Newchurch, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—John H. Haydock, Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom, Lancs.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at S. Nicolas, Guildford, on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5.15 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Horbury for practice. No official business, and tea provided, on Saturday, June 23rd. A good attendance is desired.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Bradford.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Wellingborough District will be held at Finedon on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available at 2. Service 4.30, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Greaves). Tea at 5.—F. Barber, Dis. Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Daybrook (8 bells). Tower open at 2.30. Tea in Social Centre, 1s. 3d. each, at 5.30.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Frodsham, Saturday, June 23rd. Bells ready at 2.30. Meeting 4.45, followed by tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea (5.30) will be arranged at a restaurant.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Crouch on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting at the Railway Hotel.—P. Timson, Dis. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, June 23rd. Bells (6) ready 2.30. A picnic tea 4 o'clock (weather permitting). It is essential that those requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, June 20th, otherwise it cannot be provided. Evensong at 6 o'clock.—Cecil E. Hephurn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, Kettering.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be at Goosnargh, on Saturday, June 23rd. A short time, 3.5 p.m., will be spent at Ribchester. Tea at Goosnargh at 5.30, about 1/6 per head.—W. Taylor, Tower House, Penwortham, Branch Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The next meeting will be held at Whitwell (6) on Monday, June 25th. Bells from 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea at the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. F. C. Orr). Bowls and other attractions on Vicarage lawn.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

GODMANCHESTER PARISH CHURCH.—The Tercentenary of the building of the tower will be kept on Wednesday, June 27th. There will be ringing at intervals during the day (8 bells). All ringers will be welcome. Ringers wishing for tea (4.30) please communicate with the Vicar.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Michael's, Cornhill, on 26th June, *St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 28th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—Established 1623.—The Tercentenary Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27. A free dinner will be provided at one o'clock; and an official reception by the Mayor and Corporation at a Tea, at 4.30, kindly given by them. A very hearty welcome will be accorded to all visiting ringers: and it is sincerely desired that as many as possible will attend to honour the Saffron Walden Society on this unique occasion.—R. A. Strong, Hon. Sec., West Road, Saffron Walden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. Tea provided for all who send their names to W. Mapp, Post Office, Singleton.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Old Swinford on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The annual gathering of ringers will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Any company requiring them earlier please let me know by June 29th. No peal attempt. Entrance west end with cycles.—A. Symonds, 41, Market Lane.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Smarden (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. L. H. Evans). Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. All members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, June 27th.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Method proposed: Double Norwich.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

OLDHAM PARISH CHURCH.—On Saturday, June 30th, the new peal of 12 bells, weight of tenor 35 cwt., recast by J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be open to all ringers from 12 noon. A hearty invitation is given to all. Teas will be provided at a nominal fee. Applications for teas must be sent to the secretary on or before Tuesday, June 26th.—James Cox, 144, Horsedje Street, Oldham, Lancs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Orsett on Saturday, June 30th, by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. J. Eisdell. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea can be provided for those who notify me not later than the 26th inst.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—Next meeting will be at Tong on Saturday, June 30th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Crowland on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Service at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Haxey on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 26th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sully, Glamorgan, on Saturday, June 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Oldswinford on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea at 1/- each will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, June 26th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting of this division will be held at Felstead upon Saturday, June 30th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. There will be a service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the 'Old School' at 5 p.m., after which the business meeting will be held. All those intending to be present are kindly requested to forward their names to Mr. W. T. Farrow, Tilla Cottage, Felstead, not later than Thursday, June 28th.—W. H. Dyson, District Master.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Titchmarsh on Saturday, June 30th. Usual arrangements. Tea at the Rectory (6d. a head), 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea advise me by Wednesday, June 27th.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Thornbury, on Saturday, June 30th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Wilburton, Ely (6 bells). Service at 5 o'clock. Arrangement for tea. Please communicate with me early.—H. W. Gidding, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Next meeting at Evesham, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30; business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than July 4th to Mrs Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bellingborough on Saturday, July 7th. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by July 3rd?—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Memorial Tablet, which is being erected in the Parish Church at Barnet in memory of the late president (Arthur T. King), will be unveiled on Saturday, July 14th. Full details will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. of Memorial Sub-Committee.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 14th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea arranged for 5.30, but please let me know by July 9th, those intending to be present, and oblige. Trains from Ealing Broadway at 2.14, 2.19, 2.43, 3.9 (G.W.R.) to Hayes Station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secretary, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available at 3. This peal has been recast by Messrs. Taylor, and all ringers will be welcomed. Further particulars later. — Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 14th. Particulars later.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

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A MISSING REPORT.

Members of the Worcestershire Association may have wondered that no report of their annual meeting on Easter Monday appeared in our columns.

To make the matter clear we desire to say that the responsibility originally lay with no official of the association. A report was, it appears, sent to this office, enclosed with another communication, and both by some means were accidentally destroyed. It was only when inquiries were made about four weeks later as to the non-appearance of the report, that the Editor was aware that it had ever reached this office. An immediate request for a further brief report and subsequently for a copy of the minutes, from which a summary of the proceedings at the meeting could have been written, were refused. Had either of these requests, which were accompanied by a private explanation, been complied with, the members of the Worcestershire Association would not have been entirely without a report of their annual meeting, abridged though it might have been. We regret that we were the original cause of any disappointment which they may have felt, and also that the refusals with which we met, prevented our doing anything further in the matter.

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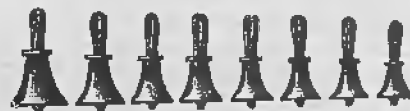
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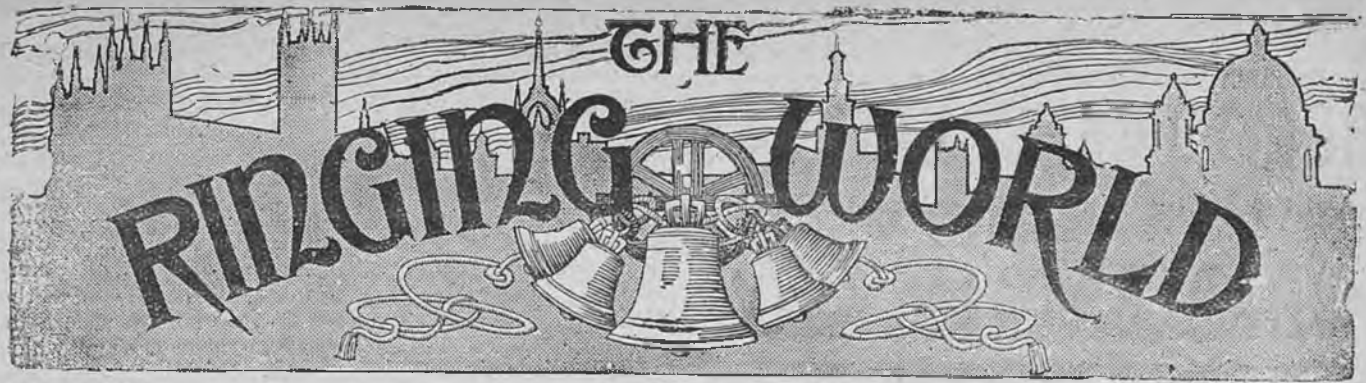
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FEDERATION IN PETERBOROUGH DIOCESE

The appeal made by the Bishop of Peterborough, at the recent meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association, for a federation of the ringing organisations in the diocese of Peterborough, is one that will find a great deal of support among the ringers in that area. It strikes a new note in regard to the lines upon which ringers should unite their forces, and the executive of the Central Northants Association has shown a readiness to forward the Bishop's desire by appointing representatives for a conference on the subject with the other associations whose areas extend within the boundaries of the diocese. The societies affected, in addition to the Central Northants, are the Peterborough and District, the Towcester and District, and the Midland Counties Association, for, in addition to Northamptonshire, the counties of Leicester and Rutland are concerned.

When the modern ringing associations were first formed, they mapped their areas on differing lines. Some followed the county areas, others the diocesan, while some took in territory whose boundaries were only vaguely defined. Among the last named was the Midland Counties Association, which has its centre in Leicestershire, a sphere of powerful influence in Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, and embraces Rutland and part of Warwickshire. The Midland Counties Association has, despite its wide area, been a consistently homogeneous whole, and, in its more than forty years' existence, has established a position which we feel sure its members would be loath to break. The Bishop of Peterborough is doubtless fully aware of this feeling, for his suggestion is for federation in his diocese as distinct from amalgamation. The resolution passed by the Central Northants Association voices the desirability of a Diocesan Guild, but we imagine that that ideal will be one for future adoption, and that the Bishop's proposal will probably be found the first and best step to its ultimate realisation.

The greatest factor in the success or otherwise of the scheme will be the attitude of the ringers in the Leicestershire area. Without their co-operation a Diocesan Guild for Peterborough can be only a partial success. It is hardly to be expected that Leicestershire ringers will lightly sever their connection with the association to which they have so long been affiliated, and a scheme by which they can retain their membership of the Midland Counties while giving support to a federation for their own diocese is, we think, one that is much more likely to appeal to them. Such a position would be a new departure in ringing organisation, but a workable scheme

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ought to be quite within the range of possibility. Among the objects which all our associations seek to promote is that of increasing the recognition of ringers as church workers, and by no means can this be better achieved than by gaining diocesan status. Any proposal which helps this forward deserves full and serious consideration by all concerned, and when, as in the case of Peterborough, the suggestion emanates from the Bishop of the Diocese, no stone should be left unturned to secure its eventual adoption, thus setting the seal to a claim which in some areas it has been very difficult to maintain. The course of the conference will be watched with interest by all ringers.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN W. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN EVANS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 9
JOHN C. TRUSS 4	JOHN GRANSBURY 10
EDWARD R. COLES 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM PYE 6	RALPH COLES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The visitors wish to again thank Mr. and Mrs. R. Coles for the kindness and hospitality extended to them after the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM BROWN Treble	GEORGE POUND 5
BEN. J. BAKER 2	JOHN HEAD 6
*JOHN SMITH 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	GEORGE GRANT Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. T. E. Sone to Miss J. Chambers, which took place at Rosyth, Scotland, earlier in the day, both being members of the Staplehurst band.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB; 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER MILLER Treble	GEORGE STANNARD 5
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 2	HARRY HALL 6
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 3	JOHN HALL 7
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 4	WALTER ROFELES Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINES. Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	SAMUEL JONES 5
JOHN HAYES 2	JAMES MORGAN 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by G. R. JONES.

100th peal for conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to R. T. Holding and Harry Overton, of Crewe.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
WILLIAM E. JUDD 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
BENJAMIN FOSKETT 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by J. E. DAVIS.
Fiftieth peal on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WALTER FISHER Treble	ERNEST JONES 5
EDWARD CAUNCE 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS W. GILMOUR 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
CLAUDE S. BENWELL 4	CHARLES PACKER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a peal board recording two peals of Stedman Cinques and two peals of Treble Twelve, rung in this tower and erected through the generosity of Mr. W. Davies, who now completes 40 years' service as a ringer at this church.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
PERCY HARRISON 2	SHIRLEY BURTON 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 4	*JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by A. J. PITMAN.
* First peal of Triples. Arranged for Mr. Pitman, who hails from Port Talbot, Glam.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 5
WILLIAM HODGETTS 2	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 6
CECIL J. KAZER 3	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... 7
ARTHUR W. DIX 4	*EDWARD CORDERY Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Allen, Muggleton, Anker, to Miss Ada Marian Powell, which took place at the above Church.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BACON Treble	LIONEL H. PAGE 5
*GORDON A. BACON 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
*CHARLES P. CHALK 3	GEORGE E. WILSON 7
HENRY T. WILSON 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by W. H. JUDD.
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*FRANK BRADLEY Treble	WILLIAM A. JANES 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	†LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 6
THOMAS H. KIRKBY 3	†GEORGE WEST 7
FRANK JOHNSON 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Dorothy Price, daughter of Mr. F. S. Price, of Beeston.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HARRY WHITTLE Treble	ALBERT J. PITMAN 5
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2	JOHN SAEDINGTON 6
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 3	EDWARD READER 7
JAMES S. HUTCHBY 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Arranged for Mr. Pitman, of Port Talbot, Glam., it being his first peal of Kent Major. Rung on the anniversary of the Conductor's wedding day.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM NASH Treble	ROEBEN SANDERS 5
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*CECIL V. EBBERSON 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method away from the Treble and first in the method on the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS HARE Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY ... 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.
First peal in the method on the bells.

TRING, HERTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. approx. in D.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5
	ALFRED H. PULLING 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
	HENRY HUTTON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
	GEORGE W. STEER 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Melville on the occasion of their daughter, Miss Millicent Melville, coming-of-age birthday, Tring being her birthplace. Also in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6312 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ALBERT J. PITMAN Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 5
GEORGE S. MORRIS 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 3	HAROLD J. POOLE 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by A. J. PITMAN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
The composition is now called for the first time. The above peals were rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Hare.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED J. TRAPPIITT... .. Treble	JAMES E. COOPER 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 7
†STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 4	*WILLIAM H. HOUNSBAM ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob Major. * First peal.
† First peal of Triples.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE TWITCHEN Treble	†FRANK W. BOXELL 5
†SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD ... 2	RALPH COLES 6
EDWARD MARKHAM 3	†JOHN EVANS 7
EDWARD R. COLES 4	*WILLIAM H. PLUMRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

* First peal in any method. † First peal of Stedman Triples.
† Ringers of 2nd and 7th have rung all the bells in this tower through peals.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

*ALLAN M. HICKMAN... .. Treble	RICHARD D. LANGFORD .. 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING ... 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
HARRY OVERTON 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major upon the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. T. Holding, mother of the 2nd and 3rd ringers.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HATFIELD GUILD OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 26 cwt.

*SIDNEY W. COLL Treble	†ALBERT R. LAWRENCE, JUN. 5
*JAMES G. DUNHAM 2	JOHN T. KENTISH 6
STANLEY HONOUR 3	ARTHUR SHEPHERD 7
*HARRY L. NORBS 4	*GEOFFREY B. RICHARDSON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th are only 15 years of age. Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TRANSPOSITION OF E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble	†EDWIN I. MARTIN 5
SAMUEL WHITE 2	BERT RIDGWAY 6
*ARTHUR D. OLDHAM... .. 3	FRED COTTON 7
*CHARLES E. PAYNE 4	WILLIAM COPE Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples with Bob Bell. † First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung on the eve of Sunday Schools Anniversary.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

LEWIS NEWMAN Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT 5
GEORGE PODND 2	JAMES W. LEONARD 6
CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
CHARLES H. SONE 4	BENJAMIN BAKER Tenor

Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

First peal of Triples as Conductor.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST S. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mrs. Sampson, wife of Mr. C. Sampson.

MARSDEN, NEAR HUDDERSFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARIHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JAMES BARRACLOUGH ... Treble	WILLIAM B. FRITH 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
*TOM SHAW 3	*WILLIAM BROGDEN 7
ALBERT ARMITAGE 4	ALLEN CARTER Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

* First peal on a bob bell. † First peal for 32 years. First peal on the new bells by John Taylor & Co., Loughborough, which were dedicated March 31st, 1923.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES F. SAVER Treble	GEORGE T. PEGNALL 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
EDWIN R. GOATE... .. 3	BEN. S. THOMPSON 7
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON | ... 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the treble.

SOUTHLLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*THOMAS W. BOND Treble	JOHN MONK 5
JACK HONEY 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 3	NOBLE SPINDLOW 7
GORDON CAUDWELL 4	RICHARD KEEN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal of Stedman.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE MEMORIAL TOWER OF SS. PATRICK AND ANDREW,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THOMAS STAGG Treble	JAMES CHINERY 5
FRANK LEVITT 2	PERCY FORDHAM 6
MISS VIOLET SHORTER 3	REGINALD LATHBURY 7
WILLIAM STANNARD 4	FREDERICK SALTER Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by F. SALTER.

Rung in honour of the Prince of Wales' birthday. First peal of Major as conductor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, June 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16½ cwt.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 4	JAMES GOODSSELL ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. J. Lambert, Jun., and Miss J. E. Baldock-Apps, which happy event took place at Holy Trinity Church, Hurst Green, the same afternoon. The conductor has now rung each bell through a peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Sunday, May 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES NUNN Treble	GEORGE BROWN 4
ALFRED J. BERRY 2	FREDERICK HAYWARD 5
GEORGE CATTERMOLE 3	WALTER C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

This peal was rung to oblige W. C. Medler, who hails from Hovingham, Norfolk.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED PICK Treble	WALTER WALLINGTON ... 4
*ALBERT MARTIN 2	WILLIAM HECTOR 5
FRED WALLINGTON 3	ARTHUR MANNING Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

First peal by treble ringer, who was proposed a member of the association before starting. * First peal of Minor.

**CORFE MULLEN, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, June 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HUBERT,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES;

42 six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES PERRETT Treble	H. W. RAKE 4
EDWARD MEADER 2	HENRY BURLING 5
FRANK PRICE 3	FRANCIS HART Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PRICE.

First peal on the bells and first peal by all, except the ringer of the 5th. Rung at first attempt.

**FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

*On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BETTS Treble	*J. YOUNG 4
*F. BATTERHAM 2	W. E. CLARKE 5
JOHN PHILLIPS 3	GEORGE COLEMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. BETTS.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled after the funeral of H. Taylor, who passed away suddenly on 20th June, as a token of respect. Mr. Taylor had been a ringer at Frampton for 20 years, and had also acted as conductor for the last 10 years.

**EMBERTON, BUCKS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Five Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF MINOR, 10080 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Violet College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, College Single, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HAROLD G. LOVELL ... Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON ... 4
EDMUND J. HOBBS ... 2	HORACE H. SMITH ... 5
FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is the longest peal on the bells, and by all except the conductor, also the longest of Minor by the association. An attempt was made for this peal on Whit Monday, but failed through the 5th rope breaking after ringing five hours. The treble ringer was elected a member of the Bedfordshire Association previous to starting for the peal.

**BECKLEY, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*JAMES POWELL Treble	*HARRY BAKER 4
*MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES TRIBE 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells, and the first occasion on which a lady has rung in a peal at Beckley. The peal was rung on the anniversary of the birth of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

HANDBELL PEALS.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

*On Friday, June 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,*

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

Tenor size 17 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Witness: J. G. RUMSEY.

First peal of Double Norwich in hand by all.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, June 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 504½ CHANGES;
Tenor size 16 in B.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... ..1—2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... ..5—6
THOMAS E. ABBOTT ... ..3—4	ALFRED S. BAYLEY ... ..7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

Umpire: WILLIAM D. WASE.

Witnesses: THE REV. PREBENDARY C. B. CROWE, M.A.,
AND WILLIAM R. EVANS.

Specially arranged for Mr. W. H. Fussell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE ST. NICOLAS' SOCIETY, GUILDFORD.

On Tuesday, June 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
At St. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH'S ROAD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... ..1—2	*SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... ..5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... ..3—4	GEORGE PETTER ... ..7—8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD. Referee: MRS. HAZELDEN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside pair.

LEICESTER SURPRISE PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The item published in Belfry Gossip on June 15th, re the first Surprise peal in the city of Leicester, has brought two replies, a courteous one from Mr. Wm. Willson, and an elaborated conglomeration of fancy words from: 'Basta.' The word 'local' seems to be the word that is causing this ink slinging, may it not degenerate to a mud-slinging contest! Neither of the peals under discussion can be claimed as rung by local men. In both these were ringers taking part whose place of residence is outside the city boundary. The fact that all their ringing is done with Leicester men, whilst perhaps bringing them under the heading of Leicester ringers cannot bring them under the term 'local.' I understand that in some places the term 'local' is taken to cover a tower to which all the ringers belong—not merely 'attached.' The peal at St. Margaret's has not been put forward on this ground. The one at St. John's has. Mr. Willson will find, if he cares to take the trouble, that one of the ringers in his band was still a member of the staff of ringers at another Leicester church at the time his peal was rung. There are in Leicester at present ringers enough and to spare to ring Surprise peals at about three churches in one afternoon. Why not get together and do it? It would be much better, at any rate, than designing footnotes and replies to same. This, at least, is the opinion of

KEEP SMILING.

SILENT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is my privilege every Sunday to assist at one of the most beautiful churches in England, St. Mary's, Crocombe, Somerset, but alas! one of its chief glories is silent. I refer to its bells.

After doing yeoman service for centuries the whole peal has had to be sent away to be cleaned, quarter-turned and tuned. But in addition to this the old wooden bell-cage is so decayed as to need entire replacement, and extensive repairs to the belfry itself are necessary.

The work is being done by the famous firm of bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough. The total cost is at least £700, of which only about £400 has been raised, much of it in the little parish itself, leaving some £300 still to be found.

Now I have heard that there is a custom amongst belfries of having a 'whip round' amongst the members to assist other belfries whose bells have fallen on evil days, and I am writing this letter in the hope that it will catch the eye of sympathetic members of other belfries.

If the belfries of this diocese alone were to send a contribution it would be a great help. Further, I know that Crocombe has always responded to appeals of this kind.

If, as I hope, this appeal kindles a response from all those who have the welfare of all belfries at heart, will they please send their contributions to the Rev. G. Freeman, The Rectory, Crocombe, Somerset?—I remain, yours faithfully,

OSCAR STANWAY.

26, The Close, Wells, Somerset, June 11th, 1923.

RINGING IN AMERICA.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In two or three months I expect to leave England for America—most probably New York.

Will anybody who can give me information about ringable bells, or the names and addresses of any ringers living out there, please do so by writing either to 'The Ringing World,' or to me direct. I shall be very grateful for any information.—Yours truly, TONY PRICE
Shouldham Vicarage, King's Lynn, Norfolk.

RINGING INTERFERES WITH TENNIS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The Rector having received a complaint from the wife of one of our churchwardens that she cannot play tennis owing to the horrible noise of the bells going on for hours, and that it is sheer physical pain to endure, there will be no ringing here until further notice.

Will all friends who have applied for the use of the bells from time to time and have been disappointed with the reply, please accept my sympathy and regrets?—Yours sincerely,

WILLIAM T. BEESON, Senr.

St. Mary's Thorne, Godstone.

OLDEST PEAL OF SIX.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The account in last week's 'Ringing World' of the Blessington six bells, all dated 1682, has made me wonder if there are many peals of six older than that date, and whether the peal of six here may be nearly, or quite, the oldest. This Martley (Worcestershire) six, tenor 14 cwt., are all dated 1673, so that this year is their quarter-millenary, or 250th year of existence; they were cast by Rich Keene (and by tradition close to the church) the 5th bell being inscribed 'Rich Keene caste this Ringe,' 1673. They are good-shaped bells, but their tone was much improved by the late Mr. A. Hughes in 1914, who tuned them in situ. They were refitted and quarter-turned (for the first time since being cast) in 1895, by Blackburn, of Salisbury. The frame, a strong structure of oak, is also dated '1673. C.C.' and rests upon still more massive timbers, which show, from brass sockets, that they were the bearing timbers of still older bells.

I should be much interested if any of your readers know of an older complete six. I rang on one at Ipswich (by Miles Gray, dated 1636, I think) some years ago, but I fancy they are now eight. Yours faithfully,

JAMES F. HASTINGS.

Martley Rectory, Worcester, June 23rd, 1923.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM GRIMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following further donations are acknowledged with many thanks: W. G. Crickmer, 5s.; D. Collins, 2s.; W. E. Maulden, 2s. 6d.; previously received and acknowledged, £7 8s., making a total of £7 17s. 6d. It is now the wish of the widow that the fund should be closed, and she desires me (through the medium of your journal) to convey her grateful thanks and appreciation to all who have helped in connection with the appeal.—Yours faithfully,

W. C. KUMSEY.

BEQUEST FOR MUFFLED PEAL.

TESTATOR LEAVES PROPERTY TO BELL RINGERS.

A singular bequest made by Mr. James Messenger, Middle Park, Victoria, Australia, who left £1,668 in this country, is announced.

Subject to a few small legacies, the testator leaves all his property to the bell ringers of Upper Froyle Parish Church, Hampshire, in trust, to keep in repair the graves of his father and mother, and on January 22nd in each year to ring a muffled peal of bells, after which they may pay one-eighth of the current half-year's income for providing themselves a supper, or otherwise for division between them.

The balance of the income is to go to the maintenance in alternative half-years of the oldest poor man and the oldest poor woman in Froyle, the choice to be at the discretion of the bell ringers.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The Western district held a most successful and enjoyable meeting at St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, on Saturday last. The bells were kept going in various methods from 3 p.m. until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in the church. An address was given by the Rev. A. Palmer. After service about 30 members partook of an excellent tea. The towers represented were Leatherhead, Dorking, Crawley, Reigate, Shere, Twickenham, Thames Ditton, Worplesdon, Finchampstead, Clapham Park, and the local company.—At the business meeting seven new members were proposed and elected. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the Rev. A. Palmer for conducting the service, and to the organist. The tower was again visited, where further ringing was indulged in until 8 p.m.

SILVER WEDDING.

The members of the Monmouth Cathedral Guild met in the belfry on Monday, June 18th, to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thompson, senior verger of the Cathedral, and father of the Guild's 'prodigy.' A peal of Erin Cinques had been arranged, but a concert in the Town Hall opposite restricted our time of ringing to a quarter-peal of Erin Caters (1,261 changes), in 51 minutes. This was followed by 'firing' the bells one stroke for each year of their happy married life—25 in all: G. A. Pickering 1, J. Rowell 2, C. L. Routledge 3, J. W. Parker 4, W. Story 5, Richard Thompson, junr., 6, A. F. Hillier 7, W. H. Barber (conductor) 8, J. Foreman 9, A. M. Hall 10.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson kindly invited the company over to supper. Mr. Joe Keen also taking part in this interesting stage of the performance.—The Ringing Master (Mr. Routledge) proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom of 25 years ago, and wished them at least another 25 of the same peaceful happy years. He thanked them for all their many acts of kindness and consideration towards the Guild and its members—times out of number the path had been made smooth for them by Mr. Thompson in his tactful way. The Guild was also grateful to them for providing 'Dickie' to the belfry—he, too, had always had the interests and best traditions of the belfry at heart.—Mr. Thompson thanked the ringers for their kindly congratulations. He hoped to continue, both himself and his wife, in that deep interest they had always had in the belfry, and now their second son was one of the band, they understood the conditions and difficulties of ringing more than ever they had before, and naturally were more in sympathy. The handbells were brought into play, also the gramophone, and some singing brought a very happy and enjoyable evening to a close.

**WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

A district meeting was held at Ewhurst on Saturday, June 16th, about thirty being present. The bells were available at three o'clock. A short service was held in the church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. R. L. Leatherdale, of Cranleigh, who also gave an address. Tea was provided at the Crown Inn and was followed by a short business meeting, presided over by Mr. W. R. Melville (chairman of committee).—Two new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the summer outing at Rannmore on August Bank Holiday, if permission could be obtained.—The usual vote of thanks for the use of church and bells was passed, after which the party returned to the tower and indulged in touches in various methods till nine o'clock.

ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM, AT WATLINGTON.

The members visited Watlington last week in order to bid farewell to the Rev. C. W. E. Cleaver (who for 17 years was Vicar of Caversham, and a good friend to his ringers) and Mrs. Cleaver, who are leaving Watlington for Lincolnshire. Some good Stedman Triples were rung, and a touch of Bob Major. Tea was partaken of, and Mr. A. D. Gullum, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the Vicar for all his kindnesses that day, and in the past.—Mr. Cleaver thanked the band for going over, and said that of all the farewells nothing had touched him like the letter did to say his old ringers were coming to bid him good-bye. It was one of the things that would add to his memories of Caversham, and to hear Watlington bells rung that day in Caversham style had given him great delight. He was also glad to see among the Caversham men that day some young blood, who he remembered in the infant school. On the return journey a short halt was called at Nettledred, and whilst the engines were cooling and the sparking plug renovated, permission was granted to ring on the little six in that village tower, a 720 of Bob Minor being rung in 18 minutes. Some Grand sire Doubles to interest the local men finished the ring for the day, the famous 'Berry's Corner' being reached at 9.45 p.m.

**SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
EASTERN DIVISION.**

A well-attended meeting was held at Hellingley on Saturday, June 23rd, the following towers being represented: Christ Church, St. Leonard; Christ Church, Blacklands, and St. Clement's, Hastings, Chiddingfold, Mayfield, Westham, Shoreham, Heathfield, Eastbourne, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's. Mr. R. Stredwick, of Brighton, and Mr. Pipo, of Eastbourne, unattached members, were also present.

The members were welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Wood Robinson), and also by the local ringers.

Good practice was had in various six-bell methods during the afternoon and evening. Following the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, about 36 members sat down to tea at the Village Hall.

At the short business meeting, Mr. W. D. Smith occupied the chair. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the place for the next meeting was discussed, Rye and Heathfield being proposed by Mr. Kennett and Mr. A. R. Miles, respectively. On being put to the vote Rye was chosen.—The Chairman (Mr. W. D. Smith) then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. T. Wood Robinson) for the use of the bells and for his presence amongst them that afternoon, and also to Mr. T. Stroud, who presided at the organ during the service.—This was seconded by Mr. A. C. Pankhurst.—The usual vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

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The first peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' was rung at Birmingham on July 2nd, 1886.

In connection with the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, which we mentioned as being the longest peal on twelve bells, this was so in point of time, but it did not exceed in number of changes the record of Grandsire Cinques which is 13,001 rung at Painswick.

Ringers as a rule are ready to respond to an appeal made in a worthy cause. We hope there will be a generous response to Mr. A. E. Parsons' appeal for the restoration of the bells of Rowley Regis Church.

The peal of Double Norwich rung and published last week for the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association took place at St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, Suffolk.

The death has occurred at Crawley, Sussex, of Mrs. J. Rice, widow of the late Mr. John Rice, who passed away only a few weeks ago. Many ringers who have visited Crawley have enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Rice, and will join in sympathy with the bereaved family.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH.

It is the usual practice of ringers, when together, to talk in ringer's jargon, but in one compartment of the 2.10 p.m. Stockport to Wilmslow, on Saturday, June 23rd, it is quite possible that certain ringers were mistaken for gardeners, and if the old adage is correct, certain critics of the names of some of the Treble Bob Minor methods ought to have suffered from burning ears. After the 'fiddler' had done his usual fiddling round the bells, and a course of Oxford had been rung, three courses of 'Marigold' (the first) were nicely tapped off.

The church service was conducted by the curate (the Rev. A. H. Powell, B.A.), who, in the course of his short address, welcomed the members to Wilmslow. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, to which about forty members and friends sat down. During the business meeting which followed, with the branch chairman in charge, many items of branch affairs were discussed. Notice was given of the annual festival, to be held at Hyde on July 28th, and it was also intimated that those intending to be present for dinner would have to purchase tickets beforehand, or otherwise make their own arrangements.—Five new members were elected, and Lower Peewer fixed as the place of the next meeting on August 25th, at which members of the Northwich branch are invited to join.—The usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, after which the bells were again requisitioned, call changes, Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Treble Bob, which included choice bits from the 'garden,' being rung.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Wortley, near Penistone, on Saturday, June 16th, when upwards of 30 members and friends attended. The towers represented were Sheffield Cathedral; St. Maries', All Saints', Ranmoor; Rawmarsh, Handsworth, Treeton, Arksey, Hoylandswaine and Bolsterstone. At the service at 4.30 the Vicar (the Rev. T. L. Brashaw) officiated, and gave his listeners some very interesting information concerning the great poets and church bells.

Tea was provided at a cafe near the church. After tea the business meeting was held. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Messrs. J. Evinson, C. Lake (St. Maries') and F. Wadsworth, G. Wadsworth, A. Sellars, P. Downing and J. Dronfield, of the local company, were elected members of the association. It was very pleasing to see Mr. Dronfield again taking up ringings. He said the young members of the Wortley band were so very enthusiastic he could not stay away any longer. Some discussion took place as to the next quarterly meeting, which, by rule, should be held in September, but in view of the association dinner being held in Sheffield in September it was decided to defer the meeting until October, and an invitation being forthcoming from Dore it was decided to have the meeting at that place on October 20th.—The Vice-President, Mr. F. Willey, gave a brief summary of the committee's plans for the annual dinner, and urged all who possibly could to attend, remarking in passing that if ringers could come from places as far off as London and Newcastle, surely those living on the doorstep could make an effort and help to make it a huge success.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells were proposed and carried.—In replying, the reverend gentleman thanked all the members for their presence, and gave a hearty invitation to visit Wortley any time they found it convenient.—Mr. Wooler also responded on behalf of the local band. This concluded the business, after which the members indulged in further ringing. The secretary would like to place on record his best thanks to Mr. Wooler for so kindly conveying him to the car terminus in time to catch his train from Sheffield.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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CARE AND USE OF BELLS.

The Hon. Secretary presented a draft copy of a proposed card of instructions on the care and use of bells, suitable for hanging in a tower. This had been based upon cards issued by founders, and also upon a set of 'instructions' and a circular of 'advice' which had been supplied by the Rev. H. Drake. The paragraphs were considered serialim, and when the Council had expressed their views on each, the whole was provisionally adopted, and the hon. secretary asked for instructions as to the printing, which he estimated would cost about £5.

Mr. T. H. Beams suggested the printing should be deferred until the funds of the Council permitted the 'instructions' being published.

Replying to the Rev. M. Kelly, the Librarian said the Council's publication on 'the care and use of church bells' was out of print. The idea of this card was to bring the matter up to date, and put it into a simple and short form. He proposed that the hon. secretary be authorised to have the cards printed so far as the instructions related solely to the care of bells.

Canon Elsec seconded, and it would be really valuable to have such a card in many bellfries, where perhaps no work had been done to the bells for some time.

The Rev. H. Law James said that in every steeple where there was a real live band, the card was not necessary, and where there was not a real live band they might just as well not have the card, because nobody would take any notice of it.

Major Hesse asked if the bell founders did not issue a card which covered all the instructions which they had heard upon the mechanical side.

The Hon. Secretary: I have taken these instructions from their cards.

Major Hesse: Then is it necessary to have the card at all?

The President said the founders' cards were only placed in towers where they had recently done work. One tower in fifty might have a card; the Council wanted to get the card into the other forty-nine.

Canon Baker said he knew a tower where they had a set of 57 rules (laughter). He asked if the rules were observed, and was told the ringers never looked at them (laughter). If the 'instructions' read by Mr. Young could be condensed and boiled down to something short, he thought it might be useful, but it would require a great deal of condensation from what they had heard.

The Rev. H. Drake thought they should print the card and circulate it as a sort of missionary propaganda, where bells were not properly looked after. The reason why it seemed so long was because two different cards were read, and, therefore, a good deal appeared twice over; when they were boiled down he did not think the card would be found at all long. Since the last meeting of the Council several cases had come before his notice where bells had been clocked, and some destroyed as a result. They ought to let people know that that sort of thing was wrong. It ought to be known in every tower in the kingdom, and, therefore, they should make reference to it on the card. They ought also to have a reference to the local association so that people might know to whom to refer when bells needed overhauling, or when it was proposed to add to them. He was willing to defray the cost of the card if it would go forward in the way suggested (applause).

The proposal to adopt the 'instructions' as the basis of a card for hanging in the belfry was carried, and the Rev. H. Drake's offer was accepted with thanks.

THE NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting of the Council will be held in London, and it was resolved to apply to the Dean of Westminster for the use of the Jerusalem Chamber at the Abbey.

MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

Mr. W. A. Cave called attention to the decision of the Council that peals on eight bells and over should consist of one method. Last year, he said, there was a peal rung, consisting of Little Bob and Plain Bob spliced, and it had been included in the Analysis. He contended that it should not be recognised by the Council as a peal.

The Rev. H. Law James urged that the motion by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, which they had already carried, covered the point.

No action was taken.

THE RECORD PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

Mr. C. T. Coles said before the Council separated he thought they should pass a vote of congratulation to the College Youths upon the masterful performance on the preceding day at Southwark. As one of the listeners, he could say it was most excellent ringing, and he thought they could say it was the most wonderful performance ever accomplished in Stedman Cinques.

Mr. W. Willson said he had great pleasure in seconding. He had never heard such striking on twelve bells in his life. It was a gigantic undertaking, and commanded the admiration of all men (hear, hear).

The motion was carried by acclamation.

The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for permitting the Council to meet in the Chapter House, and he was sure he was voicing the views of the Council when he said that at no place during the last 30 years of their meetings had they ever received such a welcome, and had such excellent arrangements made for them as had been made by the Salisbury Diocesan Guild (applause). The remembrance of the drive they had on the previous day, the ringing they had, and the nice fellowship would remain a memory with them all their lives. For these excellent arrangements they had specially to thank Major D'Aeth, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. Hervey Beams and Mr. Stewart.

The motion having been carried,

Major D'Aeth replied, and said it had been a great privilege to have the meetings of the Central Council in that beautiful cathedral. He believed it would do a great deal for the art of ringing in that large and scattered diocese. It would show the clergy, who did not visit them very often, that the church bell ringers were a body of churchmen before they were ringers.

Mr. Beams, who also replied, said Mr. Edwards and Major D'Aeth did most of the work, he (Mr. Beams) had only been the 'ginger.' He saw that they did it (laughter).

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards also responded, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the president for presiding, proposed by Canon Baker.

SOCIAL GATHERING.

The members were entertained to tea at the Church House by Archdeacon and Mrs. Carpenter, to whom the President proposed a cordial vote of thanks.

A party was afterwards conducted round the Cathedral, and later in the evening a social gathering was held at the Cathedral Hotel, a company of about 70 being present. In addition to being welcomed by the officers of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, their patron, the Earl of Shaftesbury, was also present. The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, presented the president, the honorary secretary, and one or two of the leading ringers to his lordship, who then extended his good wishes and a hearty welcome to the visitors. He said that he feared he knew little of the actual science of ringing, to which consequently he would not refer, but he knew that many famous ringers were present, and he offered all a hearty welcome. He pointed out that change ringing was both an art and a science, and it was important for good ringing that there should be knowledge and enthusiasm. He felt that it was an excellent thing (from many points of view) for lads and young men to take up, including as it did the rudiments and discipline of good citizenship. He referred to the importance of experienced ringers going from parish to parish to help those affiliated to the Guild. In reference to their meeting in the Chapter House, he said that he felt they must have been deeply impressed by the beauty of the Cathedral. He hoped they had all enjoyed their sojourn, and would carry away a lasting and happy impression of their visit.

Canon Coleridge, in reply, said they had never had extended to them such a wonderful reception as that which they had met with at Salisbury. He referred to the very kind way in which they had been received at other meetings in previous years, and particularly to the last meeting in London, when the Dean of Westminster received them on the occasion of service at the grave of the Unknown Warrior. Though they had thus in the past been received by high dignitaries of the church, never before had they been welcomed as here in Salisbury, where they found the Dean, the Archdeacon of Sarum and the Bishop, who had each addressed words of welcome to the Council that morning. But in addition to the Lords Spiritual, they had that evening the special distinction also of being welcomed by a representative of the Lords Temporal. He assured the Earl of Shaftesbury, upon behalf of the 40,000 ringers of England, of whom they had many of the elite present, of their sincere appreciation of his kindness in coming there, to grace by his presence their meeting that evening, and in their name he thanked him most heartily for welcoming them.

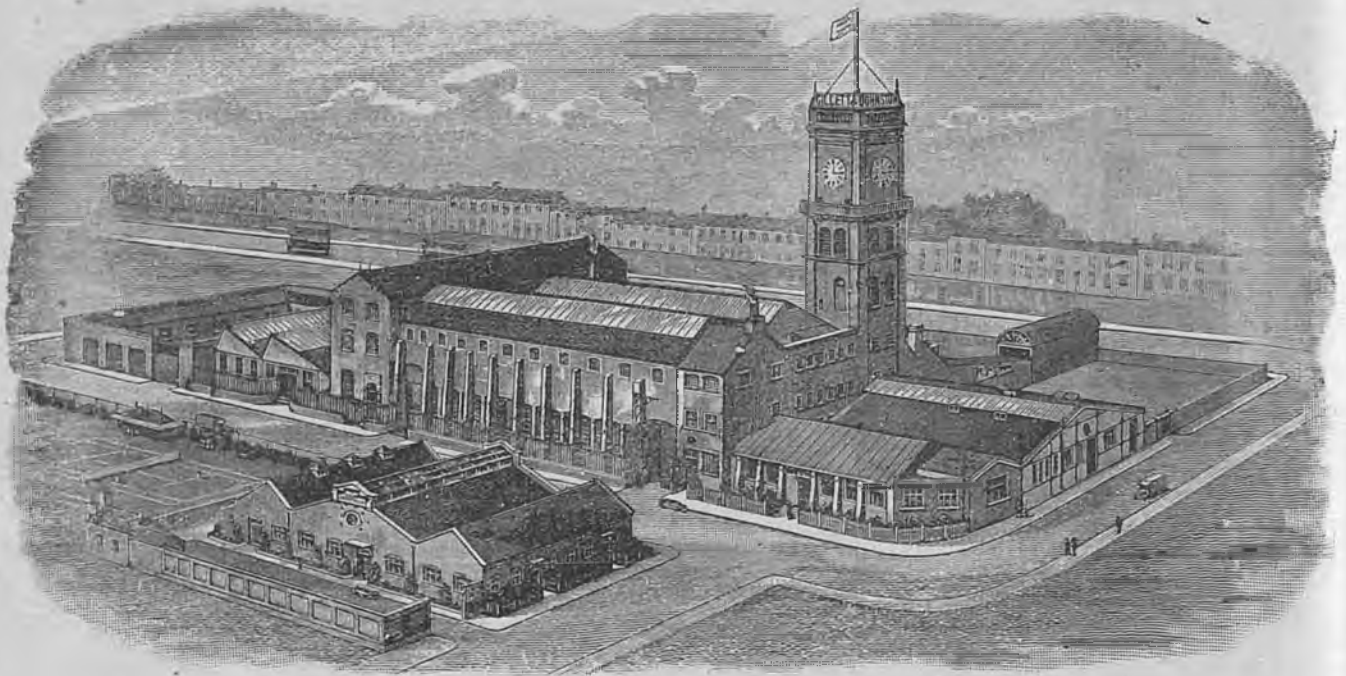
During the evening a course of Grandjean Calers was rung on hand-bells, and his lordship, who was found to have an excellent tenor voice, sang some charming ballads. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn also gave a humorous song, and in response to a general request the president gave one of his humorous tales. The evening will be long remembered by all present as a very happy and enjoyable one.

RINGERS FROM IDLE AT KILDWICK.

On Saturday, June 16th, the Idle company of ringers, with two friends and four ringers from Shipley, visited Kildwick. Arriving at the grand old church at Kildwick about 3.30, it was not long before the bells were up and going to Superlative Surprise. The company were subsequently joined by Mr. J. McKell, of Gargrave, and Mr. Garlick, of Skipton, and the bells were kept going to the following methods: Superlative, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Stedman Triples, and 360 Violet Minor. The party desire to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Kildwick for the use of the bells which are a beautiful peal, also to the local company for having everything in readiness.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.**

The June monthly meeting of the above association was held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Daybrook, when nearly 40 members attended from the following towers: Beeton, Bottesford, Bulwell, Cotgrave, Ilkeston, Mansfield, Ratcliffe, Worksop, Nottingham, with visitors from Treeton and Derby, and the local band were there in full force.

Tea was provided in the local Social Centre. The Vicar (the Rev. Wilkinson) presided, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome. — A hearty vote of thanks was passed for his kindness.

After tea the business meeting took place, and Mr. A. Coppock, local vice-president, presided.—The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were passed as read. A lengthy discussion then took place with regard to holding meetings at six and eight bell towers alternately, but it was decided to carry on as at present. The next meeting was decided to be held at West Hallam on July 21st.

An interesting event took place in the form of a presentation to the late district secretary, Mr. T. H. Kirkby, who had held the position for about seven years, the presentation being made by the vice-president, Mr. A. Coppock, who spoke of the work Mr. Kirkby had done whilst holding office, the position being an honorary one. It was decided, on the suggestion of one of the members, that his services should be recognised. The presentation took the form of a gold bell pendant, suitably inscribed, and a gold brooch for Mrs. Kirkby. The gifts were presented to Mr. Kirkby, and he was asked to accept them with the best wishes of all the members.

Mr. Kirkby replied, saying how their kindness had taken him by surprise, and remarking he had always tried to do his best for the association, thanking all for the tokens of appreciation on behalf of Mrs. Kirkby and himself.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 8.30 in Grandsire, Plain and Treble Bob Major, Stedman, Cambridge, Superlative and Double Norwich.

DEATH OF A FRAMPTON (LINCS) RINGER.**MR. HERBERT TAYLOR'S SUDDEN END.**

All members of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Herbert Taylor, who passed away on June 20th. He retired to bed apparently in his usual health on the Wednesday evening. Upon giving him his usual call on Thursday morning his sister, with whom he lived, received no answer, and on going upstairs to ascertain the reason she was horrified to find him dead. He had passed away in his sleep, from heart trouble.

The funeral took place on Saturday, 23rd June, in the Parish Churchyard, Frampton. He was borne to his last resting-place by four members of the local band, viz., G. Coleman, F. Batterham, J. Young, and W. Barker. Ringers were also present from Benington, Boston, Butterwick and Kirton. Immediately after the funeral, at the request of his relatives, a 720 of Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was rung by the following: W. Young 1, F. Batterham 2, W. E. Clarke 3, J. Young 4, W. Barker (conductor) 5, G. Coleman 6; and also a touch of Bob Minor by the following: — Bishop 1, W. Lukin, senr. (conductor) 2, P. Lakin 3, J. Phillips 4, C. Flatters 5, W. Carlton 6.

In the evening a peal of Bob Minor (5,040 changes), an account of which occurs among the peal records, was rung in 3 hrs. 12 mins., by the following: J. Betts (conductor) 1, F. Batterham 2, J. Phillips 3, J. Young 4, W. E. Clarke 5, G. Coleman 6. The striking was very good all through, and great credit is due to the ringers of the 2nd and 4th bells, it being their first peal, and also first attempt.

DEATH OF AN OLD BENNINGTON RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. John Kitchener, of Bennington, one of the old squire's band. Deceased will be remembered by many of the older generation of ringers, especially those of the old school of fifty years ago that are now living. A musician as well as a ringer, he had been organist at Bennington for 42 years, and filled that capacity until three weeks ago, his end being unexpected, not having taken to his bed until a few days before. He was ill at the time of the Herts meeting on Saturday week, and was asked if the bells disturbed him and he said no, he wanted to hear them.

He rang his first peal at Bennington (Stedman Triples) in 1865, London Surprise in 1870, and Cambridge Surprise in 1873, thus connecting these days of great strides and wonderful feats with the old days when Bennington village was the Mecca of many of the celebrated men of that time. Haley, Lobb, and many others visited there for the purpose of practising the Surprise methods, which were rung regularly for Divine service as well as practice. He was laid to rest in the old churchyard on Thursday last, amidst manifestation of the respect in which he was held, and in addition to his widow and family, and many friends, the two remaining veterans of the squire's band, Messrs. S. Page and L. Chapman, followed their old comrade to his last resting-place. Thus ends the life on earth of a man who will be missed in the life of the old and interesting village of Bennington. While o'er his grave the bells so softly shall their music pour till the end of time. Deceased was 75 years of age.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, June 24th (Patronal Festival), for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 2, Miss G. Baker 3, Miss P. Moss 4, H. Chandler 5, S. Honor 6, J. Bacon 7, P. Jones 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith 10.

SLOUGH.—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: P. E. Jones 1, E. T. Hooper 2, W. H. Fussell 3, W. Henley 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bateman 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, A. Perryman 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, June 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, J. Crowder 2, E. J. Pannett 3, R. A. Fosdike 4, T. A. Easterby 5, H. James 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, June 24th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes). Brookes' Variation, in 45 mins.: J. Eagles 1, C. Turner 2, S. Binfield 3, F. W. Elliott 4, C. R. Walker 5, R. H. Stevens 6, C. R. Millway 7, J. Wood 8. Conducted by C. R. Millway. Mr. S. Binfield hails from Folkestone, and Mr. J. Wood from Northbourne. It was the first attempt for a quarter-peal by the latter ringer.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, June 24th (St. John's Day), for morning service, 224 Superlative Surprise Major: F. Dainty 1, W. M. Cross 2, H. Beechey 3, S. Wright 4, J. Carman 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice 8. For evening service, 768 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, F. Dainty 2, S. Wright 3, W. M. Cross 4, H. Beechey 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, June 24th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Wain 1, C. Mitchell 2, H. H. Mance 3, E. Reeve 4, W. Essery 5, E. Nash (first quarter in method) 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, J. Hiscock 8. Rung on the occasion of the annual outing of St. Luke's, Chelsea, ringers.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On June 17th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Nunn 1, J. Rose 2, H. Moss 3, A. J. Berry 4, E. F. Poppy 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6.

WICKHAM SKETH, SUFFOLK.—On June 17th, 360 each of Cambridge Surprise Minor and Double Oxford Minor: G. Kemp, E. Youngs, G. Brown, A. J. Berry, E. F. Poppy, T. Davey, G. Cattermole (conductor) and J. Rose, who belongs to the St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, June 17th before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: S. Jones, senr., 1, W. Morgan 2, Geo. Jones 3, S. Jones, junr., 4, J. W. Clarke 5, H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor) 6, W. Thomas 7, H. Thomas 8.

LONDON.—At St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins., 7, 6, 8 covering: A. W. Coles 1, H. Pultand (conductor) 2, G. Cowley 3, W. H. Howe 4, W. Glover 5, H. A. Francis 6, R. E. G. Geare 7, J. Clifton 8.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 10th for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: *W. J. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, *H. Ellis 3, *S. W. Crabb 4, C. T. Coles (conductor) 5, E. A. Hull 6, G. B. Lucas 7, *W. Patmore 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, on June 10th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich was rung in 46 minutes, the following ringers taking part: Steve Bromfield 1, Fred Overton 2, Thomas Fitzjohn 3, B. J. Budd 4, Fred Metcalfe 5, Charles Taylor 6, R. S. Long 7, Herbert Mingay 8.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 10th for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. Shemming 1, E. Youngs 2, E. Miles 3, D. Bailey 4, J. A. Berry 5, J. Bailey (conductor) 6. The above was rung in token of respect with half-muffled clappers to their brother ringer, William Morley, who was laid to rest on the previous Wednesday afternoon in his 87th year. Mr. Morley was a ringer of the above church for a great number of years. J. A. Berry and E. Youngs hail from Thornham.

BEDDINGTON CROYDON.—On a recent Sunday for children's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (being 10½ 6-scores each called differently, in 49 mins.: *H. Humphries 1, *T. Bloxham 2, T. G. Bannister 3, S. W. Holdaway 4, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 5, *P. Lane 6. * First quarter-peal.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, previous to evensong, on Sunday, May 6th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, in 51 mins.: H. W. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, E. J. Newell 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, H. E. Day 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all and by local band. Also on Ascension Day, Thursday, May 10th, previous to evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: E. J. Newell 1, E. W. Day 2, H. E. Day 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, L. Fidler (conductor) 6, G. T. Croft 7, H. W. Else 8.

ROWLEY REGIS BELLS.**AN APPEAL.**

Dear Sir,—I take the liberty of appealing through your columns for help towards reinstating the peal of bells of the ancient parish of Rowley Regis, Staffordshire.

The church was destroyed by fire in June, 1913, when so many other churches and public buildings were being sacrificed in a political campaign of that period.

After lying in ruins for ten years the church is now being rebuilt. The tower has been built as high as the nave roof, but the Church Council being already in debt to the extent of over £2,000 cannot undertake the completion of the tower and installing the bells.

A public effort is being made by the four daughter churches of Blackheath, Old Hill, Cradley Heath and Tividale to complete the tower, and also help toward the £400 to rehang the bells. Rowley Regis is one of the poorest parishes in the Black Country, where there are practically no industries.

The bells, undamaged by fire, were augmented to eight in 1887 by James Barwell. The original five were by Matthew Bagley, of Chalcombe, 1694. The tenor, 13 cwt., was recast in 1848 by Mears, and again in 1881 by Blews.

On behalf of the poor parishioners, who are yearning to hear their bells again, I ask all large-hearted clergy, laity, and ringers to help. Subscriptions will be gladly received and duly acknowledged through your columns, and may be sent to Lloyds Bank (Rowley Bells Account), Old Hill; Blackheath Branch of Lloyds Bank, or to me.—Yours, etc.,

Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

A donation of £1 ls. has been received from S. Martin's Guild Sunday Service Band, per Mr. A. Walker.

A. E. PARSONS.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch was held on Saturday, June 2nd, at Sutton, Ely. A good number of ringers from neighbouring towers was present. Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon. Service was held, the Vicar (the Archdeacon of Wisbech) officiating. After welcoming the association, the reverend gentleman spoke of uses of bells, both religious and secular. The organist and full choir attended, and the association form of service was used. Afterwards a capital tea was provided by the Vicar and lady helpers, which was much appreciated by all present.

The business meeting followed, the Archdeacon presiding. Four ringing members were enrolled, and Wilburton was chosen for the next meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for providing the tea, taking the service, and lending the bells; to the lady helpers; the organist, choir, and the local band, for having all things ready, and making everyone welcome.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 16th a very enjoyable time was spent by about 40 members of the Guild, and several friends, at the village of Berkswell. They came from Allesley, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Exhall, Nuneaton, Stoke, and the local band. The Rev. C. A. H. Russell, Rector of Whitnash, was also present.

This annual gathering at the Rectory, by the kind invitation of the president and Mrs. Back, is always looked forward to with pleasure.

The tower was open for ringing at 3 p.m., and at 4 o'clock tea was provided in the Rectory.

The Archdeacon of Warwick, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the Guild to Berkswell once again, and said it was a pleasure both to himself and Mrs. Back to see so many present. It was a function they both looked forward to year by year.

In the course of his remarks, he said he felt sure the Guild was progressing; the type of ringers to-day reached a much higher standard than a few years ago, and were taking their proper places as church workers. He would like to see more of the clergy interest themselves in the ringers, and attend the meetings when held in their district. He hoped some day to see a peal of eight at Berkswell.

Mr. H. Argyle, senr., proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Archdeacon and Mrs. Back for their kind hospitality. He hoped it would be Mr. and Mrs. Back's pleasure to invite them to Berkswell for many years to come.—Mrs. Back having suitably replied, the proposition was carried with acclamation. Several members availed themselves of a visit to the park, where a fete was being held, others adjourned again to the church for more ringing. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Cambridge and London Surprise.

The falling of the bells in peal brought the ringing in the tower to a close, after which the handbells were brought into use and some excellent touches brought round.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT BRANCH.

The summer meeting of the above branch was held at Winchcombe on Saturday, the 16th inst. The bells (a ring of six) were started going at three o'clock.

Service was held in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. F. M. Wickham (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Rector of Alderton), and was attended by about 50 members from the following towers: Alderton, Ashchurch, Prestbury, Cheltenham (St. Mark), Leigh, Leckhampton, Swindon, Tredington, Twinning, Beckford, and the local tower. After service, the party adjourned to the Institute for tea, kindly provided by the Vicar, and was here joined by the people's warden, Mr. A. W. Smith.

The business meeting followed in the same hall, the Vicar taking the chair. About thirty new members were elected including the Rev. Canon H. A. Wilson, R.D. (Rector of Cheltenham), the Rev. Collins Ashwin, R.D. (Rector of Dumbleton), the Rev. H. A. Cooke (Rector of Swindon), the Rev. A. Stephens (Vicar of Deerhurst), hon. members: Mr. C. W. Dyson and Mr. G. Watts (Leigh), associate members. Beckford was the place chosen for the next meeting in September.—It was pointed out that several towers needed instructors, and several members volunteered to help.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his helpful address in church, and for providing the tea.—The Vicar responded, and said how pleased he was to welcome the association to his church, and hoped that a return visit would be paid at an early date.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the organist and choir. Afterwards the bells were made good use of in various methods, and instruction given.—This concluded a highly successful meeting.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AND CUMBERLANDS IN KENT.

On Saturday, June 16th, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the Royal Cumberland Society resumed the friendly rivalry initiated by Mr. F. M. Mitchell of the former, and Clr.-Sergt. J. Bennett, of the latter society. On the previous occasion peals were arranged to be attempted in Kent at Northfleet and Swanscombe, respectively, the methods to be Double Norwich and Stedman Triples, and both peals were successfully rung, and it was agreed that the methods and towers be reversed at some future date. The above date was chosen for the re-gathering, and the societies met as arranged, the College Youths at Northfleet to attempt Double Norwich, and the Cumberlands at Swanscombe for Stedman Triples, and both bands were again successful, as will be seen in another column. Tom Groombridge, junr., calling 'that's all' to Double Norwich after 2.53, and J. H. Cheesman likewise to Stedman after 2.47. The ringers met at Northfleet after the peals. The handbells were brought into use, and Grandsire Cinques, Stedman Caters and Triples and Bob Major were rung by mixed bands, neither society claiming any appreciable superiority in peal ringing, handbells, etc.—Mr. Percy Clark, on behalf of the College Youths, congratulated the Cumberlands on their success, and said he was pleased to see the whole of the ringers that day were members of the Kent Association, with one exception, and commented on the excellent spirit that was shown, and hoped that further meetings could be arranged. He was pleased to note that the Cumberlands had the same band that was in the previous peal, and was sorry the College Youths, for various reasons, were not able to muster the same but a representative band had been got together.—Clr.-Sergt. J. Bennett, in true Royal Marine fashion, responded on behalf of the Cumberlands, and reciprocated the kind remarks of his late fellow, Sergt. Clark.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Ludlow and Church Stretton District was held at Church Stretton, when the attendance included the District Master (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, of Hopesay), and the Rev. H. J. Scott, of Clun. The Guild service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Dixon, D.D.), who also gave an interesting address, and afterwards hospitably entertained the company to tea in the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting which followed, the Secretary reported that the Rev. H. T. Dixon had kindly agreed to become an hon. member, and had also promised to use his efforts in persuading the local ringers to join the parent organisation.

Two honorary, four ringing members, and six probationers from Stokesay Church, and six honorary, two ringing members, and three probationers from St. Lawrence, Ludlow, were elected.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for his kindness in granting the use of the bells, providing tea, and also for presiding at the business meeting, and to the organist for the musical part of the service.

It was agreed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Wistanstow (if convenient) towards the latter end of August.

June 15th was the anniversary of the first peal on the bells at Winchester Cathedral, rung in 1885, and June 14th of the first on the bells at Lincoln Cathedral, rung in 1886. Both were conducted by Mr. F. E. Dawe.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Singleton (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6. Tea provided for all who send their names to W. Mapp, Post Office, Singleton. — C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.—The annual gathering of ringers will be held on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 2 p.m. Any company requiring them earlier please let me know by June 29th. No peal attempt. Entrance west end with cycles.—A. Symonds, 41, Market Lane.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Smarden (6 bells) on Saturday, June 30th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. L. H. Evans). Bells available at 2 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea at 5.30. — C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, June 30th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Method proposed: Double Norwich.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. —A meeting will be held at Orsett on Saturday, June 30th, by kind permission of the Rector, Rev. J. Eisdell. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea can be provided for those who notify me not later than the 26th inst.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above will be held at Crowland on Saturday, June 30th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock. Service at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sully, Glamorgan, on Saturday, June 30th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, June 30th. Bells available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome. — F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — The next meeting of this division will be held at Felstead upon Saturday, June 30th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. There will be a service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided in the 'Old School' at 5 p.m., after which the business meeting will be held.—W. H. Dyson, District Master.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, June 30th, at Wilburton, Ely (6 bells). Service at 5 o'clock. Arrangement for tea. Please communicate with me early.—H. W. Gidding, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LONDON. — St. Clement's Youths, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing will take place on Saturday, June 30th, to Windsor and Farnham Royal. A charabanc will leave St. Clement Danes Church at 1.45. Ringing at Windsor Church at 3.15 and Farnham Royal at 6 o'clock.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec., 36, Acacia Grove, New Malden, Surrey.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 3rd and 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Next meeting at Evesham, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30; business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than July 4th to Mrs Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 7th. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by July 3rd?—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch. — The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Exeter, on Saturday, July 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Buller Hall 5 p.m. Tea provided for non-members at 1s. per head. Those intending to be present must notify the undersigned by Tuesday, July 3rd. All ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: The Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), St. Thomas's (8), St. David's (8), Heavitree (8), St. Petrock's (6).—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at North Kingfield on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock (1s. 3d. each) to all who notify Mr. W. Butler, 51, Knighton Street, Hepthorne Lane, near Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, July 4th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD OF RINGERS.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea. Will those requiring tea kindly write to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts?

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Longdon on Saturday, July 7th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, July 7th, from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above association will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 7th. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea at 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—C. Evans, Local Sec., Weston Road, Bridgwater.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at Hinton Blewett. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 14th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea arranged for 5.30, but please let me know by July 9th, those intending to be present, and oblige. Trains from Ealing Broadway at 2.14, 2.19, 2.43, 3.9 (G.W.R.) to Hayes Station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secretary, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Barnsley on July 14th. The Rector has kindly offered the use of the Rectory grounds, and trusts to have the presence of all members, with their wives and lady friends. Tea will be provided by Mrs. Hone at the Parish Rooms. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, which must be applied for before July 7th, addressed to Mrs. Hone, The Rectory, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, July 14th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon E. L. Gedge. Tea and business meeting in Church House. A small charge per head will be made for tea, and all who intend being present must notify me by noon on Wednesday, the 11th. These bells have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, and all ringers will be welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The memorial to the late president of the above association, A. T. King, I.S.O., will be unveiled on Saturday, July 14th, at St. John the Baptist, Barnet, at 6 p.m. There will be ringing, with half-muffled bells, from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 1s. for those who advise me by Wednesday, July 11th. This will be at 4.45 p.m. Short N. and E. District business meeting at 5.30. Ringing for service at 5.45. The bells will be rung open after the service, and the bells at Hadley will also be available from about 7 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that all members of the association will attend, as well as friends of the late Mr. King, who will be heartily welcomed. The peal tablet will be unveiled at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, July 19th, at 7 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. to Memorial Committee.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Schools. Will all wishing for tea notify me before July 9th? All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. At this meeting a peal tablet will be unveiled, and the usual good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Church Room at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, July 21st. Service in church, with sermon by the Venerable Archdeacon Farmiloe, at 3.30. Ringing as usual.—Herbert Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, 1923.—The festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: The Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, Master of Bedfordshire Association. Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2/6 each to members, 3/- to non-members. Application for dinner tickets, accompanied with remittance, to be made to General Sec., by Wednesday, July 18th.—Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Annual meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the 'Fox and Hounds' at 1s. 9d. per head for all who notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 17th. Ringers in the district who generally arrange an annual outing cannot do better than come to Carlton on Saturday, July 21st. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

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TOTTENHAM.—On Saturday, June 23rd, at All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in honour of the birthday of the Prince of Wales: A. Racher 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, W. Dickinson 5, H. W. H. Strickland 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8. Conductor, H. A. Barnett.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On June 19th, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. White (conductor) 1, F. Trustler 2, Miss Willers 3, A. Cherryman 4, G. Steele 5, R. Stredwick 6. Also a 264 Cambridge and 192 London Surprise. This is Miss Willers' first 720 of London, who hails from Trumpington, Cambridge.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, June 9th. Ringing was indulged in from 3.15 to 4.45 p.m., when a ringers' service was held, conducted by the Rev. H. J. Kiteat (Vicar), with the organist and a dozen choir-boys in attendance. After service tea was served in the Church Hall by Miss Dora G. Feltham.

The Vicar presided at both tea and meeting that followed, supported by the vice-president, Ringing Master and hon. secretary of the district.

The Vicar welcomed the association to Hillingdon, which included Messrs. C. S. Bird, W. Welling, C. Mayne, F. Goodfellow, L. Page, R. Fardon, W. Hewitt, M. F. Hibbert, W. Henly, J. Pratt, etc., and the methods rung were from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise and Cambridge Royal.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, organist, choir-boys, hostess, and her lady helpers, steeplekeeper, and the Hillingdon ringers. Members and visiting ringers were also thanked for attendance.

At St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on Tuesday, June 5th, in 1 hr. 20 mins., a date touch of 1,923 Stedman Caters, composed by R. O. Street: W. Davies, R. O. Street, G. R. Newton (conductor), C. S. Benwell, E. Jones, J. Wilkinson, J. Martin, T. Gilmour, E. Caunce, A. Lintott. Rung on the back ten to commemorate the 109th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meetings for July:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday 1st, 10 a.m.; Monday 9th, 6.30 p.m., business meeting afterwards (8.15) at headquarters; Monday 23rd, 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday 2nd, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., *pro tem.*

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The Annual meetings will be held in Winchester on Saturday, July 7th, as follows: Central Committee, 11 a.m.; general meeting, 2.30 p.m.; and tea 5 p.m. (members 6d., visitors 1s.) in the Oddfellows' Hall, St. George's Street. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Winchester.—(Revd.) N. C. Woods, Gen. Hon. Sec., Symond's Street.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — The Annual meeting of the Kettering District will be held at Desborough (8) on Saturday, July 7th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, July 3rd?—R. G. Black, Dist. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

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MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

Among the subjects debated by the Central Council was that of multi-method peals on eight bells and over, and we do not think anyone is likely to quarrel with the decision that, when a peal is rung in more than one method, there must be no repetition of changes. It was to ensure this that the Rev. C. D. P. Davies moved the resolution which was carried, thus amplifying the existing rule regarding true peals which was framed in the days before method-splicing was seriously thought of. The motion, as was made clear in the mover's speech, was prompted by the fact that there had been in contemplation the ringing of four quarter peals in four Surprise methods, linked together by a row of rounds between each. Such a performance would be unique, but we do not think it would present any difficulties to an experienced Surprise company, and it is as well that the Council should have settled the question as to its qualification to be counted as a 'peal' before it has been rung, instead of waiting until a claim had been made.

Peal ringing has reached such a stage in these days that any step which will add increased merit to a performance deserves encouragement, and just as multi-method peals on six-bells are to be desired in preference to seven extents in one or even seven methods, so we look forward to seeing on eight bells and upwards frequent peals in which numerous methods are combined. At the moment there are difficulties in regard to the composition of peals of this character in the Surprise methods, simply because the latter are, for the present, very limited in number, but in due time we may hope to have available a collection similar to the Minor methods, and it is probable that there will then be as much scope for spliced peals on eight bells as there is at present on six.

Nothing should be done to discourage investigation, and advance in this direction, although a suggestion at the close of the Council's meeting, that a peal rung in two Major methods should not be recognised, rather points to a feeling that not all ringers favour peals upon this principle. What the objection to spliced method peals can be we are at a loss to understand. On six bells they are eminently to be preferred to, say, a peal in fourteen methods coming into rounds at the end of each 360, and no one can deny that the introduction of a number of methods into one true extent adds infinitely to the difficulty and to the interest of the ringing. While there can be no question of admitting a repetition of rounds or any other change in a peal on eight bells, the same features of difficulty and interest are introduced by splicing on the higher numbers, and when we come to the limit of intricacy in one-method peals, we ought to welcome any other legitimate manner of widening the scope.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANK JOHNSON... ..	... Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK... ..	6
WILLIAM H. JAMES	2	JOHN C. DICKENS	7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD	3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY	8
*GILBERT R. GOODSHIP	4	JAMES F. GEORGE	5
*THOMAS H. KIRKLEY	5	EDWARD C. GOBEY	Tenor

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THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CAVE ... ..	... Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	*SIDNEY HILLIER	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	THOMAS F. KING	8
ERNEST BISHOP	4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	9
EDWIN J. BROWN... ..	5	WALTER FARLEY	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters in the county.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS ... ..	... Treble	ARTHUR HEAD	6
*CYRIL GENTRY	2	*EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM... ..	7
HENRY W. KERTON	3	*CYRIL PEASE	8
*ARTHUR SALTMARSH... ..	4	*JOHN WOOD	9
*LESLIE J. CLARKE	5	*WILLIAM PEASE... ..	Tenor

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WAINE... Treble	ARTHUR WIGGINS	5
MISS STELLA DAVIS	2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT... ..	6
MISS VERA ROBINSON	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN	7
JAMES MACKMAN	4	HENRY SIMMONDS	Tenor

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt, 3 qr 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	WILLIAM CATHERALL... ..	5
JOHN HAYES... ..	2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN.	6
THOMAS CATHERALL	3	JAMES SWINDLEY... ..	7
EDWARD HARRISON	4	GEORGE R. JONES	Tenor

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.
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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF MOORHOUSE'S TEN-PART. Tenor 28½ cwt.

*GEORGE F. NEWMAN... ..Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFIELD... .. 2	CHARLES SANDERS... .. 6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD... .. 3	ALGERNON P. G. STONE... .. 7
JOHN HOUGH... .. 4	GEORGE BULL... ..Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Grandsire. Rung in honour of H. R. H. the Prince of Wales' birthday.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, June 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

CHARLES SPARKS... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS... .. 5
CHARLES EDWARDS... .. 2	JAMES P. HYETT... .. 6
*THOMAS TAYSON... .. 3	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS... .. 7
GEOFFERY W. TAYSON... .. 4	JOHN HUSBANDS... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight. Mr. J. P. Hyett's 50th peal.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

EDWARD C. GOBEY... ..Treble	SAMUEL BURGEOYNE... .. 5
JAMES F. GEORGE... .. 2	EDMUND C. CHASTY... .. 6
CHARLES GEALEY... .. 3	CECIL J. BAKER... .. 7
HENRY STRAW... .. 4	HENRY HARRISON... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

This composition now rung for the first time by this association Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. W. Bell, Rural Dean, Vicar of Ilkeston.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

ALFRED BLACKSHAW... ..Treble	ARTHUR CHAMBERLAIN... .. 5
FRED CHAMBERS... .. 2	TOM STANCLIFFE... .. 6
*HERBERT CHAMBERS... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. 7
TOM CHAMBERS... .. 4	JOHN WATSON... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal on inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Chambers, who was 21 on the above date.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
W. H. GEORGE'S ONE-PART. Tenor 30 cwt. in D flat.

CHARLES TRIBE... ..Treble	HAROLD WANT... .. 5
MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS... .. 6
HARRY BAKER... .. 3	H. CHARLES BOND... .. 7
EDWARD R. BURGESS... .. 4	*JOSEPH NEVE... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. Arranged for the ringer of the seventh, who was elected a member, and who had come from Cirencester, Gloucester, for a short stay at Tenterden. This is the first time a lady ringer has scored a peal at Tenterden.

SWANAGE, DORSET.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Thursday, June 7th, prior to a sacred concert given in the Parish Church by the Cornish Tin Miners Male Voice Choir, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,344 changes) was rung in 52½ mins.: C. Turner 1, R. S. Bastable 2, C. H. Tomes 3, D. Hill Brown 4, A. J. Haysom 5, G. F. Haysom 6, G. J. Williams 7, W. G. Bishop (conductor) 8.

DUBLIN.
THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.
AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES... ..Treble	WILLIAM WILSON... .. 5
*ALFRED BACON... .. 2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. 6
RICHARD LYNCH... .. 3	GABRIEL LINDOFF... .. 7
WILLIAM E. LYNCH... .. 4	WILLIAM GIBSON... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Lynch.
* First peal of Triples.

RAINHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

*R. OCKWELL, P.O., R.N. Treble	THOMAS JULL... .. 5
WILLIAM SPICE... .. 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 6
CHARLES J. ELLIS... .. 3	CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR... .. 4	ERNEST J. DOBBIE... ..Tenor

Composed by H. DAINES. Conducted by CL. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* First peal. The ringer of the third, for whom this peal was arranged, was on a visit from Harwich, Essex, and was re-elected a non-resident life member before starting. Also rung as a birthday compliment to T. Jull and E. H. Spice.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GRAPPENHALL BRANCH.)

On Friday, June 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

NORAH M. BIBBY... ..Treble	ERNEST PALMER... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY... .. 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 6
HARRY C. COLLYER... .. 3	FRANCIS BIBBY... .. 7
JOHN E. BIBBY... .. 4	CECIL RADDON... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH & THE ALL SAINTS' YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD... .. 5
JOHN J. JEFFERIES... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS... .. 6
WILLIAM C. JONES... .. 3	WILLIAM PAGE... .. 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY KILBY... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWITT... .. 5
HAROLD W. CLARK... .. 2	WILLIAM PYE... .. 6
*GEORGE M. KILBY... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	REUBEN SANDERS... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. * First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.—On Wednesday, May 16th after an unsuccessful attempt for Double Norwich, 1,536 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. F. Barnes 1, W. Battle 2, T. Hammond 3, J. Cooke 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, J. Wilkinson 6, H. Ludkin 7, E. Caunce 8. Longest length on the bells, and by all the band.

TUEBROOK, LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ERNEST JONES 2	...Treble	JOHN WILKINSON... .. 5
CLAUDE S. BENWELL 2		THOMAS W. GILMOUR 6
GEORGE LUNT 3		JAMES MARTIN 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 4		EDWARD CAUNCE... ..Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. The only previous peal in this method on these bells was rung on Feb. 27th, 1908, but, as was pointed out quite recently, the composition was found to be false.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J BULL 2	...Treble	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... .. 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2		WILLIAM LATTER 6
HERBERT MARKWELL... .. 3		JOHN W. STEDDY... .. 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4		OLIVER SIPPETTS... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

BRIGHTLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILFRED BOOTH 2	...Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WALTER FRANKS 2		FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 6
*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. 3		HARRY PARKES 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 4		ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* Fiftieth peal.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

LEONARD MANNERING 2	...Treble	*H. CHARLES BOND 5
*MISS ROSE THOMAS 2		ERNEST W. POWELL 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3		HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY 7
FRANK BENNETT 4		HARRY PARKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First peal of Major.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 3/4 cwt.

OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 2	...Treble	JOHN COOK 5
WALTER CHARMAN 2		ALFRED J. BULL 6
PETER CHARMAN... .. 3		WILLIAM STANFORD 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 4		GEORGE ELLIS ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

**SUTTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FRANK DOWNES... .. 2	...Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS 4
THOMAS TAYSON 2		GEOFFERY W. TAYSON 5
WILLIAM C. JONES 3		WALTER TAYLOR ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor, also first peal on the bells.

**WHELSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 8 1/2 cwt.

S. A. JOHNSON 2	...Treble	A. DISNEY 4
R. BARROW 2		F. J. BOWLEY 5
H. O. OVER 3		K. ELLIOTT ... ..Tenor

Conducted by H. C. OVER.

**WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE,
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)**

On Tuesday, June 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two 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 12 1/2 cwt.

WILLIAM GIBES 2	...Treble	JOHN LLOYD... .. 4
*WILLIAM H. COOPER 2		WALTER J. BRETHERTON 5
JOHN BASS 3		ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First attempt for seven methods away from the treble. Rung to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the induction of the Vicar.

**ELM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, June 27, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

LEONARD MASON... .. 2	...Treble	FRED WIGMORE 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2		JOHN RODWELL 5
GEORGE MASON 3		BERT GOGLE... ..Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

**KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS 2	...Treble	THOMAS H. TAYSON 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2		HERBERT J. TAYSON 5
GEOFFERY W. TAYSON 3		WALTER TAYLOR ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

First peal in three methods by ringers of 3rd, 4th and 5th.

**WEST HALLAM, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

*CYRIL J. JENNINGS 2	...Treble	ARTHUR J. ORGILL 4
HENRY FLETCHER 2		JOHN W. GLEW 5
WILFRED H. BUXTON 3		JOSEPH LORDTenor

Conducted by J. LORD.

* First peal of Minor.

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GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 1, 1923, 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.

ALFRED H. POLLING1—2 | *FLT. SGT. F. A. HOLDEN ...5—6

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT3—4 | MAURICE SMITHER7—8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Witness: MRS. POLLING.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples in hand after many attempts. Rang as a compliment to Rupert Richardson.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

'CONTEST' AT HALIFAX.

In connection with the above Association, an eight bell contest of 672 changes, any method, was held at the Halifax Parish Church tower on Saturday, June 9th, by the kind permission of the Vicar (Bishop Frodsham) and churchwardens. The following companies took part, and the whole of them rung Kent Treble Bob Major: No. 1, Mirfield; No. 2, Binfall; No. 3, Batley; No. 4, Earlsheaton; No. 5, Lightcliffe Parish. Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and the last set finished about seven o'clock. Tea was provided in the Schools. Later in the evening the annual meeting was held. The following officials were selected for the next twelve months: President, Mr. J. Hardcastle (Bradford); vice-presidents, Messrs. J. H. Hardy, W. Frith, J. Lawson and J. E. Carter; treasurer, Mr. F. Salmons (Halifax); secretary, Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax); trustee, Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe).—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (Bishop Frodsham), and churchwardens, for allowing the association the use of the bells, and for being present at the meeting.—Proposed by Mr. J. Lawson, seconded by Mr. J. Cotterell, Bishop Frodsham, in replying, expressed his pleasure at seeing such an excellent gathering, which numbered about eighty. It was a long time since a contest was held at Halifax, but he hoped it would not be so very long before they would pay another visit to Halifax. He said it was in the 'Church Memoir' that on the first of April, 1631, Samuel Smith, bell founder, cast the Halifax bell called 'Stancliffe,' in his own house at York. It weighed 22 cwt 1 qr. 17 lb., and he said it was no mean effort to ring such bells. The art of bell ringing had several different versions by legal men, but in his opinion the ringing of bells each told its own story, and quoted the following:—

Men's death I toll,
By doleful knell,
'Lightning and Thunder,
I break asunder.
On Sabbath all
To Church I call,
The sleepy head,
I raise from bed.
The musick so fierce
I do disperse,
Man's cruel rage
I do assuage.

The Halifax tower was finished 1470, and had taken twenty years to build the church. The oldest bell was put in in 1472, and recast 1639. The bell, which was known as the 'priest bell,' was called such, because it rings five minutes before the service begins, just to warn the priest that it is time to put on his surplice. In Vicar Ashburn's time it was lent to a Brearby Church, but was fetched back 40 or 50 years later about 1626.

The judges, consisting of Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford), Mr. D. R. Smith (Halifax), aged 76, with Mr. C. E. Carrington (Halifax), marker, gave their decision as follows:—

No. 1, 436 faults, 10 penalties, total 446.

No. 2, rang out.

No. 3, 227 faults, 10 penalties, total 237.

No. 4, 248 faults, 0 penalties, total 247.

No. 5, 290 faults, 0 penalties, total 290.

The No. 3 company, Batley, were declared winners and Bishop Frodsham presented the cup to Mr. Scholey, the conductor, who, in replying, said it was the first time they had tried at an eight bell contest since they had their new peal put in. — Mr. Nightingale (churchwarden) spoke of the very enjoyable time he had spent among the ringers.—A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a very successful meeting.

WIMBORNE.—At the Minster, on the back eight, on Thursday, June 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Townsend, H. Baverstock, W. Cheater (first in the method), A. F. Martin Stewart, A. Bradley, Rev. C. Carew Cox (conductor), Rev. E. V. Cox, F. Hart. Arranged for the Rev. E. V. Cox, who was on a visit.

REV. F. J. O. HELMORE HONOURED.

TABLET IN CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL BELFRY.

An interesting little ceremony took place in the belfry of Canterbury Cathedral on a recent evening, when the Rev. Canon T. G. Gardiner unveiled a handsome marble tablet placed there by the Dean and Chapter in honour of the 200th peal of the Rev. L. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of the Cathedral, and for thirty-eight years president of the Cathedral Band of Ringers, and who is also treasurer and secretary of the Kent Association.

Canon Gardiner remarked that owing to the absence of the Dean and Vice-Dean it became his good fortune to be allowed to unveil that tablet. Having been for a good many years now in Holy Orders, he had met many bands of ringers in different parts of the country, and had learned to respect highly the services which they rendered to the churches. Ringing was not so fashionable as it once was, but he was confident that the services which ringers rendered, almost wholly without fee or reward, reflected the greatest credit on their loyalty to what might be described as their great craft, their loyalty to the church, and loyalty to the purpose for which the bells were rung. For that reason it was a great privilege for him to be there, but there was a more personal side. Those of them who knew the belfry far better than he did knew how much they were indebted to Mr. Helmore for the very great services he had rendered. Since Mr. Helmore first became associated with ringing in that Cathedral in 1882 he had given of his best, and had succeeded not only in maintaining a high reputation in the craftsmanship of ringing, but in keeping before their minds and the minds of others who associated with him the purpose for which bell ringing existed. His name was known not only throughout the diocese, but through England wherever ringers congregated, and that tablet would perpetuate for all time the memory of his services as a bell ringer. In some respects, however, Mr. Helmore was only a child of the steeple, as he understood there was one there who had rung in the New Year for fifty-one years on that peal of bells. Canon Gardiner then, on behalf of the Dean and Chapter, unveiled the tablet placed there as a tribute and in appreciation of the long services Mr. Helmore had rendered.

Mr. Helmore said he felt his words would be very inadequate to express his feelings to the Dean and Chapter for the very unusual way in which they had shown their appreciation of his long-continued but humble services. He began there in 1882, and rang his first peal in 1884. Since then the number had gradually increased, and he would have completed his 200th peal in 1914 or 1915 but for the war. After the war he set out to complete his 200, and told his friends that would be the extent of his ringing, but he had not been a man of his word (laughter), and had gone beyond that already, and he hoped, if spared in health and strength, perhaps to go on towards 220. He thought that tablet was not only a great compliment to himself personally, but also to their company, and he thought they ought to render the Dean and Chapter due thanks for the notice they had taken of them. A ringer could do nothing of himself, he must have the rest of the band, and he always thought that was a great lesson to them of mutual self-help and co-operation. In conclusion, Mr. Helmore mentioned that they hoped within the next month or two to have the two additional bells (making a peal of twelve) as a memorial to those of their Association who had fallen in the war.

Canon Gardiner then read the tablet, which bears the following inscription:

'Kent County Association of Change Ringers.

'On February 3rd, 1923, in 3 hours 25 minutes, a peal of Stedman Caters, 5,031 changes, was rung in this tower by the following members of the Cathedral Company: Walter H. Andrews treble, Henry G. Fairbrass 2, Fredk. G. Brett 3, Edwin G. Buesden 4, Charles W. Brett 5, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 6, Fredk. A. Fairbeard 7, George G. Jenkins 8, Morton W. Pierce 9, George H. Simpson tenor. Conducted by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore. The Dean and Chapter have caused this tablet to be erected to commemorate this, the 200th peal, rung by Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Precentor of the Cathedral and for 38 years president of the Cathedral Band of Ringers.

'NON NOBIS, DOMINE, NON NOBIS, SED NOMINI TUO DA GLORIAM. Henry Wace, D.D., Dean.'

The tablet is of statuary and Purbeck marble. The tablet rests on corbels with heavy moulded bases, fluted pilasters and heavy cornices, and bears the Cathedral and county arms. The work was carried out by the Cathedral workmen.

BRENTWOOD.—On the occasion of the unveiling of the war memorial by Brig-General Wigan, and its dedication by the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Wild 1, H. Turner 2, A. Rainbird 3, H. Tredgett 4, E. Furbank 5, E. D. Baker 6, W. Leggett 7, S. Carroll 8. First quarter by ringers of treble and 2nd. First quarter-peal by local members of the Essex Association. First quarter conducted by A. Rainbird. First quarter conducted by a service ringer at St. Thomas's Church.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION TRIP.

About 50 members and friends of the Bolton branch of the Lancashire Association had their second annual outing on May 26th. A circular tour had been arranged through the East Lancashire and West Yorkshire district. Two charabanc loads left at 2 p.m., and before Bury was reached a heavy shower necessitated 'hoods up.' Heywood was the first stop, and the party received a hearty welcome from the Rector. The fine ring of eight by Gillett and Johnston (tenor 22½ cwt.) are beautiful in tone, and the 'go' is all that is desired; in fact, many of the party considered them the cream of Lancashire. An hour was spent here with touches in various methods. Brighter weather prevailed for the rest of the run, and passing through Rochdale the excursionists struck into the Pennine Range, with its variety of moorland, hills and valleys. The ride over Blackstone Edge will not be forgotten. At Ripponden, a small hamlet in the Calder Valley, a splendid tea was provided by the local ringers and their friends, after which the church bells were set going. These are a light ring, with tenor 16½ cwt., and were kept going until 7.15 p.m., when a start was made for Christ Church, Todmorden. Late arrival caused the time allowed at Christ Church to be curtailed somewhat, but many would have liked a longer stay for ringing on the fine peal (tenor 23½ cwt.). Home was reached about 11 p.m. A set of handbells was taken and kept going in various places en route.

Everybody voted the outing a success, and suggested another before the season was over. The party wish to thank the authorities for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for their preparation and presence during the stay, and especially the ladies at Ripponden for their kind attentions at tea.

LONDON RINGERS AMONGST SUFFOLK BELLS.

The St. John-the-Baptist's Society, Leytonstone had their annual outing on Saturday and Sunday, May 26th and 27th. Amongst the party were Messrs. T. Faulkner and A. Hardy, of Barking, and W. J. Nevard, of Great Bentley. Making Saxmundham their headquarters they arrived there at 8 a.m., and brought round during the two days eighteen complete 720's of Surprise Minor, as well as other touches. Ringing began at the Church of St. Peter and Paul, Feltham, with 720 each of Surfleet and York Surprise. At Ufford, on the handy ring of eight, 576 Superlative Surprise was rung, conducted by T. Faulkner, and touches of Treble Bob and Grandsire, in which the Rev. H. Drake took part. At Wickham Market, London and Cambridge were rung, and this was followed by a visit to Tunstall, where 720 of Lincoln was brought round before returning to headquarters for lunch. In the afternoon a move was made for St. Peter and Paul's Church, Aldeburgh, where Beverley and Durham were tapped off, and then the visitors moved on to St. Margaret's, Leiston, where the local ringers had everything in readiness (including a splendid tea at the White Horse). A good touch of Cambridge Surprise Major and short lengths of Stedman Triples and Double Norwich were brought round. Peasenhall was next visited, where, after ringing Cambridge and Lincoln, a social half-hour was spent with the local ringers, and handbell ringing was indulged in.

On Sunday, 720's of Chester and York Surprise were brought round for the 8 a.m. service at St. John-the-Baptist's Saxmundham. After breakfast, a walk through the fields brought the party to Berhali, where Newcastle and Ipswich Surprise were rung for 11 o'clock service. In the afternoon Reham and Sweffling were visited. At the former place, Durham and Cambridge were rung, and at the latter Lincoln and Wells. Tea over, Norwich was rung at Saxmundham, and this concluded the ringing programme. Those who took part in the 720's were: A Prior, 13 (conducted 4); W. Miller, 12 (conducted 8); G. Dawson, 12 (conducted 2); W. Theobald, 12; E. D. Smith, 11; W. J. Nevard, 11; T. Faulkner, 9; A. Hardy, 8; J. Monro, 8; P. H. Avey, 8; F. Watling, 2; C. F. Bailey, 2. The members join in thanking Mr. Watling, of Saxmundham, who made all arrangements, Mr. C. F. Bailey and the local ringers, who met the visitors and made them so welcome at Leiston, and last, but not least, Mr. J. Forsdike, of the White Hart Hotel who catered for them in first-class style, and made the brief stay so thoroughly enjoyable.

On Saturday, June 3rd, a merry party of ringers, with their wives and sweethearts, set out from Bonvilston, South Wales, the destination being the Mumbles. Favoured with fine weather, the drive was much enjoyed, and everyone did justice to the dinner awaiting them.

The afternoon was pleasantly spent in exploring the headland. After an early tea, a start was made for Swansea, where arrangements had been made for ringing on the beautiful peal of eight at the Parish Church. The ringers were delighted with the tone and the 'go,' and were sorry they had not more time at their disposal. The visitors went on to Aberavon, where arrangements had again been made for ringing, but this had to be curtailed owing to a concert in an adjacent hall.

The drive back to Bonvilston was much appreciated, after the heat of the day, which, however, was voted a most enjoyable one. The ringers wish to thank the incumbents for use of bells, and also those who made the arrangements.

LIVERPOOL RINGERS VISIT STOCKPORT.

A most successful and enjoyable motor trip was undertaken by a company of Liverpool ringers on Whit Monday, Stockport being the venue. At Lymm, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major were rung on this magnificent peal. St. George's, Stockport, was reached at 12 o'clock, and the visitors were received by Messrs. Gordon, H. and W. Jackson, Warburton, and others. After ringing touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, an adjournment was then made to the White Lion Hotel, where an excellent lunch was partaken of. Afterwards several touches were rung on the peal of ten at St. Mary's, and Stockport ringers have good reason to be proud of possessing two such fine peals of ten. On the return journey calls were made at Cheadle and Bowdon. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Double Norwich were rung at the former place, and Stedman, Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise at the latter. The company would like to thank the clergy for granting permission to ring at the respective towers and the tower keepers, particularly Messrs. Gordon, Jackson, Carr, Ollier and Bradburn, for so kindly having everything ready. It was also a special pleasure to have the company of Mr. J. P. Fidler to Cheadle, and Mr. R. Davies (Manchester) to Cheadle and Bowdon, as well as at Stockport. Mr. H. Jackson, of St. George's, Stockport, accompanied the party to all the towers except Lymm, and the success of the outing was largely due to him for his excellent arrangements.

WINDSOR RINGERS' PICNIC.

The ringers of the Parish Church, Windsor, had a most enjoyable annual outing on Saturday, May 26th, when the party, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Hamilton), Mr. Churchwarden Burns, of the Parish Church; Mr. Churchwarden Foreman, of All Saints' Church, and the verger (Mr. Ponder), went for a charabanc tour. The ringers assembled at 7.30 a.m. to ring in honour of Her Majesty the Queen's birthday, and after two excellent touches, conducted by Messrs. Stilwell and Harman a start was made by charabanc for Henley, through the lovely scenery via Twyford. On reaching Henley, the ringers adjourned to the church, where some excellent touches of Grandsire Triples and Oxford Bob were rung, whilst the Vicar and churchwardens viewed the celebrated regatta course and riverside scenery. A start was then made for Watlington, where the party was met by the Rector and steeplekeeper, the former showing the visitors over the fine old church. Some excellent ringing took place, and after expressing thanks to the Rector a start was made for Dorchester, where the party were met by Mr. William Hutton, steeplekeeper, and some excellent ringing took place upon what is probably one of the finest and most historic peals in the country. Afterwards Mr. Hutton kindly explained some of the interesting features of the Abbey church. The Abbey is well worth a visit, it dates from the very early ages, although in a wonderful state of preservation, the date of the Abbey foundation being 1140—parts of it probably existed even before this date. The stained glass windows and frescoes are very beautiful, as is also some old stonework, dug up in the neighbourhood and placed on exhibition. Three stone monuments believed to date from the reign of Edward I. are also worthy of note; but one deplores that these beautiful figures are mutilated by visitors carving their names on them, truly doing damage in these educated times to edifices probably overlooked by the soldiers of Oliver Cromwell. On the way to Benson a halt was called 'somewhere in Oxfordshire' for lunch. This was served in picnic fashion. Mrs. Smith, wife of the steeplekeeper, having provided an excellent meal. At Benson the bells were found to be very noisy, the ringing chamber being just underneath them. However, some very good touches were brought round, although the conductor had to assume the vocal powers of a drill sergeant to make himself heard. After a wayside halt for tea, Newbury was made the last point of call. Here the party, much to their surprise, were met by the Rev. Deacon, who was at one time curate at Windsor. Mr. Quinton and other ringers at Newbury were in the tower, and excellent touches of Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Stedman, etc., were successfully brought round, and amid hearty wishes a start was made for home, but a halt was made by the roadside for supper.—Mr. Burns thanked the steeplekeeper, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Smith, for the excellent arrangements that had been made. He also thanked the ringers for their kind invitation, on behalf of himself, the Vicar, and Mr. Foreman, and said how much they had all enjoyed the outing.—Mr. Smith suitably responded, and the journey resumed via Reading and Slough to Windsor, which was reached shortly after 11.30 p.m. During the day 3,500 changes were rung, conducted by Messrs. Stilwell, Cross, Harman and Farr.

The Mereworth band of ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, 16th June, journeying by motor to Snodland for the first ring, and then visiting the following towers: Halling, Cobham, Meopham, Ash, Wrotham, Seal Chart and Shippourne, ringing touches in Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Minor, and Bob Major. The total amount of changes rung during the day numbered 7,272. The band wish to thank the clergy and ringing members of each tower for having everything ready for them.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**MEETING AT BARLBOROUGH.**

The members of the North Notts Association held a meeting at Barlborough, and the proceedings were of an exceptionally interesting character.

Ringers were present from Anston, Eckington, Killamarsh, Treeton, Harthill, Shireoaks, Norton Cuckney, West Retford, Ordsall and Worksop, along with a full muster of the local company, bringing the total up to 40.

Some good ringing was done on the fine peal of six bells put in by Taylor's in 1914. Service was held in the Parish Church, and an address was given by the Rector (the Rev. J. D. Griffiths) based on the words, 'O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.' The hymns, 'O God, our help in ages past' and 'Ye servants of the Lord,' were sung, with accompaniment on a sweet-toned peal of handbells by the Barlborough ringers, who also gave further selections in the Church Institute, which were much appreciated.

Tea was provided by the lady workers, and was presided over by the Rector.—At the business meeting which followed, E. Dalingwater and J. Dixon, of Gainsborough, were elected non-resident life members, and Messrs. J. Wilson and E. Shirman and Miss Emie Bunting, of Barlborough, as efficient members.

The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent on August Bank Holiday, when fine weather and a good attendance is desired.

Votes of thanks were proposed by the Hon. Sec. (Mr. H. Haigh), and seconded by F. Hargreaves, to the Rector for the use of the bells, for presiding over the tea and meeting, and also for his admirable address in church; also to the lady workers for providing such an excellent tea, and the Barlborough ringers for the excellent arrangements made for the welfare and happiness of the ringers, and their selections on the handbells.

The Rector briefly replied. He had very little knowledge of the art of bell ringing, and he had often wondered why the bell ringers at Southwark Cathedral locked themselves up for nearly twelve hours in the belfry on such a beautiful day as Whit Monday. But he wondered no longer now he had become enlightened a bit, and if all their attempts at new methods and long peals were successful the first time, their interest would wane. He realised that it was an important branch of church work that always kept them interested, and would do so until the end of time.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Plain Bob, Sandall, Oxford, Kent, Violet, Duke of York, Kill-

marsh, London and Cambridge Surprise. The conducting was done by the junior 'G.T.' of Anston. He rang his bell in London and Cambridge Surprise very cleverly indeed.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DIVISION.**

A quarterly meeting of the above division was held at Fittleworth on Saturday, June 23rd. Thirty members and friends were present, including a lady member.

The following towers were represented: Shipley, Heene, Pulborough, Steyning, Shoreham, West Grinstead, and the local band; also Miss K. Willers from Cambridge.—The Rev. A. C. Luedy welcomed the members at the church, and invited them to tea at Church Room. Touches of various methods were rung during the afternoon.

At the business meeting which followed tea, presided over by the Rector, one new member was elected—Miss K. Willers.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Shoreham, in September. — A hearty vote of thanks was given the Rector for granting the use of the bells, and also for providing the tea.—The Rector, in responding, said how pleased he was that the association had paid them a visit, and also gave an account of how a previous Rector (Canon Simpson) had chipped the bells to get that well-known principle out of them. The meeting then closed, and the members again paid a visit to the belfry, and after various touches made their way to Pulborough, where, thanks to Mr. P. Doick, the members were able to enjoy some very good Major ringing.

DISPUTED PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In reference to the peal of Bob Minor rung at Tilney All Saints, on May 23rd, this was false. In the first 720 a bob was missed, and the bells were brought round, after ringing only 604 changes, and then went on for the second 720. As you will remember, it was the same 720 repeated, but instead of repeating it seven times they finished up with repeating it only six times. They may well say it was the quickest peal on the bells. The tenor was recorded as 17 cwt., but it is 22½ cwt. With a draft of 75 ft, the quickest peal rung on the bells so far is 3 hrs, 6 minutes, but it looks as though the weight was cut down to accord with the time. The tenor is in F sharp, and not in E flat as stated.—Yours truly,
WM. ROSE.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Loughborough's war memorial, which appropriately consists of a tower and carillon of bells, will be opened by Field Marshal Sir William Robertson on Sunday, July 22nd. There are 47 bells of a total weight of 21 tons.

The largest bell, weighing $4\frac{1}{2}$ tons, has been given by Mr. E. Denison Taylor, of the Loughborough Foundry, in memory of his three nephews, the sons of the late Mr. John W. Taylor, who fell in action.

Mr. Conor O'Brien, one of the ringers at St. Patrick's, Dublin, has just left Ireland, with two companions, upon a voyage round the world in a twenty-ton yacht. He proposes to sail via Madeira, Cape Town and Tasmania, and between the two latter places may not see land for three months. He will return by way of Cape Horn, and hopes to be home again in September, 1924. He will carry with him the good wishes of his ringing friends.

Mr. Ernest Jenkins, of Stratton, under whose conductorship much good work has been done in Cheshire, has, unfortunately, been debarred by his doctor from doing any ringing for three months.

Deprived of their leader, the band encouraged a young conductor, and Mr. J. E. Bibby, has now called a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major—his first peal as conductor. Another young member of the band is also showing his worth, and any success which may attend their efforts will in a large measure be due to Mr. Jenkins for the time and pains he has bestowed in initiating the younger members of the band in this department of the art.

On July 8th, 1817, James Barham, whose fame in connection with the 40,320 of Bob Major at Leeds, Kent, is well known, rang his last peal, a peal of Leeds Treble Bob. He was then 91 years of age.

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Lawrence's, Reading, on July 8th, 1734.

Among the peals rung by John Holt, was a 6,000 of Bob Major, at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on July 9th, 1749.

Mr. J. Cherry, who is following in the footsteps of his father, the late Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, as a ringer at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, won four events at St. Stephen's Green School Sports the other day.

The names of the ringers of the treble and fourth in the peal rung at Ilkeston on June 14th should be Edmund for Edward and Gilbert for George.

LONDON'S THREATENED CHURCHES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have read with keen appreciation your apposite remarks on the use made of that artifice in debate known as 'the previous question' to dispose of the resolution against the demolition of Wren's Churches. Permit me to add a few words on the subject.

First let it be said that the proposer and seconder of 'the previous question' at Salisbury were both gentlemen well known to me, and for whom personally I have the highest regard. Their point of view I can quite well understand—that the Central Council meets purely and simply to deal with matters affecting the interests of ringers, and consequently anything outside that category is ipso facto outside the Council's province. If I had had the opportunity of replying to objections, I could have cited instances, in which the Council has on previous occasions passed resolutions on matters of public interest, so that it would have constituted no violation of any established principle to do so in this case. As it was, the form of procedure adopted deprived me of such opportunity. As you rightly observe, sir, 'the previous question' is a poor way of getting rid of any matter, and as it transpired in the course of proceedings that neither our esteemed president nor that distinguished luminary of the legal world, whose presence graced our assembly, could explain what the said 'previous question' really means, it will be all to the good, if in future this practice be recognised by tacit consent as a discredited device for 'hitting below the belt.'

To turn for a moment to the subject of the resolution, many arguments could—and would—have been adduced in support of it both by me and by others. Suffice it for the present purpose to state two concrete facts. The list of city churches threatened with destruction—and desecration of the sites—contains two names well known to ringers. One is St. Dunstan's-in-the-East—a thoroughly 'live' and well ordered Parish Church, with a stately tower and eight magnificent bells. The other is St. Magnus—a church almost perpetually used for private worship, and often filled, not once a week, but on three or four days in the week, with a devout congregation. At a recent festival a hundred people or more were unable to find standing room half an hour before the service. The church rises as a monument of grace and dignity in one of the most squalid parts of London. From its tower the Angelus rings out thrice daily, and ringers are heartily welcome to the use of its ten bells.

If churches such as these were ever demolished for the commercial value of their sites, it would be an act of sacrilegious infamy without parallel since the days of Cromwell.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

OLDHAM'S BELLS.**BIG PEAL IN A SMALL TOWER.**

Great interest was taken in the reopening last Saturday of the peal of twelve at Oldham. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have recast the whole peal, the new tenor being just over 35 cwt., compared with the 32½ cwt. of the former bell.

The peal has been hung in entirely new fittings of the latest type in a new strong and massive iron framework, specially designed and constructed to suit the peculiarities of the tower, which is very small to carry such a large peal of bells, the internal dimensions of the bell chamber being approximately 13ft. square.

The bells are of beautiful tone, and the large number of ringers from Lancashire and Yorkshire who were present at last Saturday's gathering were delighted with Oldham's new possession. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have provided a magnificent peal.

SAFFRON WALDEN TERCENTENARY.

The unique history of the Saffron Walden Ringing Society, which is probably the oldest ringing organisation extant, reached a memorable milestone on Wednesday of last week, when the three hundredth anniversary of its foundation was celebrated.

Throughout all this long period there has been a 'ringing day' and an annual sermon preached, to commemorate the deliverance of one of Saffron Walden's townsmen, who, being lost in the forest, was guided to safety by the sound of the bells. He left a sum of money for the commemoration, and at last Wednesday's event the ringers and visitors, who attended in large numbers, were entertained to tea by the Mayor and Corporation, while the townfolk at large entered into the spirit of the celebration.

DONCASTER & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Haxey last Saturday. Members were present from Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Doncaster, Thorne, Hatfield, Treton, Gainsborough and Retford. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, were rung on the beautiful toned peal of six bells, with tenor of 28 cwt. The visitors found the bells very difficult to ring at first, but all went well when they had got used to the ropes.

A short service was conducted by the Vicar of Haxey (the Rev. W. H. Sheppard).

At the business meeting, which was held in the vestry, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rawmarsh.

A resolution was carried expressing regret that it had been found necessary to stop all ringing on the bells of St. Mary's, Tickhill.

Tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, and afterwards Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells. Many of the visitors accepted the Vicar's kind invitation to look round his grounds and to inspect his collection of old relics, etc.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at Sully, near Barry, on Saturday, June 30th, and was well attended. The musical ring of bells was made good use of during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. John Evans), and immediately followed tea, kindly provided by the Rector. At the subsequent business meeting in the Parish Hall, instructors' report were received, and a report of the Central Council meeting was given by the representative (Mr. J. W. Jones).—New members were elected, proposed restorations discussed, and St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, was chosen for the place for the next quarterly meeting. A pleasant and successful afternoon and evening were spent.

TETBURY BELLS.

The bells at St. Mary's Church, which have been unringable for some months, owing to one of the bells breaking from the canons, have been thoroughly overhauled and rebung by Messrs. Llewellyn and James, of Bristol. On Sunday, June 24th, on the invitation of Mr. F. Tyler, a few members from Cirencester journeyed to Tetbury, and the following touches were rung for evening service: 672 Grandsire Triples: F. J. Lewis 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. Lewis 3, F. Edwards 4, A. Townsend 5, S. R. Hicks 6, H. O. Bond (conductor) 7, F. Tyler 8. After service, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Bond 1, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, H. Lewis 3, H. C. Bond 4, S. R. Hicks 5, F. Tyler 6, A. Townsend 7, F. Edwards 8. 336 Bob Major: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, H. Lewis 3, S. R. Hicks 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, F. Tyler 6, A. Townsend 7, H. O. Bond 8. 447 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, F. Tyler 2, A. Townsend 3, F. Edwards 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. C. Bond 6, S. R. Hicks 7, H. Lewis 8. The ringers found the bells in splendid going order, and congratulated Mr. Tyler on the excellent job he had made.

LOCAL PEALS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—I do not agree with 'Keep Smiling's' definition of the word 'local.' To be strictly accurate, the local is born, not made, but there is no credit in boasting of one's birthplace, since no man can control his origin. Everyone knows what is meant by a village local, yclept 'yokel,' who, far from the madding crowd, pursues the noiseless tenor of his way, but when we come to large towns and cities, the word takes on a wider meaning. It is not confined to borough or parish boundaries. If it were otherwise, then few mayors and aldermen of our cities would be local men, but he would be a bold man who asserted that they were not! Not everyone can live within a borough boundary, and in its wider range, a 'local' is a resident in the locality.

In the peal of Superlative rung at St. John's, Leicester, seven of the band were living well within the boundary. The eighth had settled in Leicester, and had lived in lodgings in the city for some time. Unable to rent a house, he bought one, ten minutes' walk from the tram terminus. He attached himself to St. John's Church, and rang there regularly. Query for 'Keep Smiling': If he or I take a house similarly, shall we cease to be local men? I think not.

If a man works within the boundary and sleeps outside it—or vice versa, or of two men (both from elsewhere); is the one fortunate enough to obtain a house within the boundary more entitled to locus standi than the other (unfortunate) one?

What credit is there anyway? There is credit to a band ringing their first intricate peal unassisted.

The latter part of your correspondent's letter: 'Why don't they get together and do it?' I am unable to answer, having been at all times willing to co-operate; but I presume the reason is because 'they' have not been asked, and since the M.C.A. reports show that not a single Surprise peal except that under discussion, has been rung unassisted either in or out of the city, that fact tells its own story.

Moreover, I doubt whether it would be a good thing to ring all the bells in a city at one time, except for some public reason. As I grow older I see two sides to the question, and am under the impression that, much as we love change ringing, we can ride our hobby to death, and peal ringing that becomes too common loses its charm and its value.—Yours truly,

W. WILLSON.

P.S.—In my previous letter the word 'tower' should have read 'town.'

Dear Sir,—I am not aware who your informant is who raised the dispute re the first Surprise peal rung by a local band in Leicester. The idea of most ringers is that a local band means actual residents of the place where the peal was rung. If the surrounding villages contribute towards the band, where do we stop? A local Leicester band could be made to include ringers from Melton Mowbray, Market Harborough, etc. Recently a peal of 'Princess Mary' was rung at St. Martin's by nine residents, and one member from outside the city area. Although this one member is a regular Sunday Service ringer at St. Martin's the peal was not and could not be claimed as being rung by an entirely local band. The same applies to Mr. Willson's claim. The other claimant for the honours was so very sure, that he has emphasised his claim in large capitals, then most modestly crawled under a non-de-plume. The fact still remains that the first Surprise peal by a resident band of Leicester ringers in the City of Leicester has yet to be rung.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

'Locumitis' writes: Surely in the case of a city, 'local' can only mean residents in the parish to which the church belongs. The fact that a ringer does all his ringing in Leicester does not make him a Leicester ringer any more than the man selling Spanish onions is a Spaniard. So far as my knowledge goes there has been no peal of Surprise Major or Royal by a Leicester band. Certainly St. John's claim comes as near as any, but it is not quite sufficient.

REOPENING AT WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

The bells of St. James' Church, Wigmore, after being silent for upwards of 20 years, were reopened on June 21st.

The bells are a musical peal of six (tenor 9 cwt. in A flat), cast by Rudhall in 1721. The 5th was recast by Taylor in 1889. The work of restoration has been most ably carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who fitted new wheels, bearings, headstocks, and strengthened the frame. The service was attended by a large congregation. The opening ceremony was performed by the Rev. Preb. S. Cornish Watkins, Rural Dean, and the bells were rung for a minute by ringers representing six towers in the Guild. The Rural Dean preached a most appropriate sermon, in the course of which he paid a warm tribute to the influence of the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Ringers. After the service, a supper was served to the clergy, ringers and choir.—The Rural Dean, on behalf of the clergy and ringers, thanked those who had provided the supper. — The Vicar responded, on behalf of his people, by thanking those who had taken part in the service.

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ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The annual meeting was held at Lichfield on June 16th. Members who availed themselves of the opportunity to visit Messrs. Bridgeman's works were well repaid—the specimens of carving, both in wood and stone, being exquisite. The bells of St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) were made good use of until tea-time. At the general meeting which followed, protests were made at not being able to ring on the bells of the Cathedral.—The Chairman (the Rev. Canon Penny) intimated that if it was their wish to pass a vote of censure on the Dean and Chapter, he, as one of that distinguished body, would vacate the chair, as he felt that he could not remain in that capacity under the circumstances. The Rev. C. H. Barker (clerical secretary) advised that discretion should be used rather than a drastic resolution. 'That we proceed to the next business' was moved, and seconded, and upon a vote being taken was carried by a strong majority. The balance sheet was read and passed, and ordered to be printed, together with the report. The officers were re-elected, with the exception that W. and J. Evans take the places of A. Law and E. J. Tyler as auditors, and T. J. Elton in the place of W. Fisher as representative at the Central Council. The following places were chosen for the coming meetings: Cannock in September, Wood Green in January, Tipton in April, and Lichfield (annual) in June. Several new members were elected.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded the business.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT, 1922-23.

During the year 24 new ringing members have been admitted.

The number of peals rung was 32, made up as follows: Grandsire Doubles (on handbells), 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Stedman Triples, 13; Stedman Caters, 6; Plain Bob Minor, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; London Surprise Major, 1; total, 32.

Restorations are taking place at Cannock and Kingswinford, where each ring of six are being augmented to eight. At the former tower the bells have been unringable for about 30 years, and the local ringers are to be congratulated upon the result of their untiring efforts. It is hoped that the ring of eight at Tettenhall will also be put into working order in the near future.

We are glad to take this opportunity of thanking the Ven. Hugh Bright, Archdeacon of Stafford, for consenting to be our president. We feel sure we can count on his support of our work. We acknowledge with gratitude the hearty welcome we receive as a rule when we ask permission to hold a quarterly meeting in most parishes of the Archdeaconry. We look upon the readiness with which permission to use the bells is given, and the trouble expended on the service and tea, as an appreciation and encouragement of the work of the society. It is unfortunate that the one exception should be the authorities of the Mother Church of the Diocese. It rests with the Dean and Chapter, who are the custodians for the time being of the Cathedral bells, to give or withhold permission to use them. They, of course, have good reasons for the decisions they make, but it is none the less difficult for the ordinary ringing members of our society to understand why one recognised ringing society for the whole Archdeaconry should be refused permission to ring once a year.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Members of the North and East District attended the meeting held at Northaw.—The President of the Association, the Rev. F. R. Bousey (Vicar of Northaw), gave the visitors a hearty welcome.

A short service was held at 5 p.m., followed by tea in the village hut. After tea, the business meeting was held. The president (in the chair) was supported by the hon. treasurer (Mr. F. A. Milne), hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles), Master (Mr. W. Pve), District Master (Mr. G. B. Lucas), and members from Clapton, Tottenham, Barnet, Hadley, Finchley, Hatfield, etc., and included Mr. J. B. Williamson, of Ventnor, I.W.—Five new members having been elected, the Hon. Secretary announced that arrangements were being made for the memorial tablet to the late president to be unveiled on Saturday, July 14th, at Barnet, when it was hoped that all members of the association would make an effort to attend. The fund, which it was proposed to close, amounted to £33 18s. 6d., which was sufficient to cover the cost of both tablets and sundry expenses.—Mr. Milne gave an explanation of the difficulties in obtaining the necessary faculty for the erection of the tablet in Barnet Church, and the work of cutting the inscription was now in hand.—A vote of thanks to the president was unanimously passed, and Mr. Bousey suitably replied.

The ringing done during the day was generally good, and in a large number of methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, and a 720 of Bob Minor, conducted by the president.

SIDDINGTON, GLOS.—Recently for practice, 720 Bob Minor: A. Parsons first 720) 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis 3, C. Martin 4, W. C. Guss (conductor) 5, V. R. Williams 6—720 Kent Treble Bob: W. G. Cook 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, C. Martin 4, W. C. Guss 5, V. R. Williams 6. First 720 Kent by all except conductor.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday, June 23rd, at Beverley, the ancient capital of the East Riding. Viewed from the park-like expanse of Westwood, the town presents a picturesque appearance, with its two great churches towering high above the red tiled roofs below. On the left, the graceful turrets and open-work battlements of St. Mary's Church are seen through the trees; and to the right the lofty fretted towers of the Minster, dedicated to St. John of Beverley.

The bells of Beverley Minster have always been famous. They are now thirteen in number, three of them in the south-west tower, 'Brithnuns' and 'Peter,' Pre-Reformation bells, being the second and tenor of a ring of four mentioned in the Chapter Act Book of the fourteenth century. The other, 'Great John,' was founded by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, and was given by the then Vicar, Canon Noloth, in 1931, as a thankoffering for 21 years of happy work in Beverley Minster and its parishes. Its note is G, the octave below the sixth bell in the peal, and weighs 7tons 3qr. 1lb. The diameter is 7ft. 2½ins.; thickness at the sound-bow, 6½ins. It is hung in an iron frame, and swings on roller bearings, and is rung every Sunday on the ceasing of the peal for five minutes, without causing the slightest vibration in the tower.

The north-west tower contains the fine peal of ten, with a tenor of 4½ cwt. in C. The clock is a very powerful one, by Messrs. Smith, of Derby, and is, we believe, the only clock in the world which strikes upon bells in two towers.

By kind permission of the Vicar of the Minster (the Rev. W. H. Rigg, D.D.), these splendid bells were placed at the disposal of members, as were also the bells of St. Mary's (10), by the courtesy of the Vicar (the Rev. E. Hope, M.A.), an honorary member of the association, and fullest use was made of the opportunity so readily granted.

Service was held in the choir of the Minster, an address being given by the Rev. Dr. Rigg, which was greatly appreciated by those present. A short voluntary was given by the Minster organist, Mr. J. Canidge, on the fine four-manual organ, which contains 68 stops, and is a notable instrument, both for the power of the full organ and for the sweetness and variety of the softer stops.

Tea was afterwards served in the Minster Parish Room, at which no fewer than 70 sat down, hailing from Goole, Hemingbrough, Hull, Market Weighton, Selby, Sutton-on-Hull, and York, and also several members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, from Barton Grimsby and Thornton Curtis.

The business meeting followed, Dr. Rigg occupying the chair.—Letters of apology were received from the Rev. R. G. Pyne, M.A., Rector of St. Cuthbert's, York, who had hoped to be present, and also Mr. H. Fairlam, Ringing Master.

It was decided that the next quarterly meeting be held at Hemingbrough, on the invitation of the Vicar and ringers.

Five new members were elected, viz.: Mr. C. R. Woodard, Selby; Mr. F. Thornton, Sherburn-in-Elmet; Mr. H. Cowton, Barton-on-Humber, Lincs; Mr. J. Atkinson and Mr. G. Atkinson, Thornton Curtis, Lincs. The Rev. Dr. Rigg was also elected as an honorary member.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, was proposed by Mr. A. E. West (vice-president), and seconded by Mr. A. M. C. Field.—Dr. Rigg, in responding, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him to have the association at Beverley, and said that they would always be welcome at any time during his vicariate.

Great credit was due to Mr. W. Gibson and the local company for their excellent arrangements, and also the ladies who prepared and served tea. Thus another pleasant meeting was brought to a close, the glorious day contributing no little to the enjoyment of all.

A. B. C.

EALING RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Ealing, together with a few friends, held their second annual outing on Whit Monday. Hand bell ringing was indulged in en route, and the party commenced their programme at St. Mary's, Slough, in good spirits. The methods rung here and the two other towers visited were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. An excellent lunch was partaken of at Messrs. Lidstone's. An hour's ringing at St. John's, Windsor, was greatly enjoyed, and the party then dispersed for a while, roaming over the castle and town. Messrs. Lidstone's was again visited to dispose of an appetising tea.

A pleasant motor journey to Burnham was accomplished, and the tower of St. Peter visited. The 'bus' returned all too quickly, and the pretty little village reluctantly left. The train journey from Slough to Ealing was as jolly as a rail journey could be, and when 19 people (!) travel in one compartment some fun could be expected. Thanks are due to the local ringers for so kindly arranging things and assisting in the general ringing.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, July 1st, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,299 changes): R. G. Knowles 1, J. Hemming 2, G. Hinton, junr., 3, W. Ranford 4, J. D. Johnson 5, J. R. Newman 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, J. J. Jefferies 8, C. Camm 9, S. T. Holt 10.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, previous to evensong, on Sunday, July 1st, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in 52 mins.: E. W. Day 1, H. W. Else 2, T. R. Scott 3, G. T. Croft 4, G. Wolfe 5, J. Hare (conductor) 6, H. E. Day 7, W. J. Croft 8. First quarter-peal in method as conductor.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of spiced Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: R. Fletcher 1, H. Harrison 2, J. F. George 3, H. Straw 4, S. Burgoyne 5, H. Fletcher 6, C. J. Baker 7, E. C. Gobey (conductor) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evensong, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 43 mins.: Geo. Durling 1, T. Groombridge, senr., 2, Geo. James 3, E. F. Pike 4, I. Emery 5, Geo. Huxley 6, Percy Spice 7, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Minor, being 1,080 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob in 41 mins.: A. Booth 1, A. Mansfield 2, F. Lucas 3, J. M. Gray 4, Geo. Mansfield 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 1st, at the Church of St. Mary, for evening service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, F. W. Rogers 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, July 1st, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. G. Brown 1, T. V. Sinkins 2, G. Mackman 3, A. E. Bradley 4, A. V. Selby 5, G. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, W. E. Garrard 7, E. Newell 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, for morning service, on Sunday, July 1st, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, W. Trueman 2, W. G. Lancaster 3, L. Wilson 4, E. Bishop 5, H. A. Hearl 6, J. H. Shepherd 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

BOW, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob, in 46 mins.: W. Tanner 1, J. Schola 2, R. Turner 3, E. Andrews 4, A. Scambler 5, A. Baynes 6, E. Smith 7, A. Hardy (conductor) 8.

BEOKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 48 mins.: P. Meek (first in the method) 1, J. Hurrell 2, W. Smith 3, F. Scutcher 4, F. King 5, Cyril Brett Smith 6, F. Terry 7, R. Brett Smith (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by P. Meek and F. Scutcher, and first on tower bells by Cyril Brett Smith.

WEST BAILING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 38 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, H. Folkard 2, P. E. Clark 3, G. Iles 4, C. Edwards 5, E. Harris 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Maries' Church, on Sunday, June 24th, as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Dixon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: M. Wilson 1, C. Lake 2, J. A. Dixon 3, J. Tuke 4, R. Harrison 5, J. Evinson 6, C. Harrison (conductor) 7, H. Hirst 8. First quarter-peal on eight bells by the ringer of the 4th. Rung by the local company.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: Ren S. Thompson 1, W. Clover 2, E. Bailey, senr., 3, G. Cross 4, G. Lee 5, F. W. Naunton 6.—For evening service, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: L. Naunton 1, G. Cross 2, E. Bailey, senr., 3, B. S. Thompson 4, W. Clover 5, F. W. Naunton 6. Conducted by F. W. Naunton.

SANDHURST, Near GLOUCESTER.—At S. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, June 24th, for evening service, 504 changes of Grandsire Triples by the following members of the Tewksbury and District Guild of Change Ringers: W. Pugh 1, W. Yeend 2, H. Daniels 3, G. Watts 4, R. Harris 5, O. Attwood 6, C. Dyson (conductor) 7, W. Hughes 8. Also a touch by W. Pugh, junr., 1, W. Yeend (conductor) 2, C. Dyson 3, G. Watts 4, W. Pugh, senr., 5, E. Pugh 6, T. Pugh 7, R. Duck 8. Previous to ringing the members were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Pugh.

SPRINGFIELD.—On Sunday, June 24th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), as follows: 180 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford and 720 Kent was rung by the following local members in 45 mins.: J. H. Myhill 1, W. Prall 2, I. J. Poullan 3, A. E. Davis 4, E. Kemp 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6. Also 720 Double Court, at evening service, with W. Hawkes taking part.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on June 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 50 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, G. Large 2, W. Bolton 3, E. Smith 4, E. Hunt 5, W. Richards 6, A. Parnell 7, E. Coombes (first quarter as conductor) 8, F. Chamberlain 9, R. Barker 10.

NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, June 24th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, for evensong on the occasion of the annual school sermons, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 40 mins.: James Taylor 1, Thomas Harrison 2, James Butler 3, Lawrence Taylor 4, Ormerod Eastwood 5, Walter Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Ormerod 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, June 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Webb 1, J. D. Hambledon (Midsomer Norton) 2, J. Judge 3, H. Miles 4, L. Tuffrey 5, W. Stone 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, C. Bennett 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, on June 24th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Webb 1, F. E. Kempton 2, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 3, E. G. Hibbens 4, G. Bridge 5, J. T. Newington 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. E. Kempton 1, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 2, J. T. Newington 3, E. G. Hibbens 4, G. Bridge 5, C. Hall 6.

BLEDLOW, BUCKS.—On Sunday, June 17th, in 55 mins., at the Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Aubrey Seymour 1, Leslie Nicholls 2, Frederick Nicholls 3, Jack Williams 4, George Seymour 5. Conducted by George Seymour. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the 2nd and 4th.

CHINNOR, OXON.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild (East Berks and South Bucks branch).—On Saturday, June 16th, in 55 mins., a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), being five callings of Bob Doubles, and five and a half of Grandsire Doubles: Jack Poulton 1, J. W. Wilkins 2, Aubrey Seymour 3, Arthur Poulton 4, Gordon Strathdee 5, John Free 6. Conducted by Gordon Strathdee Aubrey Seymour, J. W. Wilkins. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the tenor.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, June 10th, at St. Allege for morning service, 309 Stedman Caters: A. Beer 1, H. Hosking 2, W. Rawlings 3, J. J. Lamb 4, E. E. Richards 5, G. Rawlings 6, I. G. Shade (conductor) 7, T. W. Thornton 8, T. Jakeman 9, W. Billings 10. The ringer of the treble hails from Portsmouth, and the ringer of the 8th from Didcot. Both were formerly members of the Greenwich local company.

CROMER, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, June 10th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, 360 Bob Minor: R. Amos 1, W. Tennant 2, E. Wilson 3, J. W. Wright 4, W. Tilley 5, A. W. Ward (conductor) 6.—After service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: W. Tennant 1, J. W. Wright (Wymondham) 2, E. Wilson 3, C. Pooley 4, W. Tilley (Market Deeping) 5, A. W. Ward (Bottesford) 6. Conducted by A. W. Ward. The 720 was specially arranged for the ringers of 2, 5 and 6, who were on a visit to Cromer.

BICESTER.—On Sunday, June 10th, at St. Edburgh's Church, Bicester, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for service: E. A. Clifton 1, W. Scarratt 2, J. Grimsley 3, F. Neale 4, B. Cox 5, Supt. Fairbrother 6, E. Hims 7, W. C. Farmer 8.—On Sunday, June 24th, at St. Edburgh's Church, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by service ringers, for service: T. Clifton 1, W. Scarratt 2, T. Hudson 3, F. Neale 4, B. Cox 5, E. A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, W. C. Farmer 8. First quarter ever rung by local service ringers.

SHRIFWSBURY.—On Sunday, June 10th, at St. Chad's Church, 377 Grandsire Caters: F. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. R. Lilley (conductor) 3, J. E. Lilley 4, D. J. Boucher 5, D. James 6, A. Griffiths 7, W. Fairhead 8, G. Jones 9, J. Evans 10. For evening service, 112 Double Norwich on the back eight. This is the first course rung for Sunday service.—Also 418 Grandsire Cinques: F. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. Boylin 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Pole 5, J. E. Lilley 6, G. Jones 7, A. Short 8, T. Pritchard 9, D. J. Boucher 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, D. James 12.—On June 7th, 315 Stedman Caters, conducted by Mr. G. Boylin.

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By A. J. PITMAN.

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WEDDING PEAL ATTEMPT.

On Saturday, June 30th, the marriage was solemnized between Miss L. Kemp and Mr. L. P. Cook, both of whom are regular ringers at the Portsmouth Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket. As the happy couple left the church, the local company started in an attempt for Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief through a shift-course in the 4th part: F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, Mrs. F. Burnett 2, Miss E. M. Burnett 3, P. Giles 4, W. L. Ayles 5, E. C. Martin 6, H. L. W. Aitken 7, W. Scaife 8. All who rang in the attempt are regular ringers at the church.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Next meeting at Evesham, on Saturday, July 7th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30; business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held at Parbold on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Billingborough on Saturday, July 7th. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5.15 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Thomas's, Exeter, on Saturday, July 7th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Buller Hall 5 p.m. Tea provided for non-members at 1s. per head. All ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: The Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), St. Thomas's (8), St. David's (8), Heavitree (8), St. Petrock's (6).—J. C. Oke, 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, July 7th, from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill on Saturday, July 7th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Please turn up in crowds, as efforts are being made to create interest.—C. Evans, Local Sec., Weston Road, Bridgwater.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 7th, at Hinton Blewett. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Sec., Midsomer Norton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual meetings will be held in Winchester on Saturday, July 7th, as follows: Central Committee, 11 a.m.; general meeting, 2.30 p.m.; and tea 5 p.m. (members 6d., visitors 1s.) in the Oddfellows' Hall, St. George's Street. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Bishop of Winchester.—(Revd.) N. C. Woods, Gen. Hon. Sec., Symond's Street.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting arranged for July 7th has been unavoidably postponed, and will now be held at Seend on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting directly after tea. Will those requiring tea please write to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

LONDON.—St. Clement's Youths, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday 6.30 till 8 p.m. Ringing, Sunday mornings, July 8, 15, 22, 29,

10 o'clock till 11 o'clock, also Sunday afternoon, July 8th, 2.15 till 3.15. Monthly business meeting, Wednesday, July 25th, at 8 p.m.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for July:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday 1st, 10 a.m.; Monday 9th, 6.30 p.m., business meeting afterwards (8.15) at headquarters; Monday, 23rd, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 10th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Monthly meetings for the practice of Cinques will take place in the Exeter Cathedral belfry on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. sharp. Next practice Wednesday, July 11th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Henbury on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3. Service at 4.30. Tea to follow. Please notify by July 9th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6), which have recently been augmented and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present must notify me not later than Wednesday, July 11th. Freiston bells (6) will also be available if required.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 14th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea arranged for 5.30, but please let me know by July 9th, those intending to be present, and oblige. Trains from Ealing Broadway at 2.14, 2.19, 2.43, 3.9 (G.W.R.) to Hayes Station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secretary, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The opening meeting will be held at Wigmore on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.45 at the Church Room, to those notifying me not later than Tuesday, July 10th.—A. Talbot, Dis. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Will members intending to come please send word so as to arrange for tea?—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, July 14th. Tea on Rectory

Lawn. Those requiring tea notify me by Tuesday, 10th.—S. J. Lawrence, 60, Harlestone Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at Shore. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at High Halden on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) available 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 14th, in St. John's School, at 3 p.m. Tea to follow at 1s. per head. Service in the Parish Church at 4.45 p.m. Please let Mr. J. E. Baker, 102, Eastland Road, Yeovil, know by Tuesday, July 10th, if you require Tea. Bells (10), available during afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., "Dunkery," Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Barnsley on July 14th. The Rector has kindly offered the use of the Rectory grounds, and trusts to have the presence of all members, with their wives and lady friends. Tea will be provided by Mrs. Hone at the Parish Rooms. Tickets, 1s. 6d. each, which must be applied for before July 7th, addressed to Mrs. Hone, The Rectory, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, July 14th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon E. L. Gedge. Tea and business meeting in Church House. A small charge per head will be made for tea, and all who intend being present must notify me by noon on Wednesday, the 11th. These bells have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, and all ringers will be welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The memorial to the late president of the above association, A. T. King, I.S.O., will be unveiled on Saturday, July 14th, at St. John the Baptist, Barnet, at 6 p.m. There will be ringing, with half-muffled bells, from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 1s. for those who advise me by Wednesday, July 11th. This will be at 4.45 p.m. Short N. and E. District business meeting at 5.30. Ringing for service at 5.45. The bells will be rung open after the service, and the bells at Hadley will also be available from about 7 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that all members of the association will attend, as well as friends of the late Mr. King, who will be heartily welcomed. The peal tablet will be unveiled at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, July 19th, at 7 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. to Memorial Committee.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Schools. Will all wishing for tea notify me before July 9th? All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. At this meeting a peal tablet will be un-

veiled, and the usual good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held in the Church Room at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, July 21st. Service in church, with sermon by the Venerable Archdeacon Farmiloe, at 3.30. Ringing as usual.—Herbert Drake, Hon. Sec., Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. It is particularly requested that all those who require Tea, let me know by Tuesday, 17th, the latest. Half fares up to 2/- paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7. These bells have only recently been re-hung, and are now in good ringing order.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Oadby on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m.—H. E. Norman, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, 1923.—The festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st (D.V.): Service in Cathedral at 11.15. Preacher: The Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, Master of Bedfordshire Association. Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2/6 each to members, 3/- to non-members. Application for dinner tickets, accompanied with remittance, to be made to General Sec., by Wednesday, July 18th.—Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Goudhurst on Saturday, July 21st. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Annual meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the 'Fox and Hounds' at 1s. 9d. per head for all who notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 17th. Ringers in the district who generally arrange an annual outing cannot do better than come to Carlton on Saturday, July 21st. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after. I will endeavour to arrange for tea should sufficient notify me by the 14th. All ringers welcome.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, July 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 18th.—Miss H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.— The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, July 28th, at Hyde, Service in St. George's Church, at 2 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

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FAIRFORD, GLOS.— On Friday, June 1st, touches of Grandsire Triples, including a 672, were rung by the following: G. Law 1, O. G. Farmer 2, B. Guy 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, G. W. Hastings 7, E. Telling 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the Rev. John Lane Hopkin, whose remains were interred at St. Mary's Church, Fairford, on June 1st, 1923.

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The ringing festival at Saffron Walden was an event of unique interest in the annals of ringing. The tercentenary of any Society is a historic occasion, and no ringing organisation has previously had the opportunity of celebrating a record of three hundred years of continuous existence. Therefore there is cause for special congratulation. Bells there were and ringers there were, for hundreds of years before 1623, but the foundations of the Saffron Walden Society were laid before the days of change-ringing as we now know it. The society came into existence eight years before Fabian Stedman was born at Cambridge, and fourteen years before the College Youths were established, and its history is authenticated by the curious bequest which has perpetuated the 'annual ringing day.' Thomas Turner, who owed his deliverance to the bells of Saffron Walden, did greater service than he knew, when he showed his gratitude by bequeathing a sum of money for an annual sermon to the ringers and the ringing of the bells. He was the means of building up a society which has not only kept his memory green, but which, in turn, has played its part in the building up of the Exercise.

Saffron Walden was one of the first among provincial towers to adopt scientific change-ringing, and from time to time the society has been among the foremost exponents of the art. In confirmation of this we have only to turn to the fact that Holt's Original was rung there in the year 1753, conducted by one of the ringers taking part—a feat which stands as almost, if not quite, the first on record in regard to this peal. Coming to later days, we associate with Saffron Walden the great family of the Pitstows. Fred—and ringers thus speak of him affectionately—is still the Ringing Master, after 65 years' connection with the belfry; and who, among the older generation of ringers to-day, does not recall the genius of his gifted brother Nathan, one of the greatest composers the Exercise has known, and one of the gentlest and most modest of men? Another composer, whose association with the tower goes back for half a century, is J. F. Penning, who in his day has rendered great service in the field in which he worked.

We recall these facts so that Saffron Walden's contribution to the art of ringing shall not be lost sight of in the brighter glare in which, at the moment, the Society is now basking. The three hundredth milestone is an interesting epoch in the onward march of any organisation, but the part that the Society has played in the progress of events is of more importance. For a provincial tower, Saffron Walden, largely by the men it has produced, has left its mark more deeply than most, and the Exercise will hope,

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TEN BELL PEAL.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in F.

JOHN W. WOOD... ..	Treble	WALTER H. WOOD	6
GEORGE LADD	2	WILLIAM DICKINSON	7
FRANK I. HAIRS... ..	3	FRED WILFORD	8
MRS. HAIRS	4	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH	9
WILLIAM RICHARDSON	5	REV. H. LAW JAMES	Tenor

Adapted from ANNABLE. Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Rung for the wedding of Mr. S. Clarke and Miss Mabel Reynolds organist of Surfleet, on Monday, July 2nd, in the Parish Church, also of Rupert Richardson, a sidesman and ringer in the parish, and Miss Annie Parkins, a ringer in St. Augustine's, Woodston, in Woodston Church, on Tuesday, July 3rd. * First peal of Bob Royal on tower bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

POPLAR, E.

On Tuesday, June 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, COBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*DALBY S. HODGSON	Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE	5
JOHN J. LAMB	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
GEORGE R. PYE... ..	3	GEORGE H. DAYNES	7
HAROLD W. CLARK	4	DALBY HODGSON	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. S. E. Daynes (son of the conductor) to Miss N. Pattenden. * First peal and first attempt. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble (who is son of the tenor ringer) for the excellent way he rang throughout.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 26, 1923, 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 14 cwt.

ROBERT GREEN	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
JOHN FEIST	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
ARTHUR GRAVETT	3	KEITH HART... ..	7
GEORGE LUCAS	4	WILLIAM STENNING	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WHITEMAN... ..	Treble	FRANK RUFFLES	5
GEORGE PRYKE	2	JOHN HALL	6
LESLIE G. BRETT	3	HARRY HALL	7
WILLIAM J. G. BROWN	4	WALTER RUFFLES	Tenor

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On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON 6
JOSEPH B. FENTON 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
WALTER MALINS 4	JOHN W. CHANDLER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by WALTER MALINS
Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and as a birthday compliment to the fathers of the ringers of 7th and tenor.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Four Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7488 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING 5	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
JOHN HAYES 2	EDWARD V. RODENEHORST 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
WALTER THOMAS 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
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TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY W. BROWN 5	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 5
GEORGE W. TEMPLE 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
*THEODORE GRANT 3	*CHARLES W. BELL 7
*RICHARD J. COUSIN 4	THOMAS F. KING Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.
* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged as a compliment to the Rev. B. W. and Mrs. Shephard Walwyn, on the christening of their daughter.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD

On Wednesday, July 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*EDWARD G. GRINDELL 5	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
ERNEST E. GRIMES 2	*THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
*PERCIVAL WOODS 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
*LESLIE G. BRETT 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method. First attempt by the ringer of the 4th who had previously only rung a plain course of the method. Arranged as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

TÁUNTON, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY MERSON 5	ARTHUR R. THORN 5
FRANK MILLARD 2	HENRY BOSLEY 6
*WILLIAM H. TARR 3	JAMES HUNT 7
ARTHUR S. BOAR 4	†FRANK CAVILL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal on bob bell. † First peal on eight bells. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of W. H. Tarr.

THAMES DITTON.—On Wednesday, May 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: W. Massey 1, F. Goddard (conductor) 2, G. Higgs 3, G. Adley 4, F. Hawthorne 5, W. Tilley 6. All except the conductor are of the local band, and is their first attempt having only learnt method ringing since Christmas last. Their first 120 was rung on the Thursday previous.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOSEPH BANKS 5	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS 5
THOMAS WALLWORK 2	ROBERT WALLWORK 6
JAMES SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.
The composition is the author's No. 139, and is now rung for the first time.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ERNEST WHITING 5	CHARLES CUTTING 5
*WILLIAM CLOVER 2	GEORGE CROSS 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	FREDERICK BORRETT 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

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

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*ADAM BLOGG 5	*FRED RIGBY 5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 2	*WILLIAM LANCASTER 6
*JOHN BOOTH 3	*JOHN GARTSIDE 7
*WILLIAM SHARPLES 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Charles H. Dyer, many years vicar of the above church.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HORACE ROBINSON 5	HENRY FUSSELL 5
JAMES PARKER 2	ALBERT BURCOMBE 6
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	JAMES SMITH 7
WILLIAM DYER 4	FRANK COLE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of ten 120's of Plain Bob and St. Simon's and twenty-two of Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt.

EDWIN BALL 4	ALBERT TRUMAN 4
JOHN VINCENT 2	†WALTER TRUMAN 5
*ALAN LOVELOCK 3	*ALBERT DENNIS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TRUMAN.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung after the wedding of Major H. C. Pensonby and Miss B. M. C. Levinge. First peal on the bells by a local band and rung at the first attempt.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Monday, June 2nd, at the Parish Church, in honour of the King's birthday, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major (1,280 changes): J. Woodberry 1, N. Davies 2, E. J. Brookes 3, K. Salter 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Davies 6, J. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Bristol by K. Salter and J. Davies.

KIMPTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. approx.

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

† THOMAS J. HULL Treble	W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM ... 4
* JOSEPH F. CHATLEY 2	† HARRY HOLLICK 5
JOHN MALYON 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in five methods. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, June 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT 12, GREVILLE PLACE, ST. JOHN'S WOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

H. G. BENSON (King's) ... 1—2	E. M. ATKINS (St. Cath.) ... 5—6
E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) ... 3—4	REV. F. P. CHEETHAM (St. John) 7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1—2	ALFRED H. POLLING 5—6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3—4	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7—8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Witnesses: MRS. POLLING AND MISS J. MELVILLE.

Two previous attempts for this peal without an umpire were lost after 1 hr. 5 mins. and 2 hrs. 15 mins. respectively. It is 19 years since Mr. Hesse rang a handbell peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Friday, July 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON 1—2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5—6
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 3—4	* E. ALEXANDER YOUNG ... 7—8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpires: THOMAS BENNEY, WILSON RUSHTON, CHARLES W. ROBERTS
* First peal.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCE.

STANTON SHROPSHIRE.—On Saturday, May 5th, six members of the Salop Guild attempted a peal of Minor in seven methods, but owing to the indisposition of the ringer of the second, the bells were allowed to run round after two 720's (Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob) had been rung: W. Clay 1, J. E. Lilley 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 4, R. Polo 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6.—After tea, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung: A. Shotton (first 720 of Minor) 1, C. R. Lilley 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. Polo 4, W. Clay (first 720 of Treble Bob) on a bob bell 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (first 720 of Treble Bob as conductor) 6.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, on July 4th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. E. T. Hector and Miss D. A. Smith, 50' Stedman Triples: J. Griffith 1, J. E. Lilley 2, R. Polo 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, G. Jones 5, W. Fairhead 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, D. J. Boucher 8. Also 504' Stedman (from Washbrook's 10-part peal): W. B. Kynaston 1, J. E. Lilley 2, R. Polo 3, W. Fairhead 4, D. J. Boucher 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6, G. Jones 7, J. Ewan 8.—500 Bob Major: J. Griffiths 1, J. E. Lilley 2, R. Polo 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, G. Jones 5, D. J. Boucher 6, W. Fairhead 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. Also two courses of Double Norwich on handbells.

A NEW PEAL FOR RUTLAND.

IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION AT GREETHAM.

Just an old-world village out of the beaten track, miles from a railway station, and in the heart of the country where only the motorist disturbs the peace of the pastorate—such is Greetham, in the county of Rutland. Here on June 30th, the sound of bells broke the silence of a century. More than a hundred years ago, the steeple of the village church collapsed, and buried beneath boulders of stone, the old four bells, three of which were broken in pieces—therefore the oldest inhabitant had never heard the village bells.

The idea of a restoration as a war memorial occurred to the Rector (the Rev. J. D. Massey), himself a ringer, and one time a curate of Aylestone, near Leicester. The idea grew into tangible shape, and Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were given a contract to recast the old bells, adding another to make a ring of five. This the firm has done with its accustomed ability, hanging the bells on latest principles, with iron H frames, on steel girders anchored in the walls, with gudgeons and rollers on ball bearings, the result being a most musical ring of bells.

The dedication and opening ceremony was fixed for Saturday, June 30th, at 3 p.m., and shortly before that time, the village brass band paraded and marched to the church. Many of the rustics wore 'the red badge of courage,' and decorations won on the fields of Flanders, and the sight of these humble heroes back from a world-war paying their homage to those comrades who have 'marched on' into the Unknown, revived the waning spirit of patriotism.

In the absence, through illness, of the Lord Bishop of Leicester, the service was taken by the Rev. J. H. Charles, M.A., Rural Dean and Rector of Oakham, and commenced with Psalm 31 followed by the usual prayers. Significant was the one for the local men who had fallen, and as their names were read out—'who gave their lives to defend us, accept, O Lord, their self-sacrifice and grant them a place of Peace where the Light of Thy countenance shines for ever, and where all tears are wiped away'—in that old church that would know them no more, down many a wrinkled face a furtive tear found a furrow. The hymn, 638 (A. and M.), might have been written for an occasion such as this, with its wonderful pathos for those who have passed on:—

Not spilt like water on the ground,
Not wrapped in dreamless sleep profound,
Not wandering in unknown despair,
Beyond Thy Voice, Thine Arm, Thy care;
Not left to lie like fallen tree,
Not dead, but living unto Thee.

The address by the Rural Dean followed descriptive of the message of the bells to all men, after which the well-known bell hymn, 'Lift them gently to the steeple,' was sung. Then the Blessing, and, after a minute's tense silence, from beneath the tower at the west end came the strident tones of 'The Last Post,' blown splendidly by a grizzled warrior wearing the Boer War medal, and with the 1914 and numerous other ribbons 'up.' Many of the men stood to 'Attention' with the memories of other days, while those who had never before figured in the last tribute to a soldier, waited in wonder and shuddered as the bugle-call wound its way to the weird finale, sounding as it does like the cry of a lost soul—'Are you there? are you there?'

It was over, and the bells spoke for the first time as ringers from St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, and from Oakham pulled off. Three six-scores of Doubles were rung, and then the bells were 'freed.' The congregation was loath to move, and when it was seen that a lady was ringing with the ease of the men, others came in to see, until all were satisfied that Greetham had really got a peal of bells of its own again!

After tea, ringing was continued, and the unanimous opinion was that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had given of their best, and the utmost satisfaction, the sweetness of the bells being excellent, and the workmanship leaving nothing to be desired. As the frame is made for six bells, the time may come when a treble will be added, and if so the pleasure will be thereby increased.

DEATH OF A SHIPLEY RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Job A. Ross, who passed away at his residence, Bradford Road, Shipley, Yorks on May 26th, at the age of 73 years. The deceased was a service ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 40 years, but owing to ill-health retired from ringing about two years ago. The funeral took place at Pudsey Cemetery on May 30th, Mr. Thomas B. Kendall representing the local company.

On Saturday, June 2nd, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but after 1 hr. 50 mins.' ringing a bob was missed, and stand was called. The ringers taking part were: S. Palfreman 1, H. Davison 2, A. Gill 3, T. B. Kendall 4, R. Umpleby 5, F. Hopwood 6, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 7, J. Broadley 8.—For Sunday morning service, a 1,008 of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled by the local company. His many ringing friends extend their deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**A TRIP INTO SHROPSHIRE AND STAFFORDSHIRE.**

On Saturday, June 23rd, the King's Norton ringers met for their annual outing. They were accompanied by a few friends, ringers and otherwise, amongst whom were Mr. Moore, one of the churchwardens, Mr. Boffey (late churchwarden), and Messrs. James George, Sam Grove, and Ernest Allaway.

A good run of about 30 miles brought the party to that fine old town of Bridgnorth, where they were met by Mr. Overton, one of the local veterans. The bells (a beautiful peal of eight, with a 19½ cwt. tenor) were soon raised in peal, and going to the tune of Cambridge Major, a two course touch being successfully brought round, followed by touches of Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples, after which the bells were lowered in peal. The Rector was thanked for the use of the bells.

Coalbrookdale was reached after a delightful run through some of the valleys of the River Severn. The party were met by the Rector and Mr. William Saunders, of the local men, who conducted them to the belfry. The local band are certainly to be congratulated on the way they keep their ringing chamber. The bells (a very good peal of eight, with a tenor weighing 19½ cwt.) having been raised in peal, a touch of Cambridge Major was then rung in excellent style, followed by three courses of Stedman Triples. Mr. Saunders taking part in the latter touch. Shrewsbury was the next stop, and was reached about one o'clock.

Here permission to ring was only obtainable at St. Chad's, and while some of the party, accompanied by Mr. Lilley, captain of the St. Chad's ringers, went to prepare lunch at the Parish Room, the rest spent the time in looking round the church, which is rather peculiarly built, being round in shape in the classic style. In plan it consists of two unequal circles intersecting each other, the larger forming the nave and chancel, and the smaller an inner vestibule. It is interesting to note that wherever one sits in this church they face the pulpit.

After lunch, Mr. Churchwarden Moore, during the course of a few remarks, said how pleased he was to be with the party again, and thanked them for inviting him. He also, on behalf of the ringers, thanked Mr. Percy O. Laffin, who had had all the arrangements in hand, for the most efficient way in which he had carried them out.—Mr. Boffey also expressed his pleasure at being with them once more.—Mr. Laffin replied, mentioning Mr. William Ball and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williams, who had helped in no small way towards making the outing a success.—Mr. James George thanked the King's Norton ringers for inviting him.

A move was made to St. Chad's belfry to 'try' that fine peal of twelve, with a 39½ cwt. tenor, by Taylor. At the church the ringers met Mr. Pryce Taylor, who took part in the subsequent ringing when the bells had been raised. Stedman Cinques was attempted, but unfortunately lost. Then followed a touch of Stedman Caters, which, if it did not come round, was well struck. With the help of Mr. Lilley and three of his young pupils, three leads of Treble Bob Maximus were, more or less, successfully brought round, and after some well-struck Cambridge Major (which was the first Cambridge on the bells) the party adjourned to the Parish Room for tea. Tea being finished, the party boarded the old bus, and started for Brewood the last place to be visited. At Brewood the bells are of a very nice tone (tenor about a ton), and they were soon ringing out Cambridge and London Surprise Major, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples, the bells being lowered at about 3.45 p.m.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents and local men, and all who helped to make this outing such a great success.

100 MILES AND 6 TOWERS.

On Thursday, June 21st, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, Westmorland, had their outing, through West Cumberland, via Coniston, Seascale, and St. Bees. At St. Bees a short touch of Grandsire was rung. The next stop was Egremont, a peal of eight, where a 504 Grandsire was rung, conducted by T. Newton. After dinner the party journeyed to Cleator Moor, another handy ring of eight (tenor 21 cwt.). This tower suggested another 504, which was tapped off in good style, conducted by T. F. Hewertson. Next to Kensington, where there is a very handy ring of eight tenor about 13 cwt., a 350 and two touches of Bob Minor were rung, with the local ringers. Tea was partaken of at Cockermouth, where the tower was visited after tea. Here a very handy ring of eight (tenor 13 cwt.) has been rehung. Time was allowed for a quarter-peal, which was tapped off in 50 minutes, conducted by W. Robinson; then a course of Stedman with Mr. T. W. Holme, who had made all ready for the visitors. Keswick was reached at 8.15, where three of the local hand were waiting. A short touch of Grandsire was rung, conducted by E. L. Bennett. A short touch of Stedman was attempted, but after two attempts was given up, and this concluded the day's ringing. Ambleside being reached about 11 o'clock. The party expressed themselves well satisfied with the day's outing, having covered 100 miles and rung in six towers.

A TRIP ON THE WOLDS.

On Whit Monday members and friends of the All Saints' Guild, Gainsborough, numbering 24, had a very enjoyable outing, by charabanc, Louth, Waltham, Caister and Bigby being visited. At Louth a 2½ hours' stop enabled the party to look round the town and have some good ringing on the fine peal of eight bells (tenor 30 cwt.) at the Parish Church. At Waltham some excellent six-bell ringing was done, everybody getting a short touch. At Caister they met Mr. Segar, of Retford, who was on his way home by motor-cycle from Clæthorpes, and who stopped for a pull on the peal of six.

Caister was one of the first towers to take up change ringing in North Lincolnshire. On arrival at Bigby at 5 p.m., the visitors were welcomed by the local company, who joined them at tea.

Afterwards the Rev. H. T. Parry invited the party to look round his gardens, and took several photographs of them. Several good touches were brought round on the light ring of six bells. Home was reached at 9.20 p.m., everyone having had a happy time. The methods rung were: At Louth, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major; at the six-bell towers, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

RINGERS WEDDED.**MR. RUPERT RICHARDSON AND MISS A. PARKINS.**

The wedding of Mr. Rupert Richardson, of Sufleet and Miss Annie Parkins, of Woodston, Peterborough, took place at Woodston Church on Tuesday of last week. Mr. Richardson, who is well known throughout the Exercise, is a prominent member of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, which he represents on the Central Council. Miss Parkins is also a well-known ringer, and the marriage has created the greatest interest throughout ringing circles. The Rev. H. Law James assisted at the ceremony, and gave an impressive address, the service being attended by a number of ringing friends of the happy pair.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT IN CORNWALL.

St. Stephen's-by-Launceston is now in possession of a peal of eight bells, which were dedicated on Thursday, June 28th. Messrs. Taylor and Co. refound the six old bells, added two trebles, and have hung the octave on ball bearings in a frame constructed on the latest engineering principles. The bells, with a tenor of 16 cwt. in E, have been tuned on Messrs. Taylor's reinforced harmonic principle, doing away with harshness close to the tower, and giving the sound a greater carrying distance.

The Vicar, in the absence through indisposition of the Archdeacon of Bodmin, dedicated the bells, and the founders were represented at the ceremony by Mr. Pryce Taylor.

Subsequently there was a public luncheon in the Church Hall, presided over by the Mayor, who was accompanied by the town clerk and members of the Corporation.

The Mayor, who is a Nonconformist, proposed the toast of 'The Bishop and Clergy and the Ringers of St. Stephen's,' and in a broad-minded speech urged that the churches should minimise their differences and co-operate with all their sympathies in fighting the enemies of the church universal.

Canon Lewis (St. Neots) replied, and Canon Drews submitted the toast of 'The Mayor, his chaplain, and the members of the Town Council.'

'The Health of the Vicar' was also drunk, and testimony to Canon Drews's work in the parish and the universal affection, respect and love in which he was held was paid by the proposer.

Later there was a public tea, followed by evensong in the church, and afterwards the parishioners entered spiritedly into various amusements which concluded with a dance.

GRANDSIRE CATERS AT CHELMSFORD.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In your report of a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Mary's, Chelmsford (now the Cathedral), on Saturday, June 30th, this is called the 'first of Grandsire Caters on the bells.' The first peal of Grandsire Caters on the Chelmsford bells, to which I rang the 8th, was on May 21st, 1888, conducted by the late Mr. G. Newson. The next was conducted by Mr. J. W. Washbrook on Feb. 25th, 1889, in which I also took part, with the Revs. J. F. Hastings and F. E. Robinson; Mr. Arthur Edwards (then a member of our Writtle company) ringing the treble, and Mr. W. Lincoln the 9th. It will hardly be contended, I suppose, that since the church has become a Cathedral, and the bells have been increased to twelve, an entirely fresh belfry start has been made?—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON,

Formerly Vicar of Writtle, Essex.

P.S.—May I congratulate Mr. Edwards upon this peal, in which no fewer than seven members rang their first of Grandsire Caters?

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. THE PROPOSED DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

The ancient city of Winchester was on Saturday the meeting-place of members of the Diocesan Guild for their annual festival, and the event was memorable from the fact that the Bishop took a share in the proceedings. Something like eighty ringers were present, representing many towers in this widespread diocese, Surrey and Isle of Wight bellfries contributing their quota, as well as the Hampshire branches. The Cathedral, now in possession of a ring of twelve bells, was the centre of attraction to the visitors as they arrived, and many of the members had their first pull on this number. The business meeting was held in the Oddfellows' Hall, and was well attended. The Rev. C. E. Matthews (vice-president) occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. G. Williams (Master) and the Rev. N. C. Woods (hon. secretary and treasurer).

The general balance sheet showed that the receipts amounted to £81 2s. 10d., and the expenditure to £45 18s. 2d., the balance in hand having increased from £33 0s. 3d. to £48 4s. 11d. The accounts had been audited by Mr. G. Smith, and were adopted.

THE PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BELLS.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews was re-elected vice-president, and in thanking the members, said that was the 29th year he had been connected with the Guild, and it had been a great pleasure to him, ever since he had been in the diocese, to be associated with the members of the Guild. Referring to some of the work of the past year, he said he had had the honour of dedicating the new peal at Hursley, and he thought those who had heard them would agree that the bells were a very musical lot. He had also inspected the bells at Farnborough, and was going on the morrow to Sopley to confer with the Vicar upon restoration work, a serious crack having developed in the south-west corner of the tower owing to the condition of the bell frame. Continuing, the Vice-President said he was a member of the Advisory Committee for the diocese, and was giving special attention to any application in connection with church bells. He regarded the agreement reached between the Central Council and the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings as a very important one. They had only to look at the Rev. W. E. Colchester's record of the bells of that county to be persuaded that the ancient bells should be protected and taken care of and not recast unless it was absolutely necessary. He was quite sure most of the members would agree with that. There had been a great inclination on the part of modern bell founders to recast old bells in order to make them more tuneful. In some cases that might be absolutely necessary, but it was a very wise recommendation that really historic bells that represented a period of bell founding of which specimens were rare, should not be recast at all, but kept either in a museum, or locally as objects of ecclesiastical art, and that new bells should be supplied to take the place of the old (hear, hear). He hoped the report of the conference would be read by all incumbents and churchwardens, who in many towers did not always realise the value of the bells they had got (applause).

Earlier in the proceedings the chairman had stated that the report of the conference had appeared, in a watered down condition, in the 'Canterbury Diocesan Chronicle,' and would appear in the 'Winchester Diocesan Chronicle' next month.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies, one of the representatives of the Central Council at the conference with the S.P.A.B., said their great desire was to come to a united statement that they could both back, because the society looked at things from rather a different point of view to that of the Central Council. The whole object was to avoid anything like friction between them. It, therefore, followed that one could not say anything very decided either on the side of wood or metal frames, and they drew up a schedule of the advantages and disadvantages of each kind of material.

JOINT SECRETARIES ELECTED.

Mr. George Williams was re-elected Master. The Chairman said he had been unable to get the services of a person to fill the office of general secretary, and the committee recommended that Mr. George Williams and Mr. George Pullinger be elected to act jointly for the year.—This was unanimously agreed to, and the Rev. N. C. Woods, who had temporarily carried out the duties of hon. secretary and treasurer, was re-elected hon. treasurer.—Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsea) was appointed Recorder of Peals, in place of Mr. Pullinger, and Mr. George Smith (Twyford) was re-elected auditor, with thanks for his services in the past year.

The following were elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council: Rev. C. E. Matthews, Messrs. G. Williams, A. H. Pulling and H. Barton.

DIOCESAN DIVISION.

The Chairman said the committee had that morning discussed at length the proposed division of the Diocese, and its effect upon the Guild, and the committee came to the conclusion that the best course to pursue was to hold a special meeting when the result of the deliberation in the National Assembly in the following week, was known. As the members were aware, the National Assembly would decide the matter one way or the other, and a Bill would then go

through Parliament to make the scheme legal. The committee thought it would be premature to discuss any question of the possible division of the Guild until they knew exactly what the division of the diocese was going to be. Personally he would be very sorry to see the Guild split up, but if the diocese should be divided into three, it was for ringers in each of the new dioceses to say what they would like. If the ringers in a new Guildford diocese were to wish to have a diocesan guild of their own, there would be nothing to stop them from having it. The same would be true of a new diocese of Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight, but the committee felt that no decision should be arrived at until the various districts had been sounded as to their wishes, and until they knew exactly what was going to happen. When they knew how matters stood they would call a meeting of the committee to go into the whole question.

Mr. W. Andrews (Winchester) said the ringers in Hampshire would very much regret losing any part of the present membership of the Guild. The visit of Surrey men was always looked forward to, and they would feel their loss very much. He hoped, if the diocese were divided, that it would be possible to carry on the Guild as it was at present. He thought a division would not make for efficiency, but rather the reverse, and he should personally very much regret it, if old associations were broken. The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association had continued, in spite of the division of the diocese with very satisfactory results, and he saw no reason why their own Guild should be divided, even if the division of the diocese took place (applause).

Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford) said Surrey members would feel a severance as much as, and probably more than, Hampshire members, because they would miss the grand old Cathedral and the hearty welcome they met in Winchester. But if they did form a separate Guild he was sure by far the greater portion of the present Surrey members would remain as 'compounding members' of the Winchester Guild, and would come to their meetings whenever possible (applause).

Mr. W. T. Tucker (North Stoneham) said Portsmouth district had passed a resolution that in the event of a division of the diocese they recommended that the Guild be called the Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild, and continue the same as before with a different name (hear, hear).

The Chairman said he thought that would be the best solution. Mr. Whittington (Cranleigh) urged that the matter should be discussed at the district meetings, so that they might have some tangible scheme when the division did come.

The Chairman said the question was a most important one, and he hoped the members would go back to their different districts and discuss the question.

The matter then dropped.

OTHER MATTERS.

Mr. A. H. Pulling moved that the Guild record on the minutes a vote of congratulation to Mr. George Williams upon his having rung one thousand peals. He looked upon Mr. Williams as a great ringer, not simply because he had rung a thousand peals, but because, although he could ring anything, he did not mind ringing the lowest methods to help the less advanced ringers (applause). By doing this Mr. Williams had been doing a lot of good.—Mr. R. Brown seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation.

Mr. J. J. Jones proposed that the next annual meeting be held at Farnham, whether the diocese had been divided or not. It would perhaps be the last meeting under the present Bishop.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester seconded. He said they would be transgressing the rule which laid it down that the annual meeting be held in Winchester, but as an exception, under special circumstances, he thought they might take this course.

The Chairman said it was a most charming idea, and the motion was agreed to, the first Saturday in July, 1924, being selected.

The Rev. W. E. Colchester explained the reason for his sudden resignation of the treasurer'ship during the year. He held it an unpleasant thing to do in the middle of the year, but the reason was that he had a letter from an official, telling him that a resolution, which had been passed by the Guild at its general meeting, had been absolutely negated by the action of certain members of the Guild. He felt that after that he could not act as an official of the Guild any longer. He wanted to make that explanation, but hoped nothing further would be said of the matter.

This concluded the business, and the members then attended the beautiful choral evensong in the Cathedral, being provided with seats in the choir. The Bishop of Winchester was the preacher, and based his address upon words of the 150th Psalm. He enlarged upon the connection between material and spiritual things, as illustrated by the bell, and exhorted his hearers not to neglect their duty of attending worship after they had rung the bells for service.

Tea was served in the Oddfellows' Hall, and the Bishop afterwards looked in, and expressed the great pleasure which it gave him to meet the members of the Guild. He added words of counsel and encouragement, and was interested to hear from the Rev. C. E. Matthews (who proposed a vote of thanks to his lordship), the attitude of the members relating to the division of the diocese, as shown in the annual meeting.

There was further ringing in the evening at the Cathedral.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS RINGERS IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, June 16th, the ringers of St. Peter's Church, Irthlingborough, with friends from Finedon and Wollaston (all ringers) held their first but very successful whole day's outing, visiting five churches in Bedfordshire.

A start was made from Irthlingborough at eight o'clock, and after a good run of about thirty-two miles, the first stop was made at Barton-in-the-Clay. The bells were pulled up, and a course of Kent Treble Bob rung. After a good touch of Double Norwich, a course of London Surprise was thought to be the first in the method on the bells. Mr. Kendall, a local ringer, took part in a short touch of Stedman Triples, and the bells were then lowered in peal. The Vicar very kindly provided light refreshments.

Luton was reached about 12 o'clock. Several of the local band welcomed us. Stedman and Double Norwich were rung on the fine peal of eight, but London Surprise wouldn't go at all, and after two attempts the bells were lowered. At Dunstable luncheon was served. Mr. A. Sharman, secretary of the Bedfordshire ringers, joined the party. Dunstable has a beautiful church, and contains a fine peal of eight bells, tenor weighing about 26 cwt., and those trying this bell thought it the best, considering the metal, that they had ever handled. At all five of the belfries there were several ringers to welcome and assist the company. Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise were rung. London Surprise unfortunately came to grief in the last lead. The Rev. Canon Baker was thanked for the use of the bells, and the ringers for their assistance.

A pleasant time was spent at Woburn with several local men. The church is a fine new building. The ring of eight bells were taken from the old tower and hung in the new one, after being recast, and are a very musical peal. Several methods were rung, including London and Cambridge Surprise. After tea, arranged by one or two of the local ringers, the handbells were brought into use.

Newport Pagnell was the next place. Half an hour's good ringing was enjoyed on the peal of eight, a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise finishing a good day's ringing.

After a long stop at Olney, Irthlingborough was reached about 12 o'clock. All agreed that the first outing was a huge success.—Thanks were accorded to all the clergy for the use of their bells, the ringers who so kindly welcomed and assisted at the various towers, and Mr. A. Sharman for his great help with the splendid arrangements.

THE DISPUTED PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Being one of the ringers in the peal of Bob Minor at Tilney All Saints I contradict the remarks made by Mr. W. Rose in his letter published in 'The Ringing World' of July 6th. I am not quite an infant in the art of ringing, and should know if a peal were false. The first 720 (9 bobs and 8 singles) was perfectly correct, as were also the following six (one with 22 singles and five with 18 bobs and 2 singles from the tenor).

Mr. Rose mentions they were called alike; therefore, if he says a bob was missed in the first, how was it he did not know the second was a different calling? The answer is that he knows very little about ringing. The tenor is 45 ins. (17 cwt. approximately in E flat). Mr. Rose is wrong in claiming it to be 22½ cwt.—Yours truly,
FRED C. WIGMORE.

Mr. Tony Price asks Mr. Rose to say what the calling of the first 720 was (or should have been), and say which bob was left out, so that it may be known what did happen. Bob Minor cannot come home at the 604th change, because the treble is striking her back-stroke in fifth's place at the 604th change. Mr. Price adds: Mr. Rose says they only repeated it six times. Doesn't that make seven? Tilney tenor was cast by Thomas Norris, of Stamford, in 1661, and is 45 5-8 in. in diameter, the note being E flat. I tremble when I think of the sound resulting from anybody striking a bell (?) 22½ cwt. in F sharp, as Mr. Rose says it is. I should be surprised if she weighs more than 17 cwt. Will some expert please tell us the approximate weight? There is a good draft of rope, but nothing like 75ft. Some new ropes they had were only 75ft. total length, and they have yards to spare. This is only the third peal on the bells, so nobody can say for certain what is the fastest they can be rung. In conclusion, everybody who heard the peal (except Mr. Rose) said it was quick ringing and good striking. Mr. W. Rose is a Tilney ringer, and your correspondent is not the W. Rose of Thornham Magna, in Suffolk.

We have also received a letter from 'Magna est veritas, et prævalebit,' dealing with the same points.—Ed. 'R.W.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. E. Alexander Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, has scored his first peal—Stedman Triples on handbells. Although he has been connected with ringing for many years, and keenly interested, Mr. Young has never been an ardent peal ringer, but he has now 'broken his duck's egg' in a worthy manner.

Mr. W. Prickett, formerly of Chepstow, has reached Durban, and has joined the ringing society there, to which he is a valuable addition.

Cannock bells have just been rehung and augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They are to be dedicated to-morrow, and on Saturday week there is to be an 'open' day for ringers. An announcement in our columns gives particulars.

Emiskillen Church tower, which contained a peal of eight, cast in 1841 by the Whitechapel Foundry, was destroyed by fire on Thursday of last week, and, according to the 'Dublin Evening Herald,' the bells were damaged by becoming red hot.

According to a correspondent this was not the only disaster in an Irish belfry, for on the same day a peal of Bob Royal was destroyed at Christ Church, Dublin, through the conductor singing 'As pants the hart for cooling streams,' instead of calling a bob.

We understand that the Chester Guild men intend making an attempt for the postponed long peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Over, on July 21st.

The St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, Society, travelled to Winchester on Saturday for their annual outing, and their visit coincided with the annual festival of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The opening peal at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, was rung by the College Youths on July 18th, 1798—just a century and a quarter ago.

Two well-known Guildford ringers made an early excursion last week in order to attend the wedding of Mr. Rupert Richardson and Miss Parkins at Peterborough. They rose at 2.30 a.m., and, making the journey by road, were in Peterborough before 9 a.m.

Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Guild, who was in charge of the ringing at the annual festival at Winchester on Saturday, first rang at the Cathedral exactly fifty years ago.

A Ladies' Guild is in process of formation in Exeter. The organisation has been taken up by Mr. W. J. Southwood, the enthusiastic hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild. Already splendid support has been accorded the effort, and a most suitable tower, St. Petrock's, with its recently rehung light peal, has been placed at the disposal of the ladies for practice, while the Vicar promises to become the first president. We presume that later on, this band will become affiliated to the larger Ladies' Guild, which covers the whole country.

The ring of ten bells at Hanley Parish Church, which have been silent for some years, have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The old bells did not go well for some time before ringing upon them was stopped, and the tone was always poor. The new bells have been tuned on the five-tone principle, and hung in a new frame on ball bearings. As stated in our Notice columns they will be dedicated on Saturday week by the Bishop of Stafford.

Very useful 'pocket information' is issued by the Devon Guild. It sets out the objects of the Guild, and gives a list of the branch secretaries and the practice nights of all the towers affiliated, the object being to encourage inter-tower visits.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' CERTIFICATE.

ORIGINAL ENGRAVINGS NOW AVAILABLE.

Considerable attention has been given by a special committee towards the interesting position arising from the discovery of the great value attaching to their certificate, inasmuch as it is a verified work of the famous Italian engraver, Bartolozzi. Arising from this is the important fact that for a long period of years the certificates have been produced by photolithography, and have thus lost much of the grand beauty of the original.

At a recent meeting of the society various prints in different shades of colour, including the well-known Bartolozzi tint, were shown, each having been taken direct from the plate itself. These, especially when contrasted with the lithograph prints, were the subject of the highest commendation, and the members present expressed not only delight, but considerable astonishment that such beauty and such a treasure should have remained practically dormant for so many years.

It was felt that an opportunity should be given to all members to obtain original engravings and the plate having been carefully renovated by one of the most expert engravers in England, and steel-faced for the production of these works of art, new certificates may be obtained by existing members on application to the hon. secretary with an enclosed postal order for 2s. 6d.

Entries on old certificates should be supplied when ordering, also whether a 'Black and white,' or 'lined' is required. New members will be supplied with an ordinary print unless otherwise stated when the above amount must be charged.

The Saffron Walden Tercentenary.

ESSEX TOWN'S GREAT FESTIVAL.

PUBLIC DINNER AND RECEPTION.

There was a notable gathering of ringers at Saffron Walden for the Tercentenary of the local society, which was celebrated on June 27th, as already briefly reported in our columns. The Saffron Walden Society has an authentic history throughout these three hundred years, for on June 27th, 1623, they were left a legacy by Thomas Turner, a merchant of the town, in gratitude for a deliverance from danger. He had lost his way in the woods at Audley End (doubtless a terrifying experience in those days), and was saved from his desperate plight by the bells of Saffron Walden, whose sounds guided him to his home. He bequeathed a yearly sum to the ringers with the stipulation that on that date each year they should ring the bells of the parish church, and have a sermon preached to them. He also left a suitable sum to the minister who preached the sermon, and to the church clerk who opened the church.

That was three centuries ago, and regularly ever since the annual 'ringing day' has been observed.

In order that the tercentenary might be fittingly commemorated a local committee was formed to collect subscriptions and make the necessary arrangements for entertaining the local ringers and their visitors, the committee consisting of Dr. J. P. Atkinson (chairman), Mrs. Hughes, Miss Clayden, Messrs. J. S. W. Leverett and H. Trigg (churchwardens), F. Pitstow (Master of the ringers), J. F. Penning (hon. treasurer), and R. A. Strong (hon. secretary). The local ringers taking part in the festival were Messrs. F. Pitstow (Master), E. Pitstow, F. J. Pitstow, A. E. Pitstow, H. N. Pitstow, L. Pitstow, F. Dench, J. F. Penning, A. Evenett, A. Coe, A. F. James, W. Parish, C. Freeman and R. A. Strong. Among the visitors were Dr. L. Taylor (Clapton), Miss Shorter (Cambridge), Messrs. W. Pilman (Canterbury Cathedral), W. Lawrence (Little Munden), A. E. Austin (Great Shelford), H. Tucker and H. Dew (Bishop's Stortford), W. J. Hazell, Green, Hibbins and T. R. Dennis (Cambridge), J. Waaghorn (East Ham), T. Prior (King's Lynn), Rivers (Drayton), Beach (Woodford Green), A. Prior (London, E.), G. Dent (Harlow), G. H. Elliott (Sudbury), W. J. Nerard (Great Bentley), W. Prior, T. Jordan (Stansted), T. Fitzjohn (Grimsby), Oldacre (Great Chesterford), W. H. Fussell (Slough), Chalk (Maldon), Buttress (Fulbourn), King (Royston), H. Sworder (Epping, late of Johannesburg), Saddler (Baintree), C. H. Howard (Baintree, Master of the Essex Association), G. H. Hills (Waltham Abbey), Richardson (Brockley), etc.

The bells were rung throughout the day in a number of touches, including Stedman and Grandsire Cinques and Gaters and Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

A festival service was held in the Parish Church at noon, the congregation numbering about 250. A full choir attended, and the singing was very heartily rendered by all present. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. L. Hughes), assisted by the Rev. A. J. Gillson and the special preacher was the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge. The opening hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' was sung as a processional, and the service included the chanting of the 150th Psalm, special prayers, the reading of a lesson from Numbers c. 10, and the hymn, 'Angel voices, ever singing.'

THE GOSPEL OF SYMPATHY.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey took for his text the words 'Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep,' Romans xii. 15.

He said that in those peaceful and beautiful words St. Paul had preached the gospel of sympathy, a sympathy manifested in acts and not merely in talk. The gospel of sympathy had a wider power and greater need than perhaps many realised. It applied to everything. They had met that day to do honour to the Saffron Walden Ringing Society for the useful and splendid work it had done for three centuries. There could be no association of men like this without sympathy, both to start and maintain it. Men would not join together and form an association unless they had fellow-feeling and were ready one and all to give up their own individual way for the sake of joining with others, taking their point of view, and having true and real sympathy; and no association could be maintained for long unless that sympathy and fellow-feeling existed. Whilst this was needed in all associations it had a special fitness for a guild or society which had to do with bells. Bells themselves conveyed to them the gospel of sympathy. No one knew the date great bells first began in their churches to give out their beautiful music and lift up men's hearts to God; but they knew they were the product of Christianity. For change ringing they had to go back 300 years, to the founding of this society at Saffron Walden. They wondered what England was like in 1623, when Thomas Turner died and left his legacy to the ringers here. Change ringing had

hardly come into existence then, and he expected all that the members of their society could do at that time was to ring out some score, or two dozen, changes; but it was the dawn of scientific change ringing. Five years after the founding of this society came the birth of one who was destined to give the first and greatest impulse to change ringing, Fabian Stedman, the father of scientific change ringing. During the 300 years which had passed since then enormous and wonderful progress had been made, marvellous feats had been performed, and better still, beautiful music in change ringing had been produced. The year 1623 came between two very important periods in the history of England. The English Bible had been translated into the authorised version, bringing the gospel of peace just before that date, and soon after came the beginning of the most dreadful civil war England had ever known. There was no doubt that when peace came after that horrible war the bells rang out the gospel of sympathy and love. Let the message of the bells always be the gospel of sympathy and love, rejoicing with those that rejoiced, and sharing the sorrow of those that wept.

The service concluded with the hymns, 'When morning gilds the skies' and 'Now thank we all our God,' the latter being sung as a recessional.

MR. FRED PITSTOW'S JUBILEE.

At one o'clock the local ringers and their visiting friends, to the number of 70, were given a dinner in the Parish Room, subscribed for by the townspeople in honour of the event. Dr. Atkinson, chairman of the committee, presided, supported by the Vicar, also the Rev. A. J. Gillson, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the Mayor, Messrs. J. S. W. Leverett and H. Trigg (churchwardens), Mr. F. Pitstow (Master), Dr. L. Taylor, etc. The gathering was a very pleasant one, the greetings of old ringing friends who had not met for years giving a decidedly happy touch to the proceedings.

The usual loyal toast having been submitted from the chair and duly honoured.

The Chairman read a telegram from Mrs. Edward Taylor, as follows: 'Best wishes and congratulations to Saffron Walden Bell Ringers on their Tercentenary Festival' (applause). Mrs. Taylor, they would remember, was the widow of Mr. Edward Taylor, a former Master of Ringers, and mother of Dr. Leonard Taylor, whom they welcomed amongst them again that day (applause). Mr. W. A. Alps had also written saying how much he regretted being unable to come.

The Vicar, in proposing the toast of the Saffron Walden Society of Change Ringers, said he was proud to be there that day to welcome so many guests on behalf of the authorities of the Church, and still more to propose the toast of the Saffron Walden Society of Ringers. Saffron Walden was proud of its old associations and records. That day they were celebrating the ringers' tercentenary, and shortly they would be celebrating the quincenary of Saffron Walden School. They were also celebrating on this occasion the fiftieth year of Mr. Pitstow's conductorship of the ringers (applause). Mr. Pitstow had already seen six vicars out. He had taken their 'middle-stump,' for they could not stand up to his bowling and he expected to see his own wicket fall before Mr. Pitstow's time was up. On one occasion Mr. Pitstow had a class of lady ringers, and he said they disappeared because they got married, but his (the Vicar's) own theory was that the ladies disappeared because their conductor got married (laughter). His only fear was that with regard to their ringers they would not be able to live up to the splendid traditions they had inherited, and he would feel more comfortable if he saw a number of young men coming on to continue the traditions of bell ringing in Saffron Walden before Mr. Pitstow took his 'middle-stump.' He expressed to the ringers his hearty thanks for their work, and would like to thank their worthy Mayor for all the trouble he had taken in connection with the tercentenary (applause). Dr. Atkinson had been chairman of the committee, and it was good news when he was told that the Mayor had consented to join the committee, and would give a reception in the Town Hall. He felt when that was the case and they secured Mr. Boughey as their preacher that the tercentenary could not fail to be a success. He gave them the toast of the Saffron Walden Guild of Ringers, and coupled with it the name of Mr. Pitstow (applause).

The toast was accorded musical honours. Mr. F. Pitstow, in reply, expressed his thanks to the Vicar and all who had assisted in making the festival such a success. He was pleased to see so many old friends whom he had known as ringers for many years. So far as the Saffron Walden company was concerned he thought it a body of ringers their Vicar might be proud of, and as a company he believed they could hold their own against any company, certainly in any town of the size of this in England. He agreed with the Vicar in his remarks about getting more young

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ringers, but as Mr. Boughey and other old ringers knew, they could not get them 'cast' (laughter). They got lads on to a certain extent, and then they either went away from the town or some little thing 'fixed' them, and they would not come any more. They had one or two young ringers, and he hoped to get some more, so that their company would continue to carry on. For 65 years he had been a member, and several younger members of his family also belonged to the company, so he hoped they would continue the work. He thanked Dr. Atkinson, Mr. Strong and Mr. Penning for the way they had worked in organising their festival, and the ladies and gentlemen of the town who had contributed towards the cost, and, above all, their worthy Mayor for what he was doing for them (applause).

Mr. J. F. Penning, who said he had been a member of the Saffron Walden Society for fifty years, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' To his mind, he said, the chief event was to see so many old faces around them, which showed that Saffron Walden was still thought a little of in the ringing world.—Mr. H. J. Tucker, who first attended the festival 45 years ago, and had only missed three occasions since, Mr. W. E. Pitman, and the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey responded.

MAYORAL RECEPTION.

Later in the afternoon the Mayor and Mayoress (Mr. and Mrs. Miller) gave a public reception in the Town Hall. A number of the townspeople, including the wives of the local ringers, were invited to meet the visitors, the company numbering about 200. The hall had been tastefully decorated and furnished for the reception, and the names of the guests were announced by the Sergeant-at-Arms and the Mace Bearer, wearing their quaint and picturesque uniforms. The Mayor and Mayoress were assisted in making the arrangements for the reception by their daughter (Miss Miller), and by Miss Leverett, Miss Gilling and Miss Rolfe. Afternoon tea was served, and songs were contributed by Mr. and Mrs. J. A. S. Baily, Mrs. Kett, Miss Guy, Dr. Atkinson and Mr. T. A. Barrett, and handbell selections by Messrs. F. J., A. E., H. and L. Pitstow.

The Mayor, in the name of the Corporation and burgesses of the town, extended a hearty welcome to the ringers, their wives and friends, and the visitors who had come to support them on that unique occasion. The Saffron Walden Society claimed to be the oldest in England, and no one had come forward to dispute that claim. Saffron Walden in years gone by had not been behind in many things. They moved slowly, but surely. Three hundred years ago their forefathers might have been slow, but they laid the foundations of something which had stood the test of time: and to-day they were justly proud of their traditions. It was said that all the Pitstows were born with a bell rope in one hand and a musical instrument in the other (laughter). He congratulated the ringers on their proud record, and hoped they and their visiting friends would live to come again and enjoy many hours with the bells of their beautiful church (applause).

The Master thanked the Mayor and Mayoress for the welcome and hospitality given them, and said the ringers had never had such a festival and reception before.

Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough) endorsed Mr. Pitstow's remarks, and said it was very gracious on the part of the Mayor and Mayoress, seeing they were not church people, to have given them such a reception. It showed how broadminded the Mayor was in all the affairs of the town (applause).

Ringing was afterwards again indulged in, and brought an enjoyable day to a close.

DEPTFORD RINGER WEDDED.

The marriage took place at St. Nicholas' Parish Church, Deptford, on June 24th, of Mr. Sydney Ernest Daynes, second son of Mr. G. H. Daynes (churchwarden of St. Nicholas) and Mrs. Daynes, of 66, Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich, and Miss Nellie Pattenden, youngest daughter of the late Captain and Mrs. K. Pattenden, of 'Duluth,' Whitstable, the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pitman) officiating. The service was fully choral. The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Edward F. Pattenden, B.Sc., and was attended by Miss Grace Daynes (sister of the bridegroom). Mr. William H. Daynes was 'best man.' The bridegroom and his father and brother being members of the St. Nicholas' Bellingers' Society, the bells were rung before and after the service by their brother members. The reception was held at the residence of the bridegroom's parents, and Mr. and Mrs. Daynes afterwards left for Whitstable.

NEW BELLS FOR ELTHAM, KENT.

The bells at Eltham, Kent, are to be recast and augmented. Put in originally in the 15th century, they have been recast from time to time, and the present six were placed in the tower in 1794. Three were now cracked and it has been decided to recast the whole, and, with additional metal, make them into a peal of eight. At the same time a new clock is to be installed with automatic electric winding and an electric striking apparatus. The work, which is expected to cost over £1,000, is to be entrusted to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

OLDHAM BELLS.

'NO PARTING OF THE WAYS.'

The reopening of Oldham bells, as briefly reported in our last issue, was a great success, and all the visitors were delighted with the splendid peal of bells which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have installed. In tone they are one of the finest rings of twelve in the country, while the 'go' is perfection, indeed, turning upon ball bearings, the bells went too easily for some of the ringers, who had previously had no experience of this form of bell hanging. Touches of Grand sire and Stedman Cinques and Caters and Kent Treble Bob Maximus were rung by numerous hands, ringers being present from Sheffield, Manchester, Huddersfield, Preston, Chester, Ashton-under-Lyne, Wakefield, and other places.

The visitors and others were entertained to tea by the Oldham ringers, to whom a vote of thanks was proposed by Alderman Houghton (chairman of the Bell Fund Committee). He said the day would figure very largely in the history of the new bells, and he was sure it would do so in the minds of the ringers. He was merely voicing the opinion of practically the whole of the inhabitants when he said they were all heartily glad that they had surmounted the difficulties which had presented themselves, and that they had a splendid peal of bells as their reward. He hoped that as far as ringers were concerned there would be no parting of the ways. Musical people were prone to fall out. He supposed that was in consequence of their being highly strung (laughter). Bell ringers were probably not immune from the rest of the musical community. That was why he asked them to see that there was no parting of the ways, but that all should pull together in harmony (hear, hear). They must remember that all the brains were not in one head, and different men looked at things from different points of view. Each must try to get the other's point of view and if the methods were pure to shake hands over differences. If that spirit was adopted the bells would go on ringing merrily. He was glad to be with them and to give them the assurance that if his help was needed in the future it would readily be given (applause). A peal of bells such as they had gave tone to the town. Bards might come and go, but they failed to thrill the hearts and minds of the people as a peal of bells. It was not to one set or one section, but to the whole community that the bells made their appeal, and he would go so far as to say that they struck a soft cord in the heart of the listener, even if he would be a sceptic or an agnostic. They were justly proud of their bells, and indebted to the ringers for their services. He paid a high tribute to the work of that committee, and particularly to the work of Mr. J. Cox, the ringers' secretary, who had been untiring in his efforts.

Dr. Martland, who seconded the vote, endorsed Alderman Houghton's remarks, and hoped that all who subscribed would be satisfied with the bells. Visitors had expressed to him their great admiration of the peal, and he was glad they had such a good set of ringers.

Mr. Taylor (representing the bell founders) said the committee had asked them to do their best, and they had done so, and he was glad the result was satisfactory.

Mr. Taylor (architect), Dr. Wilson, the Rev. R. R. Mackintosh (Vicar of Shaw), ringers from Manchester and Preston also spoke, the two latter speaking in high praise of the bells, and the vote was carried with acclamation.

Mr. J. Cox, who replied for the Oldham ringers, said it was his jubilee year in connection with the Oldham Church and Sunday School, and that was one of the proudest moments in his life.

FLORAL NAMES IN A MATHEMATICAL SCIENCE. CONFIRMING AN ABSURD NOMENCLATURE.

For Sunday services, at Norbury (Hazel Grove), Cheshire, on June 3rd, 1923, the extent each of No. 16 and 17 Treble Bob was rung. For practice on June 7th, the extent of No. 20, June 21st No. 21, June 28th No. 22 July 5th No. 24. For Sunday services, July 8th, No. 27 and 28. All the above are Treble Bob methods, and appear in the C.C. Collection except Nos. 27 and 28.

It is believed the extents have never previously been rung, and the band wish them to be known by the names they bear in the report of the committee of the Central Council which was published in 'The Ringing World,' March 30th, 1923.

The following ringers took part: Rev. A. T. Beeston James Fernley, senr., James Fernley, junr., William Fernley, John P. Fidler, John W. Hartley, Harold Hallworth, Harry Langley and W. W. Wolstencroft.

No. 16 is Shamrock, No. 17 Bluebell, No. 20 Daffodil, No. 21 Fuchsia, No. 22 Foxglove, No. 24 Marigold, No. 27 Dahlia, No. 28 Geranium.

By confirming this absurd type of name for scientific methods, the Norbury band, who have done so much to raise the standard of six-bell ringing, have we are convinced, taken a retrograde step, for nothing is more likely to bring the art under ridicule than the use of terms of this description. They sound pretty in nursery stories, but in a serious science they are altogether out of place. The next namer of methods may prefer vegetable culture to floriculture and we suppose the Exercise would have to accept such names as Onion Delight or Beetroot Surprise if they were foisted upon them in the way these titles have been.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—For morning service, on July 8th, 1,320 changes, consisting of 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 360 Woodbine and 240 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Lindsay 1, E. W. Day 2, R. E. Day 3, F. Croft 4, R. Croft 5, G. T. Croft (conductor) 6.

PULBOROUGH.—On Sunday, July 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. C. Greenfield 1, Miss K. Willers 2, A. V. Corden 3, A. C. Greenfield 4, R. Ploton 5, P. A. Doick 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for Miss R. Willers, who was on a visit from Cambridge.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday morning, July 8th, at St. Alfege Church, 1,010 Stedman Triples: 1, G. Shade (conductor) 1, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex) 2, F. W. Thornton 3, H. Hoskins 4, W. Rawlings 5, G. Rawlings 6, W. Berry 7, W. H. Billing 8. Also two courses of Stedman Caters, J. J. Lamb and E. E. Richards (taking part).

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, July 8th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal, 1,280 changes of Cambridge Surprise Major: W. Dean 1, G. Boon 2, C. Mitchell 3, E. Reeve 4, H. H. Huxley 5, P. Spice 7, W. H. Hewitt (conductor) 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.—On Sunday, July 8th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: J. R. Fryers 1, W. Preston (Wakefield) 2, H. Ferguson 3, H. Gibson 4, G. Worth (York) 5, W. Bennett (Chesterfield) 6, J. R. Barton (conductor) 7, F. Davison 8. This quarter-peal, which was composed by A. J. Pitman, and published in 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 2nd, 1921, contains 14-6's, 14-7's and 14-4's at backstroke.—On July 1st, for evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (by J. Carter): W. Barker 1, W. Preston 2, H. Ferguson 3, H. Gibson 4, G. Halksworth (Doncaster) 5, W. Bennett 6, J. R. Barton (conductor) 7, F. Davison 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—Before evensong, on July 8th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: L. Camp 1, C. Camp 2, H. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, E. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6. Also 360 Woodbine Treble Bob, E. Sitch (conductor). First 720 of Surprise by all who are local ringers, and also first on the bells.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, July 8th, for evening service, 1,280 Stedman Triples: F. Millard 1, J. Hunt 2, W. Doble 3, H. Bosley 4, A. R. Thorne 5, S. Every 6, E. E. Burgess (conductor) 7, E. Priddle 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Durling 1, Thos. Groombridge, senr., 2, G. F. James 3, E. F. Pike 4, J. Emery 5, G. Huxley 6, D. Spice 7, W. H. Hewitt (conductor) 8.

RUARDEAN, GLOS.—At the Parish Church of St. John's, for evening service, on Sunday, July 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. Beard 1, J. Bishop 2, Joe Harper 3, G. Wilks 4, E. J. Newell (conductor) 5, E. Matthews 6, W. Bishop 7, O. Meak 8. Arranged for E. J. Newell, who was on a visit from Hitchin, Herts.

NUNEATON.—On Sunday, June 17th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 448 of Superlative Surprise, and 416 of Double Norwich: P. Brassington 1, C. Draper 2, W. Martin 3, H. Argyle 4, T. Dicken 5, E. Martin 6, A. Wilkerson 7, T. Chapman 8; and for evening service, a course each of London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicolas' Church, for evensong, on the 10th June, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the following members of the band: W. Chivers 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, E. A. Etheridge 3, G. J. Nichols 4, C. Hazelden 5, G. Pettier 6, G. Tomsett 7, E. Raddou 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Entleknapp 10.

HOORHAM.—On Sunday evening, June 10th, at St. Mary's Church, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: G. Bibles 1, R. Dale 2, J. Whitehead 3, L. Price 4, S. Price 5, E. R. Warner 6, W. Short (conductor) 7, E. Sturt 8. Rung in honour of the engagement of Mr. E. R. Warner to Miss E. Mothersole, both of Cranleigh, Surrey.

CARDEFF.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, June 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., in honour of a visit of the Archbishop of Wales: W. Richards 1, F. Smith 2, F. Hamington 3, G. Large 4, A. Parnell 5, E. Coombes (first quarter as conductor) 6, F. Chamberlain 7, S. R. Barker 8.—For evening service, 517 Grandsire Triples: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, W. Richards 3, G. Large 4, E. Hunt 5, E. Coombes (conductor) 6, A. Parnell 7, S. R. Barker 8.

TOTTENHAM, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: *W. J. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, *H. Ellis 3, *S. W. Crabh 4, C. T. Cole (conductor) 5, E. A. Hull 6, G. B. Lucas 7, *W. Patmore 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

TAUNTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 7th 4 courses of Stedman Caters (423 changes): S. Wyatt (conductor) 1, E. Brown 2, A. Wyatt 3, W. White 4, E. Wyatt 5, P. Merson 6, T. Smith 7, F. Sadd 8, H. Mockridge 9, J. Fowler 10.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 16th, 5 courses of Stedman Cinques (651 changes): W. White 1, H. Creed 2, S. Wyatt 3, E. Lloyd 4, A. Wyatt 5, J. Burge (con-

ductor) 6, J. Fowler 7, E. Wyatt 8, P. Merson 9, F. Sadd 10, H. Mockridge 11, T. Smith 12.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 17th, for Sunday School Festival, for morning service, 4 courses of Stedman Caters (423 changes): S. Wyatt 1, E. Brown 2, W. White 3, H. Creed 4, E. Lloyd 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, H. Mockridge 7, E. Wyatt 8, J. Fowler 9, A. S. Boar 10.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 17th, for evening service, 6 courses of Stedman Cinques (783 changes): W. White 1, H. Creed 2, S. Wyatt 3, E. Lloyd 4, A. Wyatt 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, A. S. Boar 7, J. Fowler 8, E. Wyatt 9, F. Sadd 10, H. Mockridge 11, T. Smith 12. This is the first 5 and 6 courses of Stedman Cinques since the bells were augmented to 12 rung by local men.

ILMINGTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on June 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 minutes, rung in honour of His Majesty's birthday: C. Mathews 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, T. Hands 3, F. Boswell 4, G. Hands 5, C. Sabin 6.

TEMSBURY, SOMERSET.—On Trinity Sunday, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: G. Hasell 1, Wm. Young 2, F. Brown 3, T. Clark (conductor) 4, J. Fear 5, W. Young 6.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: H. Smith 1, C. Pool 2, E. Smith 3, S. A. M. Quintin 4, A. W. C. Bird 5, E. R. Robey (conductor) 6, H. W. Curtis 7, E. Challis 8.

WICKWAR, GLOS.—For evening service, on May 27th, 720 Grandsire Minor: A. Dyer 1, H. Hale 2, W. Dyer 3, H. V. Robinson 4, F. Bell 5, A. Handell 6. Conducted by W. Dyer. First 720 Minor in this method by all the band.

CARDEFF.—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, May 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Richards 1, W. E. Clark (first quarter-peal of Caters) 2, S. Dawe 4, G. Large 5, E. Hunt 6, F. Viles 7, A. Parnell 8, W. Bolton (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10. Ringer of 2nd hails from Penleaton.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 27th, for evening service, at St. Leonard's, Streatham, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Winter (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, T. H. Tafender (conductor) 2, H. Taylor 3, G. W. Harris 4, T. W. Taffender, junr., 5, E. J. King 6, J. W. Chapman 7, J. R. Gammon 8.

BISHOP'S HULL, TAUNTON.—On Whit Sunday, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: H. Pocock (longest length in any method) 1, A. Wyatt 2, A. Hayward 3, G. Coles 4, A. S. Boar 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Whit Sunday, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Ford 1, H. Morgan 2, B. Wilson 3, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 4, F. Chapman 5, F. Whitfield 6, F. Morgan 7, W. Ridout 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—On May 20th, at St. Chad's Church, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Hunt 1, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 2, E. Large 3, J. Porter 4, W. Large 5, T. Kelly 6, T. Miller 7, C. W. Lock 8.—For evening service, at King's Norton, touches of Stedman Triples, W. Large and C. W. Lock and A. T. Scrivens standing in. Also touch of Double Norwich.—After service, at Northfield Parish Church, two six-scores of Stedman Doubles and 720 Bob Minor: A. T. Scrivens 1, J. Withers, junr., 2, W. Large 3, J. Withers, senr., 4, S. Grove 5, P. O. Laffin (conductor) 6. The above touches were arranged for W. Large and C. W. Lock, who were on a visit from Streiton-on-Fosse.

ERITH, KENT.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, May 6th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major, for evening service, at the church of St. John-the-Baptist, in 45 mins.: Mrs. A. W. Clark (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, J. S. Morton 2, T. Groombridge, senr., 3, John Weadon 4, A. H. Palmer 5, A. W. Clark 6, C. H. Kippen, junr., 7, T. Groombridge, junr. (conductor), 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 6th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: H. W. Else 1, E. W. Day 2, E. J. Newell 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, H. E. Day 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by a local band and by all taking part. Also on Ascension Day Thursday, May 10th, previous to evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 49 mins.: E. J. Newell 1, E. W. Day 2, H. E. Day 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, L. Fidler (conductor) 6, G. T. Croft 7, H. W. Else 8.

THE BISHOP AND BELL RINGING.

The Bishop of Bath and Wells, in his charge recently delivered, spoke generally of the care and loving pride of the clergy and laity in the preservation of the churches of the diocese, and added that it was good, too, to find enthusiasm in the villages for the bells, and gratitude was due to those who maintained the fine old English art of ringing with all its demands on time, skill and endurance. The ringers were the Lord's remembrancers, and played no small part in the worship of God.

NOTICES.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Butterwick on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6), which have recently been augmented and rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, available from 2 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Freiston bells (6) will also be available if required.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Harlington on Saturday, July 14th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea arranged for 5.30. Trains from Ealing Broadway at 2.14, 2.19, 2.43, 3.9 (G.W.R.) to Hayes Station.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The opening meeting will be held at Wigmore on Saturday, July 14th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.45 at the Church Room.—A. Talbot, Dis. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembrokeshire.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available after 3 p.m. Will members intending to come please send word so as to arrange for tea?—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 14th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 5.30.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Moulton on Saturday, July 14th. Tea on Rectory Lawn.—S. J. Lawrence, 60 Harlestone Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, July 14th, at Shore. Business meeting at 6.30 prompt. All ringers welcome.—T. K. Driver, Branch Sec., 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Yeovil on Saturday, July 14th, in St. John's School, at 3 p.m. Tea to follow at 1s. per head. Service in the Parish Church at 4.45 p.m. Bells (10), available during afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., "Dunkery," Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Summer meeting will be held at Barnsley on July 14th. The Rector has kindly offered the use of the Rectory grounds, and trusts to have the presence of all members, with their wives and lady friends. Tea will be provided by Mrs. Hone at the Parish Rooms.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gravesend on Saturday, July 14th. Bells at 3 o'clock. Service at 5, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon E. L. Gedge. Tea and business meeting in Church House. These bells have been recast by Messrs. Taylor, and all ringers will be welcome.—Fred M. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The memorial to the late president of the above association, A. T. King, I.S.O., will be unveiled on Saturday, July 14th, at St.

John the Baptist, Barnet, at 6 p.m. There will be ringing, with half-muffled bells, from 3.30 p.m. This will be at 4.45 p.m. Short N. and E. District business meeting at 5.30. Ringing for service at 5.45. The bells will be rung open after the service, and the bells at Hadley will also be available from about 7 p.m. It is earnestly hoped that all members of the association will attend, as well as friends of the late Mr. King, who will be heartily welcomed. The peal tablet will be unveiled at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, July 19th, at 7 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec. to Memorial Committee.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock, followed by tea and meeting in the Church Schools. All ringers welcome.—Edith K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Deane, on Saturday, July 14th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. At this meeting a peal tablet will be unveiled, and the usual good attendance is requested.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

CANNOCK.—The bells have been rehung and augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, and the dedication service will be held on Saturday, July 14th. On the following Saturday, July 21st—that being an 'open' day—all ringers will be welcome. Bells available from 3 o'clock.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on July 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. It is particularly requested that all those who require Tea, let me know by Tuesday, 17th, the latest. Half fares up to 2/- paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7. These bells have only recently been re-hung, and are now in good ringing order.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Oadby on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m.—H. E. Norman, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, 1923.—The festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15 Preacher: The Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, Master of Bedfordshire Association. Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2/6 each to members, 3/- to non-members. Application for dinner tickets, accompanied with remittance, to be made to General Sec., by Wednesday, July 18th.

The G.W.R. will issue return tickets at single fare from any station in Berks, Bucks and Oxon, and the L.M. & S.R. return tickets at single fare from any station within 60 miles of Oxford.—Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham and District.—The monthly meeting of the above will be held at West Hallam (Bells 6), on Saturday, July 21st? Will all those requiring tea advise me not later than Thursday, July 19th. Train leaves Victoria Station 2.30, return fare 1/4 for party of 12 and over. Please communicate with Sec. early to make up party.—F. Blood, Loc. Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HANLEY PARISH CHURCH.—Re-opening of Peal of Ten Bells.—On Saturday afternoon, 21st July next, the Bishop of Stafford will dedicate the ring of ten bells at Hanley Parish Church, which have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. The service will commence at 3.15 p.m., and after an opening touch by the local band the tower will be thrown open to visiting ringers. Tea will be provided for visitors free of charge. Will members of associations please notify their secretaries so that the latter may let me have the number coming by Wednesday, 18th July?—E. Corner, c/o Mr. Edmund Jones, Chemist, Hanley, Hon. Sec., Hanley Ringers.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 21st. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower Church with sermon by Ven. W. T. Farmiloe, Archdeacon, at 3.30. Tea in the Co-operative Society's Small Hall at 4 p.m.—free to all sending in their names before July 18th, 1/- to others. Meeting there afterwards. Ringing as usual.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Goudhurst on Saturday, July 21st. Tower opens at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Star and Crown Hotel, followed by business meeting. All members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec., not later than Tuesday, July 17th. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. I shall be glad to hear from those who propose to attend.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec. Watford Division, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Richmond on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea should let me know not later than Wednesday, 18th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Kimp-ton and Wheathampstead (two six-bell towers), on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at Kimpton at 3 p.m. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea after Service by arrangement. Wheathampstead available at 6.30 p.m. Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Myms, Hatfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Will members who intend coming please notify me so that I can arrange tea? All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—GUILSBOROUGH DISTRICT.—A monthly meeting will be held at Clipstone on Saturday, July 21st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by 18th?—W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting directly after tea. Will those requiring tea please write by July 16th, to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held in the Birmingham district on Saturday, July 21st. The towers of Aston Parish Church (10), and Erdington R.C. (8), will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Short Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. B. W. Witchell, 58, New Street, Erdington, not later than Wednesday, July 18th?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good 'turn-up' is requested, as the committee meeting is being held on the same date.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Annual meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the 'Fox and Hounds' at 1s. 9d. per head for all who notify the Secretary not later than Tuesday, July 17th. Ringers in the district who generally arrange an annual outing cannot do better than come to Carlton on Saturday, July 21st. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after. I will endeavour to arrange for tea should sufficient notify me by the 14th. All ringers welcome.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, July 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea kindly notify me not later than Wednesday, July 18th.—Miss H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Middleton, on the 28th July. Bells ready 3.30 till 9. All invited.—Herbert Stansfield, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Loughborough on the 28th July. This meeting has been particularly arranged in connection with the opening of the War Memorial Carillon, which will be played during the day. Messrs. John Taylor & Co. have very kindly extended an invitation

for tea at 4.30 in the Fearon Hall (near Parish Church) to those members who will send an acceptance not later than Wednesday, the 25th, to Mr. Pryce Taylor, Bell Foundry, Loughborough. Owing to the large number of visitors to the town arrangements have to be made in good time. The general meeting of members will be held in the Fearon Hall after tea. During the day the Bell Foundry will—by kind permission—be open to visitors, and during the time the Carillon is not being played the Foundry Bells will be available for ringing. The times for such ringing and also for the Committee meetings will be announced when it is decided at what hours the Carillon will be played.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, July 28th, at Hyde. Service in St. George's Church, at 2 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea provided by the Rector, and business meeting. Those intending to be present please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 31st. Half railway fares paid up to 2/- at this meeting.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

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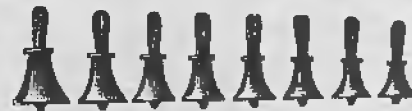
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DISPUTED PEALS.

Those who desire to dispute the validity of a peal have to be very sure of their ground. There have been one or two recent instances in which performances have been brought into question, but in which the doubt has not, in the end, been substantiated. When a band publishes the report of a peal it does so, by an unwritten law, upon its honour, and any reflection upon a peal performance is a reflection upon the honour of the ringers, or, at all events, upon the conductor. For that reason especially no one should lightly assert that a peal claimed to have been rung was a false peal. When the assertion is made, he who casts the doubt should be able to prove his case up to the hilt, or, failing this, should honourably withdraw his statements.

It is, of course, possible, under certain circumstances, for a genuine disagreement to occur with regard to the bona fides of a peal, for ringers may have differing opinions as to the amount of clashing or the number of errors that may be allowed before a peal is disqualified. The best ringers permit very little latitude in this direction, but there are, unfortunately, a few who, so long as they can keep the bells more or less together, will claim anything as a peal provided rounds come up in the appointed place. Between these two extremes are many degrees of perfection and imperfection, and what ought, or ought not, to be admitted as a peal, is left to the honesty of those taking part. After all, peals are rung principally for the gratification of the ringers themselves, and quality—by which we mean good ringing, whether the method be Grandsire Triples or London Surprise—not quantity, should be the aim, for what satisfaction can there be to look back upon a badly rung peal? Quite certain it is that a number of indifferent performances are recorded as peals, but on the question of the striking, it is for the band to say whether or not a peal claim should be made.

When, however, it is a question of the truth or otherwise of a performance, there can be no question. A performance which, by any chance, falls short of the stipulated five thousand, in which there has been a repetition of changes, or a shift in the coursing of the bells, is rigidly ruled out, and it is flagrant dishonesty to claim it as a peal. It is, therefore, a serious reflection, especially upon a conductor, to say that he has published as a peal a performance which has been 'cooked.' We make these remarks without any special reference to the peal at Tilney All Saints, although it is the correspondence on this matter that has prompted us to put forward these views. Ringing history can furnish numerous instances of bitter controversy over the legitimacy of peals, but

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short of having an official umpire for every attempt, the Exercise must accept the word of the ringers, unless there are exceptional grounds for dispute. And then those who challenge a peal must be able to prove their case. Mere assertions without proof recoil upon the heads of those who make them.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

KEITH HART Treble	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 6
FREDERICK WHITE 2	*WILLIAM LATYER 7
*WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 8
FRANK BENNETT 4	JOHN DEARLOVE 9
*HERBERT MARKWELL ... 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

* First peal of Treble Ten. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Dawe.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TADCASTER, YORKS.

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Monday, July 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*ALLEN DENNISON Treble	*JOHN HARRISON 5
THOMAS LANCASTER 2	HERBERT E. PICKERING ... 6
ERNEST H. LINDLEY 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
HENRY CLAYTON 4	*ROBERT LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by the Rev. C. P. D. DAVIS. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal and first attempt.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
JAMES H. RIDING 3	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
JOHN HAYES 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Treble	COL.-SGT. BENNETT 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM J. WHEADON 6
JOHN S. MORTON 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	SIDNEY ANSTEAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JESSE W. TYLER Treble	GEORGE W. STOKES 5
*FREDERICK G. WAYMARK 2	ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 6
ARTHUR K. GOWER 3	ERNEST GOWER 7
EDWARD W. BRAY 4	BENJAMIN HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GOWER.

* First peal with an inside bell in any method.

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

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HARRY HOLDEN... .. Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
†WILLIAM GIBBS... .. 2	JOHN BASS 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	HARRY PRICE 7
*WILLIAM C. COOPER 4	JOHN LLOYD... .. Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
 * First attempt for a peal of Major. † First attempt for Major away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Price and C. E. Perkins, the latter being prevented by illness from standing in the peal.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	WALTER AYE' 5
HUBERT EDEN 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE 3	WILLIAM HODGETTS 7
*CHARLES N. LEMAN 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.
 * Fiftieth peal.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH FARMER Treble	WILLIAM HILLMAN 5
MISS KITTY WILLERS... .. 2	HORACE TULLETT 6
ALFRED W. GROVES 3	EDMUND LINDUP 7
GEORGE NORRIS... .. 4	HENRY STALHAM... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. LINDUP.

Arranged for Miss K. Willers, who hails from Trumpington, Cambridgeshire.

ECOLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

JOHN HAYES... .. Treble	JAMES MORGAN 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	*SAMUEL JONES, JUN... .. 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
 * Fiftieth peal.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*THOMAS DICKENS Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 5
*HARRY ARGYLE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
 * First peal of London. First in the method on the bells. Ringers 3rd, 7th and tenor hail from Leicester, remainder Nuneaton. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—For evening service, on July 15th, 518 Grandsire Triples: O. Read 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, G. Cooper 4, L. Smith (Bitchley) 5, S. Smith 6, A. J. Green 7, D. Chexfield 8.

ANSTBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

†SIDNEY A. JOHNSON Treble	GEORGE S. MORRIS 5
†JOSIAH MORRIS 2	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 6
†ALBAN DISNEY 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
†HARRY DEXTER... .. 4	*W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples away from treble.
 † First peal on eight bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*ALBERT G. LAWRENCE ... Treble	†THOMAS ROGERS 5
WALTER G. BATTLE... .. 2	SIDNEY F. BARNES 6
†HAROLD ROGERS 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
JAMES GRIFFIN 4	*ERNEST F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BLOGG Treble	FRED RIGBY 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	*WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
JOHN BOOTH 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 7
*J. R. TAYLOR 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Oxford. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	HERBERT J. SKELT 5
*JOHN BEAMS 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
JOHN H. WHITE 3	CHARLES HAZELDEN 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung after meeting short for treble ten. * 100th peal.

WATLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
RICHARD G. RICE 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
JACK HONEY... .. 3	JAMES W. WILKINS 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR... .. 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

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On Saturday, July 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in G.

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	GEORGE ESSEX 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 6
WILSON RUSHTON 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
MISS STELLA DAVIS 4	WILLIAM HIBBERT, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

QUEENBOROUGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of College Single and Plain Bob, and three of Oxford Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

* WILLIAM WOOD, JUN. ... Treble	JOSEPH SPOONER 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	WILLIAM WOOD, SEN. 5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Castle, wife of the Vicar of Queenborough. * First peal. † First with a bob bell. C. Tumber, E. W. Gambell and W. Nye hail from Teynham, the rest are local men.

HONINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

* FREDERICK OSWICK ... Treble	HARRY R. LOVE 4
GEORGE LOVE 2	* TIMOTHY HAMMOND 5
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 3	FREDERICK R. WILBY ... Tenor

Conducted by F. R. WILBY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2	GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	MRS. R. J. WILKINS 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING. Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Arranged for Mrs. Wilkins, of Clifton, Bristol.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.

ALFRED H. PULLING 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 3-4	MRS. R. J. WILKINS 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and R. PHILPOTT.

Rung as a congratulatory peal to Mrs. Wilkins on her election as President of the Ladies' Guild.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 15th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Lovell 1, Miss G. Mannings (first quarter-peal away from treble) 2, E. W. Day (Hitchin, Herts) 3, A. S. Medd 4, H. J. Good-enough (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, B. Gough (Coseley, Staf-ford) 6, P. Witham 7, E. Garrett 8.

DEVON GUILD.

BIG MEETING AT EXETER.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter branch of the Guild of Devon-shire Ringers was held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, July 7th. A service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Chalk). Tea was subsequently held in the Buller Hall, provided by a few friends in the parish, about 100 members being present, representing the following bands: St. Sidwell's, St. Davids', St. Thomas's, Heavitree, Clyst St. George, Christow, Honiton Clyst, Keun, Littleham, Topsham, Wilycombe, Sow-ton, Newton St. Cyres, Thorverton.

The business meeting followed, Mr. E. Shepherd being in the chair, while among those present were Mr. W. J. Southwood, hon. secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. C. Oke, assistant secretary; the Rev. H. G. Chalk, the Rev. H. B. Clarke, the Rev. J. B. Ball, and Mr. Walter King. The following were elected honorary members: Sir Robert Newman, Bart., M.P., the Revs. E. C. Burkill, E. A. Jullian, G. O. Apthorpe, Messrs. E. S. Plummer, A. C. Thomas, W. W. Westlake, A. C. Harbottle, L. H. Westaway, J. I. Pengelly, R. G. Purnell and Walker King. Twenty-two performing members and one life member were also admitted.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Littleham (Exmouth), on Saturday, Sept. 29th.

Mr. E. Shepherd made an appeal for more members to take up 'The Ringing World,' pointing out the importance of the paper to the Exercise.

Mr. W. J. Southwood announced that an Exeter and District Ladies' Guild had been formed, and temporary officers elected.

Mr. E. Shepherd proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Vicar for conducting the service, and for the excellent address, which was much enjoyed, and also to Mr. Western for presiding at the organ.—The donors of the tea were also accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr. Southwood.

The bells of the Cathedral, St. Davids', St. Sidwell's, St. Petrock's, St. Thomas's, and Heavitree, were rung by the various bands during the afternoon and evening.

A SERVICE RINGER'S CENTURY.

CLERK-SERGEANT BENNETT'S ACHIEVEMENT.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Swanscombe, Kent, on Saturday, June 16th, for 'the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths,' and published in our issue of June 22nd, was the 100th in which Clr.-Sgt. J. Bennett, of the Royal Marines, has taken part.

Clr.-Sgt. Bennett has been in the service just over 18 years, and is, we believe, the first ringer to complete a first 100 peals whilst serving with the Forces. There are others serving, or who have served, who have rung more, Flight-Sergt. Fred Holden, for instance, has rung over 250, and 'tops' the list of active service ringers, but he rang 63 peals before he enlisted.

Owing to the exigencies of the service, Clr.-Sergt. Bennett had practically 'to turn down' ringing for the first five or six years, and then, of course, there were over five years of war, etc., during which time he had no opportunity, while there have been several other periods when it has been almost impossible for him to do any peal ringing, so that it has taken him from the 10th April 1912, to 16th June, 1923, to complete his first century.

The following is his list: Minor: In one method, rung 2 (conducted 1); two methods, 1 (1); three methods 4 (1); four methods, 2 (1); five methods, 2 (2); six methods, 1 (1); seven methods, 9 (2); Grandsire Triples, 6; Stedman Triples, 13; Bob Major, 8 (3); Kent Treble Bob Major, 14 (3); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 6; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 17; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 4; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Caters, 4; Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; total, 100 (conducted 15).

The peals of Bob Major include the first peal ever rung by a navy and army band of ringers. Rung in four counties, for five associations, in forty-eight towers, from ninety-one bells, and with 198 ringers.

RESTORATION OF BENENDEN BELLS.

The peal of eight at Benenden, Kent, will be in ringing order again in about three months' time. Mr. A. Bowell's estimate has been accepted, and the whole of the money is available. Viscount Rothermere gave £50, and that veteran and active ringer, Mr. W. H. Lambert, with the assistance of a few others, collected £30 by hand-bell ringing. A fête was held recently, and proved to be a great success, the profits being nearly £200. Mr. Lambert and his son gave selections on handbells, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker of Pritfield, kindly lent their fine peal of handbells. The sum at the command of the committee exceeds the estimate, and the surplus is to be devoted to other useful church purposes.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**BRAINTREE RINGERS VISIT CAMBRIDGE.**

On Saturday, July 7th, the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, accompanied by their wives and friends, had their annual outing. Starting at 8.45 a.m. by charabanc, they called at Radwinter, Saffron Walden, and Sawston, ringing touches at each tower. Luncheon and tea were served at the Dorothy Cafe, Cambridge. After lunch the members dispersed, some to visit the colleges, others for ringing at the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Church of Great St. Andrew, assisted by Messrs. Dennis, Rivers and Kempton. The homeward journey was made via Bishop's Stortford and Dunmow, Braintree being reached at 9.45 p.m., and the total mileage covered being over 80 miles. After lunch, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. W. H. Dyson, seconded by Mr. H. E. Hammond, to Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., the Ringing Master, for making all the arrangements of a very enjoyable outing. The touches rung during the day included Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major. The Guild wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to express their appreciation to all the incumbents and steeplekeepers, and for placing the bells at their disposal.

BRISTOL RINGERS BY THE THAMES.

The annual outing of the St. Michael's (City), Bristol, was held on Saturday, June 30th, when an excursion by rail and river to Windsor and Bray-on-Thames was enjoyed. The Castle was visited at Windsor, and the united ringers of St. Michael's, Bray, and St. Michael's, Bristol, by kind permission of the Vicar of Bray, had tea on the vicarage lawn, and enjoyed a good view of the regatta which was taking place that day. The secretary (Miss E. Smith) was presented by the Rector (the Rev. W. G. Arrowsmith) with a very beautiful prayer and hymn book given her by her fellow ringers.—Touches were rung on the tower bells during the evening, and tunes on handbells on the lawn, and the outing was voted a great success.

ISLEWORTH RINGERS' OUTING.

The Isleworth band, together with their wives and friends, and including their respected vice-president, Mr. T. Beadle, held their outing on Saturday, June 30th. Boyne Hill was reached at 10 a.m., and ringing indulged in for an hour. From thence the party visited Twyford and Sonning, and would also have rung at Wargrave, but unfortunately a funeral made this impossible. From Sonning they proceeded to Henley, where a most sumptuous meat tea awaited them. Afterwards a pull on the bank and a lovely view of the Thames Valley from the top of the tower were enjoyed. Slough was reached at 7.45, where the day's ringing was concluded. This opportunity is taken of thanking the various Vicars and Rectors for so kindly allowing the use of the bells, and also to the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness.

ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.

This society had a pleasant re-union and excursion on Saturday, June 30th, when, meeting outside St. Clement's Church in the Strand, the party of about 25, which included the Rector (Mr. W. H. Pennington Bickford) and his wife, proceeded by charabanc to Windsor. Arrangements had been made for ringing at the old church, and also after tea, and on the return journey at Farnham Royal, all three items being much enjoyed, as was also a visit to the State apartments of the Castle by a few of the party. In addition to Mrs. Bickford, the party was graced by the presence of Mesdames Young, Fardon, Sergisson, Davis and Clements, and of five other ladies not saddled with wifely cares, but more or less intent on the art of ringing in which they show great promise. The afternoon and evening went all too soon, and at 10 p.m. when the party were again at St. Clement's, after a most enjoyable outing.

A TRIP IN CHESHIRE.

Middleton ringers and friends visited a number of Cheshire towers for their annual outing. The first call was at Bowden, where Grandsire Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. The party had tea at Nantwich, followed by ringing on the recently restored bells in the Parish Church. Going on to Tarporley they spent a pleasant time, and returned to Northwich, where the bells are rung in reverse order. The ringers wish to thank the clergy for the use of their respective bells and the members of the various towers for having everything in readiness. Especially do they wish to thank Mr. W. Hardman for making such perfect arrangements for a most enjoyable day.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Wednesday, June 27th, the choir and bell ringers of Bishopwearmouth Church had their annual excursion, and visited Harrogate, Bolton Abbey and Ilkley. The party, numbering 22, including eight ringers, travelled by saloon carriage, and reached Harrogate at 10.34 a.m. After a meal they proceeded by charabanc to Bolton Abbey, where they inspected the ruins of the ancient abbey, one

portion of which is now used as the parish church. The younger members of the party had a game of cricket, while the remainder enjoyed the beautiful wild scenery at the Strid, about three miles from the Abbey. The party then rejoined their charabanc, and proceeded to Ilkley, where, by the kind permission of the Vicar (Canon Hamar), the ringers had the use of the bells of the Parish Church, which added much to the enjoyment of the outing. On returning to Harrogate, a much appreciated meal was partaken of and the remainder of the evening was spent in admiring the beauties of the valley gardens, etc. Sunderland was safely reached at 11.47 p.m., after a very enjoyable day.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and churchwardens for providing the trip, and the Vicar of the Parish Church, Ilkley, is heartily thanked for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

IN LEAFY WARWICKSHIRE.

The Nuneaton parish church ringers spent a pleasant half-day in South-East Warwickshire, on June 30th. Leaving at 1 o'clock they first visited Daventry, 25 miles away, where they were met by Mr. Moore, and touches of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise rung on the bell of the parish church. The tenor is about 20 cwt., but the bells are hung backward. Southam, 11 miles distant, was reached through fine wooded country, and after an excellent meat tea at 'The Black Dog,' Mr. Berry was ready with a hearty welcome at the parish church. Here there is a good ring of bells, with a 17 cwt. tenor, but the ringing chamber is very small. Stedman Triples, followed by London and Superlative Surprise, Cambridge Court Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples, in which the local ringers took part, were rung. The 23 miles' journey home completed a splendid circular tour through leafy Warwickshire. The best thanks of the party are due to Mr. Moore, of Daventry, and Mr. Berry, of Southam, for their kindness.

NORTH SHIELDS EXCURSION.

The ringers of Christ Church, North Shields, had their outing on June 28th, when they visited Blackhill and Consett, two towers separated by a pleasant park. Ringing was enjoyed in both belfries, and tea partaken of at the Railway Hotel, Consett. The visitors are grateful to Messrs. Sinclair and Wilkinson for making arrangements, and to the respective incumbents for the use of the bells.

STAFFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN CHESHIRE.

On Saturday, June 30th, the Bucknall and Burslem ringers joined forces, to the number of twenty, and paid a visit to the famous 'splicing' area of Norbury.

En route a call was made at Poynton, where, met by Mr. J. P. Fidler, the visitors rang a touch of London Surprise on the beautifully toned bells. At Norbury a splendid tea was provided for the party by the wives of the Norbury ringers, after which Mr. Fernley and his band gave the ringers a most enjoyable coaching in the art of splicing methods which they are not likely to forget. A social at the Red Lion Hotel terminated a very happy and interesting outing.—Thanks are extended to the Norbury ringers for their kindness, and Mr. J. P. Fidler in particular, for personally seeing to all arrangements for the comfort of the visitors.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern branch was held at Oldswinford on Saturday, June 30th, when about 30 members and friends attended. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. H. Williams), assisted by the curate (the Rev. W. J. North). The Rector gave a short but interesting address to the ringers on making themselves worthy of their calling. Tea was provided in the Parish Room. The Rector presided over the business meeting which followed. Mr. G. N. Cockin gave an invitation to the association to visit Hales Owen for the annual meeting of the branch, and on the proposition of Mr. Short, seconded by Mr. Heathcock, and supported by Mr. H. Mason, the invitation was cordially accepted, the meeting to take place on September 15th.—The Rector and his colleague were elected hon. members of the association.

The Ringing Master (Mr. W. B. Cartwright) proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and the very bright service and address, also to the organist and choir. This having been seconded by Mr. A. E. Parsons, and carried, the Rector replied. He remarked that his first connection with bells happened while serving with the troops in Palestine when, for use of his services, a friend presented him with a set of tubular bells, which were admired by all the people for miles around.

NEW ZEALAND RINGER IN QUARTER-PEAL.

At Iffracombe on Tuesday, July 3rd, members of the Devon Guild rang at the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,263 changes): F. J. Reed 1, W. Hookway (New Zealand) 2, J. Sprague 3, C. W. Filer 4, W. Phillips (Newport, Mon.) 5, W. Shepherd (Hersham, Surrey) conductor, 6, F. Blackmore 7, R. Dadds 8. First quarter-peal and first attempt by Messrs. Hookway, Filer and Blackmore.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to make an appeal, through your columns, to the Exercise at large for help in compiling this roll.

Below will be seen two lists of names which I have denoted A and B.

In list A, certain names are grouped together which bear a similarity to each other.

I want to know how many persons are described in each group, and, if only one, which place or tower out of two or three has the right to claim that one. To take an instance: Were there two ringers of the name of 'Attwater, E.' killed? If there was only one, should he be described as coming from Streatham or Cuckfield?

In list B, there are certain names given as belonging to Guilds or Associations, but the place or tower is left blank. I want if possible to be able to fill up this blank space.

Secretaries of Guilds and Associations have done their best in the matter, and I now appeal to the friends of these fallen ringers to send me such information—as some of them surely must have—as will enable me to come to a decision in each case.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

LIST A.

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association
ATTWATER, E.	Streatham	Surrey, Coll. Youths
ATTWATER, E.	Cuckfield	Sussex
ANDREW, F.	Isham	Northants
ANDREW, F.	Stoke-in-Coventry	Warwickshire
BOTTRILL, J. T.	Pendleton	Lancashire
BOTTRILL, J. T.	Anstey	Midland Counties
BILLOWS, F. C.	Blackburn	Lancashire
BILLOWS, F. C.	Skipton	Yorkshire
BENNETT, W.	Monksilver	Bath and Wells
BENNETT, W.	Wimborne	Salsbury
COLLINS, S. J.	Fulham	College Youths
COLLINS, S. J.	Wandsworth	London County
DEWEY, H. J.	Reigate	Surrey
DEWEY, H. J.	Earlswood	Cumberlands
DEWELL, F.	Bury St. Edmunds	Norwich
DEWELL, F. G.	Bury St. Edmunds	Ely; St. Edmunds-bury
DELL, C.	Isleworth	Middlesex
DELL, C.	Hadleigh	Cumberlands
EDSER, G.	Streatham	Surrey
EDSER, G. B.	Battersea	London County
EDSER, G. B.	Herstham	Surrey
EDSER, G. B.	Horsham	Winchester
LICENCE, A.	Worplesdon	Winchester
LICENCE, F. A.	Wilkesden	Middlesex
LICENCE, F. A.	Brockdish	Norwich
LEE, W. C.	Streatham	Surrey
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	London County
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	Cumberlands
LEE, W. C.	Great Cornard	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
LAING, A. T.		Cambridge University
LAING, A. T., Rev.	Bamburgh	Durham and Newcastle
MURRAY, T.	Liscard	Chester
MURRAY, T.	Rothbury	Durham and Newcastle
MORRIS, B.	Mitcham	Surrey
MORRIS, B.	Mortlake	Middlesex
MELIA, M.	Leeds	London County
MELIA, M.	Halbeck	College Youths
NEW, W. J.	Isleworth	Middlesex
NEW, W. J.	Leigh	Salisbury
NEW, W. J.	Isleworth	London County
ODEY, J.	Swindon	Glos. and Bristol
ODEY, J. H.	Bath	Bath and Wells
PLANT, A.	Kettering	Northants
PLANT, H. A. B.	Burton-on-Trent	Midland Counties
PAYNE, J.	St. Albans	Herts
PAYNE, J. H.	Kensington	College Youths
ROBERTS, A.	Dover	Kent
ROBERTS, A.	Godstone	Surrey

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association.
RANCE, J.	Davenham	Chester
RANCE, J.	Whalley	Lancashire
STUBBS, H. C.	Stanford Hill	Middlesex
STUBBS, H. C.	Tottenham	Cumberlands
STUBBS, H. C.	Stoke Newington	London County
SMITH, A.	Oxonhorpe	Yorkshire
SMITH, A.	Maxey	Peterborough
SMITH, A.	Langham	Essex
SAYER, C. O.	Headingley	Yorkshire
SAYER, C. O.	Sunderland	Durham and Newcastle
SAUNDERS, H.	Mistley	Essex
SAUNDERS, H.	Hemingford Abbots	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
TAYLOR, T. G.	Batheaston	Bath and Wells
TAYLOR, T. G.	Whitechurch	Salisbury
	Canonicorum	
WRIGHT, S.	Morpeth	College Youths
WRIGHT, S. A.	Herne Hill	London County
WRIGHT, S. A.	Morpeth	Durham and Newcastle
WILLIAMS, R.	Bebington	Chester
WILLIAMS, R.	Whitechurch	Llandaff and Monmouth
WILLIAMS, J.	Brierley Hill	Worcestershire
WILLIAMS, J.	Ledbury	Hereford
WILLIAMS, M. J.	Hereford	Hereford
WAITE, S.	Twickenham	Bath and Wells
WAITE, S.	Bishop's Cannings	Salisbury

LIST B.

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association.
CHAPMAN, A. R. B.		Cambridge University
CHIELL, H.		"
GRAY, A. F.		"
HAMILTON, A. S.		"
LONGRIDGE, A. O.		"
C., Rev.		"
LAING, A. T.		"
McKIEVER, V. C.		"
McMICHAEL, D. W.		"
PERSSE, C. de B.		"
RILEY, T., Rev.		"
RAIKES, F. S. W.		"
SCHOOLING, C. H., Rev.		"
WALKER, E. B.		"
WHITE, F. R.		"
BANNON, J.		Irish Association
KAVANAGH, C.		"
KENNEDY, T.		"
McLEAN, J.		"
TECTOR, R.		"
NASH, H. C.		Worcestershire

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The Midland District held a meeting at Evesham on Saturday, July 7th. Members from Solihull, Smethwick, Handsworth and friends from Walsall and Birmingham, journeyed from Birmingham to the fine old bell tower, where they were met by the local ringers and other members of the Guild.

The Rev. W. A. Huband conducted the service. Tea was provided by Miss E. Johnson and Mr. J. Johnson, and was most thoroughly enjoyed by a party of about 30.

At the business meeting after tea, five new ringing members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Johnson and her brother, who both said how pleased they were to entertain the visitors, and expressed the hope that this would not be the last visit of the Guild to Evesham.

In spite of the heat wave, a very enjoyable time was spent.

The previous meeting of the district was held at Lye, Worcestershire, where it is to be found the lightest peal hung for ringing.

Tea was provided by the Vicar (Canon Stuart King) and the churchwarden.

The spiral stairs were rather a problem to some of the ladies, especially to one who made several attempts merely to see how to get down again. Eventually she got to the top, and helped to make the little peal of eight go merrily.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A by-meeting of the South-Western Division was held at Orsett on June 30th, attended by members from Barking, Bentley, Brentwood, Romford, Dagenham, Stamford-le-Hope and Leytonstone. Touches in methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise Minor were brought round. Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. A. Keeling at Vine Cottage, and thoroughly enjoyed.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. Eidell) officiated at the service, in which the Bishop of Barking also took part, and gave a most interesting and helpful address.

The members would like to convey, through 'The Ringing World,' their best thanks to all who assisted to make this meeting a success, especially the genial steeplekeeper, Mr. A. Neeling, for making arrangements, and having everything ready.

The Northern Division held their summer meeting at Felsted on Saturday, June 30th. A service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. E. J. Doherty, Vicar, officiating, an inspiring address on 'The message of the bells' being given by the Rev. H. Jordan, Vicar of Finchingfield, who is a ringer and ardent supporter of the association. An excellent tea in the old Schoolroom was followed by the meeting. The District Master, Mr. W. H. Dyson (Braintree), presided, supported by Messrs. W. T. Farrow, R. C. Goodman, C. H. Howard, J.P. (Master of the Association), A. H. Shoobridge (an old Felstedian), and 30 members from Stebbing, Dunmow, Rayne, Finchingfield, Braintree, and Felsted. Several new members were elected.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Witham, and the annual meeting at Braintree.

Thanks were accorded the Vicar and preacher, and those who provided tea.

Touches of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung upon the bells during the afternoon and evening. Felsted now possesses an enthusiastic band of change ringers.

GRANDSIRE CATERS AT CHELMSFORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to Canon Papillon, I was quite aware when I sent the report for publication, that at least four peals of Grandsire Caters had been rung on the old peal of ten at Chelmsford having taken part in two of them myself, viz., May 30th, 1903, and again on Sept. 3rd, 1905. Are the bells now hanging in Chelmsford Cathedral tower the same as those on which Canon Papillon and I rang our respective peals years ago?—Yours truly,
H. W. KIRTON.

LAVENHAM ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, June 30th, the 112th anniversary of Lavenham bells was celebrated, and the event drew a large number of ringers to this interesting old Essex town. The Suffolk ringers present were Messrs. E. Ambrose, H. Richold (Long Melford), H. Lister, K. Whittell (Bildoston), A. Catterwell, F. Kemp, P. Johnson (Caveudish), T. Reed (Hadleigh), J. King (Polstead), W. Burges (Shelley), B. Brundle, J. Rose, C. Woodcock (Ipswich). Those hailing from Essex included A. Shuffebotham and W. Sadler (Braintree), E. Beckwith, W. Howell, C. Norfolk (Coggeshall), J. Waghorn (East Ham), W. Arnold, F. Claydon, J. Fluely, J. Turner, S. Warn (Earls Colne), R. E. Fisher, G. Hayward, W. Keeble, W. Kuopp, G. Mays, J. E. Newman, R. Porter, C. Rogers (Feering), J. Elliott, W. Elliott (Kelvedon), H. Warn (Fordham Heath, Colchester), A. Saunders (Greenstead), J. Sadler (Great Tey), W. Ives (Pentlow), W. Cross, B. Pettitt (Sible Hedingham), and F. G. Symonds (London), C. W. R. Grimwood (Footing). The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Kent Treble Bob Major, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise, the conductors being W. Keeble, J. Rose, R. Grimwood, F. Claydon and S. H. Symonds. A most enjoyable day was spent.

BINGHAM BELLS.

A meeting of the Nottingham District of the M.C.A. took place recently at Bingham to test the newly augmented ring of eight. Fifty or more ringers assembled from all parts, at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt), and the visitors were entertained to tea in the Rectory Grounds. The business meeting was held afterwards under the presidency of Mr. A. Coppock. A very valuable acquisition to the fold of hon. membership of the M.C.A. was the name of the Rector, who was delighted to welcome such an organisation.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the Rev. H. R. M. Hutt is to be congratulated upon his successful effort in getting the octave. The parishioners, who number barely 2,000, responded nobly to his appeal, and the Rector himself provided the 2nd bell. The tower is a massive structure, which would accommodate twelve bells. The church contains some ancient carving in a splendid state of preservation, dating back to the thirteenth century.

The visitors thoroughly enjoyed ringing on the augmented peal, the touches including Stedman, Plain, Treble Bob and Surprise Methods.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The people of Vancouver evidently appreciate the bells on public occasions, for just prior to President Harding's visit, the Press, in typical Western manner, was demanding that the bells should play their part on the auspicious occasion.

'Change Ringing Championship' was the heading under which one London daily newspaper announced the unveiling of a peal tablet at Southwark Cathedral, on Tuesday, commemorating the record peal of Stedman Cinques.

Mr. A. Bowell has recently executed repairs to the peal of eight at Rolvenden, Kent. The tenor needed much attention, and has been rehung with all modern fittings. New bearings, gudgeons, stays, pulley blocks, nearly all new wheels, etc., constituted the chief part of the work to the remaining seven, and the peal is now in first-class ringing condition. The bells have been examined and tested by members of the Kent County Association. They were perfectly satisfied that the work had been efficiently executed, and the 'go' of the bells was all that could be desired.

It is seldom that the funds collected for bell restoration exceed the amount required, but this happy circumstance has occurred at Benenden Kent, where an overhaul is to take place. The balance is to be devoted to other church purposes.

Mrs. R. J. Wilkins, of Bristol, was, on Saturday, elected President of the Ladies' Guild for the ensuing year.

It is said that even the Guild meeting could not pass off without a discussion on hats.

The first peal by a band of ladies was rung eleven years ago today. May we not soon expect the first peal by a band of married ladies? There are more than sufficient for the purpose, if they can tear themselves away from their domestic duties.

The ringer of treble in peal at Whittle on July 7th should read 'Alfred,' not Adam Blogg.

A tidy belfry or a well-kept ringing chamber is not always found in our country towers, and especially in Devon, writes a correspondent. Not only are there few seats, or even hat pegs, but the floor is rarely swept, windows and walls are dirty, ringing rooms ill-ventilated or often draughty, and appear too often more like a tool house than a respectable meeting room for a band of men. If we would induce young and especially an intelligent grade of fellows to take up our art, we should gain much by pleasing surroundings.

St. Sidwell's (Exeter) peal of 10 has just been restored at a cost of over £200, and the opportunity was taken to colour the walls and ceiling, frame up old relics, renovate peal boards, add more seats and linoleum, at a cost of £22, and now it gives a homely appearance to all who ring—especially the many visitors who remark upon its tidy appearance.

TEXT BOOK ON SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is well known that the late Brothers Snowden intended to compile a book on the Surprise Methods of Cambridge, Superlative and London, but through death, the Exercise was robbed of a valuable addition to the Snowden series. I submit that a text book on Surprise methods is badly needed at the present time. The six-bell ringers are well catered for both in 'Standard Methods' and the C.C. Collection, but when we come to eight and ten bells, the case is totally different. Take such methods as Norfolk, Bristol, Northampton, Suffolk, Lancashire, Yorkshire, and Guildford, etc.; and on ten bells, Princess Mary, Clifton, Middlesex, and no doubt there are several others. Assuming that all these methods are worth ringing, one is forced to the conclusion that the information concerning them is in a very few hands. Supposing our band wished to practise one of these methods, it would mean that the leader would have to write to Mr. X for the figures. Then he would have to draft skeleton courses for his band, or get them each to do their own, and even then it is not everyone who can put ringing information into plain language. The question now arises, who would write such a book as I have indicated? I do not think it is a job for the Central Council to tackle, but I do think there is a golden opportunity for some capable member of the Exercise, and there is no doubt we have such men. Probably some ringers will belittle this suggestion and say, 'Where there's a will there's a way,' etc.; also, finance would be a stumbling-block. But if such a book were produced it would be a valuable one, and we could not grumble at the price, whether it was 7s. 6d. or 10s. The convenience of having a book embracing all the Surprise methods on 8, 10 and 12 bells would be inestimable, and a crowning triumph to the Snowden books, which have taught thousands of ringers the art of change ringing. — Yours faithfully,
'LANCASTRIAN.'

TEN-BELL TOWERS.

ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH.

(By J. R. JERRAM.)

With regard to the early history of the bells at St. Andrew's, Norwich, we find that there were six at the time of the Inventory, taken in the sixth year of Edward VI.; also a 'sants bel of half a cwt.'

In Kirkpatrick's MS., taken from church accounts, and copied by Mr. L'Estrange, and published by him in his 'Church Bells of Norfolk' in 1874, we find the weights of the bells and names of the donors, when they were 'new yotten,' in 1567. From this it appears the 'lytle belle' was given by the executors of Mr. John Cooke Draper, and weighed 7 cwt. The second, given by the same, weighed



ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH.

7 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. The third (present sixth) was not broken, and weighed 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. The fourth was recast at the cost of the parish, and weighed 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. The fifth was given by Mr. Robert Gardener and Mr. Nicholas Cowbyche, and weighed 15 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lb. The tenor was bought of the Prior of Black Friars at the dissolution of the monastery, and then (1538) she weighed 25 cwt. 12 lbs. She 'brack & was yotten agayne & made moche bigger' in 1567, and then weighed 26 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb. The inscription on the original bell was, 'Laudo Deum verum, plebem voco, convococo clerum, defunctos ploro, pestem fugo, festa decoro.' The new bell cast in 1566 was inscribed, 'Campana ista facta erat. Sancta quidem non sum, sanctos conservor in usus.' The last part was evidently intended as a fling at the Romanists.

The old fourth bell was recast by Wm. Brend in 1608,

and was inscribed, 'Blessed be the Lord our God both now and evermore.' She weighed 13 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. He was paid £4 for the recasting. The fifth was also recast by him in 1621, for which he was paid £5 10s. This bell is the present tenor. We have already noticed the old tenor, and we find further that—

At the making of the new frames for the bells which was in anno 1633, the sixth and greatest Bell was taken down and new yotten to be made tuneable to the rest of the 5 bells and wayghed 26 cwt. or ther about, which being new cast by Will. Brend Belfounder and of 21 c. weight, it proved to little and upon the 16th day of April, 1634, was new cast againe by him made bigger and wayghed then 24 cwt. and 11 lb., butt then proving somewhat too big to accord with the rest of the bells and otherwise defective in the casting it was first skivred and then afterward some part of the head, viz., the upper part of the mayne Connell brake of, by wch skivring and breaking off thirty six pounds of the weight of merral was taken away, and then it wayed 24 c. 2 qr. 3 lb., unto which was added when it was cast again the third time 7 lb. of pewter being 18 Decem, 1635, by John Brend, and now it wayes according to our own weight being wayghed in Christmas Hollidays 1635 here at our church 23 c. 1 qr. 10 lb., and there remayne in Mottall wch was sold to John Brend 1 c. 1 qr. for £4 12. The said great Bell hath these Latin verses written about it, made by Mr. John Chappell our Minister.

'Horas enumero; Conventus aggrego sacros.
Casibus humanis accino, condoleo.'

When the peal was increased to eight in 1705, this tenor was cast into two trebles, leaving the old fifth for a tenor. The present eighth bell was originally the tenor at St. John, Timberhill, and was purchased of the churchwardens of that church after the fall of the tower in 1784, to replace a cracked bell at St. Andrew's. She weighs 8 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb., and cost £29 10s. 7 3/4d. The trebles of the present peal of ten were given by Thomas Hurry, bell hanger, of Norwich.

In inscription: on the present peal of ten are as follows:—

- Treble. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1825.
 - Second. T. MEARS OF LONDON FECIT, 1825.
 - Third. HENRY PLEASANT MADE ME, 1705.
 - Fourth. THO. NEWMAN MADE ME, 1713.
 - Fifth. JOHN DRAPER MADE ME, 1634.
 - Sixth. Anno Domini, 1623.
 - Seventh. MICHAEL DARBIE MADE ME, 1661.
 - Eighth. Per Me Fideles Invocantur Ad Preces. Anno Domini, 1617.
 - Ninth. THO. NEWMAN MADE ME, 1713.
 - Tenor. LET VS TEWNE AND SOVND TOGETHER
INGLANDS SWETE PEACE FOR EVER, 1621.
- ♣ Brazier's Mark.
♣ Norwich City Arms.

The position of the ropes in St. Andrew's belfry is rather peculiar. The frame made for six bells in 1633 was an octagonal one; two bells being hung in the two middle pits, and the other four on the four sides thereof. When the peal was made eight in 1705 the two trebles were hoisted in a frame above in the centre. The additional trebles added in 1825 to make ten were hoisted in frames above these, forming a kind of pyramid. The result is, if I am not mistaken, that the ropes fall in the following order: 1, 3, 2, 7, 10, 5, 4, 6, 9, 8. If I am wrong in my description I hope that some local ringer will correct me.

The following tables are in the belfry:—

The splendid Church of Andrew's, Norwich, prior to the year 1825, had only a peal of 8 bells, at which time Mr. Thos. Hurry, one of St. Peter's ringers, presented to it two new trebles cast by Mears and Son, of Whitechapel; and the ten were rung for the first time on 19th July, in the above year. On which occasion Mr. Sam. Thurston (by trade a stonemason) made a tablet and placed it on the north wall of the belfry. On May 5th, 1842, here was rung Mr. John Reeve's one-course peal, consisting of 5,040 changes of TREBLE BOB ROYAL, in three hours and twenty-seven minutes, called by Henry Hubbard. It was in the KENT Variation, and has the 6th 24 times each way; it was rung by the following persons:—

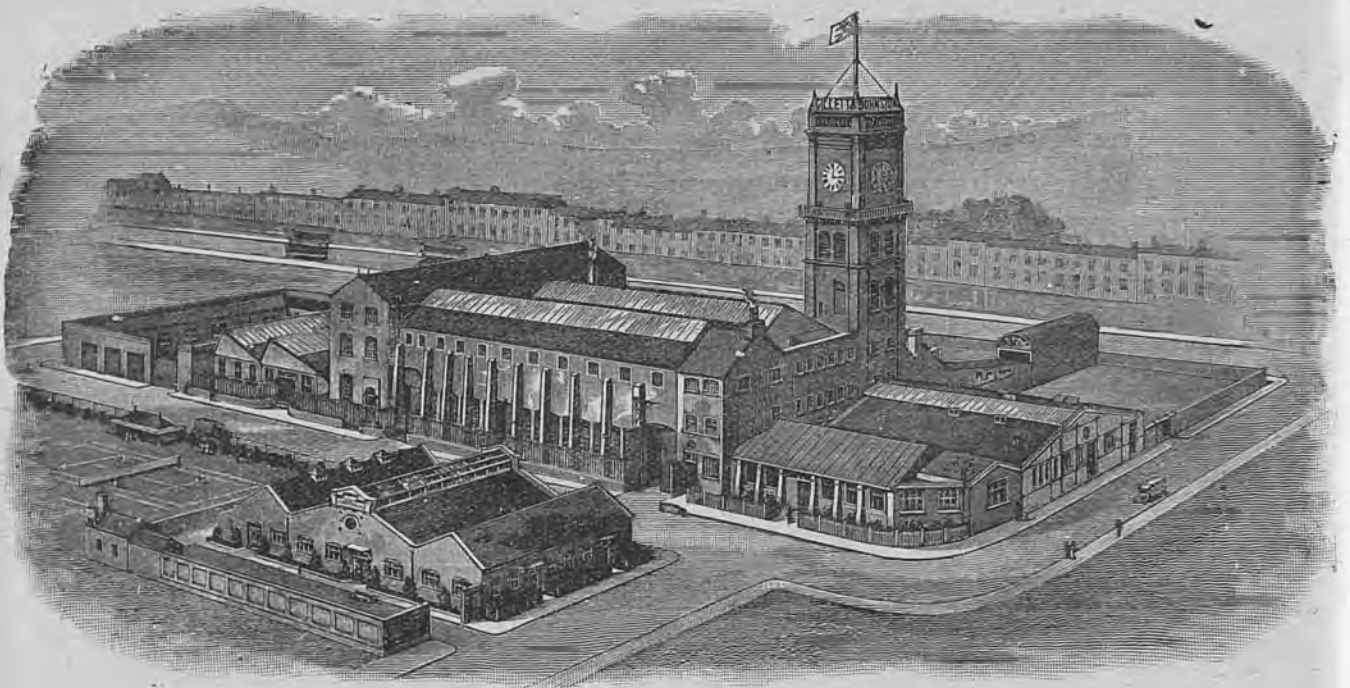
T. HURRY	Treble	J. TRUMAN	Sixth
R. BURRELL	Second	R. COLE	Seventh
J. GREENWOOD	Third	T. BURRELL	Eighth
G. WATERING	Fourth	G. SMITH	Ninth
W. GAUL	Fifth	H. HUBBARD	Tenor

The above is the first peal on the ten bells.

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

Another tablet commemorates the following:—
On 15th of Sept., 1842, was rung in this steeple a peal of CATERS on STEDMAN'S principle, consisting of 5,295 changes, in three hours and twenty-nine minutes. This also was called by Henry Hubbard, and rung in capital style by the following band, stationed thus:—

T. HURRY	Treble	J. TRUMAN	Sixth
R. BURRELL	Second	G. SMITH	Seventh
J. GREENWOOD	Third	R. COLE	Eighth
C. MIDDLETON	Fourth	H. HUBBARD	Ninth
W. GAUL	Fifth	W. FREEMAN	Tenor

It should also be added that the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung at this church in 1835, conducted by Samuel Thurston. The peal tablet commemorating it is at St. Giles' tower, Norwich.

We are indebted to Mr. G. H. Cross for the photograph of the tower, which he took specially for this article.

TROUBLESOME LITTLE QUESTIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Just recently there seem to have cropped up lots of little questions which want settling, such as, for instance:—

- What is a 'local' peal?
- What is the first peal in a method on the bells?
- What's in a name?

And sundry other minor matters, to say nothing of those greater subjects (still a source of difference, even between friends) which I dare not mention—for various reasons.

The Central Council will not meet again for nearly a year, and in the meantime these lesser topics will be left simmering unless someone—perfectly unbiassed of course—sets about the task of laying down the law. Therefore, as I am a perfectly disinterested person (in proof whereof I have never rung a peal in Leicester or Chelmsford, and I have never rung in the first 700 of a new method)—here goes.

The difficulty that confronts me, however, is the knowledge that always in these matters you can never get both sides to agree, and the individual who butts in (we know the old saying about fools and angels) usually 'gets it in the neck.' But nevertheless—here goes.

This sounds rather like a nervous bather standing on the bank of a chilly stream trying to screw up courage enough to take the plunge! You can almost hear my teeth chattering. But, believe me, I am really almost as bold as those doughty fighters, 'Peppery' and 'W.W.'

That peal at Leicester has created quite a pother, and it is time we had some definition of a 'local' peal, but it would be better still if we dropped the use of the term altogether. It is just one of those words which may mean any old thing. To prove this let me air my Latin (culled from an inexpensive dictionary). 'Local' is derived from 'locus,' meaning 'a place'—no relation to 'locusta,' a lobster. Now a place may be of unlimited size, and need not necessarily be 'within the meaning of the Act'; it may be as large as a parish, as large as Leicester, or as large as Leicestershire. So where are we? Every correspondent who has written to 'The Ringing World' upon this subject may be right. My dictionary tells me that 'local' means 'confined to a spot, place, or definite district.' Therefore, it seems as if a 'local' band may come from anywhere as long as they prescribe the definite district from which they come. But as I have already said, I do not expect anyone to agree with me, and I suggest that this would be a nice little topic for the Council to deal with. It would probably provide them with a subject of discussion for years.

Then, what about the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells at Chelmsford Cathedral? I fancy I can see the peg on which the band that rang the peal on June 30th hang their claim. Since Canon Papillon rang his peal at the Essex county town, the bells have been 'new cast.' Now when a ring of bells go into the melting pot and get poured out into some new moulds, are they new bells, or what are they? The more you ponder on it the more you begin to wonder whether a recast peal is a new peal. When a lady remakes a hat, is it a new hat? She likes her friends to think it is, but is it? When the old metal goes into the furnace and comes out again it is still the same metal but we like our friends to think we have got a new peal of bells. But have we?

What's in a name! My pet poet wrote, 'A rose by any other name would smell as sweet,' but there is a saying, 'Give a dog a bad name and hang him.' A method remains the same method whatever you call it, but some names are bad enough to kill it, although it must be admitted that some extraordinary titles have survived—our dear old friend 'Grandsire' for instance. I often wonder where that name was dug up, and who were the sponsors? What fun has been poked at the Exercise by outsiders when they have had

occasion to refer to it! We all know the gibe of 'Grandfather's Triplets.' Now we are apparently to give them (the public, not the triplets) the opportunity of casting more ridicule upon us, if they wish.

The horticulturist who went round his garden, and, seeing a geranium, promptly selected the name for No. 28 of the Treble Bob methods, or, spotting a marigold, bethought him to apply it to No. 24, may have imagined he had an inspiration. But to think that a whole committee should have swallowed such rubbish almost passes belief; while the fact that they should elect to take up an attitude of 'do as we tell you or we throw up the job,' is really astounding. In my opinion anybody who acts like that has got a bad case. Now that one of the committee has helped to get these methods rung under the flowery titles, ringers may expect to hear little of them in the future, unless, mayhap, other ringers with other notions take upon themselves to call them by more rational titles. And, after all, what is to prevent them? In fact, I am inclined to be a rebel myself, get my own band to ring 720 in some of these methods call them by other names, and see what happens. I wonder whether we should merely be excommunicated, or whether there would be something with boiling oil in it?

I do not suppose, after all, that I have settled to anyone's satisfaction the irritating little questions with which I began this letter. Perhaps I may have irritated rather than pacified; and that I may dodge the bricks, I must remain, yours truly, CRITICUS.

SURPRISE PEALS IN LEICESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'Keep Smiling' tells us that in the peal quoted by Mr. Willson, a ringer from a church other than St. John's assisted. Mr. Willson also tells us that seven of the band lived well inside the boundary; the 8th, of course, lived outside. Well, well, you cannot have the tenors together and parted at the same time.

On looking up the Surprise peals arranged by the secretary of St. Martin's since the war, I find that there have been about 80 successes, representing over 80 per cent. of attempts; also that Mr. Willson is correct in saying that in every one, one or more ringers from elsewhere assisted. What, however, struck me as more remarkable was the number of those who assisted in them who had 'stars' to their name, denoting their first Surprise peal, or their first peal in the method. Verily this does tell its own story.—Yours truly, F. H. DEXTER.

P.S.—The only Surprise peal to date by all residents of Leicester was rung at South Wigston in 1913, and conducted by the late G. H. Fowler.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your correspondent F. H. D., I think he is quite aware of the identity of the writer he refers to in his letter. He says that if the ringers do not live within the city boundary they are not local, or Leicester ringers! Why then, publish the peal of Bristol at South Wigston as 'rung by a band of Leicester ringers'? The foregoing peal has the same disqualification as the peal under discussion, which was based on the assumption that if the ringer was a Leicester man in that case, he could also be one in the other. Apparently then it was a misconception when I made the first statement in connection with the peal. In future, perhaps, there will be more truth in 'their' footnotes to peals.

'Locumitis' says that 'local' means all residing in one parish! Yet F. H. D. makes it cover the whole town area. Also he states that to the best of his knowledge there has been no peal of Surprise rung by a Leicester band (his statement covers the peal at Wigston). He must have overlooked the peal of Bristol, which is very unlikely if he is interested in Leicester doings.—Yours very truly, E. R. WHITEHEAD.

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. Willson's latest communication, I still hold to the opinion that a man is local only to the place where domiciled, and that no amount of argument can make him otherwise. His remark re peals rung outside the city is entirely beside the point at issue. Having mentioned them, however, I beg leave again to point him in error. After making such careful investigations how came he to miss the peal rung at South Wigston on Oct. 11th, 1913, the first and only peal rung by an undisputable band of Leicester locals? KEEP SMILING.

This correspondence is now closed.—Ed. 'R.W.'

MEMORIAL TO MR. J. THACKRAY.

Campanologists of Armley and Bramley met in the belfry at Christ Church, Armley, on Sunday, July 1st, to take part in the unveiling ceremony of a memorial to the late Mr. John Thackray, who for 50 years (1872-1922) was a bell ringer in the above tower. The memorial (which was given by a brother ringer) was unveiled by the Rev. F. Nichols, who was supported by the two churchwardens.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CIRENCESTER GLOS.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,250 changes): J. Hosgood 1, F. Edwards 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. M. Hayward 4, W. G. Cook (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, A. Parsons 8. J. Hosgood hails from St. Thomas's, Exeter.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Mary, 576 Bob Major: F. A. Cluett 1, J. J. Symons 2, T. R. Taylor 3, J. D. Harris 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8.

OVERSEAL.—At St. Matthew's Church, on July 8th, for evensong: 504 Grand-sire Triples: W. Bosworth 1, J. Colton 2, H. Hurdman 3, H. Carter 4, J. Hough 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, W. Clayfield 7, W. Brooker 8. The conductor hails from Fairford (Gloucestershire).

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 640 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Niblett 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton, junr., 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, C. Cann 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples, W. H. Johnson 4, conducted by J. J. Jefferies.

HEENE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Arnold 1, Miss K. Willers 2, H. Tullet 3, W. Hillman 4, J. Farmer 5, H. Meelins 6, G. Norris 7, E. Lindup (conductor) 8.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday morning, July 15th, 336 168 and 126 Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, prior to a memorial service for the late churchwarden, Mr. W. C. Fretwell, an alderman of the Greenwich Borough Council: I. G. Shade, J. J. Lamb, H. Hawkins, G. Rawlings, W. Rawlings, W. Shinnans, W. Berry, W. H. Billing, F. W. Thornton. Conducted by Messrs. Shade and Thornton.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 15th, for evensong, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 48 mins.: Mrs. R. J. Wilkins 1, R. Philpott 2, M. Smither 3, A. J. Bartlett 4, S. Dobbie 5, W. R. Melville 6, C. H. Dobbie 7, A. H. Pulling 8.

EVEHAM.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, 1,259 Grand-sire Caters, in 47 mins.: W. Langdon 1, A. Jones 2, J. D. Johnson 3, C. J. Choct 4, J. Hemming 5, W. Worsley 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, E. Cassell 8, J. Herbert 9, H. J. Phipps 10. Rung during the outing of the ringers from St. Marys, Putney. Ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9 belong to the Putney band, the rest are local men.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, July 15th, 1,296 Stedman Caters: A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Fardon 3, W. H. Hollier 4, G. Iles, J. A. Trollope 6, A. Harding 7, F. Skerington 8, J. W. Driver (conductor) 9, G. P. Edwards 10.—For evening service, on July 1st, 1,280 Bob Royal: *H. Rivers 1, J. A. Trollope (composer and conductor) 2, *W. H. Wood 3, R. Fardon 4, A. Cutmore 5, G. Iles 6, W. H. Hollier 7, A. Harding 8, F. Skerington 9, J. W. Driver 10. * First quarter-peal of Bob Royal.

MARKET DEEPIING.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on July 15th, 698 of Minor, containing the following methods: Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Bob, and Plain Bob: H. M. Day (conductor) 1, A. Riggall 2, Wm. Tilley 3, W. A. Day 4, J. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.—For evening service, 720 of Double and Single Court: R. Oldham (first 720) 1, H. Hayes 2, A. Riggall 3, H. M. Day (conductor) 4, J. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

BRIGHTON.—On Sunday, July 15th, at the Church of St. Nicholas, 448 Superlative: W. Palmer 1, J. Jay 2, *Miss R. Willers 3, E. C. Merritt 4, F. Bennett 5, K. Hart 6, C. Palmer 7, J. Dearlove 8. * First touch in the method.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, July 15th, at the Parish Church, a 700 of Kent and Oxford Spiced Minor, for the morning service. Believed to be the first 700 of any sliced method in the district of North Staffordshire: H. Box 1, T. Hurd 2, A. Lees 3, P. Kelsall 4, S. Cardell 5, T. Hilditch (conductor) 6.

GREAT BENTLEY.—On Sunday morning, July 15th, 360 Bob Minor, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Chelmsford: P. Almond 1, J. Bowell 2, S. Harris 3, E. Eady 4, T. Reed (Hadleigh, Suffolk) 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6.

HEADINGLEY.—At St. Michael's, for evening service on Sunday, July 8th, 576 London Surprise: J. Bennett 1, Miss O. L. Lumley 2, R. Thomas 3, G. Robinson 4, S. Sadler 5, W. Wood 6, H. Lindsay (conductor) 7, W. O. Talbot 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, July 8th, at St. John-the-Baptist Church, for morning service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Dainty 1, Miss Hara 2, H. J. Poole (Leicester) 3, W. M. Cross 4, H. Beechey 5, T. R. Vaughan 6, F. T. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, July 8th, 1,000 Stedman Triples (odd bob): H. Folkard 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, G. E. Harbour 4, C. Edwards 5, E. Harris 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, July 8th, 240 Grand-sire Doubles: J. Shaker 1, E. C. Hartley 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, W. L. Gutteridge 4, T. G. Hawkins (conductor) 5, A. D. Barker 6. Also 240 conducted by W. L. Gutteridge; 120 Stedman Doubles, conducted by Mrs. A. D. Barker; and 120 Kent Treble Bob Minor, conducted by A. D. Barker.

LAVENHAM.—On Sunday morning, June 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (from Thurstans' 4-part): F. Turner 1, M. Symonds 2, S. H. Symonds 3, F. Poulson 4, F. Mortlock 5, W. R. J. Poulson 6, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 7, H. Richold 8.

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By HENRY G. MILES.

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Rung at St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark, on Whit Monday, May 21st, 1923, in 9 hours 47 minutes by the Ancient Society of College Youths, conducted by H. Langdon.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

A meeting of the Lavenham District of the Suffolk Guild was held at Great and Little Waldingfield, members attending from six parishes as follow:—A. Symonds (district secretary), S. H. Symonds, W. R. and F. A. Poulson and F. Turner (Lavenham), E. Ambrose, T. Chenery and H. Richold (Melford), H. Catterwell, P. Johnson and F. Kemp (Cavendish), A. Scott (Sudbury), D. Gridley, (Clare), G. Golding and S. Gooday (Great Waldingfield). At Little Waldingfield 120's of Plain, Stedman and Old Doubles were rung, and the party then proceeded to Great Waldingfield, where Oxford Bob, Single Court, Double Court, College Single, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung, the conductors being S. H. Symonds and J. Poulson. It is a great pity that the frame in this tower, holding an historical peal of bells, cast by H. Briant, of Hertford, is in such a bad state, making ringing almost impossible.

KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR RECORD.

An attempt for a record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major will be made by members of the Chester Diocesan Guild at Over, Cheshire, on Saturday, July 21st, commencing at 8.30 a.m., provided that the church is not required for any occasional service at present unforeseen.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 24th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 26th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Fordingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Crayford on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Half fares up to 2/- paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting 7. These bells have only recently been re-hung, and are now in good ringing order.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Oadby on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing from 3 p.m.—H. E. Norman, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival, 1923.—The festival will be held at Oxford on Saturday, July 21st (D.V.). Service in Cathedral at 11.15 Preacher: The Rev. Canon W. W. C. Baker, Master of Bedfordshire Association. Business meeting in Chapter House, immediately after service. Dinner in Christ Church Dining Hall at 1.30. Tickets 2/6 each to members, 3/- to non-members. The G.W.R. will issue return tickets at single fare from any station in Berks, Bucks and Oxon, and the L.M. & S.R. return tickets at single fare from any station within 60 miles of Oxford.—Richard T. Hibbert, Sec., Warren House Lodge, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham and District.—The monthly meeting of the above will be held at West Hallam (Bells 6), on Saturday, July 21st. Train leaves Victoria Station 2.30. return fare 1/4 for party of 12 and over. Please communicate with Sec. early to make up party.—F. Blood, Loc. Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

HANLEY PARISH CHURCH.—Re-opening of Peal of Ten Bells.—On Saturday afternoon, 21st July next, the Bishop of Stafford will dedicate the ring of ten bells at Hanley Parish Church, which have been recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. The service will commence at 3.15 p.m., and after an opening touch by the local band the tower will be thrown open to visiting ringers. Tea will be provided for visitors free of charge. Will members of associations please notify their secretaries so that the latter may let me have the number coming by Wednesday, 18th July?—E. Corner, c/o Mr. Edmund Jones, Chemist, Hanley, Hon. Sec., Hanley Ringers.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—The Annual General meeting will be held at Ipswich on Saturday, July 21st. Service in St. Mary-le-Tower Church with sermon by Ven. W. T. Farmiloe, Archdeacon, at 3.30. Tea in the Co-operative Society's Small Hall at 4 p.m. Meeting there afterwards. Ringing as usual.—Herbert Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Goudhurst on Saturday, July 21st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at the Star and Crown Hotel, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2/- each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by meeting. I shall be glad to hear from those who propose to attend.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec. Watford Division, 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Richmond on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Kimpton and Wheathampstead (two six-bell towers), on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available at Kimpton at 3 p.m. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea after Service by arrangement. Wheathampstead available at 6.30 p.m. Will all who can please attend this meeting?—W. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Kempston on Saturday, July 21st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Will members who intend coming please notify me so that I can arrange tea? All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dis. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held in the Birmingham district on Saturday, July 21st. The towers of Aston Parish Church (10), and Erdington R.C. (8), will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Short Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Election of officers, etc.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendleton on Saturday, July 21st. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good 'turn-up' is requested, as the committee meeting is being held on the same date.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Annual meeting will be held at Carlton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, July 21st. Bells (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea at the 'Fox and Hounds.' A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Secretary, Mayfield, Pickering.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, July 21st. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Business meeting after. All ringers welcome.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpe-dale Road, Holloway, N.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranleigh on Saturday, July 21st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Miss H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting St. Clement Danes, Monday, July 23rd, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., *pro tem.*

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Middleton, on the 28th July. Bells ready 3.30 till 9. All invited.—Herbert Stansfield, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Loughborough on the 28th July. This meeting has been particularly arranged in connection with the opening of the War Memorial Carillon, which will be played during the day. Messrs. John Taylor & Co. have very kindly extended an invitation for tea at 4.30 in the Fearon Hall (near Parish Church) to those members who will send an acceptance not later than Wednesday, the 25th, to Mr. Pryce Taylor, Bell Foundry, Loughborough. Owing to the large number of visitors to the town arrangements have to be made in good time. The general meeting of members will be held in the Fearon Hall after tea. During the day the Bell Foundry will—by kind permission—be open to visitors, and during the time the Carillon is not being played the Foundry Bells will be available for ringing. The times for such ringing and also for the Committee meetings will be announced when it is decided at what hours the Carillon will be played.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, July 28th, at Hyde. Service in St. George's Church, at 2 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, 28th July. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

WINCHESTER GUILD.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at North Stoneham on July 28th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify, not later than July 25th.—Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, July 28th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

SALOP GUILD.—Quarterly meeting at Shifnal on Saturday, July 28th, 2 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Tea at Mr. B. Jones' Refreshment Rooms, Victoria Road, 1/- each. Meeting after tea.—Rev. F. Tennyson, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Yate, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Maulden on Saturday, July 28th. Maulden (6) and Flitton (6) will be available from 2.30. Ampthill (6) later. Tea arrangements will be notified during the afternoon. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Gt. Wymondley on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available all the afternoon and evening. The bells of St. Ippolyts (6) can also be had at the same time. All invited.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 24th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The August meeting of the above will be held at Bishop Auckland and Shildon on Saturday, August 4th, 1923. The bells of both churches are available. The Vicar of S. Andrew's (Bishop Auckland) has kindly offered to provide tea in the Mission Room at 5 p.m. to those who attend and notify me by Tuesday, July 31st, 1923.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea provided by the Rector, and business meeting. Those intending to be present please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 31st. Half railway fares paid up to 2/- at this meeting.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech branch.—A district meeting will be held at March, Cambs (6 bells), on Saturday, August 4th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea provided by the Rector. The General Secretary of the Association intends to be present. All ringers welcome. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Please let me know early. A good gathering is hoped for.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwy Road, March.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 11th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Teas 1/8, names to be sent to Mr. D. Dawson, 42, West View, Clitheroe, not later than August 7th.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) available for 3 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., Church Room. Members will greatly assist if they will notify me by Friday, August 3rd.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

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A NEW DEPARTURE IN SOMERSET.

The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association has much to congratulate itself upon in the progress revealed at the annual meeting. The extension of the art in the South-Western counties of England has always been a laborious task, and ringing in Somerset was especially badly hit by the war, a loss of individual members—the common experience of all ringing organisations—being accompanied by a serious falling off in the number of affiliated towers. The wastages of the war are, however, now being made up, and not the least gratifying part of last year's work was the rejoining of no fewer than thirteen towers, in addition to the bringing in of two new ones. This is eloquent testimony to the zeal which has been displayed in rebuilding the association, and, with the acquisition of numerical strength, further progress in the technical side of ringing may be confidently looked forward to.

In the management of its finances, the association has introduced a principle which others might copy. In addition to the yearly contribution which has to be paid by members, a modest annual affiliation fee for each tower is charged, and it is urged that this fee should be paid by the church authorities. With the growing recognition of ringers as part of the church organisation, this method of affiliation, apart from the financial assistance which it gives, has much to commend it. It is a binding link between a parish and the central diocesan body, it emphasises the association's connection with the Church far more than does the individual subscription of a ringer, and it maintains, whatever the size of a band may be, a full and equal recognition of all towers.

It is hardly to be expected that the ringers should be asked to provide this affiliation fee. In a considerable number of cases the annual subscription is as much as the ringer can afford, but a five-shilling or ten-shilling fee from the Parochial Council is not an extravagant demand to make, even upon a poor parish. The difficulty arises in levying a new charge of this description, and a parsimonious Council might possibly hesitate before dipping into its pocket for the purpose. Proper representations, however, would go far to remove the opposition, which would possibly be found greatest in those parishes where the role of the ringer is placed on a lower level than that of other church workers. It is very largely to emphasise the ringers' position in the church that we say that such a scheme of affiliation is a desirable one. To many associations, with difficulties in making ends meet, this new source of revenue should be a very welcome one, and we imagine the example set by Bath and Wells is likely, in course of time, to be copied by many other ringing organisations covering diocesan or county areas.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 8019 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble	WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... 6
THOMAS LANGDON ... 2	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7
EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... 3	WALTER FARLEY ... 8
WILSON RUSHTON ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... 9
JAMES SCHOLES ... 5	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. FARDON. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Joseph S. Hawkins.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON ... Treble	JAMES S. HUTCHBY ... 6
† JOHN SADDINGTON ... 2	F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 3	ERNEST MORRIS ... 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	EDWARD READER ... 9
* JOHN P. FIDDLER ... 5	WILLIAM THORLEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters. The ringer of the 5th, who hails from Norbury, was elected a member before starting.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AD VINCOLA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 Six-scores called differently with 4, 6, 8 covering.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

J. G. S. SANDERS ... Treble	S. BLACKMORE ... 5
R. GUBB ... 2	J. ROOK ... 6
C. ROOK ... 3	R. PEGELEY ... 7
A. H. HAYWOOD ... 4	T. GUBB ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. HAYWARD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Bowden Snell and Miss Honora Kathleen Tome, who were married at St. Paul's Church, Knightsbridge, on the same day. First peal by all except the conductor, and first peal on the bells.

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ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Tuesday, July 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

ARTHUR CUTMORE ... Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
WILLIAM W. WOOD ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 6
JAMES W. DRIVER ... 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

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On Tuesday, July 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve 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 T. BEERSON, JUN. ... 5
*RAYMOND PHILPOT 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	ALFRED H. POLLING 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Hutton, G. Steere and C. Burdock, of the Holy Trinity Society. The conductor's 700th peal.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LIONEL H. PAGE Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
CHARLES P. CHALK 2	*REGINALD A. WATTS 6
WILLIAM DUDLEY 3	GEORGE E. WILSON 7
WILLIAM DOWSETT 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by W. H. JUDD.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in affectionate remembrance of Dr. Watts-Ditchfield, Bishop of Chelmsford. * First peal, and elected a member of the Essex Association in the tower.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEY Treble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
HAROLD G. CASHMORE 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 3	WALTER AYRE 7
ARTHUR W. DIX 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

This peal, and the one at Oxhey recorded last week, were arranged for Mr. G. H. Cross, of Norwich.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, July 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in E.

FRANK BRASSINGTON ... Treble	WALTER J. HORTON 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 7
*ERNEST STONE 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* Fiftieth peal. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor. First peal in the method on tower bells and rung at the first attempt.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT ADDSLEY 5
FREDERICK CULLUM, SEN. ... 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
JOHN CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 4	WALTER R. MIDDLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. Cobb, the late vicar, who has left the parish.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*WILLIAM GIBSON Treble	GABRIEL LINDOFF 9
ALFRED BACON 2	WILLIAM E. LYNCH 6
*CECIL HARRISON 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
WILLIAM WILSON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Major. This composition contains the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. This was the first peal rung on the beautiful ring in D Minor with the eleventh of the twelve as tenor, and was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson on the 9th anniversary of their wedding.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. TRAPPITT, SEN. ... Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. ... 7
WILLIAM TATE 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

OVER, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Ten Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 17280 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN HAYES 3	SAMUEL JONES 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

This is the longest peal ever rung in the Treble Bob method.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES T. WARD Treble	GEORGE LINES 5
HARRY MEADOWS 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 6
JOHN R. MAIN 3	THOMAS ABBOTT 7
*ROBERT G. BLACK 4	†GEORGE BASHFORD ... Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by G. BASHFORD.

* First peal of Major away from the treble. † 50th peal.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON Treble	CYRIL PEASE 5
HAROLD W. CLARK 2	*GEORGE H. CROSS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung at St. Swithun's Parish Church on St. Swithun's Day, July 15th, in 49 mins.: W. Mills 1, G. Tizzard 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. E. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Cherson 8. This is the first quarter rung on the bells since they were rehung.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WIGMORE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Bob, two of Canterbury, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WILLIAM EVANS Treble	†ALFRED TOMKINS 4
*CHARLES EDWARDS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
*FREDERICK A. GAINÉ 3	ALFRED TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells. * First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods.

EDENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In four methods, being 720 Double Court and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

*GEORGE MILLS Treble	*WILLIAM H. DALE 4
THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE 2	*WILLIAM MILLS 5
JOHN W. LAKE 3	ARTHUR J. HOLMES Tenor

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of treble for his 50th birthday, and to the father of ringer of 5th. Father and son's first peal together and first attempt.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*FRANK HATFIELD Treble	*ARTHUR CRYER 4
HORACE MORLEY 2	ROBERT B. SMITH 5
AUGUSTUS HATFIELD 3	ARTHUR HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

Rung on the conductor's birthday and was his 30th peal. * First peal. Ringers of the 2nd and 4th hail from Selby Abbey, 5th from Howden Parish Church, the rest are local. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

TODDINGTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & PLAIN BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings, and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ALBERT PARKER Treble	*EDWARD COOK 4
*STEPHEN COOK 2	LEONARD HARRISON 5
JOSEPH HALL 3	GEORGE ASHLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE ASHLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. All are Sunday Service ringers. The ringers of 2nd, 4th and 6th are also choir-men. This was the quarterly peal for the Branch, and was rung at the third attempt.

CLIFTON-REYNES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Sunday, July 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

BERNARD FISHER Treble	WILLIAM FREEMAN 4
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON 2	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 5
FREDERICK J. MYNARD 3	EDWIN S. MYNARD Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

The ringer of the 2nd was proposed a life member previous to starting the peal and had never previously struck a blow in the method of Woodbine Treble Bob.

THE LATE MR. ARTHUR T. KING.**UNVEILING OF MEMORIAL TABLET.**

The memorial to the late President of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild (Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O.) was unveiled on Saturday, July 14th, at St. John the Baptist's Church, Barnet. The service, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon Manning), which was fully choral, was a most impressive one, and was attended by a large number of members of the Association, including Messrs. E. A. Milne and T. Beadle (vice-presidents), W. Pye (Master), G. B. Lucas (District Master), C. T. Coles (hon. secretary), W. J. Kemp (assistant hon. secretary), C. Martin, J. Wagborn, B. Foskett, I. G. Shade, G. R. Pye, W. Pickworth, J. E. Miller, H. A. Barnett, and many others of the older members who had known the late President for a considerable period. There were also present Messrs. P. L. and W. King (sons), and several Barnet friends of the late Mr. King.

The service opened with a processional hymn, 'How blessed, from the bonds of sin,' which was followed by Psalm xv. The lessons were read by Mr. F. A. Milne (Diocesan lay reader). The Magnificat also was sung. After the 3rd collect, the clergy and choir proceeded to the font, close to which the memorial had been erected. Mr. Milne then unveiled and dedicated the tablet with these words:—

'In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen. In the Faith of Jesus Christ, we dedicate this tablet to the Glory of God and in pious memory of His Servant, Arthur Thomas King, sometime Diocesan lay reader, President of the Middlesex Association, and member of the Guild of Bell Ringers in this Church.'

AN APPRECIATION.

Mr. Milne then addressed the congregation as follows: 'Fellow members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers, in the unavoidable absence of our president it has fallen to my lot to unveil the tablet we have erected in memory of our late revered president, Arthur Thomas King. I could have wished that Mr. Bonsey had been here to perform the ceremony, but he has told me that in any event he would have preferred that I should do so, as I had for so many years and in so many ways been associated with Mr. King—and, like him, am an Old Wykehamist. At the annual meeting of the association, held in April last year, in speaking of Mr. King, I said that he was a man upon whose word you could absolutely rely, and in whose judgment you could implicitly trust; a man who never in my experience said an unkind word or did an unkind action. I do not think it would be possible to give a better appreciation of his character; and I am convinced that every word I said was true. What a tower of strength he has been to the association you all know. When he first became a member things were at a very low ebb; and it was entirely owing to his tact and infinite patience that the two wings of the association, N. and E. and S. and W., were brought together, and that the association rose to a position second to none in the United Kingdom. And it is peculiarly appropriate that a memorial to him should have been erected in this church, for during the whole of the 20 years or more that he was resident in Barnet he was a lay reader in the parish, and few who had the privilege of hearing him will forget the impressive way in which he read the lessons. May he rest in peace, and may we all be inspired by his example to follow in his steps.'

The choir then sang the hymn, 'Ring out, wild bells,' and returned to their stalls. After the Rector had said prayers, the hymn, 'For all the Saints,' was sung, and the service was concluded with the Benediction and Recessional hymn, 'Through the night of doubt and sorrow.'

The memorial tablet is of white Sicilian marble, mounted on a white marble background, the dimensions of the latter being 2ft. 4ins. by 1ft. 10ins. The inscription, which is cut and painted Venetian red, reads as follows:—

'In gratitude to God for the life and work of Arthur Thomas King, I.S.O., loyal disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ and devout Churchman, the members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers have placed this tablet in memory of his example and devotion, and of his service to the art of bell ringing.'

Great satisfaction was expressed at the neatness of the work and at the way it had been carried out generally. Prior to the service the bells were rung with half-muffled clappers, the 'service touch' being a well-struck course of Bristol Surprise Major. After the service the bells were rung, open, whilst the bells at Hadley were also available, and members made full use of them.

MEMORIAL PEAL TABLET.

At St. Matthew's Church, Upper Clapton, on Thursday, July 19th, a tablet recording a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples rung on the day of the funeral of the late Mr. King was unveiled and dedicated, the ceremony in this instance being performed by the President of the Association (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey).

The Vicar, who was unfortunately absent, was represented by his curate (the Rev. R. J. Goodwin), and the churchwardens also were present.

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BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**A SATISFACTORY YEAR: THIRTEEN TOWERS REJOIN.**

The annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Yeovil, when the following towers were represented: Wells, Bath Abbey, Bridgwater, Ilminster, Trull, Martock, Taunton St. James', Clapton-in-Gordano, Midsomer Norton, Bishop's Hull, and Templecombe, whilst visitors from towers in other dioceses who were heartily welcomed included Messrs. T. Hervey Beams and C. H. Jennings (Salisbury Guild), Braven and Gregory (Bristol), J. W. Jones and C. Greedy (Newport), S. Hillier (Devizes), J. A. Wilson (Wootton Bassett), F. Stuckey and G. Belts (Devon Guild). The local arrangements were made by Mr. Jno. Goodchild (steward), and Mr. J. E. Baker (secretary and conductor of the Parish Church Guild). Before the meeting touches of Grandshire Caters were rung on the bells of the Parish Church, and in the evening touches of various methods, including Grandshire Caters, Stedman Caters, Grandshire Triples, and Bob Royal. The Ringing Master appointed for the day was Mr. J. E. Baker, secretary of the Yeovil Parish Church company. The visitors were loud in their praises of this very fine peal of ten, the tenor of which weighs 45 cwt.

The business meeting was held in the vestry of the Parish Church, under the presidency of the Master (the Rev. Claud C. Parker, of Corston Rectory, Bristol), who was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. E. R. Burgess, of Taunton). The Master's report stated that, perhaps, the most important event of the year was the addition of two bells to St. Mary's tower, Taunton, making a ring of twelve—the only one in the Diocese. The addition had been made with such skill that, with improved methods, it had been conclusively shown the strain on the tower was less than when there were only ten bells. Those who had been the moving spirits in carrying out that work were to be heartily congratulated on the success of their efforts, and on the beautiful peal of which they were now the proud possessors. He thought the example of Taunton showed that an increased number of bells need not in any way endanger the stability of a tower, and where expert opinion was first sought and careful attention was paid to the character of the frame, as in that case, and, so far as he knew, as had been done in the great majority of cases, ringers need have no hesitation in promoting an improvement of the kind. He thought it was a great satisfaction to all to find that their Bishop took a keen interest in the welfare of the Association, and had spoken such kindly words about ringers and their work in the charge made on the occasion of his first visitation.

AN ANNUAL AFFILIATION FEE.

Continuing, the Master said he was again going to press upon them the importance of securing the annual affiliation fee from the church funds of each parish where the tower was attached to the Association. If once established throughout the Diocese it should bring in a sum of about £20, and would be of a permanent nature. They did not ask for a collection, but for the very small sum of 5s., and surely the benefit of the Association to any parish was worth that. Every band of ringers should make a point of seeing that this matter was brought prominently before the incumbent, churchwardens, and Church Council of their own parish. He had had the privilege of being present at a meeting of the Ladies' Guild of Ringers, and the question arose as to headgear for ladies while ringing. He felt himself that, inasmuch as the tower was a part of the church, a head covering of some kind should be worn. He understood that the matter would be referred to the Central Committee of the Ladies' Guild. He was very glad to be able to report a year of satisfactory progress by the Association. A number of towers had rejoined, and there were many new members. Financially also the position was good, and he hoped it might now again be possible to allow a grant towards the fees, at all events, at quarterly meetings of the Association. The towers in the Association numbered 124 (including 13 rejoined and two new towers), and the membership was 1,380. The peals rung had been: Stedman Caters, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Bob Major, 5; Stedman Triples, 5; Grandshire Triples, 9; Bob Minor, 10; Minor in 2 Methods, 1; Doubles in 3 Methods, 1; Doubles in 2 Methods, 2; Grandshire Doubles, 2; total, 37.—The report was adopted, Mr. D. G. Taylor, of Ilminster, commenting upon the satisfactory number of towers that had rejoined the Association. It showed, he said, that they only left previously through the exigencies of war.—The balance sheet was presented by Mr. Burgess, and showed the total sum standing to the credit of the Association to be £106 3s. 2d.—The statement, which had been audited by Mr. D. E. Taylor (hon. auditor), was unanimously adopted.—A discussion ensued upon a suggestion by Mr. J. Hunt that the statement should in future contain the income of the various branches, in addition to the balances now given. It was pointed out that each branch held its own annual meeting, when the detailed accounts were presented, and the Chairman said he did not think it a question arising out of the adoption of the Association's statement.—It was resolved to grant the same honorarium to Mr. Burgess as last year.—The Chairman said they had come through troublous times, and this was the first year the Association had been working so satisfactorily. He thought the grant was due to the secretary for the excellent work he had done.

The Bishop of the Diocese, as president, and the Archdeacons of Wells, Bath, and Taunton as vice-presidents, are ex-officio officers, and their formal re-election was not necessary. Preb. S. A. Boyd (Bath) and the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (Leigh-on-Mendip) were re-elected vice-presidents.—The Rev. C. C. Parker was re-elected Master, Mr. D. G. Taylor hon. auditor, and Mr. Burgess hon. secretary and treasurer, tributes being paid by several speakers to their past services.—Three new members, Miss Campbell and Messrs. J. Blackmore and A. Paul were elected.

In a brief report on the Central Council meeting, Mr. A. E. Coles said the outstanding feature was the whole-hearted welcome given by the officers and members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Mr. Hervey Beams, who they had with them that day, was one of the most prominent figures in organising that welcome.—In thanking Mr. Coles for his report, the Chairman said it should be known that he went without any expense to the Association.—Mr. Hervey Beams, thanking Mr. Coles for his references to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, said they felt if visitors were invited it was a duty to make them welcome.—Mr. J. W. Jones declared it was one of the best gatherings ever held by the Central Council.

SUGGESTED BELFRY REPAIRS FUND.

The Rev. Freeman, of Croscombe, briefly addressed the gathering. At the outset he made it clear that he had only recently gone to live at Croscombe and he had made the discovery that his ringers were not affiliated to the Association. He promised that should be speedily remedied if they allowed Croscombe to join. The reverend gentleman went on to outline a suggestion that all affiliated branches should contribute to a fund to assist parishes faced with heavy expenses in restoring towers and bells. He pointed out that Croscombe had a very ancient and beautiful church with six bells. The ringing of these had had to be stopped through the condition of the cage, and until a restoration scheme costing something like £700 had been carried out. By tremendous 'slogging' the villagers had raised £500, and other parishes near were promising some help. He did not suggest the bellmen should be the material supporters—they already gave their services—but if some scheme could be arranged whereby the hat could be passed round for parishes needing such help as Croscombe did it would be a tremendous thing. There were people in their churches who he felt sure would be willing to pay for the credit of their Church, and he promised that whenever the appeal came to Croscombe the parish would do the same.—The Chairman said Mr. Freeman had their heartiest sympathy, and he hoped they might be able to give some help in that way.

Mr. J. Hunt moved that in future the accounts should be made up to the 31st December, instead of May 31st. He pointed out that practically all Church accounts were now made up for this period, and if the motion was adopted there would not be the rush to get the financial statement completed for that meeting. — Mr. Taylor seconded.—The Chairman mentioned that the committee supported the proposal.—In answer to a question he stated that he did not think the alteration of any rule was involved. They could not do that. He should put it on this assumption, and if it turned out otherwise it would become inoperative.—For the motion there voted 25, and against three.—The Chairman declared it carried.

The Chairman moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Yeovil (the Rev. H. C. Sydenham) for the use of the vestry and the beautiful bells of the church; to Mr. Jno. Goodchild (the Vicar's warden) and to Mr. J. E. Baker (local secretary and Master of the Yeovil Guild), who had done everything possible to make the meetings successful.—Mr. Goodchild, in acknowledging the vote, said it was a great delight to them to receive a visit from the Diocesan Association.

In the Parish Church Divine service was conducted by the Vicar of Yeovil, the whole of the party attending. The singing was led by the choir, and Mr. F. R. Risdon (organist and choirmaster) presided at the organ. The lesson was read by Mr. J. W. Pearson (headmaster of Yeovil County School), and immediately after the singing of the 'Ringers' hymn, the Vicar gave an address to the Association from the text 'I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do.' He pointed out the holiness of the service the ringers had undertaken, and said they must realise they were the instruments through which God called His people to the Sanctuary. The Church to-day was more full of life and vitality than it had ever been. Differences and difficulties over Prayer Book Revision and such like merely pointed to the life and vitality in Church and people. Their Sunday Schools were increasing, and in many places their congregations and communicants. The ringers called them to this holy service. The time was passed when it was good enough for the ringers to ring and then leave the House of God. If their lives were to be successful, and if they wanted to be able to say when it closed and the last pull had been made, 'I have finished the work Thou gavest me to do,' then not only must they be ringers, but worshippers in the Sanctuary, too.

In the Schoolroom the party sat down to tea, excellently served by Mrs. Goodchild, Mrs. Standing, Mrs. Oridge, Mrs. F. Beel, and Mrs. C. E. Newis.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to make an appeal, through your columns, to the Exercise at large for help in compiling this roll.

Below will be seen two lists of names which I have denoted A and B.

In list A, certain names are grouped together which bear a similarity to each other.

I want to know how many persons are described in each group, and, if only one, which place or tower out of two or three has the right to claim that one. To take an instance: Were there two ringers of the name of 'Atwater, E.' killed? If there was only one, should he be described as coming from Stratham or Cuckfield?

In list B, there are certain names given as belonging to Guilds or Associations, but the place or tower is left blank. I want if possible to be able to fill up this blank space.

Secretaries of Guilds and Associations have done their best in the matter, and I now appeal to the friends of these fallen ringers to send me such information—as some of them surely must have—as will enable me to come to a decision in each case.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

LIST A.

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association
ATTWATER, E.	Stratham	Surrey, Coll. Youths
ATTWATER, E.	Cuckfield	Sussex
BOTTRILL, J. T.	Pendleton	Lancashire
BOTTRILL, J. T.	Anstey	Midland Counties
BILLOWS, F. C.	Blackburn	Lancashire
BILLOWS, F. C.	Skipton	Yorkshire
COLLINS, S. J.	Fulham	College Youths
COLLINS, S. J.	Wandsworth	London County
DEWEY, H. J.	Reigate	Surrey
DEWEY, H. J.	Earlswood	Cumberlands
DELL, C.	Isleworth	Middlesex
DELL, C.	Hadleigh	Cumberlands
EDSER, G.	Streatham	Surrey
EDSER, G. B.	Buttersea	London County
EDSER, G. B.	Herstham	Surrey
EDSER, G. B.	Hewsham	Winchester
LICENCE, A.	Worplesdon	Winchester
LICENCE, F. A.	Willesden	Middlesex
LICENCE, F. A.	Brookdish	Norwich
LEE, W. C.	Streatham	Surrey
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	London County
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	Cumberlands
LEE, W. C.	Great Cornard	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
LAING, A. T.		Cambridge University
LAING, A. T., Rev.	Bamburgh	Durham and Newcastle
MURRAY, T.	Lisnard	Chester
MURRAY, T.	Rothbury	Durham and Newcastle
MORRIS, B.	Mitcham	Surrey
MORRIS, B.	Mortlake	Middlesex
MELIA, M.	Leeds	London County
MELIA, M.	Holbeck	College Youths
NEW, W. J.	Isleworth	Middlesex
NEW, W. J.	Leigh	Salisbury
NEW, W. J.	Isleworth	London County
PLANT, A.	Kettering	Northants
PLANT, H. A. B.	Burton-on-Trent	Midland Counties
PAYNE, J.	St. Albans	Herts
PAYNE, J. H.	Kensington	College Youths
ROBERTS, A.	Dover	Kent
ROBERTS, A.	Godstone	Surrey
RANCE, J.	Davenham	Chester
RANCE, J.	Whalley	Lancashire
STUBBS, H. C.	Stanford Hill	Middlesex
STUBBS, H. C.	Tottenham	Cumberlands
STUBBS, H. C.	Stoke Newington	London County
SMITH, A.	Oxenhorpe	Yorkshire
SMITH, A.	Masey	Peterborough
SMITH, A.	Langham	Essex

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association.
SAYER, C. O.	Headingley	Yorkshire
SAYER, C. O.	Sunderland	Durham and Newcastle
SAUNDERS, H.	Mistley	Essex
SAUNDERS, H.	Hemingford Abbots	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
TAYLOR, T. G.	Batheaston	Bath and Wells
TAYLOR, T. G.	Whitchurch	Salisbury
	Canonicorum	
WRIGHT, S.	Morpeth	College Youths
WRIGHT, S. A.	Herne Hill	London County
WRIGHT, S. A.	Morpeth	Durham and Newcastle
WILLIAMS, R.	Bebington	Chester
WILLIAMS, R.	Whitchurch	Llandaff and Monmouth
WAITE, S.	Twickenham	Bath and Wells
WAITE, S.	Bishop's Canning	Salisbury

LIST B.

CHAPMAN, A. R. B.	Cambridge University
CHELL, H.	"
GRAY, A. F.	"
HAMILTON, A. S.	"
LONGRIDGE, A. O.	"
C., Rev.	"
LAING, A. T.	"
McKIEVER, V. C.	"
McMICHAEL, D. W.	"
PERSSE, C. de B.	"
RILEY, T., Rev.	"
RAIKES, F. S. W.	"
SCHOOLING, C. H., Rev.	"
WALKER, E. B.	"
WHITE, F. R.	"
BANNON, J.	Irish Association
KAVANAGH, C.	"
KENNEDY, T.	"
McLEAN, J.	"
TECTOR, R.	"

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The President, after unveiling the tablet, dedicated it with these words: 'In the Faith of Jesus Christ, we dedicate this mural tablet to the Glory of God, and in memory of His Servant, Arthur Thomas King, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.'

A short service of prayer followed, the proceedings ending with the Benediction.

This tablet is also of white Sicilian marble, 1½ inches thick, and a little over 1ft. 7ins. square. The inscription, which is surrounded by a black border line, and headed 'In Memoriam,' proceeds to record the peal rung with half-muffled bells on March 30th, 1922, after the funeral at Stevenage, stating in bold black letters to whose memory the peal was rung; full details of the peal itself following.

TANFIELD'S VETERAN VICAR.

Five members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association journeyed out from Newcastle to Tanfield, Co. Durham, to join the local ringers, and one from Black Hill, on Thursday, July 12th, to do honour to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon T. H. Archdale), who has been an honorary member of the Durham and Newcastle Association since 1890, and was that day celebrating his 4-score summers. It was intended to ring a peal, but it was the hottest day of the summer, and the tower was like an oven. The band contented themselves, therefore, with touches of Grandsire and Siedman Triples-Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, with some local ringers taking part, after which they were most hospitably entertained on the lovely lawn of the Vicarage by the venerable Canon himself, who was so agile and full of humour that he would pass very well for 3-score summers instead of four. He offered anyone parrot's eggs who could get them out of the nest; a vain search was made in the 'green' peacock's nest on the lawn.

Among the party was the local 'bishop,' who is running the Vicar close with his summer score.—The Vicar gave the ringers an invitation to come back and ring his diamond wedding peal. In the 'Ringing World' his golden wedding peal was recorded. The ringers sincerely hoped they would be able to accept that invitation. After a stroll round the beautiful garden, with its 1,400 rose trees, and congratulations to the Canon, the gathering terminated.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**EASTERN BRANCH VISIT BUTTERWICK.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Butterwick on Saturday, July 14th. The bells of the parish church had recently been augmented to six and rehung in a new cast-iron frame with steel girders by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who had also supplied all their latest improvements in bell hanging. This, no doubt, was the main reason for such a goodly number being present.

After the afternoon's ringing a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick (the Rev. J. R. Trotter), who afterwards entertained the company to a splendid 'knife and fork' tea at the Five Bells Inn.

After tea the usual business meeting was held, the Rev. J. R. Trotter being in the chair.—The Rev. C. V. Campkin Cogan, Vicar of Sibsey, resigned his position as president of the branch, and the Rev. J. R. Trotter was unanimously elected to the vacancy.

Out of the funds of the branch £5 were voted to the Butterwick Church Bells Fund, and £3 to the fund for providing four new trebles to be placed in Lincoln Cathedral to the memory of the ringers of Lincolnshire who gave their lives in the great war.

The Master of the Guild (the Rev. H. Law James) was present, and spoke very strongly on this subject, urging the members of the branch to try and raise at least 10s. per rope throughout the district.

A return to the belfry was again made after the meeting concluded, and various methods of Minor and Doubles were rung until 9 p.m. Several members journeyed on bicycles to Freiston, and rang touches on the bells there. Members were present from Benington, Boston, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Stickney, as well as a party from Pinchbeck, who were making a day's excursion. They visited Frampton in the morning, came on to Butterwick in the afternoon, and called at Freiston on the way home.

Many complimentary remarks were passed on the splendid 'go' of the bells, and also on the excellent splice Messrs. Taylor had made in adding the new treble.

The next meeting was fixed to be held at Old Bolingbroke in the autumn.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Willingham on Saturday, July 14th, and attended by members from Gainsboro', Corringham, Stow and Lincoln, in addition to some of the local company. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept

going in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise Minor; a 720 Bob Minor was also rung.

A short service was held, at which the Rev. R. Malkinson (Rector) officiated, assisted by the Rev. A. Mitchell, of Mumby, who gave an interesting address.

Tea was provided at the Half Moon Inn, followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. F. F. Linley presided.—The election of Mr. Harry Reville, of Ordsall, as a non-resident life member at Gainsboro', before starting for a peal, was confirmed.

There being no further business, Mr. F. F. Linley gave a most instructive and interesting address.

Voices of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, Mr. Plowright for arranging the tea, the organist for his services, and Mr. F. F. Linley for presiding, were unanimously passed.

These were duly responded to, and concluded the business.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting was held at Barnsley on Saturday, July 14th. Members, with their wives and lady friends, had previously been invited by the Rector (the Rev. H. E. Hone) and Mrs. Hone to make the Rectory and grounds a rendezvous for the gathering. The Rector is possessed of the kindest heart, and has done duty for the Church in Australia and other parishes at home, which has enabled him to acquire great knowledge of men and things. Moreover, Mrs. Hone is overflowing with smiling goodness, and with such a reception in view the success of the meeting was assured beforehand. The welcome, which was gracefully offered was greatly appreciated. The bells at St. Mary's Church were set going at 3 p.m. and members also wandered at pleasure between such points as the church, the markets, and the spacious Rectory grounds, etc. The tea-tables were spread in the Parish Room, and a very happy company assembled. The handbells were put into use, courses of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major being brought round. One local lady, of 92 summers, entered the room purposely to see and learn what ringers are and can be.

Royston was selected out of three offers for the next place of meeting, which will be Saturday, August 11th.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mrs. Hone for the tea, solely managed by herself, and also to the willing hand of helpers, including her daughters. Thanks were also accorded to the Rector and churchwarden for their kind help.

Evensong followed, which most of the company attended. An address was given by the Rector. Further ringing followed, and thus ended the brightest and best of meetings.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many happy returns of the day to Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who was born on July 27th, 1864.

The first peal in Ireland (Grandsire Triples) was rung at Waterford Cathedral on July 27th, 1872.

At Aston, Birmingham, on July 30th, 1792, a peal of 7,552 Grandsire Major was rung by St. Martin's Guild.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles, at Combe Martin, North Devon, recorded this week, is a performance upon which the band are to be congratulated. The bells at this church were recast and made into eight by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank last July. Mr. A. H. Hayward then took in hand the instruction of a band, and they have now rung their first peal under Mr. Hayward's conductorship. We look forward to seeing a peal of Triples before long.

The St. Martin's-in-the-Fields' Company will be visiting Painswick on September 1st. Any member of the Royal Cumberland Youths desirous of joining the party may obtain particulars from J. Cornford, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

The peal of Bob Major rung at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Fressingfield, on June 13th, 1923, and published in our issue of the 22nd ult., should have been credited to the Norwich and St. Edmunds. bury and Ipswich Diocesan Association. This fact was omitted from the report sent to us.

The National Assembly has decided upon the division of the Diocese of Winchester, and the members of the Diocesan Guild of Ringers will now have to consider what the future of its organisation shall be.

Oxford Guild members should note that the practice previously announced to take place on Saturday, at Beaconsfield will be held instead at Farnham Royal.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

OVER 500 MEMBERS.

The annual meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ipswich last Saturday. After a service in the Tower Church, at which Archdeacon Farmiloe preached, tea was provided in the Co-operative Hall, at the cost of some of the clerical members in East Suffolk.

At the meeting which immediately followed, with Archdeacon Farmiloe in the chair, it was decided to re-elect all the officers en bloc.

The Secretary read out the list of towers which had sent in a total of 442 ringing members, 21 honorary members, and two life members. These were all elected, with the addition of seven new members then proposed.

The Secretary explained that, although he had sent out all these forms at the beginning of June, it was only during the last few days that the greater number had been returned; he had therefore, had no opportunity of ascertaining how many there were on the former which had not been entered on these returns, but he knew there were sufficient to bring the total names already enrolled to over 500, and there were all the names in three districts yet to come in.

The Secretary reported that eleven towers had compounded: only one of these was an old tower, on which the Guild accordingly lost 2s. The other ten were new towers, none of which would probably have joined the Guild, bringing in 71 shillings and 82 new members.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting in future on Easter Monday.

The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

TEXT BOOK ON SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

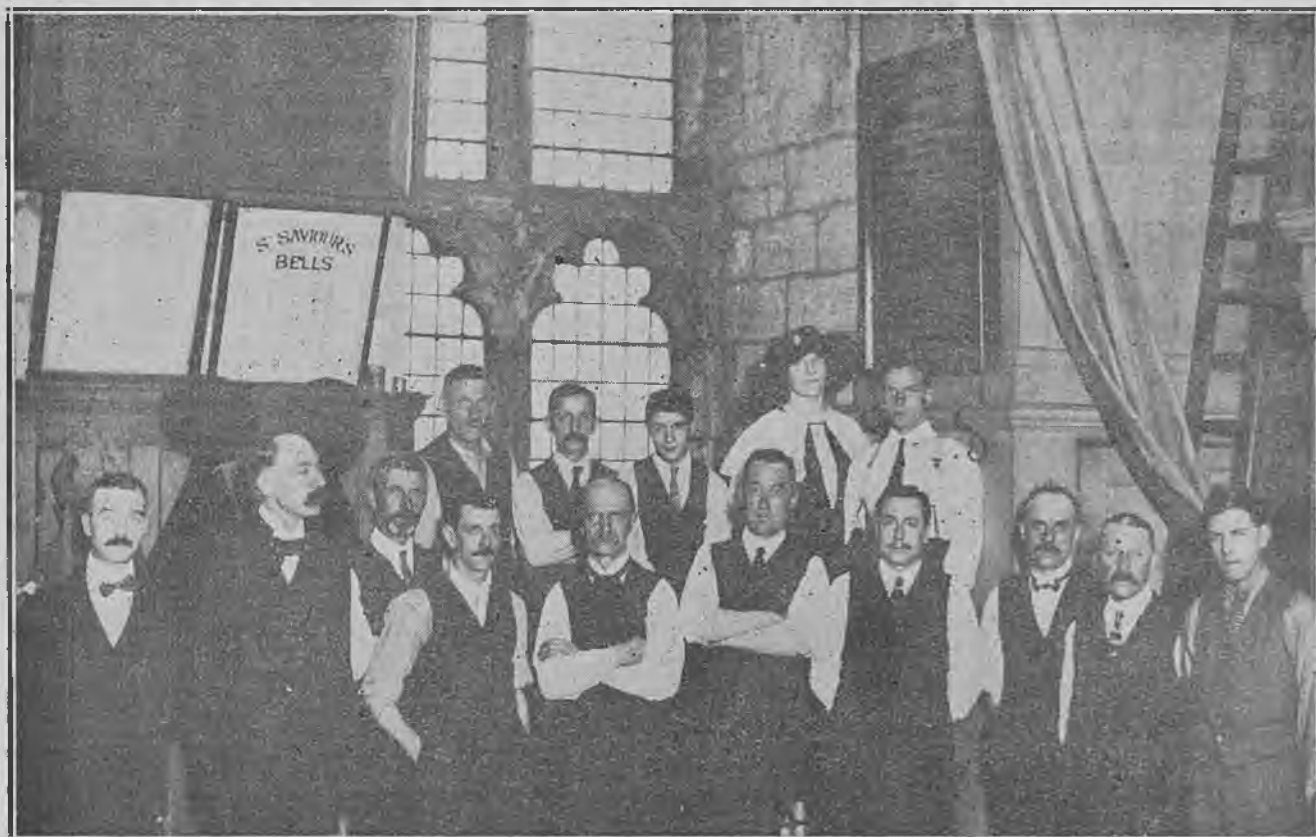
Sir,—The suggestion of 'Lancastrian' in last week's issue that a book containing the Surprise Methods on 8, 10 and 12 bells should be published for the Exercise is not premature. A perusal of the peal column during the past year is a clear proof of the advancement of ringers in the Surprise Methods. A few years ago the three Surprise Methods in 'Standard Methods' were sufficient for the average Surprise band to tackle, and occasionally Bristol was rung by these ringers, but London and Bristol are now so widely practised that peals in these methods have increased enormously. This alone shows that the Exercise is improving, and if such methods as 'Lancastrian' mentions could be published on similar plans to the Snowdon series a great service would be done to the great body of Surprise ringers who are seeking new pastures. If the cost is too prohibitive to publish a text book like Snowdon's letterpress, surely a book containing skeleton diagrams of these methods, and, perhaps, the first treble lead, could be published at a price reasonable to the members of the Exercise. It is a book that is sorely needed. If the job could not be undertaken by the Central Council, surely they would show their approval to the enterprising person who offers to do it. There must be many of our ringers in the printing trade. What do they think about it?—Yours faithfully,

Portsmouth.

F. W. ROGERS.

THE RECORD PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

COMMEMORATIVE BOARD UNVEILED AT SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL.



A board, recording the 12,675 Stedman Cinques rung in 9 hrs. 47 mins. on Whit Monday by the Ancient Society of College Youths, was unveiled at Southwark Cathedral last week. The photograph shows the band, with Mrs. Robert Frank, who performed the ceremony, and Mr. Robert Frank, the Rector's warden (who presented the board, and is second on left of picture).

On Tuesday, July 17th, before the usual practice in the tower of Southwark Cathedral, a board giving particulars of the record peal of Stedman Cinques, accomplished by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Whitsun Monday, was unveiled by Mrs. Robert Frank, wife of the Rector's warden. There was a large attendance of ringers, including the whole of the peal band, and Mr. Frank, who had generously given the board.

Mrs. Frank, in a happy speech, apologised for her presence in the tower, and suggested that it might have been more seemly if one of the five youthful lady members of the society had been called upon to perform the ceremony. One thing which made her reticent was her lack of knowledge of campanology. She had, however, found a good friend in Mr. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who had proved an efficient teacher. She was very proud that the record peal had taken place in the tower of Southwark Cathedral, a church very dear to her and to Mr. Frank, the Rector's warden. For the benefit of visitors she might explain what had happened on Whitsun Monday. Twelve members of the Ancient Society gathered in the tower and began to ring at 8.30 a.m. They rang Stedman Cinques for nearly 10 hours, and accomplished nearly 13,000 changes. More changes had been rung on one occasion at Painswick, but the bells there were infinitely lighter, and consequently the performers rang

for a much shorter time. The ringing at Southwark was the longest ring on twelve bells, and an epoch-making achievement in the ringing world. It was a great physical and mental test, and those who took part should feel proud of their success which fortunately had no bad after effects. She felt she must congratulate the College Youths, that honourable company of ringers which had 300 years of history behind them. They had chosen Southwark some 200 years ago for their first outstanding performance. It was not surprising that so worthy a body had charge of almost all the towers in the City of London.

Mr. W. E. Garrard, Master of the College Youths, thanked Mr. and Mrs. Frank for their keen interest in the society, and he accepted, on behalf of the members, the board which Mr. Frank had so kindly presented. He was glad to see that the names of the twelve ringers had been set out on the memorial, and he knew that in years to come men in the ringing world would look back and honour those who had the keenness and physical endurance to accomplish so much.

Photographs were then taken for the Press, and afterwards the band who rang the peal gave an exhibition of their art.

In the heading to the composition which was printed in our last issue the first two figures were transposed, the length of the peal was, of course, 12,675 and not 21,675.

THE LATE BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD.

At Chelmsford, on Thursday, July 19th, immediately after the funeral of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. J. E. Watts-Ditchfield, D.D.), at the Cathedral, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) in 50 mins.: H. Cutter 1, C. Gentry 2, P. Timson 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, H. Cooper 5, J. Clarke 6, C. H. Howard 7, H. Kirton (conductor) 8, C. Pease 9, J. Wood 10.

Mr. Howard represented the Essex Association at the funeral.

A muffled peal was rung at Prittlewell.

At Feering, on Saturday, July 14th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Boh Major: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, J. C. Newman 2, E. W. Beckwith 3, F. Claydon 4, J. Sadler 5, G. Hayward 6, W. Elliott 7, A. Saunders 8.

At Kelvedon, on Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, two 360's of Plain Bob by F. Dale, junr., 1, F. Dale, senr., 2, J. C. Newman 3, J. Elliott 4, E. Bone 5, W. Elliott 6, W. Keeble 7.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL MEETING-PLACE.

FEELING AMONG SOUTH BUCKS MEMBERS.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild, at the annual meeting at Oxford on Saturday, decided to hold next year's meeting at Oxford. It was formerly the practice to visit each of the three counties in the diocese (Oxford, Berks and Bucks) in turn for the festival, but in recent years the meeting has been held at Oxford.

Some feeling has arisen among a section of the members on the subject, and subscriptions have been withheld as a protest.

As a result of last Saturday's decision, the position has become more acute, and at a meeting of the members of the High Wycombe belfry, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

1.—The All Saints' High Wycombe Society, learns with regret of the decision made to again hold the annual meeting (1924) at Oxford, contrary to Rule 13, as defined during the 33 years of the Diocesan Guild's existence previous to the great war. Custom creates common law: in the same way custom has created a common rule whereby the annual festival shall be held, in turn, in the three Archdeaconries, at a place to be decided in accordance with Rule 13. The East Berks and South Bucks Branch, the premier one of the Diocesan Society, at its successive meetings, has passed resolutions unanimously against the continuous breach of the constitution; and the All Saints' Society, after serious consideration, can no longer associate itself with the same, under existing conditions. It, therefore, with much regret, secedes from affiliation with the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers from the 31st December next.

2.—Copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Master and the general secretary of the Guild; also to the chairman and secretary of the branch; and for publication in the 'Ringing World.'

RALPH COLES, Foreman.

GEO. TWITCHEN, Hon. Secretary.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**THE QUESTION OF HEAD COVERING.**

The annual general meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday, July 14th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London. The members present were Miss D. Atkins (president), Miss E. K. Parker (hon. secretary), Miss C. Hepburn (secretary of the Northamptonshire district), Miss H. Mills (secretary of the Southern district), Misses Chapman, Harcourt and Orr, of Clapham Park; Misses B. Mills and E. Fisher, of Alderhot; Mrs. Hardy and Miss H. Willson, of Leicester; Mrs. E. M. Atkins, London; Miss D. Feltham, Hillingdon; Mrs. Pulling, Guildford; Miss E. Steel, Bedford; Mrs. J. Thomas, Ponders End; Miss R. Thomas, Mersham; Miss E. Upsher, Edmonton; and Mrs. Wilkins, Bristol.

The members were welcomed by the Rector, the Rev. W. H. Davies, who conducted a short service, and gave a helpful address. The organ was played by Mrs. Hardy.

Tea was prepared in the Church Schools by Mrs. Davies. The business meeting followed, when the chair was taken by the president.

The Secretary reported that the Guild was still progressing, and good work had been done in the various districts.

Mrs. Wilkins, of Bristol, was elected president for the year, and Miss Parker re-elected honorary secretary and treasurer.

It was decided to issue a report on the year's work, a small charge to be made to help to cover expenses.

The formation of a Devon branch of the Guild was discussed, and the secretary was requested to give all possible assistance to the organisers, who had previously approached her on the subject.

A suggestion was made that a special form of head covering to be worn in the belfry be adopted, but it was decided that owing to diversity of opinion amongst members and elsewhere, no rule could be made.

Bristol was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his great kindness in allowing the Guild the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and arranging tea.

Various methods were rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

RINGERS MARRIED.**BRIDE, BRIDEGROOM AND BRIDESMAID TAKE PART IN WEDDING 'PEAL.'**

The marriage took place at St. Mary's Church, Peterborough, on Thursday, July 19th, of Mr. J. Northam and Miss Elsie Brandon, both members of St. Mary's band. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a large number of friends, and the service was choral.

After the reception a visit was paid to the belfry, where the captain (Mr. F. Rawlinson) arranged a touch of Bob Minor by the following: The Bridegroom 1, the Bride 2, the Bridesmaid (Miss A. Dale) 3, Miss D. Dale 4, Mrs. Rupert Richardson 5, Mr. Rupert Richardson 6. The touch was conducted by the bride.

Afterwards touches of Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung, the other ringers taking

part being Miss K. Jutson, Messrs. Herbert Hoare, T. Tilley, G. Williamson, W. Waldren, J. Jutson and F. Rawlinson.

In the evening the happy pair left for their honeymoon at Hastings, and as they departed the bells of St. Mary's were ringing merrily.

A NEW TREBLE BOB MAJOR RECORD.**SUCCESS OF THE CHEESHIRE MEN AT OVER.**

Members of the Chester Diocesan Guild were successful in their attempt at St. Chad's Church, Over, Cheshire, on Saturday, to beat the Treble Bob Major record, and they will receive the heartiest congratulations of the Exercise upon the outcome of the effort.

The peal was Mr. Joseph W. Parker's 17,280, published some time since in these columns, and the bells went into changes at 9.50 a.m. The striking was excellent, and a competent listener informs us that there were no trips throughout the peal. The bells kept a steady beat throughout the day, and came round at 7.50 p.m., exactly ten hours after the start. The average speed was thus 28.8 changes per minute.

Considerable excitement prevailed in the village as evening drew near, and a crowd listened to the finish. At the conclusion of the peal the bells were 'fired' and lowered in peal—a fitting termination to a great performance.

The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Vicarage by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Stables), and desire to thank him for his hospitality. They also desire to thank him and his churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. Saddler, the secretary, for the considerable help which he gave.

The bells at Over were recast, augmented from five to eight, and rung in 1915 by Messrs. Taylor and Co. They ran perfectly throughout the peal.

Over Church is surrounded by fields, and stands quite away from the village, so that it was an ideal place for the attempt.

Record lengths of Treble Bob Major have been set up previously as follows:—

12,320 in 7 hrs. 15 mins., at Otley, August 27th, 1814.
14,016 Kent, in 7 hrs. 25 mins., at Oldham, Feb. 12th 1821.
15,368 Kent, in 8 hrs. 45 mins., at Elland, Dec. 26th 1831.
15,840 Kent, in 9 hrs. 12 mins., at Bethnal Green, April 27th, 1868.
16,608 Kent, in 9 hrs. 48 mins., at Mottram, May 18th, 1883.
16,633 Oxford, in 10 hrs. 32 mins., at Debenham, June 6th, 1892.
16,800 Kent, in 9 hrs. 40 mins., at Mottram, June 8th 1906.

THE FOUNDATION OF COMPOSITIONS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have for a long time been considering the question of composition and the advanced stage to which the art has reached. We see week by week peals of 'Arran Chief' and 'Orange Blossom' labelled as 'this composition is now rung for the first time, IS IT?' The professors of mathematics in the Exercise will tell us that 2 plus 2 make 4, and that a rotative family is the result thereof until infinity is reached. I quite agree that the gentleman who first found out that 2 plus 2 equal 4 was not a genius, because he only pointed out a fact which existed before he pointed it out, but I give far less credit to the gentleman who said that 4 plus 4 equal 8. Any fool can find the sixpence after the candle has been lit, always assuming that a sixpence has been mislaid.

To quote a fair example, Annable's peal of Bob Major used as a root peal is capable of variation and extension to the limit of Bob Major, but whose peal is it? We often see the Family Tree of (his or that person) showing the descent of the said person from Noah, let us say. Any peal of Bob Major could be just as easily linked up to Annable's peal. And when a genius like Mr. J. Carter, of Park Lane, published a broad sheet of Stedman Caters many years ago one would have thought that our 'Composers' would have at once said, 'Oh well, if that is possible where 2 plus 2 is concerned and where Stedman Caters is concerned, then it must also be possible with all methods.' I know that there is in existence a book containing 279,000 peals of London Surprise Major (5,024 5,056 and 5,088 changes only), all obtained from one simple scale; simple when someone else has put his finger on the key to the system but who is entitled to claim the credit for the 4 plus 4 equal 8 after the Bob Major candle was once lit? Dear old Euclid told us many useful things, none of which have ever been equalled. He told us that 'Two straight lines cannot enclose a space.' If some 'genius' came along and said 'two double straight lines cannot enclose a space' he would soon be told that he was *mons* late, but people keep on publishing peal (or composition) after peal of Bob Major when we have proof that tables are to be had which embrace ALL possible ways of permuting any method from a lead to its extent. I know nothing of composition, but I do know that it is time our Parliament stopped christening early potatoes, and faced the problems re 2 plus 2 and their square root.—Yours very sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

P.S.—I must say that these few notes were prompted by the footnote to the peal rung at Surfleet on July 4th, 1923. Those who don't know what it was should BUY and READ our paper. Large type for those two words, Mr. Editor, an it please ye.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, at the Church of St. Mary, 567 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, T. R. Taylor 2, J. D. Harris 3, E. J. Harding, junr., 4, W. Tate 5, T. Bond (Burford, Oxon) 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.—Also on the previous Monday, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Symons 1, F. S. Bayley 2, F. A. Burnett 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, E. J. Harding, junr., 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, R. Mackrill 4, G. Hunt 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6.

STOWMARKET.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, touches of Grand sire Triples, including 504: T. Sparrow 1, W. E. Tydeman 2, W. Soutor (conductor) 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, A. Grimwood 6, E. E. Diaper 7, W. Welham 8. Rang with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. C. Gostling for 30 years vergar at the above church, who was much respected by everyone who knew him. The funeral took place the previous Thursday.

HARBURY, YORKS.—On Sunday, July 15th, for morning service, and SS. Peter and Leonard, 720 City Delight: J. Woffenden 1, G. E. Pickles 2, G. Hunt 3, J. Smith 4, H. Rowley (conductor) 5, R. Thickett 6, G. W. Pickles cover.—For evening service, 768 Double Norwich Major: J. Woffenden 1, G. Hunt 2, G. E. Pickles 3, D. Mitchell 4, J. Smith 5, H. Bowley (conductor) 6, G. W. Pickles 7, R. Thickett 8.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 15th, for evening service, 720 Stedman's slow course: J. H. Clare 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, W. E. Coles 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by treble and 3rd.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, July 1st, for evening service, 756 Grand sire Triples: P. Want 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, F. Edwards 3, W. Button 4, H. Want 5, G. Kenward 6, C. Tribe 7, J. Neve 8.—Also on Sunday, July 8th, for evening service, 518 Grand sire Triples: P. Want 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Hammond (first 500 of Triples) 3, C. Tribe 4, W. Button 5, H. Baker 6, R. E. Burgess 7, W. Bishop 8. Mr. G. Kenward hails from Sittingbourne, F. Edwards from Cirencester, and J. Hammond from Kildown.

BLAXHALL.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 30th 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Smith 1, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, J. M. Bailey 3, J. Smy 4, G. Bailey 5, A. Ling, junr., 6. First in the method by 4th and tenor ringer.—Also 720 in the same method: C. E. Fisher 1, W. Smith 2, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 3, F. L. Fisher 4, J. Smy 5, A. Ling, junr., 6. First 720 with a bob bell by the 2nd ringer; followed by 720 Wells Surprise: A. Ling, junr., 1, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 2, C. E. Fisher 3, F. L. Fisher 4, G. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH WAR MEMORIAL.

A GREAT CARILLON.

About 50,000 people, it is estimated, were present on Saturday at the opening of Loughborough's unique war memorial.

As befitting a town renowned for bells, the feature of the memorial is a carillon, the finest in England. There are 47 bells, covering four octaves, and ranging in weight from four tons to 20 lbs. They hang in a lofty tower erected in Queen's Park, and are the product of the Loughborough Foundry. The largest bell is the Taylor memorial bell, which adds greatly to the richness of the carillon, and is inscribed:—

In proud and loving memory
of his three nephews
killed in action in France

JOHN WILLIAM TAYLOR Courcelette 1916
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ARNOLD BRADLEY TAYLOR Contalmaison 1916
sons of John William Taylor (1853-1919)
grandsons of John William Taylor (1827-1906)

Edmund Denison Taylor
the founder of these bells
gives this the largest
1923.

The opening ceremony was performed by Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson, Chevalier Denyn, the famous Belgian carillonneur, of Malines, who gave concerts on the bells during the day, described the carillon as the most perfect modern instrument of its kind in the world. The programme included a special memorial chime composed by Sir Edward Elgar.

Concerts are being given daily during this week.

At Barking, Essex, on July 19th, after the memorial service for the Bishop of Chelmsford, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung muffled, in 54 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, W. Beard 2, F. Russell 3, A. G. Hardy 4, W. G. Jackson 5, A. K. Harrison 6, E. G. Cottis 7, E. H. Parker 8.

IN THE SHIRE OF JOUSTS.

ILKESTON RINGERS' OUTING.

Gadzooks! 'Dies Colloquid Dietus Est' and Zooks! On July 7th there was such a gathering of the 'Clans in Ilkestone'—when—

The bus roll'd up with a name Elite,
In climb'd the tall, and the petit!

'All aboard?' 'Yes, sir, first stop the bell foundry, Loughboro.'

After an hour's run we arrive, and are conducted around 'The most up-to-date,' when one of the party started to count the many peals which lay in every conceivable portion of the great foundry, but when our guide (Mr. Stubbs) quite accidentally knocked some music out of a carillon intended for 'Andover, U.S.A.,' our enumerator was so charmed that he lost all count. Irrespective of the new bells we saw, here, there, and everywhere lay the foissam and jefsam of the old founders. Yes, there they lay, tired and weary of waiting to be cast into the fiery nest of Phoenix, and to rise again into their lofty homes to another life of centuries.

Bidding farewell to this motley mob of 'good old has-beens,' and 'never-wassers,' which bore the authentic trade devices of the Norwich Brasyers, Newcombe, Daud, Oldfield, Mears, Motts, Potts and Jack Rudhalls! we turned our attention to a pharmaceutical phial, clobber full of soothing medicine, and we gleaned from the inscription that it had been made to the order of a Derby specialist.

Then we tried the tricky ten in the foundry campanile, where the 'big 'uns are little 'uns,' which insist in dodging fast and furious on the front, and knowing that convocation did not permit this in the Stedman Principle, the party adjourned (after a lively time) to the 'kennel of the Greyhound,' where the good hostess served up an excellent lunch, and be it known to all, we know the young ladies partook of salads containing the aromatic perfume of garlic!

Time and tide wait not even for Campanites. Confound the bus! No longer it waits, but speeds on to the Roman station of 'Ratae,' and, by the way, we chatted about 'Hunting'—while—

'Honk, honk, pap, pap, went the merry horn,
As the Elite lally-hoed through Quorn!

Tempus Fugit! But to economise and to save a little, our driver put the bus in top gear, and we stopped the timekeeper's watch. Still, sad to relate, the Elite was much overdue when she was slowed up at a place ycleped by our Saxon fathers Legerecaestre, and softened by us locals (pardon! yokels) in the 20th century to Lester. After a long dodge with an electric car in front, we made another Bob, up a back street this time, where we spotted the smiling face of 'Old Bill,' peeping out of the 'Better 'Ole' (we knew he couldn't find a better) awaiting our belated arrival. Yes, we got the same old greeting 'Cheerio!' but still in fear and trembling we were led up to 'the place of Execution,' commonly known as St. John's Divine. Verily, the warm reception we received soon convinced the writer (who had grave fears) that a reprieve had been granted. Still, in spite of this, things were hot and flushed, especially faces which paled somewhat when they gazed upon the cold, glittering steel blade of 'Ye Battle-Axe'! Happily this one was not intended for severing the upper portion of the vertebra, or for scalping purposes. 'Twas surely the ceremonial axe! of the great 'Gulielmus-de-Legria.' Such knowledge made one feel quite comfy, so we just set 'em going, and we had some stuff which is ycleped 'Mixed'; then we had some 'Sforzando, Allegretto Stedman' which, strange to say, shook not any 'flies' off those glorious bells! Matter-of-fact, one thinks they get dusted too often for any to settle on 'em. Talk about bells! these are bells! One can even stand in the street and emulate the classical poise of 'Eros,' without the slightest fear of being knocked down, and without 'lying,' the writer drank deeply of the beautiful medicine. And in Leicester they talk about Surprise, really the first we locals got in Leicester was, 'Not a man lost his head' (that's the first we got!) the chief reason, I believe is the residence of John o' Gaunt is reserved for, and shall only be adorned with the 'Boney-fied Heads of Locals' (to be swallowed with 'Unus Mica Salis').

After our brief but pleasant stay we depart congratulating one another on retaining all the tentacula members of our Dexter paws after bidding 'Old Bill,' farewell!

The nose of the Elite is now turned in the direction of Whitwick.

Oh! and in front of the bus,
Wag De-Go-by did ride,
With De-Straw, packed behind him,
And De-George on each side.

Here we were met by Mr. Fearn, who gave us a cordial welcome, and conducted us up into the belfry of St. John-the-Baptist, where a nice handy ring of eight were soon on the swing; the music is not quite so delicious as the other St. John's at Leicester. Yet—

One great feature in connection with the belfry of this grand old 13th century church at Whitwick is the extreme darkness, which afforded no less than four of the party the opportunity to acquire a

change of raiment—a change of course—only of those bipennate garments ycleped jackets, and considering the very high atmospheric pressure no great surprise would have been occasioned if some of the party had divested themselves of their bifurcated nether garments, and they had got swapped over.

Again we are on the move, rolling along now on the fringe of the beautiful forest of Charnwood, in which stands the Cistercian abbey of St. Bernard, founded in 1835, the first Catholic abbey built and continuously used as such in England since the Reformation.

Od-zooks! We arrive at Ashby-de-la-Zouch, the scene of many a romantic 'Passage of arms,' where the party are expected (but not to grace the lists. Alas! the warrior we had left at home, we are sad to relate very indisposed). Odds-fish! Like Charley's Aunt, the old bus kept running till she had run past the cafe where a most sumptuous and welcome tea was laid all ready for us. With a bit of shunting the old chariot was brought to a standstill in the garage connected with the hospitable cafe, and after a bit of a 'rinse,' externally in the medicated waters of 'Ivanhoe' and internally by an excellent cup of tea, the party adjourned, and were conducted by Mr. Beardmore, to that noble embattled edifice of stone known in 'De-la-Zoo' as the church of St. Helen, where hangs an octave fit to summon any congregation in the land, but owing to the terrific heat little ringing was done upon the tower bells. Some good 'double-handed,' however, was done upon a fine set of handbells, the property of the locals. On looking round the interior we found some splendid monuments, amongst them an altar tomb to Francis, 2nd Earl of Huntingdon, K.G., ob. 20th June, 1561. In the north aisle, under a stone canopy, lies an alabaster effigy of a 'Pilgrim,' supposed to be unique. How these escaped the Cromwellian despoilers one can only conjecture. Another relic of a barbarous age stands at the S.E. corner of the tower arch, in the form of a finger pillory in which two of the visitors were found imprisoned by their Paws! Yes, Pawal reader, Paws! for on leaving the church our attention was centred on the many shields carved around the western portal and emblazoned with so many devices. One interesting shield received much attention by one who had made some little study of heraldry, but never before had he seen a shield emblazoned with 'Three Frogs' in pale, proper upon the field. Birds, ejaculated the interested one, such as Martlets are common upon coats-of-arms. But—but! a frog is a funny bird, for when it stands, it sits—and when it sits, it hops on that which it has not got, almost!—And when it hops, it flies! Almost, nearly! It's true! There, on the south of the church stands the ruins of a once stately castle founded in the reign of Edward IV., by Sir William (afterwards Baron Hastings), and was used as a residence by him and his descendants for about two hundred years, and in which the ill-fated Mary Queen of Scots was for some time imprisoned, the only portions that remain are of the hall, chapel and kitchen.

With a few more handshakes we embark for the homeward spin through acres of ripe strawberries. On, on, we go to the county town of Derby, where the 'Father' of the Ilkeston Youths 'dropt off.' He wasn't hurt, so we drove on, and did not stop to pick him up again, feeling sure that he would find shelter for the night somewhere, for he was in possession of a miniature set of house-breaking implements. We hope that he was not entertained at the county boarding establishment of 'George Five.' Of that we had no great fear, so we made a final spurt, passing through the pleasant vale of Depedale, where, amid ruin, stands one solitary arch. At one time here stood a magnificent and stately house of God, dedicated by the whiterobed canons of Premontra to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Now alas! the only incense rising
Is the sweet perfume of flowers.
Monks no longer tread the greensward,
Save as shades in evening hours.

Ah! And 'twas in the cool shade of evening when the Elite discharged her cargo in the ancient market place of Ilchestune, after a sojourn in the land of jousts and hunting, and through the medium of 'The Ringing World' we herewith tender our grateful thanks to all who contributed their quota to our entertainment and comforts, viz., Messrs. Stubbs, Fearn, Hatton, Beardmore; and last, but not least, 'W. W.', who is the possessor of a divorcing machine of 'Henry ATE' period.

A. B. C.

RINGING IN VANCOUVER.

On Sunday, June 17th, at the Catholic Church at Vancouver, British Columbia, a 504 Grand sire Triples was rung by A. King 1, A. G. Limpus 2, A. B. Lomas 3, J. Parkinson (conductor) 4, John H. Maskell 5, W. Sampson 6, A. P. Goddard 7, C. J. Clark 8; also 168 for the same service, with A. P. Goddard (conductor) 6 and W. Sampson 7.

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ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Middleton, on the 28th July. Bells ready 3.30 till 9. All invited.—Herbert Stansfield, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Annual Festival will be held on Saturday, July 28th, at Hyde. Service in St. George's Church, at 2 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar. Other particulars by circular.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

WINCHESTER GUILD.—A meeting for combined practice will be held at North Stoneham on July 28th. Bells (8) from 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Mr. W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SALOP GUILD — Quarterly meeting at Shifnal on Saturday, July 28th, 2 p.m. Ringing 5 p.m. Tea at Mr. B. Jones' Refreshment Rooms, Victoria Road, 1/- each. Meeting after tea.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Yate, on Saturday, July 28th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual Summer Festival will be held at Maulden on Saturday, July 28th. Maulden (6) and Flitton (6) will be available from 2.30. Ampthill (6) later. Tea arrangements will be notified during the afternoon. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers welcome.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Gt. Wymondley on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (6) available all the afternoon and evening. The bells of St. Ippolyts (6) can also be had at the same time. Tea at The Green Man at 5 o'clock, at 1/- to 1/3 each, according to numbers. All invited.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, July 28th. Bells (8) available for 3 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Loughborough on 28th July, 1923. Programme: 2 to 3 p.m., Ringing at Foundry; 3-4 p.m., Carillon; 4 p.m., Committee Meeting; 4.30 p.m., Tea, followed by General Meeting; 6-7 p.m., Carillon; 7-9 p.m., Ringing at Foundry; 9-10 p.m., Carillon. The Committee Meeting, Tea and General Meeting will be at Fearon Hall, near All Saints' Church. I regret it has been impossible to publish this information at an earlier date.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—Owing to bells not being available at Beaconsfield for Saturday, July 28th, the practice arranged will be held at Farnham Royal on Saturday, July 28th, at 6.30.—Cecil C. Mayne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for July and August: St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, July 30th and August 27th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, August 5th, 10 a.m., August 6th and 20th, 7.30 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The August meeting of the above will be held at Bishop Auckland and Shildon on Saturday, August 4th, 1923. The bells of both churches are available. The Vicar of S. Andrew's (Bishop Auckland) has kindly offered to provide tea in the Mission Room at 5 p.m. to those who attend and notify me by Tuesday, July 31st, 1923.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea provided by the Rector, and business meeting. Those intending to be present please let me know not later than Tuesday, July 31st. Half railway fares paid up to 2/- at this meeting.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech branch.—A district meeting will be held at March, Cambs (6 bells), on Saturday, August 4th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea provided by the Rector. The General Secretary of the Association intends to be present. All ringers welcome. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Please let me know early. A good gathering is hoped for.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwy Road, March.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., Church Room. Members will greatly assist if they will notify me by Friday, August 3rd.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Croston (bells 8) on Saturday, August 4th, 1923. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. Tea will be arranged at 1/9 per head for all who notify me not later than Tuesday, 31st July.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Bank Holiday, August 6th. Bells (8) available all day. Tea, 1/6 each, only to those who notify Miss Hollins, Bolstertone, before Friday, August 3rd.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent, Bank Holiday, August 6th. New bells (6) available for ringing all day by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. T. Bartley). As this is the Gala and Sports day in aid of the Church Bell Restoration Fund, a good attendance is desired. Visitors welcome. A capital programme of sports has been arranged by the committee, commencing 2.30 p.m. Tea on the Sports Ground: Adults 1/-, Children 6d.; but a special tea for ringers will be provided in the Church Institute at 4.30 p.m. at 1/3 for ringers, 1/6 to others who notify Mrs. Bartley, The Vicarage, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, not later than July 30th. Please note this item is important. Cheap fares from all L. & N.E. railway stations in district.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the Association will be held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday, Monday August 6th. The ring of 8 bells of the Parish Church will be available. Luncheon at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2/6 per head. Those requiring luncheon should send their names to me not later than Thursday, August 2nd.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held in Peterborough on Monday, August 6th (Bank Holiday). The bells of St. John (8), St. Mary (6), Woodston (6), will be available during the day. Tea at 4.30, meeting at 5.30, in St. Mary's Schools. Service, 6.30, at St. Mary's Church. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual summer meeting will be held at Ranmore on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. By the kind permission of Lord Ashcombe the beautiful grounds of Denbies will be open to ringers and their friends. The bells of St. Martin's, Dorking, will be available in the evening. All ringers welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on Wednesday evening, August 8th, when members and visitors will be welcomed.—W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, August 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 1/- each, and meeting after, at The Bird in Hand. Will all those attending, who require tea, please let me know by Tuesday, August 7th?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 11th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Teas 1/8, names to be sent to Mr. D. Dawson, 42, West View, Clitheroe, not later than August 7th.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

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NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Following the remarks made by 'Criticus' in your issue of 20th July, we should like heartily to endorse your footnote of the 13th, which we think to be very much to the point. Further, we consider the wish expressed above it to be out of place, and are sorry to see the name of one of the committee associated therewith. In the course of correspondence with the Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn and A. T. Beeston, dating from 30th November, 1921, to 8th August, 1922, we conclusively proved that we had prior right to name Surprise No. 7 (known as Whitley), and also Third's Place Delight, No. 33 (as published in your columns). Our claims were not allowed, being out of date, and yet, nearly twelve months later an attempt is made to foist names upon the Exercise BY RIGHT OF PRIORITY IN RINGING THE EXTENTS OF THE METHODS.

The letter published in your columns by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, giving the numbers of those methods not named (to which the Council took exception), followed our request, to him of the 30th November, 1921, and had there been any chance that his excellent idea would have been allowed to bear fruit, we think that few methods would have been left to be rung at this late hour.

We fully appreciate the difficulties of the committee, and cheerfully would ring methods under the names of 'Onion Delight' or 'Beetroot Surprise' had the Council taken its duty seriously, but it appears generally to have been otherwise.

We think six-bell ringers would do well to ignore names entirely, and in time methods would universally be known as 'Twenty-four Treble Bob,' 'Seven Surprise,' and so on.

We have no guarantee that this question will be settled in 1924, and in the meantime we ring a method first as Lancashire and then as Immanuel; we, at Leytonstone, ring amongst others, six of the Surprise Minor methods, taking pride in properly recording the complete extents we ring, and rightly, we think, we resent the Council's attitude, and also that taken by the gentleman aforementioned.

Let us ignore the Lancashires and Immanuels, and call them 'Twenty-two's.'—Yours faithfully,

GEO. DAWSON,
S. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone.

SHIPLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of another old Shipley ringer, in the person of Mr. Geo. A. O. Nettleton, who died on July 6th, in his 63rd year. The deceased had been attached to Shipley Church for over 40 years, and joined the Yorkshire Association in 1880. He was also curator of Salfaire Institute for over 20 years. This position kept him from ringing many peals, his total being 31.

He was interred at Hurst Wood Cemetery, the Vicar of Shipley taking the service both in church and at the graveside. After the funeral 360 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung, with half-muffled bells by: J. Wotton 1, J. Cotterell 2, J. Broadley 3, E. H. Simpson 4, W. Feather 5, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 6. Also on Sunday morning, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: H. Hutley 1, T. B. Kendall 2, H. Haigh (conductor) 3, E. H. Simpson 4, H. Stott 5, J. Joyce 6.



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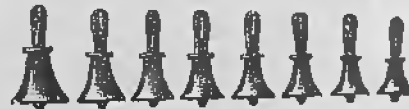
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ORIGINALITY IN COMPOSITION.

Although written in a jocular vein, there is much truth behind the letter on the subject of the foundation of compositions, which appeared in our last issue. Many claims are made to original peals which, were they investigated, would quickly be demolished, and yet, for want of some means of inquiry, these compositions go down in the records as belonging to this or that composer when, perhaps, the same figures may have been obtained years ago. Moreover, the same thing will repeat itself in the future, and 'composers' yet unborn will seek to claim as original what is being produced to-day—unless there is some machinery set up by which claims can be tested.

It is now, we believe, a more or less recognised fact that an individual cannot actually be held to be the creator of a method, because all methods are the outcome of the application of mathematical formulæ. The man who hits upon a method, happens to strike, unknown perhaps to himself, one of these formulæ, and he gives out his work as a method of his own production. But when men of wider knowledge set out upon a similar task of production, they obtain not one but, may be, hundreds of methods—bad ones as well as good—and they do it, not by a laborious construction of row upon row, but by the application of a mathematical process which gives them the whole of the possible methods in the class they are working upon, thus including all that have ever gone before or can ever come hereafter. This goes to show that the casual producer does not actually create a method but simply discovers it.

To a large extent the same thing may be said of compositions. They exist in infinitely greater variety than methods, but there are certain basic rules upon which one must work, and there is very little produced to-day that can really be claimed as an 'original' creation of the composer. He may take credit, perhaps, for piecing together in a fresh way certain existing formulæ, but it is undeniable that to produce anything which is absolutely new in those methods, which have been rung for so long, is almost impossible. To take only the examples of Stedman Caters and London Surprise Major, mentioned by our correspondent. 'Compositions' in these methods exist literally in hundreds of thousands, and a man who can obtain something which is not a variation of one of these peals, is either extremely clever or extremely lucky or both. Apart, however, from the general aspect of obtaining peals 'in bulk,' such as Mr. John Carter and Mr. Gabriel Lindoff have done, there is the question of the enthusiastic young composer who sets assiduously to work to obtain a peal in this or that method. When he is

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successful, very little opportunity is open to him to ascertain whether some previous composer has obtained the selfsame figures, let alone finding out whether it is not merely a variation of something already produced. The mere publication of the figures is not always sufficient to elicit whether the composition is new or not. What is wanted, as a beginning, is the reference file, which we have so often advocated, and this is one of the things which the Central Council will have to undertake sooner or later.

TEN BELL PEALS.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB ROYAL, 6040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES CUTTING 1	WILLIAM E. BASON 6
ROBERT HARDY 2	ERNEST WHITING 7
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 8
BEN. S. THOMPSON 4	GEORGE MAYERS 9
FREDK. R. BORRETT 5	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells and by all the band. This is the first peal in the method in the county since the peal rung on the old peal of ten at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, in 1769. 150th peal as conductor.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS 1	*WALTER SEAR 6
*WILLIAM MEAD 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE 7
WALTER AYRE 3	HARRY SEAR 8
*FREDERICK STANTON 4	JOHN W. CORNFORD 9
*EDMUND J. HOBBS 5	*RICHARD NICHOLS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.
* First peal on ten bells, also first peal on ten bells by this branch of the Guild.

FULHAM.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD AND ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.
On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

†FRANK C. NORRIS 1	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2	GEORGE C. ILES 7
†ERNEST G. HIBBINS 3	ARTHUR HARDING 8
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 4	JAMES W. DRIVER 9
WILLIAM E. JUDD 5	*HUGH M. PAGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. W. DRIVER.
* First peal. † First peal Stedman Caters, E. G. Hibbins, from Cambridge.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON 1	*ROBERT A. FARNDON 5
WILLIAM E. JUDD 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed by H. DAINES. Conducted by H. KILBY.

* First peal in the method.

LYMINGE KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURGA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRANK VERNEY Treble	*STEPHEN BAKER 5
*FREDERICK CASTLE 2	*GORDON WEBB 6
ALBERT CASTLE 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
*ALFRED HIGGINS 4	*ALEC WEBB Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers of the 6th and tenor were elected members of the Association previous to starting. The ringer of the 2nd is 14 years of age.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT TOUT Treble	PERCY MERSON 5
ALFRED WYATT 2	HENRY NORMAN 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	JAMES HUNT 7
*CLAUDE TARR 4	JOHN CARTER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal and first attempt. R. Scott's 40th peal.

EYNSFORD KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

ISAAC EMERY Treble	JOHN S. MORTON 5
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
REGINALD W. MARSHALL ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
FRANK TERRY 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

Rung with clappers half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Hubert J. Blackwell, of Chelsfield.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT BECKETT Treble	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	THOMAS BALDWIN 6
GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... 3	EDWARD EVANS 7
JESSE GILLET 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
†JOHN WITHERS, JUN. ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
JOHN BASS 4	*ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by S. GROVE.

* First peal of London. † First peal of Surprise.

NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb. in E.

GEORGE BOTTOMLEY Treble	*ALBERT PICKLES 5
WALTER MOUNCEY 2	EDGAR WHITELEY 6
FRED HUTTON 3	GEORGE SCOTT 7
JOE GREENWOOD 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by J. COX. Conducted by WILLIAM AMBLER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Joe Greenwood for their kind hospitality after the peal. Ringers of the treble and 4th belong to the local company, the rest are from Queensbury.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Bristol Surprise.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS BENNY Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	WILSON RUSHTON 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

LOWER MACHEM, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

WILLIAM LEWIS Treble	REGINALD L. LEWIS 5
*ARTHUR MARTIN 2	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 6
JAMES H. PHILLIPS 3	ALBAN EDGAR SLATTERY ... 7
SAMUEL JONES 4	GEORGE WATTS Tenor

Conducted by ALBAN EDGAR SLATTERY.

* First peal, age 13 years 6 months, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. W. Washbrook.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ERNEST RUNTER Treble	†ALBERT E. DAVIS 4
†WILLIAM F. PRAILL 2	†EDWARD E. KEMP 5
†ISAAC T. POULTON 3	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM Tenor

Conducted by E. P. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods on the bells. First peal as conductor in the three methods. Mr. E. Runter was elected a member before starting the peal, which was rung with bells half-muffled for the death of the Bishop of Chelmsford.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), at the Parish Church, on Tuesday evening, July 24th: R. Holder 1, A. Cooper 2, T. Mitchell 3, W. Watts (conductor) 4, G. Apps 5, E. J. Davey 6, F. Attwater 7, G. Woods 8. First quarter-peal in the method by A. Cooper and G. Woods.

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THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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.

†KENNETH ELLIOTT Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 4
*GUYDO DICKINSON 2	†SYDNEY A. JOHNSON 5
ROWLAND BARROW 3	*RONALD R. CHAPPEL ... Tenor

Conducted by ROWLAND BARROW.

* First peal and made members previous to starting. † First away from tenor. ‡ First on an inside bell.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 21, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHAS. E. PETTIT Treble	JAMES H. SPENCER 4
IBERNIA WADE 2	TOM CHANTRELL 5
CHAS. GEARY 3	CHAS. ALLSOP Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. ALLSOP.

* First 720 of Minor. Arranged for Mr. Geary, of Long Eaton, who kindly entertained the band after the peal. Rung also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Treble ringer is local, remainder from Ratby.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, July 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Cambridge Surprise, 1440 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob.

WM. G. BULL Treble	H. J. MEE 4
G. W. MEE 2	E. RIVERS 5
F. ROLFE 3	CHAS. MEE Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. MEE.

Rung after the unveiling of a memorial window to the late Mr. Edward Gould, son of a former Rector of Sproughton. Mr. W. G. Bull hails from Bognor, Sussex; the rest are of the local company.

BURBLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKS ARCHDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Duke of York, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

*PHILLIP KELSALL Treble	JONAH COITRELL 4
JAMES STANWAY 2	THOMAS HURD 5
JAMES BERESFORD 3	*EDWARD EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by T. HURD.

* First peal.

KIRKBY MALLORY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, July 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twelve 120's Plain Bob and thirty 120's of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt.

PERCY REYNOLDS Treble	JOHN W. REYNOLDS 3
HENRY WRIGHT 2	CHARLES H. WEBB 4
FRED COTTON Tenor	

Conducted by F. COTTON.

Rung with bells half-muffled to the memory of the late Rev. Canon William Townshend, Rector of Kirkby Mallory for 15 years, and an honorary member of the M.C.A. for 23 years.

WESTON-UNDER-PENYARD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HARRY E. COX Treble	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 4
WILLIAM POSTON 2	FRANK VOYCE 5
JOHN CLARK 3	ALFRED T. POULTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Minor.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH & THE ALL SAINTS' YOUTHS.)

On Sunday, July 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in E natural.

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM PAGE Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung as the Quarter Millenary peal of the above bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Friday, July 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 18 in G.

GEORGE W. STEERE 1-2	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	JOHN FOSTER 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on 5-6.

Ringers' Outings—(Continued from page 485).

tenor weighs 57½ cwt. The bells are altogether a magnificent peal of ten. The party were also conducted over the Cathedral, and the many points of interest explained to them. The oldest portion of this wonderful structure dates back to 1148, and the lectern to the 13th century. Another item of much interest was the 24-hour clock, with its quaint striking apparatus.

After a brief stay in the precincts of the Cathedral, the homeward journey was commenced, Weston-super-Mare being reached at 11 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the trip, which, it was unanimously agreed, was the best the company had ever had. The ringers desire to record their hearty thanks to all those gentlemen concerned who obtained the use of bells for them.

LINSLADE RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 28th, the Linslade ringers had their outing. Motoring to Hardwick they rang Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor for about an hour, and then went on to Aylesbury, where they had tea. Proceeding to Wendover, several of the local band were waiting to welcome the visitors, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Minor some of the local band taking part. The party were also joined by Mr. F. Reeve, of Tring, who invited the Linslade men to go on to Tring. Motoring through Halton R.A.F. Camp, Tring was reached at 7.50 and touches of Grandsire Triples finished the ringing for the day. The Linslade band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars and foremen ringers of the respective churches for allowing them the use of the bells.

The Mangotsfield Guild visited Bournemouth for their annual outing. The party numbered 40, and travelled in a special saloon. The day was spent on the sea front, while some of the party enjoyed a boat trip to Swanage.

BROMSGROVE.—On Saturday, July 14th, at the Church of St. John, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,299 changes), in 48 mins.: R. G. Knowles 1, W. B. Cartwright 2, T. J. Salter 3, W. Ranford 4, J. Hemming 5, J. R. Newman 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, J. D. Johnson 8, C. Camm 9, T. Allbutt 10.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**DUNSTABLE RINGERS VISIT OXFORD.**

On Saturday, July 21st, Dunstable Priory Church band, with the choirmen, and accompanied by the Rector (Canon W. W. C. Baker) and both churchwardens, had their annual outing, Oxford being the destination, the journey being performed by charabanc. A fine run to Thame, 26 miles distant, brought the first stop. Permission had been given to ring at the Parish Church, and a well-struck touch of Double Norwich, followed by a touch of Stedman Triples, was rung. A quick run to Oxford was made, the 15 miles being covered in 35 minutes, and Oxford being reached at 11.5 a.m. The party then dispersed, some to service, and others sight-seeing, to meet again to dine in the glorious dining hall at Christ Church, with the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

After dinner a 'snap' of the ringers was taken outside the Cathedral, and some of the members visited the belfry to take part in touches of Treble Twelve and Stedman Cinques; New College was also visited, and Stedman Caters, Superlative and Cambridge Major rung. Several of the six bell towers were also visited the fine-toned ring at Carfax being much enjoyed. Several methods were rung, four Dunstablians taking part in a well-struck touch of Cambridge Surprise. At 9.15 the 40 miles run home was begun, Dunstable being reached just before midnight, after a most enjoyable and happy day's outing. Best thanks are given to the Rev. G. Bowyer for so readily granting permission to ring at Thame; to the officials of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for the welcome given to the visitors; and, lastly, the church authorities for enabling the party to have such a fine day's outing. A. E. S.

BEDFORD DISTRICT RINGERS' TRIP.

The members of the Bedford District of the Beds Association had an outing on Saturday, July 14th. The party, numbering 19, journeyed by motor to Eaton Socon, where they were met by one of the local ringers, and touches of Oxford, Kenf, Plain Bob and Cambridge Minor were rung. The party then made their way to St. Neots, and touches of Bob Major were rung on the fine peal of eight by Taylor. An excellent tea was then partaken of, and a move was afterwards made to Lynesbury, where the visitors were met by Mr. S. Peck, and touches of Plain Bob, Woodbine and Cambridge Minor were rung. On the way home a halt was made at Roxton, and several 120's of Grandsire and Plain Bob brought round, the party arriving at Bedford at 9.30, after an enjoyable day.

STOWMARKET MEN'S TOUR.

The Stowmarket company had their annual outing on Saturday, July 14th. Starting at 7.30 by charabanc, the first call was at Bury, where they were met by Mr. Woods. Several touches were brought round on this nice little ring of eight. Lowestoft was then reached, after a pleasant run of about 50 miles, thunderstorms being met with en route. The handy little ring at St. Margaret's was set going, and some good touches were brought round. Dinner at the Crown Hotel was much enjoyed. After a stroll to the beach the homeward journey was begun via Beccles. Here Mr. Goate had made excellent arrangements. Although the Beccles company were also on their outing everything was in readiness for the visitors, who were sorry their friends were away so that they could not try their hand on the grand old ten bells, but several good touches were brought round on eight, and everyone was pleased with the tone and go. Tea was served at the King's Head Hotel. Calling at Redenhall just to try the celebrated handbells, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung for the benefit of those who had not seen these large handbells. Stowmarket was reached about 10.15 after a most enjoyable outing. The ringing during the day included touches of Double Norwich Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob. The company wish, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank all the incumbents and the steeplekeepers, and all those that helped to make their outing such a success.

DEBENHAM RINGERS' 18-HOUR TRIP.

On Monday, July 16th, Debenham ringers, with their wives, had their annual outing. A start was made about 6.45 a.m., by motor-bus, and a run of 22 miles brought the party to Halesworth, where Mr. F. C. Lambert had everything in readiness. The bells (or ropes, rather) hang in irregular order, viz., 1 7, 2, 6, 4, 5, 3, 8, but this was scarcely noticeable except when in rounds and a couple of good touches of Double Norwich were rung, Mr. Lambert taking part in the second. Beccles was the next objective, and was reached at 10 o'clock. Messrs. Goate met the visitors, and Treble Bob Royal was brought round, also two courses of Stedman Caters. A course of Cambridge on the back eight concluded the ringing, and the party left for Yarmouth. Dinner and tea were provided at the London Hotel. During the afternoon St. Nicholas Church was visited, and a touch of Double Norwich rung on the back eight. Afterwards a course of Stedman Caters and some rounds on the full ring of twelve. Mr. W. Bason, of Fakenham, and Mr. Joyce, of Leytonstone met the ringers, and assisted in these performances. Mr. Hammond, one of

the local men, escorted the visitors to the top of the tower, and pointed out several objects of interest. On the return journey Lowestoft was on the programme, and here some capital touches of Cambridge, Stedman Triples and Superlative were brought round. Debenham was reached at 12.30 a.m., after a full day's enjoyment. The thanks of the ringers are due to the various authorities for granting the use of the bells; also the local men who met them and assisted to make the outing a success.

THROUGH THE WEALD OF KENT

On Wednesday, July 18th, St. Mary's Society, Dover had a day's outing in the Weald of Kent. Touches were rung on the bells at Appledore, where the first halt in the motor tour was made. Then on to Tenterden for luncheon, followed by a short touch on the bells at the Parish Church, also at Cranbrook and Biddenden. Tea was partaken of at Headcorn, after which the party was met by the Rev. G. P. Dale, Vicar of Headcorn, who at one time was curate at St. Mary's, Dover, and who had granted permission for a short touch on the bells. On the homeward trip the beautiful country through Charing and Chilham was much enjoyed. A halt was made at Canterbury Cathedral, but as the bell hangers were there first, the ringers had to content themselves with inspecting the method of tuning church bells. A short convivial took place at the halfway house, where vocal and handbell items were indulged in, Dover being reached about 10.15 p.m., after a very enjoyable day.

A VISIT TO WINCHESTER.

With prospects of a glorious day, a charabanc with its full complement of ringers of St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, their wives and friends, including the Rev. Spackman and Churchwarden Reginald Carter, left the church at 7 a.m. on a Saturday morning for Winchester, arriving at 11 o'clock, after a halt at Farnham for refreshments. Piloted by the churchwarden, a visit was paid to St. Cross Hospital, where the usual horn of beer and piece of white bread, given on demand at the Porter's Hatchway, was partaken of by all. This is one of the last remaining instances of that olden time charity which could make provision for all comers.

A brother, wearing the cross, acted as guide. Passing from the forecourt through the noble tower gateway, one enters the spacious quadrangle, around which are arranged the Brethren's Hall, the quaint dwellings of the brethren, the lofty church, in which things of great interest and antiquity were pointed out.

A move was afterwards made to Holdaway's Restaurant, where a splendid luncheon was partaken of. The next item was Winchester Cathedral, where the visitors rang on the twelve bells and joined afterwards in the service held in the choir.

After tea the return journey was made via the Hog's Back, the view from which is beyond description. St. Mary Abbots was reached about 11.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable and jolly day. Best thanks are tendered to those who helped to make it so.

A SOMERSET EXCURSION.

On Thursday, July 12th, the Weston-super-Mare ringers held their annual outing, which, in addition to other pleasures, consists of visits to various churches for the purpose of campanology, whilst the ringers do not forget to fully appreciate the kindness of the local lady who contributes in no small measure to make these tours such a success. The party, numbering about 20, left Weston-super-Mare by charabanc at 8.15 a.m., the weather being ideal. At Keynsham the parish church bells were requisitioned, and merry touches, mostly Grandsire Triples, rung thereon, after which the party made for the picturesque village of Corston, a few miles distant, where they were welcomed by the Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association. Corston Church contains a very musical light peal of eight, and these were rung for half an hour. The company then proceeded to Bath, where a splendid luncheon was partaken of at the Old Red House. After a ramble around the city, the party made for Twerton, where they received a cordial welcome from Mr. Tom King. Here again the bells were soon pealing forth to Grandsire Triples for about an hour. Mid-somer Norton was the next place on the programme, the scenery en route being delightful.

Tea was partaken of at the Greyhound Hotel, and the company subsequently enjoyed a short musical programme, contributed to by members of the band. The church was the next objective, the ringers being joined by Mr. Joseph T. Dyke, well known in campanology circles. Several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were the tit-bits of the evening, all the band being in good form, and even the 'recruit' exceeding expectations. Despite the climatic conditions, the 'campans' were still in the mood for another 'Turkish bath,' and on arrival at Wells they made for the Cathedral tower, being met there by Mr. Walter Farley, whose kindness in securing the use of the bells was greatly appreciated. Mr. Dyke also motored over from Norton, and joined with the others in several good touches of Grandsire. The majority of the 'fraternity' know something of the far-famed bells at this noble edifice. The framework, which supports them, consists of 33 tons of metal, whilst the

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

The sixteenth annual general meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held in the Birmingham District on Saturday, July 21st. Members were present from Birmingham, Coventry, Stoke Exhall, Erdington, Nuneaton and Sutton Coldfield, together with a number of the Aston ringers. The towers of Aston Parish Church (10 bells) and Erdington R.O. (8), were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. The Guild's special service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rev. — Holmes, who also gave an interesting address.

The tea and business meeting followed in the Parish Room by kind permission of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon W. J. Cole. The tea was specially arranged and served by a number of ladies, with Mrs. Phillips at their head, and who kindly assisted.

In the unavoidable absence of the president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick) the Ringing Master, Mr. A. Roberts, presided.—The Hon. General Secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson) read a report of the Guild's activities during the year, and presented a summary of accounts, which showed a balance in hand of £10 4s. 5d.

The officers were all re-elected, and on the motion of Mr. H. Argyle, seconded by Mr. Jos. Pemberton, were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their services.

A discussion ensued with reference to the cost of printing the report, the hon. treasurer intimating there were not sufficient funds to meet it.

A resolution was moved asking members who wished for a report to contribute the sum of 6d. towards the cost. A member thought this meant increasing the subscription to 2s., and stated he knew some members could not afford it. He also mentioned two other associations who gave their members the report.

It was pointed out that up to now the Warwickshire Guild had done the same, but it was obvious, with a report costing 1s. 4½d. per copy to print, the working of the Guild could not be maintained at 1½d. per member. It had also to be borne in mind that one of the largest associations had for some years charged 1s. for its report, although it had a balance at the bank running into three figures.—Ultimately the resolution was carried by a large majority.

Stoke-in-Coventry was selected for the next quarterly meeting in October, and five new members were duly elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded the clergy for the use of the bells, to Canon Cole for the use of the Parish Room and arranging the service; to the ladies for providing the tea, and to Mr. Bernard Witchell, district secretary, for his excellent arrangements.

The ringing generally was not up to the Guild's usual standard, the tenor at Aston going badly, while for some reason Major would not 'go' at Erdington. Nevertheless the meeting was enjoyable, and exceeded in several ways the last annual meeting in Birmingham.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary's report stated that quarterly meetings had been held at Nuneaton, Leamington and Stratford-on-Avon. It was very gratifying to be able to report a meeting at Stratford, after repeated refusals since the year 1909. A very pleasing incident occurred in the tower at Leamington Parish Church, when the new Bishop of Coventry was introduced to a good number of members by the president. The Bishop has also consented to act as patron of the Guild. The monthly meetings on the whole were well attended. During the year 16 new members had joined the Guild, viz., 19 ordinary, five non-resident and one honorary (the Rev. J. L. White, Vicar of Nuneaton). The total membership of the Guild now stood at 281, this number being made up as follows: Hon. life members, 6; hon. members, 8; non-resident ringing members, 89; ordinary ringing members, 178. It was with very great regret that they recorded the death of the Ven. Archdeacon of Coventry Dr. Arbuthnot, and Canon Deed, of Nuneaton, both of whom were honorary members for some years; also of Mr. Geo. Roberts, an active member of the Sutton Coldfield band. There had been a falling off this year in the number of peals accomplished, 19 having been rung, against 33 last year, but that need be no cause for regret as many unsuccessful attempts had been made. The list was as follows: Stedman Cutters 1, London Surprise Major 1, Cambridge Surprise 1, Superlative Surprise 2, Double Norwich 4, Cambridge Court Bob Major 1 (the first in the method on tower bells), Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Bob Major 1, Stedman Triples 3, Grandsire Triples 2, Treble Bob Minor in two methods 1, Grandsire Double 1. The total number to date was 243. Seven members rang their first peal 26 their first peal in a new method; two their first as conductor in a new method.

DIMINISHED BALANCE.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £10 4s. 5d., as compared with £22 10s. 6d. two years ago. The four bells at Bulkington were to be overhauled in the near future, and augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and it was understood that Coleshill would shortly be augmented to the octave. The Vicar of Bulkington had invited the Guild to open the bells at the dedication. He pointed out that there was still a good sum required for the ob-

ject, and hoped the members of the Guild would do their best to assist with funds. It was a very great pleasure and satisfaction to record the appointment of the president of the Guild as Archdeacon of Warwick. Whilst congratulating the president, they could not disguise the fact that his new office was sure to make great inroads upon his time, and if any young clergyman would assist him with the work of the Guild, he would no doubt feel very grateful. Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts, the representatives on the Central Council, both attended the Council meeting at Salisbury on Whit Tuesday, and thanks were due to them. Thanks were also due to Messrs. F. W. Ashbourne, T. W. Chapman, J. B. Fenton, F. E. Pervin and B. W. Witchell for their work as hon. district secretaries, and to the other officers and members of the Guild for their support and work during the past year; also to the clergy who had placed their towers and bells at the members' disposal, both for peals and meetings, particularly the president and Mrs. Back, and the Rev. and Mrs. Russell, of Whitnash, for their kind hospitality when the meetings were held there. The fascination of change ringing must always be a powerful factor in uniting members together but they had to remember that, as a Guild, their object was to see that the bells were regularly rung for the services of the church, so that they as ringers might thus become more and more recognised as office holders in the church.

PROGRESS AT CONSETT.

A deputation from Newcastle Cathedral Guild, consisting of Messrs. W. H. Barber, Alf. Hillier and A. M. Hall, paid a fraternal visit to Consett tower on Saturday, July 28th, to give a helping hand to a most willing and persevering band of ringers.

The ringing members turned up in very good numbers, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were accomplished.

Excellent progress was shown, and the members being eager to accomplish greater things, it was decided to make their first attempt at a peal of Grandsire Triples on Saturday, August 25th, to be conducted by Mr. Barber.

During the afternoon ringing, the party had the assistance of Mr. W. Sinday, the Ringing Master at Blackhill Church where there is a new peal of eight bells, and where great things are expected.

Another ringing enthusiast, the Rev. A. W. Lister, of Tanfield Church, joined the happy party at Consett later in the evening, and help to make the gathering a great success.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT AT GOUDHURST.**

The summer meeting of the above was held at Goudhurst on Saturday, July 21st, and was attended by over 30 members. Besides the members of the district, the following from other districts were present: Messrs. W. Haigh (Gillingham), G. Pound (Boxley), W. E. Pitman (Canterbury), C. Tribe (hon. secretary, Ashford district). Ringing commenced about three o'clock, and the usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar (Canon Raikes). Tea was partaken of the Star and Crown Hotel, the Vicar presiding, and a vote of thanks was passed to him for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at tea.—The Vicar responded expressing his pleasure in meeting the members.—The business meeting followed. Mr. G. Edwards (Penhurst) in the chair, Canon Raikes having to leave.—Three new members were elected.

The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) announced that the work of rehanging the bells at Benenden and Lamberhurst would shortly be commenced.

Votes of thanks to Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., for his services at the organ for the service, and to Mr. G. Edwards for presiding at the meeting concluded the business, and the members adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

The heavy going of the back bells and the hot weather made Major ringing rather difficult work, but some good practice at Stedman and Grandsire Triples was obtained. These bells are a fine peal (tenor 27 cwt.), but they sadly need the attention of a bell hanger.

TUNSTALL'S NEW TREBLES.

Two new trebles have been added to the ring of six at Tunstall, Kent, the new bells being the gift of Mr. Charles E. Homewood, of Uffon Court, Tunstall, in commemoration of his eightieth birthday. Ten years previously Mr. Homewood presented to the church the turret clock, and also had the existing ring of bells tuned.

Mr. Homewood, who, despite his advancing years, enjoys good health, took part in the dedication service. The opening touch on the bells was rung by W. Spice, senr., 1, E. H. Spice 2, Miss M. Harris 3, J. Webb 4, G. H. Spice 5, P. J. Spice 6, H. Lambkin 7, W. E. Spice 8. Afterwards touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung by mixed bands.

The augmentation was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank and who have hung the two new bells in a steel frame. The work has been done in a most efficient manner, and great satisfaction has been expressed both with the 'splice' and the excellent go of the bells.

NEW BELLS AT CANNOCK. DEDICATION AND OPENING.

A peal of eight has been added to Staffordshire by the augmentation of the bells at St. Luke's Parish Church, Cannock. Of the old six, two have been recast, and a new treble and tenor added, as part of the church memorial to those of the parish who fell in the war. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who carried out the work, have rehung the whole ring in the latest fittings, and Cannock has a peal of bells of which it can be proud.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Very Rev. the Dean of Lichfield, at a choral service which was largely attended.—Mr. R. E. Murphy, who has acted as hon. secretary for the fund for the restoration of the bells, and as the representative of the subscribers, asked the Vicar's acceptance of the gift of the bells. The Vicar then formally placed the bells under the care and guardianship of the churchwardens of the parish, Mr. W. E. Jackson (people's warden) having accepted the charge of keeping and preserving the bells and using them only for the purpose for which they have been given, the Vicar called upon the Dean to dedicate them. Several prayers followed, and the clergy then proceeded to the choir vestry at the foot of the tower, where the Dean offered up a dedicatory prayer, and followed by tolling one of the bells. After a 'prayer of remembrance' by the Dean, the 'Te Deum' was heartily sung.

The Vicar explained that the total cost of the work was £775, and they had £725 in hand prior to that day.

The Dean, in his address, referred to the history and uses of bells, and asked what did bells mean in the early days of Cannock? The place was then a vast stretch of forest land, and was known as Cankbury. The district was wild and as unsafe as Ireland was a year or so ago. In 1259 Henry III. licensed the holding of a market in the place on Tuesdays, and he also signed the statute for the holding of a fair on three days in October each year. This fair was associated with the dedication feast of their church and was fixed for October 15th, 16th and 17th. Legends and inscriptions on bells became the custom in the 18th century. The Dean said he was glad the inscriptions on the old Cannock bells had been wisely preserved. Their bells stood as a token of God and they had a definite message to those who worshipped in that church. The bells told them that all the needs of the people were remembered. It was well that we should by the 'In Memoriam' bells keep sacred the memory of those of the parish who gave all for the sake of right.

The offertory, which was in aid of the Bells Restoration Fund, amounted to £12 6s.

Immediately following the dedication service in the church, rounds were rung on the bells. Amongst those present was Mr. Fryce Taylor, representing the founders. The ringers were all members of the Stafford Archidiaconal Association, and were under the direction of Mr. Herbert Knight, of St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and included Messrs. E. Mitchell and J. D. G. Harris (St. Peter's, Wolverhampton), T. J. Elton and W. Powell (St. Matthew's, Walsall), Chris. Wallater (St. Giles's, Willenhall), J. Perry (St. Mary's, Brewood), Wm. Fisher (St. Martin's, Coseley), A. Fallon (St. Luke's, Wolverhampton), M. Simfield (St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent), Bert Horton (St. Lawrence's, Darlaston), R. Pickering (St. Michael's, Tettenhall), W. Bayliss (St. Martin's, Bradley), and Wm. Devey (St. Benedict's, Wombourn, and formerly parish church clerk and vergier at Cannock). They were assisted by Mr. T. Benton, Mr. G. Benton, and Police-Sergt. T. Heath, of Cannock.

The methods rung included Grandsire Triples, a quarter-peal of Stedman, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. Great satisfaction was expressed with the bells, which have the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—'1914-1918. In Memory of Those Who Fell I call to Prayer and Praise, 1923.'

2nd.—'O and G. Mears Founders London 1849.'

3rd.—'John Biddulph Esquire Benefactor Thomas Brown : M and I B : 1747.'

4th.—'Francis Stubbs Edward Salt Matthews and James Bailey made this Ring 1747.'

5th.—'Joseph Willington Gentleman John Tyrear William Maston M and I B : 1747 Recast 1923.'

6th.—'Richard Nickliss Churchwarden Edward Wilson Esquire : M and I B made Me 1747.'

7th.—'William Egington Curate George Blythe Thomas Taylor Church : Wardens : M and I B : 1747 Recast 1923.'

Tenor.—'In Memoriam 1914-1918. Grant Peace on Earth and after We have Striven Peace in Thy Heaven. L. J. Price, M.A., R.D., Vicar. Wm. E. Jackson, Saml. Watkiss, Churchwardens 1923.'

TONBRIDGE.—On July 28th, in connection with the Skinners' Day festivities, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 1,312 Double Norwich Major: D. Findley (first in method) 1. W. Latter 2. E. Last 3. H. Harrington 4. G. Thompson 5. D. Vincent (first in method) 6. W. Steed 7. S. H. Treen (conductor) 8. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th and 8th are from St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, the rest are Tonbridge men.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the opening of the little peal of twelve at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Kent. They were erected by Mr. John P. Powell, solely for his amusement, and to attain the art of change ringing, having an eminent tutor for the purpose, who, in patronising this manly art, has evinced a considerable ability in this very abstruse science.

Both the College Youths and the Cumberlands were invited to the opening, and each took a twelve-bell band. The Cumberlands (including William Shipway) rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques (conducted by George Gross), but the College Youths contented themselves with touches during the two days of their stay.

Being in the neighbourhood of Margate, the event attracted a considerable concourse of fashionables, booths having been erected, and the park and pleasure grounds opened to the assembled auditors.

What was probably the first true peal of Grandsire Royal, was rung at Painswick on August 6th, 1815. It is described in the Painswick Youths' peal book as 'Titium Grandsire Royal.'

The peal of Double Norwich Royal rung at Aylsham on Saturday, stated to be the first in the method in the county since the peal at St. Peter Mancroft, 1769, recalls the fact that there is no authentic record left to us of this early peal. In the 'Clavis,' however, the following passage occurs, in connection with the ten-bell ringing in this method: 'The first peal that was rung in the above method was by the St. Peter's company in the City of Norwich on the old peal of ten bells, which formerly occupied that steepole.'

Jasper Snowdon went to considerable pains to verify the record, and although no information was obtainable in Norwich itself, the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum states that the Double Norwich Court method was invented by Thomas Porter, a trunk maker, residing in the Market Place, Norwich, and that the first performance was a peal of Ten-In rung in Norwich in 1769. The actual date of this peal being given, says Mr. Snowdon, strengthens the evidence in favour of its performance.

It was in connection with the practice of Court Ten-In, at St. Peter's at 6 a.m. on Sundays during the summer season, that John Twiddy, the parish clerk who resided near the church, wrote the following lines, which were published in the 'Norwich Mercury':—

Ye rascally ringers, inveterate foes,

Disturbers of those who are fond of repose.

I wish for the peace and quiet of these lands,

That ye had round your necks what ye pull with your hands.

Any ringers, staying in Blackpool, between August 6th and 11th, who would like to try for a peal, should communicate with Mr. C. Sharples, 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

It will be seen from the list appearing on another page that the Central Council's Librarian is still awaiting information with regard to a number of names of the Ringers' Roll of Honour. There are ringers who can clear up these queries, and they will be rendering useful service if they will do so promptly.

Ringers visiting Grimsby or Cleethorpes will be welcome at St. Andrew's Church, Freeman Street, Grimsby, on Sundays, 10.15 a.m. and 5.50 p.m., also on Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.

Congratulations to Mr. F. G. Woodiss on the birth of a son and heir.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Banstead, Surrey, on Saturday, was Mr. T. Benney's first attempt for a peal since the year 1881, prior to which date he was closely associated, and rang numerous peals with many of the most famous men of the College Youths. He rang remarkably well considering his long absence from the ringing world.

A peal was rung at Martley, Worcestershire, on Sunday to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the bells. This ring of six was cast by Richard Keene, of Woodstock, in 1673, each bell having this date cast upon it. The oak frame is also dated 1673. It is supposed that they are the oldest complete original peal of six in the Kingdom. It is most unusual for any old peal to have escaped breakage or recasting for 250 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson wish to thank all ringers who have sent their kind wishes and congratulations on their recent marriage, and trust they will accept this acknowledgment, as it is impossible to write to each one individually.

A big fete in aid of the bell restoration fund at Sutton-on-Trent is to be held on Bank Holiday, and special arrangements have been made for visiting ringers. A meeting of the North Notts Association is to be held in conjunction with the fete.

THE LIMITS OF FACETIOUSNEES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your correspondence columns are, for the present, happily free from displays of bumptious arrogance on the part of controversialists who only succeeded in discrediting themselves by their tone towards those with whom they disagreed. But are we not in some danger of having too much of a very different style, the flippantly facetious? A little of that is all very well, but if overdone it becomes a bore. Will our 'funny' friends please take note?—Yours, etc.

A CONSTANT READER.

A COMING LEADER.
ONE OF LEICESTER'S BRILLIANT YOUNG MEN.



MR. HAROLD J. POOLE, OF LEICESTER.

That brilliant young Leicester ringer, Mr. Harold J. Poole, recently completed his first 100 peals, and his achievement is really an extraordinary one. Still under 21 years of age, he did not ring his first peal until July 3rd, 1920, so that he very rapidly climbed the campanological ladder. He reached his century inside three years, and crowned many excellent performances by calling the record length of Cambridge Surprise Major. Mr. Poole has a great ringing future before him.

His 100 peals are as follows:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor (2 methods)	1	—
Grandsire Caters	1	—
Stedman Triples	12	6
Stedman Caters	5	1a
Stedman Cinques	1	—
Bob Major	1b	—
Kent T.B. Major	1	—
Kent T.B. Royal	2	1
Kent T.B. Maximus	1	—
Double Norwich Major	3	1
London Surprise Major	8	4
Bristol Surprise Major	1	—
Superlative Surprise Major ... 19c	—	7
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	32	15d
Cambridge Surprise Royal	10	5
Princess Mary Surprise Royal	1	—
Total	100	38

a On handbells. b 13,440. c Including 10,400 Real Double. d Including 12,896. Rung in seven counties, for four Associations.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the above society was held at Rawmarsh on Saturday last, July 28th. In spite of wretched weather conditions there was a good attendance of members, those present representing Arksey, Badsworth, Doncaster, Adwick-le-Street, Thorne, Barnsley, Rotherham, and Wath. The bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary were rung at intervals during the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major being brought round in excellent style.

Tea was provided by the wives of the local ringers, and was partaken of in the Institute.

At the business meeting which followed, the chair was taken by the vice-president (Mr. G. Halksworth).

The Secretary reported that the bells of St. Mary's Tickhill, were to be restored, and that the order for the work had been given to Messrs. Taylor and Co., who were to do all necessary repairs and rehang the bells in ball bearings.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and to the local band for the kind welcome they had given the visitors was proposed by Mr. Halksworth seconded by Mr. C. D. Potter, hon. secretary of the Barnsley and District Society.—Mr. Slocks and Mr. A. Mitchell replied on behalf of the Rector and local ringers.

A new clock with chimes has recently been installed in the tower at Rawmarsh at a cost of £250, and this proved to be an item of interest to the visitors, who expressed the opinion that it was a fine piece of work.

The next meeting of the society will be a joint one with the Sheffield and District Society at Doncaster in September.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Despite the inclement weather on Saturday last, a very successful meeting for combined practice was held at North Stoneham, where the handy ring of eight were used to full advantage during the afternoon and evening. Members, representing three districts of the Guild, were present from Bishopstoke, Bournemouth, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Southampton, Ringwood, Winchester, Upham, and the local company.

A generous tea was provided for the ringers at the adjoining institute, presided over by the curate, in the absence of the Rector, and Mr. G. Williams (Master), at which 25 ringers sat down. After this, more ringing was indulged in, methods up to London Surprise Major being rung.

Thanks are due to Messrs. Tucker and Pullinger for making the necessary arrangements, and also to the ladies who provided the tea.

EALING VICAR'S SILVER WEDDING.

On Saturday, July 28th, the Vicar of Ealing (the Rev. C. J. Sharp), and Mrs. Sharp, celebrated their silver wedding. The members of the Middlesex Association will always recall the warm welcome extended to them by the Vicar and his wife, and it was quite fitting that the bells should be rung in honour of the occasion. Eight members, therefore, assembled in the tower of St. Mary's, and a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,264 changes) was rung in 46 mins. by L. H. Page (conductor) 1, R. Holloway 2, J. E. Churchill 3, R. A. Fardon 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, H. A. Folkard 8. This was followed by 288 of Stedman Triples, conducted by R. A. Fardon. The bells were lowered in peal, and the ringers adjourned to the Vicarage, where a garden party was being held. The company present were then delighted and surprised by some handbell ringing. Several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung by W. Lawrence 1—2, R. A. Fardon 3—4, F. W. Goodfellow 5—6, H. A. Folkard 7—8. A very pleasant evening was then spent, several playing their first game of bowls.

On Sunday another quarter-peal was rung for evening service. This was 1,260 of Grandsire Triples, and occupied 45 minutes: Miss G. Baker 1, G. W. Stevens 2, J. E. Churchill 3, H. J. Hunnisett 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, L. H. Page 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

LADIES' GUILD.
SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting was held at Cranleigh on Saturday week, when members and their friends spent an enjoyable time. Ringing commenced about 5.30, and with the help of the ringers from St. Peter's, Croydon, who stopped on their way to Horsham, several touches were rung. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. P. Cunningham), whose inspiring address was much appreciated.

A very welcome tea was served in the Church Hut, and was followed by the business meeting.

It is hoped to hold the annual meeting at Ranmore, and the next quarterly meeting at Sandhurst in December.

The ladies take this opportunity of again thanking the Rector for his kindness and Mrs. Whittington for arranging the tea.

The following towers were represented: Aldershot, Billingshurst, Cranleigh, Crawley, Dorking, Guildford, Pulborough, Seale and Shere.

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HANLEY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.**STAFFS PEAL OF TEN RECAST.**

A great acquisition to Staffordshire bells is the recast peal of ten at the Parish Church, Hanley, which were opened on Saturday, July 21st. The bells had been practically unused for five years, but the parishioners cheerfully faced the great effort of carrying out a complete restoration. The cost has been about £1,300 and all but about £65 has now been raised. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were entrusted with the work, and they have installed a peal of ten bells, of which Hanley is now justifiably proud, and with which the large body of ringers attending the opening were completely satisfied. The bells, with a tenor of 17½ cwt. have been tuned on the five-tone principle, and hung in a new steel and iron frame, with new fittings and ball bearings throughout. Their position in the tower is lower than that of the old bells, and the improvement in tone that has been effected has greatly delighted the parishioners. At the same time Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have installed a new electric self-winding chime clock, the gift of Mrs. Mountford, in memory of her husband. The clock has four 7ft. skeleton dials fitted centrally in the louvre windows, ten feet higher than the old dials were placed. This clock the first of its kind to be erected, is similar to that at present being installed at the Royal Exchange, London, and in four other churches in the country by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. There is only one weight and that a small one, attached to the going train, but the most remarkable feature about the clock is that it rewinds itself automatically every 20 minutes, which means a great saving in expense, and obviates the necessity for heavy weights suspended from pulleys at the top of the clock tower. Incidentally, there is more room in the belfry. Compared with the size of the normal weight-driven clock, it has considerably more power.

The dedication of the bells and clock tower took place on Saturday week, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Stafford. There were 73 ringers present, representing no fewer than twenty towers, visitors coming from Manchester, Crewe, Burton, Mansfield (Notis), and Braintree (Essex). The opening ringing was done by the local band, assisted by Stoke ringers, viz., Messrs. Hanley, Churton, Alcock, Corner, Cordall, Dale, Cordell, Prohett, Sargeant, Degg and Page. The first touch of change ringing was a course of Stedman Caters by Messrs. Morley, Smith, Aldersea, Page, Ailman, Cordell, G. Clawley, A. Clawley, Fitchford, Miller, this band being picked from the Stoke Archidiaconal Association.

The Church Council entertained the visiting ringers to tea at the Lichfield Street Schools, and after tea, Mr. Sargeant (conductor, Hanley ringers), who has been a ringer at the church for many years, spoke feelingly of the satisfaction all the ringers felt at the reopening of the bells, and the beautiful tone and easy 'go.' He praised the Rector and churchwarden for their efforts in connection with the restoration, and their endeavour to have everything done in the best possible way by a thorough and careful investigation of the various difficult technical questions which had cropped up within the last few months. He heartily welcomed the visitors in the name of the Hanley ringers, and appealed for help to keep the new bells ringing until the local band were strong enough to carry on.

He was supported by Mr. Corner who especially thanked the Stoke and Newcastle ringers for help at handbell practice, and for opportunity to ring in their towers.

Mr. Churton (Stoke) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for use of the bells, and to the Council for the excellent tea provided. This was supported by the Ringing Master, Mr. Fitchford (Wolstanton), who said that Hanley had now the finest peal of bells in the association's area.

The Rector (the Rev. H. A. Tamplin), replying, thanked the numerous ringers who had come from all round and helped to make the opening a success. He also wished to thank the ladies who had so kindly looked after them at tea. He especially expressed his satisfaction with the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, whose staff had laboured most strenuously to get everything ready so that the opening should be a success.—Mr. C. F. Johnston suitably replied.

After tea the ringers again visited the church, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and other methods were rung.

ANCIENT BELLS AT HARWELL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reference to the recent inquiry by the Rev. J. F. Hastings as to old rings of six, we have six bells here, the most modern of which was cast in 1615.

The 2nd and 5th were cast in 1590 and 1597, respectively, by Joseph Carter, of Reading, while his son-in-law, William Yare at the same foundry cast the treble and 3rd in 1611, the tenor (diameter 3ft. 10½in.) in 1612, and the 4th in 1615.

They are a fine ring, the tenor being between 18 and 19 cwt. in E, and it is our great ambition to increase them to a full octave. Any contributions however small, will be gratefully received and acknowledged in this paper. A fund was started a year ago.—Yours, etc.

R. G. RICE.

Harwell, Steventon, Berks.

DEATH OF A KENT RINGER.**A PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING.**

We regret to record the death, on July 16th, after an illness of some months, of Mr. Hubert J. Blackwell, of Chelsfield. He was a well-known ringer in West Kent, and in pre-war days was one of the most enthusiastic and energetic ringers in the Lewisham district.

Sixty-two years of age, and a native of the Weald of Kent, he commenced ringing at Biddenden, when apprenticed in the village. Afterwards he migrated to Penshurst, Mereworth, and then to St. Mary Cray, subsequently taking up a business at Chelsfield, where he had lived for the past thirty years. Most of his early work in the belfry was instilling the art of change ringing into the local bands wherever he was. At St. Mary Cray and Chelsfield he was the pioneer of half-pull ringing, and at each place got the bands far enough to ring several methods of Doubles. Although as in other villages, the bands did not last many years, he had the satisfaction of seeing some of his pupils attain a certain degree of proficiency, among them Mr. A. T. Verrals, of Brighton; Mr. R. Morgan, of Dartford; Mr. J. Emery, of Hershham; and Mr. I. Emery, of Bromley. After a lapse from ringing for a few years, owing to business, he started again about 1905, ringing and travelling considerably.

He rang about 60 peals in various methods up to Superlative, most of them for the Kent County Association. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Oxford Guild, and the Surrey Association. His busiest time of ringing was when the Lewisham district Surprise party was active, under the conductorship of Mr. F. Bennett. He then rang the treble to many Surprise peals, and many times have that band enjoyed the hospitality, both of Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell at their home at Chelsfield and of his people at the old home at Hawkhurst and Benenden. Prior to the war the deceased was an hon. member of the SS. Peter and Paul's band, Bromley, and for years cycled the seven miles, winter and summer, to practice and Sunday morning ringing, but since the war he stayed at Chelsfield, and devoted himself to good works in the village.

The deceased was secretary of the Village Sports Club, and was mainly instrumental in obtaining a splendid recreation ground for the parish. He was also on the Parish Council, and engineer of the local Fire Brigade. Thus, it will be seen, he was a man of many activities, but he was of such a good and generous disposition, that he never made an enemy, and he died beloved and regretted by all who knew him, especially by those who had been in closest contact with him. His place in the life of the village will be difficult indeed to fill.

He was buried on Friday, July 20th, in the pretty village churchyard, amidst signs of deepest sympathy from the whole inhabitants of the parish. Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., and Mr. I. Emery, two of his oldest ringing friends, attended to represent the Kent County Association, and tender their sympathy with the bereaved.

At a meeting of the Kent Association, held at Crayford on the 21st, a vote of condolence was passed to the widow, and on Saturday, July 28th, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Eynsford, as a last tribute to his memory by eight members of the Kent County Association. Eynsford is the adjoining parish to Chelsfield, and the tower in which he had rung most peals.

RINGERS AT CRICKET.**CRAMLINGTON BEAT NEWCASTLE.**

On Saturday, the 14th July, the members of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Guild again visited Cramlington to take part in a friendly game at cricket with the ringing members of Cramlington Church, who were championed by Mr. Oswald Simms.

For four hours a well-contested game was fought out in true sportsmanlike fashion, Cramlington eventually coming out winners with a total of 105 runs against the Newcastle Guild 57.

With a little more practice in fielding the losers would put up a very good show, in spite of the varied ages of their team.

As future matches are in store for them it is hoped the suggestion will not be overlooked. Youth will tell.

Tea was kindly provided, presided over by the Rev. T. W. A. Allen (Vicar), who welcomed the members, and trusted the happy gathering would be the precursor of many others.

He was supported by the Rev. Hughes, who is always a host in himself.

Previous to the cricket match the Cramlington band placed a wreath of beautiful white flowers at the base of the village war memorial, in grateful and affectionate remembrance of Brodie John Riseborough, U.F., of whose death in the great war this was the 7th anniversary.

By request, Mr. Wm. Story, president of the Diocesan Association, with a few words in appreciation of the great sacrifice of the deceased, deposited the wreath, and the Vicar offered up prayer, after which silence was kept for a few moments, and then a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbell.

Before returning to Newcastle, several touches on the church bells were rung, which were much appreciated.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on July 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peak of Grandshire Triples: Miss H. Chandler 1, Miss G. Baker 2, Miss F. Moss 3, E. Hancock (conductor) 4, P. Jones 5, R. Carter 6, H. Chandler 7, F. Smith 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Mary, 1,264 Bob Major: F. A. Cluett 1, J. J. Symons 2, T. R. Taylor 3, R. Brown 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, J. D. Harris 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8. Arranged for R. Brown, who hails from St. Mary's, Southampton.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, July 29th, for Divine service a quarter-peak of Bob Major, in 46 minutes: E. Cassel 1, A. Jones 2, C. Chooei 3, H. Frampton 4, W. Worsley 5, H. Moody R.A.F., 6, J. Herbert 7, W. T. Elson (conductor) 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, July 29th at St. Mary Abbots Church, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. E. Garrard (conductor) 1, Miss Stella Davis (first quarter-peak of Stedman Caters) 2, E. J. Trimmer (first quarter-peak) 3, P. E. Clark 4, H. G. Miles 5, A. E. Bradley 6, C. W. Roberts 7, A. V. Selby 8, R. T. Hibbert 9, C. H. Chapman (first quarter-peak) 10.

EALING.—At Christ Church, for morning service, on July 29th, a quarter-peak Grandshire Triples: F. S. Palmer, junr. 1, J. E. Wallson 2, H. A. Folkard 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, E. F. Cole 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peak of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung in 47 mins.: G. Fenn (conductor) 1, S. Wolfe 2, A. Neale 3, W. Theobald 4, E. Smith 5, F. C. Newman 6, E. G. Cottis 7, A. C. Hardy 8. S. Wolfe hails from Lincoln.

BRIDLINGTON, BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, July 24th, at St. Luke's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Pearce 1, A. E. Reeves (conductor) 2, E. J. Brown 3, A. Stowell 4, W. Knight 5, W. Stowell 6. First 720 of Cambridge on the bells, and rung by a local band. 360 Kent Treble Bob Major was also rung.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Coldrick 1, J. Hey 2, F. Blackith 3, Fred Blackith 4, A. Windsor 5, J. Thackray 6, H. Blackith (longest length as conductor) 7, J. W. Moorhouse 8. Rung as a farewell to H. Blackith on his leaving the district for London.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, July 22nd, at Magdalen College, a quarter-peak of Stedman Caters, in 48 mins., by Mrs. A. E. Lock 1, T. Payne 2, F. Taylor (conductor) 3, A. E. Lock 4, B. Finch 5, W. Judge 6, W. Harris 7, W. H. B. Wilkens 8, H. Miles 9, G. Caudwell 10.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peak of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 minutes, by L. Tuffrey 1, Mrs. A. E. Lock 2, H. Hollifield 3, J. Honey 4, W. Stone 5, W. Judge 6, A. E. Lock (conductor) 7, G. Caudwell 8.

LYMINGE, KENT.—On Sunday, July 22nd for evening, the last quarter of Holt's Original: F. Verney 1, F. Castle 2, A. Castle 3, S. Baker 4, G. Cullum 5, R. Webb 6, L. Head 7, Longest length by ringer of the 2nd who is 14 years of age.

ECCLESFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peak of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: W. Whilliam 1, T. Kitson (conductor) 2, F. Willey 3, W. Stibley 4, J. W. Smithson 5, F. Mortimer 6, W. Kitson 7, O. Canwood 8. Ringers of 3rd, 4th and 5th hail from All Saints' Sheffield.

MANGOTSFIELD.—At St. James' Church, on July 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peak of Grandshire Triples in 42 mins.: I. Hopps 1, W. Hewitt 2, H. Jefferies 3, C. Harding 4, T. James 5, R. Marsh 6, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 7, C. Handy 8.

PONTYPRIDD.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peak of Grandshire Triples, in 48 minutes, at St. Catherine's Church: J. Hallet (conductor) 1, Ivor Mitchell 2, F. Thyer 3, A. Grey 4, S. Ridgeway 5, J. Darch 6, — Burgess 7, F. Neville 8.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, July 22nd, a quarter-peak of Doubles (1,260 changes), being 780 Grandshire and 480 Plain Bob, in 43 mins.: F. Adams (Litchborough) 1, J. W. Haynes (Pattishall) 2, J. Wilfred Sharp (Towcester, conductor) 3, J. M. Gray (Green's Norton) 4, H. Folwell (Rugby) 5.

NORRURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, July 15th, for service, the extent of No. 23 Treble Bob: J. Fernley, junr., 1, J. P. Fidler 2, W. Fernley 3, H. Langley 4, J. Fernley, senr. (conductor), 5, J. W. Hartley 6. It is believed the extent in the method has not previously been rung. The band wish the method to be known by the name ('Hyacinth') given to it in the report of the committee of the Central Council published in 'The Ringing World' on March 30th, 1923.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 8th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: J. Northan (first 720) 1, Miss Brandon 2, E. Tilley 3, Miss A. Dale 4, W. Waldren 5, J. Jutson (conductor) 6.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday July 8th, at St. Luke's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peak of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): W. Dean 1, G. Boon 2, C. Mitchell 3, E. Reeve 4, H. H. Mance 5, W. Essery 6, E. Brett 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to make an appeal, through your columns, to the Exercise at large for help in compiling this roll.

Below will be seen two lists of names which I have denoted A and B.

In list A, certain names are grouped together which bear a similarity to each other.

I want to know how many persons are described in each group, and, if only one, which place or tower out of two or three has the right to claim that one. To take an instance: Were there two ringers of the name of 'Attwater, E.' killed? If there was only one, should he be described as coming from Streatham or Cuckfield?

In list B, there are certain names given as belonging to Guilds or Associations, but the place or tower is left blank. I want if possible to be able to fill up this blank space.

Secretaries of Guilds and Associations have done their best in the matter, and I now appeal to the friends of these fallen ringers to send me such information—as some of them surely must have—as will enable me to come to a decision in each case.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

Broadlands, Caversham, Reading.

LIST A.

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association
ATTWATER, E.	Streatham	Surrey, Coll. Youths
ATTWATER, E.	Cuckfield	Sussex
COLLINS, S. J.	Fulham	College Youths
COLLINS, S. J.	Wandsworth	London County
DEWEY, H. J.	Reigate	Surrey
DEWEY, H. J.	Earlswood	Cumberlands
EDSER, G.	Streatham	Surrey
EDSER, G. B.	Battersea	London County
EDSER, G. B.	Herstham	Surrey
EDSER, G. B.	Hersham	Winchester
LEE, W. C.	Streatham	Surrey
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	London County
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	Cumberlands
LEE, W. C.	Great Cornard	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
LAING, A. T.		Cambridge University
LAING, A. T., Rev.	Bamburgh	Durham and Newcastle
MORRIS, B.	Mitcham	Surrey
MORRIS, B.	Mortlake	Middlesex
NEW, W. J.	Isleworth	Middlesex
NEW, W. J.	Leigh	Salisbury
PLANT, A.	Kettering	Northants
PLANT, A. H. B.	Burton-on-Trent	Midland Counties
PAYNE, J.	St. Albans	Herts
PAYNE, J. H.	Kensington	College Youths
RANCE, J.	Davenham	Chester
RANCE, J.	Whalley	Lancashire
SMITH, A.	Oxenthorpe	Yorkshire
SMITH, A.	Maxey	Peterborough
SMITH, A.	Langham	Essex
SAUNDERS, H.	Mistley	Essex
SAUNDERS, H.	Hemingford Abbots	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
TAYLOR, T. G.	Batheaston	Bath and Wells
TAYLOR, T. G.	Whitchurch	Salisbury
	Canonicorum	
WRIGHT, S.	Morpeth	College Youths
WRIGHT, S. A.	Herne Hill	London County
WRIGHT, S. A.	Morpeth	Durham and Newcastle
WILLIAMS, R.	Bebington	Chester
WILLIAMS, R.	Whitchurch	Llandaff and Monmouth
WAITE, S.	Twickenham	Bath and Wells
WAITE, S.	Bishop's Cannings	Salisbury

LIST B.

CHAPMAN, A. R. B.	Cambridge University
CHELL, H.	"
GRAY, A. F.	"
HAMILTON, A. S.	"
LAING, A. T.	"
McKIEVER, V. C.	"
McMICHAEL, D. W.	"
PERSSE, C. de B.	"
RILEY, T., Rev.	"
RAIKES, F. S. W.	"
SCHOOLING, C. H., Rev.	"
WALKER, E. B.	"
WHITE, F. R.	"
BANNON, J.	Irish Association
KAVANAGH, C.	"
KENNEDY, T.	"
McLEAN, J.	"
TECTOR, R.	"

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday, July 21st, a meeting of the Nottingham District was held at West Hallam, about 30 members being present from Beeston, Bottesford, Bulwell, Barton, Cotgrave, Ilkeston, Nottingham, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Southwell, Derby, etc. The bells in this tower have recently been rehung and augmented to six with frame trebles for two trebles to complete the octave, Messrs. Taylor having carried out the work in a very satisfactory manner. Tea was provided in the village inn. The Rector (the Rev. A. E. Wicks) presided, and gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. He mentioned that there was still a balance on the wrong side of the bell fund, but he hoped to get this wiped off, and soon to commence to get the octave completed.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. A. Coppock). Mr. W. E. White suggested that the presentation made to Mr. T. H. Kirkby, the late secretary, should be entered in the minute book.

For the place of the next meeting, Southwell received five votes and Colston Bassett 14 votes, the latter place, therefore, being selected, the meeting to be held on August 25th.

The secretary had received a letter from the president, respecting the Bishop of Peterborough's proposal for a federation of ringers in the Diocese of Peterborough, but the matter was left in abeyance, the members to decide for themselves, as only one tower in this district was affected.

Four new members were elected, viz., two from Eastwood, one from Greasley, one from Shelford.

A very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for kindly granting the use of the tower and bells, and for placing his gardens at the disposal of the members, was proposed by Mr. A. Moss, and unanimously carried.—The Rector replied.—Some of the ringers returned to the tower, while others sat on the Rectory lawn to listen. A variety of six bell methods was rung on the bells during the afternoon and evening.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Being one of the authors of the 'Lancshires' and 'Immanuels,' it is with much fear and trembling that I admit this great offence of giving a name and number instead of a number. Perhaps if I tell the story of how these two numbers got such outlandish names your correspondent, Mr. Dawson, will understand my fear, etc. Many years ago there was a company of ringers at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, who, after struggling on in an uphill fight for seven years, were surprised to find they could ring Surprise. This was in 1902. Four years of ebb and flow regarding Surprise, and behold I discovered Immanuel. A few minutes later another of our company discovered Lancashire. The author of Lancashire is Mr. Isaac Whalley. We rang both these numbers on Sunday, May 27th, 1906. Immanuel was named after the church we rang at, Lancashire was given its name, perhaps, because what Lancashire rings to-day someone else will ring to-morrow. The two numbers were then sent to 'The Bell News,' where it was pointed out that Lancashire already had a number, and Immanuel was a new number. The method Oswald Treble Bob I sent to 'The Bell News' a year or two before, and it was found that it was already numbered. I have often wondered if other six bell companies had ever found the two Surprise numbers of interest, never dreaming that they were in such an exalted atmosphere as near London.—
Yours sincerely,
Blackpool. C. SHARPLES.

NOTICES.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.
The next meeting will be held at Rainford on Saturday, August 4th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The August meeting of the above will be held at Bishop Auckland and Shildon on Saturday, August 4th, 1923. The bells of both churches are available. The Vicar of S. Andrew's (Bishop Auckland) has kindly offered to provide tea in the Mission Room at 5 p.m.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. Short Service at 5 o'clock, followed by tea provided by the Rector, and business meeting. Half railway fares paid up to 2/- at this meeting.—Stephen Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech branch.—A district meeting will be held at March, Cambs (6 bells), on Saturday, August 4th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea provided by the Rector. The General Secretary of the Association intends to be present. All ringers welcome. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Please let me know early. A good gathering is hoped for.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwy Road, March.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, August 4th. Bells available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m., Church Room. Members will greatly assist if they will notify me by Friday, August 3rd.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen's Street, Chertsey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Croston (bells 8) on Saturday, August 4th, 1923. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6 p.m. —W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for August: St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, August 27th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, August 5th, 10 a.m., August 6th and 20th, 7.30 p.m.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsterstone on Bank Holiday, August 6th. Bells (8) available all day. Tea, 1/6 each, only to those who notify Miss Hollins, Bolsterstone, before Friday, August 3rd.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent, Bank Holiday, August 6th. New bells (6) available for ringing all day by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. T. Bartley). As this is the Gala and Sports day in aid of the Church Bell Restoration Fund, a good attendance is desired. Visitors welcome. A capital programme of sports has been arranged by the committee, commencing 2.30 p.m. Tea on the Sports Ground: Adults 1/-, Children 6d.; but a special tea for ringers will be provided in the Church Institute at 4.30 p.m. Cheap fares from all L. & N.E. railway stations in district.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the Association will be held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday, Monday August 6th. The ring of 8 bells of the Parish Church will be available. Luncheon at the George Hotel at 1.30 p.m. Tickets 2/6 per head.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Sec., High Croft, North Walsham.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held in Peterborough on Monday, August 6th (Bank Holiday). The bells of St. John (8), St. Mary (6), Woodston (6), will be available during the day. Tea at 4.30, meeting at 5.30, in St. Mary's Schools. Service, 6.30, at St. Mary's Church. All ringers welcome.—John J. Jutson, Hon. Sec., St. Mary's School House, Peterborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual summer meeting will be held at Ranmore on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. By the kind permission of Lord Ashcombe the beautiful grounds of Denbies will be open to ringers and their friends. The bells of St. Martin's, Dorking, will be available in the evening. All ringers welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

* **LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Deeping St. Nicholas on Monday, August 6th. Bells available all day. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—George Ladd, Hon. Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on August 7th, Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Margaret's, Uxbridge, on Wednesday evening, August 8th, when members and visitors will be welcomed.—W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, August 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 1/- each, and meeting after, at The Bird in Hand. Will all those

attending, who require tea, please let me know by Tuesday, August 7th?—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 11th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Teas 1/8, names to be sent to Mr. D. Dawson, 42, West View, Clitheroe, not later than August 7th.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 11th. Bell (8) available 3 p.m. Church service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, August 8th?—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, August 11th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—F. Dench, Dist. Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Fittleton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Short business meeting after tea. Arrangements are being made for ringing at Netheravon and Upavon in the evening.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Sutton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 in Schoolroom, gd. each, to those who notify me not later than August 7th.—C. Edwards, Dist. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready early. Tea at Pack Horse Inn. Meeting in belfry, all ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, August 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, August 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, with business meeting to follow. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Rd., Ealing, W.5.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 18th, when members and visitors will be welcomed. Tea arranged as usual, but send your names in good time.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—No practice at Exeter Cathedral in August. Next practice of Cinques second Wednesday in September.—E. S. Powell, Holbeton Vicarage, Plymouth.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Keele on Saturday, August 25th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. ANDREW'S, GRIMSBY.—The ringers of the above Church wish to extend a hearty greeting to all visitors to Grimsby and Cleethorpes. Service ringing Sundays 10.15 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Practice Thursday 7.30 p.m. Church in Freeman Street, one minute from Docks Station or Riby Square.—Please write Hon. Sec., Mr. Fred Overton, 119, Convamore Road, Grimsby.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT HARLINGTON.

Members of South and West District held a most successful meeting on Saturday, July 14th, at the ancient Parish Church of Harlington, which dates from early in the twelfth century. It has a noble Norman doorway (cir. 1130), the finest of its kind in Middlesex, and an interesting font of transitional character (cir. 1190). The Easter sepulchre—a fine piece of Tudor work (1545) is one of the comparatively few examples which escaped destruction in Puritan times. There are some good windows by Kempe, and the magnificent yewtree in the churchyard, though of untold age, is still in vigorous health. There are six bells dating from 1799, which were last rebung in 1904.

Ringing was indulged in during the afternoon, when a short choral service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. Wilson).—The Rector welcomed the association, and dealt at length on the good the Guild meetings did. It helped to foster brotherhood among ringers, and oftentimes, when some were at variance, it helped to renew the spirit of harmony which is essential to make these meetings a success.

After service, the party adjourned to the Schoolroom for tea, to which 45 ringers, the choir and organist sat down. The Rector presided over a merry party of over 60. Harlington strawberries were in abundance.

At the meeting which followed, the usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and all who assisted to make the meeting such a success.

The Rector was elected an honorary life member, with a promise of the tower and members to be affiliated later, providing the hon. secretary sent an instructor to assist them. On the secretary's appeal to the meeting a volunteer was found at once.

Handbell ringing on the lawn, and later another visit to the tower brought a red-letter day at Harlington to a close.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PUTNEY, LONDON.—On Saturday, July 28th, on the occasion of the progress of the King and Queen through Putney a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (by J. George), in 44 mins.: T. Bolton 1, H. Frampton 2, C. Choquet 3, A. Jones 4, W. T. Elson 5, W. Worsley 6, E. Cassel (conductor) 7, C. Collis 8.

MARDEN, HEREFORD.—On Saturday, July 21st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. P. Hyett 1, C. Edwards 2, T. H. Taysome 3, G. W. Taysome 4, W. E. Williams 5, W. Taylor 6. First 720 of Kent by all except the conductor (C. Edwards), and first in the district; 120 of Oxford Treble Bob was also rung.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Thursday, July 19th, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, in 49 mins., in honour of the wedding of Lieut. J. P. Gornall, the well-known Hants cricketer, to Miss G. M. Caffin, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, Mrs. F. Burnett 2, E. C. Martin 3, P. Giles 4, T. R. Taylor 5, W. L. Ayles 6, H. L. W. Aitken 7, E. O. Edney 8.—On July 24th, on the occasion of the British Medical Association attending the church, 685 Grandsire Triples: F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, Mrs. F. Burnett 2, Mrs. L. Cook 3, W. L. Ayles 4, L. P. Cook 5, W. Scaife 6, H. L. W. Aitken 7, E. O. Edney 8.



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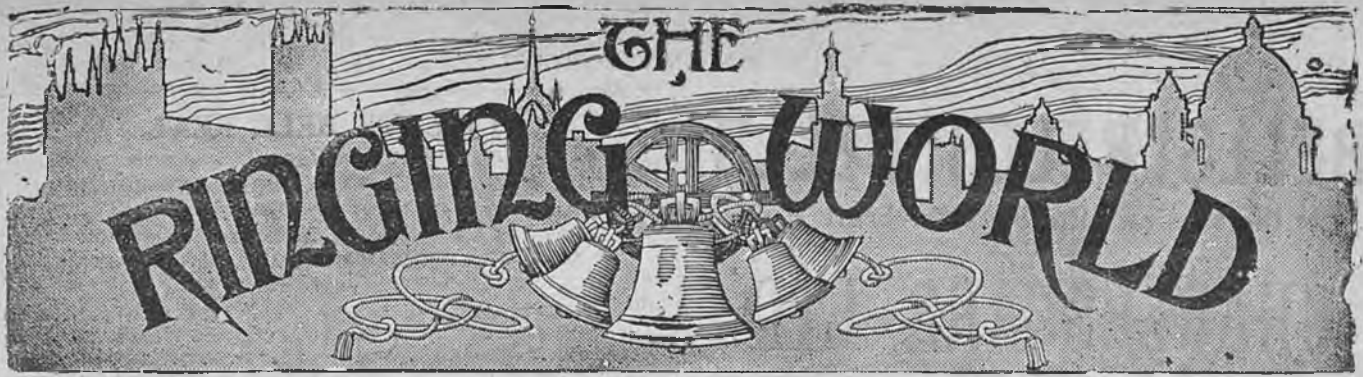
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From time to time instances come to light emphasising the great disadvantage, we might almost say the folly, of relying upon one man for the discharge of offices connected with ringing matters. We have often pointed out how, sooner or later, ringing is bound to suffer in those towers where all the conducting is left in the hands of one man, either through the selfishness of the conductor or the indifference of the other members of the band, who, having no ambition, are content to leave matters to a single individual. After a time the inevitable happens. The conductor moves away to another district, or from some other cause, it may be illness or death, his connection with the tower ceases. Then comes the collapse of the band as a competent change-ringing unit, for it seldom happens that in such cases the need of the hour produces the man capable of carrying on from the point where his predecessor stopped.

When a similar state of affairs arises in connection with an association the position is much more serious. More than once of late a ringing organisation has found itself without an occupant for a secretaryship. The most recent instance is in the Salisbury Guild, where Mr. C. H. Jennings, who took a leading part in founding the Dorchester District twelve years ago, and has been its hon. secretary ever since, has found it necessary to resign office on account of his removal from the district, following upon a long illness arising out of his war experiences. For two years past, we are told, he has been asking his fellow-members to find a successor, but apathy or lack of interest all the while the secretary remained in office led to nothing being done. Now the district has come to the definite resignation of its chief official it is unable to find anyone willing to undertake the duties. The spade work which Mr. Jennings did before the war, and resumed for a time afterwards, has largely been lost during his enforced absence from the district, which goes to prove how quickly a retrograde movement can set in when the 'mainspring' is removed. It is hardly creditable to the Dorchester District that they should be unable to find a successor to the late secretary, for the work that lies before the branch should be surely an incentive to some member of the Guild to shoulder the task. At the same time there is a lesson to be learned by all who are responsible for the organisation of ringing associations. There ought always to be available an understudy for the essential offices of an association, and wherever there is a secretary there should be an assistant secretary who could take over the duties in any emergency, even if in normal times his position may be a sinecure. In our view, however, an assistant secretary might always find some useful work to do.

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On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS... ..	Treble	*LEWIS W. GOODWIN... ..	7
ARTHUR J. NEALE	2	ALFRED H. WINCH	8
ALBERT C. V. GASSON	3	FRANK SMITH	9
REGINALD BROUGH	4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	10
THOMAS NEWMAN	5	HARRY SEAR	11
*WALTER SEAR	6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

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On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOK... ..	Treble	CLR-SERGT. BENNETT	5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	2	FRANK BELSEY	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES	Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

SHOREHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK J. HAIRS	Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
WILLIAM H. HEWETT	3	*PERCY SPICE	7
HERBERT AUDSLEY	4	T. GROOMBRIDGE SEN.	Tenor

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. First peal in method as Conductor.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CHARLES WYBROW	Treble	GEORGE A. COOKE	5
CLAYTON PARNELL	2	JOHN A. GODFREY	6
WILLIAM E. BASON	3	ROBERT W. COOKE	7
EDWARD C. COOKE	4	*HARRY COOKE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WM. E. BASON.

* First peal. Mr. R. W. Cooke is father of the ringers of the 4th, 5th and tenor, and it is the first peal they have rung together. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of Mr. C. T. Tuthill and the ringers of the treble and 7th, all of which were within a few days of this date. Mr. Wybrow is now in his 70th year.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST PALMER	Treble	HENRY W. WILDE... ..	5
WILLIAM BIBBY	2	GEORGE H. RANDLES	6
HENRY C. COLLYER	3	FRANCIS BIBBY	7
JOHN E. BIBBY	4	KEITH HART	Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Hart who was on a visit to Cheshire.

**TURVEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

*HENRY STAPLETON Treble	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN... .. 5
HARRY GAYTON... .. 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON 6
WILLIAM FREEMAN 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW 7
EDMOND HOBES... .. 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. Tenor

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

* First in the method, and one of the local band. The ringer of the 2nd from Harrold, 3rd from Olney, 4th from Ridgmont, 5th from Dunstable, 6th from Hammersmith, 7th and 8th from Bedford.

**BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	EDWIN J. HARDING, JUN. 5
WILLIAM E. CHEATER 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6
GEORGE PULLINGER... .. 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	GEORGE GRANT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

**HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS 5
MISS MAY CLAYTON... .. 2	JOHN SANDERSON... .. 6
†JAMES HARRISON 3	JOHN BROWN 7
*RICHARD HOUGHTON 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Richard Houghton, who sails for Canada on August 11th. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 7th belong to Hoghton, 5th to Church Kirk, the remainder to Blackburn.

**BUCKLAND, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

PERCY DYKE Treble	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	THOMAS SHORT 6
JAMES BUTLER 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
JACK HONEY 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

Arranged for Mr. F. J. Lewis, of Cirencester.

**CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

AMOS W. CLARK Treble	*DANIEL COOPER 5
MRS. AMOS W. CLARK 2	†STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY 6
*REGINALD D. MARSHALL 3	JAMES E. COOPER... .. 7
†ROBERT A. FARDON 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

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On Sunday, August 5, 1923, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

A. HAGUE Treble	C. SHARPLES 5
R. F. ELKINGTON 2	*W. RATCLIFFE 6
†L. GREEN 3	†F. WHITESIDE 7
†F. GREENWOOD... .. 4	H. J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal. † First in the method. ‡ First away from treble. Messrs. Poole and Elkington are from Leicester, and were elected members previous to starting.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROUGHTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lb.

*WILLIAM HOOPER ... Treble	SAMUEL JONES 5
JAMES H. PHILLIPS ... 2	PERCIVAL H. STAFFORD ... 6
ARTHUR MARTIN 3	ARTHUR LEWIS 7
GODFREY L. STAFFORD ... 4	WILLIAM A. GULLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

* First peal. The band wishes to thank the Vicar for providing refreshments, who also complimented them on the excellent peal.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BUTTON Treble	*JAMES POWELL 5
MRS. H. BAKER... .. 2	HARRY BAKER 6
WILLIAM A. PENFOLD ... 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 7
JOHN BLAKE 4	HARRY M. BATERUP... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First bell with an inside bell. The above is the first time a lady has rung a peal at Bexhill.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

S. MOULE Treble	H. CROOK 4
E. HUNT 2	W. EAGLING... .. 5
H. MASON 3	F. A. SALTER Tenor

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of 4th, who hails from Richmond, and was elected a member before starting.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court and Bob Minor.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*JOHN LUNN... .. Treble	ARTHUR RIGGALL 4
HORACE M. DAY 2	WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 5
JOSEPH LONDON... .. 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal. H. M. Day has now called a peal from each bell in the tower.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD
On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE POENELL Treble	*WILFRED WILLIAMS... .. 4
†ALFRED A. RACKHAM 2	ALAC. A. RACKHAM 5
JOHN H. RACKHAM 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor inside. First of Minor as conductor. First peal rung in the newly created Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. Rung as a compliment to the Right Rev. Dr. E. L. Bevan, Bishop of Swansea, who has been appointed first Bishop of the See of Swansea and Brecon.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, August 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE, PERRY BARR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART PEAL.

*GEORGE T. MITCHINSON 1-2	MORRIS J. MORRIS... .. 5-6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8

Conducted by M. J. MORRIS. Referee: F. C. RISHWORTH.

* First peal on handbells. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar, Rev. C. Watts-Read, for invitations to use his study on this and previous occasions.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, August 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 B flat.

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

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. WALKER,
8 Referees: Messrs. A. T. SCRIVENS and HERBERT SPENCER.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held in Peterborough on August Bank Holiday, when members attended from Chatteris, Wisbech, Fleet, Crowland, Alwalton, etc. with the local hands. Also amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hairs (London), Mr. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), Mr. A. J. Trappitt (Beddington), and friends from Loughborough, Cambridge and Collingham.

The President (the Dean of Peterborough) presided over the business meeting, supported by Canon A. C. Neely, R.D.

Fourteen new members were elected, and the officers were re-elected, except the secretary (Mr. J. J. Jutson), who stated that he must retire owing to other duties.—Mr. J. Carman was elected to the office.

Canon A. C. Neely conducted the service, and gave an address. Miss K. A. Jutson presided at the organ.

The methods rung during the day included Superlative and Double Norwich Major and London and Cambridge Minor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North-Eastern Division of the Essex Association was held at Tendring on Saturday, May 12th, when 24 ringers from nine towers attended, and ringing was kept up during the afternoon and evening. Choral service was held, conducted by Canon Tollington, and the ringers were entertained to tea through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens.—After the business meeting was over, Mr. Nevard (Master) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens.—This was seconded by the hon. secretary (Mr. R. W. Stannard, of Colchester), and the parish warden responded.

THE EDITOR'S SWORD OF HONOUR.

IRENÆUS AS ARMOURER.

'Irenæus Pistor' has been at it again! Established as Armourer-in-Chief to the Exercise he has now presented the Editor with a new sword, a neatly fashioned instrument wherewith to let the blood of 'hot heads' among the Exercise. It hangs in the editorial sanctum, ready for duty.

It arrived in company with an 'address,' the latter duly sealed with tape and wax, and providing a further illustration of the humour of 'Irenæus.'

Greetings and Salutations to all at ye Goldsmith Kastle.

For ye worthy hands of my Lord of Woking.

These—

By ye honoured conveyance of ye King's Postal Service—

Whereas—

We have been informed by your Lordship's Master of Horse that at ye investiture of Sir Peppery, Your Lordship's worthy sword didst suffer greatly by ye laying ye same on ye 'Hot Stuff.' We regret to learn that ye sword is become soft, and that ye temper is drawn at ye spot where it came in contact with ye other NITE aforesaid.

Wherefore with hast—post haste—we didst comand ye King's Armourer to proceed without loss of tempus to fabricate, make, and manufacture ye enclosed weapon to replace ye damaged one.

Therefore, my Lord of Woking—your sword—we pray that your Lordship Haxcept ye same, trusting in ye fidelity of my Lord that ye same be used to preserve (ye piece) for many years. And further, it is our one will, wish and command that Your Lordship will not let ye trusty blade become tarnished, but with a vigour as of yore ye will let it go with a Whirr, Hum, Boom, Ring, Twang, Bang, Clang, Clink, Tingle, Jingle, and with a Rattle, Clatter, Chatter, Patter, on ye whole Hexersize.

Given at our Castraorum.

Under our hand and seal (ye Simpson Ring).

IRENÆUS WRECKS.

PERSEVERANCE NOT REWARDED.

I was one day visiting a member of our band of ringers, who was noted for his laxity in ringing matters, and who also kept a large quantity of fowls.

Noticing one hen very closely 'sitting,' I ventured to hold her up as an object lesson to illustrate how the desired accomplishment in change ringing could be attained by diligence and perseverance.

Look at that hen, I exclaimed, see how patiently she 'sits,' knowing full well she will be rewarded by a fine brood of young chicks at the end of her labours. That hen's patience, he exclaimed, will never be rewarded if she sits from now till doomsday; she is sitting on a Pitcher egg.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

TWO VARIATIONS OF CHAS. MIDDLETON'S PEAL.

By James S. Wilde, Dunedin, New Zealand.

5,056.									
	In	M	W	4ths	H	Contd.	M	W	H
23456						56234			
42356						26435			
32654						34562			
25346	B					56342			
637452						35642			
56423									
42563						63542			
54263						53246			
						42635			
25463						63425			
45362						46325			
63254									
25634						34625			
62534						34256	B		
						23456			

The three bobs at home bracketed must be omitted, otherwise the peal will run to 5,504.

5,376									
	In	M	W	4ths	H	Contd.	B	H	
23456						25463			
42356						25634			
63254						62534			
427536									
34562						56234			
257643						56342			
42635						35642			
567324									
25346						63542			
637452						83425			
56423						46325			
42563									
54263						34625			
						34256			
						23456			

THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'
MUSINGS ON DIVERS TOPICS.

The period of the year upon which we are entering is known to many people as the 'silly season,' because it gives rise in the Press to discussions on a variety of subjects, some of them sensible and wise, many of them lame and ridiculous. All the rest of the year the newspapers rigidly exclude these controversies—they have not room for them, their columns are filled with something more interesting (perhaps!) if often as silly. Now that the judges and lawyers have gone for their long holiday, and Parliament is, or soon will be, 'up,' these two founts of material are temporarily dried up, and the opportunity is provided for the big gooseberry growers, the champion mangold wurzel merchants, and a multitude of cranks, to let themselves go in the newspapers. It is the one time in the year when their contributions are welcomed—well, perhaps not welcomed, but tolerated by editors in the effort to keep things alive.

Being one among the multitude above referred to and having noticed that the dog days and holidays have had a visible effect on the number of peals which usually fill so many of the columns of our own journal, it has occurred to me that the Editor might possibly 'tolerate,' if not welcome, the outcome of some further musings of an amateur penman.

One of the subjects which I have long been tempted to express my views upon is that much debated topic of peal points. Probably the Exercise doesn't want to know what my opinions are, and certainly will take little notice of them, but the Central Council has soon got to do one of two things, either make the peal points what they were originally intended to be—a competitive standard—or do away with them altogether. Personally I am for wiping them out, and mainly for two reasons. In the first place competition in peal ringing is out of place in connection with something which we like to associate with church work. The Council have to some extent eliminated the spirit of rivalry, which point scoring creates, by publishing the analysis in alphabetical form; why, therefore, bother about points at all? And after all the competition, such as it is, is really fictitious, and must be unless every ringer is to be compelled to confine his peal activities to one association and one only.

Some ringers in London, for instance, ring peals for five or six different societies in the course of a year. Where, then, is the competitive value of their performances? A footballer is not allowed to score goals for one team one week and for another team in the same competition the next week, and then revert to the first club or go on to a third in the following week. This would be absurd, but it would be no more absurd than the present practice of ringing peals for a number of different societies — if the peals are to be treated on a competitive basis; and what is the use of a scale of points if they are not?

My second objection to points for peals is that they do not, and, indeed, cannot represent the true value of a performance in the majority of cases. Eight points are allowed for a peal of Bob Major. Are these points intended to represent a peal of maximum quality or minimum quality in regard to the striking? I shall probably be told that they represent all qualities—but if I am, it is an argument in favour of my statement that points do not represent the true value of the majority of the peals rung, because, if points are to be of any value, they must represent a standard. I could multiply the illustrations of the futility of the present point system, if it were necessary to do so, such as the worth of a peal where all or a large proportion of the ringers are 'first pealers,' the question of the weight of the bells, or even of their good or bad 'go.'

There is, however, one other feature in which the allocation of points is unsatisfactory, and that is in the comparison which is made between one method and another. A method may not present anything like the same difficulty to one band that it does to another. Some people I know look upon Bristol Surprise Major as a method as terrible as London to ring. Having rung a good many peals of both, my opinion is that Bristol is more to be compared with Superlative than with London and to me it never presented any more difficulty. I just refer to this, to show that a peal of, say, Bristol, may be a much bigger task to one band than to another, although, in all round ability, the men may be practically equal. Moreover, points for peals on higher numbers seem to be allocated by rule of thumb. The committee have, I suppose, to adopt some method when confronted by a fresh performance, and rule of thumb is the easiest, but we have read from the opinions of those who know, because they have rung the method that the number of points for Stedman Sextuples, compared with Cinques, is not commensurate with the increase in the value of the performance. Double Norwich Maximus is another method about which those who have rung it say there are by no means adequate points allowed.

Then there are the handbell peals. Can anyone of experience contend that a peal of Stedman Triples does not want more ringing than a peal of Stedman Caters? If Stedman Caters were all turning courses it would be different, but there are only two courses in an ordinary peal of Stedman Caters that are of any real difficulty to an accomplished hand. And again, ought not Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Triples rung non-conducted to count for more than Thurstans

composition with a conductor, or a short course peal of Stedman Cinques more than a peal in the titlums throughout? These and many other points illustrate how little real value there is in peal points, and bring me back to my first assertion, that the Central Council should make them represent what they are supposed to indicate—which, I contend, is practically impossible—or drop them altogether.

Let us continue to have the annual analysis by all means. It is a useful and valuable compilation, which is of more than passing interest, for it sets out in compact form what has been done during the year, and brings together under one comprehensive review all the doings of all the peal ringers. But the points—phut!

A paragraph in 'Belfry Gossip' last week gave me cause to think. Court Ten-In was rung in Norwich in 1769, we were told. Now, where did this name come from? The prefix of Norwich we can understand, but whence came the designation 'Court,' and how and when did 'Ten-In' become Royal? I raised a similar question in a letter published in 'The Ringing World' a week or two ago. And why 'Surprise'? One can guess how this may have crept into the ringing vocabulary, but 'Rob,' and 'Court,' and 'Royal,' whence came they? Many of these odd names have become such an integral part of our ringing language that we seldom stop to think of their origin. Cannot someone among the learned in our art tell us how we got these queer names for we must admit they are queer? They are just as quaint to outsiders as, for instance, such words as stymie and niblick in golf are to me. We are still adding to the outlandish and unsuitable terms which we are applying to our art, but when are we going to bring into common usage those terms which the Council many years ago adopted, in completing the series from Treble Bob and Delight, to Surprise—Passalatera and Passalatera? I cannot pronounce them, and I am not sure that I have spelt them rightly, but some day, perhaps, we shall read of a peal of New Geranium Passalatera Maximus. It is quite possible, but what a name!

Everyone must have been interested last week in the compliment paid to that brilliant young Leicester ringer, Harold Poole, by the publication of his photograph. His ringing record is one of great achievement, but had he been less fortunate in the company to which he is attached his genius would likely have been effectively quenched. There are many centres, even to-day, where only one Caesar is permitted to reign, where the recognised bob-caller sees to it that no other is given a chance to become a conductor. Such an attitude is more than short-sighted, and Leicester ringers will probably be enjoying the fruits of their policy long after many hands, with the 'one and only' on the box every time, have disappeared. It is necessary to have a leader, but the leader's duty is not only to lead, but to train others to the task. There are among the ringers of to-day many brilliant young men. Some, like Harold Poole, are given their opportunity, others are held in leading strings. Jealousy has no place in the belfry, but ability and ambition need to be encouraged.

CRITICUS.

PEALS OF TREBLE BOB ROYAL.
BY C. CHARGE,

5000				5040			
23456	M	W	H	23456	M	W	H
23564	2	2	1	35426		2	
23645	2	2	1	23584	2	2	2
26435		1	2	32465	2	2	2
24365	1	2	2	64235		2	2
34825		2	1	45236	1		2
43528	2		2	32546		2	2
25346		2	2	23645	2	2	2
34258		1	1	63425		2	1
52436		2	2	54326	1		1
23456		2		23456		2	2

5000			
23456	M	W	H
42358			1
26354	1		2
42563	2	1	2
23564	1		2
32465	2		2
64235		2	2
62345		1	2
25346	1		2
43528		2	2
45236		1	2
23456		1	1

The last 5,000 contains all the combinations of 4, 5, 6, and was first rung at All Saints', Fulham, on February 12th, 1911. Conducted by the composer.

TORQUAY.—On April 30th, at the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Upton, Torquay, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Doubles, in 52 mins.: W. Dilling 1, J. Olding 2, F. Plymsol 3, G. Browning 4, A. W. Bowers (conductor) 5, J. Mayne 6, J. Hawes 7, J. Mathews 8. J. Mathews belongs to the local band, the remainder to Cockington. Rung with 6, 7, 8 covering.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BURGHILL RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On Saturday, July 28th Burghill ringers, Herefordshire, had their first annual outing, the funds for which were collected by Mr. Ivor Probert and his handbell party last Christmas. The party included Mr. O. Edwards, the Guild Ringing Master, and tutor of the band, who had been invited to accompany them, and to make arrangements for towers and refreshments. The proceedings commenced with a practice at Burghill on the preceding evening when, with the help of the brothers Taysom, of Hampton Bishop, Stedman Triples were rung. Leaving Burghill at 7 a.m. on Saturday, Kington was the first stop, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, the local men having everything in readiness even at this early hour. The next call was at Old Radnor, for a pull on this fine peal of six (tenor 15 cwt., by Rudhall, which require no Simpson tuning). Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung at New Radnor, where there is a peal of five, with a tricky lot of guides (which are unnecessary) just above the ringers' heads. These caused some difficulty, but after several attempts two 120's were scrambled through. The party then proceeded to Rhayader, for lunch, and afterwards went on to see the Birmingham Waterworks, which are a marvellous sight, and a feat of great engineering skill. On the return journey a halt was made at Builth Wells for tea, and a pull on the six bells there, the local men having everything in readiness. A call was made at Glasbury for a pull on the eight, Grandsire Triples being rung, with Mr. J. P. Hyett, who had cycled over to meet the party. Home was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a pleasant and successful outing.

THE VAGARIES OF 'LIZZY.'

On Saturday, July 21st, All Saints' Youths, Worcester, set out to Shakespeare's country, Warwick and Leamington, for their outing. A pleasant run of 25 miles brought them to Stratford-on-Avon. Here the party broke up for a short stroll round the town to view Shakespearean monuments, the poet's house, and the church, the only regret being that the visitors were not able to ring on the bells. Reassembling at 11.15, a start was made for Leamington. This proved a slow journey, 'Elizabeth' showing a strong objection to hustle. Arriving eventually, however, a ramble round the town, the public gardens, etc., was much enjoyed, as was the performance of the band of the K.O. Scottish Borderers. Dinner was nicely served at the Victoria Cafe, Regent Street, after which a visit was paid to All Saints' tower, where there is a very handy peal of eight. Touches of Bristol, Cambridge and Stedman were successfully rung, before proceeding to St. Mary's, Warwick. On the very fine peal of ten, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were indulged in, and a longing created to attempt a peal on them. After tea St. Nicholas' Church was visited, and London, Stedman and Double Norwich rung. A move was next made to Henley-in-Arden, the ride embracing many hills and beautiful views, and 'Elizabeth' was put on its metal taking nearly an hour to cover eight miles. The party were met and heartily welcomed by Mr. Colley, London and Cambridge Minor and Grandsire Doubles were rung before a hurried call was made at Wooten Wawen. There are a strange medley of bells, two being cracked one flat, and three decent bells. A short touch of Cambridge Minor was all time allowed for, and the party then prepared to make tracks for home, but they had reckoned without 'Lizzy.' She had a voice in the matter, or rather she refused to give voice without a great deal of winding, much inspection, and many anxious looks. She did eventually break into song amidst much cheering and devoutly expressed wishes that she could afford to keep it up. But alas and alas, the effort seemed almost too much for her. Progress was mostly 'in the slow,' and at most of the hills she seemed to lose all sense of direction, the whole party having to dismount and show her the way up. Eventually home was reached in the small hours of Sunday, and wound up what will be a memorable outing by dispatching two of the party on their ten-mile cycle ride, and three others to the Malverns in another motor. The writer being due in Shrewsbury at 9 a.m. on the Sunday, was only able to have the proverbial 'forty winks.'

SOUTHGATE RINGERS' TRIP.

The annual outing of Christ Church Society, Southgate, took place on Saturday, July 21st, when a party of fourteen left by charabanc for Herefordshire and Bedfordshire. St. Nicholas' Church, Harpenden, the first tower on the programme, was reached, via Hatfield, at 3.15 p.m., and an hour's ringing took place. Mr. Jarman, of the local band, and two visitors, taking part. The journey was then resumed to St. Mary's Church, Luton. Here the party were met by Mr. A. King, local secretary, and an excellent meat tea was served at Plimmer's Restaurant. Afterwards ringing took place at the parish church, several of the local hand joining in the touches. The journey was then continued to the Priory Church of St. Peter, Dunstable where a good hour's ringing ensued on these beautiful bells. During the day the

methods rung ranged from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise Major. The homeward journey was commenced at 9.15 p.m., via St. Albans, and Southgate was reached at 11 p.m., all having had a most enjoyable time.

The band desire to express their thanks to the respective local ringers, who so kindly met them or made the necessary arrangements, also to the incumbents of the three churches visited for granting permission to ring on their bells.

ST. ALBANS RINGERS IN ESSEX.

A most enjoyable and successful charabanc trip into Essex was undertaken by St. Albans Cathedral Society, on the occasion of their annual outing. The party, numbering 15, set out at 8.30 a.m. for Bishop's Stortford, which was reached about 10.30 after a pleasant journey through Hatfield, Hertford and Ware, the spot where the rain greeted them. At St. Michael's, Bishop's Stortford, the party were met by Messrs. H. J. Tucker and Springham, of the local hand, and touches of Stedman Caters and Triples and a course of Double Norwich were rung on the very fine bells. The party then left for Braintree, where they were met by Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), but who was unable to stay with them owing to business claims. Lunch at the Nag's Head Hotel was followed by a visit to the church tower, where the handy ring of eight were set going to touches of Stedman and Double Norwich. Several of the local hand visited the belfry during ringing. At St. Mary's, Bocking, which was the next call, the party were met by Mr. L. W. Crow, of the local hand. The bells, a ring of eight do not go as well as some would like, and the visitors found a difficulty in settling down to good ringing, owing to the bells being rung anticlockwise. Not many of the party having experienced this before, courses of Stedman and Bob Major were all that were attempted before departing for Sible Hedingham. Here the party were met by Mr. L. Wiseman, and the good peal of eight were rung to Stedman, Double Norwich and Treble Bob, the visitors being assisted by members of the local company. After ringing, the party adjourned to the Chapel House for tea, hastily prepared and served by Mrs. Brett, a close friend of one of the party. After tea, handbells, kindly lent by Mr. L. Wiseman, were brought into use, and a short touch of Grandsire Caters and a course of Grandsire Cinques were successfully brought round. A start was then made for Saffron Walden, which was reached, after a delightful run in the cool of the evening. Reaching Saffron Walden an hour and a half after the prearranged time, the visitors had been 'given up' by Mr. Pitstow, but this gentleman readily returned to the tower to welcome the party, when acquainted of their coming. The bells were soon raised and set going to Stedman Cinques, which, however, came to grief. With the help of Mr. Pitstow, Mr. Penning, and another member of the local company, another touch was attempted, but this too soon came to grief, as also did a course of Grandsire Cinques, but a short touch of Stedman Caters and a course of Double Norwich were successfully brought round. At 9 o'clock a start for home was made, and all went well until Bishop's Stortford was reached, when fog was met with, which considerably hampered the journey. St. Albans not being reached until about 12.30 a.m. One and all agreed that a good day had been well spent, and wish to thank the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, and those gentlemen who met the party and had their towers in readiness for use.

TAUNTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 7th, St. James' Guild, Taunton, had their annual outing, accompanied by a few friends. The party, numbering 22, left Taunton at 7 a.m. in a charabanc and motor-car, and a run was made to Yatton, where the eight bells were raised in peal, and several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples brought round. After an hour's stay, tracks were made for Portishead, where the genial Ringing Master, Mr. Gillingham, had everything ready. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major were struck in admirable style on the handy eight bells, which are in a thorough going order. After lunch a visit was paid to Emmanuel Church, Clifton, to reach which the famous Suspension Bridge was crossed, and some splendid views of the surrounding neighbourhood were obtained. After a few touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major, the journey was continued to Long Ashton, where the visitors were met by Mr. Yeo. The heavy ring of eight, with a 31 cwt. tenor, were raised in peal and several touches including Kent Treble Bob Major were excellently rung. Barrow Gurney was the next call, and here Mr. Clements met the ringers. Several touches were tapped off in first-class style, and after lowering the bells, the visitors inspected the pre-Reformation bell, which rests on the belfry floor. This bell was very much admired, as was also the most beautiful church. The last place on the programme for ringing was Wraxall, where there is a fine peal of eight bells, with a 25 cwt. tenor. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major having been brought round, the bells were lowered in peal. After tea, the homeward journey began, Taunton being reached at 10.30, after a thoroughly enjoyable campanological out-

ing. The ringers wish, through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents for the use of the bells, the steeplekeepers for having everything ready, and all others who assisted in making the day such a splendid success.

A TRIP (THROUGH DORSET.

The ringers of All Saints' Church, Castle Cary, with their wives, had an enjoyable charabanc outing on Saturday, July 21st. Weymouth was their destination, but several belfries were visited en route. Leaving Castle Cary at 8 a.m., the party proceeded to Marston Magna, where the bells were raised, and a course of Grandsire Doubles rung. Yetminster was the next call, where after a ring, the party were shown over the church and Memorial Hall by the Vicar and Mrs. Morgan, who kindly supplied refreshments. Journeying through some of the most beautiful scenery in Dorset, the company arrived at Fordington St. George, where some of the local band received the visitors, and gave them a very pleasant time, both on the bells and conducting the party around the church. The last ringing place was Upwey, where there is a light peal of six and a very quaint old church. The short ring there was much appreciated alike by visitors and villagers, who nearly filled the church. Weymouth was reached at 3.30 p.m., and a busy time was spent till 6.30, when the return journey was begun, Cary being reached at 10.20 p.m., after a most interesting day.

AMONG SUFFOLK BELLS.

On Wednesday, July 4th, the ringers of Thornham Magna, Suffolk, had their annual outing by motor. Ringing took place on the peal of six bells at Finborough, the six at Monks Eleigh, and the six at Preston. At the latter place the visitors were met by Mr. A. Symonds, who had assisted with the arrangements. After dinner at Lavenham, and ringing on these famous bells, the party went on to Sudbury, but were unable to ring at All Saints' Church owing to illness. Touches were, however, rung on the peal of eight at St. Gregory's, before going on to Boxford and Hadleigh. After tea the journey was continued to Stowmarket, where further ringing was done. The methods rung on six bells were Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise, and on eight bells, Oxford, Kent, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples, the touches being conducted by F. F. Poppy, G. Cattermole and J. Souter (Diss). The rest of the company included E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, C. Nunn, J. Betts, H. Moss, G. Kemp, F. Hayward, G. Brown and B. Chilvers, together with the Rector of Thornham Magna (the Rev. E. F. Bingley).

MINOR WITH DOUBLE BOBS.

A further step in extending the interest of Minor ringing has been made by a peal, which we recorded in our columns a few weeks ago, in seven Treble Bob Methods, in each of which bobs are called with the treble behind as well as in front, sometimes with bobs in one place only; sometimes with them 'doubled,' that is to say, a bob behind followed in the next half lead with a bob in front. The composition is the result of the ingenuity of Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, and it was rung, as will be remembered, by the band of Minor experts at Norbury, Cheshire.

Wragby 23456	Willesden 23456	London Scholar's 23456
B 54326	B-54263	-56423
-63542	-32546	B-63254
25463	53624	54326
B-64235	65432	-26354
52364	46253	54632
43652	B-52436	B 42635
-26435	45623	B 25634
B 34625	64352	34562
56234	36245	-62534
42356	B-42356	34256

Duke of Norfolk and Norbury 23456	Sandil and Kingston 23456
64523	B-46325
-23564	25634
45623	34562
36245	-62534
B 56234	B 54326
B 46253	-26354
-53246	54632
62453	32465
-53462	-65432
B-42356	B 42356

The calling in each case has to be twice repeated.
— indicates bob on the front; B bob at back; B— bob at back and front.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On August 12th, 1776, a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester, and on August 17th, 1812, a 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung at Coventry upon the famous bells of St. Michael's Church—now, alas, no longer hanging in the steeple.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Ipswich on August 15th, 1908, and the first peal of Double Norwich Major in Wales, at Rhyl on August 13th, 1883.

Strange conditions exist in some belfries. At Ellesmere, Salop, a paid band of call-change ringers, ring for Sunday services, but a young and enthusiastic band are permitted to practise change ringing for a short time each week. The latter have just rung their first quarter-peal.

Mr. F. S. Wilson's many friends in the ringing world will be pleased to hear that his wife, who had to undergo a very serious internal operation some six weeks ago, is now making good progress towards recovery. It is hoped that she will in the near future be able to leave the nursing home in Norwich and return home.

Chevalier Denyn, the great carillonneur of Malines, who has been in England for the opening of the Loughborough carillon, visited Cattistock, Dorset, and gave a farewell recital on the carillon in the church tower. Several hundred people visited the small village to hear the bell music, which was rendered in the master's inimitable style.

There are still names in the Ringers' Roll of Honour about which the Central Council's Librarian is awaiting information. Will those who are able to help in this matter please do so at once?

The ringer of the 5th in the peal of Bob Major at Willesden on July 24 was R. A. Fardon, not Farndon, as stated.

ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The interesting article on St. Andrew's bells in your issue of July 20th, led me one morning recently to pay a visit again to the deserted belfry—one of our numerous Norwich wrecks. I speak, of course, of the bells, and not of the church, which has had of late years much care lavished on it, and which is not only the second largest of our ancient parish churches of Norwich, but next in point of interest to St. Peter Mancroft.

In the early days of my acquaintance with our art, and shortly before the bells became derelict—some time in the 1890's—I recollect ringing on the ten bells. In those days a ringer usually went once to St. Andrew's, and once only. The story goes that the late Jasper W. Snowdon, on being taken to the belfry, exclaimed, 'Is this the place where they rang London Surprise? Well, let's be getting back to St. Peter's.' The bells are rather 'a wild lot,' and in this connection, it is not without significance that so long a period as 17 years elapsed after the opening in 1825, before a peal was accomplished on the ten.

But my object in going the other day to this half-forgotten belfry was to see what I might of those details, as to which your correspondent seeks information up to date.

First, as regards the order of the ropes. Alas, there are no longer any ropes, beyond those belonging to a chiming apparatus. Mr. C. E. Borrett, who has kindly looked up his records, assures me that the ropes did fall in the unusual order named, viz., 1, 3, 2, 7, 10, 5, 4, 6, 9, 8.

Then as to tablets. There are only three tablets on the belfry walls—one of stone recording (as stated in your article), the augmentation of the ring to ten in 1825; and two others of wood, of but indifferent workmanship. Of these latter, the one records a peal of 7,360 Oxford Treble Bob, Nov. 16, 1837, and the other, two peals—(a) 5,088 Treble Bob, Dec. 5th, 1823, and (b) 5,040 'Grandsire Tripples,' Feb. 23rd, 1824. There are no tablets in the belfry to the two peals on the ten bells—Treble Bob Royal, May 5th, 1842, and Stedman Caters, Sept. 15th, 1842—and I do not think there ever were tablets to these peals.

In the 'East Anglian,' an archaeological journal, the first number of which appeared in 1858, and which contains complete records of all the ancient 'steeple-boards' in the Norwich belfries, I find records of the St. Andrew's tablets in volume 1, No. 28, but only the two tablets to the 8-bell peals are there noted. It would be most interesting, therefore, to learn whence Mr. Jerram heard of those tablets to the ten-bell peals. By the way, it has always been reported that the composition of that peal of Stedman Caters in 1842 was false.—Yours very truly,

GEORGE P. BURTON.

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.—On Saturday, May 19th, at St. Nicolas' Church, 576 London Surprise Major: E. J. Harding, senr., 1, Miss E. K. Parker 2, G. W. Fletcher 3, J. W. Parker 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, F. W. Rogers 6, J. Parker (conductor) 7, G. Williams 8.

THE FIRST PEAL OF NORWICH ROYAL.

AUTHENTICATED BY OLD NEWSPAPER EXTRACTS.

Referring, last week, to the first peal of Court Ten-In, rung at St. Peter Mancroft in 1789, we said that there was no authentic record left to us of this early peal, except that it was referred to in the 'Clavis' and in the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum. Mr. T. E. Slater, of Hunts Hill, Glensford, Suffolk, however, sends two extracts from 'The Norwich Mercury,' which should certainly set at rest any doubts upon the matter.

In his 'History of Double Norwich Court Bob,' the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon wrote with regard to Royal, that 'the first mention of a peal of Royal is the one said to have been rung on the old ring of ten bells at St. Peter's, Norwich. Although nothing beyond what has already been stated concerning this peal (summarised in 'Belfry Gossip' last week) is known to me, and I am informed by more than one old Norwich ringer that there is now no further knowledge in Norwich of its having been performed, I am unwilling not to let it have the benefit of the doubt and, therefore, give it a place

'Christ Church, Spitalfields. This drawing is in commemoration of an excellent peal rung in this church by a friendly society, on Saturday, Feb. 28th, 1801, consisting of 5,040 changes of Court Bob Royal in 3 hrs. and 37 mins. This great performance (being the first in this intricate method) is highly esteemed for the correct striking and harmony it produced, and cannot be equalled but by the same exertion and perseverance, which must ever reflect honour and credit to the performers: Thomas Smith 1, James Purser 2, Joseph Ladley 3, William Beard 4, John Reeves 5, Anthony Cavalier 6, William Troup 7, Charles Barber 8, John Noonan 9, Edward Bartell 10. The above peal was composed and conducted by Mr. Noonan.'

The second peal referred to by Shipway was recorded on a tablet in Shoreditch belfry in the following terms:—

'Cumberland Youths. This inscription will hand to posterity the unparalleled abilities displayed in the performance of a peal that was rung in this steeple, on Tuesday, 7th April, 1801, of 5,220 changes of Court Bob Royal in 3 hours 37 minutes, being the first ever rung



ST. PETER MANCROFT, NORWICH.

In this famous tower many historic peals have been rung, among them the first of Norwich Court Bob Royal and Maximus referred to in the accompanying article.

in these records. I also wish to place it upon this list, so that by keeping it still before the eyes of the public, if any corroborative evidence of its accomplishment yet exists, it may be brought forward.'

'Shipway,' adds Mr. Snowdon, 'mentions two peals of Royal rung in his time.'

'This and the following peal of Royal were rung in 1801. The 5,040 at Christ Church, Spitalfields, by a band selected from the principal societies of ringers in the Metropolis, and on a tablet in that steeple it is stated to be the first peal ever rung in that intricate method. The 5,200 was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, by a band of the Society of Cumberlands; consequently by that Statement, they are the first and only Society that has accomplished so arduous an undertaking.'

The tablet recording the peal at Spitalfields was destroyed in the fire of 1836, but a copy of it is preserved in the Osborne MSS. The board was surmounted by a drawing of the church, and the inscription was as follows:—

by any society in that intricate method. Composed and called by Mr. George Gross, senior, Mr. George Lassigned, junr., Master; Mr. William Thompson, Mr. John Baker, Churchwardens; Geo. Gross 1, Geo. Gross, junr., 2, James Nash 3, W. Shipway 4, J. Poulden 5, John Hints 6, M. Channon 7, T. Reeves 8, Samuel Bowling 9, W. Stephens 10.'

Mr. Slater now gives us the following extract from the 'Norwich Mercury,' which seems to have recorded pretty faithfully all the important doings of the Norwich ringers:—

'St. Peter Mancroft.—On Monday, April 17th, 1789, 5,040 changes of Porter's Peal of Court Bob upon Ten Bells was rung at St. Peter of Mancroft by the Ringers of that Parish, which they completed in 3 hours and 29 minutes.'

Unfortunately no names are given with the record. In the year 1816, the year in which Shipway published his 'Art of Ringing,' in which appeared the extract given above, another notice of the Norwich peal was inserted in the 'Norwich Mercury,' the Norwich Scholars, apparently, being annoyed when they found that Shipway

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had omitted all reference to their peal. Mr. Slater gives us the extract as follows:—

Notice.—Norwich, November, 1816.—In a recent publication on the intricate science and ingenious art of change ringing it states that Court Bob Royal a peal of 5,040 was rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, London, by a band chosen from three of the London Societies in the year 1801. This musical and intricate peal was composed in this city by Mr. William Porter in the year 1751, and rung by the Norwich company on the old ring of ten bells at St. Peter Mancroft Church, a complete peal, 5,040 changes, on Monday, April 17th 1769, and called Norwich Court Bob Royal, which performance continued 3 hours and 29 minutes.

This evidence, we think, will fully establish the peal of 1769 at Norwich as the first in the method, and provides the corroboration which Jasper Snowdon hoped might be forthcoming.

It is interesting to note that in addition to the first peal of Royal, the first peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus was also rung at St. Peter Mancroft; this was on January 20th, 1817. The tablet recording the peal is as follows:—

Monday, January 20th, 1817, were rung in this steeple 5,016 of that most ingenious and intricate peal, Norwich Court Bob Maximus, in 4 hrs. and 2 mins., without the miss of a bell, or repetition of a single change. This peal very much resembles Norwich Court Royal on Ten; there being very short dodging on the bells before and behind, and tenth's place at the bob. The ingenuity of its composition, and the bold and regular striking reflect great credit on the company, and are allowed by judges to be a performance which, if ever equalled, can never be surpassed. It is the first peal ever accomplished in England in that intricate method on twelve bells; was conducted by Robert Chesnut and rung by the following persons: Robert Chesnut treble, Peckover Hill 2, John Giddens 3, Charles Gittings 4, Samuel Havers 5, Charles Kelf 6, George Hames 7, John Trowse 8, Joseph Lubbock 9, Thomas Hurry 10, Nathaniel Beales 11, Samuel Thurston and Matthew Smith tenor.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting took place at Great Wymondley on Saturday, July 28th. Members were present from Kington, Hatfield and Hitchin to meet the local band. At the meeting which followed tea at the Green Man, Mr. G. E. Croft was voted to the chair, and one new member (Mr. Lindsey) was elected. Owing to the Rev. Gallop being away on holiday, no service could be arranged for, but he returned home in time to greet the members in the tower before they dispersed.

The usual votes of thanks, together with more ringing in the Minor methods, well struck, ended a pleasant half-holiday with the bells.

The tower is considered a good example of the Perpendicular period, and was restored, together with the church, in 1884. One of the bells dates back to 1595. Some of the Norman windows remain in the apsidal chancel. The chancel arch and the south doorway are good Norman specimens. F. R. B.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Crayford on Saturday, July 21st. The bells which were recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were made good use of during the afternoon and evening, touches in methods from Grand sire Triples, to London Surprise Major being accomplished. Service was held at 5.30 p.m., the association form being used, and an interesting address was given by Canon Gustavus Jones (Rector).

The members then adjourned to the Parish Room, where tea, kindly provided by the churchwarden, and others, awaited them. Nearly fifty sat down, including the Rector, churchwarden and organist. The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding.

The election of Miss M. Nye, previous to a peal, was confirmed, and Lewisham was selected as the place of the next meeting.

A vote of condolence was passed by all standing in silence, with the widow and family of the late H. J. Blackwell, of Chelsfield, whose funeral took place the previous day, and the district secretary was asked to convey the same to Mrs. Blackwell.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, his address, and presiding; to Mr. Docker, F.R.A.M., for his services at the organ; to the churchwarden and others for the splendid tea they had provided, and the ladies who had waited at table.

The Rector, replying, said it had given him great pleasure. He had intended being away, but had put off going in order to be with them (applause).—Mr. Docker also said it had been a pleasure to him; he enjoyed the music of the bells, and it might interest them to know that he played the first tune on the bells of St. Andrew's, Wells Street, previous to their being rung.

This concluded the business, and a course of Stedman Caters and Grand sire Cinques were rung on the handbells, before the tower was again visited.

THE BELLS OF ST. MICHAEL'S MOUNT.

Mr. J. R. Jerram writes: There are six bells in the tower at St. Michael's Mount, Cornwall, but only the tenor is hung, and this 'dead' in the middle of the bell chamber, for the clock to strike upon. The other bells are lying useless on the floor, and two of them are cracked.

The original peal consisted of five pre-Reformation bells, with 'black-letter' inscriptions. In 1785 they were augmented to six, by recasting the second, which was cracked, and adding another bell between it and the treble, which was fully a note sharp with the old second. The following are the particulars and inscriptions, as taken by Mr. Dunkin in 1873.

Treble.—'Ordo Potestatum.' In black-letter with Lombardic capitals. Diameter 24-inch. Lying on the floor, but apparently sound.

Second.—'Come away, make no delay 1785.' In Roman capitals, with inverted Vs for As. Broken and lying on the floor. By Rudhall. Diameter 26½ inches.

Third.—'Charles and John Rudhall fecerunt.' In Roman capitals. Broken, and lying on the floor. Diameter 27½ inches.

Fourth (on the crown).—'Spiritus Sanctus est Deus' (round the shoulder). 'Gabriel Sancte Paule, Ora Pro Nobis' (on the waist: Ordo Virtutum—Maria'). In black-letter, with crowned Lombardic capitals. Lying on the floor, but apparently sound. Diameter 30 inches.

Fifth (on the crown).—'Filius est Deus' (round the shoulder). 'Raphael' 'Sancta Margareta Ora Pro Nobis' (on the waist) 'Ordo Archangelorum.' All in black-letter, with crowned Lombardic capitals. Lying on the floor, but apparently sound. Diameter 33 inches.

Tenor.—'Soli : Deo : deuter : (sic for 'detur') Gloria : 1640 : O O O O (4 coins of Charles I.) I : P.' By John Pennington. In large Roman capitals. The G in 'gloria' is reversed. Diameter 35½ inches. Hung 'dead' for the clock to strike upon.

Evidently the original tenor was inscribed 'Pater est Deus,' and probably the name 'Michael.' From Dr. Borlase's MS. we find that the old second was inscribed: 'Sancte Nicholae Ora Pro Nobis'—'Ordo Precipatum.'

Not only are the disused bells lying on the floor, but the whole of the bell frame has been taken away. Can anything be more deplorable than the present disgraceful condition of these bells?

TWO PEALS OF DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS

By FRANK BENNETT.

5093.										
123456789	1	2	3	4	5	Continued	1	3	4	5
35284578	—	—	—	—	—	34562879	—	—	—	—
45382	—	—	—	—	—	24355	—	—	—	—
42563	—	—	—	—	—	25463	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—	—	23564	—	—	—	—
53462	—	—	—	—	—	43265	—	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—	—	—	53462	—	—	—	—
24365	—	—	—	—	—	52364	—	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—	—	—	42563	—	—	—	—
34562	—	—	—	—	—	32465	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—	—	35284	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—	—	35462	—	—	—	—
42365	8	—	—	—	—	25384	—	—	—	—
52463	—	—	—	—	—	24563	—	—	—	—
53284	—	—	—	—	—	23465	—	—	—	—
54362	—	—	—	—	—	53284	—	—	—	—
24563	—	—	—	—	—	43562	—	—	—	—
34265	—	—	—	—	—	42365	—	—	—	—
35462	—	—	—	—	—	52463	—	—	—	—
25364	—	—	—	—	—	32564	—	—	—	—
45263	—	—	—	—	—	34265	—	—	—	—
43562	—	—	—	—	—					

5093.										
123456789	1	2	3	4	5	Continued	1	3	4	5
35284578	—	—	—	—	—	53462879	—	—	—	—
235	—	—	—	—	—	453	—	—	—	—
523	—	—	—	—	—	345	—	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—	—	—	32465	—	—	—	—
53462	—	—	—	—	—	35264	—	—	—	—
453	—	—	—	—	—	235	—	—	—	—
345	—	—	—	—	—	523	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—	—	54263	—	—	—	—
432	—	—	—	—	—	254	—	—	—	—
243	—	—	—	—	—	425	—	—	—	—
25463	—	—	—	—	—	43265	—	—	—	—
45263	—	—	—	—	—	23465	—	—	—	—
245	—	—	—	—	—	25364	—	—	—	—
524	—	—	—	—	—	325	—	—	—	—
53264	—	—	—	—	—	532	—	—	—	—
54362	—	—	—	—	—	54362	—	—	—	—
354	—	—	—	—	—	354	—	—	—	—
435	—	—	—	—	—	435	—	—	—	—
42365	—	—	—	—	—	42365	—	—	—	—
3426	—	—	—	—	—	34265	—	—	—	—
23465	—	—	—	—	—					

Each peal comes round at hand two leads before the last course end.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.—On Sunday, August 5th, for the children's festival, 1,008 Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: F. Garner 1, Miss K. Jackson 2, G. Jackson 3, H. Arrand 4, H. Woodhouse 5, F. Beardmore 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, T. Revill 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: T. Potter 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewett 3, N. O. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tulett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

UXBRIDGE.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. Smith 1, E. Hancock (conductor) 2, P. Jones 3, Miss P. Moss 4, W. Honor 5, L. H. Chandler 6, R. Carter 7, J. H. Lucas (first quarter-peal) 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: E. Jones 1, J. A. Howard 2, S. Hoare 3, G. Seaman 4, W. E. Oakley 5, W. Hewitt 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. G. Walker (first quarter-peal) 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Booth 1, J. W. Sharp 2, A. Mansfield 3, Geo. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, G. Basford (conductor). The ringer of the tenor hails from Finedon, the remainder are regular service ringers. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5, and first attempt. Also 180 Double Court: W. Wilkinson (Great Addington) 1, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 2, G. Mansfield 3, A. Booth 4, G. Basford 5, J. M. Gray 6.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 29th for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Thompson 1, R. Kynaston (first quarter) 2, H. T. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Edwards 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.

ACTON.—On Sunday July 29th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples: C. Brown 1, S. D. Breeze 2, Robt. Fardon 3, *Miss Phyllis Moss (conductor) 4, H. Wincote 5, Robt. Holloway 6, G. H. Ross (Tottenham) 7, E. Easton 8. * First quarter-peal as conductor, and it was Holt's Original.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service: a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 45 mins.: F. Chapman 1, G. Talbot 2, W. A. Penfold 3, J. Blake 4, J. Powell 5, W. Freeman 6, G. Biliennes; (conductor) 7, H. M. Batehup 8. First quarter-peal in the method by W. Freeman, of Lincoln; the rest local men.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. J. Gray 1, D. Dye 2, R. Dore 3, A. Wright 4, J. Ladley 5, G. Gray 6, Col. H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. E. Akers 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1 and 2.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: W. E. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 3, G. H. Spice 4, G. Webb 5, W. Spice 6, E. H. Spice 7, H. Brooks 8. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and tenor hail from Milsted, Canterbury and Isleworth, respectively.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evensong, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. W. Simons 1, G. T. White 2, C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 3, C. B. Hurst 4, W. A. Cave (composer and conductor) 5, J. S. Squire 6, J. W. Benger 7, R. Hayward 8. Arranged for Messrs. W. A. Cave (Bristol) and C. H. Jennings.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 29th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: H. Barton (conductor) 1, W. Chambers 2, L. Attwater (Wands-worth) 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr. 6, W. Upton 7, W. Johnson 8.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday July 29th, 504 Grandsire Triples: Miss C. E. Godfrey 1, C. H. Godfrey 2, J. Hine 3, P. Stuckey 4, K. G. Godfrey 5, H. P. Parsons 6, J. H. Godfrey (conductor) 7, P. W. Godfrey 8.

MIRFIELD, YORKSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, July 29th, a memorial quarter-peal (1,280 Treble Bob Major), with the bells muffled for Mrs. E. T. Ingham, of Blatoc Hall: B. Robinson 1, W. Cuttons 2, T. Crawshaw 3, A. North (conductor) 4, F. Hampshire 5, J. P. Laphin 6, W. Smith 7, A. Robinson 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 29th, for morning service at Holy Trinity, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, F. Edwards 4, H. Lewis 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond 7, W. Penchey (first quarter-peal of Triples) 8.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 22nd, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, 700 Grandsire Triples: L. Hammond 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, F. Peck 5, J. Howard 6, A. H. Toak 7, J. Jolly 8.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to make an appeal, through your columns, to the Exercise at large for help in compiling this roll.

Below will be seen two lists of names which I have denoted A and B.

In list A, certain names are grouped together which bear a similarity to each other.

I want to know how many persons are described in each group, and, if only one, which place or tower out of two or three has the right to claim that one. To take an instance: Were there two ringers of the name of 'Waite,' killed? If there was only one, should he be described as coming from Twickenham or Bishop's Cannings?

In list B, there are certain names given as belonging to Guilds or Associations, but the place or tower is left blank. I want if possible to be able to fill up this blank space.

Secretaries of Guilds and Associations have done their best in the matter, and I now appeal to the friends of these fallen ringers to send me such information—as some of them surely must have—as will enable me to come to a decision in each case.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

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LIST A.

Name.	Parish or Town.	Guild or Association
LEE, W. C.	Streatham	Surrey
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	London County
LEE, W. C.	Brixton	Cumberlands
LEE, W. C.	Great Cornard	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
PLANT, A.	Kettering	Northants
PLANT, A. H. B.	Burton-on-Trent	Midland Counties
SMITH, A.	Oxenthorpe	Yorkshire
SMITH, A.	Maxey	Peterborough
SMITH, A.	Langham	Essex
SAUNDERS, H.	Mistley	Essex
SAUNDERS, H.	Hemingford Abbots	Ely and St. Edmundsbury
WAITE, S.	Twickenham	Bath and Wells
WAITE, S.	Bishop's Cannings	Salisbury

LIST B.

CHAPMAN, A. R. B.	Cambridge University
CELELL, H.	"
GRAY, A. F.	"
HAMILTON, A. S.	"
McKIEVER, V. C.	"
McMICHAEL, D. W.	"
PERSSE, C. de B.	"
RILEY, T., Rev.	"
RAIKES, F. S. W.	"
SCHOOLING, C. H., Rev.	"
WALKER, E. B.	"
WHITE, F. R.	"
BANNON, J.	Irish Association
KAVANAGH, C.	"
KENNEDY, T.	"
McLEAN, J.	"
TECTOR, R.	"

At Earls Colne, on Tuesday, July 17th, 1,280 Superlative: S. Warno 1, J. Fleuty 2, J. Turner 3, F. Claydon 4, W. Keeble 5, W. Arnold 6, J. French 7, W. Sillitoe 8. First quarter in the method by all except the ringers of 2, 4 and 5.

The two following touches were rung with the bells muffled for the death of the Bishop of Chelmsford:—

At Coggeshall, on Thursday, July 19th, 1,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Howell 1, E. W. Beckwith 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, F. Claydon 4, J. Sadler 5, C. Norfolk 6, W. Elliott 7, A. Saunders 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

Prolonged absence from the district through ill-health prevented the hon. secretary of the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild from calling a meeting in the district until a temporary return enabled him to arrange a meeting at short notice on Saturday week in order to transact the annual business. The meeting was held at St. Peter's Institute, Dorchester, and was presided over by the chairman of the branch (Mr. R. N. Dawes), supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings). The towers represented were Dorchester St. Peter's, Fordington St. George, Buckland Newton, Wyke Regis, Wool, Swanage, and Bridport, and there were also visiting ringers from Bridport (Mr. T. Hervey Beams, assistant general secretary of the Guild) and Bristol (Mr. W. A. Cave).

The Rev. G. C. Niven, R.D. (Rector of St. Peter's), and his warden (Mr. F. G. Longman) were also present, and the last named extended a hearty welcome to the branch, but regretted that they were that day to receive the resignation of their hon. secretary. A number of apologies for non-attendance were received. Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth (Master of the Guild) wrote that he should like to have been present to have thanked Mr. Jennings for the good work that he had done for the Guild, and the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (general secretary), in his letter, referred to the successful work of Mr. Jennings, whom he described as a standing model of the energetic type of secretary. Appreciative tributes to Mr. Jennings' services were also read from the Rev. E. S. Field (Buckland Newton), Rev. A. L. Helps (Puddletown), Rev. C. A. Phillips (Wimborne branch secretary), and Mr. Martin Stewart (late Master of the Guild). Apologies for absence were also announced from Messrs. J. T. Godwin (Dorchester), W. Bedford (Bere Regis), and Williams (West Lulworth).

The annual report was presented as follows: 'Unfortunately the secretary has been out of the district, in hospital since May last, and since his departure we have held no further meetings. Two quarterly meetings were held—the first at Wool, where some excellent practice in change ringing was obtained; the second at Hilton, but owing to inclement weather this meeting was not well attended. The secretary paid three visits to Bere Regis, during February and March, to give the local band an insight into the art of change ringing. Unemployment among our ringers has taken them to other districts, and particularly the tower of Wyke Regis has suffered heavily, and we have lost the assistance of Mr. Wiffen a most valuable change ringer, which is greatly regretted. We also regret that Mr. John Bengor, owing to pressure of work, has resigned the deputy mastership. We are pleased to still retain his assistance, and we trust in the near future to see him at his old post again. We thank our honorary members for their continued support, also the Rev. H. A. Caryl, and the Rev. J. G. L. Anderson and his Church Council for providing tea at the meetings and the great assistance they gave; also Major D'Aeth and our chairman who assisted in the absence of the secretary, and Mr. Bedford (Bere Regis), who has given great assistance to the Guild. Our sympathy is extended to one of our old and respected members, Mr. T. Page (Upwey), in his late illness. In conclusion, the secretary would like to thank all the members for their kindness in writing to him while he was away.'

The financial statement showed a balance in hand on the year's working of the branch of £4 17s. 3d., in addition to which savings certificates of the value of £27 are held.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. R. N. Dawes; Ringing Master, Mr. G. T. White; Deputy Master, Mr. Runyard (Wool).

The meeting next received with much regret the resignation of Mr. Jennings as hon. secretary, a position which he has filled with distinct credit for twelve years, and relinquished on account of his removal to Bristol.—The Chairman voiced the regret of the members at losing the services of Mr. Jennings, and he eulogised his valuable work for the branch, and also for bell ringing in general.—Mr. T. Hervey Beams also added his tribute to the work of Mr. Jennings.

Mr. W. A. Cave made a special appeal to the members to find a secretary, as he knew it was a great worry to Mr. Jennings that he should be left with the responsibility of the district while living away from it. It would be a load off his mind if someone would come forward and carry on the work.

Several of the members were invited to take over the duties of hon. secretary, but as no one would accept the office it was left in the hands of the chairman and Mr. Jennings to try to get someone to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Jennings, in expressing his thanks to the members for their kindly sentiments, mentioned that he was the means of forming the branch twelve years ago, and no one regretted more than he did that he had to leave the district. His great ambition was to see the bells in some of the lovely towers in Dorset augmented to eight in number. Heartily did he thank his brother ringers for the great kindness they had shown to him, and the splendid fellowship that had existed among them during the past twelve years would be one of his happiest memories and never be forgotten. If at any time he

could be of assistance to the Guild he should be only too pleased to do all he possibly could. Mr. Jennings having mentioned that his wife had carried on the secretarial work during the time that he was laid aside in hospital, the Rev. G. C. Niven said that she was deserving of a special vote of thanks (applause).

It was reported that at the annual meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the suggestion was brought forward from the Dean of Salisbury that the Guild should associate itself with the diocesan war memorial by providing oak panelling for the screen in the memorial chapel in the cathedral with an inscription commemorative of those ringers who gave their lives in the war. The branch unanimously decided to subscribe £2 2s. towards the fund, and also £1 1s. towards the expenses in connection with the reception of the Central Council at Salisbury last Whitsun.

In response to the kind invitation of the Rev. B. S. Field it was resolved to hold the next meeting of the branch at Buckland Newton.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of St. Peter's for granting the use of the institute for the meeting, and to the chairman for presiding. Both before and after the meeting ringing took place on the bells of St. Peter's and Fordington St. George.

AMONG THE FLOWERS.

AN EXTRACT FROM THE DIARY PEPYS DID NOT WRITE.

Monday.—Being somewhat dismay'd at the action of the Central Council towards the naming of the Minor Methods, did seriously think of writing to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' relative to the deplorable fiasco, which impels one to ask oneself the question, who is more fit to name the methods, those who have the practical ringing of them, or those who only bother with the theory? when the mayd brought in a note from that gaye batchelor: 'The Walrus,' stating 'that the tyme hade come to talke of many things.'

Like the 'tyke' he is, I knew he was again indignant with the Council, which had classed many of his favourite Yorkshire methods as unsuitable for the C.C.C., for failing to see eye to eye with the Methods Committee in the naming of certain Treble Bob methods after flowers. I found him more soberley inclin'd than was once hys wont. He talk'd to me with deep feeling on the troubles of the Methods Committee, and complain'd bitterly of the ridicula metted out to the names of flowers, which are much nicer than the names of many places. Says he, 'the old Yorkshire methods which bear the names of flowers are still being rung in preference to the more modern ones, it is not the name of it which takes, but its work.' If a method bore a good name, but was of poore construction, it would never be rung. The critics to be taken notice of, were those who ringe the six-bell methods, and not those who deliberate round a table. The rope end is the place to criticise, and why is nothing sayd about a name like 'Superlative,' which, according to my dictionary, means 'Implying or expressing the highest degree.' This is neyther a flower nor a place, and as a method, is not in the highest degree.

After we had drunk our tay, he begg'd me to excuse him smooking a cigar, as he prefer'd a pipe, it was also, he sayd, more economic, and he bemoan'd the money he had wasted on idle luxury in the past. Knowing him so well, I ask'd him to shew me his latest methods and compositions, he having a specially fine taste in this matter, and much zeal in pursuing his hobbie, when—'Lord, Mr. Pepys,' says he a trifle pettishly, 'I have abandon'd such follies, and I hope to spend my tyme to more advantage and godliness.' 'How, for example?' asked I. 'Gardening is a very worthy and healthy pastime,' says he very gravely, 'and although I have never yet had a spade or a trowel in my hande, I contemplate growing flowers and other things, and so passing away my hours usefully when not ringeing.'

'Walrus,' says I, rising and giving him my hand in true sympathy, 'I understand all the signs and portents. They never vary. The reform'd rake gets rid of all the incriminating evidence. He takes to a pipe and cheap tobacco, and prattles about gardening . . . when is the wedding?'

'Next month,' says he with a sheepish smile. 'Right,' says I, 'we will ring a peal of flowers, and then have a jolly night together, smoking Coronas, and discussing the merits of "Dandelion" as compared with "Wigan." And so to bed.

SAM PEPYS, HIS GHOST.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 47 mins.: A. Markwell, senr., 1, D. G. Palmer 2, S. Smedley, senr., 3, A. E. Parsons 4, H. Stow 5, W. T. Palmer 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, W. Allwood 8. This was also rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the birth of Mr. F. E. Parsons, the local secretary, who was unfortunately prevented from taking part at the last moment. The ringers of 6th, 7th and tenor belong to the Chesterfield company.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service on Sunday July 8th, 720 Bob Minor: N. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Gates 3, J. Floyd 4, W. Shephard 5, H. Golding (conductor) 6, E. Lee 7.

NOTICES.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at North Curry on Saturday, August 11th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea, 1/- each, and meeting after, at The Bird in Hand.—P. Merson, Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual meeting, tea and social of the above branch will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, August 11th. All ringers and friends cordially invited. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Colwall on Saturday, August 11th. Bell (8) available 3 p.m. Church service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Epping Upland on Saturday, August 11th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea and business at 5 p.m.—F. Dench, Dist. Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Fittleton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Short business meeting after tea. Arrangements are being made for ringing at Netheravon and Upavon in the evening.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Sutton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 in Schoolroom.—C. Edwards, Dist. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready early. Tea at Pack Horse Inn. Meeting in belfry, all ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Huyton on Saturday, August 11th. Bells ready at 4 p.m. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 14th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, August 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, August 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, with business meeting to follow. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Rd., Ealing, W.5.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 18th, when members and visitors will be welcomed. Tea arranged as usual, but send your names in good time.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wistanstow, on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dist. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Birch, on Saturday, August 18th.—Bells at liberty from 3.30 till 8.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, August 18th.—Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Preliminary notice.—A meeting will be held at Witham on August 18th.—Particulars next week.—W. H. Dyson, District Master, Braintree.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Arborfield on Saturday, August 18th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, August 15th?—E. J. Harding, Hon. Dist. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, business meeting to follow. Please notify by August 14th.—P. E. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Watford on Saturday, August 18th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by August 13th?—W. Bott, Dist. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cross Stone on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business appointment of Branch Sec. for two years. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Keele on Saturday, August 25th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, August 25th.—Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, August 25th. Tower open 2 to 8 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.45. Service at 6. Tea will be provided for *those only* who let me know not later than Tuesday, August 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for August: St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, August 27th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, August 20th, 7.30 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Colston Bassett on August 25th. Will all those members wishing to travel by motor please send their names to local secretary by August 15th, to enable arrangements to be made? Other particulars later.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short Service at 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, August 22nd. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

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The following ringing took place by arrangement kindly made by Mr. A. E. West, of Sutton, near Hull. On Tuesday, June 19th, a visit was made to Kirk Ella, where touches of Oxford and Kent were brought round. These are nice toned bells (tenor about 20 cwt.), but 5th and 6th require overhauling, as they go badly. From here the journey was continued in Mr. West's motor to Hessle, where there is a very handy ring of six, which go like 'tops.' Oxford, Kent, Cambridge Surprise and Woodbine were brought round. On Wednesday, June 20th, the motor was again brought into use, the destination being North Cave, with its splendid peal of six. A 720 of Cambridge Surprise was rung here, followed by touches of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine Minor, and Bob Doubles, the latter included so that the Vicar of North Cave could take a rope. While ringing the Cambridge a visitor appeared, in the person of Mr. Robbins, formerly of Wortley, Sheffield, who took part in the Oxford and Kent. On Friday, June 22nd, at Sutton, touches of Killamarsh, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent and Woodbine were rung. The ringers who took part in the above were Messrs. H. Howell G. P. Williams, Thos. Morton, G. T. Miller and J. Jackson, of Hull; A. E. West, J. Calvert, H. Rodmell L. Rodmell, and another, of Sutton; and J. Heckingbottom, of Denton, Manchester. The thanks of the visitors is hereby extended to the respective Vicars for the use of the bells.



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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The subject which has for some time past agitated the minds of certain members was again before the annual meeting of the Oxford Guild, as will be seen by the report which has just been furnished to us. The question of holding the annual meeting in Oxford for a succession of years has led to a strained feeling, which has developed, in some cases, into "passive resistance" action by the withholding of subscriptions, and, in the case of one tower, as has already been reported in these columns, to a definite determination to withdraw from the Guild. The whole question of where its annual meeting shall be held is, of course, purely a domestic one for the Oxford Guild to decide, but recent action of some of the members does introduce a question of policy which, if generally followed, might eventually lead to the disintegration of ringing societies. The fixing of Oxford as the venue of the annual meeting has been perfectly constitutional, for the rules provide that the members shall in annual meeting each year fix the place of the meeting for the following year, and withholding subscriptions or seceding from the Guild is not the democratic way of getting an alteration made in the practice which has been adopted. Instead, it is the first step to revolution, which might end in the disruption of an organisation that, for more than forty years, has been doing excellent work, not only in the interests of its members, but in the advancement of the Art which it was established to promote.

As we have more than once pointed out, there is much to be said in favour of changing the place of meeting in an area with wide boundaries and few facilities of intercommunication, and where this policy has been adopted it has usually been attended by success, although this is not always the case. Whether it would be so in the Oxford Diocese is a matter that only experience would prove, and it is for the members of the Guild to decide whether they will make the experiment. What we desire to do, however, is to urge the members of the Guild who may feel aggrieved that Oxford has once more been selected for the annual festival to take steps to test the feeling of all the branches before resorting to secession or "passive resistance"—the logical outcome of the latter is only loss of membership. A resolution placed upon next year's agenda and moved in reasoned terms would in all probability enable a postal vote to be taken which would ascertain the views of every affiliated band. Indeed, we can hardly believe that, knowing the feeling which exists in parts of the diocese, those who assemble next year at Oxford would refuse such a demand. At any rate, the exercise of patience, and the application of all the constitutional means open to members, should be resorted to before any steps, which might lead to a split, are adopted.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Four Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp.

† FREDERICK BORRETT... .. Treble	ERNEST WHITING 7
ROBERT HARDY 2	GEORGE CROSS 8
NORMAN BAILEY 3	CHARLES CUTTING 9
GEORGE BURTON 4	WILLIAM STEELE... .. 10
* WILLIAM CLOVER 5	BENJAMIN THOMPSON 11
FREDERICK HOWCHIN 6	GEORGE MAYERS... .. Tenor

* Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on twelve bells as conductor. † First peal on twelve bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, August 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 8
JAMES E. GROVES 3	ALBERT WALKER... .. 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JOHN NEAL 10
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5	WILLIAM H. BARBER... .. 11
JOSEPH T. DYKE 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt. in C.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 8
T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. 3	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 9
* JOSIAH D. HARRIS 4	FRANK SMITH 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
* FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for peal on 12 bells. Rung on the 47th birthday of the Sexton and Verger, Mr. A. E. King.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Four Hours and Three Minutes,

AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES

Tenor 24¾ cwt.

* ARTHUR EDWARDS Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 8
CHARLES T. COLS 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
† WILLIAM J. KEMP 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
* CYRIL PEASE 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

WRENHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	HENRY DEW 6
† WILLIAM JONES 2	† JAMES SWINDLEY 7
KEITH HART 3	HENRY W. WILDE 8
GEORGE R. JONES 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 9
† EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by CHARLES PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* Elected a life member. † First peal of Royal.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

MRS. RAYMOND J. WILKINS Treble	GEORGE ORCHARD 6
CHARLES GARDINER 2	JOHN BALLINGER... .. 7
FRANK COLE... .. 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS... .. 8
ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 4	HARRY BARRETT 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS 5	LESLIE BARRY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Royal.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 57 cwt. 3 qr.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
CLARANCE H. DOBBIE 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
GILBERT H. HARDING... .. 3	ALFRED H. POLLING 8
ALBERT WALKER... .. 4	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 9
CHARLES J. GARDINER 5	WALTER FARLEY Tenor
	HERBERT G. FARLEY Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, August 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke, Blakenhall

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

ALFRED FALLON Treble	F. W. PERRENS 5
H. A. FARLOW 2	W. H. LAWLEY 6
C. WALLATER 3	JOHN PERRY 7
E. F. MITCHELL 4	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. & Mrs. J. T. Perry, of Brewood (parents of the ringers of the 7th and tenor), which happy event occurred on July 27th. An attempt for the peal was made on that date, but, unfortunately, went astray in the ninth part.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
JOHN AREHURST 2	JOHN COOK 6
PETER CHARMAN... .. 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

PRESTEIGN, RADNORSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JOHN BASS 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	JOHN WITHERS, SEN. 6
THOMAS J. SALTER 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT .. 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by S. GROVE.

The first peal of Surprise in the county, and the first of Major upon these bells.

LLANFIGAN, BRECKNOCKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Parish Church of St. Meughant,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	JOHN WITHERS, SEN. 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by WM. SHORT.

The first peal of Surprise in the county. Believed to be the first peal in the method in South Wales.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. Treble	JOHN BASS 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	JOHN WITHERS, SEN. 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

The first peal of Surprise in the county.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES H. RIDING... .. 6
ARTHUR NEWELL 3	ARTHUR WATKIN 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.

* Fiftieth peal. Arranged for Mr. K. Hart, of Brighton.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Collrn,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

* EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
KEITH HART 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* Fiftieth peal. First in method on the bells.

ELLESMERE, SALOP—On Monday, July 30, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, consisting of 10 six-scores each called differently, and a plain course, in 50 mins.: T. Butler, senr., 1, G. H. Edwards, 2, A. Allen, 3, W. Higginson, junr., 4, T. Butler, junr. (conductor), 5, W. Higginson, senr., 6. Rung on the bottom six. This is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and the first by an entirely local band.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Monday, August 6th, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

*ARTHUR CATTEL Treble	THOMAS VALLANCE 5
*WALTER WHITEHEAD 2	H. EDWARD NORMAN... .. 6
MISS HILDA F. WILLSON 3	*EDWARD WHITEHEAD 7
L. WILLIAM JACQUES 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal in the method.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	GEORGE LEE... .. 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 2	FREDERICK WADE 6
EDWARD GRINDELL 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
ALFRED H. WATSON 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

The composition (a One-part) is now rung for the first time. E. G. Hibbins is from Cambridge.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine and a half Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11¾ cwt.

WILSON RUSHTON Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
WILLIAM H. JOINER 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Arranged for the conductor, who hails from Leicester.

BASFORD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEODIGARIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WILLIAM FLINDERS Treble	SAMUEL BURGOYNE 5
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON 2	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 6
HENRY HARRISON 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
THOMAS H. KIRKEY 4	*ALBERT MARSH Tenor

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the coming of age of Miss Godson, daughter of the churchwarden, and rung after meeting short for Stedman. Mr. Flinders who is in his 73rd year, kindly made the band up.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY KILBY 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This peal was arranged for the conductor, who hails from Leicester.

The peal at Carshalton, published in our last issue, was not Mr. R. A. Fardon's first of Bob Major, as stated in the report. May we ask those who send in peal particulars to make certain of the details they give with regard to first peals, etc., also not to put their footnotes, as is sometimes done, in ambiguous terms?

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Brooks' Variation.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY HOLIFIELD Treble	FRANK BARRETT 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
JACK HONEY 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 4	ERNEST A. GREGORY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

Arranged for Joseph H. W. White, of Coventry.

HUNTSHAM, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

*CHARLES KNOWLES Treble	*FRANK WINEY 5
RICHARD GRATER 3	JAMES ELSWORTHY 6
*ERNEST RICHARDS 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
HARRY PAGE 4	*JOHN BOWERMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal. Fred Chamberlain is from Cardiff, Harry Page from Pentre Rhondda. Both were elected life members before starting. The ringers were entertained to supper after the peal by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Acland Troyte.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, August 9, 1923, in Three Hours,

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.

†GEORGE LAW Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	†JOHN HOPE 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	†P.-SGT. G. W. HASTINGS... .. 7
WILLIAM C. CUSS 4	*M. WILLIAM MINCHIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Arranged as a farewell to P.-Sgt. Hastings, who is leaving Fairford for Dursley.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE Treble	SAMUEL TAYLOR 5
LEWIS NEWMAN 2	*THOMAS BEAUMONT 6
TOM SANDERS 3	FRANK BELSEY 7
LOUIS HEAD 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by FRED M. MITCHELL.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Eighth peal on the bells, and Mr. C. H. Sone has rung all eight bells to a peal. These eight ringers are Service ringers at eight different towers in Kent.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES M. NICKERSON Treble	DANIEL REDHEAD 5
JOHN COLEMAN 2	THOMAS WILSON 6
CYRIL WILSON 3	FRANK KIRK 7
FRED STUBBS 4	LESLIE GROOM Tenor

Composed by J. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw, who has recently taken up duties as Rector of this Parish, and on the eve of the Festival of Dedication, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and to Mr. F. Arnold, one of the local band, on attaining his 21st birthday. First peal in the method as conductor.

LOWESTOTT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN G. W. HARWOOD ... Treble	HARRY WRIGHT 5
EDWIN R. GOATE... .. 2	CHARLES F. SAYER 6
GEORGE S. CLAYTON 3	CLAYTON PARNELL 7
DENISON HAYWARD 4	W. J. ROGERS Tenor

Composed by T. HURRY. Conducted by W. J. ROGERS.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 8040 CHANGES;
VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

*RUPERT R. LEWIS ... Treble	JOHN SIMONS... .. 5
JACK JUDGE... .. 2	FREDERICK WEBB 6
LEONARD TUFFREY 3	WALTER JUDGE 7
*FRANK BALDWIN 4	WILLIAM STONE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER JUDGE.

* First peal. Arranged for Messrs. Lewis, Baldwin and Simons, who hail from Banbury.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes; AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM ... Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN... 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL... 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob. * First peal and first attempt.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY ... Treble	LIONEL H. PAGE 5
FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 2	HARRY KILBY 6
JAMES H. HUNNISSETT... .. 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by E. G. HIBBINS. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

First peal of Major as conductor. This peal, along with others, was arranged for Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, and was the first peal of Bob Major on the bells for a considerable number of years.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute, AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-part.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

H. BUNGAY Treble	S. V. CRABE 5
T. HERVEY BEAMS 2	G. SIBLEY 6
T. J. LLOYD 3	W. FARLEY 7
D. G. TAYLOR 4	T. H. BEAMS, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS,

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar (Rev. E. A. Reader), who is to be inducted on the 17th. The ringers of 1, 4, 5, 6 hail from Ilminster and 7 from Wells.

LONGNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.

PHILLIP J. POCKETT ... Treble	JESSE GILLET 5
ERNEST E. DAVIS 2	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	GEORGE CONDICK... .. 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	ERNEST POCKETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mrs. Lee Williams, of Tuffley Knoll, Gloucester.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 lb. in E.

GEORGE MARRINER ... Treble	JOHN H. WHITE 5
GEORGE COOK 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
ALBERT DISERENS 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

This is believed to be the first peal in the method in this steeple.

SIX BELL PEALS

WALTON-ON-THE-HILL, LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes, AT ST. MARY'S PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Newcastle, Munden, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY HARRISON ... Treble	JAMES MARTIN 4
JOHN WILKINSON... .. 2	HERBERT H. BARKER... .. 5
THOMAS W. GILMOUR... .. 3	HENRY FYLES Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT H. BARKER.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, and College Single. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK RUMMERY... Treble	CHARLES TUMBER 4
GEORGE KENWOOD 2	EDWARD HODGES... .. 5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOUR, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMOND,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings. Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR LARGE ... Treble	SIDNEY ARTHUR 4
HORACE TERRY 2	WALTER LARGE 5
ERNEST WITHERS 3	CHARLES SABIN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob, called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER ... Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 4
JOHN LARTER 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

WEEKLEY NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three 720's each of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

HERBERT E. FROSSELL ... Treble	*WILLIAM LAWRENCE... .. 4
MISS KITTY MOORE 2	ROBERT G. BLACK 5
HARRY BAXTER 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Minor in three methods. The ringer of the Treble was elected a member previous to starting.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 13 cwt.

PERCY MERSON Treble	*WILLIAM CROCKER 4
*REGINALD GREED 2	†CHARLES AVIS 5
*PERCY SPARKES 3	FRANK CAVILL Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. The 4th ringer comes from Weston, Bath, the 3rd from Staplegrave, the remainder are local.

MUCH MAROLE, HEREFORDSHIRE
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

HARRY E. COX Treble	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 4
JOHN CLARK 2	WILLIAM POSTON... .. 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 3	ALFRD T. POOLTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ELSTOW, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each London and Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholar's Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY STAPLETON ... Treble	EDMOND J. HOBBS 4
*MRS. EVELYN STEEL ... 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, August 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

WILLIAM H. BARBER 1—2	THOMAS RUSSAM 7—8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 3—4	GEORGE F. SWAN 9—10
JAMES E GROVES 5—6	JOHN NEAL... .. 11—12

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

Referee: MR. ALBERT WALKER.

This was Mr. Tom Russam's 100th peal on handbells, also Mr. G. F. Swan's 100th twelve-bell peal.

FLITTON, BEDS.—On July 18th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Kendall 1, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 2, B. F. Calcott 3, A. V. Good 4, *J. Todd 5, L. Turner 6. * First 720 with a bob bell. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. Calcott 1, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 2, A. V. Good 3, G. Heley 4, R. Kendall 5, *L. Turner 6. * First touch of Surprise.

The following five peals were rung by the Midland Counties Association during a visit by Mr. F. Bennett to Derby.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMOND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*HENRY HILL Treble	CHARLES E. HART 6
JOHN S. SWINFELD 2	HENRY LETTS 7
FRANK BENNETT 3	ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 8
CHARLES DRAPER 4	JAMES F. GEORGE 9
ALBERT H. WARD 5	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Royal. Author's No. 267.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT Treble	*WALTER WHITE 6
ARTHUR BRAINES 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
*THOMAS H. KIRKBY 3	ALBERT H. WARD 8
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON 4	JAMES F. GEORGE 9
*GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 5	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters, also on the bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOSEPH BAILEY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM R. DRAGE 2	*CHARLES GEARY... .. 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	R. ALLAN HICKTON 7
JOHN C. DICKEN 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed by EDWARD BARNETT. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK W. HILL ... Treble	*FRANK W. HILL 5
*KENNETH G. SHELDON ... 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 3	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	JAMES PAGETT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	ARTHUR BRAINES 6
ALGERNON P. G. STONE ... 2	GEORGE BULL 7
*MAURICE SWINFELD 3	*CHARLES SANDERS 8
ALBERT H. WARD 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	*GEORGE F. NEWMAN... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman Caters, also the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to ten.

A NORTH NOTTS VETERAN.**DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM HARGREAVES, OF SHIREOAKS.**

By the passing away of William M. Hargreaves, perhaps the most interesting personality in the village of Shireoaks, Notts, becomes a memory—but a memory that will be lasting and fragrant. Had he lived until October 11th he would have been 93 years of age, being the oldest inhabitant of the parish. The North Notts ringers particularly will miss him very much, for he was one of the most popular men in the association. No greater proof of this is needed than the immense number who assembled at the church and graveside to pay their last tribute of respect to the veteran. Mr. Hargreaves' chief hobbies were gardening and bell ringing, in both of which he took the greatest interest and pleasure. How delightful it was to see him wheeling home in his harrow his garden tools and produce in his 90th year. At six-bell ringing he was a splendid striker and safe conductor.

He had visited all the principal towers in North Notts and Derbyshire, and would walk from Shireoaks to Beighton and back (just after the six bells were installed in the Shireoaks tower in 1864) to get an insight into the art of change ringing. The writer of these lines well remembers the little anecdotes he told of meeting Jim Kitchin and Harry Banks, and other old members of that place. They invited him as he stood in the doorway inside the tower, to come in and ring and asked him if he 'could do owt. If so, tak off the coat, lad.' With this little introduction he and his brother John worked assiduously to establish at Shireoaks one of the best six-bell companies in North Notts. He succeeded in ringing and conducting his first peal of 5,070 changes in seven Treble Bob methods at the age of 66 years—a splendid performance at that period of life. This was the first six-bell peal by all the company, and also the first six-bell peal by the association.

There are three survivors of that band left, Messrs. Fitzjohn, Hall, and F. Hargreaves (a nephew), who ring regularly for Sunday services. The deceased veteran rang and conducted well until his 88th year, and then loss of memory compelled him to retire when he could not conduct a 720. The writer walked 22 miles on a Sunday 33 years ago, and Mr. Hargreaves succeeded in getting him through his first four Treble Bob, 720's during the day, for he was always pleased to help all young ringers.

The deceased was laid to rest on Monday, July 30th in Shireoaks Churchyard, on the south side of the old grey town. He thus fittingly reposes beneath the sound of his own beloved ring of bells.

H. H.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY & IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

A general meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Branch of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association was held at Swaffham on Bank Holiday, when, by kind permission of the Rev. F. Keeling Scott (Vicar), the ring of eight bells of the parish church of SS. Peter and Paul was placed at the disposal of the members.

Luncheon was served at the George Hotel, the general secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman) being in the chair, in the absence of the president (the Dean of Norwich). The chairman was supported by Mr. W. J. Howson (district secretary for East Dereham), and representatives from Gressenhall, North Elmham, Diss, Dereham, Fakenham, King's Lynn, Shouldham, Shropham and Waddington.

The Chairman proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was cordially honoured.

The General Secretary said before the business of the meeting was transacted he would call upon the members to elect a chairman to preside over the business meeting, and Mr. F. R. Wilby was voted to the chair.

The general secretary submitted the following nominations for membership: Mr. William Pickworth, Southgate, London, life member (non-resident); Mr. Ernest Naylor, Miss Gertrude Berwick, Mr. Fredk. H. Crook (re-election). The following elections prior to peals rung were ratified: Mr. Charles Bunting, of Wisbech; and Mr. Samuel Bird, of Rumburgh.

The General Secretary reminded the members that he had to prepare a financial statement to lay before the annual general meeting on October 4th next, and appealed to those members who had not paid their subscriptions for 1923 to do so as soon as possible, either to their respective district secretaries, or direct to himself.—Mr. Coleman said before leaving this important matter he would like to add that subscriptions were due on the 1st January of each year, and he trusted that all outstanding subscriptions would be paid in before the annual general meeting.

The meeting then closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Swaffham for his kind permission for the use of the bells of the parish church.

SHIFNAL.—At the quarterly meeting of the Salop Archidiaconal Guild, at Shifnal on July 28th a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Fellows 1 R. Pole 2. T. Butler, senr. 3. P. Lane 4. A. Shaker 5. D. James 6. C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7. J. Vaughan 8. First quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples by ringers of 1, 3, 6 and 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Many are the ringers who have taken part in peals on the famous ring of twelve at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and a few more were added to the number on the Tuesday following August Bank Holiday, when the band included H. E. Audsley, of Crayford, Kent, J. T. Dyke, of Midsomer Norton, Somerset, S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge, Wiltshire, and W. Knight, of Bristol. Another visitor was W. H. Barber, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, but this was not his first visit to the Bull Ring. After the peal a very pleasant social hour was spent, when upwards of thirty ringers and friends were busy renewing old friendships and making new ones.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who has just resigned the treasurership of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, was one of the founders of that organisation. He was hon. secretary for many years, succeeding the Rev. Dolben Paul, and filling the office with much success until 1911. Since then he has been an equally able 'Chancellor of the Exchequer.' Although advanced in years, he still retains an active interest in the Guild, of which he has for over 40 years been one of the pillars.

We hear that a certain well-known ringing clergyman is shortly to join the ranks of the benedicts. No, do not ask us who it is—wild horses will not drag the name from us.

The first peal of Stedman Caters rung by the Cumberland Youths was performed at Shoreditch on August 23rd, 1788. It is described in the society's peal book as 'a true peal of 5,184 Grand sire Caters on Stedman's principle, in 3 hrs. 47 mins., being the second peal ever performed in that method.'

The peal was composed and called by John Reeves, and was the first which William Shipway rang with the society, he having come to London in the year 1785.

It was John Reeves who composed and called the first peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Horsleydown, by the College Youths in 1787, so that he must have left the Ancient Society to join the Cumberlands.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT HYDE.

REV. A. T. BEESTON'S RESIGNATION.

If bells, as ancient records say, were dispersers of storms, they have apparently lost their power, for they failed to drive away the rain on the occasion of the annual festival of the Chester Diocesan Guild, held at Hyde. The attendance, in consequence, was comparatively small.

Service was held in the Parish Church, and the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Graham) gave an address. Dinner followed, and afterwards the general meeting was held. It was rather a memorable one in the Guild's history, many items of importance being considered, the chief of which was the resignation of the Rev. A. T. Beeston from the hon. secretaryship after sixteen years' service. It is regrettable that his services in this capacity are no longer available. He has, however, not wholly severed his official connection with the Guild, but will act as hon. treasurer and representative on the Central Council.

Mr. E. W. Elwell, of Capenhurst, was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy. Mr. H. Fairclough was re-elected to the Mastership, and Mr. Ashmole (Northwich) as the other representative on the Central Council.

Much discussion arose over the curtailed report. Such curtailment was found to be imperative, and the committee referred to the matter as follows: 'In view of the serious financial state of the Guild, we realise the necessity of reducing our usual expenses as much as possible. This will explain the curtailed form in which our report appears. We have taken this step with real reluctance, and very much regret its necessity. This is a time of stress and strain which is being universally felt, and, therefore, such as claims an united effort to "carry on." We feel it is incumbent upon us to say this, and to urge our fellow-members loyally to further the objects for which we stand in every possible way. We are certain this alone is the surest and quickest way to return to normal and easier conditions.'

On the recommendation of the committee, £5 each was granted to the Nantwich and Macclesfield bell funds. With reference to the latter, notice was given that the bells were to be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Chester on Sept. 12th, and that it was hoped that a 'ringers' opening' would follow in due course.

Mr. J. Norbury, retiring representative on the Central Council, gave a brief summary of the meeting at Salisbury.

Following upon the resolution of the Crewe branch for the revision of the branch areas, a special committee was formed to go into the matter, and also to take necessary steps towards making some suitable acknowledgment of the services of the retiring hon. secretary.

Macclesfield was fixed as the place of the next annual festival, to be held on August Bank Holiday, 1924.

After a vote of congratulation to the band which rang the record peal of Treble Bob Major on the previous Saturday, the usual votes of thanks were accorded to the authorities and all who helped to make the meeting as enjoyable as possible under the weather conditions which obtained.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO THE HON. SECRETARY.**

Sutton-on-Trent was en fete on August Bank Holiday, when the sports and gala day, in aid of the Church Bells Restoration Fund, was held. An interesting feature was the visit of the North Notts ringers, who were present from Anston, Shireoaks, Southwell Cathedral, Blyth, Cuckney, Chesterfield, Treeton, Gainsborough, Mistoron, Collingham, East and West Retford, Ordsall, Gamston, North Collingham, Wigan, Worksop, and also the local company. A great variety of methods was rung on the new peal of six bells, including 720 each of Oxford, Kent, and Plain Bob, Touches of College Pleasure, Single Court, Duke of York, Graudsire and Stedman Doubles, and London and Cambridge Surprise were also rung during the day.

A substantial tea was provided for the ringers in the Church Institute, presided over by the Rev. C. T. Bartley, Vicar of Sutton.

The business meeting which followed was of an interesting character. Mr. Hopkins, of Lancham, reported that Laxton wished to become affiliated, and it was unanimously decided that they be accepted, on making application in writing to the hon. secretary.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at East Markham on September 1st.

At this point, Mr. Hargreaves, of Shireoaks, called upon the Vicar to make a presentation to the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh, of Worksop), in recognition of his 36 years' good work on behalf of ringing. For the last twelve years he had been hon. secretary of the association, and during his tenure of office seven new towers had been added to the roll, and the finances doubled.

The Vicar said he had not known Mr. Haigh very long, but he recognised him to be a hard and conscientious church worker. It was a difficult task for a secretary to please everybody, and very often a hard worker received more kicks than ha'pence. He had every pleasure in asking Mr. Haigh to accept, in recognition of his services, a new Humber cycle, subscribed for by 160 members of the association. He (the speaker) had ridden his own machine for 29 years, and it was still in good condition, and he hoped that he and the secretary would have the best of health, and would be riding their 'bikes' another 30 years (applause).

Mr. Haigh said the presentation did not come to him as a total surprise. He had every reason to believe that his work had been appreciated for many years, because they were never in a hurry to kick him out of office, or find fault at the annual general meeting. He would greatly value the gift, and would value still more the hearty and spontaneous manner in which the ringers had answered Mr. Hargreaves' call for subscriptions to the presentation. He would also realise, whenever the ringers saw him on his machine, that they were all shareholders, but if they asked him for a ride on the new 'bike' they must not be offended if he declined to give them one (laughter). He thanked Mr. Hargreaves and his small committee for the way in which they had undertaken the work of collecting the subscriptions (applause).

Mr. Hargreaves, in reply, said it had been a labour of love, and he thanked the members for their response.

Ringing was afterwards continued in the tower until 8.45 p.m., when the bells were lowered in peal; meanwhile, the lady ringers from North Collingham had acquitted themselves very creditably at the bell ropes. The day was looked upon as one of the most successful in the annals of the association.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL BELLS.**NEW TREBLES ARRIVE.**

The two new trebles, to make a peal of twelve at Canterbury Cathedral are now in the tower. They have been cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, and, as is well known, are being given by the Kent County Association in memory of the 56 members who gave their lives in the war.

The bells were taken to the Cathedral on August 1st, and deposited on the floor under the south-west tower. A little ceremony took place after evensong, when the Precentor (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), as hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, requested Dr. Mason, as Vice Dean, to receive the bells on behalf of the Dean and Chapter. Dr. Mason duly accepted the memorial, and added a short prayer and blessing.

On the treble bell is the following inscription: 'A.D. 1923. Kent County Association of Change Ringers. To the Glory of God and in memory of the members who fell in the Great War 1914-1918.' The second has only the date of casting and the initials, K.C.A.C.R., 1914-1918.

It is hoped that the Archbishop of Canterbury will dedicate the bells when he returns from his holiday.

Reports of a number of outings are held over until next week.

GRAVESEND BELLS.**A RINGER'S LABOUR OF LOVE.**

Out of the total of £932 9s. 9d. which has been the cost of restoring the bells at St. George's, Gravesend, and carrying out other necessary work, Mr. Hadlow, one of the ringers, has collected £500, as a labour of love, and in recognition of his efforts he has been presented with a chiming clock.

The presentation was made at a meeting of the committee when a statement with regard to the bell fund was made. Of the amount to be raised £718 16s. 2d. had been collected up to June 11th, and 100 guineas had been promised by the Town Council. The present deficit was £21 9s. 1d., and it was proposed to devote the harvest festival offertory to the fund.

Mr. Everden, who presented the statement, complimented Messrs. Taylor and Co. upon the new bells which they had provided, and said the tone and 'go' was a high testimonial to their work. He added that with part of the money realised from the sale of the wood in the old bell frame and collections made by himself and Mr. Luff, a valuable clock with Westminster chimes had been purchased, to be presented to Mr. Hadlow in recognition of his work in connection with the fund.

Engraved on a silver plate attached to the front of the timepiece are the words: 'Presented to Edward Hadlow from the Rector, Church Council and congregation of St. George's, Gravesend, in recognition of his enthusiastic assistance for the restoration of the parish bells May 30th, 1923.'

Mr. Everden, in presenting the clock, said that those who felt their indebtedness to Mr. Hadlow for what he did in restoring the peal, wished the timepiece to be an expression of the esteem with which he was regarded.

Mr. Hadlow, in tendering his thanks, said it had been a labour of love to collect the money.

Mr. Everden said that ever since Mr. Hadlow started, just over two years ago he had been a thorough nuisance (laughter). It had been 'bells, bells' all through the day and the night, too. After he had done his work he had been tramping the streets for money. During the day, too, he had been at the same game on the ships in the river, and from that source had collected £29. Altogether he had collected £500 from over 2,000 people (applause). If Mr. Hadlow had not loved the work he would not have done it. He had saved the church many pounds by the work he had done when he was 'pottering about' in the tower. He hoped that Mr. Hadlow would in his old age, in 50 years' time, lean back in his chair when the clock chimed and think of the work he had done for St. George's.

Mr. Hadlow replied that it was Mr. Everden who had made him stick to the work, and he had been assisted by many. Miss Tall, one of the ringers, collecting £30. Mr. Hadlow then handed the Rector a photograph of the bells, to be hung in the Council room.

In reply to a question, Mr. Everden stated that the clock belonged to the Corporation as long as they kept it in repair. The bells, however, belonged to the church, and when they were taken away from the Corporation's clock the church felt bound to attach them again to the clock. The cost of the adjustments had been £25. The clock had gone splendidly for eight weeks.

RINGERS' ROLL OF HONOUR.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir, — I should like to convey, through your columns, my thanks for the many letters I have received in reference to my lists A and B, which you have now published for four weeks, together with my letter. I will not trouble you to publish them further, but I will refer members of the Exercise to your last issue, and will ask them to take note that in list A I am still wanting information concerning the following groups:—

Lee, W. C.
Smith, A.
Saunders, H.
Waite, S.

In list B I have only information concerning McKiever, V.C., and it does not seem that any more will be forthcoming.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Hon. Librarian, Central Council.

ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I was glad to see the letter of Mr. G. P. Burton in your issue of to-day, and am very sorry to hear that St. Andrew's bells are in such a neglected condition. Can nothing be done to restore them?

With regard to the peal boards, my information was obtained from copies of 'Bellry Tablets' published in 'Church Bells' in the years 1878 and 1879. I should be much obliged if your correspondent would furnish us with copies of the other tablets which he mentions.—Yours truly,

J. R. JERRAM.

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL MEETING-PLACE.
A CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE.**

One of the most important matters discussed at the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford was the selection of a place for the next annual. There had been dissatisfaction in the East Berks and South Bucks Branch at the fact that the festival had been held for several successive years in Oxford, and the question was raised on the motion for the 'place of next annual meeting.' Constitutional practice under the rules leaves the selection of the place to the annual meeting, and by a large majority Oxford was decided on for next year.

The festival proceedings began with service in the Cathedral, at which the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) officiated, the address being given by Canon W. W. C. Baker, Rector of Dunstable, and President of the Bedfordshire Association.

Every branch of the Guild was represented among the 115 members who attended the business meeting in the Chapter House. The Master presided, and was supported by Bishop Shaw, Canon Coleridge, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis (hon. treasurer), the Rev. W. J. Palmer, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert (hon. secretary).

The meeting received with regret the news that its veteran member and instructor, Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, had found ringing rather too exacting at 84. Mr. Newell will continue however to take an active interest in the Guild.

THE MASTER'S REVIEW.

In his annual report, the Master said there were now thirteen branches in the Guild, and these took in all the towers in union with the Guild. This did not mean, however, that the area of the Diocese was effectively covered. It was, nevertheless, quite useless, in his opinion, to start a branch unless there was a real Guild nucleus, small though it might be to start with. He had attended meetings of all the branches, and could report favourably of the general condition. A new branch had been started for Oxford and District. In the East Berks and South Bucks Branch Mr. Harman in conjunction with Mr. Coles, had taken on a big job from Mr. Fussell, who had felt obliged to resign the secretaryship after seven years' hard work. Restoration work had been carried out at Benson, Boyne Hill, Culham, Hley, and Kimbury. Culham had now a ring of five, and Hley, one of the first towers to join the Guild, after struggling for years with five badly going bells, had now a beautiful ring of eight. He had visited and had given advice at Beeton, Binfield, Bletchley, Boyne Hill, Great Brickhill, Brightwalton, Compton, Newton Longueville, Waddesdon and Wootton. He was asked to represent the Central Council, together with the Rev. C. D. P. Davies and Messrs. J. H. B. Husse, E. H. Lewis, and E. A. Young, in conference with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings; and they had several long and interesting discussions. Amongst those who passed away during 1922 was Mr. W. Mynard, an attractive personality and a faithful servant of the church, who was for sixty years a ringer at Emberton.

The accounts for 1922 showed a balance in hand of £51, compared with a balance of £48 last year. The branch subscriptions had amounted to £79 and hon. members' £2 6s. The printing of the annual report had cost £33, and general printing, postage, etc., £11 9s 7d. The annual festival had cost £29 14s. 6d., towards which members had paid £20 9s.

The Treasurer said he had been committeeman, secretary, and treasurer for forty-three years, and, while he was not as old as Mr. Newell, he was not far behind, and he felt, therefore, that he must resign his office. He was prepared, however, to nominate a good man as his successor, and was himself quite ready to serve as trustee. There was a very urgent need for economy, the calls on the Guild having been so heavy in recent times as to leave the Guild without any balance at all. It was to be observed that of the 203 honorary members 123 were parsons, and branch secretaries might look round their villages for laymen and lay women who were interested and would help.

'DISLOYAL AND FOOLISH.'

The Secretary said the year had been a pleasant one and if they found themselves at Oxford again it was by their own decision. The Master and he were quite ready to go to any other place, and it was for members to speak and vote as they felt. He felt that the decision of some of the members of one branch not to pay any more subscriptions so long as the festival was held at Oxford was not only disloyal, but very foolish, because after the first year their membership would lapse, and they would no longer have any voice in the affairs of the Guild. During 1922, continued the Secretary, he had visited every branch except the 'Vale of the White Horse,' and had found the branches in a healthy condition. He desired to point out that working a straggling district was no sinecure, and invited bands of ringers or individual members living on the fringe of an area where there was no strong nucleus of change ringers, to go over the border sometimes and give a helping hand. The peals for 1922 were double the number in 1921, and had ranged again from 'London' to

'Grandsire,' a good number of young ringers scoring their first peal, or their first in an advanced method. They deplored the loss of two towers, but welcomed the inclusion of Brightwalton, Great Linford, Marcham, Lewknor, Long Crendon, Cumnor, Chilton and Wolvercote. It was much to be desired that subscriptions be paid early in the year.

The Master, who was re-elected with acclamation, nominated Mr. A. J. Wright, Reading, as successor to the Treasurer. The Guild owed a very great deal to Mr. Hart-Davis, and they hoped that at those moments when he was not in the Thames he would sit in the armchair they presented to him a few years ago and write English verse and Greek verse, perhaps on the Guild itself. Mr. Wright had been a member of the Guild for many years, and before that an active member of the Devon Guild.

Mr. Evans seconded the nomination, and Mr. Wright was unanimously elected.

The committee was re-elected as follows: Messrs. Barlow, Candwell, Holfield, Humphrey, Hibbert, Parker, Newell, Webb, Cullun, Sear, Evans and Wilkins.

Canon Coleridge, presenting his report of the annual meeting of the Central Council, said it would be some time before the Council would be entertained so well as it had been at Salisbury. Canon Coleridge, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkin and Messrs. F. Hoppood and J. Evans were re-elected representatives of the Council.

OXFORD'S BIG MAJORITY.

Three places were proposed for next year's festival, and the voting which decided the question was as follows: Oxford, 79; High Wycombe, 10; Buckingham, 3.

The question of a ballot of the whole of the Guild was raised, but the Master said the rule on this point was quite explicit. The annual meeting must decide the place of next year's annual meeting. They could alter the rule but not without notice in the usual way. For 42 years the rule read as follows: 'A general annual meeting shall be held in July, for the purpose of electing officers, and for united practice in change ringing; place to be fixed by the members in general meeting assembled, but the arrangements for the festival, including the time and the service in church, shall be left in the hands of the committee. The East Berks and South Bucks general meeting in the winter is open to the whole Guild.' As revised it now read: 'The annual festival and general meeting shall be held in July at the place selected at the previous annual festival, all the arrangements to be left in the hands of the committee.'

A member urged that the preponderance of votes in favour of Oxford was not so convincing as it seemed at first sight because those who lived near Oxford naturally found it easier to attend, and they were there in force to decide on Oxford next year. If they had a ballot it would give the people who lived in distant parts of the diocese opportunity to say what they thought. Some of them could not get to Oxford and back the same day.

The Master said he thought Oxford was by far the most central place, though he was prepared to hold the festival wherever they liked. He thought, however, that they could not break in upon the rules in that way.

GRANTS TO BELL FUNDS.

A grant of six guineas was made to the West Wycombe Augmentation and Restoration Fund, on the recommendation of the committee.

An application from Bletchley, where a large fund has occupied the attention of the members for some time, and where £500 has been raised, came up for discussion.

Mr. Cullum said this had not arrived in time for the meeting of the committee in April, and had not, therefore, been considered. Splendid work had been done, however, by the Bletchley members, and they had never been assisted by the Guild. There was no money in hand to make a payment, but he moved that £10 be earmarked for Bletchley, to be at the disposal of the fund as soon as it was available.

This was carried unanimously, the Secretary adding that at Bletchley they had some of the best members in the Guild.

Lunch was served in the hall of Christ Church, 158 sitting down. Ringing took place during the day at the Cathedral, and many of the other towers in the city.

WEDDING BELLS AT HORSMONDEN.

On Wednesday August 8th, at St. Margaret's Church Horsmonden, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Tusting, of Tonbridge, to Miss M. Southon, of Horsmonden, two 720's were rung viz., 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor by G. Burt 1, G. Waghorn 2, F. J. Lambert, senr. (conductor), 3, F. Butcher 4, H. J. Hammond 5, R. T. Lambert 6; and 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Burt 1, G. Waghorn 2, F. J. Lambert, senr., 3, A. Relfe (conductor) 4, H. J. Hammond 5, R. T. Lambert 6. Other touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Horsmonden, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Colledge Single Double Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Duke of York, Treble Bob, and Steadman Doubles were also rung.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, July 22nd, on the occasion of Sunday School special services for morning service 720 Grandsire Doubles; on the back six: F. Blewitt 1, P. Bill 2, J. W. Perry (first 720) 3, G. Warner 4, J. Walford 5, H. Wakeham 6, J. Perry 7, A. G. Hunt 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Walford 1, A. G. Hunt 2, T. Perry 3, A. E. Booth 4, G. Warner 5, H. Wakeham 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, H. Devey 8.

GT. WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church on Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: W. C. Lind-
F. C. Webb 2, A. W. Lindsey 3, F. Adams 4, R. E. Croft 5, G. T. Croft (conductor) 6.

IKEDDINGTON.—On Sunday August 5th, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church 720 Bob Minor: F. J. Trappitt 1, A. Arnold 2, T. Talbot 3, S. W. Holdaway 4, J. W. Trappitt 5, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 6.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band: F. Chapman 1, G. Talbot 2, W. A. Penfold 3, J. Blake 4, J. Powell 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billings (conductor) 7, H. M. Batchup 8. Composed by J. W. Wilkins.

POOLE, DORSET.—On Sunday evening, August 5th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): V. Stock 1, I. Davis 2, C. Rose 3, A. Rose 4, G. W. Harris (London) 5, F. W. Townsend 6, A. Bradley (conductor) 7, P. Davis 8. First quarter in the method by I. Davis and C. Rose; also first as conductor by A. Bradley.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral on Sunday, August 5th 360 and 720 Single Court: W. D. Shortrose 1, T. Foster 2, J. F. Milner 3, H. F. Clulow 4, A. J. Chamberlain 5, E. Foster (conductor) 6, G. W. Collinson 7. First 720 by local band.

BATLEY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 5th at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 47½ mins.: E. Watson 1, H. Robinson 2, J. W. Dews 3, W. Idle 4, G. Scholey 5, W. H. Senior 6, T. North 7, W. Stubley (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, August 5th, for Matins, 720 Bob Minor: Lionel Clough (first 720) 1, J. Fernley, junr., 2, J. P. Fidler 3, W. Fernley 4, J. Fernley, senr. (conductor), 5, J. W. Hartley 6. For evensong, 720 College Single, with H. Hallworth in place of J. Fernley, junr.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 5th after an unsuccessful attempt for Mr. Edwards to call his 100th peal, 500 Stedman Triples and 588 Kent Treble Bob were rung for evening service. The following ringers took part in both touches: * J. P. Hyett S. T. Rackham, H. J. Rackham, G. Poppell, W. Williams, † G. W. Taysome, † T. H. Taysome and C. Edwards (conductor). * Longest touch of Triples and Major. † Longest touch of Major.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Y. Webb 1, J. Butler 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, J. Nobes 4, W. Hitchman 5, R. G. Rice 6. Also 360: W. E. Napper 1, W. Hitchman 2, J. Nobes 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, G. C. Rice 5, R. G. Rice 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, Aug. 5th, Brooks' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. E. Napper 1, W. Y. Webb 2, J. Butler (conductor) 3, F. J. Lewis 4, R. G. Rice 5, J. Dearlove 6, T. Jake-man 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, August 12th, at All Saints', for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal: J. Baylis 1, R. G. Knowles 2, G. Hinton, junr., 3, W. Rafterd 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, W. C. Jones 8, J. J. Jefferies 9, C. Camm 10. Longest touch of Cambridge Royal by Messrs. Baylis and Rafterd.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday morning, August 12th, at the Parish Church, 1,320 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Brown 1, W. Goodman 2, G. H. Detheridge 3, J. Goodman, senr., 4, J. Goodman, junr. (conductor), 5, H. Sheppard 6, G. Guest 7, W. Meek 8. This touch was specially arranged for Mr. J. Brown and Mr. G. H. Detheridge, who hail from Rowley.

STOWMARKET.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, touches of Double Norwich and three courses of Stedman Triples: W. Souter 1, T. Sparrow 2, C. Alderton 3, W. J. Thyng 4, S. Sparrow 5, A. Grimwood 6, E. E. Diaper 7, W. Welham 8.—For evening service, 1,008 Double Norwich, in 38 mins.: W. Welham 1, W. J. Thyng 2, W. E. Tydeman 3, S. Sparrow 4, W. Souter (conductor) 5, E. Davey 6, A. Grimwood 7, E. E. Diaper 8. These touches were arranged for Mr. W. J. Thyng from Chesterfield, late of Stowmarket.

CHALFONT ST. GILES, BUCKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday evening, August 12th, for service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: G. Squelch (Dartford) 1, K. Ekombe 2, G. Olney 3, G. Emmett 4, G. H. Gutteridge (conductor) 5, H. E. Edwards 6.

MINEHEAD, SOMERSET.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Atkins 1, W. Hoyle 2, G. Stacey 3, J. Pulphey 4, F. Date 5, J. R. Jones 6, E. E. Burgess (conductor) 7, Syd Mason 8.

BLESSINTON Y'GORRAH.

BREVITY—IN EXCELCIS. FLIPPANCY—NON EST.

Dear Editor,—Ye good Captain of Pat's did call ye faithfull together on August of that ilk for to try a peal on ye newly rehang bells in ye lovely Wicklow hills, and did adjure me, an' I loved him, to cut out ye flipping. Faith an' 'twas not necessary, ye bell hangers cut that out for me, for a peal at Blessinton is the ideat way to mortify the flesh and imagine 'twas pleasure. Did ye good Captain of Pat's but call together ye faithfull to try four hours on a bed of epikes or eating thistles—I honestly believe they would try it. I did relate to good Mistress Peppery how I did see, on the voyage out, that great rarity, a dead donkey, and she did retaliate with 'and there were nearly seven. How did the other six escape?' How ever, I did have orders to be brief, concise and to flipp not, so here goes.

11.0 a.m. boarded ye train, date 1682 (foundry mark obliterated by A.D.), boarded Blessinton 11.30 noon. Boarded Murphey's hotel and Murphey's festal board in the same breath. Pulled up ye tenor 1.30 p.m. Conductor of Pat's called 'go Grandsire Doubles.' 1.45 p.m. tenorman had enough. 1.50 p.m. result of peal attempt, 3 hours exquisite 'mortifying of ye flesh,' three six-scores of Grandsire, three six-scores of Plain (very), three six-scores of Canterbury (after which ye fifth ringer did assure me that tho' the 'Canter' was off, ye 'bury' would have been assured had he rung another), three six-scores of Stedman all sorts, in which ye tenor was 'aliso ran (g)', and three issues of call changes with ye local ringers whose kindly welcome was ye feature of ye journey, topped off with three times three issues of—well, be brief Samiwell. Time lays its hands lightly on all things in Blessinton; would that time alone had visited it, an it had ye bells might, at least, have gone round and round. I did read again ye stones with dates, etc., as legible as when carved in 1616 and 1692, to which we have added

Here lie the remains of our tenorman's muscle:

With Blessinton tenor he had a short tustle.

Aetat 120 changes!!

SAMIWELL PEPPERY

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY AT BOLSTERSTONE.

A CHURCHYARD MEETING.

The usual monthly meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held on Bank Holiday at Bolsterstone. Glorious weather prevailed, and it seemed rather a pity that the seaside resorts should have claimed the presence of so many members on this occasion, as the opportunities for making a real holiday in the country, with enough ringing to satisfy the most ardent enthusiasts, are unlimited at this country village. However, visitors rolled up from Ashton, Barnsley, Dore, Handsworth, Hoylandswaine, Kilmarsh, Norton, Norbury, Sheffield (Cathedral, St. Marie's and All Saints'), Wortley and Worksop, and ringing was indulged in until tea-time.

The business meeting was held in the churchyard, Mr. F. Watkinson (president) being voted to the chair, whilst Mr. C. Harrison carried out the duties of secretary in lieu of Mr. Chowng, who was unavoidably absent.

The secretary's report on the opening of Castleton bells was read, and reference was made to the forthcoming meeting of the society, which is to be held in conjunction with the Doncaster and District Society at Doncaster on September 1st. The question of having the use of Arksey bells at the meeting in question was debated, and ultimately left to the discretion of the Doncaster friends.

In moving a vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and members of the local company, Mr. C. Potter, of Barnsley, made a very apt reference to the interest which both clergy and churchwardens are now taking in bells and ringers, and Mr. F. Willey (Sheffield) seconded, with some well-chosen words.—Replying to this, Mr. Steel, churchwarden, mentioned how interested he was in bells and bell ringers, incidentally stating that he was one of those who took part in securing the peal for Bolsterstone, the district having subscribed over £600 in six weeks, and the money being in the bank before the bells were delivered. He was delighted to be with the ringers, and it gave him great pleasure to be able to convey their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

Ringing was then further indulged in, the methods rung being the four standard methods and Double Norwich Major.

SHREWSBURY.—At St. Chad's on July 11th 224 Double Norwich: 315 Stedman Caters: G. Byolin (conductor) 1, J. Griffiths 2, C. R. Lilley 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, W. Page (Worcester) 6, D. J. Boucher 7, W. Fairhead 8, E. V. Rodenhurst 9, J. Evans 10. Also 168 Stedman Triples.—On August 1st, 630 Grandsire Caters: F. Lyeft 1, J. Griffiths 2, A. Pritchard 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, A. Griffiths 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, W. Fairhead 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, D. James 8. Rung as a farewell to A. Pritchard, who is leaving the district. He is only 14 years of age.—On July 29th, 252 Stedman Triples and 287 Grandsire Caters.

100 TOWER BELL PEALS OF STEDMAN CINQUES.

Last Saturday Mr. James George rang his 100th peal of Stedman Cinques on tower bells. During the week he rang the tenor at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and at Cripplegate the 11th. To do this within four months of one's 70th birthday, and in the middle of an August heat wave, is another evidence of the vitality and stamina of this still youthful veteran. The twenty-one towers in which Mr. George has rung these one hundred peals of Stedman Cinques are as follows: Birmingham, St. Martin, 40; Shrewsbury, St. Chad, 1; Oxford, Christ Church Cathedral, 1; Halifax, St. John-the-Baptist, 1; Sheffield, St. Peter, 3; Cornhill, London, St. Michael, 7; Birchington, Quex Park, Waterloo tower, 6; Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower, 2; West Bromwich, Christ Church, 4; Cripplegate, London, St. Giles, 7; Cheapside, London, St. Mary-le-Bow, 4; Painswick, St. Mary, 1; Southwark, London, St. Saviour's Cathedral, 8; Wolverhampton, St. Peter, 3; Shoreditch, London, St. Leonard, 1; Bristol, St. Mary Redcliffe, 1; Worcester Cathedral, 1; Waltham Abbey, St. Lawrence, 5; Chelmsford, St. Mary's Cathedral, 1; Newcastle-on-Tyne, St. Nicholas' Cathedral, 2; High Wycombe, All Saints', 1.

THE POINT AND PARRY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Last Friday morning I was just peeping down the barrel of my hemstitched hip-pocket howitzer, and thinking to myself how awfully 'bored' I should be—if the postman failed to bring my copy of the 'Ringing World,' but he brought it, and one is bound to congratulate you, sir, on your good taste in serving out to me—and the whole Exercise—such an excellent dish of 'Gooseberry-fool' dished up in the current issue by 'CRITICUS'—Congrats Crit—that's the stuff to give us! especially the 'PINTS.' Yes, do away with 'em, and let's have GLASSES, No. and I wasn't bored when I read the extract from the diary of the 'NUISANCE-IN-SPECTRE,' when he was masquerading among the flowers! but I had a chilly feeling run all down the spine, and kind-o'-got the 'wind up' when the 'flipping' thing started bowing at a dandelion clock to ascertain whether it was time for bed! an' we only just got up! Oh, you two naughty boys! How dare you send such flippy-floppy contributions to add to the gaiety of the 'Ringing World?' But like many more who read the doings of ringers you realise that if our paper is robbed of this source of life it would eventually evolve into something resembling the 'Gravedigger's Journal,' wherein to publish only the plaintive, mournful notes of the 'De Profundis' along with the 'Miserere Mei' and a special request for no flowers!

Avant! dull care! begone, and let's have some more 'flowers' from the pen of the composers, the antiquary, the genius, and the funny 'uns! Bunch 'em together, Mr. Editor, into the weekly 'BOW-K,' because, you above all, will realise that the Exercise is composed of all sorts and conditions of tastes, some sour, some sweet, which all help to make the editorial position one of embarrassment. Yes, sir, a bit of fun drives away melancholy, and a 'lot' refreshes the brain, and if it's overdone, well! it warms up and invigorates the whole system. Laugh and grow 'fat'—don't go to the butcher's for it! And that's that!

Oh! yesterday I was reading that Oliver Cromwell is to be dug up again to make room for some water pipes, 'the vandals,' 'the ghouls!' Now one can look out for another 'civil war!' running contemporary with the present 'wars of the roses,' A.D. 1923. But don't worry, I hear the Editor is doing the 'POINT and PARRY' with his new tickling iron, and singing 'O-LIVER! O-LIVER!'

You'll have to 'ave it,
Whether facetious or not!
You've got to taste it,
This thing touches the spot!

Just like our Tommy did when he probed Fritz under his thirty-third rib with his bayonet—any sed—it's no exaggeration Fritzie—'me old sport'—this FACETIE drives away dull care, it's just like Brasso! it puts the polishing touch on any dull thing—But, remember this, my funny friends (and others), it won't wash 'Close!'—for the time being.

IRENÆUS.

P.S.—With kindest regards to 'Sammy' and 'Crit,' and any other funny 'uns! not forgetting' Ole Bill, who caught me on the funny-bone with his atchit, which caused—such! a sensation!

BUCKINGHAM.—On Monday, August 6th, 1,862 Grandfire Triples: R. R. Lewis 1, M. Smith 2, J. Butler 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, J. Simon 5, R. G. Rice 6, E. Hims 7, T. Impey 8.

EASTBOURNE.—At All Saints' Church, on Friday, July 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, J. W. Jones 2, F. G. Waymark 3, A. C. Pankhurst 4, B. Hobbs 5, G. W. Stokes 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, T. Deadman 8. The quarter-peal was specially arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., who was on a visit to Eastbourne.

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 the 16th and 30th, *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bispham on Saturday, August 18th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. George's, Beckenham, on Saturday, August 18th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 5, tea at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.30, with business meeting to follow. Further ringing until 8.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Rd., Ealing, W.5.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, August 18th, when members and visitors will be welcomed. Tea arranged as usual, but send your names in good time.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Wistanstow, on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dist. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. James's, Birch, on Saturday, August 18th.—Bells at liberty from 3.30 till 8.30 Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, August 18th.—Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, August 18th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m.—E. J. Harding, Hon. Dist. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, business meeting to follow.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District — A meeting will be held at Witham, on Saturday, August 18th. The bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. All ringers cordially invited. Service at 4.30, after which tea will be provided on the Vicarage lawn.—W. H. Dyson, District Master.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich, on Saturday, August 18th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7. Business: Nomination of Vice-President and Ringing Secretary.—Peter Crook, Sec., Bolton Branch.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., on Thursday, August 23rd. Bells available from 7 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cross Stone on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business appointment of Branch Sec. for two years. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — A meeting will be held at Keele on Saturday, August 25th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, August 25th.—Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, August 25th. Tower open 2 to 8 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.45. Service at 6. Tea will be provided for those only who let me know not later than Tuesday, August 21st.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above Association will be held at Colston Bassett on August 25th. Other particulars later.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short Service at 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, August 22nd. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. — Thrapston District.—A special meeting will be held at Aldwinckle, on Saturday, August 25th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, provided by the Rector.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapston.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Daresbury, on Saturday, August 25th, commencing at 3.30. Please advise me not later than the 23rd, so that arrangements can be made for tea.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Morville, near Bridgnorth, on Saturday, August 25th. Ringing at 3. Tea at 5, followed by meeting; a good attendance is requested.—W. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Lower Peover, Saturday, August 25th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Cross Stone, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Appointment of Branch Secretary. A good attendance is requested. Tea will be provided for those who send their names to Miss R. A. Bell, 417, Halifax Road, Todmorden, not later than August 22nd.—T. K. Driver, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Cam, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prittwell, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will members and friends who intend to be present kindly advise me by Tuesday, August 21st? I should be glad to receive subscriptions for 1923, which are due.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Tea will be arranged for those advising Rev. C. H. N. Ivens not later than August 22nd. A motor party will also be arranged if sufficient send in their names not later than Monday, August 20th, to F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes St., Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weare (near Axbridge), on Saturday, August 25th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford St., Burnham-on-Sea.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Hursley (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 22nd?—W. T. Tucker, Dist. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for August: St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, August 27th, at 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, August 20th, 7.30 p.m.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Uppholland on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) ready 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good turn up is requested.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells, which have recently been augmented to 8, will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Messiter, M.A. A tea will be provided (for which a small charge may be made) for those who notify me not later than August 28th.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—

The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) available from noon. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 4.30 p.m., in the Vicarage (1/6 each). Will those intending to be present notify Mr. W. A. Hudson, Hemingbrough, nr. Selby, on or before Wednesday, August 29th? Selby Abbey bells (10) also available after tea.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells of St. Cuthbert's will be available from 2.30 p.m. At 4 p.m., a new peal board will be unveiled by the Rector. Tea will be held in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Members who intend to be present are asked to advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lee, Tantobie, not later than Wednesday, August 29th.—H. Tyson, Sec. Western District; G. S. Taylor, Sec. Eastern District.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Jasper, Whitfield, Snowden, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The Bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement. Applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. each), must reach the undersigned not later than first post Tuesday, September 18th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

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Sometimes, we are afraid, in the desire to draw in new ringers, the right material is not always selected. Our art has advanced a long way from where it was even twenty-five years ago, and those with whom it rests to enlist recruits should see to it that they get the right type of men. No one with an enthusiasm to learn to ring should be excluded, but there is no room for the half-hearted and lukewarm. With these it is hardly worth while to waste time in endeavouring to get them interested; they will always be a drag on the wheel. Even if eventually they learn to ring a bell in changes, they will likely enough be a source of annoyance to the rest, for these are the men who become the cause of 'meeting short.' But in addition to men who are keen, it is not too much to suggest that men of quick intelligence should be enlisted. Ringing, when its mysteries are revealed, is a fit subject for study by brains of the highest calibre, and it will appeal to men of this type if once their interest can be gained. Then there is another qualification which ought not to be overlooked, and that is that a new ringer should, for obvious reasons, be a good Churchman.

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AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

FRANK W. PERRENS... .. Treble	*THOMAS RODEN 7
ALBERT WALKER 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 8
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
JAMES E. GROVES 4	JOHN NEAL 10
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE 11
†CHARLES BEECH 6	THOMAS H. REEVES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve. Herbert Knight has now rung each bell in this tower through a peal.

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PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	WILLIAM CATHERALL 5
JOHN HAYES 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
ARTHUR NEWELL 3	SAMUEL JONES 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ROLAND LEWIS Treble	†WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
GEOFFREY LEWIS 4	CHARLES CANN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. CANN.

* First peal in a Surprise Method. † 100th peal for the Association and also first peal in a Surprise Method on the bells.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	JAMES MORGAN 7
GEORGE H. RANGLES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by KEITH HART.

This peal was arranged for Mr. K. Hart, who was spending a holiday in Chester.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
MISS M. HOULDSWORTH 2	RESHTON GRIMSHAW 6
MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	WILLIAM BARNES 7
JONATHAN WHEWELL 4	JAMES HOULDSWORTH Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Rung as a farewell to A. T. Houldsworth, who has been a ringer at the above church for over 23 years.

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**THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**

On Wednesday, August 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
*GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method 'inside.' Arranged for J. T. Dyke of Midsomer Norton.

**DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

(On Wednesday, August 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL ... Treble	WILLIAM J. GROOM 5
*SIDNEY C. ROWE 2	*GEORGE S. ROWE 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
*JOHN C. G. HAGGAR ... 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY
First peal in the method. The above band all reside in the parish of Debenham, and this is the first time that a peal of Cambridge has been achieved there under such conditions.

**NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.**

On Wednesday, August 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE E. WILSON Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	*SIDNEY W. CORDEN 6
LIONEL H. PAGE 3	HENRY T. WILSON 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 4	CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.
* Proposed a member in tower previous to start of peal, and first peal in the method.

**RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

*JOSEPH HARPER... .. Treble	FRANK VOYCE 5
EX.-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 2	WILLIAM BISHOP 6
JOHN J. BEVAN 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
†GEORGE WILKS 4	*ALBERT BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. † First peal on inside bell.

**ISLINGTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.**

On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY FRANKS Treble	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 5
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	HERBERT LANGDON 6
JAMES GEORGE 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
THOMAS LANGDON 4	JAMES BULLOCK Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.
Rung on the occasion of the wedding of the conductor's sister, Miss Amelia Bullock, to Mr. Walter Firman.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.—On Monday, August 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, A. J. Turner 2, E. J. Pannett 3, A. Errey 4, A. Simmonds 5, R. J. Dawe 6, G. Piper (conductor) 7, A. Banks 8. Rung to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Piper's wedding day.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5183 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ARTHUR B. BELLAMY ... Treble	JAMES S. WARD... .. 5
JOHN R. MAIN 2	*AMOS SMART 6
JOHN J. MAWLEY 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
LEONARD J. WYMAN 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.
* First peal of Major. Rung to celebrate the Vicar's birthday. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON, N.E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb.
GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	GEORGE B. LUCAS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HAROLD W. CLARK 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

**NESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ST. HELEN,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON ... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JOHN HAYES... .. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ARTHUR NEWELL... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.
Conductor's 100th peal for the Guild. First in the method on these bells.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 18, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6104 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... Treble	WILLIAM OLOVER 5
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
GEORGE MAYERS... .. 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
CHARLES CUTTING 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

This composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6 without the 2nd or 3rd in 6ths.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Thursday, August 16th, on the occasion of a garden fete to welcome the new Vicar of St. Mary's (Rev. H. Footman), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: P. Reynolds (first quarter) 1, W. Johnson 2, C. Taylor (first on inside peal) 3, W. Chambers 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, jun., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, F. Attrill (first quarter) 8. Ringers of 1, 3 and 8 belong to Carisbrooke, remainder to Newport.

BLACKPOOL,
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FYLDE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT ST. JOHN'S CHURCH,

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

A. HAGUE Treble	W. WILDE 5
J. SMITH 2	F. GREENWOOD 6
L. GREEN 3	T. CROOKALL 7
C. SHARPLES 4	* J. WINTER Tenor

Conducted by A. HAGUE.

First on the bells by an entirely local band, also first since bells were rehung by Mears & Stainbank, the 'go' being excellent.
* First peal.

SIX BELL PEALS.

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

On Saturday, August 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES R. GRIFFIN Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 4
WALTER BATTLE 2	THOMAS A. ROGERS 5
JOHN WILKINSON 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES R. GRIFFIN.

The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Dunning for kindly having everything in readiness.

WOOLHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE,
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, August 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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 about 16 cwt.

* CHRIS BOWERS Treble	† DAVID HORNE 4
GEOFFREY LEWIS 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
E. WILLIAM TURNER 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* 25th peal. † 50th peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX,
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY KILBY.

This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Association and by all the band. The ringer of the second has now rung peals in the method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

APPLEBY, LINGS,
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt. approx.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Treble	* HERBERT COWTON 4
HAROLD EASTOR 2	WALTER GODDARD 5
ANYAN PEART 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, the tenor dating from 1623.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE,
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, August 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

* WILLIAM DUGGAN Treble	FRANK E. DOWNES 4
JOSEPH W. DOWNES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
PERCY H. YOUNG 3	GEORGE SOLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINGS,
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. GODDARD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor size 17½ in G sharp.

WALTER GODDARD 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness: MRS. GODDARD.

First peal of Doubles by all; first peal 'in hand' by 1-2 and 5-6.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINGS,
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT 42, WESTFIELD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with 4 different callings. Tenor size 17½.

WALTER GODDARD 1-2	WALTER AYRE 3-4
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 5-6	

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Witness: MRS. GODDARD.

First peal of Minor 'in hand' by all.

DEATH OF MR. A. T. MORRIS.

A GENIUS AT PEAL 'TAPPING.'

The death occurred on August 7th, at the Cottage Hospital, Dovercourt, after only a brief illness, of Mr. Arthur T. Morris, of Harwich. The deceased will be remembered principally for his exceptional gifts in peal 'tapping,' for he succeeded in executing peals by this means in methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise. A good deal of controversy raged round his performances, but whatever else may be said of them, they were exceedingly clever, and involved a vast amount of concentration and practice.

At Harwich, where he had taught many young men to ring, he will be much missed. On Saturday, August 11th, several touches were rung on the parish church bells, with muffled clappers, and, on the following day the bells were rung half-muffled for service.

Councillor T. A. Bernard, of Harwich, writes of the deceased ringer that his death will be regretted among a large circle in the Exercise.

'More especially will he be missed,' adds Mr. Bernard, 'by the local band and those ringers throughout the country (and there are many) who owe the foundation of their ringing knowledge to his teaching.'

'On the tapping of peals, of which the late Mr. A. T. Morris was one of the greatest exponents, I shall not dwell, except to state that this was a safety valve for his overbounding enthusiasm for ringing. He had not hundreds of peals to his credit, for his opportunities, like those of many another ringer, were few. Harwich is not an industrial town, and there is, consequently, no encouragement for ambitious young men to stay there. It is, therefore, very difficult to keep a first class band in Harwich, which accounts for the fact that the late Mr. A. T. Morris invariably had three or more pupils, who, in most cases, as soon as they had a fair knowledge of ringing, left the place. This would have discouraged most people, but not so Mr. Morris. A lad had only to express his desire to learn the art and he was at him "hammer and tongs" every available minute. Thus he did a tremendous amount of good for the Exercise.'

'In his life, as in his ringing, Mr. Morris set a great example. He was deeply respected by all who were fortunate enough to know him, and for these reasons he will indeed be greatly missed.'

DATE TOUCH.

At Kingsley, Staffs, on Saturday, August 11th, a date touch of 1,923 changes was rung in 1 hr. and 8 mins. in the five following Treble Bob methods: 720 Oxford, 360 each of Duke of York, Woodbine and Kent, and 123 of Violet; J. E. Wheelodon (conductor) 1, A. Edwards 2, J. Berrisford 3, H. Carnwell 4, J. Walley 5, E. Edwards 6. Messrs. Wheelodon and Walley hail from Norton-le-Moors.

A WEEK-END IN WALES.

O land of my fathers, O land of my love,
Dear mother of minstrels who kindle and move.

At midsummer last the Worcestershire question arose, 'Shall we go?' and when some half-dozen 'Ayes' responded this tour from its beginning seemed most promising. A trio of 'Brum Boys' and another of Stourbridge stalwarts, induced Old Tom Salter, of Kidderminster and the writer to complete the team, and then began the task of organising the venture. Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay, and Mr. Wm. Evans, of Brecon, were applied to for information and assistance, as well as the Superintendent of the Line, G.W.Ry.; and between them, travelling, bed, and board, were ultimately fixed up to our satisfaction, and a most enjoyable, varied and economical holiday was the result.

Assembly at Kidderminster Station at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4th, was ordered, but not carried out until an hour later. I am used to holiday crowds in and near London, but I found that Birmingham and the many large industrial towns around can grow a 'crowd or two,' and after several trains in 'triplicate' had passed outwards, we began our journey for Presteign, in Radnorshire, via Bewdley, Tenbury, and Leominster. The guard, finding us to be tourists travelling 'en bloc,' furnished us with a first-class compartment, wherein, between touches and tunes on the handbells, we discussed the improbability of any peal attempt for Saturday. In common with several hundreds of other passengers we were left stranded at Wofferton Junction Station, and no train for Presteign available till late in the evening, and no Sunday service to Brecon. Of what use was Superintendent Nicholas' special passport for our team to travel by a Midland route not usually permitted? Optimism is a really good thing at times, even hope 'Withers,' when there is no refresher in sight, and so an hotel was sought where we might eat our pocket lunch and quench the thirst on a hot day with ale, Johnny or 'Bass.' The Council of operations sat at one o'clock, and suggested going on direct to Brecon, cutting out Presteign—14 miles distant, and no return train after 6 p.m. At the dangerous cross-roads in front of our inn stood a uniformed scout of the A.A. on duty. By appealing to him we were able to secure a four-seater Ford from the neighbouring village of Brimfield, and into or on to this we were stowed with Salter as a centerpiece. We reached the church at 2.30 p.m., and were met by Mr. A. Talbot, district secretary. The latter half of this drive was very beautiful, the Black mountain range of hills 18 miles away being on our left, backed by the distant 'Sugar Loaf' at Abergavenny at one end and the Brecon beacons at the other, whilst on our right rose Radnor Forest with Plynlimon, and further on Snowdon, a name we method ringers will remember so long the mountain stands.

The Rector of Presteign, the Rev. H. S. Kewley, is a practical ringer, and we owed him a threefold debt of gratitude, but fate denied us the opportunity of personally offering him our sincere thanks. He gladly consented to our attempt, and hoped we should set up a record, met our train at the station due in 1.30, and arranged for tea for us at the Bull Hotel. It was much regretted by everyone that no time was available to enjoy the welcome so kindly provided, and we made for the station at once, contenting ourselves with the first peal of Surprise in the county; but, that doesn't fill the aching void of the inner man. More than once the loss of our tea was referred to, a sore point in more than one bosom, because nobody had the chance of getting a square meal between early breakfast and our arrival at Hereford, via Leominster, at 8 o'clock. At Hereford Station we learnt that three of the staff were bell ringers—like the late Mr. Potter, general manager of the G.W. Ry., who learnt to ring as a choirboy in Dorsetshire—Mr. A. L. Annetts, of Shrewsbury, whose two sons are helping to make progress at Abergavenny; Mr. F. Downes, of Holmer, who with his four brothers, has greatly assisted the restoration fund for rehangng the peal of five bells, and adding a treble; and the guard of our train, an old member of the Brecon Society. I may also add, re Holmer, that all the money required has been raised, and the order placed with Mr. J. Groves, of Birmingham. Resuming our journey at 8.45 via Hay, we again won first-class honours and the applause of onlookers en route to Brecon, where we arrived at 10.30 p.m., and were met and welcomed by Mr. Wm. Evans, a resident and tradesman for 28 years who has consistently done his best to keep St. Mary's bells 'mouth-upwards,' especially on Sundays. He politely escorted us to the head-quarters for two nights, 'Rutland House,' and he having previously reminded us of the Welch Sunday closing of licensed houses we were prepared accordingly; in fact, one of the station staff informed me he had conveyed a case of 'glass cylinders,' with screw stoppers at one end, to our house.

Sunday, August 5th. Breakfast at 8, ringing at the Parish Church at 10 o'clock. London and Cambridge for 11 a.m. matins, the local band present and introductions made. After the service we had an early dinner, hot and well served by Mrs. Woods, the ordered motor-

car arriving at one o'clock to convey us five miles out to Llanfagan Church, through a picturesque valley of the River Usk away under the Brecknock Hills, the highest peak, known as Brecon Beacon, 2,907 feet, and, on the opposite hand, Lord Hereford's Knob, 2,263 feet high. We were made welcome by the Rector (the Rev. T. A. Davies, M.A., a Welsh scholar who often preaches in the native tongue), and handed the keys of the church and tower. 'Go, Cambridge,' was called at 2.25, and rounds came at 5.35 and the octave lowered 'in peal.' Indeed, at each tower we visited the bells were raised and lowered in this way. The privilege of ringing the first peal of Surprise in the county was again enjoyed, and it was also the first 8-bell peal in the newly-formed Diocese of Swansea and Brecon.

The church, with its quaint name of an early British saint, is a beautiful little model of Welsh architecture, consisting of nave, chancel and western tower, north aisle and south porch. The tower arch is open to the nave, and on the left-hand side is a stone inscribed: 'This tower was restored, the bells recast and relung and four new ones added to complete the octave by John Llewellyn Morgan in memory of his father, David Morgan, of Llandaff, 1920-1921.' The bells are a sweet little peal, the work of Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, not tuned on the full-toned Simpson principle, and almost a replica of the bells of Northam, Devonshire. Of the tower itself I would add a note. There is a raised pointed central roof in the middle of the lead flat on the top, giving a three feet gangway all round clear of the battlemented walls. On each side of the square, some two to three feet high, are fitted oak horizontal louvres, which enable sound to go out and upwards, a feature which ought to be copied in many of the towers in our crowded towns. At Llanfagan the only houses near are Church Cottage, the Rectory, half a mile off, and one or two farms more distant. It is an ideal place for a summer picnic, where the band could ring all day long, or roam the hills and gaze upon the 'land of my fathers.' As regards the latter, our timekeeper, Mr. Evans, did so in preference to ringing the treble, which was heartily offered to him. As an instance of the love for our old church that our Nonconformist friends have, I may mention that the Morgans, of Cardiff, carry on a large drapery emporium there, and are the leading Dissenters of that city. Our tea at the adjoining cottage was prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Kendrick and their bonnie family of three pigeon pairs. The delight of the children when handbells were rung to several tunes was well worth carrying the bag full of metal (not Brummagon scrap) up the mile of steep incline.

Returning to Brecon, our unloading was effected at the Priory Church, a most spacious and beautiful cruciform building. Here we met the Rev. E. A. D. Roberts, Vicar of St. Mary's, and the vergier, who gave us an hour's enjoyment. One was really glad when they said, 'Let us go up into the house of the Lord.' The noble building, said to be the finest in Wales, has just been raised to the dignity of a cathedral, and only on the previous Tuesday Dr. Bevan, of Swansea, a former Vicar of St. Mary's, Brecon, was elected first Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. The tower was open for our inspection, and a long, difficult climb was experienced in gaining the belfry, a room 40 feet square, the passages, formed in the solid walls of masonry, not giving room enough for some of the well built ringers whom I know. The bell-loft contains a ruinous set of bells, cast by Rudhall. Originally six, one is reputed to have been stolen, and two of the five left are badly cracked. The east end of the north aisle has recently been restored as a memorial chapel to the South Wales Borderers, and the 5,777 men of those regiments who fell in the Great War are remembered in an illuminated volume bound in leather. A new stained glass east window has yet to be erected, and a few days previous to our visit an ancient banner belonging to the Borderers and sent to Windsor Castle, had been presented by his Majesty the King. This will be hung with others now to be seen in the chapel.

For a week the St. George's ensign was flown from the flagstaff on the central tower, which was also illuminated at night by numbers of electric lamps placed round the battlements and seen for many miles around, to mark the historical accomplishment of a new Sec, in spite of the Welsh Disestablishment Act. A sum of £8,000 and upwards had to be assured before the project could proceed, and this financial difficulty has been overcome. Better far than all the outward rejoicing was the impressive effect of masses of wild flowers, the common harebell self-sown, blooming in profusion upon the grey old walls of the tower, regardless of moisture, sweet emblem of faith. Their bright blue heads were silently nodding in the wind, prophesying those larger bells that will eventually be placed here, and — who knows? — perhaps the first ring of twelve for the Principality.

Here is a quite modern instance of unexpected interest in church bells by a Brecon resident. The late Alderman Thomas Williams, who died in 1922, left by will land for a recreation ground and stained glass windows for the parish church of St. David's (a growing suburb of Brecon on the Swansea road), also money to provide a peal of six bells. It remains for the cathedral authorities to furnish a ring of ten, and the Brecon ringers will then have to get busy training young hands to man the bells of Brecon.

(To be continued.)

RINGERS' OUTINGS.**ROMNEY MARSH GUILD**

This society has had an annual outing for a number of years, and the 1923 trip that took place on the first Saturday in August can be termed better than its predecessors. The Master (Mr. C. W. Everett) and Mr. C. Tribe fixed up the travelling arrangements, and Mr. Tribe conducted the correspondence to obtain permission for ringing at the various churches required, and hearty thanks are due to these gentlemen. Two charabancs were chartered, one starting from Ashford, and the other from Appledore. The first destination, St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, was reached shortly before nine o'clock. Here Mr. W. Latter met the party, and continued with them for the remainder of the day. Great satisfaction was expressed with the light Simpson-tuned eight at St. Peter's, and several touches in the standard methods were tapped off. About three attempts, however, had to be made for a touch of Stedman, but perhaps someone derived good from the failures, which provided practice for one still in the infancy of calling. On loading up again, the charabancs soon invaded Sussex by way of Withyam, where ringing was not practicable owing to tower repairs. Not far distant, the peal of six at Hartfield was at the party's disposal. Here the bells took a bit of managing, the ropes and sallies being rather clumsy—quite large enough for ladies' hands. However, Grandsire Doubles and short pieces of Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung, and the ringers had consolation in the fact that a nice-going ring of eight awaited them at Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch, where the Vicar welcomed the society. This light peal, Simpson-tuned—perhaps not quite so good as Tunbridge Wells, yet very musical—were soon set going, and the members thoroughly enjoyed their touches at this tower. It was somewhere around mid-day when they left, and sped away along several miles of pretty Sussex country to East Grinstead. On approaching the town, the slated tower of St. Swithun could be seen and the excursionists wished they could have had a ring on the fine eight contained therein, but owing to ringing complaints, permission could not be obtained. There was one thing, however, which they did enjoy at East Grinstead, and that was the luncheon, the Master having made arrangements for this. In the afternoon there was a delightful trip back into Kent, and a call was made at Edenbridge where Mr. Steddy and other Edenbridge ringers, and Mr. Edwards (Penshurst), kindly met the party, and what a beautiful peal of eight they found: medium weight, Simpson-tuned, and the best peal heard during the day. They were loath to leave, but there were other towers to visit. Mr. Edwards accompanied the visitors to the remaining places, Hever (six bells) being the next halt. In this church they were shown the tomb containing the remains of the father of Anne Boleyn, and just opposite the church is an interesting old inn, named Henry VIII., in the grounds of which the ringers partook of a splendid tea, Mr. Edwards having kindly arranged this. The chief feature of the ringing at Hever was a touch of Bob Minor rung entirely by members of the Stone contingent. The evening towers included in the tour were Chiddingstone and Penshurst. The party did quite well at the former place, but could not ring at Penshurst owing to choir practice. The route home was via Tonbridge, where the two charabancs parted company. This report would lack completion without making reference to all who contributed in any degree, large or small, to the organisation of the day's pleasure, including those ringers outside the Guild who rendered great assistance, and thanks are given to them all. The methods rung were Grandsire, Stedman Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

BARLBOROUGH RINGERS' BIG PARTY.

On Saturday, July 28th the Barlborough ringers had their annual outing. The party, which consisted of ringers and their friends, to the number of 62, journeyed through Derby to Shardlow. There a touch of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob was successfully brought round. The party then journeyed to Loughborough where dinner was partaken of at the King's Head Hotel. After dinner, Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s bell foundry was visited, where the various processes of bell founding were a source of great interest. The new war memorial—a wonderful carillon of bells—was visited at the time when a recital was being given by M. Gustaf Nees, of Molines, and his playing was much enjoyed. Nottingham was the next place visited, and a much-needed tea was partaken of at Morley's Cafe. The rest of the evening was spent at Nottingham, and Barlborough was reached at 12.15 a.m. The outing was a jolly one, and much enjoyed by all.

WEST WALES' EXCURSION.

St. Catherine's, Gwynion, and St. John's, Morriston, members of West Wales Association, held their annual outing on Monday, August 6th, when they visited Aberdare, which was reached after a pleasant ride. The church, with its fine tower and spire, was immediately visited. Mr. Roberts had the bells in readiness, and a few good touches of Grandsire Triples and plain course of Stedman Triples and Grandsire Doubles for the juniors were rung. The Vicar came

to the belfry and welcomed the party, who were shown over the church. Afterwards 504 Grandsire Triples was tapped off in good style, conducted by Mr. J. Williams, the bells being lowered in peal. This was very much appreciated after call changes. After dinner a most enjoyable time was spent in the beautiful park. A move was then made to Merthyr to try a fine peal of 8 (tenor about 20 cwt.), which were raised in peal, the 'go' being found to be splendid. Some of the local ringers joined the visitors, and touches of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples and Grandsire Doubles rung. A very enjoyable day was spent, and home was not reached until after midnight. Best thanks of the band are due to the respective Vicars for permission to ring and to the local ringers, who assisted to make a most successful outing.

HARWICH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 18th, St. Nicholas Guild, Harwich, had their outing, and, accompanied by a few friends, visited Hadleigh, Suffolk, by charabanc, the party numbering 21. Hadleigh was reached about 3 o'clock. The tower of the fine old church, with its beautiful stained glass windows, was first visited, but the ringers were greatly disappointed to find that the tenor rope had gone out for repairs. They had, therefore, to be content with touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles on the front six. Afterwards the company sat down to a capital cold spread at the King's Head Hotel, with their veteran, Mr. Job Brewster, in the chair. Tunes on the handbells, also Grandsire Triples, double handed, were very much appreciated. The journey was then resumed to Stratford St. Mary, to the accompaniment of a thunderstorm. Mr. Featherstone, one of the local ringers, met the party, and had everything in readiness. Touches of Kent, Oxford and Plain Bob were brought round on this fine peal of six, and then the homeward journey was commenced, the company having spent a most enjoyable time. The ringers wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the respective incumbents for the use of the bells, the steeplekeeper at Hadleigh, and Mr. Featherstone at Stratford St. Mary, and all others who assisted in making the trip a success.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Sir.—We read with interest Mr. Sharples' letter of the 3rd inst., but if it is intended to have any bearing upon ours of the previous week, we are sorry that we miss his point. If our view is correct, we hasten to write that we have no objection to names relative to numbers, and we think our previous letter should be quite clear.

We were dealing only with those methods numbered in the Collection, and we believe that No. 22 has been named 'Lancashire' and again 'Immanuel,' and as the matter stands now there may be still further alteration.

For more than twenty years we have been ringing and recording 'Surprise' Minor methods, many of which have since been relegated to other classes and changed names. There are now a certain number in the Collection, and the Surprise class were named in the Press some time back. The committee have revised these names, and still no definite law is laid down by what is supposed to be a governing body. We are sorry if it is possible that Mr. Sharples has misconstrued the text of our letter, and in passing would be glad to know what is the latest name given to his 'Lancashire Surprise' if 'Immanuel Surprise' is No. 22?—Yours faithfully,

GEO. DAWSON,

St. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone.

LADY RINGER MARRIED AT FYLINGDALES.

On Saturday, August 3rd, the marriage of Miss Betina Wellburn, daughter of Mr. George Wellburn, of Mount Pleasant Robin Hood's Bay (a churchwarden of St. Stephen's Church), to Captain Wm. Beedle, took place at the Parish Church of St. Stephen, Fylingdales, in the presence of a large congregation. The service was fully choral, Mr. Wm. Conyers, an old ringer of this church, presided at the organ, and the Rev. A. M. Bury, M.A., the Vicar of Ravenscar, officiated. As the happy couple left the church the bells rang out merrily, and at intervals during the day touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Later, with the good wishes of a crowd of friends, Capt. and Mrs. Beedle left for Wales, where the honeymoon is being spent.

The bride has been one of the ten lady ringers at St. Stephen's Church since 1919, and took part in a number of quarter-peals, including one of Grandsire Triples on handbells (double-handed).

A peal attempt by some of these ladies was arranged some months since, but abandoned owing to the sudden serious illness of the Vicar. Unfortunately, no further opportunity has presented itself. Miss Wellburn was a reliable ringer and an excellent striker, always rang at the heavy end, was always present for service ringing, and regular in attendance at practices. She carries with her the good wishes of her fellow-ringers in her new sphere.

MUFFLED BELLS FOR PRESIDENT HARDING RINGING AT BOSTON, U.S.A.

Americans in Boston, U.S.A., were impressed by the muffled ringing done at the Church of the Advent, on August 10th, on the occasion of the funeral of the late President Harding.

The following description of the ringing was given by 'The Boston Herald':—

'Bells, fully muffled, sounded from the tower of the Church of the Advent for half an hour before and for 15 minutes following the solemn high requiem mass celebrated at that church yesterday morning. The bells were tolled by eight bell ringers, who had performed the same service many times before at the death of a British king.

'The bells, cast after the British fashion, in sets of eight, rang touches of Grandsire, doubled and Bob Minor, sounding the changes at the church at 9.45 and 10.30 a.m. and at 11.30 and 11.45 a.m. They were also rung at the Perkins Institution for the Blind between 2 and 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

'Mrs. Margaret Shurtleff, president of the Boston Guild of Bell Ringers, which was formed by the English bell ringers several years ago upon their arrival in the United States, led the ringing of the bells, assisted by Richard Newton, Philip J. Alfry, James Laker, William Bashford, Alexander Matthews and Joseph Goodhead. The bells were tolled at 5 o'clock in the evening, the hour when President Harding was buried at his home in Marion, O.'

MEMORIAL RINGING IN LONDON.

In memory of President Harding, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, from Thurstans' Four-part, was rung at St. Clement Danes, Strand, in 50 minutes with the bells half-muffled, six hours after the President's death: E. Alex. Young 1, T. Benney 2, A. B. Peck 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, E. F. Pike 5, J. D. Mathews 6, W. Rushton 7, F. G. Symonds 8.

'FLIPPANTLY FACETIOUS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—My gentle remonstrance with your would-be 'funny' correspondents seems only to have stimulated them to fresh exertions, and I am sorry that I spoke! I can appreciate real humour as well as most people. But if such 'humour' as that of 'Samiwell Peppery' and 'Ireneus' in your last issue satisfies the majority of your readers, I am content to remain in a minority; and minorities, we know, must always suffer.—Yours,

CONSTANT READER.

MR. J. W. PARKER'S 5024 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE.

It has been suggested by a well-known ringer that the following transposition of the original peal, with the odd-course first, should be published, and the figures are given below, for this form is likely to prove the more popular for this original composition:—

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DEATH OF VETERAN KENT RECTOR.

An honorary life member of the Kent County Association and 55 years Rector of Horsmonden, the Rev. Hugh Forbes Smith Marriott has passed away at the advanced age of 82 years 10 months. The funeral took place on Saturday at Horsmonden, when the deceased was interred by the side of his late wife. The respect and endearment in which the veteran rector was held was evinced by the large number present at the last sad rites.

After the funeral, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung by the local ringers with muffled bells, and this was followed by 720 of Oxford and 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

August 26th is the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples on record. It was rung in 1718 at Norwich, and the peal board, with its quaint wording, is still in existence.

It runs: 'On the 26th of August, 1718, was rung that Harmonious Peal called Grandsire 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 Garthou, 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 5040 changes; have oftentimes been rung with changes alike, but the first time that it was ever 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.'

Then follows the names of the band: James Brook, John Briggs, William Palmer, Robert Crane, Henry Howard, William Callow, Tho. Melchior and Tho. Barrett.

On August 26th, 1751, John Holt took part in a peal of Double Bob Major with the Union Scholars. In that year Holt rang no fewer than nine peals with the society. He was in every peal rung by the Union Scholars from the time he joined in 1745 until he left them in 1752.

'A complete peal of Bob Major St. George,' was rung by the College Youths at the Church of St. George the Martyr, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750, 'being the first that was done upon the bells.' This 5040 was conducted by Benjamin Aunable.

At Otley, Yorks. on August 27th, 1814, a peal of 12,320 Treble Bob was rung in 7 hrs. 15 mins., 'being the longest peal in that method rung in England.' William Woodhead, of Wakeford, was one of the band, and the fact is recorded on a peal board in Wakeford tower, recording a 6030 Grandsire Caters rung in 1820.

'On Monday, August 24th, 1868, eight veteran change ringers, whose united ages amounted to 553 years, ascended the Parish Church of Guiseley, near Leeds, and rang in masterly style a true peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 5088 changes, in 3 hrs. 4 mins. 30 secs.'

'Bell's Life,' which was the ringer's journal of that day, recorded the above interesting performance, and added the further details: 'The following are the names and ages of the men: J. Hanson, of Huddersfield, aged 78, treble; J. Kendal, of Otley, 73, 2; C. Hes, of Leeds (formerly of Otley), 74, 3; W. Senior, of Earlsheaton, 68, 4; H. Hubbard, of Leeds (formerly of Norwich), 64, 5; T. Dawson, of Bradford, 62, 6; I. Illingworth, of Bradford, 66, 7; W. Dumbleton, of Pudsey, 68, tenor. The peal was ably conducted by Mr. H. Hubbard, and witnessed by various ringers from different places.'

The recasting of the bells at Senford, Sussex, with the addition of extra metal, and the rehangings of the peal in a new frame is to be taken in hand at once. The work is to be done by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

Appropos to our reference last week to the peal of Stedman Caters rung at Shoreditch on August 23rd, 1788, it will be of further interest to know that the board recording the performance, which now hangs in the belfry at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, has just been thoroughly renovated, through the generosity of Mr. E. A. Young, secretary of the Central Council.

At Kington Magna, on August Bank Holiday, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Florence Hannam, daughter of Mr. Frederick Hannam, three generations of the bride's family took part in ringing the five bells: Fred Hannam, aged 61; William Hannam, aged 33, and Harry Hannam, aged 12.

Mr. G. H. Daynes writes that the peal of Grandsire Triples rung at Cubitt Town on June 26th should have been credited to the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild. The report was sent in without the name of the association, and the omission has only just been brought to his notice.

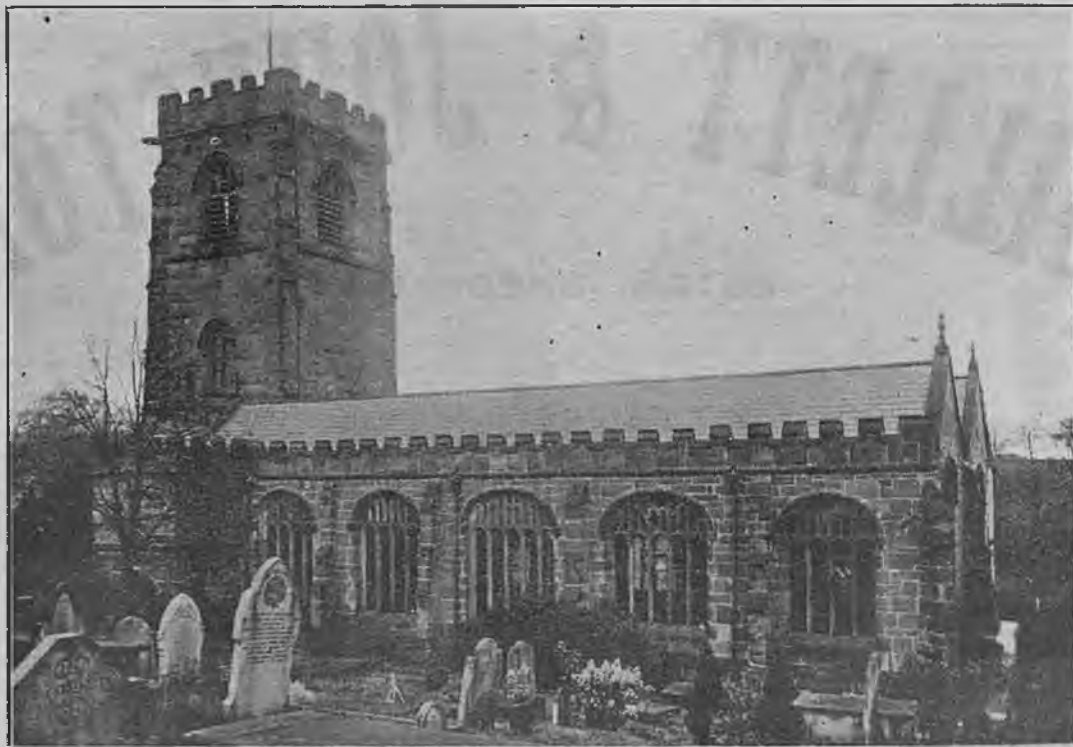
Ellesmere, Salop, is not alone in having two bands of ringers. At Loughton (Essex) a similar state of affairs exists. The Sunday ringing is done by a band of paid call change ringers, but a voluntary change ringing band has been permitted to practise one night a week (except during the war) since 1883.

For forty years, therefore, this arrangement has been going on and the change ringing band has rung peals of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. There have, of course, been the usual losses by removals, etc., but with help from West Ham, Leytonstone and Woodford, the band has kept going, and now there are several young ringers coming along, who have reached the Grandsire and Stedman stage.

'Doubtful' is informed that all peals of Treble Bob will run true to Bristol Surprise, but all peals of Bristol will not be true for Treble Bob.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Linton on August 11th was Tom Saunders, not Sanders, as published.

Where the Record Peal of Major was Rung.



ST. CHAD'S CHURCH, OVER, CHESHIRE.

It was at this church, standing in the fields at Over, Cheshire, that the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 30 hours on July 21st last by the Chester Diocesan Guild. The 17,280 changes constituted the longest length ever rung on eight bells by one set of men, the previous record having been the 17,104 Double Norwich Major at South Wigston in 1904.

FATALITY TO A RINGER.

It is with much regret we have to record the death of Mr. C. G. Earl, a ringing member of the Leigh-on-Mendip Church (Somerset). The deceased, who has been a ringer for 25 years at the above church, met with a fatal accident, being knocked down by a motor while on holiday.

The funeral took place on August 16th, deceased being carried to his last resting-place, which is close to his beloved tower, by his fellow-ringers. Deep respect and sympathy were shown, ringers from Douling being present, also Mr. J. W. Pemberton, who conducted the deceased's first and only peal, and happened to be on holiday not far away.

Muffled touches were rung on the bells after the funeral. Mr. Earl will be sadly missed by his colleagues in the belfry.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, by permission of the Vicar (Rev. F. Marrott), who also entertained the company to tea. Unfortunately the weather was against a large attendance, but there was a muster of 35, of whom 29 arrived for tea. The Ringing Master was an absentee (on holiday) for the first time. A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. Huscley Williams.

Mr. C. S. Bird presided at the business meeting, when Heston was selected for the October meeting.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of his bells and his kind hospitality, which was very much appreciated; to the Rev. H. Williams; to the organist; to the Misses Riggs and Griffen, for the able way they attended to the ringers' needs at the tea table; also to Messrs. Parker and Preston of the local band.

Ringling again took place at St. Peter's until 7.30 p.m., when a messenger arrived asking that the bells should cease, owing to illness in the vicinity. Fortunately the hon. secretary had previously obtained permission to ring at St. Mary's, where the bells were soon set going to Cambridge, etc., until, at 9.15 p.m., a rope broke, and suddenly brought the ringing to an end.

With a vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Mary's a most pleasant meeting terminated.

OFF TO AMERICA.

Mr. G. R. Turner, who has been a ringer at East Crompton, Lancashire, for 17 years, is off to New Jersey, U.S.A., and, as a farewell service touch 720 New London Pleasure was rung on Sunday morning by: G. R. Turner 1, S. Heywood 2, J. Ogden (first in the method) 3, H. Oates 4, C. Howarth 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. Mr. Turner carries with him to his new sphere the best wishes of a large circle of friends.

720's IN SUFFOLK.

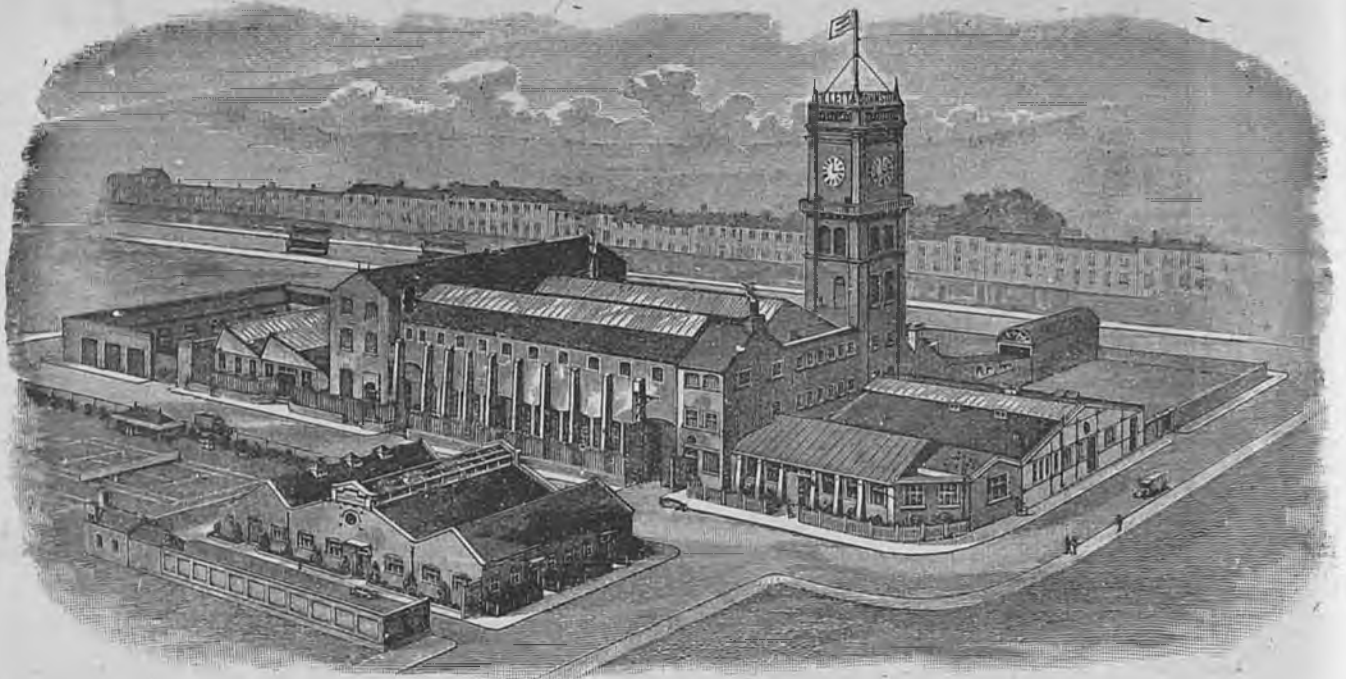
At Preston St. Mary, Suffolk, on June 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob was rung by L. Poulson 1, M. Symonds 2, H. Lister 3, K. Whittell 4, R. J. Poulson 5, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 6. Also 720 of New London: A. Symonds 1, J. Poulson 2, H. Lister 3, K. Whittell 4, L. Poulson (first in the method) 5, C. W. R. Grimwood (conductor) 6.—At Monks Eleigh, on Wednesday, June 26th, 720 Double Court: H. Whymark 1, K. Whittell 2, H. Lister 3, L. Poulson (first in the method) 4, R. Grimwood (conductor) 5, R. J. Poulson 6.—Also 720 of Double Oxford: P. Whittell 1, K. Whittell 2, R. J. Poulson 3, A. Symonds 4, H. Lister 5, R. Grimwood (conductor) 6. First in the method by all, also first on the bells.—At Finborough on June 26th, an attempt for 720 of Oxford Treble Bob came to grief within one lead of the last hob, standing as above, except T. Sparrow, of Combs, at the 3rd. These 720's were rung to oblige Mr. Grimwood, who was spending his holiday at his native place of Hitcham.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Saturday, July 23th, at St. Barnabas Church, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triple were rung for the marriage of Mr. J. Child (nephew of the late Cecil Valentine), one of the Linslade ringers, to Miss B. L. Lancaster. The Linslade ringers were assisted by Messrs. J. Nicholls, T. Seabrook, A. Butler, and J. Arnold, of All Saints', Leighton Buzzard.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At All Saints' Church, 672 Superlative Surprise Major, for morning service: W. Pervin 1, E. Cartwright 2, J. Saddington 3, W. Smith 4, Pryce Taylor 5, J. Hutchby 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, John Oldham 8.

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THE OXFORD GUILD ANNUAL MEETING.

WYCOMBE SECRETARY REVIEWS PAST ACTIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is always a pleasure to read your well-reasoned leading articles, and the recent one with reference to the Oxford Guild is equally acceptable. But if you will allow me, in justice to the Wycombe ringers, to give, as briefly as possible, a resume of the tactics adopted by them prior to their decision to sever connection with the Guild, it will be seen that all constitutional methods you suggest in your 'leader' have been tried, but found wanting.

At a previous annual meeting of the Guild a resolution from High Wycombe, strongly supported by the then branch secretary (Mr. W. H. Fussell), was proposed, asking for the festival to be held at a place other than Oxford. This was defeated; the result being received with ironical cheers. Nothing daunted, the Wycombe men framed another resolution to the effect that the three Archdeacons be visited in turn, and a referendum of towers taken. This was submitted to a largely attended branch meeting, under the chairmanship of the master, and carried with only two adverse votes by unattached members; and the general secretary undertook to place the same on the agenda for the ensuing meeting at Oxford. This motion, with its recommendation from the branch, was duly submitted to the annual meeting at Oxford. What was the result? One parson characterised this resolution from the largest branch of the Guild as 'hunkum'; while another brilliant cleric termed it 'an insult to the committee,' both these comments being allowed to pass unchallenged from the chair. The height of absurdity was reached when one of the parsons suggested, with regard to financial difficulties, that members unable to pay their expenses 'should ask their wives for the money.'

At the last annual meeting the Wycombe men refrained from attending, partly from disgust, and also not to prejudice in any way another resolution to alter the venue, thinking that as the feelings of this part of the district were well known, the generally-accepted British axiom of fair play might prevail. But again failure, or rather selfishness! Now, sir, I think you will agree that all constitutional methods have been tried; or, if you prefer it, the 'gloves kept on.' Now they must be discarded, for exceptional diseases demand exceptional remedies. You say you fear disruption or a 'split.' Quite so. Great as the regret at severance after a membership of 20, 30, 40 years, or even a longer period in the Guild, we feel that there is a penitence of ringers in this district to form a strong and healthy Guild of its own, and whose festivals could be held at various venues without fear of stagnation.

Our dear old friend, Tom, in his annual report, speaks of 'foolishness,' but the fool's part of the business is a continued obstinacy which prevents clear insight into the future. The Master expresses his anxiety to hold the meeting wherever the members wish it, which is, of course, Oxford, because of the excess of votes on that particular occasion. Why was the custom of over 30 years' standing altered? Was it to gratify a passing whim, or what was the reason? I have been as brief as consistent with a statement of facts, but, owing to space, there are many points necessarily not touched upon, but after a 'leader' and giving a couple of columns 'with the wind up,' perhaps you will kindly indulge us with this reply.—Yours truly,

GEO. TWITCHEN.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ENJOYABLE MEETING AT BECKENHAM.

The Southern District of the above association held an enjoyable meeting at Beckenham on Saturday last. The clerk of the weather could not have known that a meeting was arranged, or he surely would have been more generous in his selection on this date. The rain commenced to fall in the morning, and ceased only at short and very infrequent intervals. The attendance, in consequence, was not as large as was expected. However, shortly after three o'clock, the bells of St. George's were set in motion, to the tune of Cambridge Minor. This was followed by some Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were also rung during the afternoon and evening.

A special service was arranged for the ringers, and the Vicar delivered a very interesting and instructive address.

In this connection it may be suggested that a weekly choir practice for ringers would do much good, and then, at these services, the organ would no longer play hymn solos!

Tea was partaken of at the Greyhound Hotel, and was greatly enjoyed by the comparatively small number who sat down. The business meeting was afterwards held, and the next meeting announced to take place at Fulham on September 1st.

The tower was again visited, and touches in various methods were rung. The thanks of the members were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for the special service; also to Mr. W. Smith for making the visitors so welcome and for the excellent tea arrangements.

Ringers attended from Chelsea, Roehampton, Camberwell, Lambeth, Southwark, Streatham, Beddington, Ealing, etc.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held on Saturday last at Bishop's Waltham, and was attended by members from Curdrige, North Stincham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), Ringwood, Swanmore, Wickham, Winchester and the local band. The methods rung on the peal of six comprised Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise.

Tea was served in the White Swan Hotel. The business meeting was mostly of a routine nature, the local tower becoming affiliated to the district through some members rejoining the Guild. Owing to Mr. F. W. Rogers, one of the representatives on the Guild Committee, having been elected recorder of peals, it was necessary to elect another member, Mr. W. Tate, being chosen.

It was decided by vote to hold the annual district meeting at Fareham in November, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'—The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and those concerned for the use of the bells concluded the meeting.

THE DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

The quarterly meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Chertsey on Saturday, August 4th. Unfortunately no ringing could be done owing to serious illness very close to the church. Members and friends attended from Camberley, Ealing, Guildford, Hersham, Putney, Stoke Poges and Old Windsor. Tea was served in the Parish Room, followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. J. Smith occupied the chair. The Vicar welcomed the members, and explained the reason for their being unable to ring. One honorary member and one compounding member were elected.

Several members expressed their views on the future of the Guild as affected by the division of the diocese, and it was then resolved that the secretary write to all towers in the district and ask them to give their opinion on the subject to the representatives attending the next Guild committee meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding. A few courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Barker with the young members of their band from Stoke Poges concluded the meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

A meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Northern Branch was held at Corringham on Saturday, August 11th, and was not so successful as had been anticipated, members being present from Gainsborough, Stow and Messingham, in addition to one of the local company.

The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Tea was provided at Mrs. Prescott's house, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. F. E. Linley presided.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, also to Mrs. Prescott for providing the tea were unanimously passed, after which the members had the pleasure of listening to some interesting remarks from the President in connection with St. Lawrence, the patron saint of Corringham.

A vote of thanks was passed to the president for taking the chair and for the address which everybody had enjoyed.

The members then adjourned to the church for evensong, which was said by the Rev. R. Thornton, Vicar of Corringham, and afterwards further ringing took place until about 8 p.m., when a pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

'ALL BUT THREE.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—'Criticus' suggests that at some time we may have to use the strange words 'Pasallatria' and 'Pasallatessera' as names of methods. I think not: they are already and deservedly obsolete. I remember when the Central Council was asked to pass the report in which these words found an experimental place, the late Mr. A. T. King asked what they meant. The perpetrator of the 'crime,' who at this distance of time shall be nameless, told the astonished and amused Council that they were three Greek words meaning 'all but three,' and three others meaning 'all but four.'

When Mr. King replied that they certainly were not, we were told, to our further amusement, that there was such a thing as 'dog-Latin,' and so one might suppose that these words were dog-Greek. As Greek is still spoken by the Greeks, it is nonsense to talk about dog-Greek: nor did dog-Latin ever mean false use of words such as this.

In Greek Passallatria means either (1) 'Universal slavery' or (2) 'The playing with pegs.' Passallatessera can only mean 'Four things furnished with pegs, or gags.'

But why go to Greek for ringing terms? Of all languages Greek is the most unsuitable. In this case an epithet is not required, merely a column heading: the English words 'All but three' and 'All but four' answer all requirements, and will no doubt always be used.—Yours, etc.,

HERBERT DRAKE.

Uford Rectory, Woodbridge

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 19th, for the morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Greenough 1, W. Lawrence (Ealing) 2, F. James (conductor) 3, C. Gregory 4, R. Prior 5, B. Cordery 6, A. Webb 7, T. Busby 8. For evening service, at East Hagbourne, a 504 of Stedman Triples: W. E. Napper 1, W. Lawrence 2, J. Butler (conductor) 3, A. Webb 4, W. Webb 5, T. East 6, R. Rice 7, W. Goodenough 8, followed by 504 Grandsire, conducted by R. Rice, in which Miss Butler took part. During the singing of the hymn, 'Onward, Christian Soldiers,' the clergy, choir and congregation went in procession to the ancient village cross, which stands at some little distance from the church. Here the remainder of the service was held. The Vicar preached an eloquent sermon from an elevated position on the topmost stone of the base of the cross, and the closing hymn was heartily sung by a large number of villagers and visitors, accompanied by an harmonium.

WILLENHALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, July 29th, at St. Giles' Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Pountney 1, I. Evans 2, C. Wallater 3, H. Coley 4, A. Ward 5, F. Ward 6, J. Davis (longest touch as conductor) 7, A. E. Reed 8.

LEWES, SUSSEX.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on Sunday, August 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, A. J. Turner 2, W. Polling 3, E. J. Pannett 4, A. Errey 5, R. J. Hide 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, W. Ward 8. Also 336: E. W. Pannett 1, R. J. Dawe 2, W. Boyes 3, W. Pelling 4, E. J. Pannett 5, A. J. Turner (conductor) 6, A. Errey 7, W. Ward 8.

CHAILEY, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Peter, on August 5th, for evening service, 240 Stedman Doubles: W. Pelling 1, E. J. Pannett 2, A. J. Turner 3, A. Errey 4, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 5, E. W. Pannett 6. Also 360 Bob Minor: E. W. Pannett 1, W. Pelling 2, J. Feist 3, A. Errey 4, G. Piper 5, A. J. Turner (conductor) 6.

GRIMSBY.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, August 5th, at 9 a.m., 504 Grandsire Triples, rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. Kennington and Miss Elsie Heelas, who were married at the above church, the bridegroom being one of the ringers: N. Dales 1, H. Mingay 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, F. Overton 4, S. Bromfield 5, C. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. B. Budd 7, E. Holden 8.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. S. Morris (Leicester) 1, N. Dales 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, F. Overton (conductor) 4, H. Mingay 5, J. Morris (Leicester) 6, S. Bromfield 7, C. Taylor 8. Also 168 Stedman Triples.

HORLEY, SURREY.—On August 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): Miss E. Wyman 1, P. Etheridge 2, A. Songhurst 3, S. Kenward 4, G. Illman 5, A. J. Bull 6, O. Sippott (conductor) 7, G. W. Welch 8.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.—For Sunday evening service, on August 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: Miss R. Laver 1, T. Wyatt 2, L. Moore 3, F. Derriek 4, Mrs. H. Knight 5, H. Knight (conductor) 6.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 5th, for evening service, 336 of Grandsire Triples: C. Grimes 1, O. Attwood (Breads Norton) 2, F. Jones 3, J. Gardner 4, N. Brion 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Lloyd 8.

BLEDDLOW, BUCKS.—On Sunday, August 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. Nicholls 1, L. Nicholls 2, J. S. Hawkins 3, G. Seymour (conductor) 4, W. Cherry 5.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, at Christ Church, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, H. W. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, H. A. Hearl 6, J. H. Shepherd 7, J. J. Wells (Birmingham) 8.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, at St. Barnabas Church, a 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Minor: W. Allen 1, E. Jacobs, jun., 2, T. Silvester 3, E. Jacobs, sen., 4, Ray Linter 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6.

ORSETT, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, August 12th, for service, 720 of Bob Minor: A. Howell 1, W. Wade 2, G. R. Pye 3, A. Keeling 4, E. J. Butler 5, W. Watson (conductor) 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles with the local ringers.

ACTON.—Sunday, August 12th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: *C. Brown 1, Robert Fardon (first in the method as conductor) 2, *S. D. Breeze 3, *Miss Phyllis Moss 4, H. Wincote 5, Robert Holloway 6, †J. W. Fruin 7, †W. W. Coulson 8. *First in this method. †First away from treble in this method.

HELIONS BUMPSTEAD.—On Sunday, August 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: P. Almond 1, A. Saunders 2, J. Fleuty 3, W. Arnold 4, W. Keeble 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6. First 720 of Surprise on the bells.

GREAT YELDHAM.—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Almond 1, A. Saunders 2, W. J. Nevard 3, W. Arnold 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, J. Fleuty 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday morning, August 12th, 584 Grandsire Triples: F. G. Goddard 1, A. Beckersale 2, T. Beadle 3, E. Morris 4, W. Lidbetter 5, A. Harding 6, W. H. Hollier 7, H. Beadle 8. For evening service, at All Saints, Fulham, 10 courses Double Norwich. Both were conducted by Ernest Morris, who hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples: F. Verney, F. Castle, Mrs. H. Baker, G. Webb, A. Castle, H. Baker, G. Billeney (conductor), A. Webb. The brothers Webb from Lyminge, Mr. and Mrs. Baker (Frittenden), the conductor (Hawkhurst). The three latter were staying in the district, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal at Lyminge lasting 2 hrs. 33 mins.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, August 12th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 448 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. Hutley 1, T. B. Kendall 2, H. Haigh 3, F. Seager 4, H. Stott 5, F. Kilshaw 6, W. Feather 7, E. H. Simpson (conductor) 8. 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Simpson 1, G. Duck 2, H. Haigh 3, F. Seager 4, W. Feather 5, F. Kilshaw 6, T. B. Kendall (conductor) 7, H. Hutley 8.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.—At St. Paul's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 12th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Davenport 1, Mrs. W. Crabtree 2, Rev. R. Marle 3, Miss R. A. Bell 4, John Robertshaw (Heptonstall) 5, Miss H. Bell 6, W. Holmes 7, W. Crabtree (conductor) 8.

BANGOR.—North Wales Association.—On Sunday, August 12th, for Welsh service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: F. Williams 1, J. Shaw 2, J. H. Midwinter 3, W. T. Pegler (conductor) 4, T. Jones 5, W. Crane 6, A. E. Pegler 7, J. L. Jones 8. Composed by S. A. Cullington. Arranged for Mr. James Shaw, of Hyde, who was spending a holiday in Wales.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, August 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: T. Potter 1, F. Gurr 2, G. Hewitt 3, R. Eade 4, H. Coomber 5, Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8. Messrs. F. Gurr and R. Eade hail from Withyham.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 12th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1,260 changes), in 55 mins.: A. Large 1, H. Terry 2, E. Withers 3, C. Sabin 4, A. Furnell (Cardiff) 5, H. Withers 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, C. W. Locke 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,302 changes) taken from Holt's Original: B. Guy 1, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 2, W. C. Cuss 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. R. Acock 5, J. Hope 6, P. Sergt. G. W. Hastings 7, J. Smith 8. Rung as a farewell to P. Sergt. Hastings who is leaving for Dursley.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday, August 12th, for morning service, 700 Grandsire Triples: W. Steed 1, A. Richardson (conductor) 2, D. Vincent 3, D. Findlay 4, H. Harrington 5, F. Harrington 6, W. Hart 7, J. Draper 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 12th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: C. Lovell 1, Miss G. Manning 2, Rev. J. F. Hastings (Worcester) 3, W. H. Wilson (Dublin) 4, H. J. Goodenough (conductor) 5, C. Edwards (West Ealing) 6, A. S. Medd 7, E. Gar-

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 19th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Double Court: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, J. Chalk 3, H. Dorkin 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. Also a course of Woodbine Treble Bob. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Butler (conductor) 1, V. Glass 2, J. Chalk 3, W. Mellin 4, A. Evers 5, H. Dorkin 6.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The August meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Bishop Auckland and Shildon, and sat down to an excellent tea in the Mission Room of St. Andrew's, Auckland, kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. A. B. Parry Evans), who, unfortunately, was unable to be present, as he was away for his well-earned holiday. The Rev. G. O. Williams acted as host, in the absence of the Vicar. There were ringers present from Holy Trinity, St. John's and St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, Houghton-le-Spring, Tanfield, Chester-le-Street, the Cathedral, Newcastle, and St. George's, Jesmond. A postcard was read from the president, Mr. Storey, from Sutherland, expressing sincere regret to be unable to be present. In his absence the vice-president for the Southern District (Mr. G. W. Park) presided over the meeting, and proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of Auckland and Shildon for the use of the bells, especially to the Rev. A. B. Parry Evans for so kindly providing such an excellent tea.

The Rev. G. O. Williams, who is in charge of the parish in the absence of the Vicar, responded. He apologised for the absence of the Vicar, and said the Vicar will be very pleased to welcome the ringers at any time.

The Rev. G. O. Williams was elected an honorary ringing member, the Rev. A. Brown, of Houghton-le-Spring, a ringing member, and Mr. S. Bryant, of Shildon, who was elected in the belfry previous to starting a peal, had his election confirmed.

This not being a business meeting, there were no minutes to be read, but the certificate for the first place for the six-bell towers for the Sunday service ringing for 1921 and 1923 was presented to Mr. G. W. Park, who received it on behalf of St. John's, Darlington, by the Rev. G. O. Williams. The ringers then adjourned to the tower for more ringing. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. This brought a very successful gathering, in most glorious weather, to a close.

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 the 30th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 23rd, all at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Cross Stone on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: appointment of Branch Sec. for two years. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, 31, Samuel Street, Middleton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, August 25th.—Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, August 25th. Tower open 2 to 8 p.m. Tea (by kind invitation) at 4.45. Service at 6.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Egham on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short Service at 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Daresbury, on Saturday, August 25th, commencing at 3.30.—John E. Ashcroft, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Grappenhall.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Bridgnorth Branch.—The next quarterley meeting will be held at Morville, near Bridgnorth, on Saturday, August 25th. Ringing at 3. Tea at 5, followed by meeting; a good attendance is requested.—W. Hayward, Branch Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—Next meeting at Lower Peover, Saturday, August 25th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Cross Stone, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Appointment of Branch Secretary. A good attendance is requested.—T. K. Driver, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Cam, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on Saturday, August 25th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. I should be glad to receive subscriptions for 1923, which are due.—H. W. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Colston Bassett (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Tea will be arranged for those advising Rev. C. H. N. Ivens not later than August 22nd.—F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes St., Nottingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Weare (near Axbridge), on Saturday, August 25th. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford St., Burnham-on-Sea.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A district meeting will be held at Hursley (8 bells) on Saturday, August 25th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dist. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) ready 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good turn up is requested.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells, which have recently been augmented to 8, will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Messiter, M.A. A tea will be provided (for which a small charge may be made) for those who notify me not later than August 28th.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) available from noon. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 4.30 p.m., in the Vicarage (1/6 each). Will those intending to be present notify Mr. W. A. Hudson, Hemingbrough, nr. Selby, on or before Wednesday, August 29th? Selby Abbey bells (10) also available after tea.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells of St. Cuthbert's will be available from 2.30 p.m. At 4 p.m., a new peal board will be unveiled by the Rector. Tea will be held in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock. Members who intend to be present are asked to advise Mr. H. Tyson, 23 Bungalow, Tanfield Lee, Tantobie, not later than Wednesday, August 29th.—H. Tyson, Sec. Western District; G. S. Taylor, Sec. Eastern District.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Bishops Cannings on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by August 28th.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes, Wilts.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at East Markham (Tuxford Station) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m., Queen's Hotel, at 1/6 per head for those who notify H. E. Page, East Markham, Newark, not later than Tuesday, August 28th. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE, AND THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT, SOCIETIES.—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at Doncaster (Parish Church) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors to make their own arrangements for tea. Arksey bells (8) will be available from 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Chow and H. Walker, Hon. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Great Staughton (6 bells) on September 1st. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the schoolroom, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Ringing from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Millom on Saturday, September 1st, at 5 p.m. The bells (6) available at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Blechley.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bangor on Saturday, September 1st. Service in St. David's Church at 2.30 p.m., followed by meeting and tea. Those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, September 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, August 28th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The next meeting will be held at Pottton on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Butleigh on Saturday, September 1st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells from 2 p.m.—W. Farley, Hon. Sec.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service

at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock; 1/- per head to those who advise me by September 5th. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Our next meeting will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, September 8th, when ringers and friends will be welcomed. Ringing from 3. Tea will be arranged for 5 o'clock for all who kindly let me know by the 4th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Grimley on Saturday, September 8th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The Branch Sec. should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting of the above district will be held at Halesworth (8 bells) on Saturday, September 8th. The bells at Chediston (6) will also be available. Both towers open for ringing at 2 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. C. Lambert, Dist. Hon. Sec., 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bedale on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8, tenor 24 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at Megson's Cafe. Members 1/-, non-members 1/6. Those intending to be at tea must notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday morning's post, September 6th, or will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Otley on Saturday, September 8th. Bells of Parish Church (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head for all who make application to Mr. W. D. Clough, 2, Orchard Street, Otley, not later than first post Tuesday, September 4th. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Bells of Guiseley parish church (8) also available throughout the day.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal with Ambleside on Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready all day.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Jasper, Whitfield, Snowden, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The Bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement. Applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. each), must reach the undersigned not later than first post Tuesday, September 18th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llandilo on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—J. Hammond, Hon. Sec., Garthmor Neath.

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OFF THE BEATEN TRACK.

A very pleasant time was spent on August Bank Holiday by a few members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association, on the southern borders of the county. The first place visited was Longdon, where a peal in seven methods was attempted, but after ringing nearly two 720's the holiday spirit crept in, causing a stand. The Vicar had provided lunch, and afterwards a start was made, an hour in advance of scheduled time, to Forthampton which is in Gloucestershire. Here two local ringers joined the party, and attempted, with success, some of the more advanced methods. The next place of call was Chaceley, the young ringers again taking advantage of the opportunity to ring something out of their ordinary routine. After a stop at a friendly farmer's, Eldersfield was reached, and more ringing done. Mr. H. Price, of Longdon, who is a worthy son of the late Mr. C. Price, well known to the older Black Country ringers, acted as pilot, and also took part in most of the ringing.

The methods rung during the day consisted of London and Cambridge Surprise, Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Stedman Doubles. The party included Messrs. J. J. Jefferies (who was chosen Ringing Master for the day), J. Bayliss, Sidney T. Holt, W. Ransford, C. Camm and R. G. Knowles. These towers all contain some excellent peals of six, the tone being grand, though some need the attention of a bell hanger.

Being situated out of reach of train or bus service, the 'push bikes' were useful.

Bidding good-bye to one of the party at Eldersfield and dropping the pilot on the way, Upton was reached about eight o'clock, when Mr. and Mrs. Camm provided a welcome cup of tea, and thanks are due for their hospitality on this and previous occasions. The band also wish to thank the respective Vicars for the use of the bells, and hope in the future to visit some of them for peals.

LONDON.—On Friday, August 10th, at St. George the Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. H. Keighley 1, H. Winter (first quarter inside) 2, S. Anoye 3, H. Taylor 4, G. W. Harris 5, T. W. Taffender (conductor) 6, T. H. Taffender 7, W. Hardy (first quarter-peal) 8.

ABERDARE.—At St. Elvan's Church, on August Bank Holiday, 504 Grandsire Triples: Geo. Lewis 1, J. T. Williams 2, Wal. Dobbins 3, R. Baird 4, A. Sluman 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, Geo. Roberts 8. Ringers of 1 and 2 from Morrision, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 from Gorseinon, 8 from Aberdare.

LOUGHTON, ESSEX.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: J. Rann, jun., 1, G. Perry 2, W. S. Carter 3, W. H. Hayes 4, E. A. Bacon (conductor) 5, W. Shute 6, G. Carter 7, W. Clark 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1 and 3, and first quarter-peal by an entirely local band for over 20 years.



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PEALS OF THE PAST.

Is it not time that something was done to compile a record of all the early peals that were rung, so far as information is still available? This question is prompted by the reference made in our columns last week to the first peal of Grandsire Triples, the record of which is still happily preserved to us in that tower of many historical performances, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. There are in existence in numerous towers ancient peal boards recording most interesting performances of a bygone age; among the manuscripts now in the custody of the British Museum, and in the old peal books of such societies as the College Youths, the Cumberland Youths, the Painswick Youths and St. Martin's Guild there is a further source of information concerning the doings of early ringers, but hitherto no steps have been taken to bring all this information together. Jasper Snowdon is, perhaps, the Exercise's greatest historian, for in his patient, painstaking, methodical manner, he collected a mass of particulars, much of which he gave to the world in the various ringing books of which he was the author. His work was invaluable, and it is probable that but for his researches ringers generally would know little of the history of their art.

Of a large proportion of the peals that were rung in the first hundred and fifty years of change ringing, no record, of course, remains; but we do think that the time has now arrived when all that can be ascertained of past peal performances should be collected, and brought together into one comprehensive record. Is there not here a really useful and valuable work which the Central Council might do? and what more fitting place for the retention of this record than the Central Council's library? The ringing publications of the last fifty years are already to be found in the library, and they may be taken to cover practically all the peals, at any rate of any note, which have been rung during this period. What we would suggest is that the Central Council should undertake to compile a record, in the fullest detail available, of all the peals, about which information can be got, rung prior to this period. The nucleus could be obtained by extracts from the peal books mentioned, from the museum manuscripts, and from the late Mr. Snowdon's papers. Ringers could then be requested to provide copies of all old peal boards, and others who have the possession of private peal books and records could be asked to help. In this way, we believe, not only an interesting but an almost invaluable history of peal ringing could be compiled. Moreover, it would serve the further purpose of providing a duplicate record of existing ancient peal books and boards, which, though

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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On Tuesday, August 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM... .. 2	...Trebble	JAMES E. GROVES 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2		{A. PADDON SMITH 8
JOHN NEAL 3		ERNEST MANSELL 9
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4		JOSEPH E. SYKES 10
ALBERT WALKER... .. 5		ALBERT E. NORMAN 11
JAMES GEORGE 6		*WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal in twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.]

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

FREDERICK RICHARDSON ...Trebble	PERCY J. SPICE 6
LEONARD MANNERING 2	CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
HARRY N. WAY 3	HARRY PARKES 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES 9
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... 5	HERBERT E. AUCSLEY ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN GOOCH... .. 2	...Trebble	PERCY PARKER 5
GEORGE PRYKE 2		GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
LESLIE BRETT 3		ALBERT A. FLEMING 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4		T. WILLIAM LAST ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DURLING 2	...Trebble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2		ISAAC EMERY 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3		THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
PERCY J. SPICE 4		THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

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On Monday, August 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*MRS. EDWIN J. BROWN ... Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3	WALTER FARLEY... .. 7
ARTHUR PRINCE... .. 4	EDWIN J. BROWN... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Stedman. Mrs. E. J. Brown and Arthur Prince were elected members before starting. Rung on the 2nd anniversary of the wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and the day after the 4th anniversary of that of Mr. and Mrs. Dyke.

SWANAGE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

†ARTHUR PRINCE... .. Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	THOMAS F. KING 6
*CECIL TOMES 3	†SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
EDWIN J. BROWN 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

SOUTHAMPTON.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 22½ cwt.

MRS. EDWIN J. BROWN ... Treble	EDWIN J. BROWN... .. 5
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	WALTER FARLEY... .. 6
THOMAS F. KING... .. 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*THOMAS M. GRIFFEN ... Treble	THEODORR GRANT 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 6
*GERALD F. GRIFFEN... .. 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH... .. 4	GILBERT H. HARDING... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

* First peal of Major. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. J. W. Pemberton, who hails from Erdington, Birmingham; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TRANSPPOSITION OF E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS STELLA DISNEY... Treble	CHARLES H. BRIGGS 5
HENRY WRIGHT 2	CHARLES H. WEBB 6
FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 3	FRED COTTON 7
TOM ATKINS 4	WILLIAM BRIGGS... .. Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

Rung for the 25th anniversary of the augmentation of the bells to a peal of 8 by Messrs. Taylor & Co., in 1898. The 'go' still being excellent. It was also a birthday compliment to Henry Wright.

LONDON, E.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ALBERT W. COLES ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
REUBEN SANDERS 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	HAROLD W. CLARK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

JOSIAH MORRIS ... Treble	MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... 5
GEORGE CLEAL 2	GEORGE S. MORRIS 6
REDBERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 7
SAMUEL COTTON... .. 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

First 'touch' in any Surprise method as conductor. Mr. J. Morris has now rung each bell in this tower throughout one or more peals.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK TUCKER ... Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN... .. 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	JAMES W. LEONARD 6
GEORGE POUND 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
JOHN R. JACKSON 4	*CHARLES F. NEWMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

The above are all members of the Maidstone District. * First peal.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*FREDERICK PAYNE ... Treble	ALFRED TAILBY... .. 5
†MISS ADA DEACON 2	LEWIS KILBORN 6
†FREDERICK KILBORN... .. 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
†SAMUEL BORDITT 4	*ARTHUR MANNING Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells, since the two trebles were added by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. All the band (with the exception of the conductor) are members of the local company. This peal was arranged and rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the ringer of the 4th.

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HENRY J. SELBY ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 6
*RICHARD F. DEAL 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* 15th peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. The ringers of 3rd and 7th were elected members of the Kent Association previous to starting.

WHITTLESEA, CAMBS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

VINCENT E. BUTLER Treble	WALTER G. CROSS 5
THOMAS R. VAUGHAN... .. 2	HUGH BEECHY 6
HERBERT HOARE... .. 3	FREDERICK T. COOKE... .. 7
SIDNEY E. WRIGHT 4	CHARLES T. P. BRICE... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by C. T. P. BRICE.

First peal of Treble Bob by all the ringers except the conductor.
First peal of Major by the ringer of 3rd and first attempt.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JUDD Treble	*FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	GEORGE M. KILBY 6
*ERNEST G. HIBBENS... .. 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON... .. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Superlative. Arranged for Mr. Ernest G. Hibbens, of Cambridge.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*SIDNEY SADLER... .. Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
JOHN AMBLER 2	FREDERICK W. SEAGER ... 6
*ERNEST R. SIMPSON... .. 3	*JAMES R. KEMP... .. 7
*GEORGE ROBINSON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor ; also first peal in the method on the bells.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, TUEBROOK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

*JAMES H. TREANOR Tenor	†JOHN WILKINSON 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
*WILLIAM H. RAWSTHORNE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON 4	*FRANK W. MOORE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method away from tenor. Mr. E. Caunce has now rung the eight bells in this tower to a peal, this being the fourth tower in which he has completed the circle.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS'.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY BARTON Treble	WALTER SCOTT 5
*WILLIAM CHAMBERS... .. 2	WALTER SCOTT, JUN. ... 6
†WILLIAM UPTON 3	JOHN D. MATTHEWS... .. 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	†CHARLES TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal Stedman 'inside.' † First peal Stedman. † First peal. Arranged for Mr. J. D. Matthews, Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 6
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 3	ARTHUR WATKINS 7
JOHN HAYES... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

CRANBORNE, DORSET.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHARLES LOVELL Treble	ELI WATERS... .. 5
*MISS G. MANNING 2	PERCY WITHAM 6
CHARLES R. FORFITT 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
HARRY J. GOODENOUGH ... 4	EDWARD GARRATT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal All except the conductor belong to St. Peter's, Bournemouth.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,

On Sunday, August 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND THOMAS-A-BECKET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRID Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5
WILLIAM J. CROFT 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
ERNEST J. NEWELL 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	HERBERT E. DAY... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

RAINHILL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW, R.C.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb.

*E. GRIFFITHS Treble	H. ASHTON... .. 4
*T. O'BRIEN 2	*J. TIMBLIN 5
*G. MEDDICK 3	J. DONNELLY Tenor

Conducted by H. ASHTON.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles by all the band and on the bells. Rung on the eve of the Patronal feast, also as a birthday compliment to H. Ashton and J. Donnelly.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 23, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Single Court and Bob Minor. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN LUNN... .. Treble	JOHN J. JUISON 4
*CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	WILLIAM TILLEY... .. 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 7 methods. Arranged for Mr. McGuinness, of Lincoln.

CHEDDISTON, SUFFOLK. — For afternoon service, at the Parish Church, touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, Minor were rung with half-muffled bells, as a last token of respect for Mr. Rees Clarke, an ex-service man, who died and was buried during the week, having been an invalid since the late war.

BLO' NORTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

T. STAGG Treble	H. MASON 4
E. HUNT 2	W. EAGLING... .. 5
S. MOULE 3	F. A. SALTER Tenor

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

T. Stagg was elected a member before starting.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 10 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS M. CLARKE... .. Treble	ROBERT BLACK 3
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MATTHIAS HOBBS Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

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On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD.

- ' Higher Peever kettles,
- ' Lower Peever pans,
- ' Knutsford's sweet music,
- ' Rosthern's great drones.'

So runs an old Cheshire ditty, relative to the bells of various churches. Higher Peever has only three, whilst the others have six each, and are in the area of the Stockport branch of the Chester Guild, which held its quarterly meeting at Lower Peever on Saturday last. It is one of those out-of-way places, often heard about, but seldom seen, except by the very curious. The writer formed one of a party which unwittingly, had a circular tour on 'shank's pony.' Inquiries, on leaving the train, elicited that four miles was the distance; two hours after, the 'locals,' whom we asked, were sure it was a 'good four moiles,' and rain was coming down. However, Lower Peever was reached in time for tea, and when this was over some commenced the journey home; those who did not arrived back early on Sunday morning. The person who said fishermen were made had never met those who went to Peever from the Stockport side.

Altogether about twenty-five members and friends were present in, eluding those from the Northwich branch, who were heartily welcomed. Nothing untoward happened at the business meeting. Den-ton was fixed as the place for the next gathering, to be held on Saturday, November 24th. The hon. secretary was thanked for his address in church, and the authorities for permitting the meeting to be held.

Cheshire is famous for its quaint old buildings, but none so effectively rivets the attention as do those of the Black and White, or 'Magpie' style. They are reminiscent of the days when the districts in which they are situated were covered with forests, the wood from these being the cheapest and handiest material for their construction.

Of the 'Magpie' Churches, Lower Peever is considered to be the best example. Originally built in the 13th century and several times restored, it is an interesting and curious ecclesiastical rarity. The interior is almost entirely constructed of oak, black with age, and the wood pillars supporting the roof are roughly hewn. In the Shakerley Chapel there is an oak chest which surely belongs to an age when giants were in the land. Tradition has it, that if a maiden failed to raise its lid and throw it back with one hand, she was not a fit wife for a Cheshire yoman.

The Western tower was built in 1582, the bells were recast and rehung in 1911, by Warner, and are rung from the ground floor. They were well requisitioned throughout the afternoon and evening, in a variety of methods, then the best method home was tackled and successfully accomplished in four hours. Then to bed. J. P. F.

THE FIRST TRUE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In last week's issue you announce, 'August 26th is the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples on record. It was rung in 1718 at Norwich.' The peal board asserts that a 'Mr. John Garthon, who, with long study and practice, have perfectly discovered those intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all ringers in England, it being the first time that it was ever rung true,' etc. Can any of our Norwich ringers supply, through your columns, a copy of the original composition? Jones, Reeves and Blakemore, in their 'New Campanologia,' page 57, say: 'Ever since Grandsire Triples hath been discovered, or practised, 5,040 changes manifestly appeared to view.' Further on it says: 'Hardham, Condell, Annable, etc., exhausted all their skill and patience in this grand pursuit.' Yet seemed convinced that the task 'itself was an utter impossibility, or their united efforts were unequal to it.' Holt's famous one-part peal was performed on Sunday, July 7th, 1751—33 years later than the recorded Norwich peal.

Our ancient 'College Youths' record states that 'Mr. Ben, Annable composed the first peal of Grandsire Triples, containing 194 Sobs and 46 singles,' and yet we must bear in mind Mr. Ben, Annable was contemporaneous with Mr. John Holt. If those leading lights of this noble science failed to discover, in 'their united efforts'—years after the 'Norwich peal'—according to the Gospel of Jones, Reeves, etc., to accomplish a solution of the difficulty, Mr. John Holt's one-part peal, in my opinion, must be accepted as the 'first true peal' of Grandsire Triples.

I hope, sir, that readers of the 'Ringing World' will accept this letter in the same tranquil spirit in which it is written, and that no aspersions will be cast upon any of those 'noble pioneers' of the art mentioned in this letter. Nay, I pay a lasting tribute to the merits exemplified, in imparting to others that brilliancy of talent, emitted through those imperishable monuments, erected to their memory, on tablets, in almost every sacred steeple in England.—Yours, etc., BOB MINOR.

A WEEK-END IN WALES.

(Continued from Page 533).

Bank Holiday, August 6th. Breakfast at 8, peal attempt at St. Mary the Virgin at 9 a.m., so arranged early that we might catch the 1.10 train to Hay. 'Go, London,' resulted in 1 hour 25 minutes ringing. At lunch it was suggested to try again in the afternoon, as a train at six would allow us to reach Clifford. The afternoon's attempt lasted 1 hour 30 minutes. Any further deviation from the programme was not permissible. However, the editor of the 'Brecon Times' was kind enough to suggest, when reporting our doings, our visiting the town again and staying till we did ring it.

There's no accounting for the vagaries of peal ringing. The one performance most needed was, as it happened on this occasion, the only failure, and then at the lower end of the ropes. It is only fair to say that our conductor, 'Bobbie,' was never in better bobbing form. Members of our party brought picture postcards and knick-knacks to take home for 'mother,' before entraining for Hay and Clifford. They quickly regained their holiday spirits amongst the crowds of trippers at the station. With a hearty farewell to and from Mr. Evans, who, it is hoped, will some day attain the distinction of being 'grandfather' of the ringers in Brecon.

The church at Clifford, situated in a lofty tableland, overlooking the famous Golden Valley and the valley of the River Wye, which meet at Hay, two miles distant, is well worth a visit for the scenery alone, and to hear the bells—by Mears and Stainbank, of London—without a peal, true and complete, thrown in as a sort of change ringers bonus. The sound of the bells is nicely regulated by pairs of porches on each face of the square tower. There are no ugly louvres to deflect the sound downwards, and, like the belfry at Llansfagan, ought to be referred to by the Central Council as an object lesson in dealing with noisy bells and towers.

Mr. Hyett met us at Hay Station. Our train being late, he wisely arranged a car to get us up to our tea room quickly, and we retrieved ourselves from reproach by humble apologies to the host and the many friends there to welcome us, and regretting the absence of the Ringing Master of the Hereford Guild. An enjoyable evening was spent, with the Rev. Walwyn Trumper in the chair, and church ladies to attend to our wants and to pour out 'another, please.'

Messrs. Grove, Matthews, Short and Bass rendered their twelve-bell airs to perfection, and courses of Caters 'in hand' delighted the company. Mr. T. Salter proposed the thanks of the visitors to the Parochial Church Council and the Vicar for hospitality, and to all those who had done their best to make the last hours of the holiday visit so happy. The church tower was not visited, but kind permission was graciously accorded our team 'to try London' in the morning, and 'good-nights' were said with some hope of the 'hat trick' being accomplished after all.

On the way to our hotel, 'The Swan' at Hay, we heard several Black Country anecdotes, and our Tom, whose salt had not lost its flavour, had to admit that 'tis the pace that kills. We were way-laid by Mr. and Mrs. Hyett, who had prepared supper for us. The handbells brought down the younger Hyetts, and we were joined by two of the team who rang in the first peal in the new diocese the previous Saturday. Messrs. Rackham and Williams, who had cycled over from Gilwern for the day. And 'so to bed,' as Mistress Peppery would say, at 11.30 p.m., but in our case the landlady was Mrs. Powell, who did not appear to understand why ten men only wanted the 'feather.' Gilwern found them in No. 9. Brum in 5, and Stourbridge in 4, according to the rooms allocated—a house full of ringers, and a parish church adjoining without bells, and that in a busy market town of some importance!

Tuesday, August 7th. 'Yes! yes! Samuel and his seven boys will be along soon! Well now, we will quickly hear the bells, I tell you!' Spoken with the singing voice of a man of Wales, the above words were the only relics of our Western brothers met with. The picturesque costume of the natives was not seen, not even a 'tall hat,' one of which we were keenly seeking to take home with us. Breakfast at 8. Car 8.30 a.m. We gave Mrs. Powell a handbell selection before leaving, and, in return, partook of a Welsh decoction possessing an 8-7-8 flavour—metheglin, a sound tonic for methodmen. Reaching Clifford Church at 9.15, we began business preparations in earnest, and for the fourth time every rope and every bearing was examined by the organiser. An hour of good London found the hand well settled down to their task. The keen eyes cast at each other, as pieces of the method had to be accurately fitted in to time and compass, were never relaxed, and the welcome 'that's all' came at 12.40 p.m.

Once again our kindly host, the Vicar, presided at the board that cheers, a cider luncheon enjoyed and thanks tendered; ever flying time urging us onward. Leaving Whitney-on-Wye at 2.16, we broke the homeward journey at Hereford for an hour, and visited the Church of All Saints. Here we were met by Mr. Gwynne with open belfry, who inquired of me, 'Are you all there?' I ventured to say 'I thought so,' after my experiences of the past few days with the Worcester wasps. Explanations revealed the cause of the question—the Newcastle men, with Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, were to have the bells from 3 to 4 p.m., and our party were mistaken for

Northerners. Unfortunately our train went on at 4.17, and the fraternity of teams from the borders of Scotland and Wales was frustrated by the absence of Mr. Ferry's lads.

W. H. F.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BEDFORDSHIRE RINGERS IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

Through the kindness of the Vicar and churchwardens, the Luton Parish Church bell ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, Aug. 18th, by motor charabanc. A start was made from the 'straw hat town' at 9 a.m., and travelling via Whitwell, St. Paul's Walden (the home of the Duchess of York), and Knebworth, Bennington was reached at 10.30 a.m., after a somewhat exciting journey along the country lanes. The Luton men were welcomed to this world-wide village by the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Mills), and the veteran campanologist, Mr. Samuel Page, one of Squire Proctor's famous Surprise band, who rang a couple of touches with the visitors on the musical ring of eight. A familiar figure, however, was missed by the writer in the person of the late Mr. John Kitchener, who is greatly missed by all at this pretty village.

Bidding adieu to the Rector (who is taking up the art of campanology) and 'Sam,' the journey was resumed at 12 o'clock for Hertford, via Watton. Hot lunch at the Dimsdale Hotel was served in first-class style. During this time a very heavy thunderstorm passed over Hertford, a deluge of rain following for nearly an hour. After lunch an hour's ringing was enjoyed at All Saints' Church, containing a peal of ten. The vergier welcomed the visitors, on behalf of the Vicar (the Rev. T. G. Smith), who, with his ringers, was having an outing at Brighton. These bells go well, but are a little noisy in the ringing chamber. The party next made their way to Barkway, via Ware and Braughing, and were welcomed at the tower by the locum tenens to the Rev. W. T. Stubbs, who was on his vacation, and Mr. W. Machon. The bells, which are a very handy ring of eight, have a grand tenor, weight 16 cwt. As tea could not be obtained in this village, the journey was resumed to Royston, about five miles distant, where at the Bull Hotel a substantial repast was partaken of. All were interested in a young fox of four months old at the hotel. As Royston was not in the programme for ringing, Baldock was the next stopping-place, the ringers being met by Mr. John Cawdell, who welcomed them on behalf of the Vicar. Ringing was indulged in on this fine peal of eight, with a tenor of 28 cwt., from 7.30 to 8.45 p.m. At 9 o'clock tracks were made for 'Strawopolis,' via the Garden City, and Hitchin, Luton being reached about 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable time. The following methods were rung at the various towers during the day: Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Grandsire Caters Oxford and Kent Treble Ten. The members of the Luton band wish to thank the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells and the local ringers for their many kindnesses and welcome, which were greatly appreciated.

A. K.

TOUR IN DEVON.

St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, accompanied by Messrs. Cozens and Young, churchwardens, made a tour of part of Devon by charabanc on August 18th. Leaving at 7.15 a.m. Exeter was reached at 9 a.m., where a brief halt was made. From there the journey was continued to Moretonhampstead, where the Parish Church was visited, and the bells raised in peal, some good Stedman Triples being then rung. The bells are a very musical peal by Gillett and Johnston of Croydon. Chagford was the next place of call, and the ringers were met by the Rector and the foreman of the ringers, who conducted them to the belfry. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung in fine style. The bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford, and they 'go' splendidly. The tenor is about 21 cwt. After leaving Chagford, a most pleasant drive over Dartmoor was experienced, and this beautiful part of Devon was admired by all. The next stop was at Buckfastleigh, where lunch was partaken of at the Golden Lion. The parish church was visited, and some Treble Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung. From there the ringers walked to Buckfast Abbey, the real object of the day's journey. Here they found a peal of twelve bells cast by Messrs. Warner and Co., of London, and hung by Messrs. Aggett and Sons. Owing to the unavoidable absence of several ringers at the last moment only round on the twelve and Stedman and Grandsire Caters could be rung. After the bells had been lowered in peal, the ringers were kindly shown over the Abbey by one of the monks. The Abbey itself can only be described as magnificent, when it is remembered the work has all been done by unskilled labour by the monks themselves. On the homeward journey a halt was made at Ashburton, and the last ringing for the day, a few touches of Stedman Triples was done here. Afterwards the journey was continued to Exeter, and tea was partaken of at Deller's. Taunton was reached about 11 p.m., and everybody agreed the day was one of the most interesting ever spent by the Guild.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of this district, held at Wistanstow on Aug. 18th, was well attended and very enjoyable. The company numbered 27, and the following towers were represented: Bitterley, Bromfield, Clunbury, Leintwardine, Ludlow, Norbury (Cheshire) and Stokesay. The Rector (the Rev. W. D. La Touche) together with the local ringers, welcomed the visitors on their arrival, when the bells were raised, and useful practice obtained in Grandsire Doubles and Triples.

Service was held in church, conducted by the Rector, who also addressed the members, and exhorted them to spare no effort in an endeavour to attain proficiency in whatever they undertook.

The Rector had kindly made all arrangements in regard to the tea, which was partaken of in the Schoolroom. The business meeting was afterwards held, with the Rector in the chair.—Seven full members and one probationer from Wistanstow tower were duly elected.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers assembled, who, if they act upon the sound advice given by the Rev. La Touche, will be of great service to the Guild in the future.

Courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung upon handbells, and also a 720 of Bob Minor in 19 minutes by the following: P. Lane 1—2, G. Randle 3, A. R. Harrison 4, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 5—6. This was the first 720 Bob Minor by ringers of 3 and 4.

Ludlow was chosen for the next quarterly meeting to be held on 10th November, if convenient.

MEETING AT OLD RADNOR.

The summer quarterly meeting of the Presteign and Leominster Districts Branch of the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at Old Radnor on Saturday, August 18th. The proceedings commenced with the business meeting at the Vicarage, the Vicar (the Rev. T. Lloyd) presiding.—One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Pembridge, in November, and combined practice at Dilwyn in September, and Eye in October, the dates to be fixed by the district secretary.

The meeting also passed a vote of sympathy with the parents and friends of Mr. E. B. Fitz-Patrick, a member of the Kingsland band, and a promising member of the Guild, who died last month.

The Vicar and Mrs. Lloyd very kindly provided tea, and attended to the wants of the company, 22 members sitting down. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and his wife for their kindness, Mr. Lloyd expressing his great pleasure in welcoming the visitors, and hoping to meet them all again next summer.

The party then proceeded to the church, a distance of about a mile and a half, where they found other members had already assembled. The bells, a fine ring of six, with tenor about 16 cwt., were kept going till 8.30 p.m. to Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor.

The church, dedicated to St. Stephen, which is situated on a hill commanding a lovely view, and contains a very finely carved screen, is well worth a visit. This was the first meeting held there by the association, and was very successful, members attending from Almeley, Hay, Kington, Kingsland, Knighton, Lyonshall, Staunton-on-Arrow, Stoke Prior and the local band. Handbell ringing was carried on at intervals. The last item of the evening was 'The land of my fathers,' played by four members.

BRIDGEND RINGERS' LONG EXCURSION.

On August 7th, the Bridgend ringers had their annual outing by charabanc. 'Go' was called soon after 7.30 a.m., and after a nice run via Cardiff and Newport, the first stopping-place, Llangibby, was reached. Here a nice handy ring of eight were soon set going to Grandsire Triples. After a look round the church, the party proceeded through Usk, Monmouth, etc. to Ross where they were met by Mr. J. Clark, who had everything in readiness. Short touches of Grandsire were the order, and then an hour's lovely drive brought the excursionists to Hereford. After dinner at the City and County Restaurant, All Saints' Church was visited, and a few good touches brought round. The return journey was made via Abergavenny, where tea was partaken of at the Victoria Cafe. Time would not allow a long stop here, but the journey was again broken at Llangibby, where a pleasant hour was spent with one or two of the local ringers. Bridgend was eventually reached about 12.30 a.m., everyone having had a royal time. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the various clergy for the use of the bells and all who helped to make the outing such a success.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new tower and bells at Rowley Regis are to be opened on Sept. 29th. Mr. J. E. Groves is hanging the bells. It is not too late for ringers who desire to help in this work of restoration to send their contributions to the Rector, or to Mr. A. E. Parsons, Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

The three peals at Poole, Swanage, and Southampton, last week, were rung by West Country ringers, who were staying in the Bourne-mouth district. One other attempt was made, Stedman Caters at Wimborne, but a missed bob put an end to the ringing.

Mr. James E. Groves has added a new treble at Holmer, Hereford, and overhauled the old ring of five bells. The new bell was dedicated on August 24th by the Dean of Hereford.

In our reply to 'Doubtful' last week, as to peals of Treble Bob running true to Bristol, it ought to have been added, that this applies when the tenors are kept together.

The peal of six at Coleshill, Warwickshire, are shortly to be augmented to eight through the generosity of a gentleman, who, for the present, desires to remain anonymous.

Bertram Prewett was killed in action on August 31st, 1918.

The anniversary of the longest peal rung on handbells falls to-day, or rather, it was begun on August 31st, 1912. It extended over part of two days, two weeks and two months, for the bells came round after midnight on Sunday, Sept. 1st. The length was 19,738, the time 9 hrs. 32 mins., and the place—Guildford.

August 31st is also the anniversary of the first ten bell peal in Scotland, which was Grandsire Caters rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, in 1886.

The first peal in Salisbury was rung at St. Martin's Church on Sept. 3rd, 1887.

On Sept. 6th, 1897, a peal of 6,140 Bobb Major Royal was rung at St. Michael's, Coventry, in 4 hrs. 23 mins.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor rung at Willesden on Aug. 14th, which brought Mr. I. G. Shade into the small circle of ringers who have rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus, also completed the quartette for the Middlesex County Association.

Incidentally the peal was Mr. Shade's 1,223rd, and, like 'Charley's Aunt,' he is 'still running.'

THE OXFORD GUILD ANNUAL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As a member of some thirty years' standing, I take at least a speculative interest in the affairs of the Oxford Guild. It appears to me that the members in the more remote parts of the diocese have a real grievance. As was very logically pointed out at the annual meeting, the fact of holding the festival at Oxford one year practically ensures its being held there the next, since the great majority at the meeting are just those to whom Oxford is easily accessible. It is simply in the nature of things that they should continue to vote for Oxford year after year.

That being so, the only way to give the other parts of the diocese a chance is to take a vote by ballot unless the annual meeting could be induced by a strong recommendation from the committee to impose a self-denying ordinance and vote for another centre. But does the rule as now revised preclude an appeal to a ballot next year? It specifies 'the place selected at the previous annual festival,' but it does not define the precise mode of selection—whether by a show of hands or otherwise. As far as I can see, the terms of the rule would be satisfied by a general ballot of all members, the votes being counted and the result declared at the annual meeting, just as well as by a show of hands on the part of those actually present. The old rule required the place to be fixed by the members 'in general meeting assembled,' which implied that only those present could vote, but the rule as since revised simply provides that the selection shall take place at the festival.

It may be of interest to state, what is the practice in the Salisbury Guild, which also covers a wide area. The entire arrangements are in the hands of the committee, and they ensure that all members shall have due consideration by holding the festival at Salisbury once in three or four years, and in the intervening years taking the different districts of Dorset and Wilts in turn. The two cases are not parallel, as the change ringing facilities of Salisbury are not to be compared with those of Oxford—except for Oxford's dearth of eight-bell towers—but the principle might be adopted in a modified form. And the outlying parts of the Oxford Diocese offer greater attraction for ringers now than thirty years ago.—Yours truly,

Kington Magna.

F. LI. EDWARDS.

THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

MORE MUSINGS ON SUNDRY TOPICS.

The question of the meeting-place of the Oxford Diocesan Guild for its annual festival seems likely to lead, not merely to 'strained relations'—it has reached that already—but to actual breaking point, if the matter is not very carefully handled. Knowing something of the feeling which has been growing in Buckinghamshire during the last year or two, I can say this much, that some of the ringers there are smarting under what they honestly consider to be a real grievance, and it is probably because members of the Guild in other parts of the diocese have failed to realise this, that they have, more or less lightly, outvoted the proposal to make the annual festival a 'perambulating' one. I am a peace-loving subject, and I like constitutional methods of doing things; but there are times when it must be realised that drastic action may be necessary, and it is quite obvious that the Wycombeites, and those who think with them, intend to force matters by a step which, once taken, may well prove a serious breakaway for the Oxford Guild.

To be quite candid, I doubt if the majority of those who voted 'Oxford' at the last meeting, fully realised what their action might mean. To them it was merely a case of 'the majority has it,' and they voted as they did because they believed that Oxford is the best centre for the festival. In that they may be right, but the views of minorities cannot always be ignored, and what they are heading for, if they do not look out, is a rival association in Buckinghamshire. I doubt if this possibility occurred to them. Such a split, above all things, would be most regrettable, but members of the Guild in other parts of the diocese ought to be alive to this probable result of persisting in a course which, though constitutionally justifiable, is a source of grievance to a strong section. There is time yet to save the worst, and I have the greatest admiration for the tact of the Master of the Oxford Guild. If there is a way out no doubt he will find it, but it will not do to adopt a policy of drift, in the hope that the feeling aroused will die down with the passage of time.

The letter of the Rev. Herbert Drake last week did several things. In the first place it put my spelling right, although I had only gone astray in the number of 's', and an ending or two, but principally it showed how, even in the enlightened days of the twentieth century, the Exercise can have freak (as well as Greek) words foisted upon it, although, for that matter the progress of twenty years since 'Passallatria' and 'Passallatessera' were coined, has not, apparently, brought men to more rational views, when they can adopt such absurdities in nomenclature as—but, no; let us try to forget them. I tremble, however, to think what abnormalities the Peals Analysis Committee will inflict upon us when they come—if ever they do—to name the hundreds of new Major methods, which, some day, the Council will publish. And that opens up another question: Why the Peals Analysis Committee? The Council have got a Methods Committee; the Methods Committee provided the methods, and why on earth they were not given the task of selecting names for their own productions passes comprehension. A Carpenter may be a good gardener, but it is quite certain that an Analysis Committee makes a poor hand at christening methods.

But I have got rather away from my subject. These words 'Passallatria' and 'Passallatessera,' Mr. Drake tells us, are already and deservedly obsolete. There I do not quite agree with him. That they ought to be, there is no doubt, but their absence of use, I imagine, is more because there are at present no methods practised which contain 'all but three' or 'all but four.' When there are, the legislator who was the originator of these tongue twisters will no doubt pop up and refer us to Clause 3 of Section 4 of the Act—I mean Rules and Decisions—of the Central Council, 1903 or whatever the clause, section, and year may have been, and say that, as it has not been repealed, it must be applied and the New Spring Onion Maximus must be classified under the Passallatessera head to distinguish it from the Surprise, Passallatria and other classes. No, these things do not become obsolete—they just hibernate, and then, when a succeeding generation comes up against a method rung for the first time, someone dives into the archives of ringing (if the original perpetrator has passed beyond the stage of diving) and says 'Here you are, our grandfathers named this a "Passallatessera" method, and we must use that name because of tradition. Moreover, this method does not belong to the vegetable class; it belongs to the zoological group, and as it is obviously a cross between Kangeroo Surprise and Hippopotamus Delight, we ought to call it "Kangerotamus Passallatessera Maximus." That's the kind of thing we do in ringing.

But seriously, Mr. Drake's exposure of the way these terms were adopted goes to prove that we have altered very little for the better, in that respect, at any rate, in the last hundred years. This dog-Greek, or pussy-English, or whatever you like to call it, ought to have no place in ringing terminology, and here is another little job for the Central Council: let them overhaul their rules and decisions and clear out some of these absurdities. By the way, I wonder how many ringers know what the words 'Passallatria' and 'Passal-

latessera' really indicate? Mr. Drake told us what they are intended to mean, and what they really do mean; but what do they convey in ringing? We know our old friends 'Treble Bob,' 'Imperial,' and 'Surprise.' Well, for the benefit of those who have not studied the subject, I may just explain that the 'all but three' and 'all but four' relate to the cross-sections of methods with Treble Bob hunts, and that, just as a Surprise method has a place made at every cross-section and Treble Bob at none, so 'Passallatria' and 'Passallatessera' have places made at 'all but three,' and 'all but four' cross-sections respectively.

There is still a band of ringers within reach of Boston, U.S.A. What a struggle dear old Dr. Nichols made to plant change ringing on the American continent, but how little result did he see for his efforts! True he had round him for the last few years of his long life a limited company of men imported from England, but all his labour to induce change ringing to take root among the Americans themselves ended in almost entire failure. Reading the report of the muffled ringing in Boston for the late President Harding one realises that the American Press knows as little about the subject as do the English newspapers. Apart from the fact that the ringers rang 'Grandsire doubled' (that is not an impossibility, I imagine, though I don't think the Boston men rang Double Grandsire), what amused me most—if one may allow amusement to enter into such a solemn matter as muffled ringing—was to read that these ringers 'had performed the same service many times before at the death of a British king.' Happily British monarchs do not often need muffled peals, and these ringers would have to be fairly old in the teeth if they had rung at the death of more than one British king, seeing that Edward VII was the only king for whom muffled ringing has been done since William IV. died in 1820! But I suppose the American reporter wanted his readers to know that in Boston the ringing was really done by men of experience, and experience gained in ringing muffled for kings sounds more imposing than ringing for common clay—even in a democratic country.

Which reminds me that last week some English reporter must have had his leg well pulled. I was much interested in an article—an instructive article up to a point—published in a London daily newspaper advocating a great carillon for London. It enlarged upon the music which such a set of bells would provide for a vast audience, and described quite accurately the methods of modern tuning. It was in advancing the claims of the carillon as compared with bells hung for ringing that the writer began to get out of his depth, and, while he quite rightly explained that a carillon could be manipulated by one man, where one man was required for each bell when bells were rung in the ordinary way, he went off the deep end when he concluded with the statement that there used to be a peal of twelve bells which required a platoon of sixty men, all engaged at the same time, to ring them. They must have been some bells! I suppose they have been relunged by now, as the writer spoke of them in the past tense; but I think I know one gentleman who, despite the necessity of the platoon to keep the twelve going, would have been quite ready to tackle the tenor single-handed.

CRITICUS.

A REVIVAL IN DURHAM.

INTERESTING GATHERING AT CONSETT.

The proposed attempt at a peal of Grandsire Triples on August 25th, as announced in our issue of August 3rd, had unfortunately to be postponed to a date to be fixed in October, owing to the unavoidable absence of the conductor, Mr. W. H. Barber, of Newcastle Cathedral, on urgent business. However, two of the Cathedral ringers, Messrs. Alf. Hillier and A. M. Hall, had made the journey to Consett, so they advised an attempt for a half peal of the same method. This was accomplished in an hour and 30 minutes, in good style, and conducted by Mr. G. H. Wilkinson, the secretary of the Consett band.

This was Mr. Wilkinson's first attempt at conducting, and every credit is due to him for his pluck and resource. He is of a retiring nature, but has great hopes of adding one or two peals to the credit of the local band before many months are over. He has the making of a capable conductor, which the association is in great need of these times, and it will not be his fault if he does not get his first peal as conductor this year.

It was a pleasant surprise to meet several ringers from the neighbouring towers, and to hear that the prospects of a happy and united body of ringers at Blackhill, Benfieldside and Consett not forgetting Tanfield, were never so bright, and that a healthy sense of rivalry is springing up in the district.

The local band kindly provided refreshments for the visitors, for which they returned thanks, and after a short discussion on future developments the company broke up at 8 o'clock, looking forward eagerly to their next meeting in October.

It is very encouraging to know that the Vicar of Consett (the Rev. W. C. D. Fedden) welcomes these periodical meetings, and throws no obstacles in the way of the association having the use of the church bells to carry on, and further improve the art of change ringing in his deanery.

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

THE PRESERVATION OF ANCIENT BELLS AND TOWERS.

The 46th annual report of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings is a record of a year of valuable work.

Reference is made to the conference on bells and bell hanging which took place between the Society and the Central Council's Committee, and the report adds:—

'For some years before the war the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Central Committee of Ringers misunderstood each other. Particularly was this the case with regard to the treatment of old bells and bell cages and in regard to the material of which new bell cages should be made and the form they should take.

'The agreement resulting from this conference will be most useful, and in proof of this fact we are able to state that it has been adopted by the Central Committee for the Protection of Churches and their Treasures, and by that authoritative body, has been sent to the Diocesan Advisory Committees.'

The following letter accompanied copies of the report of the conference, sent out by the Central Committee:—

'The Central Committee for the Protection of Churches has received from the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings the enclosed memorandum on the conference between that Society and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

'The Central Committee considers it a most valuable and helpful document, and would suggest that all Diocesan Committees should endeavour to make it as fully known as possible by sending it for publication to the Diocesan monthly paper, and the local press at their discretion together with this covering letter.

'In the judgment of the Executive Committee it is desirable to emphasise most strongly the danger that may accrue to our ancient church towers by the addition of more bells, unless they are hung under skilled advice. Ancient towers were not built to contain the more recent type of heavy bell used for change ringing. The great majority of mediæval bells were not only fewer and lighter than those of a later period, but it is highly doubtful if they were ever swung round as in change ringing. It is only now that we are beginning to see the effect of the large number of additions of heavy ringing bells improperly hung and of unsuitably designed frames placed in ancient towers, especially in the nineteenth century. Those concerned with ringing should bear in mind that while some ancient towers can stand such additions there are many which cannot.

'As a general rule it would seem that wooden frames should be used in ancient towers, and wooden headstocks on bells which have canons. Canons should not be cut off, save under most exceptional circumstances and never in the case of a mediæval bell. Experiments with untried materials and methods of hanging should be confined to modern towers.

'The Central Committee would suggest that Diocesan Committees should not advise the granting of faculties for repairs to bells without a definite understanding as to whether or not tuning according to the Simpson or five-tone method is proposed: that no Simpson tuning should be advised on bells dating from before 1700 and only under special circumstances on bells dating from before 1800. No opinion is here expressed on the desirability of tuning new bells according to the Simpson method, though it may be pointed out that technical opinion is by no means agreed as to its merits.

'The Committee would also advise that no agents or representatives of bell founders should be allowed to inspect or report upon bells on their own initiative save in cases where the bells have been rehung by the same firm within the previous five years.

'The Central Committee is seriously concerned by information received as to the condition of certain ancient towers in the country which are of priceless, artistic and architectural value. It is not without reason that they would urge upon Diocesan Committees the desirability of inspecting and watching towers and the need of obtaining reports by competent architects in as many cases as possible.

'No additions or alterations to rings of bells or their hangings should be made without asking the advice of the Diocesan Committee.'

**ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.**

The quarterly meeting of the South-Western Division was held at St. Mary's, Prittlewell, on Saturday. Ringing, which commenced at 3 o'clock, was followed by a service, kindly arranged by the Vicar (Canon Ellis N. Gowing), who gave an inspiring address. Tea, kindly provided by the ladies, was partaken of at St. Mary's Hall, and at the succeeding business meeting, at which the Vicar presided, it was decided to hold the district annual meeting at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, in December. It was also decided to hold a meeting at Woodford, on a date to be arranged by the secretary.

The Master (Mr. A. Prior) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, for the service, and for presiding at the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. G. F. Margetson, and carried unanimously.—Thanks are also accorded to the organist and choir-boys, and to the ladies who helped at tea, and all who assisted to make the meeting a success.

DEATH OF VETERAN YORKSHIRE RINGER.

A MEMBER OF THE 'ALL ENGLAND' COMPANY.

On Monday, August 20th, there passed away another of the old school of change ringers, in the person of Mr. Tom Stead, of Blackmoorfoot Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield. He was a member of what was once known as the 'All England Company of Change Ringers,' and helped to win, among many other prizes eight firsts on both six and eight bells. He was also a member of the Huddersfield Parish Church company for many years, and took part in a non-conducted peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Dewsbury, a record of which was placed in the Parish Church tower there.

Mr. Stead was proud of this feat, as it is recorded by the umpires that no word was spoken from calling 'go' to 'that's all,' which all must agree was a great feat of concentration for the whole eight men who took part.

He was laid to rest in the pretty cemetery at Kirkheaton, and a muffled ringing took place on the village church bells. Included in the company of ringers who took part was the only surviving member of the 'All England company,' Mr. J. Pickering, who is now 86 years of age. He rang the third bell, which was the actual bell on which Mr. Stead learnt to ring 60 years ago.

By trade the deceased was a farrier and smith, and he was followed to the grave by about 50 relatives, fellow-farriers, and ringers.

TWO PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

By GEORGE T. DALTRY.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PONTEFRAC, YORKS.—On Sunday, August 26th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 651 Stedman Caters: J. H. Lenton 1, W. Pearson 2, J. E. Pickard 3, W. Hawley 4, A. Walker, junr., 5, A. Walker, senr., 6, H. C. Walters (conductor) 7, Tom Holder 8, J. Fryer 9, W. Senior 10.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 26th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 360 Plain Bob: W. S. Butler 1, A. Chalk 2, P. Ashcroft 3, V. Glass 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.—360 Cambridge Surprise: V. Glass 1, W. Butler 2, W. Mellin 3, H. Dorkin 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. Also a course of Woodbine Treble Bob.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Butler (conductor) 1, A. Chalk 2, V. Glass 3, W. Mellin 4, A. Evers 5, H. Dorkin 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on August 26th for evening service, 1,239 Stedman Caters: J. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, G. Pullinger 4, A. Cutmore 5, G. C. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, A. Edwards 10. * Long-est touch of Stedman Caters and bells from North Stoneham.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 26th, at the Parish Church of All Saints, Wandsworth, for Church Parade service, 1,280 Bob Major, in 42 mins.: J. Rumley (first quarter-peal with a working bell) 1, E. E. Bish 2, H. H. Mance 3, L. Atwater 4, F. Scivenden 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance 7, H. N. Pitstow (first quarter as conductor) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Aug. 26th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 608 Double Norwich Major: J. J. Symons 1, W. Tate 2, T. R. Taylor 3, J. D. Harris 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr., 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8. Also for morning service, 224 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, E. J. Harding, junr., 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, J. D. Matthews (London) 8.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Dutton (first quarter) 1, G. Elliott 2, J. Buxton 3, E. Roberts 4, C. Smith 5, F. Oliver 6, R. G. Lewis (conductor) 7, E. Green 8. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to G. Elliott.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, 672 Superlative Surprise Major: W. Thorley 1, R. Lane 2, E. Cartwright 3, W. Smith 4, E. Leslie 5, H. Stubbs 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, I. Hutchby 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 26th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Watts 1, W. Prior 2, G. Jordan 3, T. Jordan 4, T. Watts 5, Walter Ayre (conductor) 6.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denys' Church on Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Holder 1, C. Harman 2, F. Hammond 3, T. Holder 4, E. Bishop, senr., 5, O. Brasier 6, W. Rogers (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, W. Holder (first quarter-peal) 8.

OHARING, KENT.—For evensong, on August 26th 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins.: G. Shoehridge 1, W. Henniker 2, W. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Collreay 6.

GRAVESEND.—On August 26th for morning service, at the Parish Church of St. George, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 mins.: J. Avis 1, A. Best 2, A. Constant 3, R. Tall 4, J. Constant 5, R. Smith 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, E. Hadlow 8. First quarter-peal on the new bells.

HORBURY, YORKS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Leonard, on August 26th, for morning service, 720 City Delight: J. Woffendon 1, G. F. Pickles 2, G. Hunt 3, J. Smith 4, H. Rowley (conductor) 5, R. Thickett 6, G. W. Pickles (cover) 7; and for evening service, 800 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Woffendon 1, W. H. Mitchell 2, G. F. Pickles 3, H. Rowley (conductor) 4, G. Hunt 5, F. Lockwood 6, J. Smith 7, G. W. Pickles 8.

IDLE, YORKS.—On Sunday, August 26th, at Holy Trinity Parish Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples, for evening service, Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., by the local company: H. Foster 1, G. Duck 2, F. Davison 3, H. Davison 4, W. Feather 5, F. Kilshaw 6, R. Umpleby (conductor) 7, H. Buckley 8. First quarter-peal in method for ringers of 2nd and 6th. First quarter-peal in method with an all local company. First quarter-peal as conductor.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Thomas and Edmund, 495 Stedman Triples: T. Ward 1, P. Plumley 2, W. Stringer 3, E. F. Stringer 4, W. Kent 5, W. Anker 6, B. Witebell (conductor) 7, J. Seaborn 8. Composed by W. Kent, with all the 5th's, 6th's and 7th's at hand.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at Clifton Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: G. Price 1, W. H. Thomas 2, C. Rawlings 3, F. Tyler 4, W. Hunter 5, J. R. Jones 6, R. Clark (conductor) 7, S. Day 8.

BRIDGEND.—At St. Iltyd's Church on Sunday 19th for evening service, 728 changes of Grandsire Triples: A. W. Wright 1, A. Spradling 2, R. Evans 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6, D. R. James 7, C. Greedy 8.

FINCHINGFIELD.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. H. Hammond 1, H. E. Hammond 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, G. F. Williams (conductor) 5, G. H. Howard 6, H. J. Collins 7, L. W. Wiffen 8. Also 279 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Hammond 1, G. Wiffen 2, L. W. Wiffen (conductor), 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, G. F. Williams 5, C. H. Howard 6, W. H. Hammond 7, H. J. Collins 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 19th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): A. Hornsby 1, F. Lucas 2, A. Mansfield 3, A. Booth 4, Geo. Mansfield 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. Believed to be the first quarter of Minor on the bells by a local band.

PONTYPRIDD.—On Sunday, August 19th, at St. Catherine's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 minutes: J. Hallett (conductor) 1, I. Mitchell 2, F. Thyer 3, E. Mitchell 4, S. Ridgway 5, A. Grey 6, J. Darch 7, F. Neville 8. The bells were raised, rung and lowered in 47 minutes.

BURFORD, OXON.—On August 19th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: C. Cook 1, A. Bishop 2, W. Brunsdon 3, H. Bond 4, F. Soden 5, H. Barrett 6, T. Bond (conductor) 7, G. Parker 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, August 19th, for matins, at the Parish Church, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, W. J. Sadler 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, C. H. Howard 6, W. H. Hammond 7, G. F. Williams (conductor) 8.

WYMONDHAM.—For morning service, on Sunday, August 19th, 560 Bob Major: W. Farrow 1, G. F. Peggall 2, F. Howchin 3, T. Wick 4, W. Wiseman 5, W. Chandler 6, H. Woodcock 7, W. Walker 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: H. Taylor 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, T. W. Taffender, jun., 3, A. F. Neale 4, E. J. King 5, C. H. Kipping, jun., 6, E. Smith 7, R. F. Deal 8.

HOUNSLOW.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday evening, August 19th, in 45 mins., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. F. Ellingham 1, C. J. Tricker 2, A. Price 3, H. Payne 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, S. Stilwell (first for 14 years) 6, J. Milner 7, C. Folly (first quarter) 8.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 19th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Densley 1, F. Grant 2, A. Prince 3, F. C. Rich 4, S. Holt 5, W. Crocker (first of Triples with a bob bell) 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. W. Roberts (conductor) 1, G. W. Frayne 2, E. J. Trimmer 3, A. Cutmore 4, A. E. Bradley 5, P. E. Clark 6, W. E. Garrard 7, C. H. Chapman 8.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, August 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Tribe 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Foster 3, J. Hammond (first in the method) 4, Miss R. Thomas 5, W. Button 6, H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. Blackman 8. First quarter-peal on the bells since being rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

COLESHILL.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Sunday, August 5th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Simmonds 1, F. Clayton 2, T. Goldby 3, C. Dale 4, J. Fifield 5, B. Wittell (conductor) 6. First 720 by treble and 5th ringers.—On Sunday, August 26th, 120's of Grandsire, April Day, Plain Bob and Canterbury: R. Hancox 1, F. Clayton 2, T. Goldby (conductor) 3, T. Davis 4, C. E. Davis 5, W. Simmonds 6.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING AT WITHAM.

A well attended meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Witham on August 18th, when there were ringers present from Braintree, Dunmow, Maldon, Earls Cote, Kelvedon, Broomfield, Great Totham, Black Notley, Greenstead Green, and Hull. During the afternoon and evening various touches were rung upon the bells of the Parish Church, where also a shortened form of evening service was held. The Rev. G. A. Campbell, Vicar of Witham, conducted the service, the Rev. N. Hagger, curate, was at the organ, and Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. (Braintree), Master of the Essex Association, read the lesson.—The Vicar gave a suitable address, in the course of which he emphasised that bells should be rung above all else to the glory of God.

Tea followed at the Church House, where the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (formerly for many years hon. secretary to the Essex Association) and Miss Eyre kindly entertained the ringers.

After tea the Vicar of Witham warmly welcomed the ringers, and at an informal meeting Mr. P. Ashcroft, Witham was admitted a member of the Association.—Mr. C. H. Howard proposed thanks to the Vicar for kindly arranging the service and allowing the use of the bells, to the Rev. N. Hagger for playing the organ, and to the choir boys. He remarked that visiting ringers always had a hearty reception at Witham, where he was pleased to know the church bells were regularly rung for matins and evensong by the local band of enthusiastic ringers. He also thanked the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (who maintained his interest in the Association after many years in office), and Miss Eyre.—Mr. W. H. Dyson, the District Master, seconded, and Mr. Eyre responded.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Upholland on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) ready 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good turn up is requested.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Kingswinford on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells, which have recently been augmented to 8, will be available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, which will be conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Messiter, M.A.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Bells (6) available from noon. Service at 4 p.m. Tea, at 4.30 p.m. in the Vicarage (1/6 each). Selby Abbey bells (10) also available after tea.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of Eastern and Western Districts will be held at Chester-le-Street on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells of St. Cuthbert's will be available from 2.30 p.m. At 4 p.m., a new peal board will be unveiled by the Rector. Tea will be held in the Parish Hall at 5 o'clock.—H. Tyson, Sec. Western District; G. S. Taylor, Sec. Eastern District.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at East Markham (Tuxford Station) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available from 2 p.m. to 9.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE, AND THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT, SOCIETIES.—A joint meeting of the above societies will be held at Doncaster (Parish Church) on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting in the belfry at 5 p.m. Visitors to make their own arrangements for tea. Arksey bells (8) will be available from 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Chown and H. Walker, Hon. Secs.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Great Staughton (6 bells) on September 1st. Service at 4.15 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. in the schoolroom, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, September 1st, at All Saints', Fulham. Ringing from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Millom on Saturday, September 1st, at 5 p.m. The bells (6) available at 2 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Buckingham on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bangor on Saturday, September 1st. Service in St. David's Church at 2.30 p.m., followed by meeting and tea. Those intending to be present please notify me as early as possible.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmore on Saturday, September 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Butleigh on Saturday, September 1st. Service at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells from 2 p.m.—W. Farley, Hon. Sec.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llandilo on Saturday, September 1st. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Business meeting 5.30.—J. Hammond, Hon. Sec., Garthmor Neath.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meetings for September.—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 2nd, 10 a.m.; Mondays, 3rd and 17th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 24th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Islington, N.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on September 4th; Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock; 1/- per head to those who advise me by September 5th. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Our next meeting will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, September 8th, when ringers and friends will be welcomed. Ringing from 3. Tea will be arranged for 5 o'clock for all who kindly let me know by the 4th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Grimley on Saturday, September 8th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. The Branch Sec. should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Madresfield, Malvern.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting of the above district will be held at Halesworth (8 bells) on

Saturday, September 8th. The bells at Chediston (6) will also be available. Both towers open for ringing at 2 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. C. Lambert, Dist. Hon. Sec., 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bedale on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8, tenor 24 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at Megson's Cafe. Members 1/-, non-members 1/6. Those intending to be at tea must notify the Secretary not later than Wednesday morning's post, September 6th, or will not be provided for.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Otley on Saturday, September 8th. Bells of Parish Church (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head for all who make application to Mr. W. D. Clough, 2, Orchard Street, Otley, not later than first post Tuesday, September 4th. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Bells of Guiseley parish church (8) also available throughout the day.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Wheatsheaf Inn at 5 o'clock. Will those intending being present notify Mr. H. Gayton, Harrold, on or before Wednesday, 5th. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14 Newnham Lane, Bedford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at Abbotleigh on Saturday, September 8th, 1923. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—Please notify by September 3rd.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, 8th September. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone, Marshfield, on Saturday, September 8th. Service at 4.45. Meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting of North-Eastern Division of Essex Ringers will be held at Harwich on Saturday, September 8th, when the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Mills, will kindly entertain all members to tea at 5.30. Anyone wishing to attend should advise me not later than Tuesday, September 4th.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham, Preston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Burbage on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (5) available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, 8th September. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Branch Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, September 8th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Wooton on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (5) at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, September 4th.—T. Tebbutt, Dist. Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal with Ambleside on Saturday, September 15th. Bells ready all day.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs., 106, Bank Street, Clayton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available 3.30. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—W. Ayre, Dist. Sec., School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea provided at the Battle Axes Hotel for those who require it, and notify me before September 12th. Business meeting to elect officials for the ensuing twelve months.—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The Bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement. Applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. each), must reach the undersigned not later than first post Tuesday, September 18th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

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And left a trail all bent askew—
A crooked trail, as all calves do,
Since then some hundred years have fled,
And I infer Holt's calf is dead,
Leaving behind a Single.

The trail was taken up next day;
Thurstans' sheep dog passed that way.
Next Tom Day's fine bell-wether sheep,
Followed the trail o'er vale and steep,
And drew the flock behind him, too;
As E. B. James is sure to do,
When he dispenses 'Hot Tom.'

So from that day when peals were made;
Through the wood of figures a path was made;
And many men wound in and out,
And bobbed and changed and dodged about,
But still they followed—do not laugh—
The early pattern of Holt's calf,
Who'd never heard of Q sets.

Holt's forest path became a lane,
Which Vicars and Taylor used again.
Their well-worn lane became a road,
Which Snowdon made a village street,
And this, before men were aware,
Thompson's chartered thoroughfare,
Of countless compositions.

And soon the central street was this,
Of Parker's 'twelve-part' masterpiece,
Composers, through an age and half,
Trode in the footsteps of Holt's calf;
They followed still his crooked way,
With variations day by day,
Trying to improve Holt's pattern.

A moral lesson this might teach,
Were I ordained and called to preach,
For men are prone to go it blind,
Varying the calf-paths of their minds.
They toil away from sun to sun,
The net result has long been spun,
Where's their sense of humour?

All that's required is 'set a seal';
'Originals' no man can steal,
Let's not get up and proudly call,
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And don't let wise old wood-gods laugh,
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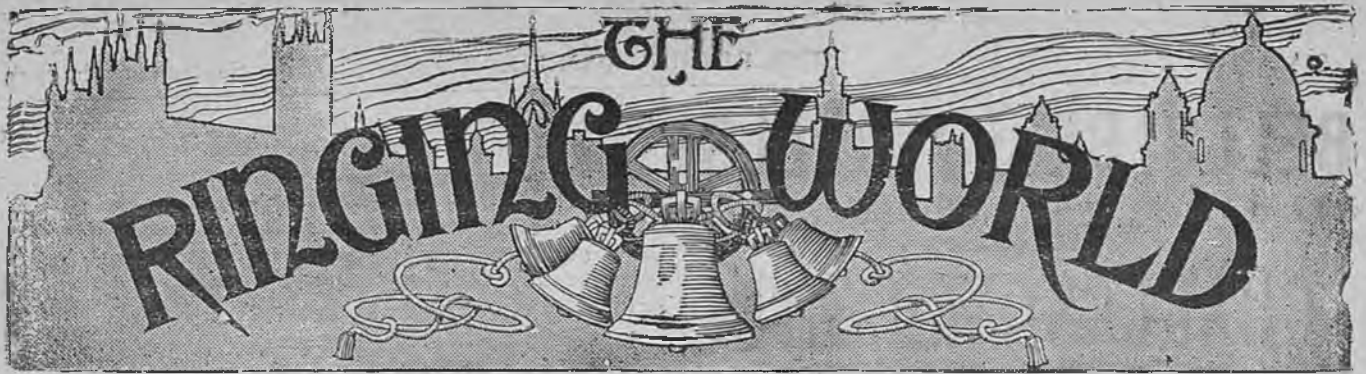
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This solution of the monetary problem is one which most other associations profess to seek, but which few successfully achieve. The clergy in most parishes are sought out, but in the majority of the associations honorary membership is very largely limited to the parsons. If the example of the Midland Counties Association were followed, the honorary roll would be much wider in scope, and, after all, there is every reason why it should be. Personal influence and tact go a long way in these matters, and while every association may not have at its head a President so influential as Alderman Chambers, yet in every parish the ringers ought to be able, either directly or through their incumbent, to bring in their leading Churchfolk. An ordinary appeal coming from an official of an association might have little or no result, but personal approach through local channels is more than likely to meet with success. We have often wondered why some of the associations, whose finances are a source of perpetual anxiety to its officers, do not organise a really active campaign for increasing the ranks of honorary members. The Midland Counties Association has shown that it can be done.

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Tenor 26 cwt.

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JOHN SPARROW 2	ERNEST E. DAVIS 8
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	JOHN W. CORNFORD 9
ALBERT C. V. GROOM... .. 4	GEORGE CARD 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 11
RICHARD BEVAN 6	FRANK SMITH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5929 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 6
WILLIAM J. KEMP 2	CYRIL PEASE 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	ALFRED J. TURNER 9
JAMES E. DAVIS 5	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 77th birthday of Mrs. Goldsmith, mother of the ringer of the 6th, and the peal, comprising 77 times 77 changes, was specially composed for the occasion. It was also a birthday peal for Mr. J. A. Hart.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM FAREY, SEN. Treble	†GEORGE BASHFORD 6
FRED WILFORD 2	†HARRY PETTETT 7
*FRANK ROWLINGS 3	WILLIAM J. ROGERS... .. 8
HENRY KEY 4	FRED HOPPER 9
†THOMAS LAW 5	ALFRED MONK Tenor

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Rung to commemorate the Patronal Feast of St. Giles. * First peal on 10 bells. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters.

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Tenor 31 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	ERNEST BRETT 6
HERBERT LANGDON 2	JAMES SCHOLES 7
HARRY FRANKS 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 8
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GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	PETER CROOK 5
TITUS BARLOW 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 7
RICHARD P. HEALD 4	PETER NUTTALL Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

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JOSEPH MILNER... .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
*MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 4	GEORGE SPENCER... .. Tenor

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* First attempt for a peal of Stedman.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT St. JOHN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

HERBERT LUCAS Treble	FRED RIGBY 5
*ALFRED BLOGG 2	GEORGE BRADLEY 6
COLIN SALISBURY 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER 7
WILLIAM SHARPLES 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by J. THORP. Conducted by WM. LANCASTER.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar (Rev. T. H. Priestnall) who has recently been instituted to the living of St. John's. * First peal 'inside.'

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 27, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES DURRANT Treble	EDWARD EVANS 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
*T. WILFRED TAFFENDER... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge. Arranged for Messrs. Taffender (2) and Evans who were on a holiday.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*HERBERT W. WATTS ... Treble	WALTER PRIOR 5
WILLIAM T. PRIOR 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
GEORGE JORDAN... .. 3	THOMAS J. WATTS 7
HENRY J. TUCKER 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, August 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	WILLIAM STONE 5
GORDON CAUDWELL 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
LEONARD TUPFREY 3	WALTER JUDGE 7
JACK JUDGE 4	JESSE BOWERMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by WALTER JUDGE.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, August 28, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

R. OCKWELL, R.N. Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6
JOHN HAIGH... .. 3	CL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
FRANK BELSEY 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK PAGE Tenor	FRANK BENNETT 5
GEORGE SMART 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by KEITH HART.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 31, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE POVEY Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
GEORGE H. DAYNES 2	COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 4th and tenor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 25 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	*WILLIAM TATE 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 6
*WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... 3	OWEN H. GILES 7
RICHARD PAINE... .. 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER... .. Tenor

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Arranged for Mr. Scott, of Newport, Isle of Wight.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
GEORGE LUNT 2	JOHN WILKINSON... .. 6
EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
CLAUDE S. BENWELL 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to Archdeacon Howson, who, on this day, left the parish for more important diocesan work.

CANNOCK, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor about 16 cwt.

BENJAMIN GODGH Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 5
JOHN PERRY 2	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	THOMAS J. ELTON 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	BERT HORTON Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

First peal on the bells. The band are indebted to the Rev. L. A. Price (Vicar) and Mr. Churchwarden Jackson for their hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

HARMSTON, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE FLINTHAM Treble	JOHN WALDEN 5
HAROLD MARCON... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. LLOYD 6
GEORGE CHESTER 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
CHARLES MCGUINNESS... .. 4	ISAAC VICKERS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal of Stedman.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WALTER ARNOLD Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
JAMES FLEUDY 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 6 and 7.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble	*J. LESLIE WILLARS 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	*ERNEST J. JELLEY 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by H. BROUGHTON.

* First peal of Surprise.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW.—On August 9th, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor: Neale Garraway 1, Trevor Jones (Kington) 2, J. Preece 3, A. Talbot 4, W. Evans (Kington) 5, G. Barker (Ware, Hert. (ordshire), conductor, 6. First 720 of Minor by ringers of 1 and 2.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*SIDNEY SADLER... .. Treble	*WILLIAM BARTON 5
HARRY DAVISON 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY 6
*JOHN AMBLER 3	PERCY J. JOHNSON 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	THOMAS B. KENDALL ... Tenor

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	CYRIL PEASE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 7
WILLIAM J. KEMP 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb.

ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by W. J. GROOM.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

WHITWELL, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, August 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN AND ST. RADGUND,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

E. G. BENSON (ST. CATH.) Treble	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 4
J. BUTLER (FITZW. HALL) 2	E. M. ATKINS (S. CATH.) ... 5
J. B. WOOLLEY (JESUS) ... 3	J. B. WILLIAMSON (TRIN.)... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First on the bells and first tower bell peal of Minor in the island also first seven-method peal of Minor by the Guild.

CHALE ISLE OF WIGHT.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores of St. Simon's, 8 of Plain Bob, 10 of Stedman, 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

E. M. ATKINS (S. CATH.)... Treble	J. B. WOOLLEY (JESUS) ... 3
J. BUTLER (FITZW. HALL) 2	J. B. WILLIAMSON (TRIN.) 4
W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') Tenor	

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

First peal on the bells; first peal of Doubles on the island; also first peal of Doubles by the Guild.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE. — On August 23rd, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., 'Thurstans': A. S. Bayley 1, R. Evans 2, T. E. Abbott 3, W. D. Wase (conductor) 4, J. Hanley 5, B. Rixon 6, J. Garbett 7, A. Garbett and G. L. Hewitt 8. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect and sympathy to Mrs. Howells, wife of one of the sidesmen at the above church, immediately after the interment. The 'whole pull and stand' was also rung.

RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

KENNETH ELLIOTT Treble	ALBAN DISNEY 3
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD... 2	ROWLAND BARROW 4
WILLIAM H. CLARKE Tenor	

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

* First peal of doubles. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rebung.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
*JOHN LARTER 2	GEORGE LEE 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in seven methods.

GRESSENHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE LOVE Treble	WILLIAM B. DUNGAN... .. 4
FREDERICK R. WILBY ... 2	BENJAMIN HAMMOND 5
ARTHUR BERWICK 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

Quickest peal on the bells.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, August 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRED BLACKLEDGE ... Treble	†HERBERT BLACKLEDGE ... 4
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 2	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 5
WILLIAM SHARPLES 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Minor by the Preston Branch.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Oxford, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
*ERNEST BAILEY... .. 2	GEORGE LEE 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in four methods on an inside bell. Quickest peal on the bells.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford and three of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN... .. Treble	AMOS SMART... .. 4
ARTHUR BELLAMY 2	RICHARD DONKLEY 5
JOHN R. MAIN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

The conductor's 50th peal of Minor. Arranged to oblige Mr. H. Chapman, of Manchester, who was spending his holidays in the district.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
*GEORGE KENWARD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
CHARLES TUMBER 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

* First peal in seven methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, August 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
ALBERT E. NORMAN 3-4	*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by A. E. NORMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells and first attempt.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Friday, August 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
IN A RAILWAY TRAIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHN SPARROW 1-2	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 5-6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3-4	*THOMAS NEWMAN 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' This peal, believed to be the first rung in a train, was commenced at Paddington, and completed on the other side of Stroud, having thus been rung in the six counties of Middlesex, Bucks, Berks, Oxford, Wilts, and Gloucester.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, August 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
IN ST. CLEMENT DANES CHOIR VESTRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ODD BOB ONE PART.

HERBERT LANGDON 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5-6
WILLIAM T. COCKERILL ... 3-4	E. ALEXANDER YOUNG ... 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpires: THOMAS BENNEY and CHARLES W. ROBERTS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Benney.

WORKSHOP.—On Wednesday, August 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: W. Roberts 1, Miss A. Taylor 2, G. Hardwick 3, G. Gabbitas 4, A. Johnson (conductor) 5, H. Jordon 6.

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WEEK.

The following peals were rung by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association during a holiday spent in Sunderland by Mr. Reginald D. Marshall, of Deptford, London:

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
† REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	JOHN FOREMAN 8
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3	ALFRED F. HILLIER 9
* EDWARD A. HERN 4	ERNEST E. FERRY 10
RICHARD THOMPSON 5	JOSEPH E. KEEN 11
WILLIAM STOREY 6	A. M. HALL <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARVER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal on twelve bells. † First peal of Cinques. The composition contains the extent of the 5-6's and 6-5's in both positions.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

On Monday, August 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

RICHARD A. GOFTON ... <i>Treble</i>	R. ALDER GOFTON 5
* REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
JOSEPH W. PARKER 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by G. LINDORFF.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Surprise 'inside.'

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

On Saturday, August 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS STEPHENSON ... <i>Treble</i>	ROBERT WALKER 5
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 3	THOMAS H. NAISBY 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Mr. J. J. Leighton has now rung a peal on every bell in this tower.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

On Tuesday, August 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH E. KEEN 5
EDWARD A. HERN 2	ERNEST E. FERRY 6
* REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal in the method, and 25th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Keen.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

On Thursday, August 30, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF S. IGNATIUS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5640 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE S. TAYLOR ... <i>Tenor</i>	* REGINALD E. MARSHALL ... 5
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 2	THOMAS H. NAISBY 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	JOSEPH W. PARKER 7
WILLIAM STORY 4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... <i>Tenor</i>

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of, and on the eve of the golden wedding of Mr. John Naisby (father of the ringer of the 6th), who commenced his ringing career at Sunderland 50 years ago.

AT THE LOUGHBOROUGH CARILLON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

Where are the brave, the strong, the fleet?

Where is our English chivalry

Wild grasses are their burial-sheet

And sobbing waves; their threnody.

O loved ones lying far away,

What words of love can dead lips send?

O wasted dust! O senseless clay!

Is this the end? Is this the end?

Oscar Wilde.

Among the plethora of war memorials throughout the length and breadth of the country, no other stands out in such bold relief as that of Loughborough, Leicestershire. Still in its infancy as a borough town, Loughborough has raised such a monument to its sons who are sleeping their last long sleep in the soil of France, and in other lands, that the whole Press of the nation applauded the action. Known only by its staple industry of bell founding, what better memorial could be devised than a carillon in a tower and a place which become holy ground in its association with those who made the great sacrifice, for so long as the bells remain, so long will their memory be kept green, and rightly so—lest we forget.

At the dedication of the tower and bells on Sunday, July 22nd, never had been seen such a mighty concourse of people in the history of Loughborough, and in all probability, never will again. Chevalier Deunyn, of Malines, Belgium, the reputed premier carillonneur of the world, 'opened' the bells, and continued a series of concerts throughout the following week to the delight of thousands.

It was arranged that the quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association should synchronise with the carillon festival, and it was held accordingly on Saturday, July 28th. Although at all times when held at Loughborough the association can rely on a bumper meeting—the previous best being 250 visitors—on this occasion, no less than 375 sat down to an excellent tea, given entirely free by the generosity of Messrs. Taylor, in honour of the occasion. The Fearon Hall was packed; not an inch of room was wasted and the stairways were called into requisition to accommodate the multitude of ringers that came from all parts of the kingdom, and it is highly probable that this constitutes a record for any ringers' meeting.

After grace had been lustily sung at the close, the business meeting was proceeded with. The chair was occupied by the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.), who was supported by Ald. W. Moss (Mayor of Loughborough) the Mayoress, the Ven. Archdeacon of Loughborough, Mr. Denison Taylor Mr. Pryce Taylor Mr. A. C. Wright, hon. secretary, and other officials of the society.

In welcoming the association to Loughborough, the Mayor paid a tribute to Messrs. Taylor and Co. saying that the carillon might not have become an accomplished fact but for their loyal co-operation, the largest bell of the 47 forming the carillon, and weighing no less than four tons, being their gift, in memory of the sons they had given to the country and lost. His Worship intimating his willingness to become an honorary member, his name was put to the meeting, and carried with acclamation.

The president, as usual, handed in another batch of new honorary members for election, and about twenty ringing nominations were also accepted.

The financial position was commended, and it was decided to invest a portion of the large balance at the bank in £20 worth of War Savings Certificates, these maturing to the value of one hundred pounds in five years.

Grants of three guineas each to the bell funds of West Hallam and Oyston were made, the opinion being that the money was well spent in assisting deserving cases of restoration.

In this connection it may be intimated to other associations that have financial difficulty, that no better way of augmenting their resources exists than the creation of a large honorary members' list, pointing out to them that a portion of the balance may be applied to the relief of necessitous cases of bell restoration.

For the places of next meetings, Bakewell and Ilkeston were decided upon.

Hearty votes of thanks were passed to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for their unbounded hospitality, and this was responded to by Mr. Denison Taylor.—Thanks were also accorded to the ladies present, the Mayoress and Mrs. R. B. Chambers, and to the local branch for their great help in handling the problem of catering.

As may be expected the bells of All Saints were in evidence all the afternoon—and during the business meeting too much so—as were also the bells of the foundry. The majority had come however, to hear the bells of Queens Park, where thousands had gathered to listen to the famous carillonneur, who showed an amazing skill in a varied repertoire, ranging from Chopin's 'March Funebre' and 'The Wedding March' from 'Lohengrin,' to old English ballads.

The carillon has undoubtedly done much to popularise bell music, whether it will affect change ringing adversely remains to be seen.

At present true ringing is a delight to the musical ear, and the 'carillon meeting' at Loughborough will be a day to be long remembered.

W. W.

ANCIENT DURHAM BELLS.

On Thursday August 23rd, a party of ringers from Darlington visited the village of Heighington and rang on the bells of St. Michael's Church, 288 Kent Treble Bob Minor, 120 Bob Minor, 120 Stedman Doubles, 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and a second touch of 288 of Kent Treble Bob Minor; also a course of Grandsire Triples, 120 of Grandsire Doubles, and a 120 of London Surprise Minor on the handbells.—On Saturday, August 25th, 180 Bob Minor and a 360 of Bob Minor were rung, the following ringers taking part: Messrs. W. D. Lister, of St. John's; F. W. Lupson G. W. Park W. N. Park, Roland Park, W. Oliver and F. Cooke, of Holy Trinity, Darlington; Mr. C. S. Burdon of London; and Mrs. Blenkinsopp, J. Beck, H. Hall, of the local band.

These bells are a ring of six, the first three being pre-Reformation bells dating from about 1430. The treble has the arms of the Neville family, and the figure of the Virgin and the Child in bold relief, and the following inscription:—

'O Mater Dia Me Sana Virgo Maria.'

The second and third bells have also Latin inscriptions on them. They were augmented to six in 1883 by the addition of three larger bells cast by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the tenor weighing 15½ cwt.

Two peals have been rung on them, one in seven mixed Minor methods on January 23th, 1896, and one of Surprise Minor in seven methods on January 22nd, 1910, by visiting bands.

'ARRANGED,' NOT 'COMPOSED.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Are not composers, wasting your space when they ask you to publish such peals as those of Stedman Caters by Mr. Daltry, which appeared in your last issue? There are thousands of this class of peal; in fact, Henry Johnson and John Carter have had them for years. By all means let us have original compositions but such peals of Caters as you published last week are merely 'arranged,' and not 'composed.'—Yours, etc.,
ALBERT WALKER.
Birmingham.

THE FIRST TRUE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If the writer 'Bob Minor' consults the late J. W. Snow, don's 'Grandsire,' pages 122 to 125 he will find what he requires, and on page 64 the figures of the peal.

R. G. BLACK.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FULHAM.**

The Southern District of the London County Association held a very enjoyable meeting at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday. The beautiful ring of ten bells attracted a large number of ringers from all parts, including Canterbury, Hillingdon, Croydon, Chiswick, Ealing, Willesden, etc. A number of kindred associations were represented, especially the Middlesex County Association, the secretary of the South and West District (Mr. W. H. Hollier), Messrs. Trollope, Hewett, etc., and last, but not least, a member of the fair sex from Hillingdon being present.

It is very gratifying to notice how members of these associations intermingle at each other's meetings, showing the true brotherhood of the belfry.

The secretary (Mr. F. W. Goodfellow) took charge of the proceedings in the absence of the Master (Mr. H. Mance), who was on holiday. Some good ringing took place, and the following methods were rung: Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Royal.

Mr. J. W. Driver is to be thanked for welcoming the association, and for contributing to make the meeting such a success.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Winchester District of the Guild was held at Hursley by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Husband) on Saturday week. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Major. Tea took place at the Club Room, near the church, the Vicar being in the chair. Members were present from Dibden, Romsey, Ringwood, Portsea, North Stoneham, Southampton, Winchester, St. John's, Hillingdon and the local band.—Apologies were received from Mr. Geo. Williams, Mr. Pullinger, and Mr. W. Andrews.

Three probationers from the local band were elected members.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the local band for having everything ready.—The Vicar, replying, said he hoped that some of those present would come over to Hursley and score the first 5,000. If they did he would place a board in the tower recording the event.

Afterwards the bells were kept going till 8.15. The annual meeting will take place at Southampton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, due notice of which will be given in the 'Ringing World.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Our leading article last week brings us the information that Mr. W. H. Fussell has for nearly forty years been collecting information with regard to old peals. He has extracts (kindly handed to him by Mr. R. A. Daniel) from the British Museum records of the London Scholars and the Union Scholars, and he has procured particulars of the early peals of the principal London and Birmingham Societies, as well as the peals of Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal; James Barham, of Leeds, and William Rayner, of the Isle of Wight.

Here, then, the Central Council have a splendid opportunity of securing what we suggested last week by making Mr. Fussell their official peal historian.

Occasionally there is a joke against ourselves, and we can laugh with those who laugh at us. Most of our readers noticed the recent advertisement for a set of handbells, 'tenor 15 cwt.,' and many humorously pointed out the obvious mistake. Now we have got into 'Punch,' whose terse comment is 'Hefty fellows, these campanologists.' After all, it is something to have added to the gaiety of the nations.

Secretarial posts are usually difficult to fill, but two nominations have been received for the post of ringing secretary to the Lancashire Association, and the members will have to make their choice when they meet at Kendal on Sept. 15th.

For a youth of 15, Wilfred Taffender's performance last week was not a bad one. He cycled the 75 miles from Camberwell to Ipswich, and rang a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, within the space of 13½ hours, finishing off the evening by taking part in touches on handbells.

A few of the old Sussex boys are arranging to get together for a ringing week in mid-October, making Brighton the centre.

We have been requested to ask our readers if there is any possibility of ascertaining where and when the first six-score of Grand-sire or Bob Doubles was accomplished.

It is said that Mr. I. G. Shade, having now retired from business, is contemplating taking up ringing in earnest. By George!

A peal of Bob Triples, in which John Holt took part, was rung at St. George's, Southwark, on Sept. 9th, 1750.

An old tablet in the belfry at St. Mary's, Coddensham recorded the fact that 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.

This peal is presumed to be Garthon's peal of Grandsire Triples, to which reference was made in a recent issue.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Major in Wales, was rung at Llangollen, on Sept. 13th, 1907, conducted by the late Bertram Prewett.

RICHARD F. DEAL'S 150 PEALS.

Mr. R. F. Deal, despite a lengthy sojourn in Australia and service overseas in the war, has several interesting performances among the 150 peals which he has completed:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Minor (3 methods)	1	1
Grandsire Triples	10	9
Stedman Triples	48	6
Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	21	9
Double Norwich Major	15	
Cambridge Surprise Major	2	
Superlative Surprise Major	4	
Grandsire Caters	1	1
Stedman Caters	25	2
Double Norwich Caters	1	
Double Norwich Royal	1	
Forward Royal	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	1
Stedman Cinques	8	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	1
Total	150	31

The Stedman Cinques include the record (12,675) at St. Saviour's, Southwark on Whit Monday, May 21st, 1923; also a peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, London on Feb. 13th, 1909, in honour of the 90th birthday of the late Dean Gregory. The Cambridge Maximus was the first to be rung in the Metropolis, at Cornhill, on January 28th, 1911.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Every member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild must feel that your article devoted to the subject of the Guild's annual festival and the publishing of the letters from Mr. Twilchen and Mr. Edwards, will greatly assist the desired end of obtaining equal privileges for all. My certificate of membership is No. 305 dated June 14th, 1882, and I call to mind the year previous when the East Berks and South Bucks Society joined forces with the Oxford Society thus forming the Diocesan Guild. Now, Sir, I would ask members to peruse any report of the annual meetings, held during its existence, successively in the various places in Berks, Bucks and Oxon, and discover any reason for not continuing that procedure. On the contrary, they show how successful they were because of being recognised as part of a valuable Guild operating in the whole diocese. If this is not the case, I am open to correction. Therefore, as loyal members let us see that common rights be enjoyed so that the Guild may continue to flourish as of old.—Yours sincerely,
J. W. WILKINS.
Hughenden Road, High Wycombe.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH DISCUSSES FESTIVAL MEETING-PLACE.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Buckingham on Saturday, when quite a large gathering attended representing the following towers: Bletchley, Beachampton, Calverton, Emberton, Linslade, Maids Moreton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Great Horwood, and the local ringers. The bells, a grand peal of eight, were set going at 2.30 p.m. until 4 p.m., when the members adjourned for tea. After this had been partaken of the secretary (Mr. W. Sear) reported that he had no special business to bring before the meeting, but a general discussion took place with reference to the work of the branch, and various opinions were expressed on the controversy that had arisen in the other part of the county in regard to holding the annual festival of the Guild at Oxford each year. It was hoped that some satisfactory arrangement would be arrived at without causing any ill-feeling throughout the various branches that all helped to uphold the tradition of the Oxford Guild.

The Secretary said that he did not wish to voice his personal opinion on the matter until he knew what was actually going to take place, but whatever happened he would have to do what the members wished whether it was in favour of the annual festival being always held at Oxford, or in the three counties, Oxon, Berks and Bucks, respectively, each year.

After the discussion, a presentation was made to Mr. W. Sear in recognition of his services to the branch as secretary for nearly 10 years. The gift was in the form of a sum of money, and the presentation was made by Mr. W. Smith, of Newport Pagnell, in the absence of the chairman (the Rev. L. Moxom).

The Secretary, in accepting the present, said how glad he was to receive a small remuneration, but what he appreciated most was the action of the members rather than the value of the present, because it showed that what he had done in the interests of the branch during the past had been done to the satisfaction of its members and that he would continue to try and serve them to the best of his ability. While such loyalty continued amongst them he felt sure that the North Bucks Branch would always be one of the prominent branches of the Oxford Guild. It was the hearty co-operation that he received from all towers that had built the branch up to what it was, consisting of 29 towers in union with a membership of nearly 200.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to all those who helped to make the meeting a success.

A short service was afterwards held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. C. T. Naters), and further ringing took place the methods rung varying from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION AT HENFIELD.

A very successful meeting of the Central Division was held at Henfield on Saturday, August 26th, when close on 60 were present. Ringing commenced at 2 and continued until 4.45, when all assembled at the Parish Hall, where a most generous tea had been provided by the Misses Dixon Brown at which they presided, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman), the Revs. B. J. Boodle (curate), C. P. Williams (Vicar of Ditchling), F. G. Beddard (Vicar of Burgess Hill), and the churchwardens.

The usual business meeting followed, and was mostly of a routine nature. The following were elected members: George Mansbridge, Hurstpierpoint; Stafford H. Green and John S. Goldsmith, non-resident; the Rev. F. G. Beddard (Vicar of Burgess Hill), hon. member.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Misses Dixon Brown for their great kindness in providing tea, and for their presence; the Rev. B. J. Boodle for conducting the service in the absence of the Vicar; and

the Vicar of Ditchling for his eloquent address. The Vicar of Burgess Hill also assisted at the service.

A collection for the benevolent fund amounted to £1 2s. 4d. Ringing was then resumed until 8 o'clock, Superlative, Cambridge, London, Bristol, New Cumberland and Yorkshire Surprise being amongst the methods rung.

The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Bolney, Heene, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint, Lindfield, Shipley, Shoreham, Steyning, and independent and non-resident members were also present.

The best thanks of the association are due to the Henfield branch, who made such excellent arrangements, and worked hard to make the meeting a success.

A PEAL IN THE TRAIN.

CUMBERLAND YOUTHS' NEW RECORD.

A unique performance appears in our peal columns this week, the Cumberland Youths, while travelling down from London to Painswick upon an excursion, having rung a handbell peal in the train.

There have, we believe been previous attempts by various handbell parties to achieve this, but never with success, one such effort, we recollect, having been extinguished through the train running into a tunnel.

As will be seen from the footnote, the peal last Friday was begun at Paddington, and finished after the train had passed Stroud, having thus been rung in six counties, viz., Middlesex, Bucks, Berks, Oxford, Wilts, and Gloucester.

A peal on the sea and peal in the train have been rung: When may we expect to read of a peal in a travelling motor-car or a flying aeroplane?

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.

PLEASANT WEEK-END IN SUSSEX.

As recorded elsewhere, a peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Lewes on Saturday, to celebrate the 77th birthday of Mrs. Goldsmith, of Southover, a lady well known to a large number of ringers who have visited the tower there from many parts of the country. There have been bells at Southover for over two centuries; and for something like a hundred years succeeding generations of Goldsmith were ringers at this tower. Mrs. Goldsmith has been a worshipper at the church for over fifty years, but her connection with it has been even more intimate than that of an ordinary member of the congregation, for it is here that she was married, and, after the death of her husband in 1884, she carried on for sixteen years the duties of parish clerk, which office her husband and his father before him had long occupied. Few outside the actual ranks of ringers have surpassed her interest in ringing, with which her family have been so closely connected, and it was, therefore, not without fitness that her birthday should be honoured by a peal.

The band was gathered from a wide area, a contingent from London and beyond making the journey by road. 'Elizabeth,' with the main party, left the Monument at 1 p.m., but the traffic out of the Metropolis, and obstructed roads about Croydon, put a curb upon her paces, with the result that the County Town of Sussex was not reached as soon as was anticipated. This party, consisting of Messrs. G. K. Pye (Romford), C. T. Coles (Walthamstow), C. Pease (Chelmsford), J. E. Davis (Westminster), and I. G. Shade (Greenwich), found the rest of the company awaiting them in the tower, the band being completed by Messrs. R. J. Dawe and A. J. Turner (Lewes), W. J. Kemp (Clapton), J. A. Hart (Uckfield) and J. S. Goldsmith (Woking). Without waste of time on preliminaries, except to elect to the Sussex Association those who were not already members, the bells went off into Stedman Caters, and came home at the end of 3 hrs. 53 mins. of excellent ringing, the peal, specially composed by the Woking member of the party, consisting of seventy-seven times seventy-seven changes. This number was considered the most fitting, in the absence of sufficient time to ring what was originally spoken of, namely, 7777. And here it may be added that the composer, who learnt to ring at this church, desires to express his thanks to the band, and especially for the assistance given by Messrs. R. J. Dawe and C. T. Coles in making the arrangements. Incidentally the peal also formed a birthday celebration for Mr. J. A. Hart, and it is the longest peal on ten bells rung in Sussex.

After the peal the ringers had 'high tea,' at which they were waited upon by Mrs. Goldsmith, and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith and Mrs. Kemp (who was touring with her husband) also joined the party.

On Sunday morning there was a full muster for service ringing, courses of Bristol and Cambridge Surprise Major, and touches of Stedman Caters, in which some of the local men took part, being rung.

In the afternoon, 'Elizabeth' went off loaded above her recognised capacity, over some hilly Sussex roads. But she behaved well, and brought her cargo safely to Heathfield, where a capital peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung, and concluded a quite enjoyable week-end's ringing.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ACROSS THE BRISTOL CHANNEL.

On August 25th, St. John's ringers, Cardiff joined with the All Saints ringers, Newport, for their annual outing, when Ilfracombe was visited. Together with several of the wives, they crossed the Bristol Channel, and a nice trip was made, the few who were rather upset soon making amends on reaching terra firma. On arrival, the party were met by that genial Ilfracombe ringer, Mr. R. Dadds, who had made the necessary arrangements for lunch. Time was rather limited, which did away with any speech-making, and tracks were made for the Parish Church, where the bells were quickly raised and sent off into changes. After several touches a hasty move to the street below, where a charabanc was waiting to take the visitors to Coombe Martin, and the drive was much enjoyed. A hearty welcome was received at Coombe Martin, and at once the bells were requisitioned, and found to be a light musical ring of eight recently installed. After all had tried their hand, the return journey was made through the picturesque village back to Ilfracombe. A sharp thunderstorm was encountered, but did not mar the spirits of those who had made the trip. Time would not permit of a stay to sample the ring of six, which shortly, it is stated, will be increased to a ring of eight. The steamer was again boarded, where a fine spread was done justice to on the way back. Home was reached in good time, after a thoroughly good day's outing, and opportunity is now taken of thanking Mr. Dadd, for his kindness, and to the incumbents for the use of the bells.

EALING RINGERS' RIVER TRIP.

On Saturday, August 18th, the ringers of the above-named church (strengthened by several friends from London) held their annual outing, which this year took the form of a river trip, ringing being a secondary thought. The party, 18 in number (with a suspicious-looking hamper), left Ealing by the 9.30 a.m. train, and arrived at Maidenhead at 10.15 a.m. No time was lost in reaching Boulter's Lock, where a steam launch was boarded en route for Caversham. As soon as the company had settled down the contents of the hamper were revealed, and also greatly appreciated. During the journey, handbells were brought out and good practice put in. Henley was reached at 2 p.m., and here the party went 'ashore,' and made their way to the Little White Hart Hotel, where arrangements had been made for dinner. Time was limited, and at 3 p.m. the launch was again making its way up river, the scenery, which was magnificent, being greatly admired. Caversham was reached at 4.30 p.m., and having gathered up all the 'dead' ones, a move was made to the Central Cafe, Reading, for tea. Mr. J. R. Mackman joined the company here, and later piloted the ambitious ones to the tower of St. Laurence's, where two touches of Stedman Caters were brought round. A move was then made to St. Peter's, Caversham, where, through the kindness of Mr. R. T. Hibbert, the key of the tower was obtained, and a touch of Stedman Triples rung. After light refreshment, steps were turned to the station, and Ealing reached at 9 p.m., thus ending a day long to be remembered by all who had the pleasure of taking part in it. The band take this opportunity (through 'The Ringing World') of thanking the Rev. W. Fothergill Robinson for the very great privilege extended to them, the Vicar of St. Peter's, Caversham, Mr. J. R. Mackman, and that good friend, Mr. R. T. Hibbert for their kindness and the trouble taken in making the day such a great success.

WICKWAR RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 11th, the Wickwar (Glos.) ringers had their outing, accompanied by the Rector and a few friends. Starting at 8 a.m. by charabanc, in delightful weather, the first stop was made at Marshfield, where the party was met by Mr. Lewis the local captain. After touches of Doubles and Minor, with tenors covering, a move was made for Bradford-on-Avon, through pretty country. The 'go' of the eight bells here was disappointing, the dry weather having affected the wooden frame. After ringing some unnamed 'Surprise' in an attempt to raise them in peal, short touches of Doubles and Minor were rung on the front six. Proceeding to Trowbridge, which was reached at 12.15, dinner was found to be ready. This over, the party was met by Mr. Sam Hector, who after showing them over the tower and pointing out objects of interest, helped to raise the splendid ring of ten. The 'go' of the bells was 'topping'. A move was then made for Westbury, where the eight bells, were 'it' absolutely, and were only left at 4.30 with many expressions of regret. Up to this time the time-table had been kept almost to a minute, but owing to the majority of the party desiring to go to Chippenham by the longer but prettier route, which took them close under the Westbury White Horse, Chippenham was reached much later than the scheduled time. After a meat tea it was intended to visit both towers, each with a ring of eight, but time would only permit a pull at the Parish Church. Here, thanks to the help of the

locals, the best ringing of the day was indulged in, touches of Stedman and Grand sire Triples and Bob Major being brought round in fine style. Chippenham was left about 8.15, and home reached just before 10 o'clock, everybody having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The ringers, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells, and to the tower keepers and others for so kindly meeting them and having everything ready, which to a great extent was responsible for making the outing so enjoyable and successful.

NATAL'S FIRST LADY RINGER.

WEDDING AND PRESENTATION AT DURBAN.

On Saturday, August 4th, at St. Mary's Church, Greyville, Durban, the wedding was solemnised between Mr. Alec. Booth and Miss Mary Hume, who was the first lady ringer in Natal, and probably in south Africa. After the ceremony the ringers 'fired' the bells 21 times (the bride's age), and rang a merry peal.

On Thursday, August 9th, a pleasant social evening was spent at the residence of Mr. Simpson, leader of St. Mary's Guild, the occasion being a presentation to the bride, by the St. Mary's band, of a handsome dinner gong in the form of a church bell, mounted on a beautifully polished teak stand, and suitably inscribed, the inscription reading as follows: 'Presented to Miss M. R. Hume (first lady ringer in Natal) on the occasion of her marriage, August 4th, 1923, by her fellow-ringers of St. Mary's, Greyville.'

The whole of the work entailed by the making of the present, with the exception of the inscription, was done by members of St. Mary's Church.

Mr. Simpson, who made the presentation on behalf of the ringers, said he hoped that now she was married Mrs. Booth would not be lost to the tower altogether. The bride, in responding, thanked the ringers for their present, and said it was not her intention to leave them altogether.

Songs and musical items were rendered by Miss Daisy Wright, Miss Olive Clements, Miss Clarkson and Miss Enid Prickett.

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A PEAL WITH DOUBLE BODS.

By E. H. DEXTER.

The following is the composition rung at the Bell Foundry, Loughborough, on May 6th, 1922, and is interesting from the fact that it is the greatest number of changes ever rung in Superlative Surprise.

23456	S4	B	W	3-4	H
4c200					
53462	x				x
36524	x				x
62345	x				x
24653	x				x
24536	x				x
65324	x				
43265	x				
52643	x				
36452	x				
53246	x				
25346					A
32546					A
54326					B
35426					A
43526					A
52436					B
23564	x				x
36245	x				x
64352					
64523	x				x
35264					x
42635					x
56342					x
42356					x
63542					x
25463					x
34625					x
56234					x
34256					x
25456					C

The first 5-4 is 5th's from the front, treble leading, followed half a loc. later by 4th's from behind, treble in 8th's.

The 2nd 5-4 is 5th's from behind treble in 8th's, followed in the next half lead by 4th's from the front, treble leading.

59 of the 60 course ends and 56 each M and W, have tenors together.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for morning service, 608 Bob Major: E. Dumper 1, G. Williams 2, G. Pulinger 3, C. J. Fray 4, W. G. Edwards 5, E. Collins (Ringwood) 6, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 7, C. H. Giles 8.

READING.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 53 mins.: L. T. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, G. Wheeler 3, G. Cook (first quarter in the method) 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Egby 6, H. Osborne 7, J. F. Barnes 8. All the above are service ringers at St. Giles.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins., also a touch of Bob Major: W. H. Hollier 1, E. J. Walsom 2, C. Edwards 3, E. Harris 4, P. E. Clark 5, F. W. Townsend 6, A. E. Macdonald (conductor) 7, P. S. Palmer 8. Arranged for the ringing of the 6th who was on a visit from Poole, Dorset, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Langdon.

MARKET DEEPIING.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 2nd, for evening service, 720 of Primrose Surprise Minor: H. Hayes 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, A. Riggall 3, W. A. Day 4, Jos. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for evensong at the Church of Our Lady and St. Nicholas, 680 Grandsire Cinques: W. Fisher 1, A. Bacon 2, E. Jones 3, C. Benwell 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, F. Gilmour 6, E. Bumphrey 7, J. Martin 8, W. H. Pickett 9, A. P. Knights 10, J. E. Sykes 11, E. Counce 12.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—For evening service, on Sept. 2nd 216 Stedman Triples a course of Kent Treble Bob Major and a course of Grandsire Triples, the local band being assisted by Mr. E. Yates and T. Tompkins, of Stony Stratford.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Rummery 1, O. Waghorn 2, W. A. Penfold 3, K. Pattenden 4, J. Powell 5, W. Freeman 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Batchup 8. Composed by the late G. Watson, of St. Leonards, and arranged for W. Freeman of Lincoln, who is working at Benenden, Kent, for a few months; K. Pattenden (Rye), and F. Rummery (Teynham).

FEERING.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. C. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for morning service 447 Grandsire Triples: C. Corner 1, E. Landon 2, S. Cordall 3, F. Wilford, Northampton (conductor), 4, T. Hurd 5, J. Prophet 6, P. Shucker 7, W. Degg 8.

NUNEATON.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sept. 2nd 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: D. H. Argyle 1, E. Martin 2, F. Wilford (Northampton) 3, E. Stone 4, W. Horton 5, A. Wilkerson 6, J. P. Clarke 7, T. W. Chapman (conductor) 8. Also 416 Double Norwich, and a bob course of Stedman.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Law 1, T. Smith 2, B. Guy 3, G. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope 6, L. Stillwell (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. Arranged for the ringers of 2nd and 7th, who hail from Windsor.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor, in 44 mins.: Geo. Mansfield 1, A. Mansfield 2, Fred Lucas 3, J. M. Gray 4, A. Booth 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for morning service, 467 Grandsire Caters: A. Pyc 1, L. Pyc 2, E. D. Smith 3, J. Waghorn 4, A. Prior (conductor) 5, F. Newman 6, H. Hayden 7, A. Baynes 8, J. Moulé 9, T. Joyce 10.—For evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Theobald 1, A. Prior (conductor) 2, J. Scholes 3, G. Hayden 4, A. Scambler 5, A. Baynes 6, E. D. Smith 7, T. Joyce 8.

PORTISHEAD.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: C. O. Grievos 1, Miss G. Broad (first quarter-peal) 2, Miss A. Stokes 3, Miss D. Willett 4, E. Goldstone 5, Miss G. Dobbs (conductor) 6, W. Gillingham 7, J. Nisbet 8.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. E. Garrard 1, G. Brown 2, A. J. Berry 3, G. Kemp 4, E. F. Poppy 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6. The above was rung to oblige W. E. Garrard, of London, who was on a short holiday.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 26th, 360 Bob Minor: G. Balls 1, G. Clarke 2, W. Leggett 3, D. Elliott 4, E. Leggett (conductor) 5, F. Clarke 6.

OLVESTON.—On August 26th, for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Samsion 1, F. G. Cooper 2, S. Poole (first quarter-peal) 3, F. L. King 4, W. A. Lewis 5, E. Hayward 6, R. Brough (conductor) 7, J. Hancock 8. R. Brough hails from Croydon, S. Poole from Thornbury, the rest from Berkeley.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evensong, at the Parish Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. H. Hobson (first quarter-peal) 1, F. G. Woodiss 2, W. H. Joiner 3, J. Howes 4, W. S. Smith 5, O. W. R. Grimwood 6, R. I. George 7, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 8.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On August 26th at St. Mary's Church, 720 Plain Bob: Harry Billings 1, Alice Wheeldon 2, C. Bowen 3, Alice Preston (conductor) 4, Wm. Wheeldon, junr., 5, Wm. Fradley 6.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, August 26th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for morning service, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. Howard 1, J. Greasley 2, E. Parry 3, A. Sparks 4, T. Rogers 5, J. Griffin (conductor) 6. Also for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Lloyd 1, J. Greasley 2, E. Parry 3, T. Hammond 4, T. Rogers 5, J. Griffin (conductor) 6. This is the first occasion on which two different extents of Surprise have been rung for service on the same day in Wirral.

WIGGENHALL ST. MARY, NORFOLK.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, on Sunday, August 26th: A. Wick 1, H. Baker 2, C. Donald 3, I. Emmerson 4, W. Rose 5, F. Rose (conductor) 6. First 720 on the bells for over 20 years. The bells need the attention of the bell hanger very badly.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sunday August 26th, 720 Bob Minor: H. C. Mulford 1, W. E. Napper 2, J. Butler 3, W. Hitchman 4, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 5, R. G. Rice 6. Also 120 Stedman Doubles, and touches of College Single and Oxford Bob.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 26th, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Goodenough 1, Miss M. A. Butler 2, W. E. Napper 3, J. Butler (conductor) 4, W. V. Webb 5, T. East 6, R. G. Rice 7, W. Warwick 8. Also another 504: W. A. Goodenough 1, T. East 2, W. E. Napper 3, J. Butler 4, W. V. Webb 5, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 6, R. G. Rice 7, W. Warwick 8.

RINGER'S ESCAPE FROM DROWNING.

PLUCKY RESCUE BY HIS WIFE.

A cool head and courageous effort by Mrs. Elsie Hairs, saved the life of her husband, Mr. Frank I. Hairs, while bathing near Surfleet a week or two ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hairs went for a swim, and while in the water Mrs. Hairs noticed her husband in difficulties. Swimming rapidly to his assistance she was just in time to prevent him going down for the last time. By almost superhuman effort, she dragged him to the side of the river, and her calls for assistance were answered by two men at work not far off. By the time they arrived, and were able to pull Mr. Hairs on to the bank, Mrs. Hairs herself had almost reached the point of exhaustion. Mr. Hairs was soon brought round again, and is happily no worse for his unpleasant experience. He undoubtedly owes his life to his wife's plucky rescue, Mrs. Hairs being an excellent swimmer. The accident was witnessed by their only child, who was on the river bank.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

CHESTER-LE-STREET TOWER REOPENED.

St. Cuthbert's Church, at Chester-le-Street, the ancient and now growing town about midway between Durham and Newcastle, dates from the 11th century, and is on the site of the original wooden church built about 885. For some months the fine peal of eight bells have not been rung owing to repairs being required at the base of the spire, but these repairs have been almost completed and to celebrate the reopening a joint meeting of the Eastern and Western Districts of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held there on Saturday last. Members attended from Darlington, Shildon, Tanfield, Gateshead, Sunderland, and Houghton-le-Spring. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major and Bob Major were rung, and during the afternoon the Rector (the Rev. Dr. F. H. Jackson) dedicated a very handsome peal board, commemorating the first peal rung by a lady member of the association. The peal referred to was rung on May 13th, 1922, being 5,056 of Kent Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 17 minutes, the treble being rung by Miss Ada Donnison a member of the local band. The board has been made to match three others, already erected, and was supplied by Mr. J. Thompson builder, Chester-le-Street, the beautifully carved canopy being added by Mr. F. Sheraton, the secretary of the branch.

Tea was partaken of in the Parish Hall, and the Rev. A. W. Lister, of Tanfield, on behalf of the members, thanked the Rector for his kindness in inviting the association, and the local members for the hearty welcome received.—The Rector, in replying said he hoped that many such happy meetings would be held there in the near future.

Mr. James Anderson expressed, in a few well-chosen words, the thanks of the Ringers' Guild to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness in providing the very handsome addition to the belfry which had been unveiled that afternoon. Ringing was kept up until a late hour.

NOTICES.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, September 8th. Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6 o'clock. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—Our next meeting will be held at Sunbury on Saturday, September 8th, when ringers and friends will be welcomed. Ringing from 3. Tea will be arranged for 5 o'clock.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A practice meeting of the above district will be held at Halesworth (8 bells) on Saturday, September 8th. The bells at Chediston (6) will also be available. Both towers open for ringing at 2 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—F. C. Lambert, Dist. Hon. Sec., 54, Thorofare, Halesworth.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bedale on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (8, tenor 24 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at Megson's Cafe. Members 1/-, non-members 1/6.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Otley on Saturday, September 8th. Bells of Parish Church (8) available throughout the day. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 per head. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Bells of Guiseley parish church (8) also available throughout the day.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Harrold on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the Wheatsheaf Inn at 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14 Newnham Lane, Bedford.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Horley on Saturday, 8th September. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m. All ringers cordially invited.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Peterstone, Marshfield, on Saturday, September 8th. Service at 4.45. Meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—A meeting of North-Eastern Division of Essex Ringers will be held at Harwich on Saturday, September 8th, when the Vicar, the Rev. E. A. Mills, will kindly entertain all members to tea at 5.30.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Eccleston on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham, Preston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Burbage on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (5) available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, 8th September. Bells (8) available from 3 o'clock.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Branch Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, September 8th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Wooton on Saturday, September 8th. Bells (5) at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—T. Tebbutt, Dist. Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A district meeting will be held at Lymington on Saturday, September 8th. Bells from 3.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—G. Preston, Dist. Sec., Christchurch.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on September 11th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available 3.30. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—W. Ayre, Dist. Sec., School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea provided at the Battle Axes Hotel for those who require it, and notify me before September 12th. Business meeting to elect officials for the ensuing twelve months.—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, September 15th. Bells of St. James' (8), and St. Andrew's (8) available. Service at St. James' at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 (free to members who produce their receipt for current year's subscription, non-members 2/-), at the Church House, Bull Ring, for those who notify Mr. W. H. Heyhoe, 18, Legsby Avenue, Grimsby, by the Tuesday previous.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, September 15th (8 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at Beale's Cafe, price 1/3 each. There is a late train leaving Royston

for Hitchin and London at 9.25 p.m. A good attendance is respectfully requested.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Halesowen on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30, business meeting to follow. Election of officers takes place at this meeting. Will all those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, September 11th?—A. J. Skelding, 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The September meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bramley on Saturday the 15th.—The new peal of bells will be available for ringing after the dedication by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Knaresborough. Tea will be provided free for all those who make application to Mr. J. W. T. Holgate, 50, Westover Road, Bramley, not later than September 11th. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Lais-terdyke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal with Ambleside on Saturday, September 15th. Kendal bells (10) available all day; Ambleside (8) until 1.30 p.m. 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church, Kendal. 4 p.m. tea in Parish Hall at 1/6. 5 p.m. meeting. Will those intending to be present at tea kindly advise Mr. W. Atkinson, 8, Wildman Street, Kendal, not later than Wednesday, September 12th?—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield, Dist. Sec.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus (6), on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15. Those requiring tea should send their names to me by Tuesday, Sept. 11th.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton, Devon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Limington, near Ilchester, on Saturday, September 15th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should give early notice to F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton Regis on Saturday, September 15th. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—A practice meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, September 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. All ringers heartily invited.—Chas. E. Fisher, Hon. Dist. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A special meeting will be held at Gretton (5), on Saturday, September 15th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Harringworth (6) available after tea. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, September 11th.—R. G. Black, Dist. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, September 15th.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September.—St. Clement Danes, Monday, 17th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 24th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Islington, N.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, September 22nd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Sept. 15th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement. Applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. each), must reach the undersigned not later than first post Tuesday, September 18th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Association will be at Bake-well on Saturday, 29th September.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Meltham on Saturday, September 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each to those who send word on or before Monday, Sept. 24th, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—L. Hargreaves, Sec., 30, Bankfield View.

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CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, September 15th.—Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by 12th inst.?—W. Bott, Hon. Dist. Sec., Guilsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Hugglescote on September 15th. Bells (8). Ringing at 3 o'clock.—J. Saddington, Dist. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. F. A. Salter has removed from 28, Newtown, Thetford, to St. David's, Derby Road, Nottingham.

CAERLEON RINGER'S BEREAVEMENT.

We regret to record the death of Herbert Watts, son of Mr. George Watts, of Caerleon, Mon. Mr. George Watts is a regular service ringer at the parish church, and the bells were rung muffled on Saturday, August 11th as a mark of respect. The deceased was at camp at Porthcawl with the Monmouthshire Territorials, and was seized with neurisy on August 4th, and passed away suddenly on the 7th. He was interred at Caerleon Churchyard on Saturday, Aug. 11th. The sympathy of all ringers will go out to the parents and family in their sad loss.

A 'SPLASH' IN THE NORTH.

The young London ringer, Reginald D. Marshall, made quite a 'splash' when at Sunderland for a fortnight, not only in the sea at Roker, although he did a deal of that, but in the way of peal ringing. Six attempts were definitely arranged, and of these five were accomplished. The other, Cambridge Royal at North Shields, could not be started for, owing to the late arrival of the pair from Sunderland. However, some good ringing was done on the bells, including 720 of Cambridge Royal. A further attempt was made to get a bob and single peal of Stedman Triples, but was not successful. In addition to peal ringing, Mr. Marshall did three Sunday's service ringing at St. Ignatius, including touches of Superlative and Cambridge Major, Stedman Triples, and a quarter-peal of Double Norwich.

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PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John-the-Baptist, on August 28th 672 Superlative Surprise Major: Miss Kathleen Jutson 1 Miss Phyllis Hare 2, Miss Olive Lumley (Leeds) 3 J. Carman 4, W. Cross 5, T. Vaughan 6, F. Cooke 7 C. Brice (conductor) 8.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 11th, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 720 Double Court Minor: B. Witchell 1, F. Clayton 2, H. Argyle 3, T. Chapman 4, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 5, A. Roberts 6. Also touches of Double Oxford and 'Christmas Eve.'

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service at the Parish Church, 665 Grandsire Caters: R. W. Watts 1, F. Edwards 2, F. W. Bond 3, J. King 4, W. G. Cook 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond 7, G. Dore 8, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 9, W. Peachey 10.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Edwards 1, R. Edwards 2, W. G. Cook 3, W. C. Cuss 4, H. R. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, F. J. Lewis 7, W. Peachey 8. Mr. R. Edwards was on a visit from Tenterden, Kent, and Messrs. Acock and Hope are from Fairford.

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THE COUNCIL AND ITS DECISIONS.

A correspondent this week endorses the suggestion made by our contributor "Criticus," that the time is more than ripe when the Central Council should overhaul its so-called "Rules and Decisions," and with this, we think, most ringers will agree. The early resolutions passed by the Council were embodied in one of their publications, which is still on sale, but, as the Rev. H. Drake points out, this booklet contains no record of the Council's doings in the last twenty years or so, so that, despite one or two supplementary pamphlets that have been published, members of the Exercise who really wish to know what the Council have done, or to consult their ruling on any point raised in recent years, have very little, if any, possibility of finding out, except by searching the files of the ringing press. It would hardly be fair to the Council to say that these years have produced nothing to place on record, and their "decisions," however few, ought to be available, as Mr. Drake says, to all who desire to have them. Under present conditions we doubt if even the Hon. Secretary could say what the Council has resolved on any specific point without making an exhaustive search of the minutes. From time to time the Council have adopted reports of its committees containing recommendations, and have passed resolutions of general importance to the Exercise, but all these, since about the year 1903, lie buried in the archives of the Council. Moreover, it is, we believe, a fact that some of the "decisions" arrived at years ago, need serious revision in the light of more recent knowledge, and it is therefore high time that the Council brought this part of their work up to date.

When originally formed, the Council came into existence largely upon sufferance, by which we mean that it was started and maintained by the united goodwill of the associations. Its value to the Exercise has now been established, and despite the view held by some as to its lack of usefulness—an opinion for which the Council cannot hold itself blameless in the past—without the Council the Exercise to-day would be like a ship without a rudder. But there is no question that the Council have been slow to keep ringers in touch with what they have been doing. It was not until we agitated for action that the Council took any step to bring its proceedings officially before the affiliated societies; and certainly upon all subjects appertaining to ringing, on which the Council has come to any decision, ringers ought to have at their disposal an up-to-date and concise reference. Perhaps the Council, when next they meet, will see that something is done in this direction, and we would also suggest that they should, at the same time, adopt some scheme to keep ringers acquainted with the contents of the library.

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WINCHESTER, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHUN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lb. in C.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	FRANCIS E. DAWE 7
THOMAS A. TAFFENDER 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 8
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 9
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES BULLOCK 10
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

This is the first peal on twelve bells in the county, and also the first peal on twelve-tower bells by the Winchester Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM FAREY, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 6
FRED WILFORD 2	HARRY PETTITT 7
*FRANK ROLLINGS 3	WILLIAM J. ROGERS... .. 8
HENRY KEY 4	FRED HOPPER 9
†THOMAS LAW 5	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON.

Conducted by W. J. ROGERS.

Rung to commemorate the Patronal Feast of St. Giles. * First peal on ten bells. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. (This is a corrected report of a peal published in our last issue).

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*GILBERT WAY Treble	*RICHARD TAYLOR 6
EDGAR GUISE 2	FREDERICK W. WADE 7
EDWIN J. BROWN 3	HENRY T. HOWELL 8
ALFRED PEARCE... .. 4	HENRY J. WAY 9
GILBERT PEARCE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal.

ROCHESTER, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

F/SGT. F. A. HOLDEN ... Treble	*FRANK BELSEY 6
*THOMAS BEAUMONT 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
*JOHN HAIGH 3	†WILLIAM HAIGH 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 9
CHARLES WINSER 5	*CHARLES NORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED A. HOLDEN,

First peal on the new bells, the harmony of which is a masterpiece of modern bell tuning. * First peal on ten bells. † 150th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	HORACE STUBBS 6
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
*G. STEDMAN MORRIS 3	MAJ. J. H. B. HESSE 8
JOHN SADDINGTON 4	JAMES S. HUTCHBY 9
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 5	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, August 29, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 4	JOHN AVIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH
DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, August 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	T. W. TAFFENDER, JUN. ... 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
ROBERT HARDY 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK R. HOUNSELL... Treble	FREDERICK PAGE 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	GEORGE FAULKNER 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM WATTS... .. 4	*JOHN DEARLOVE... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung after meeting short for Cambridge, Mr. Hounsell kindly taking the vacant rope at the last moment. * First peal in the method.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. in A flat.

GEORGE H. SPICE Treble	SAMUEL TAYLOR 5
STANLEY B. DOBBIE 2	THOMAS JULL 6
CL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT... 3	WILLIAM NYE 7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 4	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by W. SPICE, SEN.

First peal on the bells since the addition of two new trebles by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT... .. Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 2	FREDERICK PAGE... .. 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... 3	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
WILLIAM R. DRAGE 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

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IN ST. HUGH'S TOWER, AT THE CATHEDRAL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

E. M. ATKINS (ST. CATH.) Treble	J. B. WILLIAMSON (TRIN.) 5
CANON BAKER (CLARE) ... 2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 6
J. BUTLER (FRITZWM. HALL) 3	J. H. R. FREEBORN (CLARE) 7
*REV. R. H. WHITFORD (PEM.) 4	REV. C. W. C. JENKYN (TRIN.) Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method.

FARNWORTH-BY-BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK F. RIGBY Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 5
WILFRED GRUNDY 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
FREDERICK GRUNDY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
PETER CROOK 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Dr. Kershaw, who had been interred that day. The ringer of the treble hails from Westhoughton, 2nd and 3rd from Worsley, 4th, 5th and 6th from Bolton, 7th and tenor from Walkden. Great credit is due to the treble ringer who only commenced to ring about nine months ago, and rang his first touch in the method on the 18th ult.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS LAW Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5
FRED WILFORD 2	BERTIE O. SODEN 6
*HARRY BAXTER 3	GEORGE BASFORD 7
*FRANK ROLLINGS 4	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, September 7, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

†FREDERICK F. RIGBY ... Treble	*RICHARD FISHWICK 5
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 2	ARTHUR SEWART 6
EDWARD EDWARDS 3	PETER CROOK 7
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 4	*GEORGE TYSON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. F. F. Rigby hails from Westhoughton, the remainder are service ringers at the above church. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vice-President, Mr. John Potter, of Walkden.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	FRANK BENNETT... .. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... 2	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 6
ROBERT J. DAVE... .. 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
ALBERT H. WARD 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 7
*HARRY M. HAWKWOOD... 4	EDWARD V. RODENHORST... Tenor

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

Rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival. At the conclusion of the peal the band were kindly entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Perry. * First peal of Major.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE ADDISON Treble	ERNEST LANDON 5
†HAROLD EDWARDS 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
*ARTHUR PEAKE 3	ARTHUR ALLMAN 7
WALTER LONGMAN 4	ALBERT ASTBURY Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. Mr. A. Allman has now rung every bell in tower to peals of Triples. The ringers of treble and 3rd were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	HARRY PRICE 5
JOHN BASS 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
*WILLIAM GIBBS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 4	WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman, also the first peal on the bells since being augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles by Mr. J. E. Groves, Birmingham, the 'splice' being excellent.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in F sharp.

*STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST... .. 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 2	*DANIEL COOPER... .. 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL... 3	*JAMES E. COOPER 7
ROBERT A. FARDON 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

ω First peal of Treble Bob as conductor, to whom it was rung as an 18th birthday compliment. * First peal of Treble Bob.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

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

*MRS. C. HAZELDEN Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
GEORGE COOK 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 6
JOHN BRAMS 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. * First peal in the method.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN A. GODFREY Treble	WILLIAM E. BASON 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE MAYERS... .. 7
ROBERT HARDY 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, also by the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	WILSON RUSHTON 5
PERCY E. CLARK 2	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... 6
GEORGE R. FARDON 3	ALFRED B. PECK 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Arranged for the Rev. A. Simpson, of Stockton-on-Tees.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARCHIBALD C. KAY Treble	SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 5
DAVID HODGKIN 2	HENRY C. CASTLE 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER... .. 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
LEWIS NEWMAN 4	PHILLIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. WATKINSON Treble	F. CARDWELL 5
*A. HILL 2	†W. H. DALE 6
†J. C. TAYLOR 3	§H. TAYLOR... .. 7
†H. REVILL 4	J. GARTH Tenor

Composed by C. MARTIN.

Conducted by J. GARTH.

Arranged for 2nd and 6th, and 4th ringers, from Tickhill and Ordsall, respectively. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. H. Dale, father of the ringer of the 6th, and a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. Parker, sister of ringer of the 6th. * First peal. † First of Major. ‡ First in Method. § First away from Treble. First peal as conductor.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	HARRY R. ROPER 6
JAMES DURRANT] 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
JAMES ROSE 4	FREDERICK GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

GUILDFORD.—On Thursday, Sept. 6th, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. A. Etheridge 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, W. Sheppard (conductor) 3, E. Raddon 4, G. Tomsett 5, C. Hazelden 6, S. Radford 7, G. Petter 8.

TUNSTALL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.		Tenor 9½ cwt.	
EDWIN G. BUESDEN Treble	CHARLES W. BRETT 5	WALTER V. WEBB Tenor	EDGAR HUMFREY 4
FREDERICK G. BRETT 2	WILLIAM E. PITMAN 6	JAMES BUTLER 2	*FREDERICK WOODWARD 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 3	WILLIAM SPICE 7	†WALTER HITCHMAN 3	†RICHARD G. RICE Tenor
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 4	THOMAS JULL Tenor		

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, September 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

*JOHN HOPE Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	*SIDNEY R. HICKS 6
*WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
*WILFRED G. COOK 4	EX.-SGT. J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

* First peal of Major. Arranged for Ex-Sgt. J. Williams, of Newent. The ringer of the 7th hails from Worcester.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 9, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SAMUEL WARNE Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	JAMES FLEDY 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
†WALTER ARNOLD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method, and first peal of Major away from the treble.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, August 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*ERNEST PRICE Treble	CHRIS BOWERS 4
CHARLES LAYTON 2	E. WILLIAM TURNER 5
DAVID HORNE 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after the wedding of Mr. A. C. Rayner-Wood, late Headmaster of Eton, and Miss Holland; also as a farewell peal to the Rev. Stoke-Vaughan (an hon. member of the Guild) on his resigning the living.

DICKLEBURGH NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 22 six-scores of Grandsire and 20 six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ARTHUR BLAXCELL Treble	GEORGE BARRETT 3
CHARLES CATCHPOLE 2	ALPHAEDS J. BERRY 4
WILLIAM STEGGALL Tenor	

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

This is the first peal by A. Blaxcell, who was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting. Also A. J. Berry's first peal of Doubles; first peal with an inside bell by G. Barrett, and first peal in two methods on the bells. A. Berry and A. Blaxcell belong to Thornham Magna.

HARWELL, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt. in E.

†WALTER V. WEBB Tenor	EDGAR HUMFREY 4
JAMES BUTLER 2	*FREDERICK WOODWARD 5
†WALTER HITCHMAN 3	†RICHARD G. RICE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

First peal of Minor as conductor. * First peal 'inside.' † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells, which are believed to be the oldest ring of six in England.

WENDEN AMBO, ESSEX.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*STANLEY BROOKS Treble	JESSE WEBB 4
†MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	†HAROLD J. HAZELL 5
PERCY WEBB 3	ARTHUR G. LILLEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY WEBB.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
GEORGE LEE 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Miss Williams, organist and choir trainer, and a great church worker for many years, in the evening following the funeral.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 1-2	GEORGE W. SIEFRE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. A. H. PULLING.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. N. Burdock (of the Holy Trinity Society) and Miss K. E. Pangbourne.

SHIPLEY YORKS. — On August 28th, touches of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Superlative Surprise Major were rung to oblige Mr. T. Carter, of Oxford, who was spending his holiday at Ilkley, Yorks. The ringers taking part were: H. Foster, W. Feather, F. Davison, H. Davison, F. Kilshaw (Idle) J. Broadley (Bradford), Rayner (Ilkley), T. B. Kendall, H. Haigh, H. Hutley and E. H. Simpson (the local company).

STAFFORD. — On Wednesday, August 14th, for combined practice, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: J. J. Taylor 1, F. Birks 2, T. Perry 3, A. G. Hunt 4, E. F. Mitchell 5, F. Haggis 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, W. G. Curtis 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the 3rd, 6th and tenor. The ringers of 3rd 4th and 7th belong to Brewwood, 2nd to Penkridge, 5th to Wolverhampton, and the rest to the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. G. Hunt. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells since rehanging.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL BELLS.

FIRST PEAL ON THE RING OF TWELVE.

The first peal on the ring of twelve bells at Winchester Cathedral was rung on Saturday last, by a band gathered from a wide area. The first twelve-bell peal in a tower is always something of an event, and when to this is added the fact that that tower is the belfry of a Cathedral, and that no other twelve-bell peal had been rung in the county or on tower bells in the whole diocese, the interest in the performance at any rate for those taking part, is greatly enhanced. So when the band coming from Hampshire, Surrey, London, Somerset and Birmingham, turned their faces towards the ancient city, which for many hundred years played an important part in the history of this country, it was with high hopes and keen desire for success. Rail, motor and cycle brought the ringers to the point of concentration, and the picture of the old-world town, with the massive grey pile of the Cathedral bathed in the sunshine of a glorious September morning, and rising in all its impressive grandeur from the centre of the city, as the view burst suddenly upon the eye on rounding a shoulder of the hills above Winchester, is a memory that will long remain with the writer.

But the tower and not the view was the objective, and about eleven o'clock the band were welcomed in the great old belfry, reached by tortuous stairs and narrow passages, by Mr. Elkins, the Dean's vergier. A start for the peal was eventually made at 11.30, but after a quarter of an hour the tenor rope slipped wheel, and put an end to the attempt. Another start, and the same thing happened with less than two courses rung. The prospect of a peal, gloomy after the first incident, looked almost hopeless the second time, but nothing daunted, and with a bare four hours in which to ring, a further attempt was made. Course after course slipped by, with nothing untoward to mar the ringing, and eventually after 3 hrs. 55 mins. Mr. F. E. Dawe had the satisfaction of calling 'This is all' to the first twelve bell peal at Winchester, as he had done nearly forty years ago on June 13th 1885, to be exact, to the first peal on the old eight bells. Mr. Challis Winney, it is interesting to note, also took part in both peals.

The band take this opportunity of tendering their grateful thanks to Mr. J. W. Elkins, the courteous and ever-obliging Sacristan and Dean's vergier, for obtaining permission for the peal and also for the excellent arrangements made by him for a substantial meal afterwards near at hand.

Subsequently, in the lovely summer evening, Mr. F. E. Dawe piloted some of the party to the various places of interest and beauty in this delightful and historical old city including King Alfred's statue, the much-admired Mayor's Recreation Gardens, with the many streams of crystal-like water, together with the old ruins and grounds, with its more modern structure of Wolvesey Palace. Then they paid a hurried visit to the Dean's garden, from which the finest view of the grand old Cathedral is obtained. Here the conductor thanked the ladies present who were interested in the ringing, and caused a message to be conveyed to the Dean, thanking him for granting permission for the peal, and expressing best wishes for a speedy recovery from his present indisposition.

A walk along the side of the River Itchen, flowing through the peaceful meadows, amid pretty surroundings, and by the College playing fields, brought the party to the ancient and stately structure of St. Cross, where, although after closing time, they had the good fortune to encounter the Reverend Master, who at once, with the aid of a private key, kindly allowed the visitors to go round this most interesting and imposing pile.

The bells of Winchester Cathedral are a mixed lot, and originated, presumably, in a heavy peal of six cast by Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel Foundry, in 1734. To those Thomas Lester, his successor, added two trebles in 1742, making a peal of eight. At different times the treble, fourth and sixth were recast by Robert and James Wells, respectively, of the Aldbourne foundry. In 1891 the tenor was cracked and recast by Mears and Stainbank, who, in the following year, added two trebles to make a peal of ten, one bell being given by the citizens of Winchester and the other by the Winchester Diocesan Guild. The old fifth, cast by Phelps, became cracked in 1903, and was recast at Whitechapel. In 1921 two more bells, cast by Gillett and Johnston were given by the Winchester Guild as a memorial to the members who fell in the war.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reference to Immanuel and Lancashire Surprise, No. 22 is the method I named Immanuel, and No. 24 is Lancashire.—Yours,
C. SHARPLES.

Blackpool.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT EAST MARKHAM.

The autumn meeting of this Society was held at East Markham on Saturday last. East Markham is a considerable and pleasant village on a declivity $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north of Tuxford. The church is a neat Gothic edifice, with chancel and side aisles, and a lofty embattled tower, containing six sweet toned bells, the two trebles having been added by Taylor and Co. in 1905. There is also a commodious ringing chamber. The church, dedicated to St. John-the-Baptist, has several ancient monuments and armorial paintings of the Markham, Cressey, Meering, and other families. Sir John Markham, who was knighted by Edward IV. and made Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench in room of Sir John Fortesque, was a native of this parish, and lies interred in the chancel under a tomb which bears the date 1409. He was as learned and as upright a judge as ever sat on the Bench and Fuller calls him and his predecessor 'the two Chief Justices of the Chief Justices for their singular integrity, for though one of them favoured the House of Lancaster, and the other of York, in the titles to the Crown, both of them favoured the house of justice in matters betwixt party and party.' When Sir Thomas Cook, Lord Mayor of London was arraigned for high treason, on a charge of having supplied Margaret of Anjou with money during the War of the Roses his life and lands were saved, by Judge Markham directing the jury to find it only misprison of treason. This so offended Edward IV. that the honest Chief Justice was ousted from office and lived privately during the rest of his life.

The place being easy of access, by road or rail there was some surprise at the small number who attended, but the day being fine, the ingathering of the harvest and two other ringing meetings in the near locality provided an explanation, and the meeting was as well attended as could reasonably be expected. The following towers were represented: East and West Retford, Ordsall, Worksoop, Southwell Cathedral, Sutton-on-Trent, Dunham, Laxton and the local company. A variety of well-struck touches were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was provided in good style by Flossess Chapman at the Queen's Hotel, and a word of praise is due to Mr. Page for making all the arrangements.

The business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. Page. The Rev. S. B. Blean of Laxton, was elected a member with three toilers from East Retford, and Laxton tower for the first time becomes affiliated to the association. The members hope to hold a meeting at that place in the summer next year.

The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney early in November, and will be advertised in due course in the 'Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. D. Crosse for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. H. E. Page for presiding over the meeting, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.—Mr. Page suitably responded, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome to East Markham.

After ringing had finished the members from the Northern district, on their cycles, had a pleasant vision from the top of Markham Hill in watching the fireworks display at the Ordsall fête and gain, some six miles away. A pleasant ride home brought 'the end of a perfect day.'

H. H.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

AN EFFORT TO REVIVE INTEREST.

The half-yearly meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Bangor on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The president (the Rev. T. Lewis Jones) was in the chair, and the Rev. Wm. M. Morgan-Jones and members from Bangor, Portmadoc, Rhyl and Buckley were present.

The association having become re-affiliated to the Central Council, the hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Jones) was appointed as representative of the association on the Council.

A number of towers in the district having lapsed membership of the association since the war, means of reviving interest in the art of change ringing at these places were discussed, and it was decided to arrange ringing meetings at the various places, whenever possible, and to invite the ringers of the district to attend.

The President expressed the hope that there would be an increase in the number of peals rung by the association in the near future.

It was unanimously decided to present the late Master of ringers (Mr. W. T. Pegler) and the hon. secretary with an honorarium of £1 each in recognition of their services.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. T. Lewis Jones for his services, past and present, to the association, and also to the Rev. Wm. M. Morgan-Jones for assisting at the meeting.

The Rev. Wm. M. Morgan-Jones was elected a vice-president of the association, and the Rev. Canon Ll. Hughes, of Llandudno, was elected an honorary member and a vice-president.

A short service was held in St. David's Church before the meeting, when an excellent address was given by the Rev. T. Lewis Jones.

The members were entertained to tea after the meeting by the president and the Bangor ringers.

Touches in various methods were rung during the day.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD FESTIVAL.

HOW THE MEMBERS ATTENDED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been maintained that Oxford members are responsible for voting the festival at Oxford. Concerning this I would say that I have examined the attendance roll of the last meeting at Oxford and that I find from this that the Archdeacons were represented as follows: Oxford 21, Bucks 21, Berks 62; also that Oxford City was represented by 5; the ten-mile radius round Oxford by 18; outside 10 and within 20 miles by 30; outside 20 and within 30 miles by 22; outside 30 by 24. The majority in favour of Oxford was about 60.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,
Master.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On Aug. 10th, you published two peal compositions of Double Norwich Caters, which come round at hand. The figures of the method in my possession under that name start off 214365879; to come round at hand the change before rounds is also 214365879, so the method that I have will not allow homing at hand. Probably there is another method under that name; 9, 1, 5, 1, 7, 3, 9, 5, 9 are the places for the half lead, 3rd's or 7th's place bob, treble in 5th's at the call. If this is correct, then the figures published must be false.—Yours truly,
Leicester, F. H. DEXTER.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The fourth annual meeting of the Southern district was held on Saturday, Sept. 1st, at Rammore, Surrey. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob were rung before service. The Vicar conducted the Guild service, and gave the visitors a warm welcome. A good tea was enjoyed, and the business meeting followed, at which two new members were elected, viz. Miss Hastie, of Leatherhead, and Mrs. Baker, of Frittenden.

The hon. secretary (Miss Mills) and the committee were re-elected, and Guildford was chosen for the next annual meeting.

The tower was afterwards re-visited and further touches rung. Thanks are due to Mr. A. Dobinson for having everything in readiness.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS' ALARMING EXPERIENCE.

CHURCH STRUCK BY LIGHTNING DURING SERVICE.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Hemingbrough on Saturday, Sept. 1st, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Peacock), and the handy ring of six in St. Mary's Church was kept going to various methods during the afternoon. Service was held at 4 p.m., at which an alarming experience befel the ringers, who were listening to an address by the Vicar. A heavy thunderstorm was in progress, when a loud crash of thunder, which sounded like a terrific explosion, shook the church, and outsiders stated afterwards that a ball of fire was seen to descend the conductor of the spire, which is 180ft. in height. The organist had his face slightly scorched, and the verger also felt a shock in one of his legs. The Vicar's sermon was naturally interrupted for some minutes, and one or two ringers left the church. It is feared that damage has been done to the spire, and an examination is to be made. About two years ago the weathervane was damaged by lightning.

Tea was afterwards partaken of in a hall in the Vicarage grounds, to which a company of 30 sat down, representing the towers at Beverley, Howden, Hull, Market Weighton, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet and York.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Vicar, in the absence of the vice-president (Mr. A. E. West). Three new members were elected: Mr. H. Hatfield, Mr. W. Terry, and Mr. F. Terry, all of Hemingbrough.

It was decided that the next meeting be held at Selby, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. H. P. Peacock for the use of the bells and also for his excellent address, which was so unfortunately interrupted.—In replying, the reverend gentleman spoke of the great pleasure it gave him and the people of Hemingbrough to have the association there that day. They were apt to get rather quiet in the country, and that meeting had infused a little enthusiasm for which they were very grateful.

The ladies, who prepared and served the very excellent tea, and the local ringers who had made such desirable arrangements, were also accorded a hearty vote of thanks.

Several members, after the meeting, took train to Selby where, by kind consent of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.), the Abbey bells were available until 9 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal by the Society of St. Martin's Youths was rung at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on Sept. 16th, 1755. This was a peal of Bob Major.

Next Monday is the anniversary of the 11,328 London Surprise Major, rung in 6 hrs. 6 mins., at Drayton, by the Oxford Diocesan Guild on Sept. 17th, 1896.

Charles Middleton, composer of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, died on September 14th, 1886.

Ringers visiting Winchester will be welcomed for service ringing at the Cathedral on Sundays at 10.20 and 2.30, but it is desirable that they should communicate beforehand with Mr. Wilfred Andrews, 11, Culver Road, on account of the difficulty that may be experienced in getting up into the tower.

Ringers who had intended visiting Hatfield on Saturday for the meeting of the Herts Association are informed that the meeting is cancelled.

The bells of Haslemere, Surrey, which have been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., are to be opened on Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, at 3.30 p.m.

The ringer of the fourth in the peal of Stedman Cinques at Painswick on Sept. 1st was Albert C. V. Gasson, not Groom, as published. Messrs. Herbert Spencer and John Neal were the umpires of the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Birmingham on August 30th.

CENTRAL COUNCIL DECISIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The suggestion made by 'Criticus' in 'The Ringing World' for August 31st is certainly a good one. It is both timely and opportune that the Central Council should 'overhaul their rules and decisions.'

At the Northampton meeting an agitation culminated which had for its object to get the different Associations to observe the decisions of the Central Council. Now that some of us have got a number of associations to make this observance one of their rules (and there is little doubt that the remaining associations will do the same at the next opportunity) it is up to those who agitated for this to see that these decisions are so arranged and published that they can be known, in order that they may be obeyed.

The pamphlet advertised in your columns as 'Rules and Decisions of the Council' is now twenty years old, as it only goes up to 1903. Moreover, it takes the form more of a report or synopsis of the first twelve years of the Council's work, than of clearly cut and well-arranged decisions, which can be readily referred to when wanted.

It should be possible so to codify and bring up to date what the Central Council have done, that a concise summary could be put into the hands of every ringer who cared to know of it, or at least of the members of those associations which have made it a rule to observe such decisions.

Before, however, any move can be made in this matter it would be necessary to know what is the general opinion of the Exercise about it, and especially to hear if any other members of the Council are willing to support such a movement.

Ufford Rectory, Suffolk.

H. DRAKE.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FINCHLEY.

Although not largely attended, the meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, held at Finchley on Saturday last, was a very pleasant one, and was undoubtedly a success from an educational standpoint. From just before 4 p.m. until 5.30 the pretty peal of six bells was kept going to various Minor methods, and at the latter hour Divine service was held, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Dodderil, in the absence of the Rector on holiday.

Tea in the Mission Hall was followed by the business meeting, at which two members were elected; Mr. E. Morris (Leicester) previously provisionally elected prior to ringing a peal at Willesden, and Master C. T. W. Coles, son of the hon. secretary.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Edmonton on Nov. 3rd. Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector (the Rev. W. St. Hill-Bourne) for the use of the bells; the curate for his very eloquent address at the service; the organist; and Mr. E. H. Tubb for so ably arranging the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary stated that, it having been asked when the balance sheet of the A. T. King memorial fund would be published, he would like to state that they were waiting to hear what the fee for the faculty would be. As soon as that was paid the balance sheet would be issued. It was anticipated that there would be a small balance on the right side.

After the meeting the bells were again rung, the methods practised being Grandfire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

ST. ANDREW'S, NORWICH.

ANCIENT PEAL BOARDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I would thank Mr. J. R. Jerram for his letter in your issue of the 17th August. Having paid meanwhile yet another visit to this belfry, I am able to give below exact details of the three tablets which are on the north wall, and to which reference was made in my letter in your number of 10th August. It does not appear to have been previously noticed that the composition of the peal of 7,360 Oxford Treble Bob is recorded on the tablet; at any rate, the writer of the notes in the 'East Anglian' in 1863—and he presumably an archeologist—failed apparently to observe the figures which are somewhat inconspicuously placed on a scroll in the pediment of the tablet:—

The 2 following inscriptions are on tablets of wood:—

On November 16th, 1837, was rung in this Steeple a true and complete Peal of Oxford Treble Bob, comprising 7,360 Changes, and contains only 50 Bobs; the time occupied in ringing was 4 hours and 44 minutes. It was composed and ably conducted by SAMUEL THURSTON, and rung by the following persons.

F. WATERING ... ..	... Treble	G. THURSTON	5
CHAS. PAYNE	2	G. WATERING	6
S. LOVELESS	3	JAS. TRUMAN	7
ROBT. HAYES... ..	4	S. THURSTON ... ..	... Tenor

W. CATTERMOLE,
W. DODSON,
Church Wardens.

	W	H
B 26354	—	—
B 24653	—	—
B 45236		
B 53462		
B 36524		
B 62345		

4 times repeated.
S. Thurston.

On Decr. 5th, 1823, was rung in this Steeple 5,088 changes of treble bob, it contain 27 bobs, and the first long peal ever rung in this steeple, it was well struck and completed in 3 hours and 10 minutes, conducted by SAMUEL THURSTON.

T. HURRY ... 1	J. GREENWOOD 2
F. WATERING 3	I. COLEMAN ... 4
J. HURRY ... 5	C. PAYNE ... 6
W. HAYES ... 7	S. THURSTON 8

Also Feby. 23rd 1824, was Rung in this steeple 5,040 changes of that ingenious composition of grandier tripples, it was allowed by Judges to be an excellent peal and completed in 3 hours and 10 minutes conducted by SAMUEL THURSTON.

E. MASON ... 1	T. HURRY 2
I. GREENWOOD 3	I. COLEMAN 4
C. PAYNE ... 5	T. BURRELL 6
S. THURSTON 7	W. HAYES... 8

W. D. RICHES. G. WARREN. CHURCH WARDENS.

On a tablet of stone.

On Thursday July 28,
1825.

This peal of ten bells was opened And rung for the first time with the Addition of the two smallest bells Which were Given by MR. THOMAS HURRY who was many years one Of the Ringers of this Parish.

This tablet is Placed here as a Tribute of Respect by SAML. THURSTON one of his Brother Ringers.

And now a further peal on the ten bells has come to light. Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glemsford, has kindly sent the following newspaper account from his collection:—

St. Andrew's, Norwich.

On Friday night, November 24th, 1843.

St. Peter's Society of Ringers Ascended the Tower of St. Andrew's Church and rang Shipway's Celebrated Peal of Caters on Steadman's Principle, comprising 5,295 changes in 3 hours and 30 minutes, which for bold and regular striking was highly admired by all who heard it. This Intricate Composition has the Peculiar Properties of 5th and 6th bells their full extent behind the 9th. The harmonious effect of these positions are well known to persons who are skilled in this difficult science. The peal was conducted by Henry Hubbard and we believe it is the first time this Intricate Peal was ever performed, and rang by the following persons:—

JOSHUA HENRY ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES MIDDLETON... ..	6
ROBERT BURRELL	2	GEORGE SMITH	7
JOHN GREENWOOD	3	JAMES TRUMAN	8
WILLIAM GAUL	4	HENRY HUBBARD... ..	9
ELIJAH MASON	5	ROBERT COLE ... ..	... Tenor

This correspondence points to the necessity on which your leading article of the 31st August lays, very properly so much emphasis, of compiling as quickly as may be, a list of all known ancient peal records. It is unlikely that copies of many of the old 'steeple-boards,' as is the case with the Norwich tablets, are safely in print. Many of the older boards, must be approaching a state of decay, and their inscriptions becoming illegible, and apart from this vital consideration, a close scrutiny might reveal details of interest, such as the figures of the methods or of the compositions. Inquiries should also be made if any boards have been taken down and removed from the belfry.—Yours very truly,
G. P. BURTON.
Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A FINE EXAMPLE OF DETERMINED EFFORT.

A quarterly meeting was held at Peterstone, Mon., on Saturday, Sept. 8th when quite a good number attended, representing towers of both dioceses. The bells, a light musical ring of eight, were available, and raised early in the afternoon, and kept going until 5 o'clock, when a service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. Hubert G. Stanley, who gave a most interesting address, touching upon the history of bells and ringers.

Following the service, the business meeting was held, the Vicar, at the outset, welcoming the association to the parish.

Various routine items were dealt with, including instructors' reports, restorations, and election of new members. The whole of the ringers of Llanarth were elected, thus bringing into the association the affiliation of one more tower.

The Hon. Secretary explained the reason why the meeting, as originally proposed, could not be held at Penhow.—The Vicar humorously replied that if similar circumstances again arose he would be only too pleased to fill the second place, if desired. The bells were afterwards rung during the evening.

It is worth mentioning here that this parish provides a fine example of what can be done if an effort is made in real earnest. When the present Vicar came to Marshfield his two churches each possessed a ring of six bells in a deplorable state. He got to work, and it was not long before Marshfield was restored and the octave completed; this was followed by the taking in hand of Peterstone with the same result. Both churches are situated midway between Newport and Cardiff (six miles), and the bells are always available for a peal by any visiting ringers.

The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, on Saturday, October 13th if it can be arranged.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

ANOTHER ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at the beautiful village of Kingswinford, Staffs. on Saturday, Sept. 1st. The bells, which have recently been augmented to eight by Mr. J. E. Groves, were at the disposal of the members from three o'clock. Service was held, the Guild form of service being used, conducted by the assistant priest, who also gave a very eloquent and helpful address on 'service.'

Afterwards the members adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a bountiful tea awaited them, upwards of forty members sitting down, representing, among others, the following towers: Bradley, Dudley, Netherton, Sedgley, Rowley, Tipton, Old Hill, Wombourne, Handsworth, and the local band.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. John Goodman, junr. (Ringing Master), presided, and sixteen new members were added to the roll.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at the Lye if the usual permission is obtained. Other business of a routine character being finished, a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Kingswinford (who was unavoidably absent) for his kindness in granting permission to the Guild to hold this meeting at his church, also for the use of the bells and Schoolroom in which to hold the meeting; to the Rev. Norman Hemmingway for his great kindness in coming to conduct the service; for his address, and for presiding at the organ for the musical portion of the service; to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea, and for attending to the comfort of the members; also to Mr. Eric A. Lownes and the local ringers for making the necessary arrangements, and to all who had contributed in any way in making the meeting a happy and successful one.

After the meeting some strolled round the village, while others kept the bells merrily going until 8.30, when the gathering dispersed, after a most enjoyable afternoon.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL RESTORATION FUND.

Amount previously acknowledged, £1 16s. 6d.; Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Swindon, £1 ls.; Smethwick band, per Miss S. Pigott, 5s. Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Parsons, Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

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ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BUSHEY AND OXHEY SOCIETIES.

For the fourth year in succession, the Bushey and Oxhey Societies, on Sept. 1st, held a combined outing. Leaving Bushey at 8 a.m., in a commodious 'National' charabanc, a brisk run through Hemel Hempstead and over part of the Chiltern Hills, brought the party to Leighton Buzzard. Mr. Nicholls, the genial local conductor, here awaited them, and the fine peal at All Saints was soon going to the tune of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Superlative on the back eight. Those who desire a comparison between Simpson tuning and the other method will find a strong argument for the latter in this tenor (27 cwt.) and peal generally. After a little argument with the car engine, a sharp run brought the excursionists to Woburn, where Messrs. Herbert welcomed them. This magnificent church, built by the Duke of Bedford, was much admired. Its massive tower contains a fine peal of eight bells (tenor 24 cwt.). A touch of Stedman Triples and a course each of Superlative and London Surprise comprised the ringing. Leaving Woburn, with regret, the journey, part of it through the Duke of Bedford's magnificent park, was continued to Bedford. At dinner, at The Silver Grill, the visitors were joined by their old friend and tutor Mr. W. H. L. Buckingham. The afternoon was spent in various ways, and the homeward journey was commenced after tea, the only call being at Hitchin, where Messrs. Foster, Elise, etc., were waiting as well as an old Bushey member lost sight of for 11 years. Touches of Stedman Triples, Superlative and London Surprise were rung here, a lumpy peal, tenor 28 cwt. The tower is very massive and roomy, and requires another 100ft. on top to take off its squat appearance. Bushey was reached about 10.45 p.m., after a most enjoyable time had been spent. The best thanks of the party are tendered to the incumbents for permission to ring, and the aforementioned friends for meeting the visitors and helping to make the outing a success.

AMONG SIX-BELL TOWERS IN KENT.

A most enjoyable trip into the heart of Kent was taken by the Charlwood (Surrey) and district ringers on Saturday, August 18th. The party, 14 in number, under the guidance of Mr. O. Sippetts, set off by motor charabanc, at 7 a.m., for Shipbourne, which was reached at 9.45 after a very pleasant journey through the hop gardens and orchards of Kent. Time did not permit of much ringing here, but touches of London Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. The Vicar greeted the party, and a visit was paid to the war memorial under his guidance. A start was then made for Mereworth, where they were met by a local gentleman, who conducted them to the tower. The bells were soon set going to Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. The next stop was Watringbury and here the Vicar conducted the visitors to the tower. A nice light peal of bells were found, but the ringing chamber and the circle are sadly in need of improvement, a rather large staircase to the upper regions taking up a great deal of room. The ringer of the 4th stands on this staircase above all his fellows, and the 5th man is on the edge of a trap-door and expecting to disappear below every moment. However, touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, London and Cambridge Surprise were successfully accomplished, the bells lowered, and a start made for Yalding. After lunch, provided by Host Ditcher, of the Two Brewers Inn, the tower was visited, and here was found the best peal of the day. The bells, with a tenor approximately 19 cwt. in E, from the Whitechapel Foundry, beautifully hung by Bowell, were soon being turned in to Cambridge, York and London Surprise and Kent Treble Bob, and the visitors were sorry to leave, but a funeral made a longer stay impossible. The next stopping-place was East Farleigh, and here they were met by Mr. S. Hayzelden. The bells, although light, required some little handling, and there was more bad than good ringing here. Cambridge, Oxford and Woodbine were rung, and it was then time for tea, which had been arranged at the Schoolroom. After tea, instructions were taken from Mr. Hayzelden as to the best way to get to East Malling, which was the next stopping-place and he informed the excursionists that they would go up by the North Pole, and they subsequently found this all right. East Malling was reached, the tower visited, and the bells soon going to Cambridge and Chester Surprise, Violet and Oxford Treble Bob. This nice peal go exceedingly well. After refreshments, Ightham was visited. Here there are some very old bells, with a tenor about 8 cwt.; a long draught, and locally made ropes, but some good ringing was accomplished, including Carlisle and Canterbury Surprise, Violet Treble Bob, London Scholars etc. The bells were lowered, and a start was then made for home, which was reached about 11.30 p.m. The conveyance behaved very well except on a very steep hill after leaving Yalding. Here she stopped half-way up, and had to unload and make the ascent herself. A few miles from home there was also a little trouble, but nothing really serious. A most happy and successful day had been spent, seven towers had been visited, over 5,000 changes had been rung, and over

100 miles had been traversed. The conducting throughout the day was shared by Mr. O. Sippetts and Mr. A. Ellis. The thanks of all are due to the local clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having all in readiness and for meeting the party at the various places.

ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th, the band from St. Mary's tower, Reading, together with a few friends, enjoyed their annual outing. Soon after 1 p.m. a charabanc started from the church, and running to the east end of the town picked up the rest of the party. Once all were aboard a quick run was made to Warfield, where Mr. G. Higgs met the party, and conducted them to the tower. Here, short touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung, the first touch of the afternoon being absolutely perfect, and an omen of the enjoyable afternoon to follow. With the aid of Mr. W. Pole-Routh's map the driver found his way to Windsor Great Park, which was crossed till Old Windsor was reached. The river was followed as far as Staines, where a further halt was called. At St. Mary's Church, Stedman was the order for half an hour, and then, after re-loading, the party went on to St. Peter's Church, which is pleasantly situated by the side of the Thames' tow-path. The 'go' of these bells was well-nigh perfect, and they were soon tapping Stedman, Kent and Double Norwich, the party being joined by Messrs. Greenwood and Parker, of Staines. The party then adjourned for tea, previously arranged for by Mr. F. W. Hopgood. After tea, it was all aboard for Bagshot. So perfect were Mr. Hopgood's arrangements that once again the party was welcomed by a local ringer. This time it was Mr. Nye. Good touches of Stedman and Kent were rung here, and very soon the party was speeding towards Yately. While Mr. Harry Simmonds was getting his coat off and anxiously hanging on to the tenor rope (which nothing would induce him to release) the rest of the party was shown the two historical and valuable chalices in the church, one plentifully encrusted with diamonds, pearls and turquoises, and the other of silver-gilt and crystal which is practically priceless. The band was dragged to the tower at last, and Stedman, Bob Major and Grandsire finished the day's touches. At 8.45 p.m. the party once more loaded on the bus, and at 9.21 (according to Mr. Harry Simmonds' watch) Reading was reached. Everywhere the ringing was good, and therefore, enjoyable, but the fine weather, a carefully-chosen route, an excellent drive and a pleasant company made it all the more enjoyable.

A VISIT TO THE PEAK.

The ringers of St. Leodegarius Church, Old Basford, had their second annual outing on August 18th, when they visited the Derbyshire Peak district by charabanc. Starting at 8.30 a.m., they proceeded by way of Langley Hill and Ripley to 'Holmesford Coltage,' High Peak Junction, where a right royal breakfast of ham and eggs, with other good things, was waiting to assuage the keen appetites of the early risers. 'Icanhopit' then pursued its way to Darley Dale Church, where the visitors rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Continuing the journey through the glorious scenery of Chatsworth Park, Baslow, Hathersage, Castleton, the ultimate destination was reached about 3 p.m. The wonderful caves, and the well of ice-cold water, which overflows at the rate of some 2,000 gallons per minute were visited, and the return journey was made through Eyam and Middleton Dale, with its scenery of beauty and grandeur. Dinner was provided at High Peak Junction, and home was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day.

FARNHAM RINGERS VISIT HENFIELD AND BRIGHTON.

The ringers of St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, together with their wives and a party of friends, numbering 31 in all, had their annual outing on August 11th, when they visited Brighton. Leaving Farnham at 7 a.m., by charabanc, they proceeded through Farncombe, Bramley and Horsham, to Henfield, Sussex, where the first stop was made. Here the whole party were cordially welcomed and entertained by Mr. Alfred Baigent (an old friend and ringer of Farnham), who was awaiting their arrival. A visit was paid by the ringers and some of their friends to the beautiful old Church of St. Peter, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung on the grand-toned peal of bells, permission for the use of which had been previously obtained by Mr. Baigent. After a stay of about an hour the journey was resumed the party being augmented by Mr. Baigent, and Brighton was safely reached at about 11.45 a.m., where the party broke up to enjoy themselves in their own way. At 6 p.m. the return journey was commenced, a stop being again made at Henfield, where a very pleasant half-hour was spent and the journey continued, halts being made at two more stages before Farnham was again reached at 10.30 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the weather conditions having been splendid. This is the first outing the Farnham ringers have had since the war, but it is hoped that it will now become an annual event.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BRAILLES, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, 240 Grandsire Doubles: A. Large 1, H. Terry 2, W. Large 3, J. Keyte 4, E. Withers 5, L. Bryan 6. This band intended to ring a quarter-peat on these heavy bells, but was unable to do so owing to meeting too late.

WASHFIELD, DEVON.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: Miss G. Snell 1, W. E. Snell junr., 2, T. Arscott (conductor) 3, F. Taylor 4, W. Snell, senr., 5, P. Balmert 6.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On September 9th, at the Priory Church, for evening service, in 49 mins., a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): A. E. Sharman (conductor) 1, Canon W. W. G. Baker 2, A. V. Good 3, G. Heley 4, A. G. Matthews 5, F. Ramsey 6, J. B. Marks 7, C. T. King 8.

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Mouncey 1, T. Senior 2, F. Hutton 3, H. Pearce 4, A. Pickles 5, E. Whitley 6, W. Ambler (conductor) 7, C. Drake 8. First in the method by all the band.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, for morning service on Sunday, Sept. 9th, 539 Grandsire Caters: W. Gibson 1, H. Ringrose 2, A. E. Sellers 3, J. Braithwaite 4, C. P. Bradley 5, G. C. Constable 6, A. E. Coles 7, B. V. Wells, J. E. Constable 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggitt 10. — For evening service, 575 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Constable 1, H. Ringrose 2, C. P. Bradley 3, J. Braithwaite 4, P. Osgerby 5, G. C. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, W. Gibson 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Daggitt 10.

GREENS NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On Feast Sunday, Sept. 9th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: F. Lucas 1, J. Wilfred Sharp 2, Geo. Mansfield 3, J. M. Gray (conductor) 4. — For Holy Communion service, at 8 a.m., several 120's of Bob Doubles and St. Simons were rung: W. Wise 1, A. Booth 2, J. M. Gray 3, Geo. Mansfield 4, A. Mansfield (conductor) 5.

MARKET DEEPING.—At the Parish Church on Sept. 9th, for morning service, 720 of Cambridge Surprise: T. Henson 1, H. Hayes 2, A. Riggall 3, H. M. Day 4, W. A. Day (conductor) 5, G. H. Wells 6. First 720 of Surprise by ringers of 1 and 2. — For evening service, 720 of Spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob: F. Simpson 1, H. M. Day (conductor) 2, A. Riggall 3, W. A. Day 4, J. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

ROLVENDEN KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for morning service, for the annual Church Parade of the local Branch of the British Legion, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: C. Tribe 1, Mrs. Baker 2, J. Foster 3. — Hammond 4, Miss R. Thomas 5, W. Button 6, H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. Blackman 8. J. Foster from Guildford, Hammond from Horsmonden, Miss R. Thomas from Mersham, Mr. and Mrs. Baker from Frittenden, Tribe from Tenterden Messrs. Blackman and Button are local men. This is the first quarter-peat on the bells since rehanging and quarter tuning by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich.

SUTTON-UNDER-BRAILES, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, a half-peat of Grandsire Doubles (2,520 changes), in 90 mins.: A. Large 1, H. Terry 2, E. Withers 3, J. Keyte 4, W. Large 6.

READING, BERKS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 9th, a quarter-peat of Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: L. T. Osborne 1, J. Barnes junr. (first quarter in method) 2, G. Wheeler 3, W. Simmonds (first quarter in method) 4, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 5, H. Dry 6, G. Cook (first quarter in method) 7, H. Osborne 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 9th, for Divine service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Payne 1, F. Webb 2, L. Tuffrey 3, W. F. Judge 4, R. G. Rice 5, G. Holfield, junr., 6, W. T. Elson (Putney) (conductor) 7, W. Thorne 8. Arranged for W. T. Elson, who hereby tenders his thanks.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): B. Collison 1, H. Markwell 2, A. Smeathers 3, S. H. Green 4, W. Collison 5, A. Richardson 6, W. Latter (conductor) 7, R. Rush 8. Arranged for A. Smeathers, who hails from Rushden, Northants.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. A. Trollope 1, W. H. Wood 2, F. Goddard 3, W. H. Hollier 4, G. C. Hles 5, A. Cutmor 6, J. Milner 7, F. Skevington (conductor) 8, A. Beekensale 9, G. Spencer 10.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sept. 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: D. Luck (first 720) 1, F. G. Webb 2, G. Cherry 3, F. Adams 4, R. E. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (conductor) 6.

CHALGROVE, OXON.—On Sunday Sept. 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: G. W. Brown 1, F. Naish (conductor) 2, J. Smith 3, R. G. Rice 4, W. Hutton 5, F. W. Woodward 6.

STANFORD-LE-HOPE, ESSEX.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Chinnery 1, W. Wade 2, E. J. Butler 3, A. Howell 4, A. Keeling 5, W. Watson (conductor) 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles, with T. Patrick on the tenor.

TAUNTON.—At the Church of St. James, for Divine service on Sunday, Sept. 2nd, 1,260 of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): F. Millard 1, J. Hunt 2, W. J. Tarr 3, A. S. Boar 4, A. R. Thorne 5, E. Priddle 6, E. E. Burgess (conductor) 7, W. H. Tarr 8.

SPELDHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: Miss W. Turley 1, J. Medhurst 2, Miss E. Tomlinson 3, A. Maynard 4, D. Vincent (Tonbridge) 5, J. Denton 6, J. Maynard (conductor) 7, J. Meades 8.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 2nd, for morning service, failing a quarter-peat, 392 Grandsire Triples: F. Naish 1, T. Smith 2, J. Bower 3, J. Davis 4, W. Hutton 5, F. Woodwards 6, L. Stillwell (conductor) 7, S. Naish 8. Arranged for Messrs. Smith and Stillwell of Windsor.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, at the Church of St. Chad's, 416 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: R. Pole 1, J. Griffiths 2, J. E. Lilley 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, G. Jones 5, D. J. Boucher 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8. Longest touch of Double Norwich by all except 7th and 8th. Also 220 Grandsire Cinques: F. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. Boylin 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, R. Pole 5, J. E. Lilley 6, G. Jones 7, A. Griffiths 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, D. J. Boucher 10, E. V. Rodenhurst 11, D. James 12.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, 378 Grandsire Triples: W. James (age 15) 1, J. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6, D. R. James 7, A. W. Wright 8. Also 168, with T. Petty (age 15) treble.

CROPREDY, OXON.—On Sunday, August 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Impy 1, H. Terry 2, F. J. Baldwin 3, W. Tandy 4, W. Large (conductor) 5, L. Lambert 6. Also 360 Grandsire Doubles, H. Terry conducting.

TERRINGTON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, August 19th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for afternoon service when members of the Ancient Order of Forresters attended, 720 Bob Minor: W. W. Cousins 1, G. Bunting 2, A. Wignmore 3, J. Rodwell junr., 4, B. Gogle (conductor) 5, C. Cousins 6.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples: G. T. Lender 1, W. Henley 2, W. H. Fussell 3, E. Hancock (Hillingdon) 4, C. H. Woodberry (Kidderminster) (conductor) 5, R. Carter (Uxbridge) 6, P. E. Jones (Hillingdon) 7, G. Barkus 8.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—On Sunday, August 5th, at St. Bartholomew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: *C. Mounsey 1, G. Hughes 2, *H. Smith 3, *A. Mincher 4, *T. Palfryman 5, T. Hughes 6, J. Barber (conductor) 7, *A. Hubble 8. * First quarter-peat.

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NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at South Hackney on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. It is hoped that a good number will attend.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Exeter and District.—Inaugural meeting Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing, St. Thomas' (new 8), 12 to 1; St. Petrock's (light 6), 2 to 2.45. Service at Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Business meeting to follow in Church House; also ringing at Cathedral (12) from 6 o'clock. All lady ringers invited.—Information Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 14, St. James' Road, Exeter.

ON S'AMUSE.

'SIR' SAMUEL ACKNOWLEDGES HIS 'KNIGHTHOOD.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Not having seen our paper for the last four weeks it has taken me all my time to become 'au fait' on all points of interest, but first let me say that when ye best of spouses informed me that at last my many virtues had their reward and I was mentioned in the 'birthday honours list,' I asked whose birthday: hers or mine? She did say, 'No dolt, the King's, for you are knighted, Benighted oft hast thou been, but—the accolade at last!!'

But when I saw the announcement in our own Court Journal I did wink and say, 'That little rascal I. Pistor, bless his heart, he was sure to be in it, I know.'

But, good Sir, I misdoubt me about that trusty blade of yours, which curled up o'er my feckless pate: it could not have been the real Toledo brand. Don't trust the Simpson-tuned variety, Mr. Editor; stick to the real old M'Kie; only those can tackle a cranium like mine with impunity.

I am sorry that I have raised the ire of 'a constant reader,' but you know, Mr. Editor, how hard it is to please even a few. However, I take unto myself the consolation that ye good Mr. Imitation is my sincerest flatterer. Two years ago we had little to enliven our journal, but now it is full of interest each week, and such people as 'Criticus' and 'I. Pistor' do their honest best to make it so. Might I remind 'A.C.R.' that the 'Ringing World' is entirely made up of what ringers themselves send to it; supplemented by the very excellent matter written by its Editor, who inserts only the best of what he receives; so if the matter is not much good who is to blame? We ourselves, of course. So come along, Mr. 'A.C.R.,' send up some better than the best, and we shall all be pleased.

I agree with 'Criticus' in his article of August 17th, the 'dog days' are now on top, and so let's all have a bite, but there are so many tempting calves about that one does not know where to begin.

I might explain that there are three sorts of calves, those terminating in dainty chaussons, those that are the pride of Mullinga's heifers, beef to the heel; and the bucolic sort who when in an epicurian mood, seek out the modest dandelion as a tit-bit for after dinner with the nuts and wine. But why not call that method 'Tripe and Onion,' beloved of Mr. Jiggs; that would be easy to digest if we did not like its sound.

Points for peals never were agreeable to all parties, principally to those who had not earned any; but do away with them—all who want to know could keep a copy of the 'Ringing World,' with the last 'points list' by them, and use it as a ready reckoner to tot up the points of what interested them.

I pointed out the words Passalators, etc., to Mistress Peppery, and she said it was no doubt 'soldier hat' for 'passez les pommes de terres.' Just one word more, re ve beste of spouses, She can't help being Peppery, no ringer's wife can. You see she was born 'Pepper,' and in childhood's days, if dame rumour speaks correctly, was one of Pepper's corns. Those days now past, she has, I tell her (when of good courage), acquired the sting of real cayenne.—I am, Sir, yours in deep humility,

SIR SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

P.S.—I know I am the whole suite in the bumptious arrogance line, so no one need bother to write you to that effect.

A JOINT MEETING OF YORKSHIRE SOCIETIES.

FRATERNISING AT DONCASTER.

A joint meeting between the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society and the Doncaster and District Society was held at St. George's, Doncaster, the headquarters of the latter society, on Saturday, Sept. 1st. Members of the two societies were present from Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Badsworth, Sheffield, Rotherham, Wortley, Leeds, Hatfield, Fishlake and Ecclesfield.

The beautiful heavy ring of eight bells (tenor 30½ cwt.) of the Parish Church were rung during the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman, Grand sire, Double Norwich and Plain Bob being brought round.

At the business meeting, the President of the Sheffield Society, Mr. G. Lewis, took the chair. Miss O. Lumley, of Leeds, and S. Walker, of Rawmarsh, were elected members of both societies.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Doncaster for the use of the bells, was proposed by Mr. S. Briggs, to which Mr. G. Halksworth responded.

Business being concluded, the handbells were brought into use, and a course of Stedman Caters was rung, followed by one of Bob Major.

WEST NORWOOD SURREY.—On Sept. 7th, at the residence of Mr. G. N. Price a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples from Carter's Odd Bob one-part: G. N. Price 1—2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3—4, C. F. Winney 5—6, E. Alex. Young 7—8.

NOTICES.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available 3.30. Short Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business to follow.—W. Ayre, Dist. Sec., School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — The next meeting will be held at Wraxall, near Bristol, on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting to elect officials for the ensuing twelve months.—Edith Smith, 23, Somerset Street, Kingsdown, Bristol.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grimsby on Saturday, September 15th. Bells of St. James' (8), and St. Andrew's (8) available. Service at St. James' at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 (free to members who produce their receipt for current year's subscription, non-members 2/-), at the Church House, Bull Ring.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A district meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, September 15th (8 bells). Ringing from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and meeting at Beale's Cafe, price 1/3 each. There is a late train leaving Royston for Hitchin and London at 9.25 p.m. A good attendance is respectfully requested.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The September meeting of the Western Division will be held at Bramley on Saturday the 15th.—The new peal of bells will be available for ringing after the dedication by the Right Rev. the Bishop of Knaresborough. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal with Ambleside on Saturday, September 15th. Kendal bells (10) available all day; Ambleside (8), until 1.30 p.m. 3 p.m. Service at Parish Church, Kendal. 4 p.m. tea in Parish Hall at 1/6. 5 p.m. meeting.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Hon. Secs.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS. — North-Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Holcombe Rogus (6), on Saturday, September 15th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4.45. Tea at 5.15.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Witleigh Vicarage, Tiverton, Devon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Limington, near Ilchester, on Saturday, September 15th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Visitors requiring tea should give early notice to F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Houghton Regis on Saturday, September 15th. The bells will be available at 3 o'clock.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, Dunstable.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Woodbridge District.—A practice meeting will be held at Ufford on Saturday, September 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. All ringers heartily invited.—Chas. E. Fisher, Hon. Dist. Sec.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A special meeting will be held at Gretton (5), on Saturday, September 15th. Tea at 5 o'clock. Harringworth (6) available after tea.—R. G. Black, Dist. Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilsborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at West Haddon on Saturday, September 15th.—Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Dist. Sec., Guilsborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Hugglescote on September 15th. Bells (8). Ringing at 3 o'clock.—J. Saddington, Dist. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The meeting arranged for Hatfield has been cancelled.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September.—St. Clement Danes, Monday, 17th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 24th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Islington, N.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th, and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, September 22nd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Sept. 15th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement. Applications for dinner tickets (5s. 6d. each), must reach the undersigned not later than first post Tuesday, September 18th.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, September 22nd, 1923. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, at Oldham Parish Church. Business meeting 6.30. All are welcome.—William Horan, 2, Greenhurst Hey, Todmorden, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham and District Branch.—The

next meeting of the above will be held at Beckford on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Parish Hall. Business meeting to follow. All those intending to be present at tea please advise me not later than the 18th inst.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon, near Cheltenham, Branch Hon. Secretary.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good turn up is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. All those requiring tea kindly advise me not later than September 18th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, September 22nd. Business meeting in the Church Hall at 3.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Service at 5 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, September 19th? Gentlemen cordially invited.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hoole, Chester, on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning on Saturday, September 22nd, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Staindrop (6) on Saturday, September 22nd, to assist the new band. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—Cyclist Church Parade and Harvest Festival at Mayfield, Sussex, on September 23rd. Tower open 2.15 and 5.30. Service 3.15. Tea in Vicarage garden free to those attending Church Parade. All ringers cordially invited. Will those requiring tea write to A. R. Miles, Captain, High Street, Mayfield?

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hever on Saturday, September 29th. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.
—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob to London Surprise.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.
—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available from 2 till 4.30, at which time a special service will be held in the church. Tea (free) at 5 o'clock to all those who notify me of their intention of being present on or before Tuesday, September 25th. The general business meeting will follow the tea for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, the 29th instant, at Bakewell. The tower (8 bells) will be open from 1—9 o'clock, and Youlgreave bells (8) will also be available from 3—9 o'clock. If a party can be arranged for the latter place a conveyance will be obtained. Members will make their own arrangements for tea—there are many suitable places near by. The committee will meet at 4.30 and the general meeting will be at 5 o'clock in the church institute.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Meltham on Saturday, September 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each to those who send word on or before Monday, Sept. 24th, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—L. Hargreaves, Sec., 30, Bankfield View.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 4th, the President, the Dean of Norwich, presiding. Committee meeting will be held at the Deanery at 11.15 a.m. Divine Service will be held at 12.30 p.m., by the kind permission of the Dean of Norwich, in the choir of the Cathedral. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting. Full particulars next week.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

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The passing of these veterans, whose death it is our melancholy duty from time to time to record, reminds us that the Exercise is gradually losing a body of men to whom it owes much more than is often realised. It was between thirty and fifty years ago that the majority of our diocesan and county associations were formed. Prior to that time the only societies were those like the College and Cumberland Youths and the St. James' Society in the Metropolis, who had members in various parts of the country, and provincial societies, like the St. Martin's Guild and the Painswick Youths. Then came the time when change ringing began to be more widely practised, and when there arose a desire to reform the belfries and put the ringers on a better footing. In the different counties and dioceses men of standing and zeal became interested in the movement, and gradually there evolved the modern associations which we know to-day.

It must not be imagined that the organisation and development of these associations was always an easy matter. It was a simple thing for a few enthusiasts to meet and pass a resolution to establish a county or diocesan body, but to bring the ringers in all the towers in the area within the fold and to gain their adhesion to the principles for which these associations were formed, was a totally different task. The tone of the belfries, as a whole, was then a very low one, the art of change ringing, except in a few places, was largely unknown, and the pioneers of those early days had not only to break down prejudice, but to carry reforms which many of the ringers at that date did not welcome. Moreover, in their efforts to promote change ringing, it has to be remembered that they had not quite the same type of men to deal with that we now find in the belfries. Education was at a far lower ebb, and consequently the average ringer was less intellectually equipped for grasping the mysteries of an art which, after all, requires an alert mind. The struggle of the pioneers of a generation and more ago was an uphill one, with many discouragements and rebuffs; but they persevered, and the outcome of these labours is to be seen in the healthy and vigorous ringing organisations which to-day carry on the work which they began and the foundations of which they so well and truly laid.

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*CLAUDE S. BENWELL 6	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

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LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

ISAAC G. SHADE... .. Treble	CYRIL PEASE 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
†ERNEST MORRIS... .. 6	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † 25th peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	CHARLES R. W. GRIMWOOD 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	*JOHN HOYLE 7
JOHN BEAMS 3	AMOS CLARKE 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN 9
HERBERT J. SKELT 5	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON.

Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

* First peal of Royal. First of Treble Ten as conductor, to whom the peal was rung as a birthday compliment.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

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GEORGE W. STEERE 4	HARRY HARRIS Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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On Wednesday, September 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb.	
ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 5
JOHN FEIST 2	*THOMAS STRINGER 6
ALBERT H. WARD 3	KEITH HART 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.	
ERNEST JONES Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 5
*ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOHN WILKINSON 6
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal of Kent Major.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.
BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.	
*RONALD G. BECK Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
*HERBERT W. PEARCE 2	CHARLES ANDREWS 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
WILLIAM BAXTER 4	SYDNEY FRANCIS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

* First peal. Messrs. J. Francis, W. Baxter and S. Francis were elected members of the association before starting.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.	
*BASIL GOY Treble	WILFRED G. COOK 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS ... 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	JOHN HOPE 7
*GEORGE J. WINTER 4	*ERNEST TELLING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

* First peal of Triples. First peal of Triples as conductor. Arranged for ex-Sgt. J. Williams, of Newent.

HEENE, WORTHING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.	
HORACE TULLETT Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	WILLIAM R. DRAGE 6
JOSEPH FARMER 3	WILLIAM HILLMAN 7
GEORGE NORRISS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.	
FREDERICK DICKENS Treble	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 5
*JAMES REYNOLDS, JUN. 2	HARRY DICKENS 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	†BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	JAMES REYNOLDS, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.	
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	*GEORGE MORRAD 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	ALFRED BROOM Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT E. AUDSLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.	
J. W. CLARKE Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN HAYES 3	*EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* Fiftieth peal. Arranged for Mr. J. E. Sykes, who was proposed as a life member before starting.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty and a half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
ALBERT E. LOCK Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
WILLIAM STONE 3	WALTER JUDGE 7
LEONARD TUFFREY 4	HARRY MILES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER JUDGE.

Quickest peal on the bells.

SLATE PEAL TABLETS.—Free Estimates and Drawings, also photographs of designs, sent on receipt of full particulars to Jones, Brookside Cottage, Dunchurch Road, Rugby.

BEDWAS, MON.—On Thursday, Sept. 6th the local band rung a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: A. G. Martin 1, G. H. Martin 2, A. Martin 3, A. E. Slatter (conductor) 4, A. J. Hurford 5, Rees Ridout 6. First quarter of Doubles for all the band except A. E. Slatter.

**BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Tenor	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
GEORGE W. STEERE ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Woodiss and the conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

LOUIS A. WILSON ... Treble	WM. T. BEESON, JUN. ... 5
ERNEST BISHOP ... 2	HARRY A. HEARL ... 6
ROBERT W. HYNER ... 3	THOMAS TOWNSEND ... 7
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by C. J. GARDINER.
* First peal of Superlative. † First peal on eight bells. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Wm. T. Beeson, jun., who hails from Reigate, and was elected a member before starting.

ANSTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Treble	CYRIL PEASE ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	CHARLES T. COLES ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BOOTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 7, 1925, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, and 1,800 changes, each of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Treble	DAVID PARRY ... 4
ALFRED BACON ... 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5
JOHN MCKEE ... 3	ERNEST F. BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was the first peal on these bells, which are of steel, cast by Vicars. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Mayson, M.A.), and as a compliment to Mr. E. F. Bennett, on the 13th anniversary of his wedding. * First peal. † First peal of Minor. This was the 50th tower in which the conductor had called a peal in 17 counties.

SUTTON-IN-ASEFIELD, NOTTS.

THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15½ cwt. in F.

WILSON ALLIN, JUN. ... Treble	CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE ... 4
WILSON ALLIN, SEN. ... 2	CHARLES ALLIN ... 5
GEORGE E. ALLIN ... 3	JOSEPH LORD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal.

**FOWNHOPE HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD**

On Sunday, September 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE BIGGS ... Treble	*WILLIAM W. WELCH ... 4
THOMAS H. TAYSON ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT ... 5
GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 3	HERBERT J. TAYSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

**COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK CLAYDON ... Treble	JAMES FLEETY ... 4
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 2	JAMES FRENCH ... 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells and first of Surprise Minor by all except the conductor. Rung to celebrate the induction on the previous day of the Rev. J. Dunn, formerly at Newcastle-under-Lyme.

KEMPSTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen 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 Plain Bob and one of Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 18 cwt.

*HAROLD G. BEARD ... Treble	HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 2	PEARL INSKIP ... 5
*HAROLD J. HAZELL ... 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Charles Herbert, of Woburn, vice-president of the association, who was interred on the 14th, and was one of the pioneers of change-ringing in Bedfordshire. The peal arranged for the ringer of the 3rd, who hails from Cambridge. * First peal in four methods.

LIVERPOOL.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WEST DERBY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WALTER J. BATTLE ... Treble	JAMES R. GRIFFIN ... 4
HERBERT LUDKIN ... 2	THOMAS A. ROGERS ... 5
JOHN COOKE ... 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES R. GRIFFIN.

This is the first peal on the bells which have been in the tower since 1859. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for so kindly allowing them to use the bells, also Messrs. Hargreaves and Hancock for meeting them and having everything in readiness.

**NORTON STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

LESLIE HIGGS ... Treble	MISS ALICE PRESTON ... 4
JOHN W. WALKER ... 2	JOHN E. WHEELDON ... 5
CHARLES PRESTON ... 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. WALKER.

This was J. W. Walker's first peal as conductor. L. Higgs hails from Biddulph, C. and Miss A. Preston from Bucknall, the others belong to Norton. J. E. Wheelton has now taken every bell in this tower through a peal.

WOODCHESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE,
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES :

*ARTHUR BISBY Treble	FRANK COLE 4
BASIL LATHAM 2	GEORGE LATHAM 5
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	*FRANK HOWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the treble who has joined the R.A.F. * First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Monday, September 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

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

REV. A.H.F. BOGHEY (TRIN) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS) 5-6
REV. E. BANKES JAMES (CAIUS) 3-4	J. B. WOOLLEY (JESUS) ... 7-8

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, September 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANCES;

Tenor size 17 B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAN 1-2	GEORGE F. SWANN 5-6
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7-8
ERNEST MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

Referee: MR. A. T. SCRIVENS.

CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION

THE CONDITION OF BEDALE BELLS.

The autumn meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Bedale on Saturday, Sept. 8th members attending from Saltburn Shildon, Middlesbrough, Darlington (St. John and Holy Trinity), Northallerton, Sharow, Ripon, Stockton-on-Tees and Wath Bedale. Several short touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, but good ringing was out of the question on account of the condition of the bells. They are a beautiful peal of eight, placed in a magnificent, spacious tower, with tenor about 24 cwt., but are greatly in need of the attention of a bell hanger. Tea was provided by Migson's Cafe, and laid out in the chantry room, kindly lent by the Rector of Bedale, over twenty sitting down. The Rector of Bedale presided, in the absence of the president (the Rev. A. Simpson) who was away from home, and was supported by the vice-presidents (Mr. W. Pick) and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

During tea the bad condition of the bells was explained to the Rector.

The Rector gave the association a most hearty welcome to Bedale, saying that it was about twelve years since the association visited them. He hoped they would see their way to visit Bedale again soon. He had been told that since the association last visited them the bells had got into a very bad condition, and did not go well. If that was the case he hoped the secretary would send a report to him. He would bring it before his parochial council to see what could be done to remedy the state of affairs. He was very sorry to hear these things said about Bedale bells, as they prided themselves very much upon them, but he hoped the ringers would make the best use they could of them. He wished the association every success.

The Rector was assured that a report of the condition of the bells would be sent him as soon as it could conveniently be got ready, and it is hoped it will have the desired effect.

A NEW SPLICED EXTENT.

At Norbury, Cheshire, on Thursday, Sept. 13th, a 'spliced' 720 (Fotheringay Castle, Skipton Castle, Queen Victoria and Chepstow Castle): J. Fernley, junr., 1, J. P. Fidler 2, W. Fernley 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Fernley, senr., (conductor), 5, J. W. Hartley 6. First extent in these methods yet rung. Also 720 Dover Castle (No. 42, 3rd's Place Delight), being the first extent rung.

PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whether the publication in the 'Ringing World' of my two compositions was a waste of space, is a question of whether the space would have been better left blank or what else there was to fill it. Fortunately the decision was not with Mr. Walker, but with someone more sympathetic, who desired to make the paper useful. If thousands of such peals have been composed, that is a good precedent, and no harm has been done by my adding two more. They are original and equal in merit with the others excepting the first produced on the plan. It is nonsense for Mr. Walker to say such peals are merely arranged and not composed, as an arranged composition must have a composer, and very often a re-arranged peal is superior to the original production. The two peals are sufficiently divergent from published compositions to give me a good title to them, so far as I know, or I should not have published them.—Yours faithfully,
G. T. DALTRY.

A TRIP IN THE POTTERIES.

These men are all as brothers,
And may they never fall,
Till God the Great Conductor,
Shall cry to them—'That's all!

These lines (author unknown) are symbolical of the great brotherhood of ringers, and indicate the spirit which makes their outings so enjoyable and invariably a success. It is always the predominant feature on these occasions, when old friends reunite for an all too brief period, and new friendships formed. Some weeks ago as already recorded in these columns, the combined companies of Bucknall and Burslem, visited Norbury, and in response to a hearty invitation from these two bands, the Norbury men and friends spent half a day in the 'smoky Potteries,' on Saturday, Sept. 1st.

Two charabancs were commissioned to convey the party, which totalled thirty-three. 'Go' was given at 1.15 p.m., and although rain was falling heavily everyone was in good spirits. Burslem was reached some three hours later, Mr. Wm. Wheeldon, senr., who had made all arrangements, being there to meet them. Without loss of time he conducted them to the church, and soon the bells were going to a variety of methods. After ringing, Mr. T. Hilditch (Burslem) photographed the party.

Tracks were then made for Bucknall, where a 'Ringers' Delight,' in other words, a good meal, was awaiting the party. No pains whatever had been spared to make the visitors welcome, and the sight of a nice fire in the room, after travelling some thirty odd miles on a wet day, was much appreciated. Not only can they ring, but they can 'stoke.'

The Rector of Bucknall (the Rev. — Birch), with his warden, was present at the festive board, and the former expressed his pleasure at being able personally to welcome the visitors.—Mr. H. Langley replied, on behalf of the visitors, thanking the Rector for his kindness and the use of the bells also the Burslem friends for the use of theirs. The tower was then visited, and items from the extensive repertoire of the visitors were rung.

After a quiet half-hour in a cosy corner, the return journey was commenced at 8.15 p.m., Bullock Smithy (alias Hazel Grove for these not up in the history of this locality) being reached soon after 10.30 p.m.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HARWICH.

A very successful meeting of the North-Eastern Division was held at Harwich on Saturday, Sept. 8th. A short service was held in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas. The Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Mills) officiated, and gave an excellent address. The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. (Master of the Association). By the kindness of the Vicar, tea was provided at the Norfolk Restaurant. Forty members were present from Mistley, Great Bromley, Tendring, Ipswich, Thorpe, Great Bentley, Colchester, Braintree, and Harwich.

The meeting was subsequently held in the same room. The Master presided, supported by the Vicar, Mr. W. J. Nevard (Master, N.E. Division), Mr. E. W. Stannard (hon. sec. N.E. Division) and Mr. W. H. Dyson (Master N. Division).

Mr. R. W. Stannard made feeling allusion to the death of Mr. A. Morris, and complimented the Harwich band on their reorganisation, mentioning the pleasure it gave him to hear that the bells were now rung regularly by a promising young band, assisted by older members who had rejoined the band.

On the proposition of Mr. Ellis, a vote of condolence with the widow of the late Mr. Morris was passed.

The Master thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his excellent address, and for the tea.—The Vicar in responding, said it gave him a great pleasure to welcome the association to Harwich, and spoke in high terms of his ringers.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob were rung. The local band possess a very fine-toned set of handbells, and several touches were rung upon these.

THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

'What's the use of anyfink?' the late Albert Chevalier used to sing; and he answered it himself, with the comment, 'Why, nuffink!' And that is what occurred to me when I saw the opinion expressed by Mr. Albert Walker upon the publication of some peals of Stedman Caters. Now what is the use of spending one's time composing, compiling, concocting, arranging, or adapting peals in any method, only to be told that you are in a queue containing thousands? Why, it is worse than waiting for a quarter of mace in war time. When we know that there are actually hundreds of thousands of peals of Stedman Caters in existence, I should not be surprised to learn that the two which we saw in print the other day, were already classified somewhere in the list. It would be a mystery if they were not, however 'original' they might be as the creation of the new claimant. Stedman Caters, above all things, seems to have been done to death, what with John Carter's broadsheet of over seven thousand, and Gabriel Lindoff's collection of a hundred and 'umteen thousands. Here, however, is a recipe for the would-be aspirant in the collection of courses of Stedman Caters:

Mix the bobs in a starting course to make a merry jingle.
Add other courses, twenty-three and don't forget the single.
Borrow the final twenty-four, they are easy to be found,
And splice the lot together so that presently they come round.

But what applies to Stedman Caters, applies with almost equal force to the majority of other common methods. It is not an unusual thing to see, for instance, a footnote to a peal of Double Norwich. 'This composition is now rung for the first time.' I have always got my doubts whether it is strictly correct. It may be the first time it has been rung as the composition of that particular composer, but the 4-5-6 combination and the 6th twenty-four times at home stunt—well, neither is new. Some of the older generation knew all about this business, and as the variations have their limitations, it would surprise me if there is anything to be got on these lines that has not been obtained before. But this leads to that other question, which the Editor has pressed more than once: who is really to be the judge, and where shall we look for reference? Unless the man who claims a composition to-day has some place accessible to all in which to put his claim on record, others will come and filch the credit from him in future, when they 'discover' the same figures and ring them as an original composition, in the same way that he may have arrogated to himself—quite honestly, of course—the credit which originally belonged to some past master in the art. That reference list of compositions will have to come, and I would add my small voice in urging the Central Council to get on with the job.

And this reminds me of those two other recent compositions in a method not so frequently rung. Why is it we see so few peals of Double Norwich Caters or of Double Norwich upon any number above eight for that matter? Ringers will ring Grand sire or Stedman Caters, 'till the cows come home,' as I have heard it said; but why not ring Double Norwich Caters? Is it that the music is not good enough, or is it only that hide-bound conservatism that prevents ringers striking out into anything a little bit off the beaten track? Personally I do not think the ringing of this kind of thing is encouraged enough, or else it is there is no enterprise among ringers. Perhaps it is both, although I must admit I am a little at a loss to suggest who should do the encouraging. Double Norwich Caters, as a method, is hurried in 'Shipway,' and very few ringers have a copy of that century old work. Moreover, I know of no ringing publication since Shipway's time that has troubled to give the Exercise any collection of methods above the eight-bell limit. Could not the Central Council—it is always the Central Council—give us a little pamphlet with Cater and Royal methods, including the Surprise Royal methods, so that ringers could have something to get on with? There are many hundreds, if not thousands, of ten-bell ringers, or men capable of ten-bell ringing, to-day, and I believe some such little publication would find a ready sale.

The letter, published the other day in these columns which emanated from the Central Committee for the Protection of Churches and their Treasures, must have been read with somewhat mixed feelings by ringers. With much of this letter all who care for the preservation of ancient towers and bells will agree, but the general effect of that letter, if it is accepted wholly as it stands by Diocesan Committees throughout the country, seems to me likely to put obstacles in the way of effective bell restoration in many places. With the object lesson of Taunton before us, where, with the best expert advice possible, the task of converting the powers that be to the practicability of increasing the number of bells was well-nigh insuperable, I can easily foresee the trouble that will arise in the future in some of the old towers, when it is sought to add a couple of trebles. As well as informing church authorities of the dangers of augmentation, the Central Committee for the Protection of Churches and their Treasures would have done an additional service if they had pointed out that a properly designed bell frame would not only prevent damage to an old tower, but would add to its strength, and that,

under proper conditions, an increase in the number of bells could be made with advantage, where this said additional strength could be combined with the augmentation of the bells. But somehow, in these official documents no one sees—or cares—that this kind of information is given. And so this particular letter goes out to uninstructed church officials, and effectually frightens them from touching a dilapidated peal in an ancient tower. Ah me!

CRITICUS.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A WELCOME TO RYE.

The above society held their September meeting at Rye (East Sussex). Most of the local ringers attended and welcomed the party, which numbered about thirty. Mr. and Mrs. E. Curd and their daughter kindly invited the members to tea at the Railway Hotel. The Vicar (the Rev. J. Fowler) occupied the chair, supported by the Deputy-Mayor (Councillor J. L. Deacon, J.P.). The Mayor (Councillor A. Truelove) had promised to be present, but was unable to keep the appointment. Following the meal came the business meeting, and the writer feels that in summing up the speeches, he is not penning too elastic a phrase when he says that during the four-and-twenty years of his ringing career he has never listened to more suitable addresses to a company of ringers, and others who were present, if asked to express an opinion, would take a similar attitude.

The Vicar took the lead, and commenced by voicing thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Curd and their daughter for their kind hospitality. On concluding his references to the donors of the tea, the Vicar welcomed the Guild to Rye, and there was no doubt about the genuineness of that welcome. Kind, sincere and homely were his sentences, and everyone present realised to the full that it was a great pleasure to the Vicar to allow the Guild to come to his church.

The Deputy-Mayor supported the Vicar in his thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Curd and their daughter, and he, too, in turn, extended a very cordial welcome to the members, and said he was proud to be a member of the society. His announcement that he was presenting each tower in union with the society with his latest illustrated book of Rye, was received with applause, and later on in the proceedings, the books, autographed by the donor, were handed to the representatives of the towers represented at the meeting. The speaker also invited the members to come and spend a day at Rye and he would be pleased to show them over the places of interest in the ancient town, including the town hall. In explaining how this little town, noted for its antiquity, attracted visitors, he mentioned that thousands of people come to Rye in the summer season.

Mr. Curd suitably acknowledged the vote of thanks on behalf of Mrs. Curd, himself and their daughter.

The following were admitted into the Guild: Honorary members: Mrs. Curd (Rye) and Mr. G. Capeling, Ashford; practising members: Mr. Hodrau, Frampton and Farr, Rye; and Mr. Jordan, Wye.

Thanks were accorded to the Deputy-Mayor for his gifts, and the Deputy-Mayor moved a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary (Mr. H. J. Balcombe) for his services, which was carried unanimously, and to which Mr. Balcombe made a suitable response.

Unanimous thank, to the chairman concluded the meeting.

After further ringing, which finished about eight o'clock, the party disbanded, returning home to their respective parishes with pleasant and happy recollections of their visit to Rye and the hearty greetings and kind hospitality extended to them will remain in their memories.

BACK FROM AFRICA.

REV. CANON RIDOUT VISITS GAINSBOROUGH TOWER.

On Monday evening, Sept. 10th, the ringers of All Saints', Gainsborough, met in the ringing chamber for the purpose of welcoming the Rev. Canon G. H. Ridout, Vicar of St. Albans, Ferris, Johannesburg, S.A., and formerly assistant priest at St. John-the-Divine, Gainsborough. This is his first visit to England for over 17 years, and although it is between 23 and 24 years since he left Gainsborough, the names of the ringers at that time (some of whom have since passed away) are still fresh in his memory.

In spite of having been a thousand miles from the nearest peal of bells, while on the African Continent, he still retains his campanological abilities and love for the art of change ringing. During the evening touches were rung in various methods, and recollections of bygone days brought back to memory, a very pleasant two hours being spent by all.

Only three of the old company are now connected with the tower, but they are supported by a strong band of the younger generation, who are real enthusiasts and capable of proving their ringing abilities in the future.

F. S. W. B.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**WESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Western District was held on Saturday, Sept. 15th, at Wraxall, near Bristol. Ringing began at 3 o'clock, and touches in various methods were rung. The captain of the tower extended a hearty welcome to all the visitors. A good tea was enjoyed, and was followed by the business meeting.

Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), president of the Guild, presided, and the following officers were elected: Secretary, Miss E. E. Emm, Evercreech, Somerset; committee, Mrs. Edwards, Portishead; Mrs. Knight, Clapton; Miss Smith and Mrs. Wilkins, Bristol; district representatives, Mrs. Harvey, Portishead; Miss Williams, Bath.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Portishead on December 8th.

Many thanks are due to Miss Smith, who has so successfully fulfilled the office of hon. secretary for the past four years and great regret was expressed at her inability to continue in that post.

BATH & WELLS ASSOCIATION.**ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.**

A meeting was held at Limington, near Ilchester on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The service in the Parish Church was conducted by the president of the branch (the Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock). The Rev. E. Glanfield (Rector of Limington) gave an address, in which he said it was the first time he had heard the bells rung. They were rung on his wedding day, in June, and that he believed was the only time they had been rung for about two years. He hoped the practices would be resumed this winter, and that the ringers would join the association.

There are in the tower six bells, which go fairly well. They are hung in two tiers, all swinging one way, causing considerable movement of the tower. During the ringing a stone fell from between the wall and a beam on to the floor of the belfry with a bang, which rather 'put the wind up' some of the ringers present.

The president presided over a short business meeting, at which the Rector of Limington was elected an hon. member, and Curry Rivel was chosen as the next place of meeting.

A vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the business.

Midsomer Norton, Yeovil, Stoke-sub-Hamdon and Martock were the towers represented, and the methods practised were Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

HISTORIAN AND REGISTRAR REQUIRED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I note, with pleasure, your suggestion that Mr. Fussell should be 'Official Peal Historian,' and heartily commend the idea. No one could do the job better; W. H. F. is thorough in all he undertakes.

At the same time the Ringers' Parliament might get on with the job of appointing an official Registrar of Births and Deaths of compositions. Week by week your pages show more and more how urgently it is needed.—Yours faithfully,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Division was held at Carlton-in-Cleveland, where the bells, a fine peal of eight, are a joy to ring. Most of the towers in the district were represented, and the meeting proved a great success in every way.

During the afternoon a short service was held in the church, and the Rev. I. L. Kyle, Vicar of Carlton, and former president of the Cleveland Association, addressed the ringers, encouraging them in their work, and emphasising particularly the need for unity and goodwill amongst them in their own belfries as well as in the wider circle of their association work.

A business meeting was held immediately after tea, the vice-president, the Rev. E. Drage, presiding.

Miss A. L. Henderson was unanimously re-elected as secretary of the division for the next three years.—In thanking the ringers for the confidence shown in her, Miss Henderson spoke of the loyalty and ready help she had always received from her fellow ringers, and trusted the next three years would continue to show the increasing number and the marked progress that had been made in the Northern Division of the Association since its reorganisation in 1920.

The following committeemen were also elected: Mr. Barker, Mr. Blakiston (Middlesboro'), and Mr. G. Peck (Saltburn).

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Rev. I. L. Kyle for the many kindnesses he had shown the ringers, and the warm welcome he had given them to Carlton.—In replying, the Vicar, in his jovial manner, had some amusing anecdotes to tell.

Provided necessary permission is obtained it is hoped to hold the next meeting at Thirsk on October 20th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

There is every prospect of a large and representative gathering at Sheffield on Saturday, on the occasion of the second dinner in memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association.

Ringers who are visiting Plymouth for the Church Congress will find in our notice columns particulars of ringing which may be had.

Those who propose to attend the Winchester Guild meeting at Old Woking on Saturday may be glad to know that motor-buses leave Woking Railway Station (up side) at three minutes past each hour, and return from the White Hart, Old Woking, at 40 minutes past the hour.

The Sussex Association (Western District) meeting which was to have been held at Shoreham to-morrow, has been postponed on account of illness near the church.

The death took place last week of Mr. S. Wesley, a well-known Midland Counties ringer, who was steeplekeeper at Holy Trinity, Lenton, Nottingham. The deceased was 74 years of age, and had rung a large number of peals. The funeral took place on Saturday.

The first peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Sept. 22nd, 1894.

A peal of Dublin Complex Major was rung for the first time on Sept. 27th, 1913, at Gosforth.

Matr. Wood, of Bethnal Green, was born on Sept. 22nd, 1826. He lived to be nearly 86, and many still living recollect him as one of the leading ringers of the Metropolis.

The first peal on the bells at Bootle has just been rung, and we are told that the band that puts up a better show will have to train on 'stewed horseshoes,' and that is what the bells are made of.

These bells are of cast steel, and were put in by Vicars of Sheffield, over forty years ago. There are, happily, very few rings of this material, but there is a peal of eight steel bells at St. Clement's, Hastings.

'Why is it,' asks the author of the peals of Double Norwich Royal, printed in another column, 'that more peals in this musical ten-bell method are not rung? Perhaps some of your readers can explain.'

Sussex week is fixed for October 13th to 20th, both Saturdays included. Four of the old Brighton 'veterans' will be among the gathering—Messrs. G. Williams, F. Bennett, K. Hart and R. J. Dawe.

COMPOSITIONS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

THE MOST MUSICAL POSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I venture to think that you would be doing a service to composers, conductors, and the Exercise at large, if you would give a fuller publicity to the late Sir Arthur Heywood's conclusions on the above subject, as published by him in 'Duffield.'

Reviewing the most musical combinations and positions on different numbers, he says:—

'Coming to nine bells, the best positions for Caters ringing are known, so far as regards 7, 8, 9, these bells giving incontestably the best effect when in the titum position. If 6 is after 9 the finest Cater music is obtained; the next best being with 5 after 9. Of the four remaining bells there is little to choose between 2, 3 and 4, as all these three harmonise with 9, but 1 after 9 should be avoided as a most discordant interval. In the Stedman method particular attention is necessary, as the sequences are different when the bells come behind in the middle of the course, to those arranged for the course-ends. Owing to the lack of attention to this point composers have, almost without exception, fallen into the grievous error of fixing the treble in 2nd's place throughout their peals. The result of this is that 1 is behind 9 in the middle of the course, and thus the most disagreeable discord of which nine bells are capable is made to recur continually. A little examination will show that if 1 is replaced by 6, not only will 9-6 be behind together in every course, but also 6-8; the latter being a beautiful combination otherwise unattainable at backstroke (at which a musical termination is most effective), and indeed only coming at handstroke at rare intervals. Having fixed 6 in 2nd's place, 5 will be the best to place after 9 at the course-end. The next best music is had by placing 5 in treble's place, when the sequence 9, 7, 5 will come at backstroke in the middle of the course. This, finished by the tenor, is one of the finest terminations obtainable. Of all methods on nine or more bells, Stedman Caters, when properly treated, lends itself to produce the best variety of musical combinations. As commonly rung, with the treble a fixed bell, it is small wonder that critics decried the music as inferior to that of Grandsire.'—Yours faithfully,

W. A. CAVE.

CHESHIRE'S FIRST RING OF TWELVE.**IMPRESSIVE SCENES AT MACCLESFIELD.**

The scene presented at Macclesfield Parish Church on the occasion of the dedication of the new ring of twelve bells by the Lord Bishop of Chester, on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, was one that will not be forgotten by those who were present. Although the time for service was not until 7.30 p.m., a queue of the public seeking admission had formed by six o'clock, and eventually the church was filled to its utmost capacity; whilst in the Market Square opposite a huge crowd eagerly waited to hear the first ringing of the bells. During the singing of the opening hymn, the Mayor and Corporation, with full insignia, walked in procession, and took up position in the nave, followed by the choir, clergy, and the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

A shortened evensong comprised the service, and the formal dedication took place at the foot of the tower, the ringing loft being open to the south aisle. His Lordship preached a most eloquent sermon, in keeping with the occasion. Following the dedicatory prayers, the bells rang 'Queen's' until the procession returned to the chancel.

A collection was taken for the bell fund, which amounted to £34 15s. 5d.

As the congregation dispersed the bells were again rung in rounds and queens, the Rev. A. C. Clements (Rector of Grappenhall) and Mr. Denison Taylor (taking part with the local ringers. Afterwards 395 of Grandsire Caters was rung by the following: J. Swinfield (Burton) 1, J. Oldham 2, G. Bottomley 3, S. Dean 4, W. Walmsley 5, A. Burgess 6, Pryce Taylor 7, T. Mottershead 8, J. Norbury (conductor) 9, J. P. Fidler 10. A plain course of Kent Treble Bob Major brought the ringing to a close.

After service, the bells were again rung until 10 o'clock, 'Rounds' and 'Queen's' on the twelve, Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Major on the back bells.

The Bishop and Vicar visited the ringers to thank them for their services. His Lordship particularly inquired from which parishes the various ringers present hailed. Beside the local men there were some from Burton-on-Trent, Bollington, Grappenhall, Norbury, etc., also Mr. E. D. Taylor, representing the founders.

Some fourteen years ago, the old tenor at Macclesfield cracked so it was resolved to have it recast and the number increased to twelve, but various causes prevented the accomplishment of this plan. At a public meeting held in the Town Hall on July 11th 1922, it was decided to have the ten bells recast, a treble and tenor added, and the whole hung in a massive cast-iron frame. Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. were entrusted with the work, which has been carried out with their usual thoroughness. The bells are of splendid tone, and the tenor is worthy of special note. For its weight (28 cwt.) it is exceptionally fine.

To the listener outside, the peal is evenly heard; to the ringer each bell is audible, chiefly owing to an arrangement whereby the trap-door in the ceiling can be raised or lowered at will.

Besides the restoration of the bells, the tower has been repaired, the clock overhauled, a new flagstaff set up, and the weather vane improved, bringing the total of the amount required to at least £2,700. An effort to clear the debt will be made in November when a grand bazaar will be held in the Town Hall.

After much patience and with no little courage in facing a big task, Macclesfield is thus at last rewarded by having a peal of twelve as perfect as they well can be.

It is hoped to have an open ringing day on October 13th, of which due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

The weight of the new tenor is 28 cwt. 0 qr. 13 lb. and the inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—In memory of the old scholars of Duke Street and Beech Lane Schools who fell in the great war, 1914-1918.

2nd.—The gift of W. Whiston, Esq., Langley, April 1891, recast 1923.

3rd.—The gift of David Clarke, Esq., Park House April, 1891, recast 1923.

4th.—Praise the Lord.

5th.—Fear God, honour the King.

6th.—Lift up your hearts.

7th.—We lift them up unto the Lord.

8th.—Glory to God in the Highest.

9th.—On earth peace.

10th.—O come let us worship (on bells No. 4 to 10, 'recast 1923').

11th.—Ring out the false, ring in the true. Cast 1822 recast 1923.

Tenor.—Presented by the ringers: J. Norbury, leader; H. E. Paget, Bishop of Chester; E. Eaton, Mayor; H. E. Stevens, Vicar; J. H. Hughes and T. Cartwright wardens. The peal increased from 10 to 12, and old bells recast 1923.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL RESTORATION FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £3 2s. 6d.; Worcestershire Northern Branch meeting, collection, Halesowen, £1 11s.; Mr. Hector Bird, Old Hill 2s. 6d.; James George, 5s. Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Parsons, 'Elma,' Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**NEARLY 600 MEMBERS.**

A most successful practice meeting of the Woodbridge district of the Suffolk Guild was held at Ufford on Saturday, Sept. 15th. By permission of the Rector, the bells (8) were at the disposal of ringers during the afternoon and evening. The bells were first set going to Stedman Doubles, and it was noted that the band included the Rector (the Rev. H. Drake), one churchwarden, the parish clerk and a sidesman, the touch being successfully brought round. After this, in spite of the fact that Ufford is on one side of the district (by the way, there is no other tower containing a peal of bells between this one and the East Coast, a distance of about ten miles in a direct line), ringers began to turn up in force, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise being indulged in. When tea-time came there was something in the nature of a crowd for this rather remote part, and 'more chairs, please,' was the order of the day. Tea was very kindly provided and served in the Church Hall by Mrs. Drake, assisted by lady friends, to which full justice was done.

The District Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Drake for providing tea. Afterwards the Rector, who is also the general secretary, welcomed the ringers, and briefly described the work and progress of the new Guild which was satisfactory to all.

It was learned during a friendly talk that one band consisting of sixteen performing members, had by their energy secured twelve honorary members, an example of what can be done.

Ringings were afterwards resumed, and it was a pleasure to listen to the excellent striking in various methods, including Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise by mixed bands. Everyone seemed to have spent a most enjoyable time while the enthusiasm which abounds for the new Guild is most noticeable. There are now 570 members enrolled.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION VISIT ROYSTON.**

One of the most successful meetings ever held at Royston took place on Saturday. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m., and a short service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Harrison), who gave a stirring address on bells and ringers. Afterwards the Vicar conducted those who wished over his church, showing them some interesting photos of the building as it was when he first became Vicar some 48 years ago. He informed the party that the chancel was modern, and that the church originally ended where the present nave began. This seems to infer that the church originally was much larger, and probably what is now the nave was the choir or chancel, and the present tower might have been a central tower with the nave westward beyond. The oldest remains consist of portions of an arcade, and a window of the 13th century, with clustered columns, and tooth ornament between the mouldings of the arches, and these have been exceedingly well copied in the modern chancel. There are traces of a chapel or chantry on the north side of the church, but unfortunately (as the Vicar said) no history or records about the building can be found.

Tea was served at Beale's Restaurant, and was followed by the meeting, over which the Vicar presided.—One new member was elected, and a vote of condolence was expressed with Mrs. F. Furr and family, of Hitchin, in their bereavement. The late Mr. Furr was for years a member of the association and an old chorister.

Thanks were expressed to the Vicar for his presence, for his excellent address, and for the use of the bells; also to the organist for supplying the music at the service.

This meeting was honoured with the presence of the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake the association's representative on the Central Council, and formerly district secretary for this division. In all, some 29 members were present, and the ringing, which included Cambridge Surprise and the standard methods, terminated at 9 o'clock.

DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dexter is evidently confusing the coming round at hand of the above method with that of Stedman Caters. If he will examine his course of the method (which is the same) he will find when the treble leads at hand 5th's place is made, which gives the homing change 123457698 not 124365879, as he implies. The method is very false internally, there being 13 false rows against each lead. I may add that in the peals in question the bob is made in 3rd's when the treble is in 5th's hunting up.

21, Warleigh Road, Brighton.

F. BENNETT.

Mr. F. H. Dexter has now written that it has been pointed out to him that, although the places given in his letter last week are correct, they will, if reversed, 'home' at hand from the last 5th's. On again looking at the lead he quoted from, or at least the last half-lead, he found that the last 3rd's and 5th's had been omitted, giving the lead end 129785634, which, of course, would not allow homing at hand.

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RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, Sept. 15th, the members of the St. Giles' Society, Reading, together with their wives and sweethearts, numbering 24 in all, had their annual outing. Meeting at 8.20 a.m. they journeyed by charabanc to Basingstoke, which was reached at 9.30, and a visit paid to St. Michael's. The bells were soon tapping off a first-rate touch of Stedman Triples. Other touches in this method and Bob Major followed, and the party left at 11 a.m. for Winchester, which city was reached soon after 12 noon. Before dinner the visitors had a look round the ancient and beautiful cathedral, and in the afternoon were very kindly received and conducted to the tower which, without the aid of a guide, they would not have been able to find. After a most arduous climb, which several of the ladies were obliged to abandon, while others remarked 'never again,' they found themselves in the tremendous belfry, with its most noble peal of twelve. After pulling up the tenor, a fine bell of 30 cwt., ringing commenced with rounds on the twelve, most of the party never having heard twelve bells before. This was followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were also rung. After tea the visitors had a short look round the city, and left at 6 p.m. for Basingstoke, where, at All Saints' Church, with its very handy ring of nine bells (what a pity it is there are not ten!) the best ringing of the day was indulged in. Some first-rate touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were brought round. The ringing terminated with a splendid touch of Grandsire Triples, by the local ringers, to enable the visitors to hear the bells outside. This was conducted by Mr. J. Ballard, of Basingstoke. After refreshments, Mr. G. Cook proposed a hearty vote of thanks to all concerned for the splendid arrangements made for the day's outing.—Mr. H. Egly also added thanks to the Basingstoke friends, and to those at the Cathedral of Winchester for granting permission to ring on such a noble peal. Reading was eventually reached soon after 10 p.m., after an enjoyable and successful day.

A VISIT TO CHICHESTER.

On Saturday, Sept. 15th, the ringers of North Stoneham had their annual outing, under the able conductorship of Mr. G. Williams, and accompanied by the Vicar and curate who are both ringers. The trip was made by charabanc, and the first tower visited was Soberton, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge were rung. Hambleton was the next tower, and touches of Stedman Doubles, Kent and Cambridge Minor brought round on the nice-toned ring of six by Mears. Chichester was the next objective, where a splendid tea was enjoyed at the Anchor Hotel. After tea a move was made to the campanile, where the party found Messrs. Rogers and Tate, of Portsmouth, waiting for them, and touches of Stedman Triples and London, Cambridge and Double Norwich Major were rung on the Cathedral bells. Havant was the last tower on the programme, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Superlative and London Surprise Major rung. Home was reached at 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The best thanks of the party are tendered to the various incumbents and ringers who helped to make the outing so enjoyable, particularly to Mr. Blake, who made all arrangements for the tea.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS AT BEVERLEY.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th the Rotherham Parish Church company, and friends from the neighbouring tower of Rawmarsh spent a most enjoyable day on a trip to Beverley, the journey being made by motor. The route lay through Doncaster, Askern and Selby. Here the Abbey was admired, but time being short the party pushed on to Beverley, arriving there at 12 o'clock. After dinner, the visitors were met by the Minster ringers, who, after showing them round the interior of this grand edifice, led the way up to the belfry, where the bells were soon going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters. Everyone having had a pull, the party made their way to St. Mary's Church, where further ringing took place. Tea followed, and a quiet hour was spent with a few Beverley friends who had been with the visitors during the afternoon. Touches of Grandsire Caters, Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples on handbells completed the all too short visit. Rotherham was eventually reached at 11 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. This opportunity is taken of thanking the incumbents of the Minster and St. Mary's for the use of the bells, and also Beverley friends who helped to make the outing a real success.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th, the ringing company of SS. Peter and Paul, Aldeburgh, Suffolk, had their first annual outing. Starting at 1.15 p.m. the charabanc made for Knodishall and Leiston, where the other members and friends were taken aboard. The happy party then proceeded to Winhaston where some nice touches of Cambridge Treble Bob and Bob Minor were rung on the good toned old peal of six. Some of the party then amused themselves with the handbells. Much time was also spent in surveying the very many items of interest in this quaint old church, before starting for St.

Edmund's, Southwold. Here the band were met by other ringers from the district, and touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob were greatly enjoyed. Much fun was caused by the chauffeur's remarks after his visit to the bell chamber. A substantial tea, the generous gift of a kind friend, was much appreciated, in the fullest sense of the word, and the car was then steered for Wrentham. Here a course of London touches of Cambridge and Bob Minor, were rung. After enjoying a few moments on the handbells, at the residence of Mr. Naunton, the homeward journey was begun in the cool air of the beautiful evening. On reaching Aldeburgh all agreed that this outing was one that would be remembered for many years to come. Chief thanks are due to the 'clerk of the weather' and those friends who met the party and had everything in readiness; also to the incumbents for the use of the bells.

A TRIP TO LEICESTER.

The idea originated quite a long time ago with the wish to ring a peal with some of the 'cracks' of the Midland Counties Association, some of those whose exploits of the past year or more have added to the many fine performances put up by that society. The good offices of Mr. Ernest Morris were sought and eventually permission was obtained to ring a peal on what is undoubtedly one of the finest rings of twelve bells in the world. 'Don't forget to ask Fred Dexter, Harold Poole, Harry Broughton, etc.,' was the pertinent request, but alas! the first named was unable to take part owing to a domestic bereavement, and his disappointment was shared by the whole of the band, who also sincerely sympathise with him in his trouble.

However, it is an ill-wind, etc., and the champion 'peal merchant' from Birmingham, having heard there was a 'twelve-bell peal on,' wired asking if the band was made up, and luckily fell into the vacant place. Of course the band was not complete without him, and the omission to invite him in the first place is really surprising.

Punctually at 4 p.m. 'go' was called, and a fine peal of Stedman Cinques was rung in 3 hours and 46 minutes.

'What do you think of the bells?' was the query of the local (dare we use the word!) men. 'Very fine indeed,' was the general reply.

After the peal a move was made to another sort of 'local,' where a room had been reserved, and quite a large number of ringers met for handbell ringing, reminiscencing, etc. Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques were the order of events, and the company was further entertained by the Birmingham globe-trotter, who appears to excel not only at ringing, but at such widely different games as bagatelle, bowls, and goodness knows what else.

Sunday morning at 10 found the company at St. Martin's, where two courses of Cambridge Royal and a touch of Stedman Caters were rung, the conducting being shared by Mr. Harold Poole and Mr. C. T. Coles. A motor-bus ride to Anstey passing en route the scene of Old Bill's 'night out' by almost exactly two years ago was followed by a well-struck peal of Bristol Surprise. A hurried tea very kindly prepared by Mrs. Elkington, and a return ride to Leicester, brought the time of parting, after a very pleasant but all too short outing.

Sincere thanks are due to the incumbents of the two churches for allowing the peals to be rung, and to Messrs. Morris Poole, Broughton and Elkington for their excellent arrangements and hospitality.

CONCRETE FLOORS IN BELFRIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if any of your readers could give me any information with regard to the laying in of a concrete floor in a tower, about 20 feet above the ringing chamber.

Would this prevent the bells being heard in the belfry, or would the sound penetrate through the trap door, through which the bells would be taken up, and also the rope holes? Would the weight of the floor be of any danger or risk of any kind?

Perhaps some of your readers may know of the existence of a floor of this kind.—Yours faithfully,

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. R. Lewis 1, F. Baldwin 2, W. J. Mardell (Sulgrave) 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, W. Tandy 5, R. W. Burrows 6, J. Simons 7, T. Impey 8. Believed to be the first quarter-peal for service on the bells.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, R. Martin 3, R. Edwards 4, H. T. Hughes 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Deays' Church on Sunday, Sept. 16, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Holder 1, C. Harman 2, H. Hammond 3, H. M. Smith 4, E. Bishop, senr., 5, W. Rogers (conductor) 6, F. Hammond 7, W. Holder 8.

MORRISTON, GLAMORGAN.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Doubles: Ivor Matthews (longest touch) 1, C. Davies 2, J. T. Williams 3, L. Pelzer (longest touch on an inside bell) 4, G. Lewis (conductor) 5, D. Williams (longest touch) 6. L. Pelzer has only his left arm to ring with.

IDLE, YORKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, 360 Oxford, 360 Kent Treble Boy Minor: F. Davison 1, G. Duck 2, R. Umpleby (conductor) 3, P. Kilshaw 4, W. Feather 5, H. Davison 6.—For evening service, 992 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Buckley 1, T. Hill 2, H. Davison (conductor) 3, G. Duck 4, R. Umpleby 5, F. Kilshaw 6, W. Feather 7, H. Davison 8.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th for morning service, 360 Bob Minor: E. Brogdale 1, A. Chamberlain 2, F. Priestley 3, J. W. Priestley 4, W. Brown (conductor) 5, E. Chamberlain 6.—For evening service, 720 Single Oxford: E. Brogdale 1, F. Priestley 2, E. Chamberlain 3, W. Brown 4, J. W. Priestley 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band except the conductor.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples: for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): C. Read 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, J. Smith 4, D. Chexfield 5, G. Cooper 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, T. Read 8. G. Green ringing tenor for morning service. Longest length of Triples by all except the conductor.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for evensong, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: J. J. Symons 1, C. Groves 2, W. Tate 3, T. R. Taylor 4, E. J. Harding, junr. (conductor), 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, J. D. Harris 8. Also 224 Cambridge Surprise Major: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, W. Tate 4, E. J. Harding, junr., 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

STOWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Welham 1, F. Sparrow 2, W. Souter (conductor) 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, R. Brundle (Ipswich) 6, A. Grimwood 7, H. Copeland 8.

TALGARATH, BRECONSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, at the Church of St. Gwendoline, for morning service, 120 each of Morning Star, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob, Grandsire, and Old Doubles.—For evening service, 360 Grandsire Doubles, the following ringers taking part: D. Bennett, C. M. Davies, E. J. Dowler, W. D. Griffiths, L. S. Griffiths (conductor), D. Moore, C. Powell, W. Pritchard.—Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles on handbells by E. J. Dowler 1—2, L. S. Griffiths (conductor) 3—4, W. D. Griffiths 5—6. The above was arranged for Mr. E. J. Dowler, of Selly Oak, Birmingham, who was on a visit to Talgarth.

TURVEY BEDS.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Allen 1, W. Freeman (Olney) 2, G. Ette 3, H. Ette (Wellingborough) 4, H. L. Harlow (Bedford) 5, P. C. Albert Stapleton (Broughton) 6, H. Stapleton (conductor) 7, C. Wadsworth 8. Ringers of 1, 7 and 8 are local men. Arranged for P. C. Stapleton, who was home on holiday.

EXETER.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th at the Cathedral for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (by J. Howes), in 52 mins.: F. Rogers 1, J. C. Oke 2, R. Hobbitch 3, T. Laver (conductor) 4, F. Gardner 5, W. S. Lethbridge 6, F. J. Davey 7, C. G. Glass 8.

HANLEY.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th, for morning service at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Alcock 1, P. Shuker 2, P. Dale 3, H. Cordall 4, S. Cardell (conductor) 5, J. Prophet 6, S. Sargeant 7, W. H. Degg 8.—On Friday, Sept. 8th, 666 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Yandon 1, H. Alcock 2, S. Cardell 3, S. Sargeant 4, P. Dale 5, H. Cordall 6, G. Jones 7, J. Prophet 8, C. H. Page (conductor) 9, W. H. Degg 10.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the pro-Cathedral Church of St. Woolos, on Monday, Sept. 3rd, to commemorate the wedding of Fernetta, daughter of Mr. John Goudard, to Mr. H. Longdon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Griffiths 1, W. Lewis 2, J. Bullen 3, J. Goddard 4, R. Lewis 5, J. Buller (conductor) 6, W. Phillips 7, A. Thomas 8. Also during the evening touches of Grandsire Caters and Bob Major.

THE OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The figures given by the Rev. O. W. O. Jenkyn in your last issue are confusing. The total number he gives is 201. The secretary's report in 'The Ringing World' states: '115 members attended the business meeting in the Chapter House.' Thus there is a difference of 86. The Master states that Oxford, Bucks and Berks were represented by 104. If the radius figures are meant to show how this total is made up there is a discrepancy of 7; if they are in addition then, as I have pointed out above, there is a wide margin. The reverend gentleman says the majority in favour of Oxford was 60. The report gives the number of votes recorded, as 92—which means that, if we take the secretary's figures, 23 votes were unaccounted for; if the Master's figures are accepted, 109 non-voters; or if the grouped counties only, 12. Perhaps a more lucid explanation may be forthcoming. There are, I believe, somewhere about 2,000 members of the Guild, and however big a majority at Oxford, surely one would hardly contend that 79 votes is representative of the feelings of the whole. Why not a referendum?—Yours truly,
High Wycombe, GEO. TWITCHEN.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Harrold on Saturday, Sept. 8th. The bells were set going about 2.30, and after tea, at the Wheatsheaf, to which 30 sat down the business meeting was held with Miss E. Steel in the chair. Members and friends were present from Bedford, Biddenham, Clapham, Kempston, Turvey, Roxton, Dunstable, Risely, Olney, Desborough, Finedon, Irthlingborough, Bozeat, Wollaston, Cambridge, Easton-Mauditt, and the local company.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Willington, and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells. Northampton friends then gave a selection on tunes on the handbells, and a course of Grandsire Caters and a course of Bob Major were rung. During the afternoon, touches from Doubles to London Surprise were brought round on the bells, and a pleasant time was spent.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cannington on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) available 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 5. Meeting to follow. Please turn up in good numbers to create interest.—C. Evans, Local Hon. Sec., Weston Road, Bridgwater.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, September 29th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Tea will be provided, and a hearty invitation is given to all ringers to attend. All those intending to be present please notify Mr. H. W. Smith, 11, Pleasant Terrace, Dunmow, not later than September 27th.—W. H. Dyson, District Master.

WINCHESTER.—At the Cathedral on Wednesday, Sept. 5th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 58 mins.: E. Bishop 1, W. C. Lampard (conductor) 2, J. W. Elkhinc 3, F. Smith 4, F. Cox 5, H. Cook 6, R. Paine 7, C. Russell 8, W. Andrews 9, G. Noice 10. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. W. H. Lampard, son of the conductor and a member of the Cathedral band. First quarter-peal by E. Bishop, and the first in the method by F. Cox and H. Cook.

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NOTICES.

CHURCH CONGRESS AT PLYMOUTH.—Sunday, September 23rd, ringing for Service at Charles, 10.15 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, 10.15 a.m., 5.30 p.m.; Emmanuel, 10.15 a.m., 5.30 p.m. Practice, Monday, Charles, 7.30 p.m.; Tuesday, St. Andrew's, 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, Emmanuel, 7.30 p.m. Any members requiring further information, or any who would like a peal arranged, please communicate with E. M. Marsh, Hon. Sec. S.W. District Branch, Devon Guild, 13, Edith Avenue, Plymouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at South Hackney on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. It is hoped that a good number will attend.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Exeter and District.—Inaugural meeting Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing, St. Thomas' (new 8), 12 to 1; St. Petrock's (light 6), 2 to 2.45. Service at Cathedral at 3 o'clock. Business meeting to follow in Church House; also ringing at Cathedral (12) from 6 o'clock. All lady ringers invited.—Information Hon. Sec. (pro tem.), 14, St. James' Road, Exeter.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bramley on Saturday, September 22nd. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—The Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and Past Officers of the Yorkshire Association Commemoration Dinner will be held at the King's Head Hotel, Change Alley, High Street, Sheffield, on Saturday, September 22nd, at 6 p.m. prompt. The chair will be taken by the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield. The bells of All Saints (8), Ranmoor (8), and Handsworth (8), will be available for visitors from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., and St. Mary's R.C. (8) and the Cathedral (12), from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Earlier party ringing by arrangement.—Sidney F. Palmer, Hon. Sec., 87, Bradley Street, Crookes, Sheffield.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle on Saturday, September 22nd, 1923. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 22nd, at Oldham Parish Church. Business meeting 6.30. All are welcome.—William Horan, 2, Greenhurst Hey, Todmorden, Branch Secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham and District Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Beckford on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock in Parish Hall. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Swindon, near Cheltenham, Branch Hon. Secretary.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. A good turn up is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Dunster on Saturday, September 22nd. Business meeting in the Church Hall at 3.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Service at 5 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—The annual meeting will be held at Burton Latimer on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Hoole, Chester, on Saturday, September 22nd. Ringing 3.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Old Woking on Saturday, September 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. It is hoped as many as possible will attend.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Staindrop (6) on Saturday, September 22nd, to assist the new band. Bells available 2.30 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Saviour's, Shanklin, Saturday, September 22nd. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea provided by the Vicar of St. Saviour's, 5.30., business meeting after.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch.—Postponement of meeting at St. Nicholas, Wallasey, from 22nd to 29th September. Arrangements as usual.—H. S. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.—Cyclist Church Parade and Harvest Festival at Mayfield, Sussex, on September 23rd. Tower open 2.15 and 5.30. Service 3.15. Tea in Vicarage garden free to those attending Church Parade. All ringers cordially invited. Will those requiring tea write to A. R. Miles, Captain, High Street, Mayfield?

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for September.—St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 24th, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Islington, N.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob to London Surprise.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available from 2 till 4.30, at which time a special service will be held in the church. Tea (free) at 5 o'clock to all those who notify me of their intention of being present on or before Tuesday, September 25th. The general business meeting will follow the tea for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, the 29th instant, at Bakewell. The tower (8 bells) will be open from 1—9 o'clock, and Youlgreave bells (8) will also be available from 3—9 o'clock. If a party can be arranged for the latter place a conveyance will be obtained. Members will make their own arrangements for tea—there are many suitable places near by. The committee will meet at 4.30 and the general meeting will be at 5 o'clock in the church institute.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Methmal on Saturday, September 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each to those who send word on or before Monday, Sept. 24th, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—L. Hargreaves, Sec., 30, Bankfield View.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5, meeting directly after tea. Those requiring tea please write by September 26th, to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Littleham, Exmouth, on Saturday, September 29th. Service Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hut 5 p.m., free. All ringers welcome. Bells available, Littleham (6), Withycombe Raleigh (8).—J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A combined practice will take place at Ringwood on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available from 3.30.—G. Preston, Dist. Sec., Christchurch.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Fishlake on Saturday, September 29th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea provided for those who notify me before the 24th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting 5.30. Business: Appointment of Branch Secretary.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Newmarket and Mildenhall District.—A practice meeting will be held at Elveden, Suffolk, on Saturday, September 29th. The bells (8) at the Memorial Tower, will be available from 2 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—P. W. Fordham, Dist. Sec., Mildenhall.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hever on Saturday, September 29th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at King Henry VIII. after Service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea (1/- per head) must notify the Dist. Sec. not later than Tuesday, September 25th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tetbury on Saturday, September 29th. Bells open from 2 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Kindly notify me by 24th those requiring tea.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A joint meeting of the Eastern and Southern Districts will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, September 29th. Meet at St. Oswald's (10 bells) at 2.30. The bells of St. Aidan's (8) and Stranton (8) will also be available. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. F. Robson, 6, Water Street, West Hartlepool, not later than September 27th.—G. S. Taylor and A. Hunter, Secs.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—The bells will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. on Saturday, 29th September.—Fred R. Borrett.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellington District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, September 29th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested so that a hearty welcome may be extended to the new Vicar into this district.—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellington.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, September 29th, to commemorate the first anniversary of the opening of the bells which took place on September 25th, 1922. Tower will be open for ringing at 2.30. Short Service in Church at 4.15. Tea at 4.30, business meeting to follow tea. A good attendance is required. Will all those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Hobbs, Watnall, Notts, not later than Thursday, 27th September? Three bus services pass the Church from Nottingham.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

DERBY.—The ring of ten bells at St. Andrew's Church will be re-dedicated on Sunday morning, September 30th next. The service will commence at 11 a.m. and all ringers will be welcome. A day, to be notified later, will be set apart for a meeting of ringers at St. Andrew's Church.—W. Wallace, Hon. Sec. to Bells Restoration Fund, 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 4th, the President, the Dean of Norwich, presiding. Committee meeting will be held at the Deanery at 11.15 a.m. Divine Service will be held at 12.30 p.m., by the kind permission of the Dean of Norwich, in the choir of the Cathedral. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m., at William Grix, Limited, Dining Rooms, White Lion Street, Norwich; tickets 2/6 per member. The general business meeting will follow the luncheon for the election of officers, etc., and other important business in connection with the affairs of the Suffolk branch of the association. The ring of bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), and St. Michael Coslany (8) will be available. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Tuesday, October 2nd.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Rose and Crown to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford Station 2.15, 3.20, 4.25. Leave

Writtle 7.20 and 9.20. Will all members requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, October 3rd?—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held at Chatteris, Cambs; bells (6) ready from 3 o'clock. Service 6. Tea arranged for those who notify me, H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March. All ringers welcome.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cannock on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church, with an address by the Rev. L. J. Price (Vicar) at 4.45. Tea, 1/-, at the Co-operative Hall at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, October 2nd.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting. All members intending to be present kindly let me know by October 3rd.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LADIES' GUILD, Midland District, will hold their annual meeting at Solihull on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea (election of officers for the ensuing year), gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Wednesday, October 3rd, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Owing to illness near church the quarterly meeting at Shoreham is postponed till a later date—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Tunstall on Saturday, October 20th. Two new trebles have recently been added to this Peal by Mears & Stainbank. Full particulars later.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

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OBJECTORS TO CHURCH BELLS.

It is refreshing to find a newspaper of the importance and wide influence of the *Daily Chronicle* devoting a leading article to the defence of church bells, albeit that defence is made with qualifications. The circumstance which gave rise to this article, which we reprint in another column, is an attempt by residents of Welwyn Garden City to secure the prohibition of church bells in their midst, and one cannot but be gratified that a journal like the *Daily Chronicle* has expressed views with which, in the main, the majority of English people will agree. If the facts which they give are not, in every respect, accurate, the conclusions will command the approval of large numbers of people.

The attitude taken up by the community at Welwyn Garden City is one which, at different times, has been adopted in sundry places by a minority of folk who have an objection to church bells, and so far as this action relates to the garden city itself, ringers need be little perturbed. But there is a general principle at stake behind the question, and if church bells can be suppressed at Welwyn, there will doubtless be attempts in other places to silence the bells. This is a matter upon which ringers should ever be on the alert, and it is therefore not out of place to recall the fact that the Central Council have a special committee ready to help in questions of this kind, and they should be made acquainted with any attempt that is started with the object of silencing church bells.

"Bells," says the *Daily Chronicle*, at the conclusion of the article above referred to, "have a fine and romantic history, and if really musical in tone, could, even in these prosaic days, bring some joy to the ear, and perhaps solace to the soul." May we add that bells well rung, do this, and more. They are a constant reminder of the higher things of life; of the call to worship, which many who hear do not heed. If we were asked, we should say that it is probable that in a place like Welwyn Garden City the opposition to bells is not so much that they annoy the ears of the inhabitants, as that they disturb their consciences. These modern mushroom cities, which even the *Daily Chronicle* describes as "puckish," are often largely composed of people who look upon Sunday merely as a day for physical recreation, and the call of the church bells is to them too harsh a reminder of higher things neglected in seeking only the pleasures of the world. Men and women to whom Sunday has a meaning and purpose above that of a weekly holiday, are not people who object to church bells, but rather welcome their sounds, and so long as bells are rung primarily for their true object, find

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them no "nuisance." But such actions as that taken at Welwyn require to be carefully watched, lest they lead to wider steps, which might eventually be detrimental to the use of church bells throughout the country.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

WILLIAM HEATH Treble	† WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
SIDNEY DAWE 2	ERNEST COOMBS 7
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	WILLIAM BOLTON 8
* JOHN W. JONES 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
GEORGE LARGE 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

This peal was specially arranged as a wedding peal for Roy Heselstine Hammett, Indian P.W.D., and Gladys Mabel Gibbon, whose marriage took place on the 12th inst. (when unfortunately the peal was lost after ringing two hours and twenty minutes). The bridegroom's father was a former churchwarden at this church. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. Harry Gibbon, Cardiff. * 200th peal. † First peal of Caters on an inside bell.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble	CHARLES DOEL 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	* HORACE TAYLOR 7
* JESSE FRANCIS 3	† WILLIAM BAXTER 8
* WILLIAM LOUD 4	SYDNEY HILLIER 9
* GERALD GRIFFIN 5	* SYDNEY FRANCIS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters away from the tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE, LANCS.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S.

SAMUEL ROWBOTTOM Treble	† FRED ALLTHORPE 5
SAMUEL BOOTE 2	ALBERT ADAMS 6
* GEORGE GORRINGE 3	BEN THORP 7
WILLIAM BRANMER 4	THOMAS JACKSON Tenor

Conducted by BEN THORP.

* First peal on eight. † First peal. First peal rung for 29 years by the ringer of the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Rowbottom.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

* REV. ALBERT SIMPSON Treble	GEORGE DURLING 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* Fiftieth peal, and bells from Stockton-on-Tees.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Mary's, Walton on Tuesday, Sept. 10th, 1920 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Searle 1, J. Wilkinson (conductor) 2, H. Harrison 3, J. Prescott 4, J. Martin 5, C. I. Davies 6. First 720 of Cambridge for treble and tenor ringers.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

MARK LANE Treble	CHARLES W. CLARKE 5
ERNEST HERBERT 2	EDMOND J. HOBBS 6
ARTHUR MARKWELL 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
CYRIL HERBERT 4	HORACE H. SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled to the memory of Charles Herbert, founder, vice-president and many years secretary of the above association, who died on the 12th inst., and was interred at Woburn on the 14th inst. First peal in the method on the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	ALFRED B. PECK 5
*F. L. LEEKS 2	†A. SYMONDS 6
*A. F. TURNER 3	GEORGE R. FARDON 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	†E. ALEX. YOUNG Tenor

Conducted by G. R. FARDON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal away from tenor. ‡ First peal on tower bells.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

BERT H. POUNTNEY Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	JOHN T. DAVIES 6
ISAAC EVANS 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
JOHN PERRY 4	ARTHUR E. READ Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Evans, who were married at St. Giles' Church on September 18th, 1898.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble	ROBERT HOLLOWAY 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 2	EDWARD HARRIS 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
ROBERT A. FARDON 4	CYRIL G. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

F. Skevington's 50th peal, of which he has conducted 24.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WALTER SADLER Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	*WALTER ARNOLD 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 3	ERNEST BECKWITH 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler, both 70 years of age, the former's birthday being on the day of the peal, and the latter's on the 22nd.

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PUTNEY, LONDON.

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ST. MARY'S ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt. in F.

*SYDNEY BROWN Treble	EDWARD CASSEL 5
†THOMAS BOLTON 2	WILLIAM E. JODD 6
‡WILLIAM T. ELSON 3	JOSEPH HERBERT 7
‡WILLIAM H. WORSLEY ... 4	HERBERT LANGDON Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

Rung to celebrate the 63rd birthday of Mr. T. Bolton, Master of St. Mary's Association. * First peal. † First peal of Bob Major. ‡ First attempt for 17 years. Believed to be one of the quickest peals of Major on the bells.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, September 19, 1923, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

†R. TAYLOR Treble	†J. GRAY 5
*A. MORGAN 2	†W. E. AUSTIN 6
†T. GROUNDS 3	J. W. GROUNDS 7
J. BOOTH 4	†E. BIRCHALL Tenor

Composed by SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by E. BIRCHALL.

* First peal † First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells and rung by an entirely local band, all of whom are regular service ringers.

PORTMADOC, CARNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S 12-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*PIERCE ROBERTS Treble	*FRED J. WILLIAMS 5
HARRY McMILLAN 2	†HARRY WAKEFIELD 6
*J. VAUGHAN HUMPHREYS... 3	JOHN OWEN... .. 7
*HERBERT ROBERTS 4	*EDWARD BROWN... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN OWEN.

Rung in honour of the ordination of the Rev. John Mostyn as Deacon, also as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the 6th. * First peal.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE WALL Treble	†REV. A. W. LISTER 5
J. E. R. KEEN 2	WM. H. BARBER 6
A. F. HILLIER 3	HY. TYSON 7
†R. THOMPSON 4	WILLIAM STORY... .. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WILLIAM STORY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major Rung as a compliment to Mr. Fred Lowe on his 75th birthday.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
WILLIAM PYE 3	*HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Fiftieth peal on the bells, also his first peal of London Surprise.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH & THE ALL SAINTS' YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM NIBLETT Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 2	WILLIAM LEWIS 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

First peal in the method by all the band on the bells in the City of Worcester, and by the Western Branch. Rung to celebrate the conductor's 62nd birthday. The calling of Reeves' 5088 of Kent Treble Bob was used for this peal, which was rung at the first attempt.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DERBY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 17 cwt.

C. DRAPER Treble	J. FLOWERS 5
J. SADDINGTON 2	A. H. WARD... .. 6
E. SHEPHERD 3	A. BRAINES 7
W. A. JAMES... .. 4	W. THORLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BRAINES.

First peal as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble	SHIRLEY BURTON... .. 5
*JAMES F. CLARKE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
*E. HARRY STONELEY... .. 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Bristol.

SOUTELEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*LEONARD TUFFREY Treble	HARRY HOLIFIELD 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
*WALTER JUDGE 3	ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 7
JACK HONEY 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First in the method. * First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on the bells.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT Treble	JAMES F. GEORGE 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
BERNARD DITCHER 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... .. 7
CHARLES MASON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

E. C. Gobey's 150th peal.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

† WILLIAM HUGHES Treble	JAMES R. GRIFFIN 5
DAVID HUGHES 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
JOHN COOKE 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES 7
* WILLIAM WOOSNAM 4	* JOHN HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung on the 70th birthday of the ringer of the treble, also to celebrate his golden wedding and the silver wedding of his son, who rang the tenor. The band was entertained to lunch after the peal, and a remarkable feature was that the party included four generations of the family.

APPLEDORE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ in F sharp.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	JAMES POWELL 5
MISS ROSE THOMAS 2	GEORGE BILLENESS 6
*KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 3	HARRY BAKER 7
MRS. H. BAKER... .. 4	GEORGE JOHNSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENESS.

The above was the 50th peal for Mr. G. Johnson, who kindly entertained the band to tea. * First peal in an eight-bell tower, and elected a non-resident life member previous to starting.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ALBERT HATTON Treble	CHRIS HATTON 4
*IRIS BOWEN 2	JOHN HAMMOND... .. 5
HARRY BOYCE 3	† RONALD ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by RONALD ELLIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal as conductor.

MONKS RISBOROUGH, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 15, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called different.

*F. NICHOLLS Treble	G. SEYMOUR... .. 4
REV. E. J. TEESDALE ... 2	G. STRATHDEE 5
A. J. SEYMOUR 3	J. W. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

* First peal of Minor. The ringers of the treble, 4th and 5th hail from Bledlow, the 2nd and 3rd from Nymet St. George, Devon, and the ringer of the tenor from High Wycombe. Arranged for the Rev. E. J. Teesdale and A. J. Seymour.

OVER, CAMBS.

On Wednesday, September 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb.

*FRANCIS GLEAVES Treble	*FRANK WARRINGTON... .. 4
CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY ... 2	JOHN WOOLLEY 5
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 3	WILFRED HOOTON Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED HOOTON.

* First peal.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL 4
†HERBERT E. FROSSEL 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by P. INSKIP.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. H. J. Hazell, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Cambridge.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
JOHN LARTER 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
ALBERT J. LINCOLN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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, each differently called.

F. ROWLINSON Treble	FRED COOKE... .. 4
MISS P. HARE 2	H. BEECHEY... .. 5
J. J. JOYSON 3	H. HOARE Tenor

Conducted by H. HOARE.

First peal in three methods as conductor.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's ten callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*LEONARD JORDAN Treble	FRED COTTON 4
†FRED MEARS 2	JOSEPH TAYLOR 5
SAMUEL WHITE 3	EDWIN A. HALL Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal. † First peal with Bob bell. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Hall for their kind hospitality after the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM

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

On Thursday, September 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

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*THOMAS R. BUTLER 1-2	THOMAS RUSSAM 5-6
ALBERT WALKER... .. 3-4	GEORGE F. SWANN 7-8
JOHN NEAL 9-10	

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER. Referee: MORRIS J. MORRIS.

* First peal and first attempt, and hails from Ellesmere, Salop

REEPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MRS. WILKINS.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5392 CHANGES;

WILLIAM ROUGHT... .. 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS... .. 5-6
WILLIAM J. WASEY 3-4	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpires: MR. J. MOY AND MR. W. CLOVER.

First double-handed peal by ringers of 3-4, and 7-8.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT BRANCH FORGING AHEAD.

The autumn meeting of the Cheltenham and District Branch was held at Beckford on Saturday, September 22nd, and attended by 40 members from Alderton, Ashchurch, Dumbleton, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham (St. Mark's), Leigh, Leckhampton, Prestbury, Swindon, Twining, Winchcombe, and the local tower. The service held in the fine old church was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Margrett, assisted by the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Rector of Alderton), Miss Smith kindly presiding at the organ. The association's form of service was used, and a collection taken for the association's newly started belfry repair fund.

A bountiful tea was partaken of in the Village Hall kindly provided by the Vicar and numerous friends of Beckford.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea. Mr. J. W. Smith (churchwarden) presiding, supported by Mr. J. F. Ballinger (branch chairman), Mr. C. W. Dyson (branch representative), and the hon. secretary.—Apologies were received from the Rev. A. Stephens (Deerhurst), the Rev. F. M. Wickham (Winchcombe), and Mr. Wakeford (Ashchurch), the latter having recently lost his father.

The Secretary, in the course of a brief review, said the branch was making great strides.—Tewkesbury was chosen for the annual meeting, in January.

The following members were elected: Honorary: Rev. Baghot De le Bere (Vicar of Prestbury), and Mr. J. W. Smith (Beckford). Performing members: Messrs. Tom and Ted Harris (Ashchurch), F. Murden and A. Pulley (Dumbleton), A. Darke (Twining), L. Harrison and J. Hall (Toddington) and J. K. Armstrong (Prestbury).

On the motion of Mr. F. C. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. W. Dyer, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address; the Rev. Pennington; Miss Smith for presiding at the organ, and the Misses Smith, Mrs. Cole and Mr. Green for presiding at the tea.

A vote of thanks to the chairman concluded a very happy meeting.

The tower was again visited, and it was pleasing to see so many 'young hands' probably ringing their first six-score, and the Masters, Ted and Tom Harris, of Ashchurch, ringing in a good touch of Bob Minor. The ringing was kept up in various methods until 9 o'clock.

DEATH OF MRS. H. T. HOWELL, BRISTOL.

The funeral took place on Saturday, Sept. 15th, of the late Mrs. H. T. Howell, of 77, Summerhill Road, St. George, Bristol, who passed away on Sept. 11th, after a long and painful illness, patiently borne. Her genial and happy disposition had gained for her a large circle of friends during her 38 years' residence in the parish, the deceased having been a regular attendant at the parish church for the greater portion of that time, where her husband had been connected with the bell ringers for about 33 years, in addition to having held the office of parish warden for two years and for two years was Master of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.

Service was held at St. Leonard's Church, Blackworth Road, the Rev. T. C. Fowler, assisted by the Rev. M. E. Thorold, Vicar of SS. Philip and Jacob officiated, both of these gentlemen having been closely identified with Bristol ringers and their friends for a number of years. The hymn, 'Let saints on earth in concert sing,' was sung, and the 'March Funebre' was played by Miss Fowler, who presided at the organ.

The interment took place at Avonview Cemetery, and there were a large number of relatives and friends present, including Mr. H. T. Howell (widower), Mr. J. H. Howell (son), Mrs. F. H. Howell (daughter-in-law), Mr. W. Wall (brother), Messrs. F. K. Howell and H. Newton (brothers-in-law), Mrs. A. Wall, Mrs. Pyman Mrs. Newton, Mrs. F. K. Howell (sisters-in-law), Messrs. C. Wall, T. Goscombe, F. Lovell, G. Lovell (nephews), Dr. R. F. Healey, Miss Churchhill (housekeeper), Mr. and Mrs. C. Beckett, Mr. and Mrs. W. Lansdown, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stafford, and Mr. C. H. Palmer.

There were a number of beautiful floral tributes from relatives and friends, including the Bristol Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, SS. Philip and Jacob's bell ringers, and the late ringers of St. George's Parish Church. A muffled peal was rung at SS. Philip and Jacob's Church in the afternoon.

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A DAY IN THE WEST RIDING.

'BOZER' MEN VISIT YORKSHIRE TOWERS.

Know all men by these presents, at 7.40 of the clock in the forenoon on Sept. 15th, XI anno regni Georgius V. The Bolsover campanists left the Norman Keep of William Peveril to the tender mercies of the marauder. What cared they for the familiar 11th century of the natural son of the Conqueror?

They were out for 'a day in the West Riding' in a 16-scater, which was accompanied by a pilot of the taxi tribe. Both ran as well as well conducted 'buses' should run—viz., on four wheels—into the beautiful Derbyshire village of Norton, where they stopped near the spacious Church of St. James, a building in late Norman and Perpendicular styles. Upon arrival the 'Peverilites' got out, and wended their way 'neath the shade of oak, yew, beech and sycamore, to the tower wherein hangs a most noble octave by Taylor (tenor 16 cwt.). For one full hour these glorious bells poured out rich music over the sleeping dust of Norton's favourite son, 'Sir Francis Chantry'—whose romantic career appeals to our love of the marvellous. This child of a small farmer and joiner became the chosen sculptor of monarchs and statesmen; this Derbyshire boy—who each Saturday before his mother washed the stone flags of the kitchen floor for Sunday was permitted to cover them with sketches and drawings. Chantry did not stop at that, but lived to mould the 'sleeping children' of Lichfield Cathedral with such feeling, that their somnolent beauty cannot be denied our tears and panegyric utterances!—Yes, Chantry was

'Darbyshire born, and Darbyshire bred,
Strong in the arm, and weak in the 'ead!'

But his works are sufficient to refute the untruthfulness of these old lines, and in further proof we have here at this early hour the 'Peverilites', who are Darbyshire 'Tups' also—making the very heavens reverberate with rich and well-struck music. At the expiration of the hour allotted to Norton they had successfully brought round touches of Rutland, Cambridge, Superlative Norfolk and Double Norwich, the first items which we are permitted to record for the day (talk about weak in the 'ead!') Here the party was increased by the addition of two from over the Yorkshire border, and upon arrival at Handsworth three more joined the party, which was complete, and numbered 23.

Upon arrival at Handsworth tracks were made to set in motion the memorial peal at St. Mary's, erected to keep green the memory of 51 sons of Handsworth and Richmond. These are a truly magnificent little peal by Taylor (tenor 12 cwt.). Over the octave hangs (dead and chimed only for Curfew) a maiden bell cast by Hy. Oldfield, of Notts, in 1599, simply looking on while her more harmonious sisters (which are Simpson-tuned) successfully flattened out four slices of Surprise, which were duly consigned to the 'bag,' viz., Bristol, New Cambridge, London, and Yorkshire.

At 11.15 we glided away, on to the straggling village of Whiston, where we found a grand little peal in which are two mediaevals by Danyell, of London, 1450-1461, and another 17th century bell cast by Thos. Hancox. These three were augmented by Taylor into the octave a truly concordant blending of the old with the new! But, alas! a most deplorable state of affairs exists, both trebles had broken stays, and the ropes were apologies, but with careful handling the bells were raised and a fine touch of Norfolk tapped off, followed by Cambridge, which came to grief owing to the breaking of the tenor rope. The writer strongly advises the genial Rector to place his apathetic ringers in the ancient stocks, which stand in the churchyard, and subject them to the gaze and ridicule of the passer-by until such time as he (the Rector) is satisfied that the punishment meted out, will have the desired effect upon those who are culpable!

Rather more than disappointed the party retired to the Golden Ball, where they with malice aforethought vigorously assaulted lunch, and, with great precaution, took small quantities of alcoholic fuel. After getting 'outside lunch,' a dash was made for Rotherham, where they found at St. Stephen's a handy ring of eight by Warner, which go well but, but!—the quality of tone is incomparable with the bells in the three former towers visited. Apart from that, the party had the pleasure of adding Bristol, New Cambridge and Yorkshire to the bag.

Then away we sped upon the bipennate wings of 'Pegasus' to Rawmarsh, where another musical treat was in store. A 'champion' little peal by Taylor (tenor 12 cwt.), which is rather spoiled by the noise in the belfry. However, after an introduction to the successor of 'Marwood' (Ahem!) the party successfully tapped off fine courses of Superlative, Norfolk, Rutland and Bristol which also were reverently consigned to the bag!

But when the clock pointed to 4.25 we were landed at a place called Conisbro, where Conan had his Burgh about the end of the 3rd century, and where some years later the castle was built and there can be very little doubt that the real architect was Hengist the Saxon, who had a pretty daughter, Rowena, immortalised by Scott in 'Ivanhoe.'

As we stand and gaze at the stately ruin of the Castle Keep of Hengist, with its almost precipitous flight of stone steps leading up to the low portal, which served as the main entrance on the south side of the tower, in our imagination we perceive the shades of King Richard followed by his faithful Ivanhoe ascending. But wait, we shall in reality find the 'Sword of Damocles' descending on the head of the writer if he fails to record the fact that the crowning glory of the ancient fane of Conisbro is the 'Tailor,' made diapason, surely they would 'suit' anybody. Yes, the tenor is approximately 14 cwt. and the peal is a most fitting jewel in the majestic church of St. Peter, which crowns the hill and overlooks the Castle of Hengist. The present church is reputed by good authorities to be 800 or 900 years old, and is built on the site of a still older edifice. It is most probable that there was a church here in the days of Conan.

But that has nothing to do with the local greengrocer's boy! who was quite up to date when he sang, 'Yes, we have no bananas,' and said to his mother, 'Those visiting campanists have just rung five good touches of Bristol, London, Cambridge, Rutland and Stedman. We don't get that stuff every day in Conisbro, do we sir?' No, we should assume they don't. But after the party had lowered the bells they adjourned to the Fox Inn, where a most sumptuous tea was partaken of. Having done full justice to the good things placed before us, we loaded up the chariot, and struck out for Arksey—and by the way we burned some tobacco. At Arksey we found the genial locals awaiting us. Here they have a fine peal for their weight, which have been recently augmented by Taylor by the addition of two trebles to make up the octave (the Arksey War Memorial). The finishing touches of the day were rung upon these bells, viz., London, New Cambridge Forward and Stedman. Strange to say the excellence of striking was not maintained here at Arksey. Perhaps it was the good tea, pi'haps not! The writer is inclined to think that over-concentration alone was to blame, which is quite feasible when one considers that during the day the party had rung 26 touches 22 of which were Surprise in eight different methods, with two touches of Stedman and one each of Double Norwich and Forward thrown in for luck.

But according to plan, and in conjunction with the excellent pre-arranged time-table, the party embarked for the homeward spin. The pilot was requisitioned by a party of six, and struck out for the 'smokeopolis,' where she discharged her cargo. The remainder of the party took a different route for 'Bozer,' via Worksop. However, before the final parting, the writer received orders to rigorously refrain from mentioning in dispatches the name of any individual, and with the Editor's permission I am commanded to tender our grateful thanks to the clergy, churchwardens and ringing friends who contributed their quota towards making a success of this most enjoyable day of days we had in the West Ridin', an' ringin'. RAT.

TAUNTON RINGER'S WEDDING.

Mr. A. S. Boar, late of the famous St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich but now residing at Taunton, and a member of St. James Guild, was married at Ipswich on Sept. 20th to Miss Gwendoline Bruce Sheldrake. Among the gifts which the happy couple received was a case of carvers with the best wishes of the St. James' band.

Mr. Boar has accepted the managership of a chemist's shop in a Devonshire seaside town.

It was intended to attempt a peal at St. James' on Sept. 22nd, in honour of the wedding, but at the last minute this had to be abandoned, to the regret of all, through the indisposition of one of the band. As time did not admit of the finding of a substitute a quarter of Grandsire Triples was rung by T. Doble 1, J. Hunt (conductor) 2, W. J. Tarr 3, W. Doble 4, F. Millard 5, H. Bosley 6, E. Priddle 7, W. H. Tarr 8.

THE OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—The figures as given in my letter under this heading are intended to be two ways of considering the representation, as shown by the attendance roll. They are the result of an examination made shortly after the festival and in the first place for my own interest. My reason for publishing them was for the consideration of those who were under the impression that Oxford 'swamped' the meeting. There were apparently seven names that I omitted to place within any 'radius.' I had not noticed the discrepancy in the two totals and I am obliged to Mr. Twitchen for pointing it out.—Yours, etc.,
CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On 10th September, at St. Mary's, 1.120 London Surprise Major: F. Gilby 1, D. Jones 2, A. V. Goode 3, D. Harris 4, A. Markwell 5, Cyril Herbert 6, E. Herbert 7, E. J. Hobbs (conductor) 8. This is the longest length of London Surprise in the county and by all.

'ARE CHURCH BELLS A NUISANCE?'

Under this heading, the 'Daily Chronicle' on Saturday last had the following pertinent leading article:—

'In this age when so many ancient customs are passing and so many ancient institutions tottering, we must not be surprised at anything. But we confess to being a little taken aback at first on hearing that the residents of Welwyn Garden City consider that the ringing of church bells is an intolerable nuisance, and have passed a resolution, requesting the authorities concerned to prohibit them altogether in the locality. Garden cities have always been the home of what is known as advanced ideas—have always been Puckish places, so to speak. There is apparently something in their fresh brick atmosphere which is destructive of all tradition. One would not, for example, expect Kensington to suggest the abolition of church bells.

'On reflection, however, we are not inclined wholly to disagree with Welwyn in the matter of church bells. But we would not go so far as they go. Rather we would say that most and not all church bells are unmusical, and would urge that as far as our particular city was concerned only musical bells should be installed. A sound and pleasing bell should be capable of three good notes. Yet few bells have any two of those notes, and hardly any all three in unison. The great bell of St. Paul's and that of Beverley Minster are notable exceptions; the chiming of Westminster and the bells of certain Oxford churches might, too, be cited at random as examples of successful musical attainment.

'In the latter half of the 19th century—a period at which the complaint was made that the parsonage and the belfry were too closely allied—there began a revival of the bell ringing, and down to to-day much genuine interest is taken in the art, particularly in country districts. Only too often the ringers have poor material to handle, and the sounds which they produce are altogether at discord with the religious nature of the services to which they summon the devout. But if we are not always grateful for the bells we cannot be unmindful of the service to architecture that they have rendered. For had there been no bells there would have been none of those fine old towers which were everywhere erected for their accommodation. It is true that the use of clocks and watches has to some extent diminished their secular importance, and that they are now required mainly for purposes connected with religious worship. But they have a fine and romantic history, and if really musical in tone could even in these prosaic days bring some joy to the ear, and perhaps solace to the soul.'

YE RYNGING AND YE SPOUSES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I agree with 'Sir' Sammy that we must laugh and grow fat, aye, as fat as ye gentleman from Manchester (No, no prize is offered for guessing his name). Are not ringers' gatherings more often than not, 'made' by the humorous anecdotes of those present and the technical side left alone? Apropos of such gatherings did recently come across an article re a booke on ye gentle art of 'Choosing a Wife,' published 1654. Hade goode Mister Stedman, when he first produced his workes on change ringing, refer'd hys readers to this booke, so that all ryngers could kill two byrds wyth one stone, those of to-day would have no need to ryunge ye changes on ye excuses for arriving home wyth ye mylk.

You saye no rynger's wife can help being 'Peppery'; accordynge to ye author, ryngers are at fault for not choosing a correct spouse. Let us see what he sayes on the subject; firste he lays stress on the importance of obtayning a satisfactory wife. To this we all agree. Secondly, he considers her qualities under six heads: '1. Report. 2. Looks. 3. Speech. 4. Apparel. 5. Companions. 6. Education,' which are pulses that shew the fitness and godliness of any party with whom he ought to marry. His ideal family constitutes '(a) The Governour' (N.B.—That is the husband) and (b) the governed,' which are the wife and children, but under certain conditions, the former 'maye attayne the rauk of assistant-governour' (unpaid).

'The duty of a husband is wisely to maintaine and manage hys authority.' 'Ye gods, Sam! what doth "her ladyship" saye to this? I do hope she is not like "Maggie," wife of ye "Tripe and Onion" merchant. But stave, let us look at the duties of a wife: 1. That she be in submission to her husband (phew!). 2. That she be a helper to him all her days. 3. That she be meek, gentle and obedient. 4. She must learn and labour to forecaste, contrive and manage household affairs and businesse within doors.'

In conclusion, the writer promiscs, provided the conditions are carried out, 'A Happy Family and a Colledge of quietness,' thus there would be no asking 'why did you stay at the "Coffee Pot" after practice, instead of coming straight home?'

Well, goode 'Sir,' seeing that A.C.R. objectis to so much 'Pepper,' ye nuisance-in-spectra dyd roll in ye brine of Cheshire and came out, very SALTY.

P.S.—Here is a bit of goode advice. If courting interferez with ringing, give up courting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A tablet to the memory of the late Mr. Raymond John Wilkins has been erected in the ringing chamber at St. Stephen's Church, Bristol, and will be unveiled next Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. Shipway was born at Bath on Sept. 29th, 1760. On Oct. 1st, 1793, a peal of 15,360 Bob Major was rung at Aston, conducted by Joshua Short.

The first recorded 'silent' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Liversedge on October 3rd 1863.

All Saints' Fulham, has been one of the best known ten-bell towers in the country during the past century. The first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells was rung there on Oct. 3rd, 1819.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise on handbells was rung at Romford on October 1st, 1907.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will dedicate the two trebles at Canterbury Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 13th. The bells are being provided by the Kent County Association as a memorial to the members who fell in the war.

Mr. T. H. Naisby, of the Sunderland (St. Ignatius) band, having decided to emigrate to the States, his brother ringers and friends on Wednesday week made him a parting gift of a beautiful mahogany timepiece. An attempt for a farewell peal of Cambridge Surprise Major unfortunately came to grief after an hour and three-quarter's good ringing.

Mr. E. Alex. Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council, has not been long in following up his first peal, rung on handbells, with a peal on church bells. Mr. Young made his first tower bell attempt at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on the bicentenary of the bells, in 1893, and did not, we believe, make another peal attempt in a tower until his success at Lavenham the other day. We hope he will not be so long before he rings the next.

STEDMAN CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Criticisms of 'Criticus' are generally apt and to the point; in last week's issue, however, he is misleading. The statement, 'Stedman Caters, above all things, seems to have been done to death,' does not by any means convey the truth.

Possibly, if he is referring only to peals with a bell fixed in second's, he is not far wrong. However, to the composer with the qualifications needed to enable him to explore away from this safe path, there is plenty of scope. For instance, what about the extent of the musical position referred to by Mr. W. A. Cave—the 6th behind the 9th? I ask 'Criticus' how many peals of Stedman Caters he has seen between 5,000 and 5,100, in ordinary courses with two Singles only, the 6th undisturbed throughout and forty course-ends behind the 9th in the Tittums?—Yours sincerely,
Sunderland. JOSEPH W. PARKER.

MUSICAL POSITIONS—ANOTHER VIEW.

Sir,—It is too surprising to read our friend W. A. Cave's letter on the music of Stedman Caters. One would have thought in these enlightened days, our experts would have written with more wisdom and learning. Of course it is understood that the words are those of the late Sir A. P. Heywood, to whom all honour and respect, but, how many others still think in the same groove?

The treble of a peal of ten, as all ringers in the real sense of the word should know, is a note an octave higher than that of the 8th, and the 'handstroke home' position is held by a large number of ringers to be equally musical with the 'tittum' position.

How, then, can 9, 1, 10, be unmusical, when there is only this difference?

Again, in Major ringing, the 2nd in a peal of eight bells, is one to avoid putting in 6th's place, or, causing it to dodge behind with the tenor. Now, whilst a large number of Major ringers can understand this, as soon as they get on ten bells, they lose sight of the fact that the 2nd in eight bells is the 4th on ten, and immediately want peals of Caters with the 4th in second's place or behind the 9th or the 4th in 6th's place in Royal. ARAB.

AN ESSEX VETERAN'S RECORD.

A peal of Double Norwich at Feering, Essex, last week, was a double birthday compliment, for it was in celebration of the 70th birthday of both Mr. and Mrs. John Sadler. Mr. Sadler took part in the peal, which was rung without a blow out of place or a word spoken, except the conductor's calls—a grand performance for a man of 70 years. Mr. Sadler still walks over eight miles a day to and from work, and has done so for the last 24 years. In addition he has walked something like 15,000 miles to and from Coggeshall Parish Church where he has rung for 48 years. The congratulations of the Exercise will go out to Mr. and Mrs. Sadler coupled with the hope that they may be spared for many years yet, with good health.

THE LATE MR. CHARLES HERBERT. BEDFORDSHIRE'S G.O.M. OF RINGING.

The death occurred on Wednesday, Sept. 12th (as already briefly announced), of Mr. Charles Herbert, at his residence 20, Bedford Street, Woburn. Mr. Herbert was in his 80th year and for the last two years had been in delicate health. He came to Woburn from Sudbury, Suffolk, and was a pioneer of change ringing in Bedfordshire. With the help of Canon (then the Rev.) W. W. C. Baker, Mr. Edwin Ransom and the late Mr. Isaac Hills, the Beds Association was formed in 1882, and Mr. Herbert acted as honorary secretary, a position he held until 1889, when he was made a vice-president.

He was not a great peal ringer, only taking part in about a dozen in all, as he was not able to spare the time from business in those days, but he was whole-hearted in his endeavours to keep the science of change ringing and belfry reform to the fore, both by precept and practice, and his residence was 'open house' at all times for handbell practice, with the result that the local band acquired quite a proficiency in this branch of the art culminating in a peal of Plain Bob Maximus, in which he himself rang the tenors. This still remains the only peal of Maximus ever rung in the county.

As evidence of Mr. Herbert's enthusiasm for the art of change ringing, to convince a sceptic he once wrote out the full peal of 40,320 of Plain Bob Major, a performance which is surely unique, and which is probably the only one of its kind in existence.

He it was who prevailed upon the Duke of Bedford to add two trebles to the peal of six in the old tower of St. Mary's Woburn, in 1877, and wrote a most eloquent plea to the late Duke for the removal of the bells to the tower of the new church which, though not successful at the time, was eventually the means of getting the present Duke to place the magnificent peal of eight in this church in 1910.

Mr. Herbert took part in the first 720 ever rung in the county at Woburn, and rang his last peal on his 60th birthday.

The funeral took place at Woburn on Friday, Sept. 14th the Vicar of Woburn (the Rev. W. V. G. White) and Canon Baker, president of the Bedfordshire Association, officiating. Before the service, 532 Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells fully muffled, and 768 Kent Treble Bob Major after the service, half-muffled. The following took part in the ringing: D. Harris, M. Lane, E. Hobbs, H. Smith, G. Matthews, M. Matthews, D. Janes and A. E. Sharman (hon. secretary, Bedfordshire Association). On Monday Sept. 17th, a muffled peal was also rung on the bells of St. Mary's, Woburn.

AN APPRECIATION.

Mr. Charles Herbert may truthfully be described as the 'father of change ringing' in Bedfordshire. When he came to Woburn from Sudbury, Suffolk, in 1865, there was not a change ringer in the county. Keen and enthusiastic, he soon began to interest the young men of Woburn in the art, and persevered in spite of many obstacles and much good-humoured ridicule from the old 'stone' ringers of the neighbourhood. Some of the opposition he experienced sounds strange to us to-day. One man would not believe that it was possible to produce 5,000 different changes. To convince him Mr. Herbert wrote out the whole peal of Bob Major at full length.

The first effect of his ardour was seen in 1877, when largely owing to his enterprise two trebles were added to the ring of six at Woburn—the gift of the Duke of Bedford—and the whole peal overhauled and rebung. On April 16th in that year the augmented ring was opened by Squire Proctor and his band from Bennington. Among other touches they rang 448 Superlative Surprise Major. In the account of the opening in the 'Woburn Monthly Advertiser' for May, 1877, this is referred to as being 'one of the most intricate and beautiful specimens of the art, and rarely attempted by any but the elite of the ringing fraternity.' The elite are a much more numerous band nowadays.

The addition of a Seage's apparatus made more frequent practices possible at Woburn, and Mr. Herbert strove manfully to get a good eight bell band, though some time elapsed before his ambition was realised.

In the meantime interest in change ringing had been aroused in Bedford, and the late Mr. Isaac Hills began the task of building up a company there. There was great rivalry between the Woburn and Bedford companies as to which should have the honour of ringing the first 720 Bob Minor in the county. Mr. Herbert had the gratification of taking part in one rung at Woburn two days before the Bedford men were successful.

The spread of interest in the county seemed to warrant the starting of an association, and the Bedfordshire Association was launched on March 13th, 1882. Mr. Herbert was obviously the right man to become hon. secretary, and he continued to hold that office for many years with great success. On his retirement he was elected a vice-president, and continued to hold that office to the time of his death.

On account of falling health he had done little ringing of late years, but his two sons, Mr. Cyril Herbert and Mr. Ernest Herbert,

worthily maintain the family tradition. Mr. Charles Herbert rang comparatively few peals, but only those who have encountered the difficulties attendant on the introduction of change ringing in a district where it is totally unknown will appreciate the services he rendered to the Exercise. In the Bedfordshire Association his name will always be gratefully remembered.

All Bedfordshire ringers, and many in a wider circle will tender their sincere sympathy to Mrs. Herbert and her two sons in the loss of one whose love of bells and ringing was profound and lifelong.—R.I.P. W. W. C. B.

THE YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER. BIG GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.

A representative company of 120 attended the second dinner organised by the Yorkshire Association in memory of the late Jaspar Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers of the Association and which was held on this occasion at the King's Head Hotel Sheffield. The Ven. J. Russell Darbyshire, Archdeacon of Sheffield presided, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the gathering including representatives of no fewer than 49 different towns.

After the loyal toast, Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley) proposed 'The Church and State,' to which the Archdeacon responded.

Mr. F. Willey (Sheffield) submitted 'The Memory of Jaspar Whitfield Snowdon and Past Officers,' and devoted an interesting speech largely to recalling the great services rendered to the Exercise by the late Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley.

Mr. P. J. Johnson (Leeds) gave 'Kindred Societies,' to which Mr. Albert Walker (St. Martin's Guild Birmingham) and Mr. J. Rowbottom (College Youths) responded.

Other toasts were honoured, and an enjoyable musical programme was carried out.

A full report will appear next week.

DEATH OF MR. SAMUEL WESLEY, OF NOTTINGHAM.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, the death took place on Sept. 11th of Nottingham's most prolific peal ringer, Mr. Samuel Wesley, who passed away, after a long illness, at the age of 74 years. The deceased had made ringing a strong hobby, and upwards of 278 peals are placed to his credit under various associations, chiefly the M.C.A. and the Yorkshire Association. Having associated himself with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson in many of his ringing tours, the number of peals is hardly surprising, and contain a good number of Stedman, which may be considered his favourite method. A very careful and good striker, he was in demand for the treble position in many peals in higher methods, although it is to be regretted that not a single peal 'inside' in methods from and including Double Norwich was accomplished by him. The methods rung with a working bell include Grandsire, Plain Bob, Little Bob, Treble Bob in various forms, Oxford Bob, Darlaston Bob and Stedman. As a conductor, he has 13 peals to his name, apparently all Grandsire.

During his 37 years as steeplekeeper at Lenton, he was also a chorister, and this double help to the service of the church is an example worthy of emulation. Naturally after such long service he will be greatly missed.

The interment took place on the 15th inst., when the deceased was laid to rest beneath the tower with which he was so long connected, and the service with the Vicar of Lenton officiating, was fully choral, the hymn, 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' being sung over the open grave after the committal ceremony. Then a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by two of his former pupils, Messrs. A. Coppock and H. R. Cobbin, with whom were two of his oldest friends, Messrs. W. E. White and A. Knights (Chesterfield). A quarter-peal of Stedman was rung on the tower bells during the afternoon.

Mr. Wesley's wife predeceased him about 18 months and he leaves four daughters, two being married to ringers. Sam Wesley and Lenton tower will always remain synonymous terms. One cannot, and never will, think of the one and not the other. A. C.

RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Evans of Willenhall, Staffs, was celebrated last week by a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Giles' Church, where the wedding was solemnised on Sept. 18th, 1898. Mr. Evans, who took part in the peal, has been a church worker at St. Giles for 22 years being at the present time a sidesman and member of the Church Council. Mrs. Evans also takes a great interest in the social life of the church. They have been the recipients of many congratulations, in which members of the Exercise will join.

WORKSHOP.—At the Priory Church, on Sept. 8th 720 Bob Minor on the back six: W. Robert 1, Miss Taylor 2, W. H. Johnson, V.C., 3, G. Tansley 4, A. Johnson (conductor) 5, G. Hardwick 6. Rung for the dedication festival.

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CONCRETE FLOORS IN BELFRIES.**CONCRETE FLOORS AN ADVANTAGE.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Stacey's letter, the concrete floor would not prevent the sound of the bells being heard below. It would soften the effect, but not unduly muffle it, thin concrete slabs being very resonant.

I do not know of such a floor, but I have long urged the great advantage of concrete being used in towers. A series of reinforced concrete floors, properly designed and executed, would be of the greatest advantage, especially in weak towers. The above also applies to cages or frames; the time has long passed when one of the latter should have been done.

The weight of one concrete floor should not be detrimental to the tower. The general question, however, requires expert advice and control, as it is one which has many pitfalls.—Yours faithfully,

155, Rushey Green, S.E.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

A TYPICAL EXAMPLE.

Sir,—In answer to the query put forward by Mr. Geo. Stacey, re concrete floors in belfries a typical example is to be found at St. Mary's, Ilkeston, Derbyshire where the main girders supporting the modern H frame are elevated and built into the masonry approximately 3ft. above a concrete floor, the latter resting upon a stone corbel—or offset—which runs all around the tower. The ends of 6in. girders, set approximately 2ft. apart, rest on the east and west corbeling, short lengths of girder form the hatchway and are braced to the longer girders which run across the tower and form the sides of trap-door.

The intersections between each girder are filled in with concrete, forming one solid fire and water proof mass which is bonded into the webs of the girders and rests upon the supporting offset corbel all round the walls of the tower acting as a kind of diaphragm which, without question, has a steady and strengthening effect upon the masonry at that point. The hatchway is elevated 6in. or 8in. above the concrete floor, and is covered with wood and, if my memory serves me correctly, I believe the wood is covered with sheet lead. A floor laid on this plan is safe and durable, and Mr. Stacey may rest assured and content that it will never be in danger of falling, while the corbeling remains intact—in short, while the tower stands. Further there is no fear of clappers or bells coming through where a floor is made of concrete.

Concerning the sound of the bells, no doubt some people hold a belief that a concrete floor would adversely affect the resonance of the bells; such an idea is very erroneous! For example the ringing chamber of St. Mary's refutes any such suggestion. It is situated 30ft. below the concrete floor of the bell chamber. An intermediate floor of wood, forming the clock room floor, is laid on wood joints the underside of which is matchboarded. In between the joists are stuffed with hair. The height of the ringing chamber is approximately 14ft., and through the concrete floor and the clock room floor (which is hair stuffed) the sound of every bell in the octave is distinctly audible, a feature which visiting ringers seldom fail to eulogise and pronounce "Ideal." By adjusting the door in the ringing room a fine effect is produced by the sound which traverses the spiral staircase ranging from the softest pianissimo to loudest fortissimo! Trusting that my crude details will be sufficiently clear and comprehensive for your correspondent to follow, I beg to subscribe myself

NICHOLAS DE CANTILUPE.

WORCESTER BAND'S PROGRESS

Under the enthusiastic leadership of Mr. W. Page the band at Worcester have gone forward with rapid strides since the war, and have now added their first peal of Bristol Surprise. In three years and a quarter, the band have scored the first peal of Spliced Treble Bob ever rung (June 20th, 1920), the first peal of Double Norwich Major in the city by a local band (August 28th, 1920), the first Surprise peal (Cambridge) by the Western Branch (Feb. 26th, 1921), the first peal of Superlatives by the Western Branch (Oct. 22nd, 1921), Surprise Minor peal first by the association (Jan. 10th, 1922), Cambridge Surprise Royal first by all and in the city, and the second for the association (June 5th, 1922), London Surprise Major, first in the city, and by all the band except one (Nov. 11th, 1922), a fourteen method Minor peal first for the association and by all the band Nov. 21st, 1922), Stedman an Caters, first by all the band except two, and first for the Western Branch (May 10th, 1923) and now Bristol Surprise Major, first by all the band, in the city, and by the Western Branch.

This is not a homogeneous band, two having to cycle twenty miles on each visit, two having a fourteen-mile journey each time, and one having a twelve-mile ride on each occasion. Practices have only been fortnightly on eight bells, monthly on ten bells, and weekly on six bells, with as much Sunday ringing as can be got in. The band would be glad to know how this compares with other companies' progress.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUILDFORD DISTRICT AND DIOCESAN DIVISION.**

A Guildford district meeting was held at Old Woking on Saturday last, and was well attended, ringers being present from Aldershot, Chertsey, Craleigh, Godalming, Holy Trinity and St. Nicolas', Guildford, Shere, Worplesdon and Woking. Various methods were practised during the afternoon, and a service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. W. Askwith), who also gave an address. Tea was held in the working men's club, 32 sitting down.

At the business meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar, three full members were elected.

The members then discussed the question of the desirability or otherwise of forming new Guild for the new diocese. After several members had expressed their opinions, it was decided to call the representative of the different towers together and go thoroughly into the matter and report to the annual meeting of the district. It was also decided to get into touch with the members of the Yorktown district if possible.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist was passed, after which the members returned to the tower, and several touches in various plain and Surprise methods were brought round.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTHERN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Grimsby on Saturday, September 15th, when about 60 members and friends were present from various places, including Barton-on-Umber, Bigby, Brigg, Burton Stather, Gainsborough, Lincoln, Scotchbone, Scotter and Worksop, in addition to the two local towers. The bells of St. James' and St. Andrew's were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going to the standard methods and Double Norwich. Superlative was also attempted, but did not prove successful. A short service, at which the Guild office was used, was conducted by the Rev. E. V. Clapton (one of the assistant clergy). The preacher was the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby), who took for his text St. John xiii. 15 and 17, and gave a most excellent discourse on the subject of humility.—Mr. H. Rushby, one of the local ringers, presided at the organ.

Tea was provided at the Church House, Bull Ring, after which a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the caterers for the efficient manner in which they had attended to the wants of those present.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. F. F. Linley took the chair. The following officers were elected: President and treasurer, Mr. F. F. Linley; honorary secretary, Mr. F. S. W. Butler; hon. auditors, Messrs. F. W. Stokes and J. R. Sharpe; Ringing Master, Mr. J. A. Freeman; two members to serve on the Guildford committee, Messrs. Geo. Chester and J. A. Freeman.

Mr. C. H. Baker proposed that the Ringing Master be an ex-officio member of the Guild committee, but this was ruled out of order. Mr. Baker then withdrew his proposition, and it was agreed that the secretary be instructed to write to the Guild secretary, stating that a suggestion had been made by the branch, that the Ringing Master of each of the branches should be an ex-officio member of the Guild Committee.

There were three nominations for the two representatives on the Central Council—Mr. Geo. Chester, the Rev. H. T. Parry and Mr. F. W. Stokes. After a show of hands the first two were elected.

Stow was proposed as the place for the half-yearly meeting, and Sleaford, as an amendment, the object being to try and create enthusiasm and revive the interest of the Guild in that part of the branch. Eventually Sleaford was selected.

In regard to the 1924 annual meeting (due to be held at Lincoln) a question was raised as to whether it would be possible to obtain the use of the city bells for the occasion, seeing that the Guild meeting is held at Lincoln every year.—The Rev. R. Bond, Rector of St. Peter-at-Arches, stated he did not think it would be altogether possible, and as an alternative Harmston and Washingborough were mentioned, but after some discussion it was agreed that the meeting be held at Lincoln.

Referring to the fact that the rules of the branch were badly in want of revision, Mr. Linley remarked that he had drafted a new copy, and was handing it round to the members of the committee for their inspection. He also gave a resume, as far as possible, of the amounts collected by the branch members for the Cathedral Bell Fund.

Apologies for absence, along with all good wishes, were read from the Very Rev. the Dean of Lincoln Canon W. Hicks Messingham; the Rev. C. G. Bartou, St. Andrew's, Grimsby; and Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, Lincoln.

Votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells; Mr. W. H. Heyhoe for making the necessary arrangements; the Rev. H. T. Parry for his address; Mr. H. Rushby for his services at the organ; and Mr. F. F. Linley for presiding, were unanimously passed, and duly responded to.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd for evening service, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Warren (first 720 of Treble Bob) 1, D. Stratford 2, R. F. Lawrence 3, R. G. Black 4, Miss K. Moore (conductor) 5, R. W. Lawrence 6. First 720 of Treble Bob as conductor, and the first by an entirely local band at Weekley.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for evening service, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples, in 45 mins.: J. W. Croft 1, W. P. Cross 2, T. Smith 3, T. Farr 4, W. Henley 5, A. Bateman 6, L. Stilwell (conductor) 7, C. H. Vitler 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., for morning service: H. A. Harding 1, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 2, J. E. Churchill 3, L. H. Page 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, E. J. Walsom 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, F. S. Palmer, senr. 8. Also for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: A. J. Moore 1, G. W. Stevens 2, J. E. Churchill 3, H. J. Hunnisett 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, F. W. Goodfellow 6, L. H. Page (conductor) 7, C. G. Cooper 8.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sept. 23rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Crowder 1, W. G. Pinnigar (conductor) 2, H. James 3, J. Dafters 4, J. Lawson 5, C. Moulton 6, H. Brasier 7, B. Heisterman 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 23rd, at St. Mary's Church for the harvest festival, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Eagles 1, S. Binfield 2, C. R. Walker 3, C. R. Millway 4, P. Elliott 5, R. H. Stevens 6, H. J. Saunders 7, C. Turner (conductor) 8.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 23rd, for service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. C. Chandler 1, W. Lewis (first quarter Stedman) 2, C. Edwards 3, C. S. Bird (conductor) 4, A. Harding 5, W. H. Hollier 6, S. Carter 7, S. Rose 8.

HALESWORTH SUFFOLK.—For morning service at the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, 672 Grandsire Triples: L. Hammond 1, H. Pratt (Craydon) 2, F. O. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples.

BREDONS NORTON.—On Sunday Sept. 16th for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: F. Miles 1, J. Attwood 2, F. Harris 3, T. Harris 4, C. Trapp 5, O. Attwood (conductor) 6. Longest touch by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday Sept. 16th for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Overton 1, S. Steele 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, G. Dent (Harlow Common) 4, J. B. Budd 5, C. Taylor (conductor) 6, S. Bromfield 7, H. Mingay 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: H. Mingay 1, S. Bromfield 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, F. Overton (conductor) 4, G. Dent 5, J. B. Budd 6, C. Taylor 7, S. Steele (first touch of Stedman) 8.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.—For evening service at the harvest festival on Sunday, Sept. 16th, two 360's of Bob Minor: R. Shaw (first attempt at any length) 1, T. Slagg 2, E. Hunt 3, W. Allen 4, H. Mason (first of Minor as conductor) 5, W. Eagling 6.

GAINSBOROUGH.—At All Saints Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, 336 Double Norwich and a touch of Stedman Triples. For evening service, two plain courses of Superlative Surprise, and touches of Little Bob Major, Howard Major and Grandsire Triples. The ringers taking part were H. Torr, C. H. Baker, P. Noble, E. Dalingwater, H. Morgan, J. Dixon, W. T. Cooper and C. A. Hewitt.

BLEDLow BUCKS.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, in 50 minutes, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Double: (1,260 changes) in ten different callings: A. J. Seymour 1, G. Strathdee 2, Rev. E. J. Teesdale 3, J. Williams 4, G. Seymour (conductor) 5.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, Sept. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 52 mins.: S. Rowbolton (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, H. Stansfield 2, G. Gorringe (first quarter-peal of Caters) 3, F. Allthorp (first quarter-peal of Caters) 4, W. Brammer 5, B. Thorp (conductor) 6, J. Mellor 7, A. Adams 8, S. Booth 9, T. Jackson 10.

NOTICES.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, October 6th. Tea at the King's Arms. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

LUTON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrowby on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by October 9th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEW RINGING SECRETARY ELECTED.

The annual meeting was held at Kendal with Ambleside on Sept. 15th, but owing to the day trips having been withdrawn the week previous, the number attending was reduced, but nevertheless 80 were present. Although the bells at Ambleside were not much used, those who stayed over the week-end rang an hour for morning and evening service on Sunday, which gladdened the heart of Mr. Robinson.

Owing to the distance most had to travel, the proceedings commenced an hour earlier than usual, with a service at Kendal. The Archdeacon of Westmorland officiated, and Canon H. J. Elsee (president of the association) preached.

Tea was followed by the business meeting, the contested offices being decided by ballot to save time.

Canon Elsee gave a short address, and also read the committee's report, balance sheet and auditors' report.

Thanks were accorded to the Archdeacon (the Rev. Lefone) for the use of the church, bells and institute, and, in reply, he welcomed the association, and hoped they would not be long before coming again.

The committee of the association had sent a letter to the Bishop of Liverpool on his retirement, and Canon Elsee read the reply.

Canon Elsee also gave a report of the Central Council meeting, and Mr. W. E. Wilson supplemented it.

Wigan and Oldham were nominated for the next annual meeting, and Oldham won, on the show of hands, by 40 to 28.

The scrutineers by this time had finished their work, and the Chairman announced the result as follows: Vice-president, Mr. J. R. Taylor; ringing secretary (in place of Mr. J. H. Banks resigned), Mr. A. Tomlinson; Central Council representatives, Canon Elsee, Messrs. W. E. Wilson, J. R. Taylor and H. Chapman.—A vote of thanks to the local ringers closed the meeting.

The association has now 1,328 members, and saved during the year £1 10s.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH OFFICERS.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Halesowen on Saturday, Sept. 15th. The proceedings opened with a service in church, at which there was a large attendance, and an interesting address was given on bells by the Rector (the Rev. H. C. A. Colville). Tea, which was kindly provided by the local band, was served in the Rectory House.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rector presided, supported by Mr. A. E. Parsons, and Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master) with the secretary, Mr. A. J. Skelding. Representatives were present from Brierley Hill, Cradley Kidderminster, Hartlebury, Aldswinford, Stourbridge, Wollaston, Old Hill, Rowley Regis, King's Norton, Northfield, Selly Oak, Oldbury, Dudley, Nether-ton and Smethwick.

Mr. A. E. Parsons proposed, and Mr. G. N. Cockin seconded, the re-election of Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Selly Oak) as Ringing Master, and Mr. A. J. Skelding (Stourbridge) as secretary, and this was carried unanimously.—Mr. R. Matthews was elected representative on the Central Committee.

Mr. Parsons spoke of the efforts which were being made to rehang the bells at Rowley Regis Church, and said there was every possibility of the bells being rung again on Sept. 29th when the new church would be dedicated.

A collection was taken for the Restoration Fund, and this realised £1 11s., which Mr. Parsons acknowledged.

The Vicar of Rowley Regis (the Rev. F. J. Cheverton) was elected an honorary member, and the Rowley Regis bell ringers were re-elected performing members.

The next meeting is to be held at Smethwick. Mr. Cartwright moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and officials of the church; the organist and the local band of ringers for entertaining the members; and to the ladies who had waited upon them.—Mr. Parsons seconded the motion, which was carried, Mr. W. H. Webb, local Ringing Master, replying.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung before the service, and after the meeting London, Cambridge and Double Norwich were rung. The bells were lowered, and this ended a very enthusiastic meeting.

DEATH OF AN I.O.W. RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. P. C. Vincent Einhorn, on the 17th September, at Newport, I.O.W., at the age of 58. Though not a skilled ringer he had for many years taken the keenest interest in ringing, especially with its history in the island. He was interred at Carisbrooke on the 20th inst., when the Newport ringers, with Mr. E. Alex. Young from London, rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells at the graveside. The deceased's MSS. have been acquired by one of the Newport ringers.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Methods: Plain Bob to London Surprise.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available from 2 till 4.30, at which time a special service will be held in the church. Tea (free) at 5 o'clock. The general business meeting will follow the tea for the election of officers for the ensuing year and other business.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be on Saturday, the 29th instant, at Bakewell. The tower (8 bells) will be open from 1—9 o'clock, and Youlgreave bells (8) will also be available from 3—9 o'clock. If a party can be arranged for the latter place a conveyance will be obtained. Members will make their own arrangements for tea—there are many suitable places near by. The committee will meet at 4.30 and the general meeting will be at 5 o'clock in the church institute.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and six-bell contest will be held at Methmal on Saturday, September 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each.—L. Hargreaves, Sec., 30, Bankfield View.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter District.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Littleham, Exmouth, on Saturday, September 29th. Service Parish Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in Church Hut 5 p.m., free. All ringers welcome. Bells available, Littleham (6), Withycombe Raleigh (8).—J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A combined practice will take place at Ringwood on Saturday, September 29th. Bells available from 3.30.—G. Preston, Dist. Sec., Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday, September 29th. Bells ready 2.30. Meeting 5.30. Business: Appointment of Branch Secretary.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Newmarket and Mildenhall District.—A practice meeting will be held at Elveden, Suffolk, on Saturday, September 29th. The bells (8) at the Memorial Tower, will be available from 2 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—P. W. Fordham, Dist. Sec., Mildenhall.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Hever on Saturday, September 29th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at King Henry VIII. after Service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—The bells will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. on Saturday, 29th September.—Fred R. Borrett.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Wellingborough District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Mears Ashby on Saturday, September 29th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested so that a hearty welcome may be extended to the new Vicar into this district.—F. Barber, District Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, September 29th, to commemorate the first anniversary of the opening of the bells which took place on September 25th, 1922. Tower will be open for ringing at 2.30. Short Service in Church at 4.15. Tea at 4.30, business meeting to follow tea. A good attendance is required. Three bus services pass the Church from Nottingham.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A ringing festival will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, September 29th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Tea will be provided, and a hearty invitation is given to all ringers to attend.—W. H. Dyson, District Master.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—All Saints', King's Langley.—Dedication of Peal Board will take place on Saturday, September 29th, at 4 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers welcome. Intending visitors please send a card to L. A. Walker, 6, Railway Terrace, King's Langley, Herts.

DERBY.—The ring of ten bells at St. Andrew's Church will be re-dedicated on Sunday morning, September 30th next. The service will commence at 11 a.m. and all ringers will be welcome. A day, to be notified later, will be set apart for a meeting of ringers at St. Andrew's Church.—W. Wallace, Hon. Sec. to Bells Restoration Fund, 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The memorial tablet to the late Raymond John Wilkins, erected in St. Stephen's Church Ringing Chamber, will be unveiled by the Rector, Rev. W. G. Heber-Thomas, on Tuesday, October 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. Members are invited to attend.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 2nd and 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 9th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th, *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORWICH AND ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting of the Association will be held at Norwich on Thursday, October 4th, the President, the Dean of Norwich, presiding. Committee meeting will be held at the Deanery at 11.15 a.m. Divine Service will be held at 12.30 p.m., by the kind permission of the Dean of Norwich, in the choir of the Cathedral. Luncheon will be served at 1.30 p.m., at William Grix, Limited, Dining Rooms, White Lion Street, Norwich; tickets 2/6 per member. The general business meeting will follow the luncheon for the election of officers, etc., and other impor-

tant business in connection with the affairs of the Suffolk branch of the association. The ring of bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. John de Sepulchre (8), and St. Michael Coslany (8) will be available. Members intending to be present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Tuesday, October 2nd.—Arthur L. Coleman, General Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Rose and Crown to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford Station, 2.15, 3.20, 4.25. Leave Writtle 7.20 and 9.20. Will all members requiring tea let me know by Wednesday, October 3rd?—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cannock on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church, with an address by the Rev. L. J. Price (Vicar) at 4.45. Tea, 1/-, at the Co-operative Hall at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution. Please send word not later than Tuesday, October 2nd.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting. All members intending to be present kindly let me know by October 3rd.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LADIES' GUILD, Midland District, will hold their annual meeting at Solihull on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea (election of officers for the ensuing year), gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Wednesday, October 3rd, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, October 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Kindly notify me by October 3rd those requiring tea.—J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Barlboro' on Saturday, October 6th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Short service at 4.15 p.m. Tea provided (1/6 each) in the Church Institute at 4.45 p.m. only for those who notify Mr. W. Sturman, High Common, Barlboro', near Chesterfield, not later than Wednesday, October 3rd.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, October 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at an appropriate cost. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of ringers will be held at Desford on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Members please note that tea can be provided if sufficient notify W. Sargeson, Church Lane, Desford, by

Tuesday, October 2nd. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, October 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on October 6th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided free (by kind invitation of Mr. Walter B. Wood) to all who notify me not later than October 1st.—Charles H. Austin, Branch Hon. Sec., Newark House, Hempsted, Gloucester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ducklington on Saturday, October 6th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. Tristram, Vicar. Tea in the Parish Room at 3.40, business meeting following. Witney and Ducklington bells available during afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, on Saturday, October 13th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and tea will be held at Whitworth Parish Church, October 13th. Tea in old school by the church. Meeting and general evening in Lloyd Street school. Tea on table at 4.30 p.m., usual price.—H. W. Slack, The Square, Whitworth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for 5.30, but please let me know by the 9th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—War Memorial, Canterbury Cathedral.—The Archbishop (President of the Association) will dedicate the two trebles after evensong on Saturday, October 13th, that is about 4 p.m. After the service a tea will be arranged for members attending if they will send their names before Wednesday, October 10th. The bells will be available for ringing at 5.30 p.m.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., The Precincts, Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, October 13th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The bells (8) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The next meeting in this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 provided by the Vicar. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be at the meeting please let me know not later than Tuesday, October 16th, because of arranging for tea?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—A social evening will be held at St. Thomas' Church Room, Victoria Street, Bristol, on Tuesday, October 23rd. Members are asked to make these socials a success by attending with their wives and friends. The orchestra will be there. The next business meeting will be held on November 10th after the Gloucester and Bristol branch meeting. Will the respective towers kindly see that a representative for them is present?—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS —Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m.

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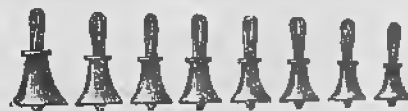
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The article on this page last week referred to one phase of the objection which from time to time is raised against church bells, and in this issue will be found mention of the fact that in other places, beside Welwyn Garden City, there have recently been complaints against ringing. We are glad to know that they are being dealt with, where they have arisen, by a member of the Central Council's Press Committee, whose function it is on these matters to act as a Vigilance Committee. Objections of the kind referred to usually come from a minority, but in this, as in other things, minorities, if persistent and loud enough in their demands, can sometimes gain concessions, and more than one good peal of bells is silent because an incumbent is anxious to avoid offending some individual or small section of his parishioners.

At the same time it behoves those responsible for bellfries to use their utmost endeavours to mitigate any possible cause of annoyance from bells. There are, it must be admitted, towers where the bells hurl down into the streets and adjoining houses almost a deafening noise, and there are many others where a reduction of the sound might, with reason, be made. There are various plans by which this modulation of the sound can be effected, and frequently it can be done at comparatively small expense. Where new peals are being put in or where new frames are being installed, steps are now usually taken by the bell-hangers to secure this desirable end, either by placing the bells well below the windows, or by blocking up the louvres and letting out the sound by openings in the roof. When ringers have to meet a condition of affairs which does not involve the lowering of the bell frame, much may be done by blocking the louvres, either by brickwork, or felted boards, or even sandbags, where expense is a consideration.

Other ways of reducing the noise outside the tower are also possible, and what we would urge is that in every tower where there is the slightest reasonable ground for objection the ringers should consider this question and bring it before the notice of the Incumbent, Churchwardens, and Parochial Council; who might even be invited to judge of the matter for themselves by specially visiting the vicinity of the church when the bells are being rung. It should be remembered that noisy and untuneful bells are as much a source of irritation to the public as to the ringers themselves, indeed, probably more so, for ringers derive some pleasure from the fact that, whatever the bells may be like, they are following their art, while the public, having no knowledge of campanology, have no such compensation. Wherefore it behoves all concerned to do their best to allay any cause for complaint, even before complaint is made.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

A. PADDON SMITH Treble	† THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
* HERBERT C. SPENCER 2	ERNEST MORRIS 8
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ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
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On Friday, September 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt. in D.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 6
* MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
† J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 9
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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* First peal of Cambridge Royal. † 250th peal. First peal of Royal as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	ARTHUR MAXIM 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	THOMAS CHINERY 6
* ALBERT CATTERWELL 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
* GEORGE WIFFEN 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... Tenor

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

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On Saturday, September 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes, cc

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	* EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
* ISAAC G. SHADE 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
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Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... 2	ALFRED TALBOT ... 6
WILFRED WILLIAMS... 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... 7
*GEOFFERY W. TAYSON ... 4	ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. C. Edward's 100th peal as conductor.

GRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 3/4 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	*JOHN S. MORTON ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	JOHN CLARK ... 7
CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD.
Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Bob Major. The peal was arranged for Mr. John Clark, of Ross, Herefordshire.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 3/4 cwt.

*THOMAS C. LARKEY ... Treble	THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	WALTER HUGHES ... 7
†CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... 4	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.
* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

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

On Thursday, September 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT NEW COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 2	WALTER JUDGE ... 6
JACK HONEY ... 3	GORDON CADDWELL ... 7
SAMUEL HOUNSLOW ... 4	HARRY MILES ... Tenor

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 3/4 cwt.

*F. OVERTON ... Treble	E. W. ABBOTT ... 5
J. B. BDD... 2	F. METCALF... 6
*T. FITZJOHN ... 3	R. S. LONG ... 7
S. BROMFIELD ... 4	H. MINGAY ... Tenor

Conducted by R. S. LONG.
* First peal. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. 'Charlie' Taylor, the former being a member of the band. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Abbott, of Alvingham, who stood in at a moment's notice in the place of Mr. Taylor.

HAYES, KENT.—On Monday, Sept. 3rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor. J. Brown 1, H. Reader 2, J. Hack 3, O. Gilbey (first in the method as conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, F. Keech 6. Also other touches, conducted by J. Hack, with G. Harwood taking part.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 28, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr.

BENJAMIN TREVITT ... Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE... 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... 2	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 6
JOHN W. JONES ... 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
ERNEST JONES ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 80).
Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Arranged for J. W. Jones, who hails from Newport, Mon., and as a birthday compliment for the daughter of the ringer of the treble.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Friday, September 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 3/4 cwt. in F.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM HARPER ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	*STEPHEN BRIDGLAND ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 7
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 4	JOHN AVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Birthday peal for J. Avis.

LINTON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY BAKER ... Treble	LEWIS NEWMAN... 5
MRS. H. BAKER... 2	GEORGE POUND... 6
†HARRY N. WAY... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
CHARLES H. SONE ... 4	*ALFRED W. AMOS ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 3/4 cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH... Treble	*FRANCIS BIBBY ... 5
WILLIAM BIBBY... 2	GEORGE PINCOTT ... 6
*JOHN EDWARD BIBBY ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
PETER CROOK ... 4	JOHN NUTTALL ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method. F. Bibby's 50th peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Frodsham, Cheshire, 7th from Walkden, the remainder are local. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor of the above church, Mr. H. W. Jackson, who is also the veteran treasurer of the association.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE,
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. COTHBERT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

GEOFFERY W. TAYSON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... 5
*ALEC. TAYLOR ... 2	JAMES P. HVEYTT ... 6
WALTER TAYLOR ... 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 7
WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4	†GEORGE SOLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Triples with a bob bell. † First peal on eight bells. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival by request of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Dent), who kindly entertained the ringers to refreshments after the peal.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*FRANK BELSEY Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
WILLIAM HAIGH 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 3	*FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	CL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Fred M. Mitchell. The band were afterwards kindly entertained in the Sergeants' Mess, R.M. Barracks by Cl.-Sgt. Bennett, and tender him their grateful thanks.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923 in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5200 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in G.

*SAMUEL WARNE Treble	FREDERICK REDGEWELL 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WALTER ARNOLD... .. 6
JAMES FLEUTY 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRED HILTON Treble	*ALBERT E. JARMAN 5
CHARLES TURNER 2	*WILLIAM J. JARMAN 6
CHARLES R. MILLWAY 3	HARRY PARKES 7
*CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 4	CHARLES S. BIRD Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman as conductor. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member previous to starting the peal.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

*HENRY STAPLETON Treble	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 5
*HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 6
*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7
MISS EVELYN STEELE 4	CHARLES W. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of Surprise as conductor. First peal of Cambridge on the bells. Rung on the festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE CLEAL Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	*CHARLES H. BRIGGS... .. 7
HARRY ARGYLE 4	*WILLIAM BRIGGS Tenor

Conducted by H. BROUGHTON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the eve of the departure of the Rev. A. C. Disney, rector of the parish for 38 years, who is retiring on account of ill-health.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER, WOOLTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	CLAUDE S. BENWELL 5
CLAUDE J. DAVIS 2	THOMAS W. GILMOUR 6
*JOHN WILKINSON 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
ERNEST JONES 4	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. B. Hadow, who was inducted on Wednesday, September 26th. * First peal as conductor in this method.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS H. BENT Treble	§GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 5
†JOSEPH S. CARTER 2	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 6
WM. H. HUMBERSTONE 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
‡MISS GLADYS DODDS 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... .. Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Major. † First in the method. ‡ First peal. § First in the method 'inside.' R. F. Elkington has now rung each bell in this tower to peals. This is the conductor's 50th peal this year.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

CARTER'S ODD BOB ONE PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	GEORGE N. PRICE 5
ALFRED B. PECK 2	HENRY R. NEWTON 6
HERBERT LANGDON 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Rung for the festival of St. Michael and All Angels, Mr. Baker having extended a special invitation to this Ancient Society.

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED FALLON Treble	FRED BIRKS 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
*THOMAS PERRY 3	JOHN PERRY 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung for the dedication festival. * First peal away from the tenor. Thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. Birks for their hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

BUCKLEY, FLINTS.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
*JOHN HAYES 3	ARTHUR PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR PERCIVAL KNIGHTS.

* Fiftieth peal. This composition is rung for the first time. Rung with bells half-muffled for the late Rev. Jones (curate of the parish), who was interred on this day.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
 THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 21 cwt.

MATTHIAS HOBBS Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
*ROBERT G. BLACK 2	*GEORGE LINES 6
*HARRY BAXTER 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT... .. 4	*TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.
 * First peal of Cambridge Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.
 LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

On Sunday, September 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Seven different 720's Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT MARSHALL Treble	REX GODDARD 4
TOM SCOTT 2	ERNEST BETTS 5
JACK BANKS 3	FRED HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

First peal and first attempt by all the band, who have only been ringing ten months. The ages of the ringers are respectively 17, 18, 15, 20, 19 and 17.

LOWER BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 720's of Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 9 cwt.

*THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	A. E. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS... .. 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JOHN COOKE... .. 5
JOHN W. JONES 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting one short for Kent Major.

COPPULL, LANCASHIRE.
 THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
 (PRESTON AND WIGAN BRANCHES)

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
 Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE HEWITT... .. Treble	ALFRED MORGAN... .. 4
FRED RIGBY... .. 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 5
JOHN BOOTH... .. 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the church. This is the first peal of Minor in the method by all, also the first peal on the bells with the bells rung open, it being very noisy in the ringing chamber. The ringers of treble, 2nd and tenor hail from Chorley, and the rest from Standish.

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

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four 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 9 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb. in F sharp.

HERBERT LOWMAN Treble	*JOSEPH CANHAM 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS... .. 2	WILLIAM BIRTLES 5
HERBERT PEARSON 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

8 Rung in connection with the harvest thanksgiving. * First peal. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th are local men, the rest are from Lincoln. The visitors wish to thank the Rector for so kindly entertaining them after the peal.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
 THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
 On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
JACK FORD 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

† F. W. Naunton's 150th peal. He has conducted 82.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
 STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Brown Edge, Ipswich, London, Wells, York, Durham and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt. in F.

*HENRY WIBBERLEY Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE 4
JOHN W. WALKER 2	JOHN E. WHEELDON 5
†FRANK TRINER 3	JAMES WALLRY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung as 'welcome home' to the Rector of Norton (Rev. J. G. Hamlet) on his returning from his holidays.

HANDBELL PEALS.
 LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
 DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
 IN THE BELFRY OF ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE, CITY,

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

*MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	*FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. PYE.

Umpires: MESSRS. J. E. DAVIS, C. W. R. GRIMWOOD and W. H. HEWETT.

* First peal of Surprise in hand. † Mrs. F. I. Hairs is the first lady to ring a peal of Surprise in hand.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
 THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, September 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
 IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BERT RIXOM 1-2	WILLIAM D. WASE 5-6
THOMAS E. ABBOTT 3-4	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOS. E. ABBOTT.

Witness: WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

First peal as conductor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
 SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

Another successful and pleasant meeting of the South and West District was held at Sunbury on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., when short touches of Grandsire Triples, etc., and a course of Cambridge Surprise were rung. Tea was served in the Parish Hall by the hostess, Mrs. Warne, about 40 sitting down. Mr. T. Beadle, vice-president, presided, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Sydney), the Ringing Master and the hon. secretary. After tea Mr. Beadle vacated the chair in favour of the Vicar, who welcomed the association to Sunbury, remarking what a pleasure it was to meet such a good gathering of ringers, and extending an invitation for another visit in the near future.

Acton was selected for the November meeting. Handbell ringing was indulged in, after which a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, and all who so kindly assisted to make the meeting a success.

The tower was again visited, and courses of London, Bristol and Superlative were rung, the number having increased to over 50, including several lady ringers.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

A monthly meeting of the Nottingham District was held at Greasley on Saturday, Sept. 29th to commemorate the first anniversary of the reopening of the bells, after being rehung and increased from five to eight. Between 30 and 40 ringers attended from Beeston, Bulwell, Breaston, Basford, St. Peter's, Nottingham, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Southwell, Ilkeston, with visitors from Derby, Selston, South Normanton (two from the latter being elected members), and the local band. A most sumptuous tea was provided by the local men and their wives, which was much appreciated by those present.

The business meeting was presided over by the local vice-president (Mr. A. Coppock).

Wollaton was selected for the next meeting, to be held on Oct. 27th. — Three new members were elected from Greasley (1) and South Normanton (2), and a vote of condolence was passed by all the members, standing on the death of Mr. S. Wesley, of Lenton, who had passed away since the last meeting, and who had been a member of the Association for a number of years.

It was agreed to hold a 'W. D. Croft's' dinner again this year, and Messrs. F. Johnson, W. A. James and G. Goodship were elected a committee to draw up arrangements and report at the next meeting.

The Vicar promised to become an hon. member of the association. The President then proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, and also to the local ringers and ladies for so kindly entertaining the members.—Mr. J. Hobbs, leader of the local men, extended a hearty welcome to the visitors to Greasley, and hoped the meeting would become an annual event.

A short service was held in the church, the Rev. S. J. Galloway thanking the members for coming, and wished the association every success.—Mr. A. Coppock rendered an excellent solo, Mr. W. Taylor, one of the local ringers, presiding at the organ.

Ringling was kept up until 8.30, and the following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise.

A pleasant hour was spent with the handbells, and several musical items were given by Mr. A. Coppock and friends.

Will members please note that it is hoped to commence practising at St. Mary's Nottingham in a few weeks, with the hope of having a change ringing band at this church again? Ringers visiting or staying in Nottingham will receive a hearty welcome from Mr. A. Lambert at this tower on Sundays at 10 and 6 o'clock.

LADIES' GUILD.

NEW BRANCH FORMED IN DEVON.

The inauguration of the Exeter and District Branch of the Ladies' Guild took place on Saturday, Sept. 22nd. Among the visitors were Miss Edith Parker (London), Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), president of the Ladies' Guild; Miss Williams (Bath), and Mrs. Harvey (Portsmouth), also ladies from Tiverton, Topsham, Torquay, Paignton, Washfield, and Clevedon, etc.

The proceedings commenced at St. Thomas' Church, on the new ring of eight, after which the visitors were entertained to luncheon by Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Plummer. This was followed by ringing at St. Petrock's (6), the Ladies' Guild tower in Exeter. Service was then held at the Cathedral, and the business meeting took place immediately afterwards. The officers elected were: Chairman, Mrs. Walker King (Exeter); vice-chairmen, Miss Hanson (Tiverton), Miss C. Goodman (Topsham); committee, Mrs. H. Read (Exeter), Miss Knight (Exeter), Mrs. Knowles (Tiverton), Mrs. Gover (Torquay); assistant secretary, Miss G. Davey (Exeter).

Mr. W. J. Southwood, who has acted as organising secretary, was responsible for the arrangements during the day.

Tea was kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Thomas, the donors of the new trebles at the Cathedral, which was afterwards visited. A ladies' band rang the 'Thomas' eight: Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol) 1, Miss Austin (Paignton) 2, Mrs. Gover (Torquay) 3, Miss Williams (Bath) 4, Miss Snell (Washfield) 5, Mrs. Knowles (Tiverton) 6, Mrs. Harvey (Portsmouth) 7, Miss Parker (London) 8. Stedman and Grandsire Cinques were rung by the Cathedral band, three of the ladies assisting.

A most eventful day was thus brought to a conclusion, and it is hoped the Ladies' Guild will make great progress in the district.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Now that Mr. Sharples has written from Blackpool, and admitted that it was he who named method No. 22 'Immanuel,' may we ask him to select some more appropriate title? He is probably aware that this is one of the Divine Names. To use it in such a way is a grievous shock to some, and very offensive to others; moreover we do not wish to give the profane the excuse to say that ringers worship a Method!

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge Suffolk.

H. DRAKE.

BELL RINGING CONTEST AT MELTHAM.

BIG ENTRY AND LARGE GATHERING.

The quarterly meeting and six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held on Saturday, Sept. 29th, at Meltham. Prior to the contest, a committee meeting was held. Seven hundred and twenty changes in any method had been sanctioned previously, but owing to there being no fewer than ten entrants, it was thought that the length had better be shortened somewhat, as the ringers covered a large area. It was decided that 800 changes be rung, any method.

Ringling commenced shortly after three o'clock, and continued till 9.15 p.m. An excellent tea was provided by the Meltham company, and about 130 ringers enjoyed the fare provided. Owing to the lateness of the hour a hurried meeting took place in the school adjoining the church, at which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Meltham (the Rev. H. F. T. Barter) and churchwardens, for the use of the bells and for the way the arrangements had been part in the success of the contest.

The Vicar replying, said how pleased he was to welcome such a fine assembly to Meltham. One feature of the contest he said, was the large number of youths taking up ringling. He added that he thought everyone would agree that the ladies had played no small part to the success of the contest.

The judges, Mr. J. Broadley (Bradford) and Mr. J. Barforth (Earlsheaton) gave their decision as follows:—

	Faults.	Penal-ties.	Tl.
Huddersfield (Oxford T.B.)	153		153
Lightcliffe (Kent T.B.)	333	10	343
Shelley (Oxford)	373		373
New Mill (Oxford)	140		140
Birstal (Kent)	226		Rung out
Holmfirth (Oxford)	243		243
Low Moor (Kent)	400		Rung out
Mirfield (Kent)	196		196
Batley (Oxford)	148	10	158
Liversedge (Kent)	226		Rung out

New Mill were accordingly declared winners. The Vicar presented the cup to Mr. Biltcliffe, the conductor. He said he hoped that at some future date other towers in Longwood and Marsden would attempt to win the cup.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed a very successful meeting.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, Sept. 22nd a meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Leiston, and despite the inclement weather was fairly well attended by members from various towers in the county. The hardy ring of bells at the parish church were kept going in various methods, from three o'clock till five p.m., when at the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Morgan Jones), an adjournment was made to the Council Schools, where a sumptuous tea was spread.

The Rector expressed pleasure at meeting the ringers especially as they were a united body, and he hoped to meet them annually.

To show how popular the Suffolk Guild is becoming, twelve hon. members were reported to have joined in the district, and great pleasure was expressed when Mrs. Morgan Jones, the wife of the Rector, expressed a wish to become an hon. member.

A vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Morgan Jones for their kind welcome, and to the ladies who so kindly assisted at the tables was accorded, on the motion of Mr. C. E. Fisher.

The methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples and Major methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

CONCRETE FLOORS IN BELFRIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Stacey's inquiry about concrete floors in towers, a concrete floor was laid in the belfry at St. Mary's Church, Ambleside, Westmorland when the new peal of eight was put in in 1901. The height of the ringing chamber is 15ft. 8in., and the floor 2ft. thick. It consists of top concrete 10in. thick, then boxes of silicate of batten 6in. deep, then 8in. hollow space. The floor has an area of 16ft. 3in. by 16ft.

The bells are rather noisy in the ringing chamber, but in 1912, acting on the advice of Mr. A. W. Brighton, of London, the whole of the concrete floor was covered with bags of sawdust about 4in. thick, which reduced the sound wonderfully. The bells are a heavy peal the tenor being 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.—Yours faithfully,

Church Street, Ambleside.

W. ROBINSON.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL FUND.

Previously acknowledged £5 1s.; Alderman J. S. Pritchett, £1 1s.; Mr. W. Page, Worcester, 5s.; Mr. Ben Gough, Coseley, 5s. Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Parsons, Elma Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

FESTIVAL AT DUNMOW.

Some thirty ringers responded to the invitation to the ringing festival at Dunmow on Saturday, Sept. 29th. Great Bardfield, Stebbing, Felsted, Chelmsford, Woodford and Braintree were represented, and among the company were Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. (Master of the Association), Mr. W. H. Dykon (District Master, Northern Division), and Mr. G. A. Black (one of the association's auditors). A short service was held in the Parish Church of St. Mary, at which the association office was used.

A sumptuous tea was provided in the Parish Hall. The Vicar (the Rev. W. J. House, M.A.) presided, supported by his churchwarden.

The Master expressed the thanks of the visitors to Mrs. House and to the ringers' wives and friends who had so generously provided tea, and to the Vicar for his hearty welcome.—This was seconded by the District Master, who gave a very interesting account of the history of the church, with its very fine tower and bells.—The Vicar and Mr. H. W. Smith responded, the latter stating the idea of the gathering was for the purpose of stimulating a closer spirit of brotherhood among the neighbouring towers.

A social hour followed with songs and tunc ringing by the Stebbing ringers. Touches of Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung upon the very fine tower bells, the heaviest ring of six in the county. It is hoped that at some near date two trebles will be added to complete the octave.

PRESENTATION TO VETERAN RINGER.

A very successful meeting was held at St. Nicholas' Wallasey, by the Wirral Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild on Saturday, Sept. 29th, and the opportunity was taken to make a presentation to Mr. William Hughes. This took the form of a nicely printed peal card, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Mary's, Liscard, on Sept. 22nd. Mr. William Hughes, who received the gift at the hands of the Vicar, has been a ringer for nearly 40 years at Liscard. The peal was rung in his honour on his 70th birthday, his golden wedding and also his son's silver wedding day. Mr. Hughes rang the treble and his son the tenor.—In thanking the Vicar and ringers for the kind words and kinder thoughts which had prompted them, he said he would treasure the picture as long as he lived.

PEALS OF STEDMAN CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Daltry's letter in your issue of September 21st last, I do not for one moment wish to deprive him of any title to the two peals of Stedman Caters published in your issue of August 31st, and concerning which I expressed my opinion in your issue of September 7th. But I am still convinced he has not added two more to the thousands which already exist. If there is any space in our excellent weekly ringing journal for compositions, let us, I say again, have something off the beaten and well-worn track. Peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques, short course and long course, have been rung in Birmingham and elsewhere, especially during the last 20 years, both on tower and handbells, with the front six bells in various possible combinations, and the large bells in the tittums, inverted tittums, backstroke and handstroke home positions, these containing musical qualities not to be obtained on the ordinary plan where the treble or 6th is fixed in second's place.

I agree with Mr. Joseph W. Parker in his letter in this week's issue of the 'Ringing World' that there is still plenty of scope for this class of composition which would give added interest to peal hands and conductors. What is more wanted than a reference file containing this class of compositions up to date? It should be taken in hand by our Central Council at the very earliest opportunity, and then added to the list of publications so that it could be within the reach of all those interested by applying for same.

I shall be pleased to send to conductors peals of Stedman Caters or Cinques by reputed composers, which I have in my possession, and which are off the beaten track.—Yours faithfully,

ALBERT WALKER.

81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

THE ATTACKS ON CHURCH BELLS.

There appears to be an epidemic of opposition to the ringing of bells, and Welwyn Garden City is not alone in its antagonism. A few weeks ago the Leicester newspapers were alive with correspondence against the bells of St. John-the-Divine—a most musical and modulated ring! Fortunately, the originator of the 'Ringing Defence Committee' (Press) of the Central Council is attached to St. John's, and the opponents were 'up against it.' Scarcely had that subsided when an attack was made on change ringing at Ludlow, in Shropshire and the local society requested the aid of Mr. W. Willson to defend their interests. W. W. has fallen upon the opposition with his battleaxe and laid about him in right good earnest.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At a recent meeting of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Master (Major Hughes D'Aeth) informed those present that his motor-cycle registered just over ten thousand miles, travelled in the cause of the Guild since he took office in 1919.

Some half-dozen members of the Ancient Society of College Youths were invited to attend on Tuesday the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the death of Sir Richard Whittington, the ceremony taking place at St. Michael Royal, College Hill. Whittington will always be associated with Bow bells, and his name has been given to a change well known to ringers.

A peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor has been rung at Liversedge, Yorks, by a band whose average age is 17½ years. What makes the performance the more meritorious is the fact that it was the first peal by all, and was rung at the first attempt.

Mr. John Carter has returned to London from the Isle of Man, and his activities will doubtless be once more turned to ringing.

The peal at Over, Cambs, on Sept. 19th was rung for the Ely Diocesan Association, a fact that was omitted by the sender of the report.

The first peal of Stedman Cinques on record was rung by the College Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Oct. 6th 1788. They did the thing properly, for the length was 6,204 (rung in 4 hrs. 47 mins.), and this stood as the longest length in the method until 1806, when the Cumberlands rang a 6,334 at Spitalfields.

Holt's Ten-part was rung for the first time on Oct. 12th, 1754, at Shoreditch.

In memory of his father, Alderman George Cadbury is extending the carillon at Bourneville by the addition of 15 bells making the total up to 37, giving a chromatic scale of three octaves. It will then rank as second largest in England.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan ringers should note that the meeting announced for Dursley to-morrow cannot be held, owing to illness, and is, therefore, postponed to Oct. 13th, when it will take place at Berkeley.

Macclesfield bells, Cheshire's first peal of twelve, will be open for ringing on Saturday, Oct. 13th when all ringers will be welcome. Particulars will be found in our notice columns.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Ellesmere, Salop, has made an unusual start in peal ringing. His first peal was on handbells, when he rang 1-2 to Stedman Caters, and his next was a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham. He is the first Shropshire ringer to run a pair of handbells to a peal Stedman. His friends anticipate for him a highly successful ringing career, given the opportunity.

The following was posted on the door of a country church some time back: 'This is to give notice that no person is to be buried in the churchyard but those living in the parish. Those who wish to be buried here are desired to apply to me.—J. B., parish clerk.'

We are informed that the peal of Bob Major rung at St. Mary's, Putney, on Sept. 19th, should not be credited to the Ancient Society of College Youths.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Lavenham on Sept. 17th was A. Symonds first in the method away from the tenor, and not his first peal away from the tenor.

THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me, through your columns, to thank all ringers and friends who responded to my appeal on behalf of Mrs. Hayes, widow of the late Frederick Hayes, of Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, a ringer for over 40 years, who is in straitened circumstances? Thanks are due to the Benevolent Fund Committee of the Kent Association for a grant of £23 5s., and I am grateful to all whose names appear on the following lists: Per M. P. E. Clark, Ealing, £6 14s. 6d.; Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Milton-next-Gravesend, £3 17s. 6d.; Gravesend Ringers, £1 2s. 6d.; Old Pals, per Mr. W. Raveney, £1 1s. 6d.; Northfleet Ringers, 10s. 6d.; Rochester St. Margaret's, 8s.; Frindsbury Ringers, 8s.; Chatham Ringers, 5s.; total (including grant), £17 11s. The list will shortly be closed, and any further contributions to the appeal will be thankfully received and acknowledged by—Yours faithfully,

FRED M. MITCHELL.

114, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent.

FIRST COURSE OF GRANDSIRE IN NATAL.

The first plain course of Grandsire Triples ever rung in Durban, Natal, was rung for morning service on Sunday, Sept. 9th, by the following band: Miss Daisy Clarkson 1, Cyril Howard 2, Thos. Nash 3, Harold Howard 4, F. L. Simpson 5, T. E. Prickett 6, John Prickett 7, Joe Hume 8. This is the first Grandsire Triples by all but the ringers of 6 and 7 and the first in Natal.

The Yorkshire Commemoration Dinner.

INTERESTING SPEECHES AT SHEFFIELD GATHERING.

As briefly reported last week, the second annual commemoration dinner to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association was held at Sheffield. The dinner is celebrated in successive years at Leeds, Sheffield and York, and on this occasion the 'Steel City' had the honour of 'fathering' this great gathering in the capacious dining-room of the King's Head Hotel. Visitors were present from 49 different towns, and altogether a most distinguished party of 120 sat down to dinner, the Venerable J. Russell Darbyshire, M.A., Archdeacon of Sheffield, being in the chair. Among the many well-known ringers present were Mr. J. Rowbottom (London, representing the College Youths), Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. James George (Birmingham), Rev. C. C. Marshall (President of the Yorkshire Association), Mr. Frank Willey (Vice-President, Sheffield), Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. secretary of the Association, Leeds), Mr. J. Cottrill (Halifax), Mr. Chas. Davies (Liverpool), Mr. Smallwood (Derby), Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley), and Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. Pryce Taylor and Mr. Cyril Johnston, representing the bell founders; in addition to members from Leeds, Elland, Doncaster, York, Horbury, Halifax Grimsby, Wortley, Bradford, and the local districts.

Letters of apology were received from Mr. George Lewis (President of the Committee), the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, the Rev. W. P. Wright, Mr. J. G. Groves (Birmingham), Mr. Jas. T. Raw, Alderman J. S. Pritchett (Birmingham), Alderman Cattell and Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking).

After grace had been sung and an excellent menu served, the evening's entertainment was opened by a pianoforte solo by the Rev. B. F. Sheppard who rendered a masterly performance of one of Mendelssohn's 'Songs without Words.' The reverend gentleman was 'at the piano' for the remainder of the evening, and for the very effective way in which he accompanied the various artists is to be heartily thanked.

After the loyal toast Mr. C. D. Potter (Barnsley) proposed 'The Church and State.' He said that whatever the nation may be he hoped at this moment it stood higher than it had ever done, and that its word was more respected.

With regard to the church, he said that in times past it was always there to preach the gospel, tend the sick and needy; but allowing for all this work, well and truly done, there were other duties which the church had, and for which it was well fitted. He alluded to its part in the arts and sciences.

They might take building, and the church offered the best that ever was done. They could instance manufacturing, chemistry, the smelting of iron which were done at a very early date; all these works were theirs. Coming nearer, they found that as refinement came along the church was still always the patron of music, painting, and all other arts which had made great the name of our country. To-day the Church had taken a new lease of life and from the Archbishop downward, all were working for the good of the State (applause).

Miss Kathleen Jackson (herself a ringer) having rendered a humorous song entitled 'The Ringers.'

The Archdeacon of Sheffield replied. He said the toast which they had drunk, was one which was most suitable for such an occasion when ringers were assembled, for there was no part of the Church which made itself so much felt on State occasions as the belfry. It took various forms. As Vicars, they spent quite a considerable portion of their time reading letters of complaint, regarding the volume of sound produced, from all kinds of people who did not happen to be ringers, and who therefore did not appreciate the result of the ringers' labours. At the same time, he supposed there was no great occasion which arose in that city, but the Church acclaimed it through the medium of the bell ringers. He hoped that association would continue for many centuries. He also trusted that as their associations grew more and more (he understood there were 49 towns represented there that evening), they would be able to bring about a greater appreciation by the public of the peals which were rung in the church towers, and thus cause complaints, on the score of noise to diminish. He understood that the activities of the bell founders at the present time were particularly directed to the improvement of the tone and harmonics of the bells which they cast. On the other side, whether or not the day should ever come, when the Church was disestablished and could no longer be spoken of as 'by law established,' he hoped that the sentiments of perfect loyalty which had always distinguished the Church in times past, would survive the catastrophe, and that public events would always be acclaimed by the loyal efforts of the ringers. In conclusion, the Chairman thanked the gathering for the loyal sentiments expressed both to the Church and Realm.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

The life of the late Mr. Jasper Whitfield Snowdon having been fully recounted by the Rev. C. C. Marshall at Leeds last year, Mr. F. Willey (Sheffield), who proposed the toast of the evening, devoted his speech mainly to the life of the late Mr. Chas. Henry Hattersley, and said: 'In proposing the toast of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers and the memory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Association, I cannot help but bring before you many other notables of the Exercise, and as our president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall gave you a good outline of the founder of this association and his works, I trust that if I should trespass on anything that has already been said by the reverend gentleman he will not take it as any act of piracy on my part. Passing before my imagination I see many faces and think of the great work those men have done for our association, but none stand more plainly in my memory than Charles Henry Hattersley, who was very accurately described in the 'Ringing World' as the G.O.M. of change ringing. In recalling many interesting details of this eminent gentleman's ringing career, I must briefly introduce to you some other names of ringing celebrities, notably one, Mr. W. Booth, Mr. Hattersley's grandfather, from whom he received his early instruction, and to such effect that at the age of eleven years we find him pricking out Treble Bob. It was, however, many years after this when he found out the internal false changes in this method, a thing unknown in Sheffield in the early days of Mr. W. Booth (who died in 1849), and Mr. W. Hudson (who died in 1851). Mr. Hattersley was born on Sept. 12, 1844, and from his earliest days took a deep interest in the art of change ringing, good striking being one of his greatest fortes, and when this was not forthcoming he often intervened with caustic remarks, which were quite understandable by those who had erred. At a very early stage in his career he used to attend our dear old Cathedral and ring for morning prayers, and as years passed on we find our pioneer together with the indefatigable founder of this, our association, making rapid strides at the very early age of 18 years. He rang his first peal of Stedman Caters at Chesterfield in 1862, and a year later a peal of Bob Royal with the famous Robert Daft, thus linking himself and the present generation with the giants of the art a century ago. It is not for me to recall all the notable performances of this worthy chieftain, either in the art of ringing or in the study of composition. He was always to the fore in vigorous discussion concerning the merits and otherwise of published peals through the ringing Press, and woe betide any man who claimed anything beyond his right. In ringing he stood out for the best, and I have shared with others his severe chastisement, when making errors, missing dodges, or becoming hopelessly lost. Amongst his most notable ringing feats all of which stood out as the best of that period, I may casually instance a 6,006 in five different methods, rung at Rotherham in 1881, and in the following year we find him conducting a 6,595 Stedman Caters of his own composition, and also taking part in a silent peal of Stedman Triples at Burton-on-Trent. In 1887 he rang in a 13,041 Stedman Caters at Cheltenham, and the following year at the same place in a 15,227 Grandsize Caters. However, his outstanding performance was with his bosom friends at Birmingham when he rang a 9,238 of Stedman Cinques. Mr. Hattersley and myself were very close friends, and he often related to me with pride and honour the details of the many occasions upon which he had rung for hours with various companies without a word of correction being spoken. As a composer, he has to his credit a peal of 5,056 Superlative Surprise, containing all the possible positions with the sixth and tenors together, with the second never in sixth's place. He also evolved a new eleven-course set of Stedman Caters which is also applicable to other methods by researching composers. In London Surprise he composed peals with the fourth and sixth the extent in sixth's, and the fifth and sixth the extent in fifth's, these ranking amongst the first ever composed in this precarious method. As a conversationalist and expounder of the art of campanology, he was to all who met and heard him most impressive with his words of wise counsel and sound advice, which could not fail to be of the utmost value for their future guidance. His fund of recollections and anecdotes was most entertaining, and doubtless there are many people present who will recall enjoyable days and evenings spent in his company. And here we will leave him, as a stalwart of our association more fully realising that he had lived a life fully up to the tradition of a famous Admiral of our Fleet when he cried out, 'England expects ———.' Well could he also say with Carlyle, 'What faults you see in me, try to avoid, search your own hearts and you'll be well employed.' I will ask you to drink to the me-

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mory of Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and all past officers of the Yorkshire Association in solemn silence."

The toast was fittingly honoured.

A LOVING CUP.

The Archdeacon then made allusion to the fact that he had noticed in the Cathedral ringing chamber a massive silver jug, presented to the Cathedral company by the ringers of Ashton-under-Lyne about 50 years ago. It struck him that that was a suitable occasion on which this might serve as a loving cup, and accordingly, at his request, the jug was filled with cider, and during the course of the evening, the cup being several times refilled, everyone present was enabled to drink therefrom. This incident will no doubt be of interest to the original donors, should any of them be alive, or their successors.

Then followed a capital course of Stedman Cinques: C. Harrison 1-2, J. Thorpe 3-4, S. Palmer 5-6, S. Briggs 7-8, A. Walker 9-10, W. Chown 11-12. Mr. Albert Walker (Birmingham) is to be thanked for kindly filling the breach at the last moment by ringing 9-10, one of the original band having been compelled to leave Sheffield during the day on business. It is noteworthy that this was the first occasion on which Stedman Cinques on handbells had been performed in Sheffield.

'Kindred Ringing Societies' was proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association, who said they had with them that night representatives who had performed for their various societies some of the greatest feats in change ringing. He noted that one of the previous speakers, referring to the performances of Mr. Chas. H. Hattersley, emphasised the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Birmingham. He (the speaker) was very pleased to see with them that night representatives of the Birmingham Society. They also had with them representatives of the Ancient Society of College Youths. They had a specially warm corner in their hearts for the College Youths, for he believed he was correct in saying that when it was proposed that the Yorkshire Association should be a society, it was suggested that instead of a County Association, they should form a branch of the College Youths in Sheffield. It was owing to that momentous decision not to do so, that the Yorkshire Association became the pioneer of County Associations in the United Kingdom. Whilst they did not regret this, they heartily welcomed the College Youths that night, and he took that opportunity of offering them their very hearty congratulations upon the feat of ringing the 12,000 Stedman Cinques with a tenor of 50 cwt. That stood a chance of becoming a record for all time. Continuing, Mr. Johnson said they also had with them representatives of the Lancashire, Midland Counties and Surrey Associations, and he had great pleasure in extending to them the heartiest welcome. In Mr. Albert Walker they had a worthy successor to the famous masters of Birmingham, who had, he thought, conducted the greatest variety of Stedman Cinques of any man living. They had an extra warm regard for the representative of the College Youths in Mr. J. Rowbottom. There were very few men in that room who could state that they had a direct association with Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, but Mr. Rowbottom was one of that now rapidly diminishing band. They trusted he might be spared to honour them with his presence at those gatherings for many years to come, and thus link them up with the giants of the past. He coupled the names of Mr. Albert Walker and Mr. Rowbottom with the toast.

(To be continued).

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

HONORARY MEMBERS' SUBSCRIPTIONS.

A quarterly meeting was held at Dunster on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, members being present from Ilminster, Huntspill, Old Cleeve, Dunster, Minchhead, Taunton, Timberscombe and Bridgwater. The business meeting was held in the Memorial Hall, presided over by the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker), who was supported by the Rev. W. T. Reeder, R.D., Vicar of Dunster, and Preb. A. C. Harman, Rector of Old Cleeve. Two honorary members were elected, and Congressbury selected for the next meeting to be held in December.

A discussion arose as to whether the local branches could be allowed to spend a portion of the honorary members' subscriptions. It was pointed out that to do this a rule would have to be altered, and a resolution giving three weeks' notice must be sent to the secretary.

Mr. Stacey, the local secretary, promised to do this.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. W. T. Reeder for the hearty welcome he gave to the association, and for the use of the bells; also to the ladies among whom was Mrs. Reeder, who had undertaken the arrangements for tea. After the Vicar had replied tea was partaken of, and a short service was held in the Priory Church.

Ringing took place in various methods during the afternoon and evening.

CLUTTON SOMERSET.—On Thursday, Sept. 20th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: R. Brimble 1, C. Cook 2, J. Owen (conductor) 3, H. Blacker 4, C. Blacker 5, H. Parsons 6. Rung in 40 minutes. First quarter by all.

CHAGFORD FIRM'S ACTIVITY.

During the last month the peal of six bells at Stoke Damerel, Devonport, have been under restoration, and are now placed in perfect ringing order. The tenor is 17 cwt., and this is one of the finest peals of six in Plymouth. The work has been most efficiently executed by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford.

Orders have also been placed with Messrs. Aggett and Sons, for the restoration of the following peals: Dunsford (peal of six, also new clock gear and chimes), St. Gluvias, Penryn, Cornwall (peal of six), Roborough, N. Devon (peal of six), Gidleigh (peal of five bells, new second bell to be added), new peal of six for Withiel, Bodmin, Cornwall.

NEW PEAL OF SIX FOR ESSEX.

A COMPLETE RESTORATION AT KIRBY-LE-SOKEN.

Kirby-le-Soken, Essex, a very pretty village, near Clacton-on-Sea, is now in possession of a peal of six bells, the dedication of which took place on Monday, Sept. 17th. About two years ago the old five bells were in such a condition as to be unsafe for ringing, the crown of two bells having a large piece broken out, and one other cracked. The framework was also beyond repair and unsafe. Thanks are due to the Vicar and members of the Parochial Council for the raising the necessary funds for a complete restoration, which included recasting the old treble, 2nd and 4th bells, and the addition of a new treble bell to make six, also the re-hanging of the whole peal in a new steel frame for eight.

The bells were dedicated at a special service in the afternoon by the Bishop of Colchester, who preached an appropriate sermon. The service ended with a collection in aid of the restoration fund, generous response being made.

After the service tea was kindly provided for the congregation and ringers on the vicarage lawn by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Gledhill) and the Parochial Council. During the tea the Bishop gave a short address concerning the uses of bells, which was listened to with great interest.

Tea over, the ringers adjourned to the tower, and touches of Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise were rung, visitors being present from Thorrington, Great Bromley, Great Bentley, Weeley, Thorpe-le-Soken, Frinton-on-Sea, Tendring, Ipswich, Chadwell Heath and Edmonton.

Everyone expressed great satisfaction with the tone and 'go' of the bells, which though rather light, the tenor is only 8½ cwt., are a very musical peal and it is hoped the empty spaces will be filled before many years. The local band of ringers, if given help and instruction in change ringing from the neighbouring towers, will open up a little-heard-of part of Essex—in the campanological sense.

The work of restoration has been carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich.

RINGERS AT PAINSWICK FEAST.

ANCIENT CUSTOM CELEBRATED.

On Saturday week, the members of the Bristol United Guilds, to the number of 28 (including four lady ringers), visited Painswick, where the local 'feast' was being held. Leaving Bristol at 7 p.m. three ringers from Bath were picked up at Fishponds, so that the charabanc had its full complement. The route lay through delightful scenery via Stroud, where the first halt was made. Mr. Orchard met the party, and piloted them to the beautiful Parish Church of St. Lawrence with its fine peal of ten bells, where Mr. Scriven awaited them. The bells were raised in peal, and were soon off to the tune of Stedman Caters, followed by Cambridge Royal. When Painswick situated among the hills, was reached, the chief attraction of the 'feast' had already started for the glorious ring of twelve bells was pealing forth, rung by members from Gloucester and Swindon. The party enjoyed high tea at the Institute, where they were joined by the ringers from Gloucester, Swindon, and the local band, making a party of about 60, arrangements having been made by Mr. Albert Wright.

Following tea the Vicar (who presided) gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Painswick feast, and he was followed by Mr. Wright, who showed the company the 'puppy' they had ready for the occasion. The 'puppy' happened to be a china one. Painswick Youths know the story of how the puppy was substituted for the pie!

Messrs. J. Austin and W. A. Cave thanked the Vicar, on behalf of the visitors.

The Bristol party then took over the ringing, which opened with a touch of Stedman Cinques, followed by Caters and Cambridge Royal (Maximus was on the programme, but two of the stalwarts went picking mushrooms) until 8 p.m. Everyone was loud in praise of these famous bells.

The return journey to Bristol, started about 8.30, was by another route, a stop being made at Falfield, presumably to let the engine cool. Bristol was reached just before 11, every one of the party having had a happy time.

The feast continued throughout Sunday, when the 'clipping' of the church took place.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, Sept. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. J. Pannett 1, F. S. Bacon 2, H. James 3, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 4, J. Crowder 5, H. J. Norgate 6, R. J. Dawe (Lewes) 7, J. Dafters 8.—On Sept. 23rd, for harvest festival, another quarter: F. G. Dafters (first quarter) 1, F. S. Bacon, 2 H. James 3, J. Lew 4, J. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 30th, for harvest (thanksgiving at St. Mary's, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: J. D. Harris 1, F. A. Cluett 2, C. Groves 3, T. R. Taylor 4, F. W. Perrens (Cventry) 5, W. Tate 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, R. J. Stone 8. Composed by A. J. Pitman

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, in the morning, for harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: E. G. Cobbs 1, W. Beard 2, F. Russell 3, C. Fenn (conductor) 4, W. G. Jackson 5, E. H. King 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, H. Wagstaff 8.

BRAINTREE.—Sunday, Sept. 30th, being Sunday within the octave of SS. Michael and All Angels, was observed as the patronal festival at the Parish Church.—For early celebration of Holy Communion 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, E. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Wiffen 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, L. W. Wiffen 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—For Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: F. Webb 1, C. H. Howard 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, H. E. Hammond 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

CHISWICK.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Brookland 1, F. Palmer, junr. 2, F. Goddard 3, A. Cutmore 4, A. Harding 5, H. A. Polkard 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, W. Dalton 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for harvest festival services, 11 a.m., 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. Briggs 1, G. Lee 2, E. Bailey 3, F. Wade 4, A. J. L. Naunton 5, F. W. Naunton 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. W. Naunton 1, A. J. Naunton 2, E. Bailey 3, E. Chatter 4, J. Spencer 5, A. J. L. Naunton 6. After evening service, 360 of Oxford Treble Bob by the same band. The above was conducted by F. W. Naunton.

PINCHBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.—For morning service at the harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, 720 Single Oxford Minor: W. H. Sutton 1, A. Ground 2, G. Sewell 3, W. Worthington 4, J. Curry 5, G. Ludd (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4.

WHITTLESEA CAMBS.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 768 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, W. M. Cross 2, S. Wright 3, T. Vaughan 4, W. G. Cross 5, H. Beechey 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, G. Spencer 2, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 3, C. W. R. Grimwood 4, W. Essery 5, A. Beckensale 6, J. Milner 8. First quarter in the method by A. Beckensale.

WITHEYCOMBE, RALEIGH.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for harvest festival a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Stocker 1, R. C. Manley 2, F. Dimond 3, W. J. Manley 4, J. Skinner 5, E. Pook 6, J. R. Hayman 7, G. Rendell 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for harvest festival, morning service, 1,260 Double Norwich in 52 mins.: R. W. Spire 1, F. Hunt 2, R. Wilson 3, C. Rollings 4, A. King 5, T. Kendall 6, H. Walker 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.—For evening service 832 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Hunt 1, A. J. Smith 2, C. Rollings 3, H. Walker 4, B. Wilson 5, T. Kendall 6, A. King 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Nicholas for evening service on Sept. 23rd, 396 Stedman Cinques: W. Davies 1, W. Fisher 2, J. W. Jones (Newport Mon.) 3, E. Jones 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, C. S. Benwell 6, T. W. Gilmour 7, C. I. Davies 8, J. Martin 9, W. H. Pickett 10, J. E. Sykes 11, A. Lintott 12.

NORTHELEET.—At St. Botolph's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 23rd: F. Draper 1, H. Barnes 2, S. Bridgland 3, R. Smith (conductor) 4, L. Stacey 5, J. Carrott 6, H. W. Clark 7, C. T. Clark 8. Ringers of 7 and 8 hail from Cubitt Town.

ROTHERHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes), in 53 mins.: G. Oaks 1, F. Coates 2, J. W. J. Cottom 3, P. Johnson 4, J. Brothwell 5, E. Kettell 6, C. R. Weight 7, S. Briggs (conductor) 8, Colin Ryder 9, L. Littlewood 10. Rung as a compliment to the day-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ryder (nee Hague).

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, Sept. 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: L. Townley 1, Fred Wilson 2, T. Clement 3, R. Sanderson 4, W. Atkinson (conductor) 5, F. Marindale 6, Ivor Heap 7, R. Dennison 8. The ringer of the 2nd hails from Blackburn, and the 4th from Preston.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE.

The annual outing of the members of the Parish Church Beltry took place on Saturday, Sept. 8th, in glorious weather. Leaving Wycombe by the 1.3 train, Reading was reached soon after 2, and a move was made to St. Giles's, where the party were 'snapped' by the 'camera fiend.' Here the Reading ringers and the Vicar of Wycombe were awaiting the party; and the bells were soon set going to various methods. After a few touches, the next item on the programme was a visit to the delightful old-world village of Sonning, which nestles on the banks of the Thames—picturesque and peaceful—a striking contrast to the noise and bustle of the crowd-thronged streets of the biscuit town. Tea was in readiness at the French Horn Hotel. A visit to the church tower proved equally enjoyable, the tone and 'go' of the bells being everything that could be desired. By bus to Reading, and tram to St. Peter's Church, Caversham, was the next order, and though the party (owing to the charms of dear old Sonning proving so attractive) were late, the Caversham ringing colleagues were patiently waiting to welcome them. Here, again, the bells went beautifully, and the touches concluded with a couple of courses of Double Norwich. Owing to lack of time, the Wycombe men were unable to take advantage of a pull at St. Lawrence, which had been kindly offered them.—The visitors wish to thank the incumbents and ringing friends who helped to make the visit so enjoyable.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th the Lavenham ringers held their annual outing. Travelling by motor-bus, the party, numbering 14, under the 'care' of Mr. S. H. Symonds, set off from what was, once known as the 'Town of Eight-eights,' at 8.8 a.m. for Mildenhall, which was reached after a fine run of 23 miles. Here they were met by Mr. P. Fordham and his 'campanologist' wife; also Mr. F. Salter, of Thetford. Touches of Grandsire Stedman, Bob Major and Superlative were rung Messrs. Saller and Fordham taking part, and Mrs. Fordham ringing the treble to the Bob Major. After inspecting the carving in the church, especially the oak organ loft in Gothic style, the work of Mr. Fordham, a journey was made to Brandon, a village of flint-built cottages and once famous for its 'flint works.' Here Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Cambridge Surprise were tapped off. The next stopping-place was Crispe's Temperance Hotel, Thetford, where a splendid dinner was partaken of, at which Mr. Salter was present. Afterwards the handbells were used and then the visitors moved to the church of St. Peter, where they were met by Mr. T. Stagg, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were rung. Unfortunately the treble rope broke in the touch of Bob Major. A run was then made to Elveden. Here Grandsire and Sledman were rung, also two courses of Bob Major with four of the local men standing in, and Mr. F. Salter as conductor. The bell tower and cloisters, erected by Earl Iveagh in memory of the late Viscountess Iveagh, were then inspected, also a splendid silver and enamel memorial to the late Dhulep Singh and his wife, and two memorial tablets, one in memory of the men who fell in the war, and the other in honour of those who returned; this while the party's carillonneur 'agonised' his fellow travellers with tunes on a peal of tubulars in the old church tower. A visit was then paid to the impressive memorial erected in memory of the fallen men of Elveden Estate. This monument is a magnificent Corinthian column rising to an imposing height of 127 feet. Built chiefly of Weldon stone it is surmounted by a Portland stone urn, 11ft. 6in. in height. The pedestal is 20ft. by 11ft., and the shaft is 88ft. in height and 8ft. in diameter tapering to 7ft. There is an interior circular stair, way of 146 steps lighted by vertical incisions. The column stands at a point where the three parishes—Elveden, Eriswell and Jockingham—merge, so that each of the huge panels of Hopton Wood with the names of the fallen is in the particular parish indicated. The noble structure weighs 500 tons, and took over 18 months to erect.

After refreshments, the 'budding' conductor ordered the party to 'look to' while he tried to 'smash' a 'kodak.' A visit was then made to the Norman tower, Bury St. Edmunds, where several friends were met, here Grandsire and Stedman Caters Kent Royal and Major and Double Norwich were rung, and concluded the programme Lavenham, alias Eight-eights, was reached at 9.10 p.m.—The company wishes, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank the respective incumbents for use of the bells; the friends for having everything in readiness; and Mr. F. Salter, who, on his motor 'bike,' acted as pilot from Mildenhall to Elveden. S. H. S.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Denholme, Yorkshire, on Monday, Sept. 24th, a date touch of 1,923 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in 1 hr. 8 mins. by G. Denny 1, A. Birstow 2, H. Atkinson 3, A. Smallbones 4, W. Foster 5, J. Rawnsley 6, M. Harrinson 7, V. Birstow (conductor) 8. Longest length by ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
—Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Castle Cary Deanery.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Charlton Horethorne on Saturday, October 6th. Tea at the King's Arms. Meeting to follow.—E. F. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Writtle on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting at Rose and Crown to follow. Buses leave Chelmsford Station, 2.15, 3.20, 4.25. Leave Writtle 7.20 and 9.20.—P. Timson, Hon. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cannock on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in Church, with an address by the Rev. L. J. Price (Vicar) at 4.45. Tea, 1/-, at the Co-operative Hall at 5.30. Reports will be ready for distribution.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rye on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, to be followed by the business meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LADIES' GUILD, Midland District, will hold their annual meeting at Solihull on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea (election of officers for the ensuing year), gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. —Thrapston District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringstead on Saturday, October 6th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Dist. Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Aughton on Saturday, October 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at an appropriate cost. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall, Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of ringers will be held at Desford on Saturday, October 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch will be held at Barnwood on October 6th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow.—Charles H. Austin, Branch Hon. Sec., Newark House, Hempsted, Gloucester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Ducklington on Saturday, October 6th. Service in the Parish Church at 3 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. C. Tristram, Vicar. Tea in the Parish Room at 3.40,

business meeting following. Witney and Ducklington bells available during afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—Short notice of meeting.—The next meeting of the above will be at Rolvenden on Saturday, Oct. 6th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—Goose Fair, Saturday, October 6th, the tower of St. Peter's, Nottingham, will be open for ringing from 6 to 9 p.m. All visitors welcome.—F. Blood, Loc. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meetings for October.—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 7th, 10 a.m.; *St. Clement Danes, Monday, 15th, 6.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 29th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopgate, Monday, 22nd, 7.30 p.m. *Quarterly business meeting to follow at headquarters, 8.15 p.m. Large attendance requested.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 30th, Southwark Cathedral on the 9th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 11th and 25th, *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrowby on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by October 9th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, on Saturday, October 13th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—Annual meeting and tea will be held at Whitworth Parish Church, October 13th. Tea in old school by the church. Meeting and general evening in Lloyd Street school. Tea on table at 4.30 p.m., usual price.—H. W. Slack, The Square, Whitworth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for 5.30, but please let me know by the 9th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — War Memorial, Canterbury Cathedral.—The Archbishop (President of the Association) will dedicate the two trebles after evening on Saturday, October 13th, that is about 4 p.m. After the service a tea will be arranged for members attending if they will send their names before Wednesday,

October 10th. The bells will be available for ringing at 5.30 p.m.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., The Precincts, Canterbury.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Badsey on Saturday, October 13th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The bells (8) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The monthly practices at Exeter Cathedral will be held in future on the second Thursday of each month, instead of Wednesday, at 7 p.m. Next practices, to which all twelve-bell ringers are invited—Thursdays, October 11th and November 8th.—E. S. Powell, General Secretary.

MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.—On Saturday, October 13th, the new peal of 12 bells (tenor 26 cwt.), by J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, will be open to all ringers. A hearty invitation is given to all. Tea will be provided for all who send in their names to the Secretary not later than Tuesday, October 9th.—J. Norbury, 37, Church Side, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be at Higher Walton on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 1/6 per head for all who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 9th.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, October 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the New Hall at five o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newham Lane, Bedford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service with an address by the Rector at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the New Hall, Knebworth Park, at 1/3 each, followed by meeting. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at St. Werburgh's on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea to follow. Please notify me by October 8th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Crosby on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Silverdale on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Berkeley on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (10) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business to follow. Owing to illness near the church this meeting cannot be held at Dursley as per notice last week.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Hain, Berkeley, Glos.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Mortonhamstead on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify me by October 9th.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church St., Paignton.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne, Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready early. Short service. Tea afterwards, moderate price. The Vicar and local company offer a hearty welcome to all ringers.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Tunstall, where two new trebles have recently been added, on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 3. Ringers' Association service at 5, conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. H. Greene), followed by tea and business meeting in the Village Hall. Will all ringers intending being present kindly note this is a country village, and tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, October 17th? Meat tea 3d. per head, members; 1/6 non-members.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Braintree, Saturday, Oct. 20th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Service at 4.30 p.m. After which tea will be provided by the Master of the Essex Association to which all ringers are cordially invited. As this is the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, together with other business, it is hoped all ringers will make an effort to be present. Those intending to do so are requested to send notice to W. H. Dyson, Dist. Master, High Street, Braintree, not later than October 18th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, October 20th. The bells at St. Martin's (10) and Christ Church (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Room, West Hill. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, October 17th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing from 3.30 p.m., and tea at the 'London Apprentice' at 5.30 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, London, W.5.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8, tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3. Service at 5. Address by the Vicar of Dore (the Rev. W. R. Gibson). Tea can be arranged if not less than 20 send in their names to Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, 'Kilmar,' Leyfield Road, Dore, by Tuesday, 16th. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom at 5.45 p.m. Motor buses leave Ecclesall tram terminus every half-hour direct to church. Fare 6d. Trains leave Sheffield (L.M.S.) at 2.10, 2.22, 3.8 and 3.52 p.m. Fare 7d. As considerable difficulty has had to be overcome to obtain the use of these bells, I hope all who possibly can will try and help to make the meeting a success.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —A quarterly meeting to be held at Thirsk on Saturday, October 20th. Further particulars will be given next week.—A. L. Henderson, Dist. Hon. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The next meeting in this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 provided by the Vicar. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be at the meeting please let me know not later than Tuesday, October 16th, because of arranging for tea?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

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DUBLIN.—On Sept. 10th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *David Gibb 1, Cecil Harrison 2, Richard Lynch 3, William Lynch 4, William H. Wilson 5, George Wilmot 6, §William Gibson 7, *H. P. Collins 8. * First quarter-peal. § First quarter-peal inside.

FULBOURN. — On Monday, Sept. 10th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. Hall 7, G. Bridge 2, J. Giddins 3, J. T. Newington 4, A. Tang 5, C. E. Patten (conductor) 6, J. Lawson (cover) 7. J. Lawton hails from Lee, London, S.E.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 16th, for evensong, 503 Grandsire Triples: W. Johnson 1, G. Brown 2, F. Green 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Hendley 5, E. Whitfield 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8. Also on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for evensong, 1,386 Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: W. Johnson 1, F. Green 2, G. Brown 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Hendley 5, E. Collins 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Whitfield 8. The latter touch was arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th; also for the ringer of the 3rd, who will shortly be returning to University. He is a member of the local band, and St. Mary Abbots, South Kensington.

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THE NORFOLK GUILD.

The long and sometimes acrid controversy which arose in ringing circles through the formation of the new diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, and the consequent desire of ringers in Suffolk to have an association of their own, is now, we hope, at an end, for on Thursday of last week the old Norwich Diocesan Association, which for a time has been carrying on as the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, passed resolutions which, in effect, formally adopts as its area of operations the present diocese of Norwich. This termination of the sharp division of opinion which existed in the eastern counties will, we think, give general satisfaction, and is proof of the good sense which has ultimately guided the action of the ringers in Norfolk. They have realised, as the President pointed out, that the Association has to face altered conditions, and by deciding to restrict their title, and ipso facto, their area, they will be promoting that good feeling between the two counties which it is the desire of everyone should exist.

The new official title of the Association, 'The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich,' is rather lengthy and cumbersome — but it is no more so than that of the new Guild for Suffolk, whose style Norfolk seems to have adopted. Although name is not everything, there is something to be said for adhering as far as possible to an old title, and for that reason we think it rather a pity that the members did not revert to that well-known name, with such fine ringing history behind it, 'The Norwich Diocesan Guild.' We do not mention this point for the sake of criticism, but we like simple names, especially when they stand, as in the case of the old Norwich Diocesan Association, for such fine traditions, and have been synonymous with progress. There will be a feeling of regret among many ringers throughout the country, we are sure, that the old established title is to disappear, for while the diocesan connection is retained in the descriptive words, the Association will become, for short, 'The Norfolk Guild.'

The main factor at the moment, however, is that the old diocese and the new have each their own organisation. Each is strong enough to stand upon its own feet, and the decision of the men of Norfolk to confine their efforts to their own county, will not only remove friction, but will restore the feeling of brotherhood between the ringers of the two counties. The Suffolk men, who formerly owed allegiance to Norwich, will by no means lose their affection for the old Association, and the anticipation that the majority of them will retain membership as non-residents is almost certain to be fulfilled. East

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. B flat.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 9
*T. WILFRED TAFFENDER... 4	FRANK SMITH 10
FRANCIS E. DAVE 5	JAMES BULLOCK 11
†CYRIL PEASE 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on tower bells. First peal of Bob Maximus by all the band except the ringers of the treble, 9th and 10th. First peal of Bob Maximus by the association. This peal also commemorates the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. F. E. Dawe. A. J. Trappitt's 100th peal.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT, C.C. REPRESENTATIVE Treble	
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT, N.B. MASTER 2	
THOMAS J. SALTER, C.C. REPRESENTATIVE... .. 3	
*WILLIAM RANFORD, W. B. REPRESENTATIVE 4	
*JAMES HEMMING, S.B. SECRETARY... .. 5	
JAMES R. NEWMAN, GENERAL SECRETARY 6	
WILLIAM PAGE, RINGING MASTER... .. 7	
WILLIAM C. JONES, W.B. MASTER 8	
†JOSEPH D. JOHNSON, S.B. MASTER 9	
ROBERT G. KNOWLES, W.B. SECRETARY Tenor	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by W. PAGE.

An Officers' peal and rung as the annual peal for the association. * First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CROSS STONE, TODMORDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 10 cwt.

†LEWIS HOLROYD Treble	JAMES RICHARDS 5
†ROSE A. BELL 2	HERBERT DAVEPORT ... 6
†MRS. WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 3	WILLIAM CRABTREE 7
WILLIAM HORAN 4	*REV. ROBERT MARLE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. CRABTREE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

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THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES; Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

GEORGE T. PEGNALL Treble	WILLIAM ROSE 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	CLEMENT J. MORE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, September 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD GRINDELL Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 3	JAMES BETTS... .. 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
EDWARD GRINDELL 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
ERNEST E. GRIMES 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 4	WALTER RUFFLES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This, and the two preceding peals, were arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 6th, who wish to thank their friends who made the necessary arrangements and for their many kindnesses.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; S. BIDDLESTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOIT Treble	SAMUEL OAKES 5
ALFRED POTTER... .. 2	*JAMES BOLTON 6
*BENJAMIN WELSHY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 4	ARTHUR BERTON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of Mr. J. Bolton, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Pincott.

ROYSTON, HERTFORDSHIRE
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES; Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT GILBERT Treble	*JOHN W. WARD 5
*STANLEY M. REED 2	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS... .. 6
WILLIAM B. MANNING 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
†CHARLES S. GOULDTHORPE 4	ROBERT G. KING Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the conductor, also to the daughter of the tenor ringer.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Oct. 7th 1,080 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. Booth 1, A. Mansfield 2, F. Lucas 3, J. M. Gray 4, Geo. Mansfield 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Two 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.

FRANCIS W. BOND Treble	WILLIAM C. CUSS 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	SIDNEY R. HICKS 6
WILFRED G. COOK 3	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 7
WILFRED H. HAYWARD 4	ROBERT W. WATTS Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

This peal was arranged for Miss Phyllis Hare, of Peterborough.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes, AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN J. LAMB Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 5
WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	CHARLES T. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES; Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS Treble	THOMAS JULL 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	WILLIAM WALKER 6
†GEORGE KENWARD 3	STANLEY B. DOBBIE 7
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 4	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

* First peal on eight bells and elected a member previous to starting. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. Arranged for W. H. B. Wilkins, of Oxford.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes, AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

†MISS PATTIE CLARKE ... Treble	HARRY ARGYLE 5
†MISS GLADYS DODDS... .. 2	ABRAM WILKERSON 6
*MISS EVA LEWIS 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
ERNEST STONE 4	*JOHN MORETON Tenor

Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes, AT EMMAUEL CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES; J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

*CEDRIC BOOKLESS-BROWNE Treble	HARRY BARNER 5
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE... .. 2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 6
†THOMAS J. MYERS 3	JOSEPH WOODLEY 7
WILLIAM RICHARDS 4	ARTHUR GOMER Tenor

Conducted by REV. E. S. POWELL.

* First peal on 8 bells away from the tenor, and first attempt. † First peal on a bob bell. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor and first attempt. Rung as a welcome to Rev. A. C. Champion, who was instituted and inducted Vicar of Emmanuel immediately after the peal, and also as a farewell to Rev. Dr. Flynn, the late Vicar, a separate peal for this purpose having been lost the previous Saturday after two hours' good ringing.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(St. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,
A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.
This method is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Keeble.

SOBERTON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES W. TRAPPITT, SEN. Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. 6
WILLIAM TATE 3	EDWARD P. DOFFIELD ... 7
* TOWER R. TAYLOR 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Cambridge. Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt.

* THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	* A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5
CLAUDE S. BENWELL 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
EDWARD CAUNCE 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	ERNEST JONES Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.
* First peal of Stedman, also first peal of Stedman on the bells. This is the first peal on these bells for 32 years.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

* BERNARD V. COLLISON ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	GEORGE EDWARDS 6
* ALEC. RICHARDSON 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
WILLIAM LATTER 4	† ERNEST LINES Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

BRISTOL.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK MILLARD Treble	SIDNEY PALMER 5
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 2	FRED LAMBETH 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	ALFRED E. REEVES 7
CHARLES J. GARDINER 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.
All the band are employees of the Great Western Railway Company. Treble from Taunton, 2nd, 4th and 5th from Swindon, 3rd from Newport (Mon.), 6th from Chippenham, 7th Bristol, and tenor from Radstock.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter-ad-Vincula,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in F.

* FREDERICK REDGEWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	* WALTER ARNOLD 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
JAMES FLEETY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by W. KEEBLE.
* First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	* FRANK HORTON 5
HERBERT C. SPENCER 2	RICHARD C. INGRAM 6
GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... 3	MORRIS J. MORRIS 7
FREDERICK W. RISWORTH 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Conducted by MORRIS J. MORRIS.
* First peal.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

* ROBERT G. BLACK Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 6
* HARRY BAXTER 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 4	* SAMUEL BURDITT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.
* First peal of Stedman, and the first in the method on the bells.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD Treble	RALPH MACKRILL 5
WALTER J. MATTHEWS ... 2	WILLIAM ESSERY 6
WILLIAM J. DEAN 3	HARRY H. MANCE 7
ALBERT E. REEVE 4	HARRY MANCE Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by HARRY MANCE.
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Matthews on his 70th birthday, and Mr. Dean.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

MRS. C. HAZELDEN Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... 3	* HARRY PARKES 7
WILLIAM WATTS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. BENNETT.
* First peal in the method.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE MARINER Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
* MRS. A. CLARK 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	AMOS CLARK 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	*MRS. T. H. HARDY 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 6
GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	JOHN SADDINGTON 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by W. HYDE INGLESANT. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.
* First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE 5
GEORGE S. MORRIS 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	EDWARD READER... .. 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by REDVERS F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal in the method as conductor.

NEWCHURCH-IN-ROSSENDALE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOS. BANKS Treble	JOHN BROWN... .. 5
LAURENCE T. WILLIAMS 2	JOHN WATSON 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
JAMES H. BANKS... .. 4	ALEX. RIDEOUGH... .. Tenor

Composed by T. BROOKS. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

MANCHESTER, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. o qr. 22 lb.

ALLEN F. BAILEY Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
*WILLIAM BERRY 2	*FRANK BERRY 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	*GEORGE H. SHUKER... .. 7
MISS EMMA TONGE 4	ARTHUR RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. THORPE. Conducted by W. BERRY.

Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival, also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of seventh. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Treble ringer from Pendleton, 2nd, 5th, 6th from Middleton, tenor Manchester Cathedral, rest the local band.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

†JOSEPH FAULKNER, JUN. ... Treble	JOSEPH FAULKNER, SEN. ... 5
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 2	WALTER PRESTIDGE 6
*ANDREW ROUND... .. 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
RICHARD ROUND 4	HARRY HUBBALL... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal and elected a member previous to starting. † First peal in the method. The above peal was rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. A. and Mrs. Norris, to the Vicarage, Nether-ton. They ascended the tower at the conclusion of the peal, and heartily congratulated the band on their success, and extended their best thanks for the kind appreciation shown to them by the ringers.

BALDOCK, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 28 cwt.

*J. J. CAWDELL Treble	S. E. ROBERTS 5
*A. LAWRENCE 2	L. FIDLER 6
E. J. NEWELL 3	*GEORGE T. CROFT 7
J. HARE 4	W. J. CROFT Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by W. J. CROFT.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor in the method.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SIDNEY F. PALMER Treble	TOM O'HARA 5
*CHARLES H. LAKE 2	ROBERT HARRISON 6
SIDNEY BRIGGS 3	COLIN HARRISON... .. 7
HAYDN THORPE 4	JOHN THORPE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by J. THORPE.
The composition is now rung for the first time. * First peal.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN COOKE Treble	THOMAS A. ROGERS 5
*WILLIAM DEAN 2	SYDNEY F. BARNES 6
†GORDON A. LAWRENCE 3	JAMES R. GRIFFIN 7
WALTER J. BATTLE 4	HERBERT LODDIN... .. Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by J. R. GRIFFIN.
* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BEDFIELD SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE FILBY Treble	FRANK RUFFLES 4
GEORGE STANNARD 2	PERCY POTTER 5
JACOB FILBY... .. 3	WALTER RUFFLES Tenor

Conducted by W. RUFFLES.

This peal was rung to oblige G. and J. Filby, who hail from Wingfield. The rest belong to the local band.

MAISEMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT BECKETT Treble	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON 4
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 5
FRANK T. WAITE... .. 3	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT BECKETT.

All who took part in this peal are Gloucester ringers, except Ex-Sgt. J. Williams, who hails from Newent.

SWANMORE.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 7th, harvest festival, for evening service, 720 College Single Minor: E. Jacobs, jun., 1 R. Linter 2. A. Millard 3. E. Jacobs 4. H. Ainsley 5. W. Linter (conductor) 6. Also 240 Oxford Single Bob Minor.

GUILSBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS CECIL HERBURN ... Treble	*WILLIAM BOTT 4
BERTIE O. SODEN 2	FRED WILFORD 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal, also the first on the bells. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Norman Heeps, a ringer of the above church, to Miss Lille, of Cold Ashby.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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 of Plain Bob rung alternately and called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

FREDERICK ATKINSON ... Treble	*REV. H. T. PARRY 4
*EDWARD LEEDHAM 2	†TOM MORGAN 5
ANYAN PEART 3	GEORGE BLANCHARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BLANCHARD.

First peal on the bells. * First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the treble bails from Brigg, the 5th from Selby Abbey, the rest are regular service ringers at this church.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH, ST. EDMUNSBURY AND IPSWICH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Double Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES S. SPURGEON ... Treble	*HECTOR DENNISON 4
†ARTHUR A. CORBYN 2	*HARRY W. BARRETT... .. 5
ROBERT A. WARMAN... .. 3	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

* First peal. † First peal inside; this is the first peal ever rung by a local band at this tower, and the first peal in four methods by all.

ORDSALL, RETFORD.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, all called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*JOHN BUXTON Treble	*DAN A. PIERCY 4
HARRY BLAGG 2	JOHN SEGAR, JUN. 5
†HARRY REVILL 3	†JOHN HURST Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HURST.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal on tower bells. Ringers of the 2nd and 5th from East Retford Parish Church, the rest belong to the local company.

DUSTON, NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

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 8½ cwt.

BERTIE O. SODEN Treble	HARRY BAXTER 4
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE... .. 2	*JOHN A. TOWNSEND 5
FRED WILFORD 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Minor.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

HENRY STAPLETON Tenor	HENRY W. GAYTON 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW... .. 2	PEARL INSKIP 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

First of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all except the conductor.

HOLINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 21 cwt:

SAMUEL TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM SPICE, SEN. 4
GEORGE KENWARD 2	CHARLES TOMBER 5
EDWARD H. SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by W. NYE.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE, LEEDS,

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. BARKER. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2	GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING. Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Rung on the 21st anniversary of Mr. Pulling's first peal as conductor, also as a birthday compliment to Miss W. M. Howick and Mr. R. Philpott.

LEVERSTOCK GREEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 7, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE SCHOOL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B.

HUGH BENSON 1-2	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 5-6
GEOFFREY BENSON 3-4	WALTER AYRE 7-8

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Umpire: JOSEPH CHATLEY.

Winesses: MRS. W. AYRE, MRS. BUTTERS,

Mrs. HANCOCK (Argentine).

FORTY-THREE YEARS CHURCHWARDEN.

At Kimpton, Herts, on Thursday, Sept. 27th 120 Bob Doubles was rung, followed by the whole pull and stand 87 times: D. Luck 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, T. Cann 3, J. Wells 4, H. Fellows 5, G. Gatward 6; and on the Sunday following, for morning service, 240 Bob Doubles. The bells were half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. John Barker, who had served as churchwarden in the parish of Kimpton for 43 years under five successive Vicars, relinquishing office less than two years ago.

**DEDICATION OF A PEAL TABLET.
HERTFORD RINGERS' GATHERING AT
KING'S LANGLEY.**

Although only a brief notice had been given of the unveiling of a tablet in King's Langley Church to commemorate the first peal rung upon the bells by the local company, and also the first peal by every member of the band, over thirty ringers from Tring, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, Watford and St. Albans, assembled on Saturday week to pay tribute to the perseverance of the King's Langley ringers in the accomplishment of their first peal on January 22nd, 1922.

The dedication was preceded by a short service, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. J. P. Haythornthwaite, consisting of the Lord's Prayer and versicles, Cantate, lesson and Nunc Dimittis. He then unveiled the tablet written in black, with the following statement:

In the Faith of Jesus Christ, and to the Glory of God, we unveil this tablet, and have placed it in the tower of the Parish Church, as a memorial of the zeal and devotion of those whose names are inscribed thereupon, and for the encouragement of efficiency in the service of God, through the ministry of bell ringing, whereby worshippers may be summoned to God's House of Prayer, and the hearts of the careless may be awakened to their duty to God. After prayer and a hymn, the Vicar proceeded to the aisle, and gave a most homely and practical address from Col. iii. 23, 24, 'And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily as to the Lord, and not unto men: knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ.' He commenced by saying that it was sometimes thought and sometimes openly stated that bell ringers did not take their work so seriously as other church workers. Whilst venturing the opinion as to the correctness of this idea, he wished them always to remember that there was a very definite standard of work in bell ringing. We are all called upon to use to the fullest extent any talents we have to the advancement of God's kingdom, and bell ringing is a service in which we can use our talents in the service of Christ. This tablet, for the unveiling of which they had assembled that day, was a permanent record to the fact that the King's Langley ringers do take their work in this right spirit. He welcomed the visiting members of the association, and asked them always to take this high view of what was their special way of honouring God. He then briefly touched upon the history of bells, remarking that from extreme antiquity they had been associated with the worship of God. In England, in the days when watches and clocks were unknown, the ringing of the church bells was the only way whereby the villagers could know the time of Divine worship — what a

privilege was this for the bell ringers of those days! Conditions are not so to-day; but nevertheless bell ringers have a very special and splendid part in the performance of public worship.

At the conclusion of the service, an invitation was extended to all to partake of tea in the adjoining hall at which the Vicar presided, supported by Dr. Fisher (churchwarden), Mr. G. W. Cartmel, hon. secretary of the Hertford County Association, Mr. R. S. Cooke, and others.

The Vicar, after giving a most hearty welcome to the assembled company, called upon Mr. R. S. Cooke (deputising for Mr. Walker, who, to the regret of all was detained at business) to give an account of the doings of the local band. This Mr. Cooke did most successfully, mentioning the valued efforts of Mr. G. N. Price, and others, and the first peal attempt on Dr. Fisher's wedding day; how Mr. Fisher had promised a peal board if the peal was successful. Although failure marked the first attempt Mr. Fisher generously allowed his offer to stand. As a token of the appreciation of Dr. Fisher's activities Mr. Cooke, on behalf of the band, presented him with a framed portrait of the team, the frame being made from a portion of the old bell frame.

Dr. Fisher thanked Mr. Cooke and his fellow ringers for their kind gift, and related many reminiscences of the peal and the history of the bells.

Mr. G. W. Cartmel, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Rev. J. P. Haythornthwaite, and the local company for their invitation to the service and to the tea. He reminded them that enthusiasm in ringing brought success; it was the man with the 'bee in his bonnet' who succeeded in ringing. He congratulated the local men on their past achievements, exhorting them to work together as a band, and not as individuals, emphasising the fact that in every band there were those who would advance more rapidly than others.

The ladies were also thanked for their efforts in connection with the tea.

The gathering, like all ringers' meetings, was most enjoyable — the happy fellowship demonstrating that ringing associations are a real brotherhood of men who offer their meed of praise in the ringing of the church bells for Divine service, and in times of patronal joy.

The president of the association, at the last moment, owing to indifferent health, deemed it prudent not to be present, but was ably represented by his son, Mr. George Dobenheim. G. W. C.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, for harvest festival, at St. Mary Abbots Church, 1,299 Stedman Caters: W. E. Garrard 1, G. W. Frayne 2, H. Dyas 3, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 4, P. L. Miles 5, A. E. Bradlee 6, W. E. Judd 7, A. V. Selby 8, H. G. Miles 9, P. J. Redknapp 10.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The old peal of six bells at Hollingbourne, Kent, cast by Samuel Knight in 1723, have just been rehung in a strengthened frame, with modern fittings. The work has been done by Mr. A. Bowell to the complete satisfaction of the ringers who have tried them. A peal in seven Minor methods was rung on the bells on Saturday.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major in Hampshire, and by the Winchester Guild was rung at Soberton, Hants, on Oct. 3rd, 1898, and by an unpremeditated coincidence the 25th anniversary was commemorated by a peal in the same method on the same bells on Saturday. Mr. George Williams conducted both.

On Oct. 4th and 5th, 1898, two other peals of Cambridge Surprise were rung—one at Privett and the other at Petersfield—by the same band. The peal at Privett was described by the late Rev. F. S. Robinson in his book, 'Among the bells,' as one of the most perfect ever rung, and it was the more noteworthy from the fact that when the bells were being lowered the 4th rope broke.

The Officers of the Worcestershire Association have rung a peal of Stedman Caters. The band was made up of the Master, the general secretary, two Central Council representatives, three Branch Masters, two branch secretaries, and a committeeman. Thus has been achieved a desire which has been expressed for many years.

Forty years ago next Tuesday a peal of 10,176 Grandsire Major was rung 'in hand' at Birmingham.

Oct. 16th is the anniversary of a peal of 6,030 Grandsire Caters rung at Wakefield.

A peal of Bob Maximus at Southwark (the first by the London County Association) celebrated the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Dawe, who were married at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on Oct. 7th, 1893, when a peal of Stedman Cinques was rung by the College Youths, of which Mr. Dawe was then Master. He was at the time thought to be the first Master of the Society married during his term of office.

It will be noticed that Mr. James George has again 'turned in' the weighty tenor, and he is within a few weeks of his 70th birthday!

In our obituary notice of the late Mr. Wesley, of Nottingham, it was stated that deceased had not rung an 'inside' bell in Double Norwich and the higher methods but it now appears that he rang three or four peals of Double Norwich 'inside.' The error arose owing to his peal records being incomplete, and this correction is made in order that there may be no injustice done to an old and valued member of the Exercise.

Sussex week commences to-morrow (Saturday), 13th, at St. Peter's, Brighton, at 3 o'clock. There will be a social for members of the C.A. and friends at 7.30 p.m. at the King and Queen Marlborough Place—private room—which will be the visitors' headquarters for the eight days.

Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, died just a century ago. The inscription on his tombstone is now indecipherable. It is proposed to ring a commemoration peal for him before the year 1923 closes.

The 'Windsor Youths' rang a peal at Denham over a century ago—the present day Youths rang two hours at Warfield for a peal in the same method—Grandsire—last Thursday week.

An interesting peal was rung at Bristol on Saturday, when eight employes of the Great Western Railway Co. 'got home' with a peal of Stedman Triples.

The death occurred on Sept. 30th of Mr. Arthur Edwards, of Boreham, Essex, Master of the South-East District of the Essex Association, a valued officer, and enthusiastic ringer.

The figures of the new method, Rochester Surprise, rung at Leiston last Saturday, will be given next week.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

FYLDE BRANCH STAGNATION.

A meeting of the Fylde Branch was held at Lytham Parish Church on Saturday week, and was rather better attended than usual. Touches in the four standard methods were rung, a novel feature in this branch being a touch of Stedman Triples 'drummed' by a lady ringer from St. John's, Lytham. Previous to ringing, the Vicar had a chat with a few ringers present, and hoped that the next time the branch held a meeting at the Parish Church the ringers would be provided with tea.

At the business meeting the secretary read the annual report of the branch, showing that only nineteen members had paid their subscriptions, against thirty-one the year before. No new members had been elected during the year, against ten in the previous year. Ten meetings had been held, and an average attendance of twelve showed an average increase of two.

The appointment of secretary showed there was no competition for the post, and the retiring secretary was asked to continue with the duties for another twelve months. He was thanked for doing so much spadework during the past two years.

A presentation was made to Mr. J. Tipping, of Lytham, as a practical expression of the sympathy of the members in his affliction in having a foot amputated.

The next meeting will be held at Poulton in November.

The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich.

NORWICH ASSOCIATION'S NEW TITLE.

The last meeting of the Norwich and St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Association, under its old title, was held at the Criterion Restaurant, White Lion Street, Norwich, on Thursday, Oct. 4th. Earlier in the day a committee meeting was held at the Deanery, the President (the Dean of Norwich) presiding. Supporting him were the following members of the committee: The Rev. W. C. Reason, Messrs. G. P. Burton, C. E. Borrett, F. R. Borrett, W. L. Duffield, G. Hawes, F. Knights, C. S. Tuthill, and the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman).

Divine service was held at 12.30 p.m. in the choir of Norwich Cathedral, conducted by the Dean, when Canon F. J. Meyrick, Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft gave a sublime address on Jean Francois Millet's great religious picture, 'The Angelus,' and on the voice of the Angelus bell calling us into the divine presence of God.

Luncheon was subsequently served at the Criterion Restaurant. The president was in the chair, and he was supported by the members present at the committee meeting in the morning, and the Rev. R. Copeman (hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Association), the Rev. R. Bukstrode (Vicar of St. John's, Lowestoft) Mr. D. O. Holme, Mr. S. R. Roper, of Croydon, and 36 representatives from Norfolk and Suffolk.

The President, in eloquent terms, proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was loyally honoured.

Mr. G. P. Burton submitting the toast of 'The Bishop and Clergy,' said he was sure they felt satisfied in having the Bishop of the Diocese as their patron, while in the Dean of Norwich they had an admirable president.—The Rev. R. Bukstrode suitably replied.

The toast of 'The Association' was submitted by the Rev. R. Copeman, who heartily hoped it would have a long life, and that the pearl record would still be kept up, even if the area of the association was curtailed.—In reply the President welcomed those present, and said although the association's area was to be curtailed in territorial activities, yet it was never more thoroughly alive than it was to-day. He added that the general secretary had received letters of apology from the following members who were unable to be present: The Bishop of Thetford, the Archdeacon of Norfolk, the Archdeacon of Norwich, Canon F. J. Meyrick, the Rev. A. G. Blyth, Messrs. Denison Hayward, E. E. Diaper, F. O. Lambert, R. J. Goate, G. E. Symonds and J. A. Godfrey.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman (general secretary) read the report for the past twelve months, which stated that the position of the association might fairly be regarded as a subject for congratulation. A powerful clerical influence in Suffolk had operated somewhat strongly during the present year which would have the effect of diminishing the number of annual subscribing members. So far, with the exception of two, all their Suffolk clerical honorary members had resigned, but there appeared to be a general desire on the part of their Suffolk ringing members to retain their connection in some form or other with the old association. That particular matter had been carefully considered by the committee, and would be placed before the meeting for the decision of the members. During the past twelve months, 75 new members had been elected (hear, hear), but they had to record the loss of six by death, and 46 by resignation. The lapsed membership was an unknown number until the revision of the register of membership, but they had a margin of 23 to leave the total number at 970 members, as last year. They had to express the deep regret of the association in the loss sustained by the death of the late Mr. James Motts, of St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich on January 21st last. He was not only an outstanding figure in their own association, but to the whole Exercise. To him was due in no small measure the high prestige the association gained by his glorious self-sacrificing efforts to bring change ringing to its highest pitch of perfection. He was an original member of the association and had taken part in 559 association peals. The memory of such an accomplished brother ringer would long remain cherished by all members of the association. They also regretted the death of another Suffolk pioneer, the late Mr. William Grimes, of Debenham; the Rev. Canon J. Gurnea Hoare, and Messrs. Geo. Blowers, William Havers and Frederick Housego.

Mr. Coleman then presented the financial statement, which showed an expenditure of £286 9s. 9d. The estimated receipts (including available outstanding subscriptions) were £76 9s. 9d., leaving a deficit of £210.

On the motion of Mr. F. R. Willby, seconded by Mr. C. E. Borrett, the report and financial statement were adopted.

On the motion moved by Mr. C. S. Tuthill seconded by Mr. A. L. Coleman the officers were re-appointed en bloc, viz., the President, the Very Rev. the Dean of Norwich; the general secretary and

treasurer, Mr. Arthur L. Coleman; the hon. auditor, Mr. G. P. Burton.

Mr. A. L. Coleman moved, and Mr. Edgar Hunt seconded, the election of Mr. Herbert Mason, as district secretary for Thetford. Messrs. Charles E. Borrett, G. P. Burton and Arthur L. Coleman were elected representatives on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

Two life members (non-resident), three honorary members, and fourteen performing members were elected as follows:—Thomas Wilfred Taffender and W. J. Rogers, life members (non-resident); Arthur Blaxcell, performing member; new members; Rev. C. Hugh Hanning, Rev. F. G. Mitchell and Miss Bertha Tuthill (honorary), Edward Etheridge, Arthur C. Blackburn, Donald E. Saunders, Sydney J. Downes, Cecil H. Downes, Percy W. Goldsmith, Reginald R. Goldsmith, William Walpole, Baden Barber, Redford Knights, Herbert Young, and Miss Jessie Cooke (performing).

THE CHANGE OF TITLE.

The President next rose to speak on the 'thorny question' of the change of title. Some change, he declared, was necessary for the last four or five years, since the formation of the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich, the matter had been in debate. The association had to face altered conditions. He was not responsible for the decision taken with regard to the name at Pulham last June, and wished to disassociate himself from it. It was decided there that the title should be the Norfolk and Suffolk Association. It seemed to him they were arrogating to themselves what was unjust. They were not in a position to call themselves by that title. At the committee meeting held that morning it was decided by a bare majority that the title to be recommended for adoption should be 'The Norfolk Guild of Ringers, for the Diocese of Norwich.' It was felt that it would then be a very easy matter to add the word Suffolk if those who were strayed and lost were to come back.

Mr. G. P. Burton said they had got to be careful, for they had the eyes of all the ringers in England on them. It was thought that they were too big and too arrogant. He supported the proposition that they should fall back on a more modest title.

Mr. C. E. Borrett doubted the wisdom of the present step. His one single thought in the controversy had been to do the best for the ringers themselves in both counties. Any idea of arrogance on the part of Norfolk was an entirely mistaken one.

Mr. A. L. Coleman said the title recommended for adoption by the committee would greatly ease the present complications, and make it possible for Suffolk members to become non-resident life members.

Mr. F. R. Borrett proposed, and Mr. R. N. Copeman seconded, that the title be 'The Norfolk and Suffolk Association.'

Mr. G. P. Burton proposed, and Mr. W. L. Duffield seconded, that the title be 'The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich.'

The President, on putting the motions before the meeting, declared the new title, 'The Norfolk Guild of Ringers for the Diocese of Norwich,' agreed to by 18 votes to 7.

A motion was moved by Mr. B. S. Thompson, and seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, 'That Suffolk members who, having paid their annual subscriptions for 1923, pay an additional subscription of 2s. for 1924: small become, ipso facto, life members (non-resident), but such members shall not be entitled to a copy of the annual Report of the Guild except on paying a fee of one shilling.'—The motion on being put to the meeting was carried unanimously.

The Rev. W. C. Pearson proposed a vote of thanks to Canon F. J. Meyrick for his address at the Cathedral and also for the use of the ring of twelve bells of St. Peter Mancroft; also to the Vicar of St. John de Sepulchre and the Rector of St. Michael Coslany for the use of their bells.

Mr. D. O. Holme proposed, and Mr. C. E. Borrett seconded, a vote of thanks to the Dean of Norwich for presiding over the meeting; and at the close of the meeting Mr. Arthur L. Coleman was heartily thanked for his great services as general secretary and treasurer.

The meeting then closed, and ringing was resumed at the various bellries. Touches of Steadman Triples, Caters and Cinques Double, Norwich Court Bob Major and Royal, Treble Bob Major and Royal and Plain Bob Major were rung during the day. With visitors and late comers the total number present at the annual meeting was between 50 and 60.

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THE YORKSHIRE COMMEMORATION DINNER.

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A PRACTICAL SUGGESTION.

In proposing the toast of 'The Bell Founders,' the Rev. C. C. Marshall gave an interesting survey of the history of the ancient craft of bell founding from the time of John of York down to the present-day renowned firms of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Taylor and Co., and Gillett and Johnston, representatives of each of which were present. He dwelt upon the high level of workmanship which had always been attained and maintained, and laid particular stress on the honour and esteem in which the craft had always been held both by those engaged in it, and by those who use the bells. He humorously referred to the only instance he knew of a dishonourable bell founder, quoting the old legend, which, however, was now to many present, of the founder who having received silver to be mixed with his molten metal in order to sweeten the tone of a certain bell, kept the silver, replacing it by tin. When the day came for the ringing of the bell, in spite of every effort scarcely any sound could be produced, and, in desperation, seizing the rope, the founder endeavoured to bring forth sound himself. As it happened, under the strain of his energy, the clapper fell out on to his head and killed him (laughter). After referring to the many beautiful peals at the disposal of the Yorkshire Association, he said that he failed to see where much improvement could be made in the actual making of the bells, but he did think something could be done in the direction of reducing the volume of sound in the immediate vicinity of a tower, suggesting that if in future towers no openings were made below the level of the bells, possibly this feature would be remedied to the benefit of all concerned, and that in this way complaints might be minimized.

Mr. A. A. Hughes, Mr. C. Johnston and Mr. Pryce Taylor responded to this toast, the last named remarking that he once had the pleasure of meeting Mr. C. H. Hattersley, who proceeded to enlighten him on ringing matters and tell him various tales, but he was afraid he was too much taken up in admiring Mr. Hattersley's silk hat and listening to his racy anecdotes to gain the full benefit of the instruction, being then at a very early stage in his teens (loud laughter).

'FRIENDS IN A GOOD CAUSE.'

Mr. S. F. Palmer (hon. secretary of the Sheffield Committee) proposed 'The Visitors,' and remarked that it gave the committee and himself the greatest pleasure in seeing such a large gathering. On behalf of that committee, he offered them the heartiest of welcomes to the City of Sheffield, and to that gathering in particular. They were proud of the large number that had responded to the invitation, and sincerely trusted that all would carry away many pleasant recollections of their visit. As they knew, the first dinner was inaugurated at Leeds in September of last year when there were 117 present, and he was pleased to say that they have just topped that number with a total of 120 diners that night. As they were also aware, the next dinner was to take place at York and he would just like to give a word of encouragement to their York friends present, to go one better and beat the record. On looking round the room he observed that the majority did not, strictly speaking, come within the category of 'visitors,' for most of them were members of the parent society, the Yorkshire Association. When members of one association frequently met in various places and with one object in mind—the furtherance of their noble art, and the good fellowship associated with it—they could not be strictly called visitors, but friends in a good cause; therefore, the toast did not apply to everyone there that night. In addition to the numerous friends, however, they had a fair number of real visitors who had honoured them with their presence, gentlemen, who, although not actual participants in the art of change ringing, were sympathetic and interested in them as bell ringers, and in their work for the Church. First and foremost they had the honour of receiving for the first time their noble chairman, the Archdeacon of Sheffield. He had only been with them in Sheffield for a few months, but he (the speaker) wanted them all to know that before the Archdeacon preached his first sermon and before he conducted his first service, he ascended the tower and made the acquaintance of his ringers (cheers). Since then he had still found time to pay them an occasional visit, and to bring other clergymen with him (applause).

In replying to the toast Mr. J. F. Pearce, one of the wardens of the Cathedral, spoke feelingly of the good relationship which existed between the Church authorities and the ringers of the Cathedral, and said how pleased he was to have the honour of being amongst such a distinguished gathering.

Mr. C. Harrison briefly proposed the vote of thanks to the chairman, and expressed the hope that the impressions he would have gained by that gathering, would be similar to the Bishop's, who said at a recent meeting that 'the fraternity which existed

among ringers was a wonderful thing, and he always felt a distinct happiness whenever he was fortunate enough to be with them.'

The Archdeacon briefly responded, and trusted he would have the pleasure of coming amongst them more as time went on.

The company were much indebted to the following ladies and gentlemen who rendered very acceptable vocal items during the course of the evening, which did much to enhance the enjoyment of the proceedings: Miss K. Jackson, Miss E. Hague, Mr. R. Dixon and Mr. H. Crookes. With the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' a memorable evening was brought to a close, and if the comments of the visitors may be taken as a criterion, Sheffield may pride itself on having scored a noteworthy success in her first venture at housing such an important gathering.

At the close the company parted, some to midnight trains and long journeys, others to their homes, permanent or temporary in Sheffield, a fair proportion of visitors electing to stay overnight and participate in ringing here on the Sunday morning.

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies' having been cordially honoured,

Mr. Albert Walker, who first replied, said he was proud to stand there as Ringing Master of St. Martin's, Birmingham, and to follow such eminent men as his predecessors had been. These were very difficult men to follow, for they set a very high standard of ringing, not only in Birmingham, but throughout the country. The foundations of composition and conducting were due to these giants of the past. Continuing, he said he had listened to the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Southwark last year by the College Youths, and in his opinion it was a remarkable record, as it was impossible to ignore the weight of metal handled.

Mr. J. Rowbottom said that it gave him the greatest pleasure to represent the College Youths at that gathering, and he heartily thanked Mr. P. J. Johnson for his very kind references to his society. He did not think that the present generation of London ringers personally knew Jasper Whitfield Snowdon, and he (Mr. Rowbottom) was probably the only man in London who had such an intimate association with him, having rung two peals with Mr. Snowdon many years ago. He spoke in the warmest terms of his own personal association with the late Mr. Chas. Henry Hattersley, whom he said he had to thank both for his early instruction in his own business and also his knowledge of ringing. He also referred to the fact that the preceding Saturday was the birthday of Mr. Mat. Wood, of London—an occasion worth mentioning at such a gathering. The College Youths sent their warmest wishes for the success of that function.

The course of Stedman Cinques rung 'in hand' at the dinner was not the first in Sheffield, as mentioned in our last issue, and in this connection the following old records are interesting:—

On February 11th, 1839, at Sheffield, a new peal of handbells (No. 19, tenor C) was opened with a course of Stedman Cinques by the following Sheffield youths: 1—2, J. Sandford, aged 16; 3—4, J. Taylor, aged 17; 5—6, J. Lomas, aged 16; 7—8, T. Whaley, aged 19; 9—10, C. Andrews, aged 16; 11—12, W. Booth, aged 18.

Also on May 21st, 1811, the following Sheffield Independent St. Peter's Youths rang a course of Grandsire Cinques and a course of Stedman Cinques on the top of Staveley Church tower to celebrate the coming-of-age of the 5th Duke of Devonshire: 1—2, Williams Hudson; 3—4, William Booth; 5—6, William Rowin; 7—8, John Woodhead; 9—10, Henry Grayson; 11—12, George Hudson.

Among the distinguished ringers at the dinner was Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, the senior vice-president of the Yorkshire Association, who often rang peals with the late Jasper Snowdon and C. H. Hattersley.

THE RECORD PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

DEDICATION OF PEAL TABLET AT STONEY STANTON.

On Saturday week the peal tablet erected in Stoney Stanton Church to commemorate the long length of Cambridge Major was dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. D. Disney), in the presence of a large number of ringers and friends. The tablet consists of a centre panel of old mahogany, surrounded by a frame of oak surmounted by an oak cornice, highly French polished with letters of gold, the tablet is a beautiful piece of work. It was designed and made by Mr. Wm. Clarke, a ringer at St. Saviour's Leicester, who is to be congratulated on the result.

After the ceremony a farewell peal was rung for the Rector, who is retiring through ill-health, after 38 years in the parish.

It is interesting to record that he is the third Rector of Stoney Stanton in 100 years.

The event coincided with the birthday of Mr. Harry Briggs, 'father' of the Stoney Stanton ringers, who has been a ringer at the church for the long period of 57 years.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Thursday, Oct. 5th, at St. Andrew's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Meadows 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss B. Mills 4, H. Prior 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th hail from Aldershot.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, at St. Thomas' Church, for the dedication festival 672 Grandsire Triples, for evening service, by members of the local band: E. Turner 1, G. H. Pagett 2, H. Amphlett 3, G. J. Skelding 4, B. Dunn 5, C. W. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, G. Grazier 8. This is the longest touch in the method for ringers of treble and third.

MARTOCK.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival, evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: W. Fort 1, W. Gould 2, F. Strickland 3, F. Farrant (conductor) 4, T. Gale 5, W. Strickland 6, F. Sweet 7, A. Alexander 8.

BUSHBY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), from Carter's Odd Bob, in 41 mins.: W. G. Whitehead 1, M. F. R. Ribbert (conductor) 2, P. Parslow 3, W. Ibbott (first quarter-peal of Stedman, and hail from St. Neots) 4, W. E. Oakley 5, W. Seeley 6, F. A. Smith 7, W. G. Simons (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung after harvest festival evensong.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 7th, for Divine service, at SS. Peter and Paul, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Livermore 1, Fred A. Mitchell 2, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, J. Bures 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6. First 720 in the method, and at the first attempt by A. Livermore and Fred A. Mitchell.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Read 1, A. J. Green 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, D. Chexfield 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Roberts (longest length as conductor) 7, G. Green (longest length of Triples) 8.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich: W. Warne 1, B. W. Pettett (S. Hedingham) 2, F. Clayton 3, J. Fleuty 4, W. Arnold 6, F. Ridgwell 5, J. French (conductor) 7, W. Sillito 8.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday Oct. 7th for harvest festival, evensong service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Greenaway (first in the method) 1, D. Dye 2, G. Gray 3, R. Dore 4, J. Ladley 5, A. Wright 6, Col. H. Baker (conductor) 7, A. E. Akers 8.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: T. Townsend 1, W. S. Lethbridge (conductor) 2, R. Hebditch 3, T. Laver 4, J. R. Sandover 5, C. Glass 6, A. Mitchell 7, F. Rogers 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, at St. Peter's Church, Bournemouth, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: — Chandler 1, C. Lovell 2, E. Keel 3, Miss G. Manning 4, H. J. Goodenough (conductor) 5, A. S. Medd 6, J. G. Bennett 7, E. Garrett 8. First quarter by the ringers of the 3rd and treble.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 52 mins.: S. Hoare 1, J. A. Howard 2, E. Jones 3, W. Norris 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, F. Edwards 6, W. E. Oakley (conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8.

SOUTHAMPTON, HANTS.—On Oct. 7th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest, thanksgiving service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Butler 1, C. Gollup 2, H. Payne 3, F. Mursell 4, R. Brown (conductor) 5, H. Reeves 6, J. W. Faithfull 7, R. Curtis 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: J. W. Faithfull 1, C. Gollup 2, P. W. Cave (conductor) 3, F. Mursell 4, H. Payne 5, H. Reeves 6, R. Brown 7, R. Curtis (longest length) 8.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday Oct. 7th, for Divine service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Spice 1, G. Kenward 2, W. H. R. Wilkins 3, W. E. Spice 4, T. Jull 5, J. W. Unwin 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, Fredk. A. H. Wilkins 8. Also 336 Grandsire Triples and 224 Kent Treble Bob. Major the following ringers taking part: F. A. H. Wilkins, W. E. R. Wilkins, J. Webb, Miss M. Harris, E. H. Spice, G. H. Spice, W. E. Spice, W. Spice, senr., G. Kenward, T. Jull, J. W. Unwin, H. Lamkin, W. Duffin.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for evensong, at St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford S.E., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 39 mins.: F. W. Chapman 1, E. J. Trimmer 2, G. H. Daynes 3, R. D. Marshall (conductor) 4, C. H. Chapman 5, W. H. Daynes 6, C. H. Kippin, junr., 7, W. Glover 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, after harvest festival, evensong, at the Church of St. George-in-the-East, Shadwell, E., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 55 mins.: W. Glover 1, R. D. Marshall 2, J. R. Warneken 3, E. J. Trimmer 4, F. W. Chapman 5, C. H. Chapman 6, C. H. Kippin, junr. (conductor), 7, S. Degerland 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, at harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 52 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, E. Coombes 3, J. Davies (late of Luton) 4, E. Hunt 5, W. Richards 6, W. Heath 7, S. Dawe 8, W. Bellor (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 9th for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor (26 singles): L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. Peck 3, W. Kevison 4, T. Crane 5, H. Pratt 6.

THE BELLS OF HASLEMERE.

A NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.

Surrey has gained a delightful little peal of eight by the recasting of the bells of Haslemere. This little town situated among the fir-clad hills, not far from the Hampshire border, has a church very picturesquely situated. In the squat tower there was formerly a ring of six, cast in 1882, which were afterwards augmented to eight. Previously there had been a peal of five cast by Richard Phelps in 1710, four of them, however, having been subsequently recast at various dates.

The new peal owes its inception to Major J. H. B. Hesse, who resides at Haslemere, and whose great-uncle, the Rev. James Legrew Hesse, was formerly Rector of Haslemere for thirty-six years. Major Hesse's enthusiasm for good bells led him to move actively in raising funds for a finer peal than his parish church possessed, and the new peal, the product of the Loughborough Foundry, is the outcome. The weight of the bells has been increased; they have been tuned on the five-toned principle, and hung in two tiers, with such delicacy of adjustment that they can be rung with the proverbial 'piece of cotton.'

The dedication service took place on Wednesday of last week when, despite a drenching downpour of rain, there was a large congregation to witness the ceremony performed by the Rector (the Rev. W. Wragge). The other clergy present were the Rev. Canon F. G. Coleridge (President of the Central Council), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. E. J. Newill (Rural Dean of Godalming), and the Rev. G. C. B. D'Arcy (Haslemere). Ringers were present, in addition to the local band, from Guildford, Godalming, Portsmouth, North Stoneham, Woking and Swindon, including Mr. G. Williams (Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild), and Mr. J. H. Shepherd. Mr. Pryce Taylor represented the founders.

The service was short, and after the dedicatory prayers, the following local men rang the opening rounds: J. H. B. Hesse 1, T. Mack 2, W. Millard 3, F. White 4, W. Eldridge 5, J. Goodchild 6, F. Bowden 7, R. Hayes 8.

Canon Coleridge preached the sermon, his text being taken from Psalm xl 3, 'He hath put a new song in my mouth,' and from these words and the context—'He brought me up out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock and established my goings, and He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God'—he gave an eloquent as well as an instructive and impressive address, showing how closely the casting and setting up of a peal of bells followed the Psalmist's words and applying the lessons of the bells to the conduct of Christian life.

At the conclusion of the service, a touch of 504 Stedman Triples was rung by J. H. B. Hesse 1, G. Williams 2, Canon Coleridge 3, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 4, J. S. Goldsmith 5, G. Steere 6, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 7, W. R. Melville 8. Subsequently touches of Grandsire, Double Norwich, Treble Bob Superlative and Cambridge Surprise were rung, and the beauty of the bells was much admired.

Major and Mrs. Hesse very kindly entertained the local and visiting ringers to tea at their beautiful home, 'The Lodge.'

It is interesting to note that it was at Haslemere that Alfred Tennyson lived. It was in the Parish Church that he worshipped, and Haslemere bells of old probably prompted some of those beautiful lines which are familiar to all lovers of poetry.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. have recast and rebung the old peal of eight bells, to which 7 cwt. of new metal has been added thus increasing the weight of the whole peal, the new tenor being 13 cwt. 6 lb. in 'F' sharp.

The old inscriptions have been reproduced on the treble, second and tenor bells:

Treble.—'Ring out the darkness of the land' with the initials 'E.C.' (this bell originally was the gift of Mrs. Collingwood, of Haslemere).

Second.—'Ring in the Christ that is to be' with the initials 'E' and 'G.A.H.' (this bell was the gift originally of the late Rector and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Aitken).

The other bells have the date and founder's name only.

The Tenor.—'Peace and good neighbourhood' with the present Rector's name and his churchwardens, and underneath a crest with the motto, 'Solo Deo Sahu.'

In this bell there are a few pounds of metal that came off with the canons from the ninth bell at Wrington, also off the tenor bell at Rowberow, in Somerset, two places that the Hesse family have been closely connected with.

The bells are in two tiers, 1, 2, 3 up, in a side frame, the rest below in an 'H' frame. The whole peal are now about 9 feet lower in the tower than originally; 1, 4, 5, 8, swinging east and west, 2, 3, 6, 7, north and south. They are mounted on steel girders running north, south, east and west, so as to bind all walls together, and each bell pit is very efficiently cross-braced. All the bells are mounted on ball bearings, as are also the rollers, and all are fitted with grease cups. In addition grease cups are fitted to the crown staple pins of the clappers.

The whole job is carried out on efficient engineering lines, and gives

thorough satisfaction to those concerned. The bells themselves are in perfect tune on the five-tone principle, and are much admired by all, the tone being very full for their weight. Much more could be said on this point, but the bells are in the tower to speak for themselves.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. IN THE DERBYSHIRE PEAK.

Bakewell, a very ancient town in North Derbyshire, is beautifully situated on the west bank of the River Wye, and an ideal place for the tourist. The parish church is peculiar in shape, being one of the very few that possess an octagonal tower. The nave is of Saxon architecture, but some of the other parts are of later date, the whole having been restored about 1846. A ring of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank hang in the tower, and make merry music, especially to the ear of ringers. Here on Saturday, Sept. 29th, the Midland Counties Association held the second quarterly meeting of the year. Ringers came from Derby, Leicester, Loughborough, Burton, Chesterfield, Bolsover, while among the visitors was espied 'the Fat Chap' of Manchester, with quite a contingent, chief among whom was friend Washbrook, with Councillor Amos Trippier (to give the party tone!).

In all about thirty-five turned up, and made the meeting a success. Methods from Grand sire to London Surprise were rung during the afternoon and evening, and as on this occasion the usual official tea was dispensed with, every one had his or her fill, nor went any away disappointed for want of a pull.

The business meetings—committee and general—were held in the Church Institute and were of an informal character. A grant of £5 was made to St. Peter's, Belgrave, Leicester bell fund, the ring of eight being at the moment at the Loughborough foundry, for rehanging in iron frame, while a grant to Castle Donington was held in abeyance.

Eight ringing and ten honorary members were duly elected, among them being the Vicar of Bakewell, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was passed for the use of the bells.

A similar vote to the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers) for his presence, was carried, on the proposition of the hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Wright), seconded by Mr. Pryce Taylor.

When ringing ceased many found their way to the many 'dispensaries,' where in these modern days provision is made for man and motor to talk over old times as compared with the new, and a suggestion was made that may bear fruit in the near future, that it would be a good thing at the annual meetings to substitute a dinner for the tea, thus giving a much greater opportunity for ringing, and for social intercourse. We shall see! W. W.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Somersham on October 20th. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Boys' Room at 5, followed by business meeting. Tea 6d., other expenses 3d. Please reply by October 16th to the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea immediately afterwards. Usual business meeting after tea. Will those who intend to be present let me know without fail by first post Wednesday, the 17th?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual Festival will be held at Darlington on Saturday, October 27th. Committee meeting at the King's Head Hotel at noon. Dinner at the same place at 2 p.m. (2/- to members, 3/6 to non-members) for those who notify me by Tuesday, October 23rd. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 1 o'clock. The bells of Darlington are available for ringing.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

GLODWICK, LANC.—On Tuesday, Sept. 25th, a quarter-peal of Grand sire Triples (1,260 changes), at St. Mark's Church, Glodwick Oldham, in 50 mins., as a birthday compliment to James Knight: James Knight 1, F. Crossland 2, A. Fielding 3, A. Clegg (conductor) 4, S. Stott 5, J. T. Clegg 6, E. B. Shaw 7, J. Kirk (first attempt) 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS—Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Barrowby on Saturday, October 13th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by October 9th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, on Saturday, October 13th. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —Annual meeting and tea will be held at Whitworth Parish Church, October 13th. Tea in old school by the church. Meeting and general evening in Lloyd Street school. Tea on table at 4.30 p.m., usual price.—H. W. Slack, The Square, Whitworth.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, October 13th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged for 5.30.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—War Memorial, Canterbury Cathedral.—The Archbishop (President of the Association) will dedicate the two trebles after evensong on Saturday, October 13th, that is about 4 p.m. The bells will be available for ringing at 5.30 p.m.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., The Precincts, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The next meeting will be at Higher Walton on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged at about 1/6 per head for all who notify me not later than Tuesday, October 9th.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

MACCLESFIELD PARISH CHURCH.—On Saturday, October 13th, the new peal of 12 bells (tenor 26 cwt.), by J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, will be open to all ringers. A hearty invitation is given to all.—J. Norbury, 37, Church Side, Macclesfield, Cheshire.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, October 13th. Bells from 2.30. Tea at the New Hall at five o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service with an address by the Rector at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock in the New Hall, Knebworth Park, at 1/3 each, followed by meeting. All ringers heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Gt. Crosby on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 4, meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Mortonhamstead on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at 5 p.m. All those requiring tea please notify me by October 9th.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church St., Paignton.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Wath-on-Deerne, Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready early. Short service. Tea afterwards, moderate price. The Vicar and local company offer a hearty welcome to all ringers.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Brixworth on Saturday, October 13th. Bells (5) at 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. A good attendance is requested to welcome the new Vicar.—T. Tebbutt, District Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Shiplake on Saturday, October 13th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All visitors the guests of the Vicar, the Rev. C. A. W. Aylen. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for October.—*St. Clement Danes, Monday, 15th, 6.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 29th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 22nd, 7.30. *Quarterly business meeting to follow at headquarters, 8.15 p.m. Large attendance requested.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Tunstall, where two new trebles have recently been added, on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 3. Ringers' Association service at 5, conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. H. Greene), followed by tea and business meeting in the Village Hall. Will all ringers intending being present kindly note this is a country village, and tea will only be provided for those who notify me on or before Wednesday, October 17th? Meat tea 3d. per head, members; 1/6 non-members.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 20th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 25th, *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on the 16th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Braintree, Saturday, Oct. 20th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Service at 4.30 p.m. After which tea will be provided by the Master of the Essex Association to which all ringers are cordially invited. As this is the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, together with other business, it is hoped all ringers will make an effort to be present. Those intending to do so are requested to send notice to W. H. Dyson, Dist. Master, High Street, Braintree, not later than October 18th.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, October 20th. The bells at St. Martin's (10) and Christ Church (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Room, West Hill. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. Crawford, 2, Woodcote Side, Epsom, not later than Wednesday, October 17th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing from 3.30 p.m., and tea at the 'London Apprentice' at 5.30 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, London, W.5.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8, tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3. Service at 5. Address by the Vicar of Dore (the Rev. W. R. Gibson). Tea can be arranged if not less than 20 send in their names to Mr. J. E. L. Cockey, 'Kilmar,' Leyfield Road, Dore, by Tuesday, 16th. Tea and meeting in Schoolroom at 5.45 p.m. Motor buses leave Ecclesall tram terminus every half-hour direct to church. Fare 6d. Trains leave Sheffield (L.M.S.) at 2.10, 2.22, 3.8 and 3.52 p.m. Fare 7d. As considerable difficulty has had to be overcome to obtain the use of these bells, I hope all who possibly can will try and help to make the meeting a success.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting in this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 provided by the Vicar. Business meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be at the meeting please let me know not later than Tuesday, October 16th, because of arranging for tea?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—A meeting will be held at Bushey on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Institute. The tower at Oxhey will be open in the evening. All cordially invited.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.
—Quarterly meeting at Thirsk on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8) of the Parish Church available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30, business meeting following. Will all who require tea not fail to notify the Secretary by Wednesday, October 17th. All ringers welcome.
—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A practice meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (six) available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Important business will be discussed, and members are asked to make a special effort to be present. Those requiring tea are requested to send word to Mr. F. E. Pervin, 5, Cross Street, Coventry, not later than Thursday, the 18th. Tram No. 7 from Coventry Station will convey members to the church.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division.
—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woodford, on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.
—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, October 20th (bells 8), commencing at 3 o'clock.
—J. Saddington, Dist. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Arrangements for tea will be announced next week.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	†JOHN PERRY 8
WILLIAM SHORT 3	†EDWARD F. MITCHELL 9
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WILLIAM A. COOPER... .. 5	HERBERT KNIGHT 11
SAMUEL GROVE 6	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN JAGGAR Treble	GEORGE HUGHES... .. 6
*EDWARD REEVES 2	JESSE SCREEN 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
ALFRED ROWLEY 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 9
JOSEPH WALKER 5	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD.

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

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MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
*LEONARD TUFFREY 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
JACK HONEY 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

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WILLIAM E. LYNCH 2	WILLIAM H. WILSON 6
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FREDERICK DICKENS 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
JOHN SMITH 4	ALFRED HACKETT... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2	WILLIAM T. COX... .. 6
FRANK W. PERRINS 3	CHARLES FREEMAN 7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 4	FRANK PERVIN Tenor

Composed by J. FIGOTT. Conducted by F. PERVIN.

First peal in the method on the bells, for the Guild, and by all the band except the ringer of the third.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. J. WHEWELL Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
JAMES SHAW... .. 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL... .. 6
MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... .. 7
LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Arranged for J. Watson, also as a wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. Whewell.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, October 8, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*WALTER RUFFLES Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
*LESLIE G. BRETT 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN '... 6
*GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	GEORGE BENNETT Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, also the first peal of Stedman by members of the Suffolk Guild.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal of Double Oxford by all the band, by the association, and in the county.

TOFNES, DEVON.—Devonshire Guild.—On Saturday, Oct. 6th, in 50 mins. at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) being the first quarter of Brook's Variation: T. G. Bartlett 1, A. L. Bennett 2, W. C. Wakley 3, H. W. Wilkes 4, F. T. Grover 5, W. Richardson 6, E. Shepherd (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the same method.

RICHMOND, SURREY.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... Treble	ROBERT HOLLOWAY 5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 2	*ARTHUR HARDING 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	CHARLES T. COLES 7
MAURICE SMITH 4	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* 100th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. H. Hollier, wife of the hon. sec. of the S.W. district of the association.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

WALTER V. WEBB Treble	FREDERICK S. MACEY... .. 5
THOMAS EAST 2	RICHARD G. RICE 6
WILLIAM J. NAPPER 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
WALTER HITCHMAN 4	WILLIAM A. GOODENOUGH... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS EAST.

Rung on the eve of the Harvest Festival.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Thursday, October 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

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

ISAAC EVANS Treble	ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 5
BERT H. POUNTNEY 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
JOHN T. DAVIES 4	THOMAS JUSTICE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5028 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE WEST Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	†W. RICHARD DRAGE... .. 6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY 7
WILLIAM A. JANES 4	FRED W. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART. Conducted by A. COPPOCK.

First peal in the method by all except No. 8, and the first ever rung in the City of Nottingham. * First Surprise peal. † 50th peal. Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the conductor (Oct. 9th).

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JAMES FLOYD, JUN. Treble	†JAMES FLOYD, SEN. 5
REGINALD S. COOK 2	‡WILLIAM SHEPHERD... .. 6
†HERBERT GATES 3	‡JOSEPH CHALLEY 7
HENRY GOLDING 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Arranged and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Plain Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

EASTWOOD, ROTHERHAM.—For harvest festival on Thursday, Oct. 11th, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: A. Firth (conductor) 1, F. C. Wilson 2, A. Mitchell 3, E. Pammenter 4, A. Stamp 5, G. F. Tuke 6, O. Torr 7, H. Mortimore 8.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 2	*ALFRED G. HILL ... 6
†FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
†JOHN S. MORTON ... 4	*GEORGE J. HAWKINS... Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal in the method.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*JOHN F. SHARP ... Treble	†FREDERICK T. CLINKARD... 5
†HARRY TOLLEY ... 2	FRANCIS TAYLOR ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	WILLIAM JUDGE... 7
LEONARD TOFFREY ... 4	†FREDERICK SHARPE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JUDGE.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

†Ex.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT, E DIVISION ... Treble	
*SGT. FRED PORTER, H DIVISION ... 2	
†P.C. GEORGE SCHLEUTER, E DIVISION ... 3	
P.C. FREDERICK DIGBY, C DIVISION ... 4	
†P.C. THOMAS W. G. WATERS, E DIVISION ... 5	
P.C. GEORGE SHIPP, C DIVISION ... 6	
SGT. WILLIAM BOTTRELL, Y DIVISION... 7	
†P.C. ERNEST BRETT, E DIVISION ... Tenor	

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. BRETT.

* First peal. † First peal in the above method. ‡ First peal in any method as Conductor. Rung by members of the Metropolitan Police as a farewell peal to Sergt. James Bennett of E. Division, who recently retired on a pension after 25 years' service in the above police force. The first peal of major by a police band.

UFFORD SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. WARD ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 5
FRANK L. FISHER ... 2	CHARLES F. FISHER ... 6
GEORGE WILSON... 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

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

First peal for the treble ringer for 20 years. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALFRED KING ... Treble	HARRY WOOD ... 5
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS ... 2	THOMAS KENDALL ... 6
FREDERICK HUNT ... 3	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 7
HARRY WALKER ... 4	ARTHUR ROOKWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON ... Treble	JOSEPH S. CARTER ... 5
ERNEST J. JELLEY ... 2	*GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 6
*SYDNEY COX ... 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM H. HUMBERSTONE 4	ERNEST MORRIS... Tenor

Composed by GEO. S. MORRIS.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung half-muffled in memory of the late rector, Rev. J. E. Potts, who was accidentally killed Oct. 13th, 1919. * First peal in the method.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

*GEORGE COOK ... Treble	JOHN HOYLE... 5
GEORGE MARRINER ... 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 6
†JOHN BEAMS ... 3	ALBERT HARMAN... 7
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 4	ARTHUR DEAN ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* 50th peal. † 100th peal for the above association.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lb.

D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.B. Treble	ALBERT MARKS ... 5
*ERNEST DUMPER ... 2	†EDWARD COLLINS ... 6
RICHARD PAINE... 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER... 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... 4	OWEN H. GILES... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by D. C. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Major away from Treble. † First peal of Bob Major, and hails from Ringwood. First peal of Major as conductor, to whom it was rung as a birthday peal.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCLELY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BRIGGS... Treble	CHARLES H. WEBB ... 5
*MISS MONICA MOSSE ... 2	FREDERICK E. WILSON ... 6
TOM ATKINS ... 3	FRED COTTON ... 7
CHARLES H. BRIGGS... 4	*ALBERT G. HERBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who was inducted on Thursday, Oct. 11th, also in connection with the harvest thanksgiving festival.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Treble	RICHARD FISHWICK ... 5
EDWARD EDWARDS ... 2	*GEORGE TYSON ... 6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD ... 3	PETER CROOK ... 7
ARTHUR HILL... 4	ARTHUR SEWART ... Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the ringer of the 6th. All the band are service ringers at the above church.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON 2	HARRY KILBY 6
ALBERT W. COLES 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	HAROLD W. CLARK Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. PYE. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

HARRY HOLIFIELD Treble	FRANK BARRETT 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	EDGAR HUMFREY 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 3	GORDON CADDWELL 7
JAMES ABBRY 4	RICHARD G. RICE Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.
* First peal in the method.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*MISS GLADYS DODDS Treble	FRANK PERVIN 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First in the method on the bells. The ringers thank Mr. and Mrs. J. Clarke for their kind hospitality after the peal.

RISHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb. in F sharp.

A. TOMLINSON Treble	J. BROWN 5
T. STANCLIFFE 2	J. SANDERSON 6
A. INGHAM 3	J. WATSON 7
F. CHAMBERS 4	L. J. WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by H. E. BOLWER. Conducted by L. J. WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Treble Bob Major, and first of Treble Bob Major as conductor. The ringer of 5th belongs to Hoghton, 3rd and tenor to Churchkirk, remainder to Blackburn.

SIX BELL PEALS.

The four following peals were rung on the occasion of the Jubilee Dedication Festival of S. Gabriel's Church, Hanley Castle, Worcestershire, built in 1873 by Mr. Samuel Martin, of Cattevall, Hanley Castle, and completely furnished by him.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
ERNEST GIBBS 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST GIBBS Treble	HARRY PRICE 4
*FREDERICK PRICE 2	CHARLES YOUNG 5
JOHN BAYLISS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN BAYLISS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT Tenor

Conducted by S. T. HOLT.

* First Surprise peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL,

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 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	ERNEST TIGWELL, SEN. 4
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	WILFRED HOOTON 5
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising seven 720's in nine methods, viz., Cambridge Surprise, Double and Single Bob, Double and Single Oxford, Double Court, St. Clement, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR RIGGALL Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	JOSEPH LANDON 5
WILLIAM TILLEY 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung on the 27th anniversary of Mr. W. Tilley's wedding day, and as a farewell to Rev. Canon Ashby, M.C., who retired from this church this month.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, Oct. 11th, for evening, 720 Grandsire Doubles: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, R. Edwards 3, H. T. Hughes 4, R. Evans (conductor) 5, E. H. Kynaston 6.

CROSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL Treble	STANLEY CARTER 4
WALTER FARLEY... .. 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells, recently rehung by Taylor.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's with ten callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILKINS MASSEY... .. Treble	GEORGE F. ADLEY 4
JOHN HOWES 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 5
GEORGE HIGGS 3	WILLIAM A. TILLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

First peal by all except the conductor, also the first peal on the bells since 1827.

HANDBELL PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY).

On Tuesday, October 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

*E. HOBART SMITH 1-2	*GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY... .. 3-4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8
FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10	

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Umpire: H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal. The only other peal of Oxford Royal rung in the county on handbells double-handed was at Ipswich on January 13th, 1890. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Tillett.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 9, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	MRS. W. R. MELVILLE 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and JESSIE MELVILLE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Oct. 13th, when a good muster of members was present from Bacup, Newchurch, Haslingden, Helmshore, Rams, bottom, Bury, and Burnley, in addition to the local ringers.

The bells were kept constantly going from 3.30 till 9 o'clock, the methods including Double Norwich Stedman, Kent Oxford and Bob Major, Grandsire and Surprise Methods.

The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on a date to be arranged, probably the 3rd or 17th November.

ARMISTICE DAY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As Armistice Day falls on Sunday this year, will it be proper to ring with muffled bells as a mark of respect to the fallen; or with open bells, or should they be rung according to the Vicar's wish?

Perhaps a little space in your correspondence columns to air the matter might give some ideas about it, and at the same time help those in doubt.—Yours truly,

Charing, Kent.

CHAS. F. GOOD.

DEATH OF A PROMINENT ESSEX RINGER.

MR. ARTHUR EDWARDS, DISTRICT RINGING MASTER.

A gloom has been cast over ringing circles in South-East Essex by the unexpected death of Mr. Arthur Edwards, of Boreham, Master of the S.E. District of the County Association. The sad event occurred on Sunday Sept. 30th, at the Chelmsford Isolation Hospital, from acute septicaemia followed by nephritis. The deceased, who was 53 years of age, had been ill for about a fortnight, but was taken suddenly worse on the Saturday, and died on Sunday. He was head gardener, and had been employed at Boreham Manor for about 17 years by the late Canon Hulton. He took a keen and active part in the affairs of the parish, where he will be greatly missed. He had been hon. secretary of the local Bowling Club since its formation, and had always taken an active interest in the Cottage Gardeners' Association. He was also associated with the Chelmsford Gardeners' Association. He was a sidesman at the church and a member of the Parochial Church Council. He leaves a widow and family of six sons and three daughters, with whom much sympathy will be felt.

His connection with ringing extended over a great many years, and he was a great enthusiast in the art. He had rung a considerable number of peals, including one by a band of 'Arthurs,' but he was never so happy as when instructing a young band or getting them through their first touch in a new method. Such men are the salt of the Exercise, and the death of Mr. Edwards leaves a gap which it will be difficult to fill.

The funeral took place at Boreham Churchyard, amid many signs of esteem and regret. The service was conducted by the Rev. A. E. Hall (Vicar), assisted by the Rev. G. Colley, of Chelmsford. The cortege was led from the deceased's residence by the members of the local band and other ringers, the bearers also being ringing friends. The chief mourners were: The widow; Harold Hirzel, Leonard, Stanley, and Horace, sons; Mrs. A. Bicknell (Chelmsford), the Misses Bernice and Margery Edwards, daughters; Mrs. A. Edwards (Writtle), mother; Messrs. Percy, Alfred, Albert and Fred Edwards, brothers; Mrs. A. Pettitt (Dunstable), sister; Mesdames F. A. and E. Edwards, sisters-in-law; Mrs. H. Edwards, daughter-in-law; R. and C. Edwards, nephews; Mr. G. Sach, friend of the family. Others present at the graveside included Miss Hulton, Boreham Manor; the Rev. A. E. Negus, Great Leighs; Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Essex Association of Change Ringers; Messrs A. Head, F. Radley, F. W. Edwards, and T. B. Fairhead, of the Writtle company of ringers; W. Allen W. Allison, and Mrs. Allison, B. Timson, C. Gentry, and J. Wood (St. Mary's Guild of Ringers); J. Walden (Coggeshall), J. E. Page, H. W. Smith, D. Emery, W. E. Wisbey (Chelmsford), Mrs. Everard, Miss Gibbons, and many others. Among those who sent wreaths were ringers at Boreham, Writtle, and the St. Mary's Guild.

Two short touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells half-muffled by the following: Messrs. C. H. Howard, P. Timson, A. Church, S. Letch, A. Joslin, R. C. W. R., and L. H. Thrift, J. Walden and J. Wood.

In the evening, at Writtle Church, where the deceased learned to ring under the tuition of Mr. W. Lincoln, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: T. Lincoln 1, T. W. Edwards 2, H. W. Kirton 3, F. G. Radley 3, H. Head 4, A. Head 5, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, W. E. Emery 8, and at the Cathedral, Chelmsford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Talworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Saltmarsh 3, A. Head 4, J. Clark 5, C. Pease 6, P. Timson (conductor) 7, J. Wood 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.

The annual meeting of this branch was held on Saturday, October 6th, at Ducklington. Bob Minor was rung on the bells before service, which was held in the Parish Church, the preacher being the Rev. C. Tristram Rector of Ducklington. There was not a large attendance, but the following towers were represented: Witney, Ducklington, Eynsham, Bampton, Yarnton, Kidlington and Stanton Harcourt. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild) was present, also Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon and Mr. F. M. Green, churchwarden, of Witney. Tea was served in the Village Hall, and was followed by the business meeting. — Mr. J. Monk (secretary) presented his report and the balance sheet, which showed an appreciable balance in hand.—Both were considered quite satisfactory.

The Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn was re-elected chairman and Mr. J. Monk secretary and treasurer, with expressions of gratitude for the way they had filled these offices in the past.

Messrs. N. Spindlow, G. A. King and G. Rose were elected branch representatives on the Guild Committee, and Woodstock was selected as the place for the spring meeting.

The Master spoke on the matter of Guild finance and on the importance of the attendance of members at committee meetings.

Votes of thanks were passed to the preacher for the service and his sermon, and to Mr. Steptoe for his kind services as organist.

This concluded the business, and the company returned to the tower to ring Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR.

A NEW METHOD BY GABRIEL LINDOFF.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	5056 by G. Lindoff.
	23456 W B M H
2 1 4 3 5 7 6 8	23564
1 2 3 4 7 5 8 6	52436
2 1 4 3 7 8 5 6	52364
2 4 1 3 8 7 6 5	36245
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2 4 1 3 7 5 8 6	32465
4 2 3 1 5 7 6 8	63425
2 4 3 5 1 7 8 6	26435
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2 3 4 5 6 7 8 1	42356
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3 5 2 4 6 7 1 8	25346
5 3 4 2 7 6 8 1	32546
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CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

A PEAL WITH TENORS ALWAYS THE RIGHT WAY.

Peals of Cambridge Surprise Minor are showing an increase, but one of the factors that has acted against a more general practice is the fact that seven different 720's could not be obtained without sometimes having the tenors the wrong way.

The following 5,040 has been put together by the Rev. E. Bankes James on a plan that was indicated in 'The Ringing World' some time ago. There are seven distinct 720's, but they do not come round at the end. The first seven hundred starts from the row 23456, and finishes at 43265 (the handstroke of 34256). The advantage of the arrangement is that it gives seven different callings for Cambridge Surprise Minor, and the tenors always come up the right way. This peal was rung at Grendon on Oct. 6th.

23456	34256	25456	42356
35642 1	34562 3	35642 1	63425 2
42635 4	34625 3	42635 4	25463 4
23564 1	63425 5	56423 2	56342 1
64523 4	46325 5	45623 5	35642 5
42356 1	53462 2	64523 5	54263 1
56342 4	45362 5	42356 1	46325 1
64235 1	23456 2	56342 4	34625 5
35264 4	42356 5	64235 1	42563 1
56423 1		26435 5	63542 4
45623 5	42563 3	63542 1	34256 1
52364 1	42635 3	34256 1	23456 5
26435 1	35642 4		
63542 1	54263 1	62345 2	23564 3
34256 1	25463 5	36245 5	45236 2
	56342 1	23645 5	45362 3
	64235 1	56234 2	34562 5
	26435 5	25634 5	25346 2
	63542 1	62534 5	25463 3
	34256 1	23456 1	42563 5
	23456 5	42356 5	35426 2
			35264 3
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A peal in this method was rung for the first time at Leiston, Suffolk, on Saturday, Oct. 6th, and this enterprising and accomplished band have thus added yet another to the numerous Surprise methods which they have rung.

The divisions are placed at the conventional ends of each 720 as a guide to the conductor.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The two new trebles which have been added to the ring at Canterbury Cathedral, as a memorial to the members of the Kent County Association who fell in the war, were dedicated on Saturday, and one more is thus added to the peals of twelve.

Another new method has been added to the Surprise list, the first peal of Rutland Surprise Major having been rung at Holsover.

Very few men have conducted peals from Doubles to Maximus, but by calling a peal of Stedman Cinques at Wolverhampton on Saturday Mr. Robert Matthews has completed the circuit.

An interesting peal is recorded in our columns this week, eight members of the Metropolitan Police Force having rung a peal of Bob Major at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. It was a farewell to P.S. Jas. Bennett, of E. Division, after 25 years' service.

A peal of Minor, the first on the bells was rung at Croscombe, Somerset, on Wednesday of last week. The total distance travelled by the band was 154 miles, and some, at least, could not have arrived home before 12.30 a.m. on a dark, stormy night. There's enthusiasm for you!

In connection with the double-handed peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Ipswich last week, it is interesting to recall that the first 'in hand' was rung at Sheffield on Dec. 3rd 1811, by a band who about that time rang Major, Royal and Maximus on handbells.

One of the earliest peals of Treble Ten was rung at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, on Oct. 19th 1766. This was the first 6,000 in the method, and was scored by the College Youths.

The only peal of Grandsire Cinques which John Holt rang with the Union Scholars was at St. Bride's, London, on Oct. 20th, 1751.

The Cambridge Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Great St. Mary's on December 22nd, 1734.

The first recorded peal of Stedman Triples, albeit a rival company threw doubts upon its truth, was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on Oct. 25th, 1751.

Oct. 25th is also the anniversary of the first peal of Stedman Caters rung out of London, viz. 5,292 at Birmingham in the year 1790.

A peal of 15,124 Bob Major was rung in 8 hr. 46 mins., at St. Paul's, Oldham, on Oct. 24th, 1807.

We hear an attempt is to be made shortly in a Midland county for a peal of Stedman Triples by eight members of the Ladies' Guild. The best of luck to them.

DEVON GUILD

REV. E. V. COX AT EXMOUTH.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter and District Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Littleham (Exmouth), on Saturday, Sept. 29th, when about 70 members were present from St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas', and Heavitree (Exeter), Littleham, Withycombe, Raleigh, Topsham, Clyst St. George, Sowton, Otterton, Christow, Thorverton, Newton St. Cyras, together with the Paignton band, who were on their annual outing.

A service was held in Littleham Church, the Vicar (the Rev. E. V. Cox) and the Rev. J. E. B. Ball officiating. The Vicar preached, and dwelt on the necessity for realisation of the duties of the ringers' office, and the offering of the best work, especially for Sunday services.

Tea, kindly provided by Littleham friends, including the ringers, was held in the Church hut, where Mesdames Cox, Bell and Dobbis, and Miss Ball and the ringers' wives, attended to the wants of the visitors.

Mr. E. Shepherd presided at the meeting which followed.

Mr. W. J. Southwood (the hon. secretary) spoke of the pleasure it gave them to have the Rev. E. V. Cox in the district, and congratulated him on his appointment to the living at Exmouth. Before coming there he was the hon. secretary of the North-East branch, and did splendid work in that district in encouraging campanology.—Rev. E. V. Cox, in response, said he was sorry to leave the North-East branch, and he congratulated the Exeter branch on its enthusiasm, as shown by the splendid attendance that day.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Sidwell's (Exeter), on Saturday, December 1st.

Mr. E. Shepherd moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the beautiful service, also to the organist and vergers; thanks were also extended to the Rev. J. E. B. and Mrs. Ball, and to ladies and ringers' wives who had provided tea.—The Rev. J. E. B. Ball, in reply, expressed great pleasure at seeing the ringers at Littleham, and said they were heartily welcome. They had a splendid body of workers in the ladies, and the ringers, who had worked whole-heartily to make the gathering a success.

Some excellent touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung on the bells of Littleham and Withycombe Raleigh.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FIVE-BELL TOWER.

There was an excellent muster on Saturday last at St. Andrew's, Dinas Powis, on the occasion of the quarterly meeting of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Guild, although the bells are a ring of five, and the 'go' anything but good. Undoubtedly it was the enthusiasm of Mr. Cram, the leader of the ringers, who at a previous meeting invited the association to hold a meeting there that brought the large gathering together, and it was most gratifying to see what a response was made to the invitation by members from even the extreme end of the diocese. The bells were started soon after three o'clock, and the first 120 included the two most energetic lady ringers of the association, Mrs. Jenkin, of St. Athan, and Miss Pacey, of Rumney. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Edward Davies), and was followed by a sumptuous tea in the Parish Hall, very kindly provided and arranged by Mr. Cram, who had left nothing to chance, and to whom, at the conclusion, the heartiest thanks of the visitors was accorded.

The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector, including instructors' reports, reports on restorations, applications for instruction, notices of motion for the annual meeting, and new members, including one hon. member, Miss Alexander of St. Andrew's, a lady who takes great interest in the local ringers.

The next meeting is the annual, to be held at All Saints', Newport, Mon., on Boxing Day, December 26th.

It was arranged to hold the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting at Llanishen: failing there, Llantwit Major.

At the conclusion of the meeting a most enjoyable hour was spent with the locals. A more pleasant, better attended, and more successful meeting could not possibly have been held, even if the attraction had been a ring of twelve bells.

NEW PEAL OF TEN AT DERBY.

ST. ANDREW'S BELLS RESTORED AND AUGMENTED.

The dedication service in connection with the reopening of the peal of bells at St. Andrew's Church, Derby, which have been augmented to ten by the addition of two new trebles, the gift of Mr. C. E. Hart and family, and Mr. A. H. Ward and family took place on Sunday morning, Sept. 30th, and was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Mumford, M.A.), those present including the Mayor of Derby (Ald. Oswald Ling), Ald. R. B. Chambers, President of the Midland Counties Association, and other members of the Corporation, who, together with the churchwardens and a few members of the congregation, proceeded to the belfry for the dedication ceremony. Whilst this was in progress, the organist (Mr. W. J. Baker) and choir rendered the anthem, 'Ring out, wild bells,' very effectively.

After the service, and during the time the congregation was leaving the church, the ten bells were started and produced a very fine effect, after a silence of over three years.

A few rounds and call changes were first rung, followed by a course each of Stedman Catech, and Treble Bob Royal. St. Andrew's is fortunate to have been able to gather together all the old members of the band who were serving three years ago.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have carried out the work of rehangings and providing the new bells, and although many obstacles have had to be surmounted they have fulfilled the contract exceedingly well. St. Andrew's can now boast of a peal of ten bells which are a credit to the church and town.

A new iron frame on steel girders has been substituted for the old wood frame, and the bells have been lowered about eight or nine feet below the tower louvres, producing a much more musical effect, which it is hoped, will avoid complaints re 'Noisy Bells.'

The thanks of the Bells Restoration Committee are tendered to Messrs. E. A. Lewis and E. Alexander Young for their advice on the bells and tower, respectively, which greatly enabled the committee to decide on the thorough overhauling of the bells. The committee also thank those ringers who have subscribed to the restoration fund.

MEMORIALS TO BRISTOL RINGERS.

On Tuesday, October 2nd St. Stephen's Church tower, Bristol, was visited by many of the friends of the late Raymond J. Wilkins. The Rector (the Rev. W. Heber Thomas), after suitable prayers and reference to the good work of the late Mr. Wilkins, unveiled the memorial tablet, erected by the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association and inscribed as follows:—

'In loving memory of Raymond John Wilkins who died Oct. 30th, 1921, for over 35 years a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers.'

This was followed by the unveiling of a similar tablet by the Rev. M. E. Thorold (Vice-President of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association) to the memory of William James Hinton which is inscribed as follows:—

'To the memory of William James Hinton, founder and for 15 years a member of the St. Stephen's Guild of Ringers.'

THE WHITTINGTON COMMEMORATION. ATTENDED BY THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

The Whittington celebration briefly referred to in a previous issue, was held at the Old City Church of St. Michael Paternoster Royal, on October 2nd, being the 500th anniversary of the death of the great Sir Richard Whittington, four times Lord Mayor of London.

Any such celebration would, of course, be incomplete without the presence of the Lord Mayor, the civic dignitaries, and the Masters and Liveries of the Old City Companies, and still more incomplete to the laity, especially ringers, without some recognition of Whittington's association with English folk-lore. In view of this, the Rector, the Rev. Canon Bullock-Webster, extended an invitation to the Ancient Society of College Youths to be present, and also to make tribute in its due place with their handbells. Owing to the limited accommodation available, the Rector was only able to allot seven tickets, and the following were elected to represent the society at the service, viz., the Master, Mr. W. Garrard, and Messrs. W. D. Smith, A. A. Hughes, E. Fenn, T. Walker, J. Howell and E. A. Young.

Students of the history of the Ancient Society of College Youths will remember that they were wont to make an annual procession to one of the city churches, headed by their beadle carrying the mace. It is interesting, therefore, to note that after a lapse of perhaps 200 years this procedure was revived, in a modified form on this occasion. The delegation formed up on College Hill, on the site of the College, from which the society obtained its name, and the Master wearing his badge of office, and preceded by Mr. W. D. Smith, carrying the mace, led the party in procession, to the church.

During the assembly of a full congregation, most of whom wore their traditional robes of scarlet and gold, Messrs. Smith, Garrard and Young, gave illustrations on handbells of ringing as practised in the earlier days, such changes as Whittington would probably have heard in his own lifetime. Six large size bells were used, and the effect, with the organ accompaniment, was singularly impressive and most appropriate having regard to the fact that Whittington himself, with his wife, were resting close by.

Several past Lord Mayors were present, together with the Lady Mayoress, the Acting Lord Mayor, Sir Charles Johnstone (who has himself been Lord Mayor), and the sheriffs and aldermen. The Master and Wardens of the Mercers Company (of which Whittington himself was Master), and the Vintners and other companies were represented, and amongst the very distinguished gathering, mention must be made of the 'Father of the House of Lords,' Lord Coventry, who, despite his advanced years, came as the direct descendant of John Coventry, the friend and executor of Whittington.

The beautiful order of service, the soft music of the organ, with the bells, together with the gorgeous robes of the congregation, the latter blending with the dim softness of the light from the stained glass windows, gave an impression of solemnity not easily forgotten by those who were privileged to be present on this historic occasion.

At the end of the service, and as a voluntary, a course of Grand-sire Triples, to an organ accompaniment, were given by Messrs. Fenn, Garrard, Smith and Young, this bringing a memorable ceremony to a fitting termination, and the Rector has since written to express his deep appreciation for the attendance and help given by the Ancient Society.

'TEMPLE BAR.'

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Willington on Saturday last when members were present from Bedford, Turvey, Kompston, Biddenham, Roxton, Clapham, Cambridge and the local company. Tea was served in the new hall by Miss W. Endersby and Mrs. Eastwell, two of the local ringers.

At the business meeting, with Miss E. Steel in the chair, it was proposed to hold the annual district meeting at Bedford, on Saturday, Nov. 17th, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Four members rang their first course of Cambridge Surprise Minor and others their first of Treble Bob.

The Vicar thanked the members for their kind invitation to tea, but was sorry he could not attend.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the ladies for tea, brought a good meeting to a close.

THE FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES.

CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS CELEBRATE A JUBILEE.

On September 25th 1873, five junior members of the Society of Cambridge Youths, whose charter dates back to 1724, rang a peal of 5,040 changes, consisting of forty-two 120's of Stedman Doubles, on the bells of the Parish Church, Old Chesterton. This was believed to be the first peal of Stedman Doubles. The ringers were Y. Green 1, G. Taylor 2, J. Dunn 3, C. Stanbridge 4, H. Mansfield 5. Present members of the society celebrated the jubilee of the event by ringing 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in first-class style, followed by 120 of Stedman Doubles on the bells on Tuesday evening last week. The following took part: W. B. Kempton 1, H. Mansfield 2, W. Welch 3, P. Taylor 4, T. R. Dennis 5, F. E. Kempton (conductor) 6.

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THE SOCIAL SIDE IN DERBY.

With the object of encouraging younger ringers in Derby to take up handbell ringing, and also to provide facilities for ringers connected with the various towers to meet for social intercourse and handbell ringing, weekly meetings have been arranged to take place every Wednesday. About half a dozen meetings have already been held with a fair amount of success, the youngsters having shown a keen interest and a strong determination to tackle and master the intricacies of double-handed ringing.

In order to create still stronger interest a musical evening, arranged by Mr. J. F. Smallwood, the secretary was held on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at the Rising Sun Hotel. There was a splendid muster of ringers and friends, numbering about 60. Mr. W. Wallace presided, and songs were rendered by Miss Wilman, Messrs. Wright, Billington, Bell Calford, Fletcher, Brentnall and Alldridge. Mr. A. Poyser (ventriloquist) also contributed a welcome part of the programme. Mr. Saunders was at the piano.

Mr. Maurice Swinfield, that extraordinary young man from Burton, gave a wonderful display of cleverness by tapping a touch of Stedman Triples, which was conducted by Mr. J. F. Smallwood.

A most enjoyable evening was spent, and it is hoped to arrange another similar evening in the near future.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A successful meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Cannock on Saturday week, when upwards of 60 members and friends attended. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. O. H. Barker (clerical secretary and treasurer), and an interesting address was given by the Rev. L. J. Price (Vicar). A capital tea was laid in the Co-operative Hall, which was much appreciated. Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Major.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and use of the church and bells, to the organist for his kindly assistance, and to the local ringers for making comfortable arrangements, was carried with applause.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Wood Green on January 12th.

**THE LADIES' GUILD.
MIDLAND DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Midland District was held at Solihull on Saturday, October 6th. Members were present from Smethwick, Evesham, Netherton, Derby and Handsworth. Miss Parker (the general sec. of the Guild) being also present. Mrs. White, of Coventry, was unable to attend owing to illness, and Miss Thatcher, of Clent, was also absent. With the help of the gentlemen, amongst whom was Mr. J. F. Smallwood, Mr. G. Fletcher, Mr. A. Walker and Mr. J. E. Groves ringing was done during the afternoon. The local gentlemen did not put in an appearance till after tea but one of them had placed a lovely bunch of flowers in the ringing chamber. The ladies were delighted with them, and appreciated the kind thought.

The Rev. Harvey Brookes conducted the service, the Guild form being used. He also gave a very interesting address on the need of cheerfulness and helping one another in everything. After service, Mr. and Mrs. Martineau conducted the visitors to Dascombe's Cafe, where they had generously provided tea. A party of 38 sat down, and were joined by the Rector and Mrs. Harvey-Brookes. When tea was over, Mrs. Groves proposed, and Miss Pigott seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mr. and Mrs. Martineau.

At the business meeting which followed, all the officers were re-elected.—One new ringing member was elected, and Harborne was chosen for the next place of meeting, if the bells are available, if not, St. John's, Deritend.

On the motion of Miss Parker, it was resolved to send a letter of congratulation to Mrs. F. I. Hairs, upon being the first lady to ring a Surprise peal on handbells.

A vote of thanks to the local ladies and to Miss Parker for taking the chair brought the meeting to a close.

HALESWORTH'S ANCIENT BELLS.

A practice meeting of the Halesworth district of the Norwich, St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich Association was held at Halesworth and Chediston on Saturday, Sept. 8th. Members were present from Saxmundham, Framlingham, St. Cross, Bungay, Croydon, Wissett, Chediston and Halesworth. The bells at Halesworth, a good old peal of eight, were kept going during the afternoon in the standard methods, and after tea the members visited Chediston Church, and practice in various minor methods was maintained until 9 o'clock, the visitors enjoying a very pleasant day in the country.

It may interest some readers to know the dates of Halesworth bells. Treble and second 1770; 3rd, 1759; 4th, a pre-Reformation bell about 1460; 5th 1627; 6th, a pre-Reformation bell about 1460; 7th, 1611; tenor, 1624. The old sanctus bell was recast in 1826, and is now used as a clock bell.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT.**

A meeting of the East Derbyshire Association was held at North Wingfield on Saturday, Oct. 6th, when 22 members were present from Blackwell, Clay Cross, Denby, Derby, Sutton, Teversal, Mansfield Woodhouse, Swanwick and North Wingfield. The Rector conducted a short service, and welcomed the association to North Wingfield. After a splendid tea, the business meeting was held. The president (Mr. T. Allibone) presided, supported by Canon A. J. B. Ellerton (Rector), Mr. T. Stimpson (treasurer), Mr. J. P. Tarlton (churchwarden), and others.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Affretton in December, and that all future meetings be notified in 'The Ringing World.'

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for use of bells and service in church, and the ladies for their services at the tea table.—Mr. J. Allibone responded for the ladies.

The bells were kept going to a late hour in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9th, in the lower, the Rector (Canon Ellerton) presented Mr. T. Allibone (president) with a week-end case and Treasury notes as an appreciation of his long and sustained efforts on behalf of the association. Canon Ellerton hoped Mr. Allibone would be spared to make good use of the case now he had retired from his occupation on the railway.—Mr. Fretwell (secretary) said the gift was subscribed to by nearly 130 members of the association who hoped to have Mr. Allibone with them as often as he could come.—Mr. W. Wain also spoke of Mr. Allibone's services.

Mr. Allibone said the present was such a surprise that he could not say more than 'Thank you.' He asked the secretary to thank the members for him, and to be assured he was with them as he had ever been.

His many friends will wish Mr. Allibone a good and speedy recovery from an operation he is about to undergo.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**OPENING OF A NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.**

The Western District of the Yorkshire Association held a quarterly meeting on Saturday, Sept. 15th, at Bramley, near Leeds, on the occasion of the dedication of the new peal of eight bells, with a tonor 12 cwt, 15 lb. in F sharp (which have just been installed by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough), and a new clock, with Cambridge quarter chimes, and fitted with an automatic switch for illuminating the dials (supplied by Messrs. Wm. Potts and Sons, of Leeds).

A special service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Hinton Knowles, R.D.) the lessons being read by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, Vicar of St. Chad's, Far Headingley, and president of the Yorkshire Association. A dedicatory prayer was offered by the Bishop of Knaresborough, who also gave an appropriate address upon the message of the bells.

After the service, a party of over two hundred, of whom 150 were visiting ringers, were entertained to tea in the Schoolroom.—The Vicar welcomed the church workers, and thanked them for their help in getting the new bells started.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall responded, on behalf of the ringers, and expressed his gratitude to the Bramley people for entertaining them so well.

The following towers were represented: Armley, Bolton (Bradford), Bradford Cathedral, Batley, Birstal, Bingley, Calverley, Guiseley, Headingley (St. Chad's), Headingley (St. Michael's), Huddersfield, Holbeck St. Francis (R.C.), Horbury, Idle, Keighley, Leeds, Lightcliffe, Mirfield, Northowram, Otley, Pudsey, Pontefract, Rothwell, Shipley, Selby, Silsden and Tong; Mr. J. Oldham represented the bell foundries; Mr. J. Broadley acted as Ringing Master. Numerous companies rang various methods up to a late hour, and all spoke very highly of the 'go' and tone of the new bells.

DEATH OF A SURREY RINGER.**MR. H. PEDERICK'S DISTINCTION.**

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Henry Pederick, who passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, at the age of 76. Deceased was a member of the Parish Church Ringers' Society, Ewell, Surrey, for 35 years, also a member of the Surrey Association for many years. He rang 16 peals for the association, two of which he was never tired of talking of, namely, that he was the only Surrey ringer to take part in the last peal of the 19th century, and the first peal in the 20th.

On Sunday, Sept. 16th, special hymns were sung at both services at the Parish Church, and the bells were also rung half-muffled.

Several ringers from Ewell, Epsom and Ashted attended the funeral on the following day, when the bells were rung half-muffled. Deceased was a regular Sunday service ringer, and was very keen at practices.

Not far from the church well within the sound of the bells, he lies—at rest from his labours.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 14th, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, for harvest festival, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Cuttmer 1, H. Dya; 2, W. Judd 3, H. Cook 4, F. Digby (first quarter-peal in the method) 5, G. Shipp 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, Oct. 14th, for evening, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Oliver 1, R. Park 2, W. N. Park (conductor) 3, W. H. Porter 4, F. W. Lupson 5, C. S. Burden.—Also on Wednesday, Oct. 10th, 720 London Surprise Minor: T. Clark 1, C. S. Burden (first in the method) 2, F. Cook 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.

CHISWICK.—At the Parish Church for harvest festival, evening service, on Oct. 14th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Evans (Burnham-on-Sea) conductor, 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. E. Wilkins (Bristol) 3, W. H. Hollier 4, G. C. Isles 5, E. W. Coulson 6, H. A. Folkard 7, W. Dalton 8.

EALING.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Oct. 14th for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. Evans 3, W. H. Hollier 4, P. E. Clark 5, E. Harris 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for evening service, on Oct. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, Miss N. G. Williams 2, Miss D. G. Peltham 3, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, Miss P. Moss 5, S. Honor 6, J. Bacon 7, H. Chandler 8, W. Honor 9, F. Smith 10.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on Oct. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 50 mins., taken from Holt's Original: Denis Ovington (first quarter-peal) 1, A. R. Glascock 2, J. Armstrong (conductor) 3, J. E. Miller 4, D. H. Pink (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Potter 1, J. Worthington 2, B. Welsby 3, Jas. Denner 4, S. Oakes 5, A. Burton 6, J. Potter (conductor) 7, R. Denner 8. Rung for evening service for the harvest festival.

GODALMING.—At the Parish Church on Sunday, Oct. 7th, after the evening service, for the harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Bish (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Moorey 2, C. Bish 3, B. Cole (first quarter-peal) 4, C. Childs 5, E. Raddon 6, S. Radford (conductor) 7, W. Mills 8.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, at St. Nicholas' Church for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: H. Smith 1, C. Poole 2, E. Smith 3, A. W. J. Bird 4, H. W. Bishop 5, S. Quintin 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. The ringers of 1st and 4th hail from Thatcham, and the 5th from Swindon, Wilts.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th for evening service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 50 mins. (1,260 changes with three different callings): E. R. Partridge 1, R. Husskisson 2, C. J. Partridge 3, W. Jack 4, Chas. Allin 5, G. E. Allin (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band. First full 720 by ringer of treble. First quarter-peal as conductor.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 7th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: W. Wright 1, Miss M. Mosse 2, R. Mosse 3, T. Atkins 4, C. Brown 5, T. Cooper 6. Ringers of 3rd and 4th are daughter and son of the Rector (the Rev. Canon Mosse), and this is their first quarter-peal. First quarter-peal as conductor, and first quarter on the bells by an entirely local band.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th for morning service, at the harvest thanksgiving 1,040 Bob Major: C. S. Spurgeon 1, G. Walpole 2, R. Warman 3, A. C. Corbyn 4, H. Dennison 5, C. Walpole 6, H. W. Barrett 7, F. A. Finch (conductor) 8. Longest touch of Major by all except ringers of 6th and 8th, and longest touch of Major as conductor.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, at the harvest festival, for morning and evening service 240 each of Double Court, College Single, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor.—Also after evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Summers 1, H. O. White 2, J. Taylor 3, E. E. Holman (first 720) 4, C. Aylett 5, J. H. White (conductor) 6.

DUFFIELD.—At St. Alkmund's Church, on Oct. 7th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Warrington 1, W. Bates 2, F. Osborne 3, G. Sandy 4, H. Hill 5, S. Dawson 6, H. Lettis (conductor) 7, C. Bradley 8.

TEWKESBURY.—At the Abbey on Sunday, Oct. 7th for evening service 852 Grandsire Triples: W. Pugh 1, F. C. Griffiths 2, W. Yeend 3, G. Watts 4, R. Harris 5, A. Hannis 6, C. W. Dyson (conductor) 7, W. Hughes 8. Longest touch by 1st, 2nd and 4th. Longest away from treble by five ringers.

PONTEFRAC.—For the harvest festival, evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Walker, junr., 1, W. Pearson 2, J. E. Pickard 3, W. Hawley 4, A. Walker, senr., 5, J. H. Lenton (conductor) 6, H. Walters 7, T. Holder 8, J. Fryer 9, W. Senior 10.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DISTRICT MEMBERS AND TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The Ashford District annual meeting, held at Appledore on the last Saturday in September, was attended by nearly 40 members, and good practice was obtained on the church bells in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scutt) conducted the service, and Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac. (of Canterbury), an association member, presided at the organ.

Tea, provided by the association, was partaken of at the Swan Hotel with the Vicar in the chair.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. C. Tribe (Tenterden) was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary, with a special vote of thanks for his services during the past twelve months.—Mr. Tribe returned thanks for the confidence they had again reposed in him, but he reminded them that the time would come when he would have to retire, so he strongly advised them to look around for a successor during the next twelve months, although all the time he could do the work he would stick to it.

Mr. G. Paine (Mersham) announced his intention of not seeking re-election as one of the two district representatives on the committee, and, in his remarks, said he thought more could be done in obtaining honorary members.

Mr. Paine was at the meeting at Mersham over 40 years ago, when the association was formed, and he has done much useful work.

Messrs. E. S. Ruck (Mersham) and P. H. Peiree (Brabourne) were chosen as the district representatives, and Mr. Ruck, in returning thanks, said that when matters relating to their division came before the committee, he would always be ready to fight for the Ashford district. With regard to honorary members, he thought Mersham had more than any other parish. In naming a few, he mentioned that the late Mr. C. Bates was an honorary member for 39 years, and Mr. T. Filcher for something like a quarter of a century. He felt quite certain that if members would look around more honorary members could be obtained. This would make a considerable difference, not only with regard to the funds, but would get people to take more interest in ringers and ringing.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Paine for his long and splendid service as a district representative.

Places for meetings were selected as follows: Rolvenden in November; Ashford in February, and if Ashford is unobtainable Wye to be arranged; Stone-in-Oxney in June, and the annual meeting at Folkestone in August or September.

Mrs. W. Buton (Rolvenden), Miss Want (Tenterden) and Mr. K. Pattenden (Rye) were admitted as members.

The association pays half travelling expenses, with a maximum of 2s., at one meeting in each district every year, and this subject formed an interesting debate, the point at issue being whether or no this should be announced in 'The Ringing World' advertisement. The allowances have always been paid each year, and the district secretary takes the view that if members are really interested enough in ringing to come to a meeting, they would turn up without an allowance notice to draw them there.

Some present appeared to favour it being inserted in the advertisement, and others preferred the district secretary's views. There were, however, no sharp words over the question, and no desire, as it were, to 'Pierce' one another with the bayonet, or to use any of 'Mills' bombs. Each speaker proved himself to be a courteous 'Player' for what he advocated, being careful not to 'Ruck' any feathers, or cause any 'Pain(e)' to be endured. There was no fear of the ship being 'Scutt'led, for everybody, including the 'Baker,' kept a cool 'Head,' but as no definite solution was forthcoming, the chairman asked for a show of hands of those in favour of announcing the travelling allowance in the advertisement. Result, no votes, and a similar result when the chairman asked if the members approved of an advertisement not incorporating the allowance. It made one begin to wonder what the members did 'Want.' Did it look as if they hardly cared a 'Button' what happened? Not so; for when the chairman sought their opinion respecting leaving the matter in the hands of the district secretary to act at his discretion nearly all the members 'Rose' to the occasion, and practically the whole 'Tribe' signified their assent to this course which received the support of a strong 'Castle.'

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding and allowing the meeting to be held at Appledore; to Mr. Pitman for his services at the organ, and to Messrs. G. and A. Johnson for assisting in arranging the meeting, concluded the business.

MR. A. J. TRAPPITT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 9; Grandsire Caters, 23; Oxford Bob Triples, 3; Treble Minor 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Maximus 1; Treble Bob Major, 5; Treble Bob Royal, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 6; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; Double Norwich Major, 7; Stedman Triples, 15; Stedman Caters, 18; total, 100.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for October.—*St. Clement Danes, 29th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 22nd, 7.30.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Somersham on October 20th. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Boys' Room at 5, followed by business meeting. Tea 6d., other expenses 3d.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea immediately afterwards. Usual business meeting after tea.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, Boston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Tunstall, where two new trebles have recently been added, on Saturday, October 20th. Tower open at 3. Ringers' Association service at 5, conducted by the Rector (Rev. G. H. Greene), followed by tea and business meeting in the Village Hall.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on October 20th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 25th, St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frod-ingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Braintree, Saturday, Oct. 20th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Service at 4.30 p.m. After which tea will be provided by the Master of the Essex Association to which all ringers are cordially invited. As this is the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year, together with other business, it is hoped all ringers will make an effort to be present.—W. H. Dyson, District Master, High Street, Braintree.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Epsom on Saturday, October 20th. The bells at St. Martin's (10) and Christ Church (8) will be available from 3 p.m. Service at Christ Church at 5. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Room, West Hill.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. District Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Ringing from 3.30 p.m., and tea at the 'London Apprentice' at 5.30 p.m. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers.—F. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, London, W.5.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday,

October 20th. Bells (8, tenor 11 cwt.) available from 3. Service at 5. Address by the Vicar of Dore (the Rev. W. R. Gibson). Tea and meeting in Schoolroom at 5.45 p.m. Motor buses leave Ecclesall tram terminus every half-hour direct to church. Fare 6d. Trains leave Sheffield (L.M.S.) at 2.10, 2.22, 3.8 and 3.52 p.m. Fare 7d. As considerable difficulty has had to be overcome to obtain the use of these bells, I hope all who possibly can will try and help to make the meeting a success.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting in this district will be held at Boxley on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available for ringing at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.45 provided by the Vicar. Business meeting to follow.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. District Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—A meeting will be held at Bushey on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Tea in the Institute. The tower at Oxhey will be open in the evening. All cordially invited.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Thirsk on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (8) of the Parish Church available from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30, business meeting following. All ringers welcome.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. District Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A practice meeting will be held at Stapleford on Saturday, October 20th. Bells (six) available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Stoke-in-Coventry on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Important business will be discussed, and members are asked to make a special effort to be present. Tram No. 7 from Coventry Station will convey members to the church.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Woodford, on Saturday, October 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, October 20th (bells 8), commencing at 3 o'clock.—J. Saddington, Dist. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead on Saturday, Oct. 20th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A mid-week meeting will be held at St. Ann's, Stamford Hill, on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd. Bells available from 7.15 to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome. Meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Full particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Lewisham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to

follow. Arrangements for tea will be announced next week. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Church Institute. A charge of 1s. per head for the tea (meat), and only for those who send their names to me, by first post, Wednesday, Oct. 24th. It is hoped there will be a good muster, as there is important business on the agenda.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual Festival will be held at Darlington on Saturday, October 27th. Committee meeting at the King's Head Hotel at noon. Dinner at the same place at 2 p.m. (2/- to members, 3/6 to non-members) for those who notify me by Tuesday, October 23rd. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 1 o'clock. The bells of Darlington are available for ringing. Ringers are requested to meet at St. John's, where bands can be arranged for the different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bratton on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. Edington bells (6) also available from 2.30 till 4.30. Will those requiring tea please write early to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Litlington, Cambs, near Royston, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. In order that satisfactory arrangements may be made for tea those intending to be present should inform me by Oct. 24th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socan on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Sec., 2, Temperford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ratcliffe (Wollaton not being available) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. It is hoped all towers will be represented at this meeting to hear committee's report and other important business.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Shore, Holy Trinity, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; a short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the local band. Will all those members intending to be present kindly write direct to the local secretary, Mr. F. Verney, St. Mary's Cottages, Elham? Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Two peal tablets will be unveiled by Canon H. J. Elsee. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. In order that satisfactory arrangements may be made will those members and

friends who intend being present notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 23rd? Members and friends all welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guisborough District.—A special meeting will be held at Kelmars on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Six bells, available at 2.30. Service in church at 4. Tea at 4.45. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Oct. 23rd? —W. Bott, District Sec.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting of the above society will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. All ringers welcome.—H. Stansfield, Hon. Sec., 12, New Lees Street, Hurst, Ashton-under-Lyne.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 24th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at All Saints', Fulham. Ringing from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed.—Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec., Manchester Branch, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head, for those who advise me not later than Oct. 30th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided after service and business meeting following. Those who hope to attend for tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. The usual allowance of half fares (maximum 2s.) will be paid at this meeting. Will all members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 30th? —C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells from 2 till 9. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. George's Mission Hall at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 30th.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.
—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at St. James', Milnrow. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All are welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.
—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY. — Practices will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 until further notice.—H. Hollick, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS
—Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young.

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THAT MUCH-NEEDED REGISTER.

Another instance has occurred of an old method being rung as a new one. A fortnight ago we published the report of a peal of Rochester Surprise rung by the enterprising Leiston band, and last week we gave the figures of the method. Now, it appears, the method is none other than Lancashire Surprise, first published in 1907, reprinted in our columns in July, 1921, and subsequently published as Leek Surprise. The latter name was, of course, withdrawn when the prior claim to authorship was put forward, and 'Rochester' will, we are sure, be similarly surrendered under the circumstances. That the method should have been thrice independently produced does not detract from the skill of the separate composers, but the credit goes to the first in the field, and Mr. Arthur Craven has the right of authorship.

The point which we want to make, however, is that such a position of affairs ought to be avoidable. It may be said that it is an author's duty to investigate, before he puts forward a method or a composition as his own, to see if his production is original or a copy of something already in existence. To some extent this is true, but the difficulty that confronts an author is that the material through which he should search is so widely scattered that effective investigation is a practical impossibility. Just as we want a reference file of compositions, so is it necessary to have a complete register of all existing methods in order that authors could have at their hand a ready means of ascertaining what has, and what has not, been produced. In the case of the compositions the work of arranging and indexing them will be a very considerable task, for there are in all methods many thousands, and a good deal of work in wading through the last fifty years of ringing publications for figures by bygone composers would be necessary to make the file of the real value that it ought to be. At the same time there is a growing need for the work to be undertaken, and the longer it is delayed the more formidable will be the task when it is attempted.

With methods the work involved would be nothing like so arduous. Methods are not only much fewer in number, but we already have a fairly comprehensive collection of Minor methods and a big collection of plain Major methods in existence. What is required is to get together the figures of Minor and Major methods outside these two groups, and to add all the known Treble Bob and Surprise methods on eight bells, and the more restricted variety of methods on the higher numbers. This is a task to which the Central Council could set their hands without delay, and we hope to see them put it in hand at their next meeting, making it a proviso that in future all new methods must be registered with the Council before any right of authorship can be established in the event of a rival claim.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
EDWIN HORREX 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 8
HENRY R. NEWTON 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
HARRY MILES 4	HENRY G. MILES 10
GEORGE N. PRICE 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE 11
WILLIAM E. JUDD 6	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Rung as a wedding compliment to R. F. Deal, whose wife sat in the tower as umpire.

TEN BELL PEALS.

KENSINGTON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD Treble	ALBERT V. SELBY 6
ARTHUR CUTMORE 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
HARRY DYAS 3	HENRY G. MILES 8
GEORGE W. FRAYNE 4	WILLIAM E. JUDD 9
PERCY E. CLARKE 5	GEORGE M. MACKMAN Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PISTOW. Conducted by H. G. MILES.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES MEE Treble	†GEORGE LILLEY 6
*JAMES CHINERY 2	*T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
*ERNEST G. HIBBINS 3	EDGAR RIVERS 8
†FRANK J. LEVITT 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS 9
ARTHUR E. MOORE 5	CHARLES WOODCOCK Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by CHARLES MEE.

First peal of Royal on tower bells by the Suffolk Guild. * First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal on tower bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	ALFRED E. REEVES 6
EDGAR GUISE 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
EDWIN J. BROWN 3	THOMAS F. KING 8
RICHARD CLARK 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	JAMES R. JONES Tenor

Composed by the late G. NEWSON. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

This composition has the 5th and 6th exclusively in second's place and behind the 9th. Arranged for A. E. Pegler (Bangor).

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JRSSE GILLET Treble	HERBERT BECKETT 5
WILLIAM HARRIS 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	ERNEST E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE CONDIC 4	JOHN W. DAVIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JOHN HOLMAN 6
BERNARD DITCHER 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
CHARLES MASON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.
A peal in this method is now rung for the first time.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	FRED OVERTON 5
WALTER G. GODDARD 2	FRED METCALF 6
HAROLD RDSBY 3	CHARLES TAYLOR 7
STEVE BROMFIELD 4	HERBERT MINGAY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TAYLOR.

The above peal, at the Vicar's request, was rung half-muffled in memory of 17 Barton men who fell at the battle of Loos, October 13th, 1915. 'Lest we forget.' First peal of Grandsire on the bells.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES M. BAILEY ... Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 5
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... 6
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 3	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

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

This and the peal at Bury St. Edmunds, and a peal of Stedman Cinques at Ipswich, which was lost after two hours' good ringing, were arranged for Messrs. Hibbins, Rivers and Dennis, who hail from Cambridge.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, MILES PLATTING,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE H. SHUKER ... Treble	JAMES W WASHBROOK, SEN. 5
JOSEPH HALL 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 6
ROBERT DAVIES 3	ALLAN F. BAILEY 7
†WALTER BROWN 4	†THOMAS JONES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAS. W. WASHBROOK.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. R. F. Deal and Miss E. Tonge, solemnised at this church earlier in the day. Quickest peal on the bells. * First peal on an inside bell. † 70th peal. † First peal, and was proposed and accepted as a member of the association before starting.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JESSE FRANCIS Treble	CHARLES ANDREWS 5
*WILLIAM LOUD 2	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... 6
*HORACE TAYLOR 3	SYDNEY HILLIER 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
* First peal of Major.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and One and a half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ON THE HILL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
JOHN HAYES 3	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by EDWARD JENKINS.
* First attempt at the method.

GARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*HERBERT G. HUMPHRIES... Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
†THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM ... 2	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 6
*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.
Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN.

Rung as a 17th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th.
* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

JOSEPH BENNETT... .. Treble	GEORGE W. SLACK 5
SYDNEY SADLER 2	WALTER WOOD 6
GEORGE ROBINSON 3	HENRY LINDSAY 7
WILLIAM O. TALBOT 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to Mr. J. Whitaker, who was associated with the above tower for more than fifty years, and who was interred at Lawnswood Cemetery on that day.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
JOHN BASS 2	ALFRED HACKETT 6
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM BROWN... .. 4	MATTHEW HACKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. A. S. Rashleigh, Curate-in-charge of St. Margaret's, Hasbury, who is leaving for Bolventor, Cornwall; also as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Matthew Hackett and William H. Webb, local ringers.

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

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

H. STANLEY ROBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
E. ROGER MARTIN 2	FREDERICK HARWOOD ... 6
JAMES ARMSTRONG 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
First peal of Little Bob by all except the conductor. * First peal of Major in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and by the Preston branch.

STREATHAM, SURREY

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES W. CHAPMAN... ..Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
*MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIR ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
ROBERT RICHARDSON 2	GEORGE BASFORD 6
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
WILLIAM ROGERS 4	FRED WILFORD ... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours,
 AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM RICHES... ..Treble	CHARLES CLARKE 5
ROBERT RICHES 2	JAMES RICHES 6
WILLIAM STEGGALL 3	WALTER RICHES 7
ERNEST LINCOLN... .. 4	ALBERT RICHES ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by A. RICHES.

The ringer of the 3rd hails from Dickleburgh, 4th from Evesham, 5th from St. Cross, others are local men.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lb.

BEN. S. THOMPSON ... ..Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
TONY PRICE 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
ROBERT HARDY 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 2nd, who leaves for the United States on the 30th inst.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THDRSTANS' FOUR-PART.	
BERT H. POUNTNEY ... ..Treble	CHARLES BEECH 5
WILLIAM T. POWELL... .. 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	ARTHUR E. READ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Arranged for E. V. Rodenhurst, of Hodnet, Salop; also a birthday compliment to E. Marlow, of Wood Green, Wednesday.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROLAND LEWIS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBBLETT 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
GEOFFREY LEWIS 4	CHARLES CAMM ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. CAMM.

First peal of Surprise Major for the above Guild. First in the method on the bells. J. J. Jefferies was proposed a member of the above Guild at a previous attempt.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ARTHUR H. TAYLOR ... ..Treble	THOMAS PERRY 5
WILLIAM H. JONES 2	JOHN PERRY 6
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR... .. 7
JOHN WARRILOW 4	WILLIAM G. CURTIS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

* First peal (age 14 years). First peal of Grandsire inside. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. Rung for the Dedication festival, also as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT ALLRED ... ..Treble	PETER CROOK 5
ROBERT ALLRED, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM ROBINSON 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
*FRED GRUNDY 4	JOHN POTTER ... ..Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. Robinson, who hails from Ambleside.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

JOHN RAY ... ..Treble	HERBERT SHEPPARD 5
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 2	GILBERT GUEST 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. ... 7
*AUBREY M. PICKERING ... 4	WILLIAM A. PUGH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. The above peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Herbert Sheppard. The band wish to thank the Rev. Dr. Swindell, Vicar of Sedgley, for kindly granting the use of the bells, and Mr. B. Fullwood (the tower-keeper), for having them in readiness.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE ... ..Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*ALFRED E. BACON 2	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 6
JOHN WILKINSON 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES 7
CLAUDE S. BENWELL 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. The conductor's 200th peal. J. Wilkinson's 50th peal, and C. I. Davies's 25th peal. Rung on the eve of the anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar.

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THE EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ in F.

† WILSON ALLIN 2	* SAMUEL HURDLE 4
† CORNELIUS J. PARTRIDGE 2	† JOHN RADFORD 5
* WILLIAM H. T. KING 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods.

SANDRIDGE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK WHITEMAN 2	THOMAS HULL 4
HARRY HOLLICK 2	ERNEST HUNT 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	JOSEPH CHATLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

THRANDFESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Durham, York, Ipswich, Norwich and Cambridge.

EDWARD YOUNGS... .. 2	ALPHAEUS BERRY... .. 4
JAMES BETTS 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
GEORGE BROWN... .. 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. A. G. Lee, who, to the regret of the parishioners, has resigned the living.

COPT OAK, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Four-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 Kent, 1440 Oxford Bob, 2880 Bob Minor, each called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

C. PRIESTNALL 2	P. INGRAM 4
* I. WADE 2	T. CHANTRELL 5
J. H. SPENCER 3	C. ALLSOP Tenor

Conducted by C. ALLSOP.

* First 720 of Kent. First peal in three methods by all the band, who are service ringers from Ratby.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 4
FREDERICK CLAYTON 2	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 5
HARRY ARGYLE 3	ABRAHAM WILKERSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM WILKERSON.

First peal on the bells, which have hung in the tower upwards of 200 years. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Arch-deacon of Aston for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Clayton for their kind hospitality after the peal.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, for harvest festival, morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: L. Franks 1. W. Franks (conductor) 2. G. Upshall (Farnham) 3. R. W. Curtis 4. W. H. Eldridge 5. P. Carter 6. J. Sinden 7. G. Prodder 8.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION,
(THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, October 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY HOWARD 2	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
ALBERT HOWARD... .. 2	WALTER F. SERMONS... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First Surprise peal on the bells and by all the band. Rung at the second attempt. Believed to be the first peal of Cambridge Minor ung in the district.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE WITTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 10 different callings.

EDWARD G. HAWKINS... .. 2	GEORGE E. GREEN 4
ALFRED HALL 2	JAMES J. FARMER 5
REG. G. BATEMAN 3	HERMAN R. MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by E. G. HAWKINS.

First peal by all the band except the conductor. All are Sunday service ringers at this church. First peal on the bells, which were recently augmented to six by the addition of the three front bells as the war memorial of the parish.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE,
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12½ cwt.

F. W. BENNETT, SEN. 2	S. BENNETT 4
F. BATTERHAM 2	W. E. CLARKE 5
C. H. BARTON 3	A. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by A. BENNETT

First peal by all except the ringers of 2 and 5, who hail from Frampton. The remainder are of the local band. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Clark) for the use of the bells and also for entertaining them after the peal.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH ST. THOMAS A BECKETT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's with different callings.

* JOHN C. COOPER 2	† LEONARD A. WILLIAMS 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	* WALTER J. WHITLOCK 5
† RICHARD S. SHIMMANS 3	* JOHN BARKER Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal away from the treble † First peal of Doubles.

THE EARLIEST CHANGE RINGER.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Can any of your ringers give me the name of the earliest change ringer that has been recorded, or the earliest pricked figures of changes?

In Buxhall Church, Suffolk, there are engraved or scratched on a pillar in the ringing chamber (i.e., the central tower) the 'plain changes' on four bells with the tenor covering. These appear to have been signed by 'John Gboch, Bellringer,' between 1580 and 1620. For these facts, suggestions, and dates I am indebted to Mr. Vincent B. Redstone, the antiquary, of Woodbridge.

This seems to be certainly the earliest record extant unless there can be found any other as early or more certain. Until now, the earliest I have come across is that in Stedman's Tintinnologia of 1687. He there states absolutely that no changes were known or thought possible within fifty or sixty years of that date. This would barely take us back to 1619; and it is pretty certain that Stedman knew what he was talking about.

Ufford Rectory,

HERBERT DRAKE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MOKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At the North Farm,**A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;**

JAMES E. GOFTON 1—2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5—6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3—4	R. ALDER GOFTON 7—8
RICHARD A. GOFTON 9—10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOS. T. GOFTON.
Umpire: STEPHEN W. STRATFORD.

Rung on the silver wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Gofton.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARK'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:

HAROLD J. POOLE 1—2	ERNEST MORRIS 5—6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3—4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 7—8

Composed by the late JOHN COX. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpires: MESSRS. J. & G. S. MORRIS.

Witnesses: MESSRS. S. A. & W. L. JOHNSON.

First peal of Major 'in hand' by all.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7—8

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

ENFIELD.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At 'ADVERSANE,' WELLINGTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER 1—2	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 5—6
JOHN THOMAS 3—4	WILBY J. HAZELL 7—8

*WALTER J. BOWDEN 9—10

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by J. THOMAS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal of Steadman Caters 'in hand.'

**LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. —
SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ISLEWORTH.**

The Southern District of the above association held another successful meeting at All Saints', Isleworth, on Saturday last. The fine ring of eight by Taylor's, were set going shortly after 3 p.m., and ringing continued until tea-time. A pleasant interval was spent at the 'London Apprentice,' and the excellent tea was much appreciated. The business meeting was afterwards held, and this over, Mr. F. G. T. A. Goddard's handbells were made use of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters being rung.

The tower was again visited, and further ringing indulged in. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich, and Cambridge Major.

The attendance was very good, and it was pleasing to note the number of visitors especially from the Middlesex Association. Ringers were present from Bath, Battersea, Chelsea, Camberwell, Coggeshall, Ealing, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Heston, Isleworth, Lambeth, Ludlow, Old Windsor, Rehampton, Thames Ditton, Walton-on-Thames and Willesden. Four ladies were present: Miss Baker (Hillingdon), Miss Moss (Uxbridge), Miss N. Shorter (Walton-on-Thames) Miss Williams (Bath).

At the conclusion of the ringing a social hour was spent at the 'London Apprentice,' and some tune ringing on handbells accomplished.

The very best thanks of all who attended were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to that sturdy veteran, Mr. Tom Beadle, for extending such a hearty welcome to the association.

The next meeting is at All Saints', Fulham on Saturday, Oct. 27th, when the beautiful peal of ten will be at the service of the members from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.

ROWLEY REGIS RESTORATION.

DEDICATION OF CHURCH, TOWER, CLOCK AND BELLS.

It was a great day for Rowley Regis, the 'Black Country' parish, near Birmingham, on Saturday, Sept. 29th, the occasion being the completion and opening of the new church, together with the tower, clock and bells.

The church was burnt down in June, 1913, but the tower and bells escaped. The tower, however, was afterwards found to be unsafe, and was taken down. So Rowley was without a church, until the present Vicar, Lieut.-Col. the Rev. F. J. Cheverton was appointed to the living about two years ago. He at once set to work with a committee to rebuild the church at the cost of over £14,000 and this great undertaking has now been completed.

The bells, a ring of eight, with the tenor about 13 cwt., have been installed by Mr. J. E. Groves. Modern fittings, cast-iron headstocks, dust-proof ball bearings, have been provided, and the bells hung in a frame of steel H sections, on rolled steel joists. The steel joists were built in the tower walls during the progress of the building and are fixed some three feet above a 7in. concrete floor. The result is a most excellent and up-to-date job, and no bells could possibly go better. This work has been carried out without taking the bells away from the church.

Not half the people who assembled for the dedication could be accommodated in the church the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Birmingham. On the Sunday evening the crowd was even greater. The collections on both days amounted to £320 but in spite of this excellent addition to the funds much more is still needed, and contributions may be sent to the Vicar or to Mr. Albert Parsons, Old Hill, Staffs.

The first church at Rowley Regis, dedicated to St. Giles, was erected in the reign of King John, between A.D. 1199 and 1216. In 1840 a much larger edifice was erected in its stead but the tower remained. The tower was eventually rebuilt in 1858. The church was rebuilt in 1904, but the new tower remained until the fire, caused by political incendiaries, in 1913.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £11 17s.: Worcestershire Association, Southern branch meeting at Badsey, per Mr. J. Hemming, 14s.: K. P., Cradley Heath, 2s. 6d. Further contributions will be gratefully received by Mr. A. E. Parsons, 'Elma,' Beauty Bank, Old Hill, Staffs.

RINGERS WEDDED.

MR. R. F. DEAL AND MISS E. TONGE.

Another wedding between ringers has taken place, the marriage having been celebrated at Miles Platting, Manchester on Tuesday, October 16th of Mr. Richard F. Deal, now residing in London, and Miss Emma Tonge, a member of the band at Miles Platting Church. Mr. Deal who, after some time spent in Australia, returned after service in the war, to Manchester, and did a great deal of ringing in the North. His bride has done yeoman service in her own tower, and both will be missed in Lancashire ringing circles.

The wedding was celebrated by a peal of Stedman Triples at Miles Platting, and the band, with other ringing friends, were afterwards entertained to supper by the bridegroom.

Mr. W. Brown spoke in eulogistic terms of the services rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Deal, and the 'Health of the Bride and Bridegroom' was proposed in a felicitous speech by Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and supported by Mr. W. H. Cooper.

It is proposed to present the happy pair with an illuminated address to mark the auspicious event, and to show the appreciation of his friends of the services rendered to ringing by Mr. Deal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the South-West District was held at Heston on Saturday, October 13th. The bells were kept going from 3.30 till 5 p.m. with various touches, and a service was then held conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Wilkinson), with his daughter presiding at the organ. The service was very bright, thanks largely to a band of young ringers from Stoke Poges, under the tuition of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, and the scout band from Old Windsor, under the guidance of Mr. W. Welling (Scoutmaster pro tem.), whose voices helped considerably with the singing.

After service tea was served in the Parish Hall, when over 40 sat down to a sumptuous repast, with the Vicar presiding.—The hon. sec. and Ringing Master offered a hearty welcome to the visitors, who are always welcome at these meetings.

At the business meeting which followed, the usual vote of thanks was accorded to all who had assisted in making the meeting such a success, after which another visit was paid to the tower where standard methods were practised till 9 p.m.

St. Paul's tower, Hounslow, was open after tea, and a good many took the advantage of having a pull on these bells. During the evening the attendance increased to over 50.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of St. Paul's for allowing the use of the bells, and to Mr. C. Tricker, steeplekeeper. The meeting proved a most enjoyable and pleasant one.

MACCLESFIELD'S NEW BELLS.

' OPEN ' RINGING MEETING.

An open day for ringers at Macclesfield, where the bells have just been increased to twelve, was held on Oct. 13th and a great day it proved to be. There were about 120 ringers present, including several ladies, from Cheshire, Lancashire, Derbyshire, Staffordshire and Yorkshire, and Mr. E. H. Lewis of Glasgow, who happened to be coming south for a few days' holiday. Ringing started at 2 o'clock, and continued until 5 p.m., when an adjournment was made to the school for tea, kindly provided by the church officials, and prepared by the ladies connected with the ringers' stall. The Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Stevons), the warden and other church officials were present to welcome the visitors. After tea the Vicar expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of extending a welcome to the ringers on behalf of the parish. Macclesfield was honoured by the presence of more than a hundred men skilled in the art of ringing from five counties and his own church officers and ringers were grateful for the spirit of comradeship which had drawn together so many enthusiasts to give a fuller demonstration of the qualities of the new peal. They had suffered loss through the enforced silence of the Parish Church bells, but now they felt that great occasions would be worthily commemorated by the ringing of this peal which, though it had cost so much, was a great asset to their noble church.

Mr. H. Fairclough, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, responded on behalf of the visitors, and proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and church officials for their invitation, and to the ladies for providing tea.

Mr. J. W. Washbrook said Macclesfield ought to be proud of their bells, which, for their weight, could not be beaten. — One of the ringers from Oldham also expressed his pleasure with the bells, and Mr. E. H. Lewis and Mr. J. Norbury, conductor of the local company, also made a few remarks.

The Secretary had a letter from Mr. Pryce Taylor expressing his regret at not being able to be present, as he had caught a chill, and had to spend a few days in bed.

Afterwards the bells were kept going until 9.30 by different bands, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters and Cinques, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus, and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung during the day.

When parting time came the visitors went away expressing the pleasure they had derived from their visit to Macclesfield and ringing on the first peal of twelve in the county. All were loud in their praise of the tone and 'go' of the bells.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

' OVERLAPPING ' DISCUSSED.

A most successful and well-attended quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Badsey on Saturday, Oct. 13th. Opportunities for eight-bell ringing being somewhat limited in the district, those present made full use of the octave at their disposal throughout the afternoon and evening, and quite a number of members rang their first touch in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise. Service was held in the Parish Church the association's special form of service being used. Taking for his text Psalm xix, 3, 'There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard,' the Vicar, the Rev. W. C. Allsbrook, gave a most interesting and original address.

A collection for Rowley Regis Bell Restoration Fund realised 14s.

Tea, provided through the generosity of several Badsey friends, was partaken of in the Old Schools, and at the subsequent business meeting, the Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton), Messrs. J. Sladden and J. Pethard (churchwardens), and Mr. C. A. Binyon.

Several new members were elected and it was decided to accept the invitation of the Rev. H. B. S. Fowler to hold the next meeting at Elmley Castle.

It was also decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Badsey with as many of the local band as possible.

The question of 'overlapping' was open to debate, and was responsible for an animated discussion. Several members expressed their views, the result being that the 'districts' members expressed renewed confidence in the association.

Heartly votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, and presiding at the meeting; the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice and the churchwardens for their presence; to the donors of the tea, and the ladies who so ably attended to the tables; and to Messrs. C. A. Binyon and J. Pethard for the work they had done in connection with the meeting were carried with applause. — These gentlemen briefly replied, Mr. J. Sladden expressing the hope that the next visit of the association to Badsey would be in the summer, when he should be pleased to provide tea on his lawn. In this connection it is most refreshing and encouraging to note the increasing interest taken in ringing activities by the various incumbents and churchwardens, evidence of which was well to the fore at this meeting.

In addition to ringers from the branch towers, visitors were present from Worcester, Upton-on-Severn, Madresfield, Malvern, Wootton Waven and Ilmington.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Eleven peals were attempted during the Sussex tour and ten were successful, viz.: Triples 1 Major 6 Caters 2 and Royal 1. Details will be published in our next issue.

The method rung as Rochester Surprise by the band at Leiston is not, after all, a new method. It is Lancashire Surprise, by Mr. Arthur Craven, and was first published in 1907. It was subsequently published under the name of Leek Surprise, and withdrawn when Mr. Craven's prior claim was made known.

The College Youths set out for something of a 'field day' in peal ringing on Saturday. It had been hoped to arrange four twelve-bell peals at four different churches by four different bands. Only three twelve-bell towers were, however, obtainable and, therefore, one ten-bell tower was substituted.

But the result was not all that could be desired, and only one peal was successful, Stedman Cinques being rung at Southwark, as recorded elsewhere. Young Ted Horrex was in this peal.

At Bow, Cheapside, Treble Twelve was lost after about an hour; at Stepney one of the band had to give up, but the worst luck of all was experienced at Cripplegate, where Treble Twelve 'went west' after about four hours' ringing!

How easy it is to make a slip in a footnote to a peal without careful research, is again illustrated by the fact that in sending the report of the handbell peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Ipswich, Mr. G. E. Symonds said the only other peal in method rung on handbells in the county was that at Ipswich on January 30th 1890. He entirely overlooked the three peals rung at Leiston in 1920, and conducted by Mr. C. F. Bailey.

In this connection it is interesting to note that the first double-handed handbell peal ever rung was Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sheffield on October 30th, 1811.

On Oct. 31st 1791, a peal of 7,002 'Grandsire Quarters' was rung at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge.

'Parish ringers' of Dartford rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on Oct. 30th, 1749—a good performance in those days when 'local hands' of change ringers were few and far between.

St. Paul's Cathedral bells were opened 45 years ago—on Nov. 1st, 1878.

Ringers are invited to an 'open' day at Derby on Nov. 3rd, when the bells of St. Andrew's now augmented to ten, will be available.

The report of a peal at Deekleburgh has been sent without the date.

DEATH OF MR. J. WHITAKER, OF HEADINGLEY.

A LINK WITH GIANTS OF THE PAST.

The Exercise has lost by the death of Mr. John Whitaker, of Headingley, Leeds, a link with the giants of the past. The deceased was born in Leeds in the year 1842, and took up change ringing at the age of 17, at the Parish Church of Burley, Leeds, soon after the light peal of six were installed there in 1854. He began to have higher ambitions, however, and soon became a familiar figure at Leeds Parish Church, in company with such celebrities as the Snowdon brothers, Messrs. J. and T. Lockwood and Henry Hubbard, senr., who were then attached to that tower, and it was during this time that Mr. Whitaker took part in what was probably the only peal of Treble Bob Maximus ever rung with the back bells in the titium position. Mr. Whitaker also conducted the first peal of Double Norwich in Leeds in the year 1894, and about this time was associated with Messrs. H. Williams, the Brothers Thackray and A. Craven, in making history locally, by taking part in the first handbell peals in the district of Grandsire, Bob Major, Canterbury Pleasure, and Kent Treble Bob. His genial disposition and enthusiasm caused him to be in great request among ringers, and every tower in Leeds has benefited by many hours spent in trying to encourage young ringers, and helping older ringers in more advanced methods.

His interest in ringing continued up to the last, he being a constant ringer at St. Michael's, Headingley, until Sunday, Oct. 7th, when arrangements were made to ring a quarter-peal of Double Norwich in honour of his 81st birthday. Before that date, however, the remains of a previous attack of influenza asserted itself, and he passed away on Friday, October 12th, after a short, but severe attack of bronchial pneumonia.

The funeral took place on Tuesday, October 16th, the service at Burley Parish Church and at Lawnswood Cemetery (where the interment took place) was conducted by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, the President of the Yorkshire Association. A plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. G. B. Bolland, J. Thackray, P. J. Johnson and G. Robinson. Half-muffled ringing in various methods took place at St. Chad's, Far Headingley, in the evening, while his colleagues at St. Michael's rang a half-muffled peal of Double Norwich, which will be found recorded in its proper place, to the memory of a dear old friend and comrade, whose kind and genial disposition endeared him to a large circle of friends. Mr. Whitaker took part in 67 peals for the Yorkshire Association, and his death leaves the Exercise the poorer, by the loss of so enthusiastic and sound a ringer.

P. J. J.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL BELLS.

DEDICATION OF THE NEW TREBLES BY THE ARCHBISHOP.

Canterbury Cathedral is now in full possession of a peal of twelve bells, the two trebles which have been added, at a cost of about £250, as a memorial to the members of the Kent County Association who fell in the war having been dedicated by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The augmentation has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have made a most excellent splice.

About a hundred ringers assembled for the dedication, which was performed after evensong on Saturday week. The service was simple but impressive, and will long be remembered by those privileged to take part in it. The surpliced clergy present, in addition to the Primate, were the Dean of Canterbury, Dr. S. Bickersteth (Vice-Dean), Dr. A. W. Robinson, Minor Canons F. J. O. Helmore (Precentor and hon. secretary of the Kent County Association), A. H. Partridge (Sacrist), and R. J. W. H. Potter, the Rev. C. Eveleigh Woodruff, and the Rev. Henry de Candole (Domestic Chaplain). Dr. C. Charlton Palmer (Cathedral organist) presided at a small organ placed by one of the pillars, and the Cathedral choir was also present.

'Soldiers of Christ, arise,' was sung as a processional hymn, and the Archbishop read opening sentences from the service of the Burial of the Dead. After Psalm xxiii. had been chanted, the Dean read prayers, including one that they might be worthy of those who had given their lives for their country. His Grace dedicated the bells in the following words: 'In the faith of Jesus Christ, we dedicate these bells to the glory of God and in memory of those members of the Kent County Association of Change Ringers who fell in the great war, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.—Amen.' The Precentor having read a prayer for the work of the association, a few rounds were rung on the twelve bells. The Archbishop's address was preceded by the ringers' hymn 'Unchanging God Who livest.'

THE CATHEDRAL BELLS.

Nothing that we do, said the Archbishop, in this, the noblest of our cathedrals, could fail to have historical significance. Nearly every great episode in English history from Saxon days to our own had in some way or other a mark there or connection with those witness-walls. We knew a good deal about the bells which were successively hung or rehung there in centuries gone by. Association with the bells belonged to not a few of the great names connected with our church history. Dunstan, Ernuif, Wibert, Eastry, Arundel, and Chillenden were all of them to do with our bells and their placing or replacing there. If we looked at the dates of the various bell incidents, especially in the eleventh, fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, it would be difficult to connect with great public events what was done there in that steeple. And so it was in every way right and in every way natural that in connection with the great war our bells should be handled and dealt with afresh. Never were they in more competent hands; never were they under a keener or wiser control than now. We rejoiced to think that the bells to-day augmented should carry over the centuries to come a reminder not merely of the great war—wherein among our English Cathedrals, Canterbury, of course, was closest to the fighting line—but also of the memory of those Kentish men and men of Kent who, belonging to our association, gave their lives in the great war for the cause of honour, liberty and truth.

ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—Mr. C. F. Good asks for some ideas about ringing on Armistice Day: here is one. Now that the time for service has been fixed for 10.30 or 10.45 I would suggest that the bells be rung open for service, and that a short pause take place in the service about five minutes to 11, say, after the singing of a hymn and during the pause the bells be rung 11 rounds with the clappers muffled at back stroke, finishing as near 11 as possible (not later). Then ring 'open' for about half an hour after the service is finished.—Yours truly,
Scarborough. BELLRINGER.

NOT A DAY FOR GLOOM.

Dear Sir.—Your correspondent, Mr. C. F. Good, raises a question that up to now has never been thrashed out in your columns. In past years a letter has appeared suggesting that bells should be rung muffled, and some towers have carried out the suggestion and at others peals have been rung muffled by visitors to the towers. Where this has been done by the expressed wish of the incumbent (who has the power at all times to direct how the bells shall be rung) I have nothing to say, but apart from this I hope the day may never come when Armistice Day will be kept with that solemnity and gloom always associated with muffled bells.

There is a tendency to turn what should be a happy and joyful

'You know,' went on His Grace, 'that by adding these two bells we have reached the maximum, I believe, of the equipment which any belfry can usefully hold for the highest development of our change ringing. We have learnt better in the last 50 years than ever before how to use our bells to their fullest power of harmony, of beauty and of suggestion. When they sound out over our old city and the hills which encircle it, the familiar message will now be enriched by new thoughts and new associations as we recall the brave men, some 56 in number, who, belonging to our association, ringers in our Kentish parishes, gave their lives.'

AN OFFICE OF HIGH TRUST AND PRIVILEGE.

The office of bell ringer, continued the Primate, was one of high trust and privilege and of great responsibility. He rejoiced to see so many there that day, and he wished them godspeed. To every thoughtful man, whether he was a musician or not, bells had a glamour and a meaning. Some present would recall the strong voice of Ruskin, who, after dealing with music in its various forms, said, 'I have fallen back on the most sacred of all musical instruments—the bell. Whether the cattle bell of the hills or from the cathedral tower, monitor of men, I believe the sweetness of its prolonged tones to be the most delightful and helpful for the ear and mind of all instrumental sound.' At some periods of our history, bells—church bells among them—had a special, practical and simple use as a means of spreading the news of great happenings in our lives—victories, the births or deaths of princes, or common danger. To some extent that was still done, and even now bells had the power, as nothing else had, of making us, a great multitude scattered over a large area, sharers of the same emotions as others—joy or sorrow, sympathy or gratulation, thanksgiving or hope. They rejoiced in that solemn dedication, and felt that it not only meant something to themselves, but was also an added inspiration to the ringers. They rejoiced in gratitude and hope, trusting that it would come into their common weekday life, and bid them thank God and take courage.

The hymn, 'Ten thousand times ten thousand,' was followed by the Blessing.

Subsequently the Precentor entertained the members of the Association present to tea at Gaywood's Rooms.

The company included four of the six district secretaries—Messrs. T. Groombridge (Lewisham), C. Tribe (Ashford), F. Mitchell (Rochester), and E. Buesden (Canterbury). Mr. A. A. Hughes represented the founders, and Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, W. D. Smith and J. Rowbottom, of the College Youths, were also present.

A vote of thanks to the host was proposed by Mr. F. White (Tunbridge Wells), Minor Canon Helmore suitably replying.

The members of the Cathedral company of ringers who rang the bells at the dedication were Messrs. W. Andrews 1, E. Buesden 2, F. Brett 3, C. Brett 4, H. Fairbrass 5, P. J. Payne 6, G. Jenkins 7, F. Jenkins 8, F. Fairbeard 9, A. Andrews 10, M. Pierce 11, and G. Simpson 12. Ringing continued on the twelve bells until after 8 p.m.

The new treble bell has the following inscription: 'A.D. 1923, Kent County Association of Change Ringers. To the Glory of God, and in memory of the members who fell in the great war, 1914-1918.'

The second has the date of casting and the initials K. C. A. C. R., 1914-1918.

anniversary into a second Good Friday. Why should this be? On Good Friday we commemorate a death: the death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. On Armistice Day we commemorate the day when the greatest war in history came to an end, surely a cause for joy and thankfulness to millions, and especially to all those serving their country, on sea and land, and in the air; whether they were in front line trenches, cold, and muddy and wet; back in rest billets waiting their turn to 'go up,' or here in England training for the business to be done 'over there.'

I remember the excitement of the day well. The battalion I was with was a new formation a 'Tanks' Bridging Battalion, one of three who were due to go overseas in a month's time. They were largely made up of men who had 'had some,' and didn't want any more. What a happy day that first Armistice Day was for them! The band paraded the town in the afternoon, and the men danced in the streets, and there was no one to say them 'nay.'

His Majesty has ordained that a two minutes' silence shall be kept at 11 o'clock on that day in memory of those who fell and how impressive that is taking place, as it does, in the midst of our ordinary work-a-day life. How much it would lose if we kept the whole day in the same spirit!

November 11th is a happy anniversary, and should be kept as such, always remembering the fallen by those solemn two minutes at 11 o'clock. Others will have other views, and I will respect them, but these are mine, and I am not ashamed of them: therefore, I will sign myself.—Yours truly,
W. A. CAVE.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

RECORD GATHERING AND INTERESTING PROCEEDINGS AT BRAINTREE.

On Saturday, October 20th a meeting of the Northern Division of the Essex Association was held at Braintree, and proved what is believed to be a record in attendance for a district meeting in the county. There were 80 members present from Bocking, Braintree, Dunmow, Witham, Stebbing, Rayne, Malden, Sible Hedingham, Belchampt St. Paul, Saffron Walden, Writtle, Cavendish, Felsted, Springfield, Boreham, Chelmsford, Feering, Black Notley, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Heybridge, Stisted, Kelvedon.

Service was held at Braintree Parish Church in the afternoon, the Rev. D. B. Barclay (Vicar) officiating, the ringers' service being used. The lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, J.P. Master of the Association. An address was given by the Rev. A. Negus, Rector of Great Leighs, from the words, 'Let us praise famous men . . . such as found out musical tunes.' He spoke of the perfect music of the full-toned bell, and said people in England had reason to be proud of their bells. Bell ringing as an art was peculiar to England. The preacher spoke of the good work continually rendered by the thousand members of the Essex Association in regularly summoning people to church all over the county. The men who pulled the bells were ought of sight, but the work they undertook gave great joy in big cities and small towns and villages all over the country.

Tea followed at the Masonic Hall, kindly provided by the Master of the Essex Association who presided, supported by the Rev. A. Negus, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (former secretary to the Essex Association), the Rev. J. A. Evans (Sible Hedingham), the Rev. R. Williams, Braintree; Mr. F. J. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) secretary of the Association; Mr. F. Dench, secretary of the North-Eastern Division; Mr. P. Timson, secretary of the South-Eastern Division; and Mr. W. H. Dyson, Master of the Northern Division.

The Master thanked the Rector of Great Leighs for his appropriate address, and mentioned that Great Leighs possessed a nice ring of five bells, believed to be a maiden peal by Miles Gray.—The Rector replied, and congratulated the Essex Association on having such an enthusiastic Master and the Master such keen colleagues.

INTERESTING REUNION.

Mr. W. H. Dyson, Master and hon. secretary to the Northern Division, said the goodly attendance of 80 members was a record for a district meeting in Essex and he welcomed visitors from the Malden and Chelmsford and other areas. As his term of office as District Master was finished he was gratified to find such a good meeting at Braintree during that term. That meeting was interesting, because it was the first time for 45 years that the three surviving original members of the Braintree company had come together—Messrs. F. Rudkin, T. Edwards and W. H. Dyson. Mr. Edwards had retired from ringing, but Mr. Rudkin turned up to ring occasionally. Change ringing was first introduced to Braintree Church tower on Whit Sunday, 1879. Some little misunderstanding arose, and the ringers were banned from Braintree Church tower, and they exercised their art at Bocking Church. There was a vacancy in the living, and the Rev. J. E. Seaman took charge of Braintree, and proved a great friend to the ringers. A number of young fellows used to ring 'Churchyard Bob' on the Braintree Church bells. A meeting was held at the vestry, at which the wardens, Messrs. J. Rust and R. Crickmore, were very favourable towards the ringers and change ringing was revived. On Whit Monday 1879 the Essex Association was formed at Writtle, and Messrs. Rudkin, Edwards and Dyson went from Braintree to help to form it, and those three original members of the Essex Association were present that day (applause).

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre: And I was there also (hear, hear).

Mr. Dyson said change ringing progressed in Braintree, which became known in the country as ringing a great variety of six-bell methods. In those days there were no cycles or motors and people used to walk long distances to ring. Mr. T. Barker and others used to walk seven miles each way from Stebbing to ring at Braintree, and Mr. S. Hammond used to walk ten miles from Braintree to Great Tey to get a ring on the eight bells there. Members of the College Youths used to visit Braintree for ringing. In 1884 Mr. F. Rudkin conducted a peal in 14 methods on six bells at Braintree, and this was the first six-bell peal recorded in the College Youths' peal book (hear, hear).

MR. HOWARD'S SERVICES TO ESSEX RINGING.

Feering and Halstead were proposed for the next meeting-place, and on a vote Halstead was carried by 19 to 11.—The Master reported that Mr. W. H. Dyson was secretary and Master of the Northern Division and he was willing to continue either office.—Mr. L. W. Wiffon (Braintree) was elected Master, and Mr. W. H. Dyson secretary.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed thanks to the Vicar of Braintree for the use of the bells and arranging the service to Miss Williams for playing the organ, and to the Braintree members for the kind welcome.—The Rev. R. Williams suitably responded.

Mr. F. J. Pitstow proposed thanks to Mr. C. H. Howard for his hospitality in providing the tea, and said it was hardly appreciated

the great work Mr. Howard did for the County Ringers' Association. They would never find another Master like him who could give the time to attend meetings as he did in all parts of the county. In hundred years' time people would read about what Mr. Howard had done during his long term of office for ringing in Essex. Mr. Pitstow said Mr. Howard was continually advocating the augmentation of bells in other parishes, and he suggested that two new trebles should be added to the Braintree ring of eight, and that Mr. Howard's name should be inscribed on one of the new bells (hear, hear).

Mr. C. H. Howard, in reply, said he appreciated the large attendance of members at that meeting as a compliment to Braintree. Braintree was not an extraordinary place for ringing but it was on the map (laughter), and it had eight bells, and the local ringers performed their duties in the right spirit. The Master said he would bear in mind Mr. Pitstow's suggestion to add two more new bells to Braintree tower. He remembered when the last two bells were added to the ring to celebrate the 700th anniversary of Braintree Church in 1899 and those bells were hung and paid for six months before the dedication festival, although it had been said he would never get the money for them (laughter). The Master went on to speak of former big meetings of ringers at Halstead and Kelvedon, and said the interest now shown augured well for the future Essex Association. The bells at Methersfield Church, which had been on the floor five or six years were now to be rehung, and he hoped they would also be retuned and he heard again. Other rehangers were going on, and at a church a few miles from Braintree it was possible a new treble would be added to the ring of five. There would not have been so many augmentations of bells in the county in recent years but for the Essex Association, the officers of which were generally consulted when such works were contemplated (applause).

In the evening the bells of the Braintree and Bocking Churches were rung in the following methods: Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grand-sire Triples.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR.

'A WONDERFUL PRODUCTION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should like, with your permission, to congratulate the Rev. E. Bankes James on his peal of Cambridge Minor. It is a wonderful production even for a master mind. It is difficult to see how even the most bigoted purist can find a fault. If rounds is taken as the initial change of the first 720, each extent is complete without repetition. The fact that the rows 123456 are not 720 changes distant from each other does not affect the purity of the composition. In any peal of Minor rows are bound to repeat in a succeeding extent before 720 changes have been rung, and as a row, rounds is no different to any other.—Yours faithfully,

Sunderland,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

A SILVER WEDDING.

PRESENTATION TO MR. AND MRS. TOM GOFTON.

On Monday night, October 8th, the ringers of St. Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, met to do honour to their conductor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Gofton. The occasion was their silver wedding, and a presentation was made to them, consisting of a beautiful hanging clock, which strikes the Cambridge chimes and the hour on delightfully toned gongs. Mr. George Holmes, who made the presentation, on behalf of the ringers, eulogised Mr. Gofton as a master ringer, teacher and conductor and mentioned the good friendship which Mr. Gofton always maintained with the whole band how he welcomed visitors, and the care and patience which he exhibited in the teaching of new young ringers. The progress of the members of the bell-ringing in the many difficult peals which they have rung, had been due chiefly to the ambition and hard work of their conductor. Mr. Holmes also referred to the excellent qualities of Mrs. Gofton, who had been honoured and esteemed not only by the ringers, but by the whole district inasmuch as over four years ago she was elected unopposed as the first and only lady member of the local District Council, a position which she still holds to-day, with credit to herself and the entire satisfaction of her electors. Mrs. Gofton entered whole-heartedly into her husband's hobby and gave him every encouragement in the art.

Mr. Gofton who is a man of few words, but immediate action, suitably replied, and was splendidly backed up by his entertaining wife.

BONVILSTON.—For harvest festival, for evening service, at the Parish Church, on Oct. 17th a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: E. John 1, W. Samuel 2, E. Thomas 3, A. Flannington junr., 4, E. Coles (conductor) 5, H. E. Coles 6. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st and 6th, and first quarter-peal as conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at St. Mary's Church (harvest festival). 720 of Wells and London Surprise Spliced (ordinary calling 9 bobs): Alice Wheeldon 1, W. Wheeldon, junr., 2, C. Preston 3, Alice Preston 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheeldon (conductor) 6. First in the district. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob, 720 and 300 Plain Bob: H. Billings, C. Bowen and Nigel Birch taking their share in what was a most successful day's ringing.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. Stockford 1, C. Yates 2, A. Turner 3, R. Asplin 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5.

ACON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Brown 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, S. D. Breeze 3, P. Lane (first quarter of Stedman) 4, Robt. Holloway 5, E. W. Coulson 6, H. W. Hoad 7, E. Easton 8. Arranged for Mr. P. Lane, of Ludlow, and Mr. Hoad, of Robertsbridge. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence 1, P. Lane 2, W. H. Hoad (conductor) 3, C. E. Lankester 4, Robt. Fardon 5, H. Wincote 6, E. W. Coulson 7, S. D. Breeze 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for evening service at St. Mary's, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, W. Tate 4, P. W. Cave 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding senr. (conductor) 8. Also for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples, and 224 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, P. W. Cave 4, W. Tate 5, G. Norris (Heene, Worthing) 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

EXHALL, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th at the Parish Church, for evening service, 480 Grandsire Doubles: Wilf. Barnett 1, A. Plackett 2, C. G. Bates 3, W. Smith 4, D. Ellender (conductor) 5, G. Rabbone 6. Longest touch inside by ringer of the 2nd; also longest by the tenor ringer.

DEVIZES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 7th, for the harvest festival service, 720 Bob Minor: W. A. Swift 1, C. D. Heginbotham 2, S. Hillier 3, G. England 4, H. Taylor (conductor, Melksham) 5, F. Green 6.—On Oct. 8th for organ recital service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Greenland 1, Miss F. Rowe 2, W. A. Swift 3, F. Green 4, S. Hillier (conductor) 5, L. Swift 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, for the dedication service of St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by H. G. Rowe Cheshunt (1,260 changes): E. Watkins 1, J. Eagles 2, R. H. Stevens 3, J. Binfield 4, C. B. Walker 5, H. J. Saunders 6, C. Turner (conductor) 7, G. Godfrey 8. The above was also rung as a farewell to the ringer of the treble who is sailing for Australia.

FULHAM.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, at All Saints' Church, 1,320 Kent Treble Bob Royal: A. E. Wilkins 1, W. H. Wood 2, J. A. Trollope 3, W. H. Hollier 4, A. Culmore 5, F. Skevington 6, G. C. Hes 7, A. Coles 8, A. Harding 9, J. W. Driver (conductor) 10.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 7th, for harvest thanksgiving at St. Andrew's Church, 630 Grandsire Triples: D. Phillips 1, E. Sitch 2, J. Sitch 3, A. Rolph 4, J. G. Mackdougall 5, J. Bone 6, J. Dale (conductor) 7, E. Riseley 8. After service, 163 Bob Minor.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Southwark to St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples prior to evening service: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, E. J. Harding, junr., 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor) 7, F. W. Rogers 8. Also after the service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. R. Taylor 1, F. A. Cluett 2, J. J. Symons 3, F. W. Rogers 4, J. D. Harris (conductor) 5, W. Tate 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. White 1, J. Scar 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, *A. Butcher 4, A. Vickers 5, *J. Arnold 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, F. Buttrum 8. * First quarter-peal.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for the harvest festival, 1,082 Stedman Triples: S. J. Holt 1, W. Niblett 2, C. Camm 3, G. Hinton, junr., 4, W. Lewis 5, J. J. Jefferies 6, W. Page (conductor) 7, W. Edgington 8.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, previous to evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: H. Beard 1, A. Dollings 2, N. Wiles 3, L. Turner 4, A. Beard 5, P. Inskip (conductor) 6.—Also 720 Bob Minor: W. Francis 1, A. Dollings 2, N. Wiles 3, A. Beard 4, P. Inskip 5, L. Turner (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to late Churchwarden Mr. W. Folkes.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival services, 720 Double Court: C. R. T. Morris 1, G. E. Wightman 2, L. H. Hoff 3, E. Plummer 4, E. Wightman 5, C. R. Morris 6.—Also 720 Kent Treble Bob standing as above.—720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Plummer 1, G. E. Wightman 2, L. H. Hoff 3, W. Shute 4, E. Wightman 5, C. R. Morris 6. Also 360 Bob Minor: C. R. T. Morris 1. All conducted by E. Wightman.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE APPEAL FOR TWELVE BELLS AT THE CATHEDRAL.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Old Bolingbroke on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Members attended from Benington, Butterwick, Croft, Frampton, Freiston, Stickney and Wrangle. The Rev. H. Law James, Ringing Master of the Guild was present, as was also Mr. G. Ladd, hon. secretary Eiloe Deaneries Branch, the former having cycled from Surfleet, and the latter from Pinchbeck, two miles further. A short service was held, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. E. C. Pain. Tea was partaken of at the Duke's Head Inn. Following this the usual business meeting was held, the Rector being voted to the chair.

The Rev. H. Law James again spoke very strongly on the matter of raising funds for placing four new trebles to the existing ring of eight in St. Hugh's tower of Lincoln Cathedral, to the memory of those members of the Guild who gave their lives in the great war, and in connection therewith the secretary was instructed to issue collecting cards to all towers where there are members of the branch.

Frampton was unanimously chosen as the place for the next meeting (the annual meeting).

The Rector was heartily thanked for the use of the bells, for his able address at the service, and for presiding over the business meeting. After the meeting the tower was again visited and the bells, a nice-toned peal of six in F sharp, one of the first to be tuned on the Simpson principle, were kept going in the following five and six-bell methods: Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. A course of Cambridge Surprise was also successfully brought round. Although only about 15 or 16 ringers were present, yet a very enjoyable meeting took place.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Archdeaconry of Huntingdon was held at Somersham on Saturday last, when members were present from Ramsey, Godmanchester, Chatteris, Cambridge, Dry Drayton, Newmarket, Sutton, Longstanton, Willingham, and the local ringers. Service was held in the church, with a short address by the Vicar, the Rev. H. P. D. Pinkey. Tea was served in the boys' room at the Vicarage.

At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar took the chair. A letter was read from the district secretary, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Longstanton, expressing regret at being unable to be present, through illness, and wishing the meeting every success. Mr. T. R. Dennis was, therefore, asked to act in his place.

The Rev. H. P. D. Pinkey was unanimously elected as hon. member and Messrs. J. Ransome and R. Lowe (Somersham) as ringing members.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Huntingdon in January next year.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and taking service, and Miss Pragnall (organist) concluded the meeting.

During the afternoon and evening touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and two 120's of Stedman Doubles were rung, many ringers getting their first touches in the various methods.

A BERKSHIRE AUGMENTATION.

On Saturday, October 13th, a new treble bell was dedicated at the Parish Church, Neasmore, Berks, to the memory of George Hedges, who had served the church as chorister for 55 years and bell ringer for 45 years, 32 years of which he was a member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and foreman of the local band. The ceremony took place at special evening at 3.30. The 19th Psalm was chanted, the first lesson being read by the Vicar of Cheysey, and the second lesson by the Rector of Welford. A procession then was formed, and headed by the crossbearer, marched to the tower, where the dedication ceremony was performed by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. A short peal was rung by the local band as the procession returned, and after the special prayers the ringers' hymn, 'Ring forth, holy bells,' was very heartily sung. The Master preached an especially appropriate sermon from the words, 'Thou mayest add thereto.' The preacher said that, like David, their dead friend was not permitted to see the completion of the work so near his heart. That was to be done after, as a memorial to him, who was a good English Churchman. During the singing of the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' a collection resulted in a considerable addition to the bell fund. Tea was served in the Church Room, the Rector (the Rev. C. L. Jeaves) and Miss Strange Brown, with many lady helpers providing a bountiful repast. The bells were kept going afterwards with touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles, Cambridge Treble Bob and Bob Minor. All were well pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells, which are now an exceptionally well-balanced and tuneful ring, with tenor 8 cwt. in B flat. Most of the towers in the Newbury Branch were represented, the hon. secretary (the Rev. E. W. Thorpe) and the general secretary of the Guild (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) being among those present.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have carried out the work, which included the provision of three large iron girders to sustain the weight of the bells, as the main beams showed signs of decay.

RUTLAND SURPRISE.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN.

In introducing this useful and musical method to the Exercise, I must first of all explain that it is one of the 'Cambridge' and 'Yorkshire' Surprise family, and is the outcome of my endeavours to clear the false rows and the adjoining places in 1-2 from these methods. I think an examination of the method rung at Bolsover will prove that I have been successful. The musical qualities are equal to those obtainable in such methods as Bob Major or Double Norwich. The bob is made in 4th's place. There is only one false course in Major with the tenors together, i.e., 24365 and when a bob Before is used the lead where this occurs is cut away. The method extends perfectly to any number of bells and in Royal and Maximus carries a clear proof with tenors together. I append the extension of the method to 10 and 12 bells, and recommend Surprise ringers to give it their attention, which I am certain they will not regret.

Major.	Royal.	Maximus.
12345678	1234567890	123456789012
21436587	2143658709	214365870912
12463857	1246385079	124638507912
21648375	2164830597	216483059712
26143857	2614385079	261438507912
62418375	6241830597	624183059712
26146735	2614603957	261460395712
62417855	6241083575	624108357597
64271835	6420183957	642018395797
46728153	4602819375	460281935797
47021835	4620189435	46201893957
74268153	4602817953	460281793575
47286513	4068271935	40682713957
74825631	6486729153	648672919375
47826513	4087621935	40682719735
74285631	0478289153	048652717953
72458361	4087296513	40867271935
27543816	0476825631	048672729153
72548361	074826513	064767021935
27453816	7094285631	607478269153
72455186	0792458361	064787296513
27341566	7028643816	607478925631
23745186	7205948361	60749826513
32471568	2750483816	60794285631
34217586	7205439186	67092458361
43125766	2750341968	769025435616
34215678	7253049186	67290548361
43125587	2735401968	76295043816
41525678	2574510986	67920543186
14236587	3247159088	76295034186
41263857	2374519608	72539304186
14628375	3247156980	2753940168
14263857	3421786608	72536491088
	4312576980	27354191068
	3421567890	72536491608
	4312658709	2735419680
	4132567890	2374519680
	1423658709	3247159680
	4126385079	3247159680
	1462830597	3421789680
	1426385079	4312576980
		3421567890
		4312658709
		4132567890
		1423658709
		1426385079
		1462830597
		1426385079

5280 Changes.

23456	M	B	W	H
42356	—	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—
24565	—	—	—	—
32465	—	—	—	—
43265	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—

Twice repeated.

This peal contains the 4th, 5th and 6th, the full combinations in 5-6, with the 2nd never there, and the 3rd never in 6th's place at a course end. First peal rung in the method, October 15th, 1923, at Bolsover, Derby. Conducted by John Flint.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Eyyerning, Essex, on October 17th, a quarter-peal of Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. A. P. Lucas, a well-known England and county cricketer, twenty years churchwarden at St. Mary's, who was interred earlier in the day: 720 Kent Treble Bob, 504 Oxford Treble Bob, 36 Plain Bob: L. Camp 1, E. Sitch 2, C. Harrington 3, G. Camp 4, G. Rogers 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS—Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, F. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for October. — St. Clement Danes, 29th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec: pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held: t Lewisham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. It is hoped there will be a good muster, as there is important business on the agenda.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual Festival will be held at Darlington on Saturday, October 27th. Committee meeting at the King's Head Hotel at noon. Dinner at the same place at 2 p.m. Service at Holy Trinity Church at 1 o'clock. The bells of Darlington are available for ringing. Ringers are requested to meet at St. John's, where hands can be arranged for the different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A district meeting will be held at Litlington, Cambs, near Royston, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. In order that satisfactory arrangements may be made for tea those intending to be present should inform me by Oct. 24th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ratcliffe (Wollaton not being available) on Saturday, Oct. 27th. It is hoped all towers will be represented at this meeting to hear committee's report and other important business.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at South Shore, Holy Trinity, on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting at 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Two peal tablets will be unveiled by Canon H. J. Elsee. Service at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. Members and friends all welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The autumn meeting will be held at Elham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock; a short service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the local band. Will all those members intending to be present kindly write direct to the local secretary, Mr. F. Verney, St. Mary's Cottages, Elham? Half railway fares up to 2s. will be paid at this meeting. — E. G. Buesden, Hon. District Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The Southern District.—A meeting for practice will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at All Saints', Fulham. Ringing from 5 to 8 p.m. All ringers heartily welcomed. — Fred W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, Oct. 27th. Bells ready at 4 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec., Manchester Branch, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM. — Established 1755. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head, for those who advise me not later than Oct. 30th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided after service and business meeting following. Those who hope to attend for tea please let me know by the previous Tuesday. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. The usual allowance of half fares (maximum 2s.) will be paid at this meeting. Will all members intending to be present kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, Oct. 30th? — C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells from 2 till 9. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. George's Mission Hall at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 30th.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at St. James', Milnrow. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All are welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenbirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Short service, 4.45. Bells available afternoon and evening. Cordial invitation to all. — W. Ayre, Sec., School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 1923. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Edmonton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 1/- per head at 5.30, and those who require same must please advise me by Tuesday, Oct. 30th. All members and friends are welcome. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at an early date.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The Autumn meeting will be held at Leafield on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. Service with an address, 4 o'clock. Followed by a Meat Tea. Business meeting afterwards. All visitors welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 1923. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service, with an address by Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton, at 4.15. Tea provided by the Vicar (Rev. H. V. Williams) for all who notify Mr. P. Reynolds, The Hollow, Earl Shilton, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 30th. Business meeting in Schools after tea. All ringers welcome. Will members still owing subscriptions kindly let me have same at earliest convenience?—F. Colton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

DERBY.—On Saturday, Nov. 3rd, the bells of St. Andrew's Church, recently rehung and augmented to ten, will be open for ringing from 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. Short service, 4 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Social evening after ringing. All ringers heartily welcome. Tea will be provided in the Schools, at 1/- each, for those who will communicate, not later than Nov. 1st, with W. Wallace, Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 10th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL SOCIETY. — Practices will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 until further notice.—H. Hollick, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. James George has removed to 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

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DEATH OF MR. H. BROOKE.

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The death has taken place of Mr. H. Brooke, of Liversedge, who has passed away at the age of 67 years. Deceased who was well known in Yorkshire ringing circles, had won between 50 and 60 first prizes in tower bells and handbell contests. He had also been successful at Belle Vue, Manchester, with the Liversedge Albert handbell ringers. In these competitions he helped to secure five first prizes and three seconds. Among the many peals he had rung were five of Cumberland Exercise Major and five of Violet Treble Bob Major. One of his best performances was in September, 1891 when he won the first prize at Belle Vue, Manchester, handbell contest, and on the following day won the first prize with the Liversedge company at Almondbury on tower bells, an achievement he was always proud of.

The funeral took place on September 29th at Liversedge Parish Church, the bearers being seven of his ringing colleagues. Muffled ringing took place on Saturday, Oct. 13th, 2,688 changes being rung in 1 hr. and 45 mins. by the following: Ben Cooke 1, Sidney Goodall 2, Edward Crabtree 3, Walter Knott 4, F. Hodgson 5, Ernest Gatts 6, Edward Crowther (conductor) 7, Herbert Peel 8.

BISHOPSTOCK HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, for service in the evening, on the occasion of the harvest festival, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: E. Wilson 1, C. H. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Edwards 4, E. Ayliffe 5, G. Grant 6, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 7, C. Ayliffe 8.

ST. ALBANS.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Sept. 30th (harvest festival), for morning service, a quarter-peal of Sledman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Walklate 1, J. Blow 2, S. Lindsell 3, W. Little 4, J. Chatley 5, W. H. L. Buckingham 6, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 7, F. Beeson 8. First quarter-peal for the ringers of 2 and 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 51 mins.: C. Walklate 1, F. L. Whiteman 2, S. Lindsell 3, W. Little 4, J. Malyon 5, W. H. L. Buckingham 6, J. Chatley 7, H. E. C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.—On the eve of the harvest festival, an attempt for a peal of Sledman Triples, failing, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,230 changes), in 50 mins.: G. W. Debenham 1, T. J. Hull 2, H. E. C. Goodenough 3, W. Little 4, J. Malyon 5, W. H. L. Buckingham 6, J. Chatley 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—For the harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. W. Wright 1, R. Evans 2, B. J. Tober 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. Jones 6, D. R. James 7, C. Greeds 8.

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Unquestionably the anniversary of the conclusion of the most terrible war in history, is a day for rejoicing, but we cannot overlook the fact that the day is also a Day of Remembrance. We shall all go to our churches or our war shrines on that morning, filled with the thoughts of those brave dead, who gave everything, even life itself, for their country, and bells that ring for such a service would, we feel, not be in sympathy with the feeling of the moment unless they were half-muffled. At the conclusion of the service of remembrance, however, it is fitting that the spirit of rejoicing should prevail, for never, surely, in the world's history was there a moment which brought greater relief to millions of mankind than the hour of the Armistice. The strain of more than four years of war, with its suffering and anguish, was lifted, and it is with a feeling of thankfulness that we can celebrate the anniversary.

To adopt the suggestion made by the Durham and Newcastle Association, which other correspondents' letters support, will not tend to make the occasion the day of gloom, which Mr. Cave is desirous of avoiding, but in our view the least ringers can do as their contribution, publicly made to the celebration of the Day of Remembrance, is to ring the bells half-muffled for the service at which the most impressive feature of the anniversary will be observed. What we hope is that there will be unanimity of action, and that in every tower throughout the land the same practice will obtain. The opportunity of taking part in a national commemoration presents itself to ringers in a unique way on Armistice Day, and we trust it will not be lost. Associations might do as the Durham and Newcastle has done—give a lead to their towers in this matter. There is yet time.

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BIRMINGHAM.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 7
*WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	A. PADDON-SMITH 8
*ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	JAMES GEORGE 9
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 4	JOHN NEAL 10
JAMES E. GROVES 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11
BERNARD W. WITCHELL 6	ALBERT WALKER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.
Rung to commemorate the octo-centenary of the dedication of that great national treasure, Tewkesbury Abbey. Mr. Barnett is from Crayford, Kent, and Mr. Pegler from Bangor, North Wales. * First peal of Maximus.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	CHARLES GARDINER 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 2	ALFRED HANNIS 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	WILLIAM HASTINGS 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	CHARLES BOND 10
JESSIE GILLET 5	JOHN BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	CHARLES BARNFIELD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 38 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb. in C.

*MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	ALBERT W. COLES 8
WILLIAM PYE 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	REDBEN SANDERS 10
GEORGE R. PYE 5	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 11
JAMES E. DAVIES 6	HAROLD W. CLARK Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.
* First peal on twelve tower bells. First peal on twelve as conductor.

SMARDEN.—On Oct. 14th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. H. Lambert 1, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. J. Lambert, Lambert, senr., 3, R. Lambert 4, R. T. Lambert 5, F. J. Lambert (first 720 in the method) 6.

HORSMONDEN.—On Oct. 11th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, for harvest festival: G. Burt 1, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. L. Lambert, senr. 3, R. Lambert (first 720 in the method) 6.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*GEORGE LARGE 2	CHARLES H. PERRY 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	SIDNEY DAWE 7
WILLIAM B. BISS 4	*ERNEST COOMBS 8
JOHN W. JONES 5	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
*ERNEST H. HUNT 6	WILLIAM BOLTON Tenor

Conducted by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal of Royal. Arranged for T. Baldwin, Gloucester.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHORST 6
*ALFRED E. BACON 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	*ARTHUR WALKER 8
GEORGE R. JONES 5	JAMES MORGAN 9
ARTHUR PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. E. Sykes and Mr. Joseph Bradley. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. Jones for having everything ready.

BRADFORD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	*ERNEST H. SIMPSON 6
JAMES COTTERELL 3	JOHN W. CUNDALL 7
*JOHN LAWSON 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY 8
JOE HARDCASTLE 5	FREDERICK SALMONS 9
*JOHN WILKINSON 6	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON.

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Thomas Maude. Mr. Wilkinson was elected a life member previous to starting for the peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

ALFRED E. REEVES 2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 3	SIDNEY HILLIER 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	WALTER FARLEY 8
WILLIAM KNIGHT 5	JOSEPH GOULD 9
JOSEPH T. DYKE 6	THOMAS F. KING Tenor

Composed by the late G. Newson. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

This composition has the 5th and 6th exclusively in 2nd's and behind the 9th. Mr. J. T. Dyke has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal.

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AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS 2	ROBERT HARDY 6
GEORGE P. BURTON 3	JOHN A. GODFREY 7
WILLIAM CLOVER 4	GEORGE MAYERS 8
JOHN MOY 5	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 9
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 6	WILLIAM E. BASON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on ten bells by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, and tenor. Fiftieth peal by Robert Hardy. 100th peal by W. E. Bason.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, October 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WILTON ROAD, PIMLICO, S.W.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. CROOK 2	*HARRY H. MANCE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 3	†JAMES BULLOCK 6
*WILLIAM H. WOOD 4	*FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
*RALPH MACKERRILL 5	†HARRY MANCE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Cambridge Major.

SOUTHEND-ON-SEA, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PRITTLWELL,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*ERNEST TORBANK 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
HENRY T. WILSON 3	LEONARD STILWELL 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HARRY PARKES 7
CL.-Sgt. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First in the method. L. Stilwell and H. Parkes were elected non-resident ringing members of the Association previous to starting.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb.

PERCY JONES 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
EDWARD DARE 3	FRANK BOUCHER 6
WILLIAM PIKE 4	ALBERT ADDICOTT 7
GEORGE COOKE 5	BRINLY ADDICOTT Tenor

Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

First peal of Stedman by all. First peal of Stedman on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd. This peal was attempted three weeks previously as a harvest festival peal.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS ADAMS 2	WILLIAM DENMAN, JUN. 5
ALBERT FIEST 3	JAMES BURDFIELD 6
RAYMOND WOOD 4	JOHN COOK 7
PETER CHARMAN 5	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by W. STANFORD.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, October 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Anne, Highgate,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST BONFIELD Treble	RICHARD BEVAN 5
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	JOHN W. CORNFORD 6
*ALBERT C. V. GASSON 3	GEORGE CARD 7
*JOHN SPARROW 4	FRANK SMITH Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by F. SMITH.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. C. F. Matthews (son of the 2nd ringer) to Miss K. Smith (daughter of the conductor).

ALTON, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE NOAKES Treble	ARCHIBALD W. EVANS 5
WALTER H. PERRY 2	JAMES W. TRAPPIST, SEN. 6
*HUGG R. EVANS 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
ERNEST E. HAM 4	*LAURENCE J. NOAKES Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD P. DUFFIELD.

* First peal. First peal of Stedman by all except ringers of 6 and 7. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1923, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT... Treble	HUBERT EDEN 5
CECIL KAZER 2	WILLIAM SEELEY 6
† WILFRED C. IBBETT 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD... 7
ARTHUR W. DIX... .. 4	*WALTER J. SIMONS Tenor

Conducted by W. G. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. J. Field, an earnest Church worker, who was interred that afternoon. Mr. Field was an hon. member of the Herts Association for many years and of the local society.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Dionysius.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt

STANLEY RICHARDSON ... Treble	FRED WALLINGTON 5
ALBERT MARTIN 2	WALTER WALLINGTON 6
SAM BURDITT 3	ARTHUR MANNING 7
WILLIAM HECTOR 4	*ALFRED PICK Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

The ringer of the 2nd is from Kibworth, 3rd from Desborough, tenor from East Langton, the remainder belong to the local company. First peal on eight bells as conductor. * First peal on eight. S. Burditt was elected a member before starting.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM GOODENODGH ... Treble	G. FREDERICK JAMES 5
JAMES BUTLER 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
THOMAS EAST 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
WILLIAM J. NAPPER 4	ROBERT ALDRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES BUTLER.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble	HARRY BROUGHTON 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

Rung in honour of the coming of age of H. J. Poole.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
E. HARRY STONELEY 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

On the Royal Memorial Bells of St. John the Divine,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

*MRS. LILIAN A. HARDY ... Treble	GEORGE W. FLETCHER 5
*MISS HILDA F. WILLSON... 2	*L. WILLIAM JACQUES 6
WALTER WHITEHEAD 3	JAMES PARKER 7
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by EDITH K. PARKER.

* First peal of London and first attempt. First in the method on the bells. Arranged for Messrs. Parker and Fletcher of Enfield, Middlesex, the latter being elected a life member previous to the peal.

SHREWSBURY SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(St. Chad's Society.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F sharp.

*ALBERT L. SHORT Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... 5
*JOHN GRIFFITHS 2	*DENIS J. BOUCHER 6
*JAMES E. LILLEY 3	*REGINALD R. POLE 7
*WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Double Norwich and rung at the first attempt. First peal of Double Norwich rung in Shrewsbury, also first peal in the above method by the Guild and St. Chad's Society, and first in the method by resident members in the County of Shropshire. All the above are Sunday service ringers except E. V. Rodenhurst, J. E. Lilley and J. Griffiths, each only 15 years of age.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E.

ALBERT S. BAYLEY Treble	JOSEPH HANLEY 5
ROBERT EVANS 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6
THOMAS E. ABBOTT 3	WALTER LAGO 7
WILLIAM D. WASE 4	BERT RIXOM Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by T. E. ABBOTT.

First peal on tower bells as conductor. Rung as a centenary peal to Samuel Lawrence, the great Shifnal ringer, who died in the year 1823. The above ringers are a section of the Coalbrookdale band, and thank the Rev. J. K. Swinburne for the use of the bells, and Mr. W. Page, local captain, for having everything in readiness.

SPELDEURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM LATTER Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 5
WILLIAM COLLINSON 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (Author's No. 119).

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This is believed to be the first peal in a Surprise method on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE Treble	JACK JUDGE 5
JOHN F. SHARP 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
LEONARD TOFFREY 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
FREDERICK T. CLINKARD 4	WILLIAM H. THORNE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Turner, sister of the ringers of 1, 5, and 7. Quickest peal on the bells.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER 5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	HARRY R. ROPER... .. 6
*JAMES DURRANT... .. 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY... .. 7
FRANK L. FISHER 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Cambridge on 'inside bell.'

OLD WINDSOR BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

WILLIAM WELLING Treble	*ARTHUR CROSS 5
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY... .. 2	WILLIAM C. PARKER... .. 6
*EDWARD S. T. FARR... .. 3	WILLIAM HENLEY... .. 7
*MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 4	LEONARD STILWELL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRICHARD. Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First attempt for Major. The ringer of the 3rd was proposed a member, and the 5th a life member of the Association before starting. The tenor man has now rung the tower round, and the conductor has called a peal from each bell in the tower.

MIDDLETON LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

JAMES ARROWSMITH Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	TOM A. OGDEN 6
JAMES JACQUES 3	THOMAS K. DRIVER 7
*JOHN SMITH 4	FRANK BERRY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. BERRY.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th. The composition contains the 4th 12 times in 5-6, 5th and 6th 16 times in 5-6, and 2 and 3 never in 6th's place.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

DICKLEBURGH NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Monday, October 15, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's each of Morning Star, Dream and Grandsire, and twelve 120's of Old Doubles. Tenor 12 cwt.

*C. G. SNELLING... .. Treble	W. MUSK 3
C. R. CATCHPOLE 2	W. STEGGALL 4
J. FAIRWEATHER Tenor	

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

* First peal. First peal on the bells in four methods.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

F. ARROWSMITH Treble	A. J. TAYLOR 4
T. TAYSON 2	H. TAYSON 5
G. TAYSON 3	W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

LLANFRECFA.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. ~~11 lb.~~

*PERCY HERNIMAN Treble	SAMUEL JONES 4
JAMES H. PHILLIPS 2	GEORGE WATTS 5
FREDERICK BOLTON 3	PERCY L. STAFFORD Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

First peal of Minor by all the band and on the bells. Rung as a farewell to James Phillips, the local leader, who is leaving the district. * First peal.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JACK COLLINS Treble	JOHN RODWELL, JUN. 4
†CHARLES BUNTING 2	CLAUDE COUSINS... .. 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	TONY PRICE Tenor

Conducted by TONY PRICE.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Arranged for the ringers of 1 and 2, and as a farewell to T. Price of Shouldham, this being the tower where he first rang a bell. He goes to Boston, U.S.A.]

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEWISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY... .. 7-8

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

JAMES R. KEMP 1-2	WILLIAM BARTON 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON... .. 3-4	JOHN AMBLER... .. 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Peals by Members of the Sussex County Association whilst on Tour, October 13—20th.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 0 lb. in D flat.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6
I. GEORGE SHADE 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
WILLIAM NEVARD 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	ALBERT D. STONE 9
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

JOHN C. TRUSS Treble	WILLIAM NEVARD 5
I. GEORGE SHADE 2	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
GEORGE WILLIAMS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

The conductor's 250th peal. The anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. G. Williams' wedding, 1881.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;
Tenor 21½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 6
WILLIAM NEVARD 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, SOUTHOVER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 6
KEITH HART 2	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 7
WILLIAM NEVARD 3	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 8
I. GEORGE SHADE 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM NEVARD 5
CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
I. GEORGE SHADE 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	*WILLIAM MEAD Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method and hails from Clun.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, Oct. 18th, for a special mission service, attended by several bishops, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): J. W. Jones 1, W. B. Biss 2, G. Large 3, J. Davies 4, A. Parnell 5, E. Coombes 6, E. Stitch (Aberavon) 7, S. Dawe (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8, F. Chamberlain 9, Seymour R. Barker 10.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in C flat.

I. GEORGE SHADE Treble	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
KEITH HART... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lb.

KEITH HART... .. Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 2	JOHN C. TRUSS 6
CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
WILLIAM NEVARD 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

A birthday peal for Mr. James Elliman, a resident of Sussex (Hove), who gave the steeple and bells to the town of Slough in 1913.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lb in D.

WILLIAM NEVARD Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 5
I. GEORGE SHADE 2	WILLIAM HART 6
A. E. SHARMAN 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL... .. 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
KEITH HART... .. 2	CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
WILLIAM NEVARD 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 15 lb. in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM NEVARD 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL... .. 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 8
I. GEORGE SHADE 4	KEITH HART... .. 9
CECIL C. MAYNE... .. 5	JOHN JAY Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by GEO. WILLIAMS.

LISTENING IN!

An unexpected and rather delicate problem, says the 'Morning Post,' is arising in many localities where the parish church possesses a peal of bells and a keen body of bell ringers. Equally keen listeners-in are protesting that much of their pleasure is spoilt by the noise of the bells on practice nights. Yet bells are not of much use if they are not rung, and in order to be rung properly the ringers must practise. With a little give-and-take on both sides there seems to be no reason why listeners-in should not be able to have their full enjoyment and the bell ringers their accustomed practice.

**THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
OVERLAPPING DISCUSSED.**

The October quarterly meeting was held at Stoke-in-Coventry. Upwards of 30 members were present from Allesley, Birmingham, Coventry, Exhall, Rugby, Stoney Stanton, Chilvers Coton, Warwick, Higham, Monks Kirby, Nuneaton and the Stoke band. The bells were open at 3 p.m., and the Guild's special service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. C. Potts) assisted by the curate (the Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe). The Rector gave an interesting address. After the service a capital meat tea was provided in the Parish Room, at which the following ladies kindly gave their assistance: Mrs. Potts, Mrs. Sharpe, Mrs. Abbott, Mrs. Morris and Mrs. A. Roberts. It need hardly be said that full justice was done, and the members are greatly indebted to the Stoke friends for their kind hospitality.

The business meeting followed, and in the unavoidable absence of the president (the Archdeacon of Warwick), the Rector presided. He was supported by the Rev. C. D. R. Sharpe, the Rev. Frank Melville (Vicar of Exhall), Mr. A. Roberts (Ringing Master), and between 30 and 40 members.

Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts were re-elected representatives on the Central Council. The Rev. F. Melville (Vicar of Exhall) and the Rev. Robert L. E. Oliver (Vicar of Monks Kirby) were also elected honorary members of the Guild. Three other gentlemen were elected ringing members.—Chilvers Coton was selected for the next quarterly meeting in January.

A discussion took place with reference to holding the annual meeting earlier in the year, and eventually a notice of motion was given to move at the next quarterly meeting, 'that the annual meeting be held in April instead of July.'

Another subject that provoked a deal of discussion was 'Why does the Midland Counties Association hold meetings in Warwickshire?' Ultimately a motion that the matter be allowed to drop was carried.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Stoke friends (including the ladies) for the splendid tea, to the Rector for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, giving the address and for the Parish Room for the meeting.

The Guild's hearty congratulations were accorded the Stoke band on ringing the first peal of Bristol for the Guild.

The ringing during the afternoon and evening included Grand sire and Siedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich Major, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise. Some excellent double-handed ringing was also accomplished. The falling of the bells in peal brought the ringing and a very pleasant meeting to an end.

**FOUR SHIRES GUILD.
A COMPETITION MEETING.**

The 'Four Shires Guild' held their half-yearly meeting and competition at Wootton-Wawen on Saturday, Oct. 27th, when competitions in rising and falling, call changes and method ringing, took place. Owing to the very wet day, the attendance was not so large as usual. Ringers were present from Moreton-in-Marsh, Ilmington, Campden, Ebrington, Quinton, Stratford-on-Avon, Aston-Cantlow, Henley-in-Arden, and the local band. The judging was ably carried out by Mr. Walter Large, Stretton-ou-Posse, and Mr. James Hemming, of Hampton, and they awarded the points per cent., as follows: Ilmington, Rising and Falling, 98; Call Changes, 99; Method, 100. Moreton-in-Marsh, Rising and Falling, 96; Call Changes, 95; Method, 98. Ebrington, Rising and Falling, 71; Call Changes, 74; Method, 68. Quinton, Rising and Falling, 50; Call Changes, 69; Method (did not compete). The home team is not allowed to compete, but is awarded the average number of points on the day's ringing, namely, Rising and Falling, 78; Call Changes, 87; Method, 85.

At the close of the competitions a service was held, and a most impressive sermon was preached by Mr. E. T. Boyd-Wilson, Diocesan lay reader. After the service, about 60 members and friends sat down to an excellent meat tea, provided by friends in Wootton-Wawen.

At the business which followed, the handsome challenge shield of the Guild was presented to Ilmington, this tower having gained the greatest number of points on the year's ringing, namely, 573 out of a possible 600. The judges spoke of the great improvement in the ringing at this meeting, and congratulated the young towers on the plucky way in which they rang in this, their first competition.

The Secretary advised the young towers to put their shoulders to the wheel and get on with method ringing, and also urged the older towers to try and advance a little farther along the campanological road. He impressed upon them the fact that, if they could but realise it, the competitions were lost and won in their own towers.

The Secretary also spoke of the great loss to the Guild by the death of Brother Samuel Marshall Russell, who died from the effects of wounds, gas and hardships, which he endured while a prisoner of war.

The company showed their sympathy and respect by standing for a minute in silence.

This brought the meeting to a close, and after the National Anthem had been sung the belfry was again visited for further ringing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Good wishes to Mr. William Newell, of Reading, who will reach his 85th birthday on Thursday next. Few people have done the spadework for ringing that the 'father' of the Reading ringers has done.

The 'Bury Post,' of Nov. 5th, 1788 recorded a handbell peal of Bob Major at Nowton, in which the tenor was rung by a girl of 13.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise was rung at Huddersfield on November 5th, 1821.

Thirty-five years ago next Thursday the Burton-on-Trent men rang a 6,720 London Surprise Major.

The first 'name' peal was rung by a band of Williams at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on November 3rd, 1796. This was a peal of Grandsire Caters and William Shipway was one of the band.

Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, band are out for something in the way of a local record, if not extending beyond 'local.' At present only three 720's London Surprise have been rung on the bells, and all by the same band, with three different conductors. They hope before long to record six different conductors with the same band in the first six extents in the method.

During matins at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Armistice Day, a procession of clergy, choir and congregation will proceed to the war shrine, there to lay Offerings of Remembrance. A wreath will be placed on the war shrine from ringers. The service will begin at 10.45 a.m., and details of the ringing will be found in our notice columns.

The little booklet entitled 'Why are you a ringer?' written with the sole object of impressing on ringers the sacred part of the church work which they are called upon to perform, has been in big demand. Copies are twopence halfpenny each, or twelve for 1s. 6d., including postage, and can be obtained from Mr. W. J. Southwood, 14, St. James' Road, Exeter.

The centenary of Samuel Lawrence, one of the greatest ringers of his day, was celebrated by a peal at his native place at Shifnal, Shropshire on Saturday.

A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over until next week.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT LEICESTER.

PRESENTATION TO MR. HAROLD J. POOLE.

The whisper went round the belfry, 'the youngster's twenty-one on October 21st, and a feed would be an excellent way of celebrating the event; shall us?'

The reply was short and to the point: 'Yes, let's.'

The 21st falling on Sunday meant that another day would have to be found for the gathering, and Tuesday, the 23rd, was selected. The detective-sergeant was detailed to make the necessary arrangements, his knowledge of the capabilities of the various houses in the city 'within the meaning of the Act' being unique. At 7.30 prompt on the day appointed, the ringers and friends assembled. It was quite a ringers' 7.30, the last one strolling in only twenty minutes late: All who had promised to attend turned up, with the melancholy exception of the organiser, who unfortunately was ordered to bed by his doctor the previous day. The sympathy of all went out to him. His wife made a good substitute, however, and brought up the number to the full total. At the word 'go' nineteen knives and forks got busy on the excellent fare provided to which full justice was done. A convivial evening followed. The 'dairyman' was appointed to the chair. Tunes and changes on handbells were the first items on the programme followed by songs by Messrs. Wm Webb, H. W. Needham and A. Martin.

The Chairman after making a short and appropriate speech, handed to Mr. H. Poole a framed photograph of the record Cambridge Major band, with the best wishes of the St. Martin's Society, and wishing him 'many happy returns.'—Mr. Poole made a short and breezy reply.

The whole party then drank to his health, after which Messrs. Webb and Broughton most successfully slaughtered the well-known duet, 'Larboard Watch.' One had forgotten the words and the other the tune. The pianist, R. F. Elkington, alias 'Anstey' for short—did not help matters by attempting to play the piece with the score upside down! The old St. Martin's Birmingham, man who was present had something to be thankful for, in the fact that he is as deaf as the proverbial stone.

Recitations by the worthy host and Mr. Weeks and a song by Mrs. Weeks then followed. The funny man of St. John's—sometimes known as 'A Flat'—gave a striking representation of a zoological garden in a fit. Further handbells ringing brought a most successful evening to a close.

The only fly in the ointment in connection with the celebration was that a specially arranged attempt for Cambridge Royal at St. Martin's on the previous Saturday came to grief owing to a rope breaking after 23 hours' excellent ringing. The disappointment was the keener for the fact that the previous twelve attempts for Surprise Royal which had been arranged for nothing in particular, were successful. Still thirteen always was considered to be unlucky.

ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.**DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION DECISION.**

At the annual meeting of the above Association, held on Saturday last, the question of Armistice Day ringing was fully discussed.

It was unanimously decided that the bells be rung half-muffled 'as a tribute to the fallen' (it being a day of remembrance as well as of rejoicing), for the morning service, be it at 10.30 or 10.45, or thereabouts. After the two minutes' silence, the bells to be rung open for the remainder of the day for whatever ringing takes place.

All bands of ringers connected with the Durham and Newcastle Association are asked to fall in line with this decision.

The programme for ringing at Newcastle Cathedral is ringing half-muffled for the 10.45 a.m. service. Ringing open directly after the service, during the afternoon, and for the evening service.

'FOLLOW THE WAY OF THE CHURCH.'

Sir,—Is it not best to follow the way of the church in this matter? The joy of her festivals is preceded by the sorrow of the vigil or fast in order to remind us of our Lord's words, 'Your sorrow shall be turned into joy.' Let the bells give out the same message. Before the Silence let the bells ring muffled, or a Requiem peal. After it the loud peal of thanksgiving. This ringing could be either immediately before and after the service which accompanies the Silence or on the preceding and following days (or even weeks). Such a method of ringing would I think, be both understood by people generally, and appreciated.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE.

Sir,—While there is much in Mr. Cave's letter which will appeal to many, I regret that I cannot go all the way with him in his argument. He says he hopes it will not become a second Good Friday. Well, Good Friday is a movable date, and is fast losing its significance, and after all, although our Lord gave up His earthly life—these men did the same, and 'Greater love ———' You know the rest.

The first Armistice day was an orgy of riotous liberty from the nightmare of four and a half years. There was then no cenotaph or war memorial anywhere. Since that time the day has been set apart—as far as is practicable—as a day of remembrance. The two minutes' silence was intended to be universal Empire homage, but is any honour too great for the men who died? To my mind, if any ringing is done at all, it ought to be muffled for the memorial service.

The recent public outcry against the cancellation of the cenotaph service has caused the Government to reinstate it. This shows the hold the day has upon the people, whether sacred or secular at other times. To ring 'open' for the memorial service would be equal to rejoicing on Good Friday over the murder of Christ—though there are some sects who 'glory' in the death of Him. Armistice Day service has become an institution and it makes men think. Even if by adding our quota of muffled bells, it brings back the sorrow of other days: better that than callousness. When a nation forgets the horrors of war, it is ready to embark again. May we never forget.—Yours sincerely,

W. WILLSON.

AN EFFECTIVE REMINDER.

Dear Sir,—Will you please give me a little space in your widely read paper to 'broadcast' these few lines. Armistice Day is essentially a day of remembrance.

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,
England mourns for her dead across the sea.

Flesh of her flesh they were spirit of her spirit,
Fallen in the cause of the free

The most appropriate service ringers can render on Armistice Day as an act of thanksgiving, and also as a tribute to the immortal memory of the fallen is to ring a quarter-peal for the morning service with the bells half-muffled. There cannot be a more fitting prelude to the impressive memorial services which will be held in our churches on that day. There is the open note of praise and thanksgiving, and then the muffled tone, resembling, as it does, a divine answer of the departed, echoing from the heavens—a common communion with them. It is not given to any other instrument of music to sound to all mankind such an effective reminder of this sacred day. For the remaining services of the day the bells should be rung open.

It is not necessary to make this day a second Good Friday, neither is it necessary to remind your readers that so long as the great war remains within living memory those gallant brothers who 'paid the price' of victory will not be forgotten. One recalls many of them—ringers, choristers, and others—who, had they lived, would have done much in the service of the church.

These were His servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyr'd Son of God.

This then is the reason why various sections of the community will not be denied paying their acts of remembrance in their own particular way—apart from the official two minutes' silence—and very rightly so, too.

I am sure ringers will welcome the opportunity of paying this beautiful token of affectionate regard to the memory of those who ungrudgingly gave their lives for the land they loved.

For an hour, then, before the appointed time of service let the towns and countryside be flooded with this eloquent and sacred music; and, if I may suggest it, a record of these acts of thanksgiving and remembrance be filed in the columns of this journal.—Yours faithfully,

R. A. HORNSBY,

Hon. Secretary of the Towcester and District
Green's Norton Association.**MUFFLED RINGING APPRECIATED.**

Dear Sir,—May I be allowed to say, in answer to Mr. W. A. Cave, that I can hardly agree that 'Armistice Day' should be more a joy day than anything else. In the first place, my original suggestion was that 'the bells should be rung half-muffled, the open side in joy and gratitude for the blessing of victory, and the muffled side in proud and grateful remembrance of those we loved and lost.' As you sir, truly said in your issue of Nov. 3rd last year, the occasion for rejoicing occupies only a secondary place, and that it is primarily as a Day of Remembrance that this anniversary occupies first place in the hearts of the British people. And as the Archbishop of Canterbury said as reported in your last issue, "that bells had the power as nothing else had of making us all sharers of the same emotions as others in joy or sorrow, sympathy or gratulation, thanksgiving or hope."

With these expressions I am in hearty agreement, and I contend that the most appropriate and impressive manner of carrying out the thoughts and wishes of the public generally is by ringing the bells either half or fully muffled on that day, and I have good reason to know that such ringing is greatly appreciated. While thanking my fellow-ringers for what they have done in this direction for the past two or three years, may I again appeal to them to do their best to 'carry on.'—Yours faithfully,

Wellingborough.

F. BARBER.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.**ENJOYABLE SOCIAL EVENING.**

A social evening, arranged by the Bristol United Guilds, was held on Tuesday, October 23rd in the St. Thomas' Parish Room. It was a stormy evening, and the weather probably kept many away who would (and should) have been there. The fair sex were very well represented, not all ringers, of course, although there were about seven of those present, four of whom, with Mr. E. J. Brown, gave selections on a peal of 20 handbells, and here we may make a note of the fact that at last we are able to listen to other tunes upon handbells, apart from the well-worn 'Lassie,' 'Soldiers' Joy,' and 'Harvest Home.' They gave a very good performance, and their instructor is to be congratulated on the result of his painstaking efforts. The other items on the programme, all of which were well received, were supplied by Miss Ivy Baker, Mr. W. S. Emery, Mr. Rawlings (cello solo), Mr. Tiley and Mr. Rudman (the two latter also combined in a couple of duets), and last, but by no means least, Mr. Guise's Orchestra, a really first-rate combination of musicians, of whom it was said by one who has had a wide experience that it was the best band he has danced to outside of London. There was an interval for refreshments, coffee, sandwiches and cakes being on sale practically at cost price, and that they were appreciated was shown by the fact that everything was cleared.

The Rev. T. Fowler, president of the United Guilds was the chairman, and he voiced the thanks of the gathering to all who had contributed to the programme, and to the authorities at St. Thomas' for lending the room. The artistes had given their services freely, and the company were all very grateful.

In addition to the Vicar of St. Thomas' (the Rev. M. Paterson) his two churchwardens were both present with their wives, both of whom were seen joining in the dancing, which took place after the interval, and up to 10.15, when 'God save the King' brought a happy evening to a close. A collection taken at the door realised £2 3s. 1½d.

The thanks of all are due and are hereby tendered to all the ladies who were responsible for the refreshments, and also to Mr. Guise for arranging such an enjoyable evening.

DOUBLE NORWICH BY SHROPSHIRE BAND.

On Saturday, Oct. 27th the St. Chad's Society, Shrewsbury, added to their laurels by scoring a peal of Double Norwich. It is only three months since the band began to practise the method, and they are proud of being the first Shropshire band to ring a peal in the method in the county. All are at present members in the Archdeaconry. It is now hoped that higher methods will follow. St. Chad's band will be glad to see any Surprise ringers at practice on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. or Sundays 10 and 5.30 p.m.

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

MR. REUBEN HALL, OF OLDBURY. AN ACTIVE MIDLAND VETERAN.

In celebration of the 71st birthday of Mr. Reuben Hall, of Oldbury, a peal of Grandsire Caters, in which Mr. Hall rang the tenor, was rung at West Bromwich on October 13th as already recorded in our columns. Born at Bourton-on-the-Water Gloucestershire, Mr. Hall went to the Oldbury district as a young man, and worked at Messrs. Lee's saw mills, Swan Village, for nearly 50 years. He began his connection with Oldbury Church when the bells were installed in 1887 to commemorate the Jubilee of Queen Victoria, and for 30 years Mr. Hall was tower keeper. He also held the position of clock winder, and the clock and chimes did not cost the officials anything during this period.

The peal at West Bromwich was by an interesting coincidence Mr. Hall's 200th, and he was congratulated both upon this and upon his birthday, as well as upon the excellent way in which he rang the 25 cwt. tenor.



MR. REUBEN HALL IN THE BELFRY.

After the peal, ringers and friends adjourned to the Plough Inn, where an excellent spread awaited them, kindly provided by Mr. Hall. After justice had been done in the evening was spent in selections on the handbells, Messrs. Jaggar, Screen and Hall playing a prominent part.

The best thanks of those present were passed to Mr. Hall for so kindly entertaining them, and the sincere hope was expressed that he might enjoy good health to take part in change ringing for many years to come.—Thanks were also tendered to Mr. and Mrs. Reeves for the kind and able manner in which they catered for the party, also to Mr. Edward Reeves for making the arrangements.

The following is the list of Mr. Hall's peals:—Stedman Cinques, 5; Stedman Caters, 14; Stedman Triples, 44; Grandsire Cinques, 2; Grandsire Caters, 61; Grandsire Major, 2; Grandsire Triples, 41 (conducted 2); New Grandsire Caters 1; New Grandsire Triples 2; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 14; Bob Triples, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Forward Major, 2; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Erin Cinques, 1; Darlaston Bob Triples, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 1. Total 200; conducted, 2.

Among the peals of Grandsire Caters was one of 11,563 at St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, and another, half-muffled, of over 9,000 changes, the longest half-muffled peal on record.

PRESENTATION TO WILLIAM LAWRENCE.

Mr. William Lawrence, of Ealing, has recently retired, on a pension, on reaching the age limit from the Fire Brigade section of the Architect's Department of the London County Council. The appointment which Mr. Lawrence held was gained in open competition, and the esteem in which he was held by his colleagues has been shown by a presentation made to him, consisting of a solid silver, bell-shaped inkstand, accompanied by a cheque. The inkstand was supplied by Mr. G. Langford, Woking, and was finely engraved with the following inscription: 'Presented to William Lawrence on his retirement, as a token of esteem from his colleagues in the Architects' Department of the London County Council.'

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING AT DORE.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held (by kind permission of the Midland Counties Association) at Dore on Saturday, October 20th. A nice bright day, a place easy of access, and a beautiful little peal of eight bells, all helped to attract visitors, upwards of 40 being present, the towers represented being Arksey, Barnsley, Ecclesfield, Eastwood, Handsworth, Horbury, Rotherham, Sheffield (the Cathedral, St. Maries' and All Saints), and Wortley, also out-county members from Bolsover, Chesterfield, Norton, Killamash and Treeton. A short service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. R. Gibson) officiated, and gave a short address. The organist and choir-boys also attended, and helped to make the service a very bright and cheerful one. A splendid tea was provided in the Schoolroom by the local company and their ladies.

Prior to the meeting the gathering was entertained by the Sheffield Cathedral company, who rang a course of Stedman Cinques on the handbells in faultless style. The Vicar was so delighted that he engaged them on the spot for a concert on Shrove Tuesday next.

At the business meeting which followed, Messrs. F. Garner (Arksey) and H. Revill (Ordsall) were elected to membership of the association, and Rawmarsh was selected for the next meeting if the necessary permission can be obtained. This is to be held on Dec. 8th.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his address, the churchwardens, the organist and choir-boys; the ladies for their services at tea; the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness; and last but not least to Mr. J. E. L. Cockey for the very able manner in which everything had been arranged for the welfare and comfort of the visitors.

It is very pleasing to note that during the day several of the local company were successful in getting through their first touch of Kent Treble Bob Major.

NORTHERN DIVISION GROWTH.

A quarterly meeting of the Northern Division was held at Thirsk on Saturday Oct. 20th. The meeting was well attended by members from that part of the division, and the weather being exceptionally fine everybody had a very pleasant day. It was the first time the association had visited Thirsk, and members who were not present will be pleased to know that the whole of the Thirsk band were elected members of the association, and the Vicar of Thirsk became an honorary member.

A service was held in the church, when the Rev. K. P. H. Austen welcomed the ringers to Thirsk, and spoke to them on the pleasures as well as the usefulness of their art.

A business meeting took place immediately after tea the Rev. E. Drage, vice-president of the association, being in the chair. The ringers were also pleased to welcome as their guest Canon England, of Hessle. Ringing friends, who are interested in the work of the association in this large and scattered district of the North of Yorkshire will be gratified to learn of the increased number of ringers in this district. Fifteen new members were elected at this meeting, making a total of 12 since the reorganisation of the Northern Division in 1920.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Saltburn on the third Saturday in February and it is hoped ringing friends in the North will make a note of this date, and where possible, make an effort to attend the meeting.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

BETTER ANNUAL REPORT WANTED

A meeting of the Gainsborough District was held at Kirton-Lindsey on Saturday, October 20th, but was poorly attended members being present from Gainsboro' and Brigg, in addition to some of the local company. The bells were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. E. Dawber of Gainsborough, presided. An apology of absence was read from Canon Hicks, of Messingham.

Mr. F. W. Atkinson proposed, and Mr. C. H. Baker seconded, that a better annual report be published by the Guild, something after the pre-war style, giving the names of the officials in the branches, also the names of the members in every tower in the branches, the district secretaries' names etc.

The district secretary was instructed to write the general secretary of the Northern Branch and express their views on the matter.

It was also resolved that the secretary write to the Rev. Parry, of Bigby, congratulating him on ringing a peal at Bigby.

Regret was expressed that Mr. F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsboro', was unable to be at the meeting owing to an illness, and the secretary was asked to convey the meeting's sympathy to him.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and also to the ladies for providing the tea, concluded the meeting.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.

Dear Sir,—Please withdraw all claims to the method we rang at Leiston as Rochester Surprise. It was quite an oversight, and we wish it to be called by the original name, as first published, Lancashire Surprise.—Yours truly

C. F. BAILEY.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday evening, October 28th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hurrell 1, F. Fraser 2, E. J. Pannett 3, H. James 4, J. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, October 28th at St. Mary's Church for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. A. Harding 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, A. Harding 3, Miss G. Baker 4, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 5, J. H. Hunnisett 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, C. G. Cooper 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—At the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul for harvest thanksgiving, on Thursday, Oct. 25th, 720 London Surprise, second on the bells, in 24 mins.: F. A. Mitchell, H. Argent, F. M. Mitchell, L. Beckett, J. Burles (conductor), G. Morrad.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 28th, for harvest continuation service, 720 London was lost in the last course owing to a rope breaking. — For evening service, 720 London Surprise in 23 mins.: F. A. Mitchell, J. Burles, L. Beckett, H. Argent, F. M. Mitchell, G. Morrad (conductor). Also 120 Woodbine Treble Bob and 108 and 72 Plain Bob, with A. Livermore, C. Mitchell, F. Scabright and S. Baker.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for Divine service, in the evening, 720 'Wraggy Delight': F. T. Dawson 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 5, J. Wally 6. This is the first 720 in this method for all and was rung at the first attempt.

LONDON.—At St. Giles' Cripplegate, on Sunday, Oct. 21st, for evensong, 1,311 changes of Stedman Cinques: Mrs. F. I. Hairs 1, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 2, W. Pye 3, C. T. Coles 4, G. R. Pye 5, F. I. Hairs 6, W. A. Alps 7, J. E. Davis 8, W. Nudds 9, Harold Clark 10, R. Sanders 11, C. W. R. Greenwood 12, First quarter of Cinques on tower bells by Mrs. F. I. Hairs.

LONDON.—On Sunday, October 14th for evensong (harvest festival) at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: *W. H. Howe 1, F. Putland 2, J. Warneken 3, *A. Putland 4, H. Killiv 5, A. W. Coles (conductor) 6, *W. Gloyer 7, *G. Cowley 8. * First quarter-peal in this method. † First inside.

ARMLEY, LEEDS.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for harvest festival, morning service, 1,088 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Coldrick 1, M. Moorhouse 2, Fk. Blacketh 3, Ed. Blacketh 4, J. Hev 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. Thackray 7, J. W. Moorhouse (conductor) 8. Rung with honor half-muffled in memory of J. Whitaker, of Burley.

SHAW, NEWBURY BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Smith (Thatcham) 1, A. W. J. Bird (Thatcham) 2, E. Smith (Newbury) 3, S. Quintin (Newbury) 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5. This is the first quarter-peal for service ever rung on the bells.

BRENTWOOD.—On Oct. 14th, for evensong, on the occasion of harvest festival at St. Thomas' Church, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples the first quarter-peal at this church by service ringers attached to the belfry: R. Heazel (first quarter-peal) 1, F. King 2, E. Furbank 3, H. Turner 4, Albt. Rainbird 5, E. D. Baker 6, G. Miles (conductor) 7, W. Leggett 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival on Sunday, Oct. 14th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich: Robt. Holloway 1, F. Goodfellow 2, E. M. Atkins 3, F. Skeyington 4, Robt. Fardon 5, A. Harding 6, E. W. Coulson 7, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 8. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. E. Lankester 1, H. Wincote 2, S. D. Breeze 3, C. Brown 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, W. Lawrence 6, E. W. Coulson 7, Robt. Fardon 8. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Moore 1, *H. Harding 2, J. Churchill 3, G. W. Stevens 4, Robt. Fardon 5, J. H. Hunnisett 6, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, C. G. Cooper 8. * First quarter inside.

ROMFORD.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for evening service, on the occasion of the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Rainbird 1, J. Horwood 2, G. Margetson 3, G. R. Pye 4, E. Butler 5, A. Pye 6, J. H. Dawkins (conductor) 7, F. Berry 8. First quarter-peal in the method by J. Horwood and F. Berry.

ASHFORD, KENT.—At St. Mary's Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 14th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Parkes 1, A. C. Kay 2, G. Durling 3, T. Tabrett 4, H. C. Castle 5, C. W. Everett (conductor) 6, E. Powell 7, G. Swaffer 8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th for evening service (harvest festival), 336 Grandsire Triples: D. Green (first touch) 1, F. Montford 2, A. M. Hickman 3, T. Tudor 4, J. Clarke 5, W. Weatherby 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8. After service, 419 Grandsire Triples: W. Broadhurst (longest touch) 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman 3, F. Montford 4, J. Clarke 5, E. V. Rodenhurst 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8. Also a 336.

HARWICH.—On Oct. 14th for evening harvest thanksgiving service, 224 Kent Treble Bob Major; also 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Bernard 1, F. Chaplin 2, G. Ellis 3, A. Alderton 4, G. Thompson 5, J. Scarfe 6, G. Taylor (conductor) 7, F. Watling 8.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 14th for harvest festival evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Martin 1, M. Bend 2, A. Mackears 3, C. Briggs 4, R. C. Blakey 5, J. W. Kirton 6, A. W. Ward (conductor) 7, J. Branston 8. Mr. A. Mackears comes from Long Bennington, the remainder are all regular service ringers.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, for evening service, at St. Alfege Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. J. Lamb 1, W. Berry 2, E. E. Richards 3, W. Rawlings 4, F. W. Thornton 5, G. H. Rawlings 6, T. Jakeman 7, D. Hodgson 8. Composed and conducted by Edward E. Richards, and rung as a compliment to him upon the 59th anniversary of his birthday.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Now what is the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers to do with that 'Collection of Legitimate Methods'? On page viii it is stated:—

'(5) Delight method, having places made at all but one cross-section.

'(6) Surprise having places made at all the cross sections.'

The Rev. E. Bankes James published a method called 'Bristol Surprise.' Now, Mr. A. Craven publishes a method called Rutland Surprise. Both methods are against the ruling laid down in the book, as they do not contain places at all cross-sections. Are we to condemn the book, or are we to condemn the method? The Major, Royal and Maximus are three different methods.

JOHN CARTER.

THE PEAL AT LIVERPOOL.

This peal was the 1st on twelve bells by the 2nd and 3rd ringers, and the first peal of Maximus by the treble, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th and tenor ringers. Half an hour before the peal Mr. Sperring had never seen twelve ropes hanging down in one tower much less rung on twelve, and the conductor had never previously called 'go' on twelve. The band much regret the absence of the genial Ringing Master of St. Nicholas, who should have called the peal but was prevented at the last moment. Messrs. G. R. Newton Jones, Fisher and Pickett were elected members of the Chester Guild, and Mr. Pickett was elected a member of the Lancashire Association before starting for the peal, which was the first of Maximus by the Chester Guild.

WEDDING BELLS.

ROYAL CUMBERLANDS MARRIED.

Once again it is our pleasure to record the marriage of a pair of ringers—this time from the Royal Cumberlands. On October 21st, at the Church of St. Martin, Gospel Oak, Mr. C. J. Matthews (eldest son of the Master) was united to Miss Kitty Smith (eldest daughter of a past Master), the ceremony being performed by the Vicar, in the presence of a goodly assembly of relatives of both families. A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's parents, whilst the peal of six were ringing out merrily, the ringers afterwards joining the party to wish the newly-wedded couple 'all the best.' Mr. F. Smith gave away his daughter, who was simply dressed in fawn, and carried a bouquet of chrysanthemums. Mr. C. Smith acted as best man. The couple afterwards left for Eastbourne.

On the following evening a peal of Double Norwich was rung to mark the occasion at Highgate, where the bride learned her ringing, and has taken part in a few peals.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

Although numbers were smaller than usual, owing to the rough weather, a very successful meeting was held at Littleton on Oct. 27th. Members were present from Royston, Melbourn, Cambridge, Newmarket, Sawston and Trumpington. Methods rung included Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Delight, Cambridge and London Surprise.

NOTICE.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 10th, at Eastwood, near Rotherham. Bells ready early. Members must make own arrangements for tea.—C. D. Potter, Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ROCHESTER DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Rochester district was held at Tunstall on Saturday, October 20th, and over 40 ringers put in an appearance. The bells at this tower have recently been augmented by two new trebles, through the generosity of Mr. Chas. Homewood, to commemorate attaining his 80th year. The work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Mears and Stainbank with their customary thoroughness.

Ringling in various methods was indulged in until 5 o'clock, when the association service was held in the beautiful little church, which was prettily decorated for the harvest festival, the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Green) taking the service, and giving an excellent address on 'The ideals of men.' Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus. Bac., of Canterbury, proved himself equally as accomplished at the organ as he is at the rope's end, and the choir helped to brighten the service.

Forty-one members sat down to an excellent tea in the Village Hall, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rector.

The Secretary read an interesting report of the year's work. They had lost one tower, and gained 11 practising members and deplored the fact that they had, he thought, the smallest number of hon. members in any district in the county. Bell restoration had been going on. Cliffe-at-Hoo had been rehung. Gravesend had an entirely new peal, two more bells had been added to the peal in the tower they were at that day, and the two tenors at Frindsbury had been recast and were hoped to be in by November 1st. Their war memorial was now an accomplished fact, as the two memorial bells were dedicated at Canterbury the week previous by his Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the contributions from the district to date amounted to £11 11s. 11d., of which sum £7 17s. 5d. was collected at church services on the occasion of their meetings. He thanked all for their response to his appeal on behalf of Mrs. Hayes, widow of one of their old district ringers, which had realised £14 8s. Financially, they finished the year, after paying all district expenses with over £16 in hand. Of the peals rung he was pleased to record the first that had been rung on the new peal of ten at Rochester, and while appreciating the efforts of members in peal ringing, he was fully aware of their knowledge that the primary use of the bells was for Sunday service ringing, and he was pleased to see the district well to the fore in that respect.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.—Three new practising members were elected, and the Rector of Tunstall became an hon. member.

The election of officers followed, and Mr. E. H. Spice (Tunstall) said they were thankful to their district secretary for the way he conducted their business, and he proposed that Mr. F. M. Mitchell (Milton-next-Gravesend) be re-elected.—This was carried unanimously, and Mr. Mitchell in responding, said anything to further the interests of their association and district was a pleasure to him.—On the proposition of the district secretary, the district representatives to the Central Committee, Messrs. Haigh (Rochester) and W. Spice (Tunstall), were unanimously re-elected.

Mr. Haigh conveyed the thanks of the members to the Rector for his address at the service for the use of the bells and for presiding over their meeting, to the choir for their services and to Mr. Pitman for presiding at the organ.—The Rector and Mr. Pitman briefly responded.

The tower at Sittingbourne was open after the meeting, and Tunstall was quite deserted after a course of Superlative, the ringers wending their way through the orchards (the fruit had alas! all been picked), and good use of the bells at Sittingbourne was made with methods up to Cambridge Surprise.

This can be recorded a thoroughly representative meeting as members from the remotest districts put in an appearance, and judging by the way the business was conducted, thorough harmony prevails in the Rochester district of the Kent Association.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 20th a most successful meeting was held at Whitwick, Leicestershire. The ancient church, situated in the heart of the Charnwood Forest, with a record of rectors dating back to the ninth century, was visited by some twenty or more ringers from Ugglescote, Loughboro', Whitwick, Shepshed, Burton-on-Trent and Netherseal. The ringing commenced with a touch of Stedman Triples. Further methods were indulged in, including Bob Major and Grand-sire. The bells are rather an ancient lot, and not so very musical, but although it is quite thirty years since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. the 'go' is excellent.

One new member was elected at the business meeting, viz., Mr. Harry Kirby, of Shepshed, where it was decided to hold the next meeting.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday, October 22nd, at Garston Parish Church, a date touch of Grand-sire Triples (1,923 changes): C. Turner 1 R. Kelly 2. J. Hooley 3. W. E. Hughes 4. J. W. Rawlinson 5. W. Hughes (conductor) 6. S. Millership 7. C. Packer 8. Rung in celebration of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rawlinson's silver wedding.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS—Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Prime, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Giles, Cripplegate; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Dunstan in the East, all from 3 to 5 p.m.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in the Parish Room at 5 o'clock, 1s. per head.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Trull on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea provided after service and business meeting following.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Rolvenden on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. The usual allowance of half fares (maximum 2s.) will be paid at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. District Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at St. Mary's, Southampton, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells from 2 till 9. Service at 4.30. Tea in St. George's Mission Hall at 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, at St. James', Milnrow. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30. All are welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Burnley, on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Short service, 4.45. Bells available afternoon and evening. Cordial invitation to all.—W. Ayre, Sec., School House, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Edmonton on Saturday,

Nov. 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5. Tea at 1s. per head at 5.30. All members and friends are welcome. I shall be glad to receive outstanding subscriptions at an early date.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The Autumn meeting will be held at Leafield on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Ringing to commence at 2 o'clock. Service with an address, 4 o'clock. Followed by a Meat Tea. Business meeting afterwards. All visitors welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Sec., Charlbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The next meeting will be held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, 1923. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service, with an address by Rev. R. P. Farrow, Rector of Stoney Stanton, at 4.15. Business meeting in Schools after tea. All ringers welcome. Will members still owing subscriptions kindly let me have same at earliest convenience?—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A ringing meeting will be held at Coppull on Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance requested.—J. Hallsall, Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 4th, 10 a.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 12th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.; St. John's, Wilton Road, Monday, 5th, 6.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 19th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Nov. 6th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 8th and 22nd; *St. Michael's, Cornhill (election of officers), on the 13th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Vicarage Room, 5.45 p.m., 9d. each to those notifying me not later than Nov. 6th.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Gedney on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 3.30. In order that arrangements may be made for tea will those intending to be present let me know by the 7th inst?—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Cathedral bells (12)

available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and St. Marie's (Roman Catholic) from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Business meeting in Cathedral belfry at 5 p.m.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

HEREFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All welcome.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Tea 6d. each. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.—A ringers' social will be held at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, on Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and entertainment in Priestwell Schools. Will all those who intend to be present kindly send their names to Miss R. A. Bell, 417, Halifax Road, Todmorden, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 7th? All ringers and friends welcome.—William Horan, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at St. Nicholas, Bristol, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at the C.M.S. House, St. Stephen's Street. Please notify me by Nov. 5th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol. Please note.—A meeting in connection with the annual dinner of the Bristol United Guild will take place after the quarterly meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Helmsshore, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haycock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 17th, when all ringers will be welcomed. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual, but please send a postcard those requiring same by the 13th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. — J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, Surrey.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open at 2.30

Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 10th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing, Sunday mornings, Nov. 18th and 25th, from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, ringing 10 o'clock to 10.45 a.m. Half-muffled ringing immediately after morning service and again at 2.15 p.m. to 3.15. Any ringers visiting London during the week-end will be heartily welcomed.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. James George has removed to 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

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LONDON'S NEGLECTED BELLS.

Not without cause, a correspondent calls attention to the neglected state of some of the rings of bells in London and the suburbs. There never was a time, probably, when more rings in the Metropolis were in pealable condition, and yet there are to-day far too many which are left silent because they have gone beyond the point when ringing upon them is practicable. The causes which have led to this state of affairs are those with which ringers are only too familiar. With some it is a case of indifference; sometimes it is lack of funds and opportunity of raising money; in a few isolated instances, perhaps, it is the outcome of a direct desire to keep the bells from being rung.

Greater London is well covered by ringing societies, and there is a fine opportunity for a united effort to bring about an improved condition of affairs in those belfries where restoration is needed. There are few things in which the ringing societies who spread over the Metropolis ever combine, but we believe they might, by united action, bring about an improvement in some, at any rate, of the towers. First of all, it is necessary to remove the indifference where it exists. That is not always easy, but steady endeavour would, we believe, eventually have the desired result, and it is in such cases as these that combined effort is more likely to succeed than the individual action of any one society. Is it possible, we wonder, to form a joint committee of all the societies in and overlapping London to consider this question of the more or less derelict rings, and endeavour to move the authorities concerned? Where mere indifference is the cause such a representative committee ought to be able to awaken interest. In those cases where lack of means is put forward as the obstacle, they would be able, tactfully, to advance reasons why, even for the bells, special efforts should be made to put them in as good an order as the other possessions of the church. Of one thing we may be certain: if a committee speaking in the name of all the societies in London could not induce church authorities to put their bells in order, no body less representative would do so, so that nothing would be lost, while much might be gained.

Moreover, if such a committee could be brought into existence, it might, if it included acknowledged experts in regard to bell hanging as well as to bell ringing, eventually become of permanent service, by remaining as a consultative body in regard to bells in and around London. Their views might also be of value in cases which come before the Diocesan Advisory Committees. At present there seems to be little, if any, means of bringing before

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the Diocesan boards evidence of the kind which could be given by a committee such as we suggest. The ringers' view is presented, if at all, only casually, and now that these Diocesan bodies will practically have in their hands the decision in all cases of augmentation or restoration, it would be as well if ringers were able to put their views, where desirable, officially through their own acknowledged experts. It is necessary to tread warily in this matter, but it is one which we commend to the consideration of associations throughout the country, and in which London ringing societies might well take the lead, for they, at any rate, would have a definite task to begin upon.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HANLEY, STOKED-ON-TRENT.

THE STOKE ARCHDIOCONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST LONDON Treble	PERCY SHUKER 6
HARRY ALLCOCK 2	STEPHEN SARGEANT 7
WILLIAM H. FITCHFORD ... 3	SAMUEL CARDELL 8
ARTHUR A. CLAY 4	CHARLES H. PAGE 9
PERCY A. DALE 5	WILLIAM H. DEGG Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHROOK, SEN. Conducted by C. H. PAGE.
First peal on the bells. First peal in the method by the association. First peal in the method by all the band. Rung at first attempt. The band desire to thank the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Tamplin) for the use of the bells. Ringers of 1 and 8 from Stoke, 3 from Wolstanton, 4 from Tunstall, rest belong to the local band.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES BILBY Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 6
JESSE FRANCIS 2	CHARLES ANDREWS 7
HORACE TAYLOR 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 8
WILLIAM LOUD 4	SYDNEY HILLIER 9
GERALD GRIFFIN 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.
First peal of Royal in the county. First peal of Royal by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. BACON Treble	REGINALD A. WATTS 6
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 7
GORDON A. BACON 3	SYDNEY W. CORDEN 8
CHARLES P. CHALK 4	HENRY T. WILSON 9
ERNEST W. FURBANK 5	WILLIAM H. JUDD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. H. JUDD.
Rung for All Hallows. First peal of Treble Bob Royal by the local band. First of Royal by all but the ringers of 7, 9 and 10.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

FRED WILFORD Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
TOM TEBBUTT 2	ROBERT BLACK 7
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	FRED HOPPER 8
FRED W. SAWFOOT 4	GEORGE FLAVELL 9
*WILFRED J. SHARP 5	ELIJAH JAMES Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters.

**BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.**

*FRANK J. TRAPPITT Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 6
†ROBERT A. FARDON 2	†STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL... 3	JAMES E. COOPER 8
CANON G. H. RIDGOT 4	JAMES W. TRAPPITT, SEN. 9
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... .. 5	DANIEL COOPER... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters away from the treble.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

**THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)**

On Wednesday, October 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt.**

*GRIFFITHS DYER Treble	CHARLES MARTIN 5
THOMAS PENDRY 2	WALTER YEEND... .. 6
HAROLD HALFORD 3	CHARLES TOVEY... .. 7
*WILLIAM DEVEREUX... .. 4	*ERNEST SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WALTER YEEND.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal for the branch. The band wish to thank T. Pendry for taking part owing to one of the original band turning up late.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.**

JAMES E. COOPER Treble	*STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 7
DANIEL COOPER 4	*GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by FREDK. ROBINSON. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN.
First peal in the method away from the treble.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Friday, October 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt. in G.**

*HUBERT JONES Treble	*ALFRED E. WAITE 5
ALFRED A. WAITE 2	HERBERT BECKETT 6
JOHN AUSTIN } 3	*ARTHUR G. WAITE 7
*FRANCIS T. WAITE 4	*JOSEPH A. WAITE Tenor

Composed by T. HURRY. Conducted by JOSEPH A. WAITE.
* First peal of Major.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.**

†JOHN R. MAIN Treble	*ARTHUR BIGLEY... .. 5
WALTER PERKINS 2	JAMES S. WARD 6
†GEORGE BASFORD 3	JOHN J. MAWBY 7
*HARRY CHAMBERS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.
First peal in the method as conductor. † First peal in the method.
* First Surprise peal and rung at first attempt. Messrs. Main and Basford hail from Finedon, the others are local.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.**

JAMES ROSE Treble	HARRY HALL 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 3	CHARLES WOODCOCK 7
WILLIAM KINSEY... .. 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by ALBERT E. DURRANT. Conducted by JAMES ROSE.

ROCHDALE, LANCASHIRE.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BALDERSTONE,

**A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.**

CLIFFORD HORSFALL Treble	WINSTON BANKS 5
JOHN GRIFFITHS 2	JAMES H. LEES 6
SIMEON K. TAYLOR 3	*JAMES JONES 7
SQUIRE STOTT 4	EDMUND CHADWICK Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by JAMES H. LEES.

Rung to celebrate Mr. Edmund Chadwick's 40th anniversary as a ringer at the above church. * First peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN-IN-THE-EAST, CITY,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.**

*ERNEST J. TRIMMER Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL... 2	JAMES E. COOPER 6
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... 7
DANIEL COOPER... .. 4	*GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

First peal by the Surrey Association in the City of London. * First peal.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.**

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	CYRIL PALMER 5
HENRY COLLYER... .. 2	CHARLES H. RANGLES ... 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	EDWARD JENKINS... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

**A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.**

LOUIS HEAD... .. Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
LEWIS NEWMAN 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by C. H. SONE.
First peal Oxford Treble Bob by all the band.

BIRSTAL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

**A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6068 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.**

*CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
JOE HARDCASTLE 2	JOHN PALFRAMAN 6
WILLIAM CLARE 3	EDWARD CROWTHER 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 188). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.
* First peal of Treble Bob.

HATFIELD, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
THE HATFIELD GUILD OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDRIDA,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
DANIEL ELLINGHAM 2	*DUDLEY W. W. RICHARDSON 6
*LEONARD SHEPHERD 3	*ARTHUR SHEPHERD 7
*RICHARD E. RICHARDSON... 4	FREDERICK COLL Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR SHEPHERD.

* First peal.

LONGWOOD, HUDDERSFIELD.
On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

A. WALKER Treble	A. GARNER 5
H. ARMITAGE 2	W. B. FRITH 6
A. ARMITAGE 3	J. W. NOTTON 7
H. NOTTON 4	J. E. CARTER Tenor

Composed by E. TIMBRELL.

Conducted by J. E. CARTER.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were cast and hung by J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough, last month. The company take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. J. E. Roberts, Vicar, for the use of the bells.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	WILLIAM T. COX... .. 6
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

* First Surprise peal 'inside.' Conductor's first peal of Superlative 'inside.' First peal of Surprise on the bells.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
*RICHARD C. INGRAM... .. 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	OLIVER G. NORMAN 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by GEORGE F. WANN

* First peal of Major.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
I. GEORGE SHADE 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
JAMES FLEURY 3	*FRANK CLAYDON 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 14). Conducted by W. KEEBLE

* 101st peal. Rung as a compliment to Mr. L. Wiffen on his election as Master of the Northern District of the Essex Association.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH, S.E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. BATTEN ... Treble	†HARRY WRIGHT 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HERBERT J. SKELT 6
MRS. AMOS CLARK 3	†EDWARD D. SMITH 7
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER 4	*FREDERICK W. CHORLEY... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method, and is from Great Yarmouth. ‡ First peal of Stedman Triples.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, October 28, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT Treble	WILLIAM PAGE 5
*C. HOWARD STANLEY ... 2	JOSEPH DAVIES 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	WILLIAM SHORT 7
WILLIAM H. BALL 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of Surprise as conductor. * First peal of Surprise.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	†JOSEPH ELLIOTT 5
*JOHN C. NEWMAN 2	GEORGE HAYWARD 6
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	ERNEST BRIGHT... .. 7
I. GEORGE SHADE 4	WILLIAM ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal of Treble Bob.

EASTBOURNE SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt.

ARTHUR GOWER Treble	*ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
ERNEST GOWER 3	*BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

MRS. RUPERT RICHARDSON Treble	JOHN G. AMES 5
JOHN W. WOOD 2	GEORGE LADD 6
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH... 7
JOHN T. BROWN... .. 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

BRISTOL.—On Monday, Sept. 24th, for practice, at Clifton Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Price 1, A. Parker 2, C. Rawlings 3, W. Thomas 4, W. Hunter 5, H. Burt 6, J. R. Jones 7, R. Clark (conductor) 8. First quarter by ringers of 2 and 3.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

JAMES W. WASHBROOK'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.
 FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... *Treble* | EDWIN JOHN BROWN 5
 EDGAR GOISE 2 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
 RICHARD CLARK 3 | JOHN A. BURFORD 7
 ALFRED E. REEVES 4 | WILLIAM KNIGHT *Tenor*
 Non-conducted. Umpire: THOMAS F. KING (Bath).

QUEENSBURY, YORKSHIRE,
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CECIL DRAKE *Treble* | ALBERT PICKLES 5
 FRED HUTTON 2 | EDGAR WHITELEY 6
 *CLIFFORD ELLISON 3 | †JOE GREENWOOD 7
 HAROLD PEARCE 4 | WILLIAM AMBLER *Tenor*
 Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.
 * First peal. † First peal in the method.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE,
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

GEORGE R. JONES *Treble* | *THOMAS R. BUTLER 5
 *THOMAS BUTLER 2 | JAMES H. RIDING 6
 EDWARD HARRISON 3 | EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
 ROBERT SPERRING 4 | *WILLIAM HIGGINSON *Tenor*
 Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Triples. The peal was arranged for T. and T. R. Butler and W. Higginson, and the latter was made a life member.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE,
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*MISS FLORENCE SAUNDERS *Treble* | HERBERT SHEPPARD 5
 MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2 | GILBERT GOEST 6
 SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3 | JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
 WILLIAM GOODMAN 4 | WILLIAM A. PUGH *Tenor*
 Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Florence Saunders. Also as a quarterly peal for the above Guild. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of offering their thanks to Miss Pigott for her generous hospitality after the peal, also after the previous attempts.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE,
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3rd, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS *Treble* | FREDERICK E. PARSONS 5
 ARTHUR KNIGHTS 2 | WILLIAM T. PALMER 6
 ALFRED E. PARSONS 3 | FREDERICK SMITH 7
 *SAMUEL SMEDLEY, JUN. 4 | WALTER ALLWOOD *Tenor*
 Composed by A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS. Conducted by G. HOLLIS.

* First peal. Author's No. 18. Rung to commemorate the 81st birthday of the Rector of Staveley Rev. Canon Molineux. The ringers of treble, 2nd, 6th, 7th and Tenor belong to the Chesterfield company, to whom the local members extend thanks for their kindness and help. The ringers of the 3rd and 4th were proposed members of the association prior to commencing the peal.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
 Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN *Treble* | FRANK BENNETT 5
 J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2 | WILLIAM C. HART 6
 EDWARD C. MERRETT 3 | ALBERT D. STONE 7
 ALFRED W. GROVES 4 | KEITH HART *Tenor*
 Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

BIOESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDRUG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

RUPERT R. LEWIS *Treble* | RICHARD W. BARROWS 5
 LEONARD TUFFREY 2 | FRANK BALDWIN 6
 JOHN SIMONS 3 | WALTER F. JUDGE 7
 JACK JUDGE 4 | *FREDERICK SELWYN *Tenor*
 Conducted by LEONARD TUFFREY.

* First peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL LINCOLNSHIRE,
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SIDNEY PROCTOR *Treble* | ARTHUR DRURY 4
 HENRY SQUIRES 2 | HARRY BARNES 5
 JOHN H. HAYNES 3 | ARTHUR MACKEARS *Tenor*
 Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
 (NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON *Treble* | JOHN BASS 4
 †WILLIAM GIBBS 2 | JOHN LLOYD 5
 *WILLIAM H. COOPER 3 | ROBERT MATTHEWS *Tenor*
 Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This peal was rung to commemorate the consecration by the Lord Bishop of Worcester of the new extension to the burial ground of this parish. It is also the first 5040 of London Surprise Minor by all the band, in the County and by the Association. * First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal away from the treble. Rung also on the birthday of Mrs. W. J. Bretherton.

WHITTINGTON, SHROPSHIRE,
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, ELLESMERE.)

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
 AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with 12 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. ... *Treble* | *WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON 4
 *ARTHUR ALLEN 2 | †THOMAS R. BUTLER 5
 †ROBERT T. EVANS 3 | *WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. *Tenor*
 Conducted by T. R. BUTLER. Witness: WALTER W. J. LEWIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells. Mr R. T. Evans hails from Oswestry and the remainder from Ellesmere, Salop.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £12 13s. 6d.; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, collection at quarterly meeting at Boldmere, £2 18s. 6d. Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. E. Parsons, Elma, Beauty Bank, Old Hill.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, viz., 4 six-scores of Old Doubles, 12 Plain Bob,
26 Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*ALRC. MUNDY Treble	CHARLES J. PAIN 3
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	*HARRY WITHERS 4
THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor	

Conducted by G. F. GRIFFIN.

* First peal.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ARTHUR KING Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL 4
†FRANCIS J. GLEAVES 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
CHARLES W. COOK 3	*HUBERT DRING Tenor

Conducted by C. W. COOK.

* First peal. † First peal away from the treble. First peal of Minor as conductor. The ringer of the treble was proposed a member of the Association in the tower. He and the tenor ringer hail from Over. First peal on the bells.

HARTLIP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

(On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN HARRIS Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
GEORGE KENWARD 2	CECIL C. BISHOP 5
CHARLES MILLARD 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

STRATFORD ST. MARY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Sunday, October 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	THOMAS READ 4
ALBERT A. FLEMING 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK 5
JAMES ROSE 3	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BURGESS.

First peal on the bells.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GWENDOLINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 120's each of Morning Star, Suffolk Delight, April Day, Canterbury Pleasure, Plain Bob and Old Doubles, and thirty 120's of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PRITCHARD Treble	WILLIAM D. GRIFFITHS ... 4
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	DAVID H. BENNETT 5
DAVID J. MOORE 3	*C. MORGAN DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal. First peal rung for the above Guild, which was established on Saturday, October 27th, 1923. First peal in seven methods by all the band, on the bells, and in the county. The above are all members of the local band.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.—On Saturday Oct. 20th, 1280 Cambridge Surprise Major: 11. W. Bishop 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, S. Palmer 5, B. A. Heard 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal in the method.

DALTONSBOROUGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 21 cwt.

RONALD BECK Treble	WALTER FARLEY 4
GERALD GRIFFIN 2	THOMAS GRIFFIN 5
STANLEY CARTER 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells.

GREAT BARFORD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty 120's of Grandsire and twelve of Bob Doubles, with ten different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	THOMAS BARHAM 3
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	WILLIAM E. HOLDEN 4
HUBERT FOLBIGG Tenor	

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT 16, WEST ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*PERCY MAY 1-2	FRANK J. LEVITT 5-6
ARTHUR E. MOORE 3-4	WILLIAM WATSON 7-8

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire: W. GOODSHIP.

* First peal 'in hand.'

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE TOWER OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*MAURICE SYMONDS 1-2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6
WM. R. JOHN POULSON 3-4	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: F. TURNER.

* First peal in the method. This is supposed to be the first 'double-handed' peal of Major in which father, son and grandson have taken part.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT 130, CLONMORE STREET, S.W.18,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor size 13 in E flat.

HERBERT LANGDON 1-2	JOHN D. MATTHEWS 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	JOHN SPARROW 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY. Umpire: Mr. W. LANGDON.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Matthews, the couple arriving from Eastbourne in time to hear the last few courses.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight 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	ALFRED H. POLLING 5-6
*RAYMOND PHILPOTT 3-4	JOHN FOSTER 7-8

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

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

**CHIPPING NORTON DEANERY WANTS MORE
HON. MEMBERS.**

The Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held their autumn meeting at Leafield on Saturday, November 3rd. Upwards of twenty ringers were present for ringing before service from Chipping Norton, Churchill, Charlbury, Witney, Leafield, and also the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn Master of the Guild, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon. Touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were rung. The Guild's special form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Hon. Rev. N. F. W. Balfour), with the assistance of the Rev. R. H. Hall, of Ramsden, who gave an interesting address. Tea was next partaken of in the Schoolroom, and at the business meeting which followed the Rev. J. W. Palmer (chairman of the branch) presided. He announced that they were all the guests of Mr. Hewitt, who was providing the excellent meat tea free of all cost (applause).

The usual votes of thanks were accorded to all those who helped towards the success of the meeting, especially Mr. Hewitt.

The members made a grant of £3 to the Spelsbury Bell Restoration Fund.

The hope was expressed that more would become hon. members to help to build up a surplus for these needs.

Further ringing afterwards brought a most enjoyable meeting to an end.

SOUTH OXON BRANCH.

The autumn meeting of the South Oxon branch was held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, at Chalgrove, and was fairly well attended, considering the rough weather. Service was held in the Parish Church and a practical address on the history and message of church bells was delivered by the Rector of Great Haseley (the Rev. Bown). After service tea was provided at the Hampden Hall by the kindness of the Vicar of Chalgrove (the Rev. T. O. Floyd). The annual business meeting followed at which the officers were elected, and it was decided to hold the spring meeting on May 31st, 1924, at Long Crendon, Bucks.

The tower was then again visited, and some good touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, with the kind help of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Guild Master) and three others from Caversham.

Sympathy was expressed at the absence of the hon. secretary (Mr. P. Wilson, of Warborough), who had to undergo an operation for appendicitis on the preceding Wednesday.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Cirencester Branch of the Gloucestershire and Bristol Diocesan Association held its quarterly meeting at Tetbury, when about thirty members attended, the following towers being represented: Cirencester, Fairford, Wotton Bassett, Dursley, Wotton-under-Edge, South Cerney, Chippenham, Coin St. Aldwyns, Down Ampney, and Tetbury. A good opportunity was thus afforded of trying the recently rung bells at Tetbury, and a very favourable opinion was expressed as to the manner in which the work had been done.

Rev. Dr. Thomson, Vicar of Tetbury conducted a service held in the Parish Church during the afternoon, an appropriate address being given by the Rev. J. R. Foster, Rector of Leighterton.

Tea was afterwards partaken of and was followed by a business meeting. Mr. H. C. Bond, chairman of the Cirencester Branch, presided, and was supported by Mr. F. J. Lewis, Master of the Diocesan Association, and hon. secretary of the branch. Several new members were elected; the recently formed band of Tetbury ringers were congratulated on their progress; and thanks were accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for the work done in connection with the rehanging of the Parish Church bells.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Cirencester in January.

During the afternoon and evening some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round and several of the learners were helped through their first courses of Triples.

GLOUCESTER BRANCH NEW SECRETARY.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch was held at Barnwood on Oct. 6th when about 14 towers were represented. Several methods were rung during the afternoon, and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. T. H. V. Paton) who also gave an address. Tea followed in the Schoolroom, the chairman of the branch (Mr. W. B. Wood) presiding, and 40 members sitting down. At the business meeting Mr. W. B. Wood was unanimously re-elected chairman of the branch.

The hon. branch secretary (Mr. H. Austin) resigned owing to his work taking him away from the city, and Mr. W. H. Harris was elected to fill the vacancy.

Mr. J. Austin was elected on the management committee, in place of Mr. G. Smith, resigned.

A hearty vote of thanks to the chairman (Mr. W. B. Wood) for his kindness in entertaining the members to tea concluded the meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

When referring a fortnight ago to Lancashire Surprise, we said it had been separately composed three times. We now learn that there has been yet a fourth composer, for in February, 1911, the same figures (unnamed) were sent by the Rev. E. E. James to Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford.

October is a lucky month for the Prittlewell company. The first peal on the eight was rung in October, 1896, the first on the ten in October, 1902, and the first peal of Treble Bob Royal in October, 1923.

Three generations of the Symonds family, of Lavenham, have taken part in a handbell peal.

Curiously enough we also record this week a tower bell peal in which three generations of one family took part. This was at Beddington last Saturday and the ringers included three generations of the Trappitt family, the ringer of the 5th being the father of the treble ringer, and son of the ringer of the 9th. Canon Ridout, who also took part, has since sailed again for South Africa. All will wish him a safe voyage.

Visitors to London for the College Youths dinner will find plenty of opportunity for ringing, both to-morrow afternoon and on Sunday. In addition to the usual arrangements, there is Sunday ringing at St. Clement Danes, which has already been notified, and Bow and Cripple-gate Churches will be open at 5.15 p.m.

Mr. William Rock Small of Tipton, 'father' of the Black Country ringers, will be 84 on Monday, and his many friends throughout the Exercise will extend their good wishes to him. Unfortunately Mr. Small is far from well, and birthday congratulations will, therefore, be joined with wishes for his better health.

The ringer of the 8th in the peal at Wrexham was Arthur Watkin, and not as printed last week.

A Guild of Ringers, has been formed for the new Welsh Diocese of Swansea and Brecon. The new Guild was founded on October 27th, and the first peal rung on October 29th.

A century ago there was at Huddersfield one of the best ringing companies in the kingdom. Among their performances was a peal of 'New Treble Bob Major, 10,080 changes, consisting of thirty-six courses in five hours and forty-five minutes,' rung on Nov. 13th, 1820. The old peal board recording the performance is one of the rare examples which give the figures of the peal.

Recorded in the Junior Cumberlands peal book is a peal of 6,003 'Grandsire Caters on Stedman's principle,' which was rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields on Nov. 13th, 1797. It was 'the greatest number ever achieved in that method,' and, so the record proceeds, 'will remain a lasting honour to the society and an example worthy to be imitated by posterity.' Unhappily, after the figures had been published by Shipway in 1816 they were found to be false.

ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.

On the question of muffled ringing the Rev. H. Law James, Master of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild, sends the following views which he set out in his annual report for 1921:—

'During the war Lincolnshire ringers kept clear of the morbid desire to ring muffled peals, but since the Armistice was signed I notice that muffled peals have been rung on Armistice Day and for the dedication of war memorials, and I feel sure that this mistake is simply due to thoughtlessness. It is an old custom to ring a muffled peal for a funeral, but as soon as the muffled peal was over an open peal for the resurrection always used to follow it; and ringing muffled bells on Armistice Day is really a relapse into heathenism; but far worse than this is the actual ringing of the muffled peals on Sunday. Sunday is the weekly commemoration of our Blessed Lord's Resurrection, it is always a feast day, and muffled bells on Sunday are absolutely out of place.

'Open bells on Sunday, open bells on Armistice Day, because we believe in the resurrection of the dead.

'In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer,
For the Saints who before us have found their reward;
When the shadow of death fell upon them, we sorrow'd,
But now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.'

The Midland Counties Association have issued an official notice suggesting to all towers in their area, half-muffled ringing for the morning service, and open bells for the remaining services.

An official notice of the Suffolk Guild also requests muffled ringing before the 11 a.m. Silence on Sunday.

In view of the special ringing which will be done on Sunday, in connection with the observance of Armistice Day, we will do our best to publish reports of quarter-peals and over rung on eight bells and upwards, and 720's on six bells, but we regret it will not be possible to find space for shorter lengths. Moreover, in order to save disappointment, the reports must reach us not later than first post on Tuesday next.

A NEW GUILD IN WALES.**DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION FORMED FOR SWANSEA AND BRECON.**

At a meeting held at the Church House, Brecon, on Saturday, Oct. 27th, a Guild of ringers for the new diocese of Swansea and Brecon was formed. The diocese includes the counties of Brecon and Radnor, and that part of the county of Glamorgan which forms the Gower peninsula. Hitherto the towers in the two counties have been affiliated to the Hereford Guild, and those in Glamorgan to the West Wales Association.

Among the towers represented at the meeting were Brecon St. Mary's, Builth, Talgarth, Glasbury St. Peter's, Crickhowell, Llangattock, Llanelly, Brongllys, Clyro, Cwmdu, Llanfagan etc. Letters of apology for non-attendance but in full sympathy with the movement, were read from places as far apart as Knighton, Sketty, Swansea and Llangorse, while several towers in the vicinity of Neath, although not in the diocese, sent a message of approval, testifying to their willing co-operation in that district.

The Lord Bishop of Swansea and Brecon presided, and the title chosen, and approved, for the new society was 'The Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.'

The officers appointed were: The Lord Bishop, president; the Sub-Dean (Canon E. A. T. Roberts, Vicar of Brecon), the Archdeacon of Brecon (Ven. H. J. Church Jones) and the Archdeacon of Gower (Ven. H. S. Williams), vice-presidents; Master of the Guild, Rev. T. R. J. Jones; hon. sec., Mr. W. R. Howells, 95, Street, Brecon; hon. treasurer, Mr. Chas. Powell, Brecon.

The following were appointed as a committee, to act with the officers of the Guild: Messrs. W. T. Hargest Brecon; W. Bicknell, Builth; S. T. Rackham, Llanelly (Breconshire); W. D. Griffiths, Talgarth; C. Powell Llangattock; C. Morse, Sketty; J. Hoare (St. Mary's), Swansea; D. J. Williams, Gorseinon; J. Hammond, Neath.

The first annual meeting has been provisionally fixed for Saturday, 28th June, 1924, at Brecon.

For the present the rules now operating in the Hereford Guild, were adopted, with the exception of Rules 14, 15, 16 and 20, to be drawn up at the first committee meeting to be held early in the New Year.

At the close of the meeting, the Bishop entertained the company to tea, and the members afterwards adjourned to St. Mary's tower, where touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

NEGLECTED LONDON TOWERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Week after week I read in your columns the interesting announcements of bells having been restored, and, in some towers, additions having been presented, which opens up to the young aspirant an opportunity to progress in the art of change ringing. In that respect they have my sincere congratulations. London, per se, was apparently the 'Cradle of campanian fame'—as old chronicles affirm; and yet there are in London and suburbs peals of from six to ten bells still remaining in a neglected condition, bells for the erection of which our forefathers subscribed. In some districts, representatives of the church do not seem to exhibit that fraternal tenderness and liberality which forms a striking feature in the character of a devout and Christian spirit. They might at any rate display a more intimate acquaintance with the requirements and comfort of the belfry and with the ringers, who devote their services gratis to the familiar 'call' to Divine worship.

'At Homes' and 'Afternoon Teas' are preferable to a cold and draughty belfry, I admit; but if this beautiful and interesting art could be grafted more closely into the minds of some of our ministers, much good would be done for the church and the science. To those eminent divines who have passed away, as well as those reverend gentlemen who are still 'in the hunt' who embrace the belfry as they do the vestry, to the glory of God, and to the good of their fellow creatures, the science owes a debt of gratitude.—Yours, etc.,

BOB MINOR.

A NEW TREBLE.

The first 720 on the bells at the Parish Church of Deeping St. James, Lincolnshire, since Messrs. Taylor and Co. added a new treble, was rung on Saturday, Nov. 3rd, when the extent of Double Court Bob Minor was brought round by A. E. Sneath 1, T. R. Oldham (first in the method) 2, H. W. Day (conductor) 3, J. Landon 4, W. Tilley 5, G. H. Wells 6. Messrs. Taylor's work has been carried out in a most efficient manner, and has given great satisfaction.

THE LATE MR. BONAR LAW.

At All Saints', Newport, as a last tribute of respect, a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples was attempted on the day of the funeral of the late Mr. Bonar Law. Unfortunately a shift occurred just before the half-way single, after an hour and thirty-five minutes' ringing.

SHARNBROOK BELLS.**'UNFORTUNATE EVENTS.'**

The recent removal of the bells at Sharnbrook, Beds, for restoration (including the recasting of four of them) without first obtaining the necessary faculty, led to strong comments, being made by the Worshipful Kenneth Macmorran, Chancellor of the Diocese, sitting at a Consistory Court at St. Albans Cathedral.

The petitioners, the Vicar and Parochial Church Council of Sharnbrook, were represented by Mr. Nelson Tebbs, Bedford, who admitted that the clock and bells had been removed from the church and sent to the foundry of Messrs. Gillott and Johnston, Croydon, before application was made for a faculty. There were six bells—the first modern, the fifth by one of the Newcomes (seventeenth century), and the rest by Henry Bagley, 1638. The tower and spire are of the Northamptonshire type which prevails in the north of Bedfordshire.

The Chancellor (as reported in 'The Church Times') said he would go fully into the case in giving judgment, because it was desirable that certain unfortunate events should not be repeated. It had been admitted that the bells and clock had been removed without a faculty. A letter had been written suggesting that a faculty was a mere formality. It was his duty to impress upon the petitioners, and all in whom Church property is vested, that churches and their contents must not be interfered with unless with the formal approval of the Bishop's Court. The bishop was the ultimate guardian of the fabric of the church; the churchwardens were his officers with legal ownership, but whose powers were exercised, subject to well defined rules and limitations. If the bishop could not trust his officers, the whole of this part of the parochial system would fall to the ground. While the bishop was the only authority who could give permission for additions and alterations to churches and their contents, that authority was exercised by the Diocesan Court, and the judge there must consider whether proposals were lawful, and if lawful, whether they were desirable.

The Chancellor then read an extract from a report by his learned predecessor and two other Chancellors in 1914 wherein they traced the present consistorial jurisdiction over church fabrics, etc., back to 1237, and in which the system was fully explained. During the short time he had held the office, he regretted to find that in the Archdeaconry of Bedford there seemed great laxity in the way in which the fabrics of churches had been interfered with, without the authority of that Court. The churchwardens of Sharnbrook had been guilty of an ecclesiastical offence of no light character—namely, the alienation of the Church's goods, an offence for which they could be prosecuted. By this very wrong act they allowed a firm of bell founders to remove the Church's property, regardless of the trust placed in them. They were trustees not only for the present parishioners, but for future generations, and for the diocese. The learned judge said he could conceive of no terms too severe or too strong in which to condemn the action of these churchwardens. One of them had aggravated his offence by writing a most improper letter, in which he said that the Parochial Church Council 'strongly objected' to the report of an expert sent by the Advisory Committee; maintaining that he was 'not in a position to offer advice,' and threatening not to raise money for the diocese if the Court refused a faculty, and referring to bad feeling caused locally.

The Chancellor wished it to be known that the Court would not be deflected from its duty by any such bad feeling, and that it was most improper that an officer of the Church should write to the judge threatening not to do his duty. Matters, he added, would have turned out differently had the proper course been pursued. The Diocesan Advisory Committee ought to have been consulted first of all. While the committee had no legal claim to be consulted, and the Chancellor was not bound by their advice, nevertheless, if petitioners did not consult them in the first place, he had arranged that all such applications should come before them later on, as he had done in that case.

The Advisory Committee had taken an enormous amount of trouble over Sharnbrook, and had even incurred some expense in order to advise him properly.

In conclusion, the Chancellor rather reluctantly allowed the recasting of three seventeenth century bells on account of their very bad condition; but he made it a condition that the frame should be erected to the satisfaction and under the supervision of Mr. A. R. Powys, the architect called in by the Advisory Committee.

A 'SILENT' PEAL OF STEDMAN.

Congratulations to the Bristol band who, last Saturday, rang a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples, as recorded in another column. It was originally intended to attempt the peal on September 29th, but seven men and the umpire met at one church, and one waited in vain at another! But the ultimate meeting has resulted in well-earned success. It is worth noting that of the 'inside' men Messrs. Leaker, Guise and Brown, have not yet conducted a peal of Stedman Triples.

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THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

NORBURY'S ANCIENT BELLS.

CHESHIRE PEAL TO BE AUGMENTED.

A fund has been opened for the restoration of the ancient bells of Norbury Church, Hazel Grove, Stockport. The restoration comprises recasting the existing bells, the addition of two new bells to complete the octave and rehanging the whole in a cast-iron frame. The work will not be carried out until the fund is complete. Each bell is to be cast for a different object, which prevents the restoration being carried out at once.

The six bells came from Disley Parish Church in 1837. The two oldest bells are Nos. 3 and 4, and were cast in 1617 by Henry Oldfield, of Congleton and Nottingham. Each has, in addition to their inscriptions, the crest of the Leghs of Lyme—a ram's head issuant out of a ducal coronet.

No. 6 was cast in 1632, and bears the very quaint inscription: 'May all people behold and see the works of goode Sir Peter Legh,' along with two crests, one as on Nos. 3 and 4, the other being a dexter arm, embowed, wielding a sword.

Nos. 1 and 2 were cast in 1748 and 1750 respectively by Daniel Hedderley, of Bawtry (Yorks) and Nottingham, and bear the name of 'Peter Lee, Lord of Lime.'

No. 5 was cast in 1837 by Thomas Mears, of London. It has on it the name of 'Thomas Legh, Esq., Lyme Park.'

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—That the name 'Rochester Surprise' is to disappear in favour of 'Lancashire Surprise' leaves me with one regret—Rochester is a pretty name, while, for that purpose Lancashire, I venture to suggest, is not. I hope my Lancashire friends will forgive my saying so. Whenever I see it I am at once reminded of such commodities as Worcestershire sauce, Cheshire cheese, etc., which smack of the shires. What a contrast is offered by the concise and euphonious 'Surprise' names to which we are accustomed—London, Bristol, Cambridge, Gloucester, Brighton, Rutland, etc.! Would our friends in Lancashire, therefore, consider, before it is too late—and the present juncture seems a favourable opportunity for doing so—the advisability of substituting 'Lancaster' for 'Lancashire'? And, would our Methods Committee take a note, and use their influence in the cause of uniformity and euphony?—Yours very truly,

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

G. P. BURTON.

ANOTHER VARIATION.

Writing in reference to this method having been rung as 'Rochester,' Mr. Arthur Craven, the author, says:—

I am very sorry for the Leiston band and Mr. Lindoff, because it carries a certain amount of disappointment when one finds that his production is old instead of new. The first peal was rung at Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, conducted by Jas. Houldsworth in August, 1922. All the Double Methods on this plan have been discovered well over 20 years. There is still one more that has not been published.

It is allied to 'Lancashire' as 'Dublin' is to 'Bristol.'

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12347586	12536478
21437568	21356748
24135766	23157687
42317568	32516748
24137586	23156478
42315768	32514687
24351786	35241678
Clear proof; same lead ends	53426187
and same compositions as	54321878
'Lancashire.'	45236187
	54326817
	53428671
	35246817
	32546671

23458761
Lead end
13527486

This method has clean proof when 5ths and 4ths are used, otherwise 32465 and 43265 are false course ends, as in Superlative.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE COMING DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

The annual meeting of the Winchester district of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary's, Southampton on Saturday, by kind permission of the Rector. The fine peal of eight by Taylor (tenor 22 cwt.) were kept going during the afternoon and evening to Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich Superlative Cambridge and London Surprise Major. A short service was held, the Guild service being conducted by the Rector (Canon Lovett), who gave an excellent address. Mr. D. C. Williams presided at the organ.

The tea and business meeting followed with the Rector in the chair. Apologies were received from the Rev. C. E. Matthews (vice-president), the Rev. W. C. Woods (hon. treasurer), and the district chairman (the Rev. Canon Braithwaite).

The balance sheet for the year ending 31st October was presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Tucker). The receipts were £15 1s. 2d., and expenditure £4 11s. The sum of £9 10s. had been paid to the Guild treasurer, leaving a balance in hand of £1 0s. 2d.—The balance sheet was adopted.

The retiring officers were re-elected en bloc viz.: Chairman, Canon Braithwaite; hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; representatives on Central Committee, Mr. W. Andrews and Mr. J. W. Faithfull; hon. auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

The following meetings were arranged for the year 1924: Alton on Feb. 2nd; Sheffield English on May 3rd; Twyford and Owslebury on August 30th; and the annual meeting at Winchester on Nov. 1st.

Messrs. Curtis Newman and White, of St. Mary's, Southampton, and Miss Iris Giles, of North Stoneham, were elected full members.

The next business was the consideration of the division of the diocese as affecting the constitution of the Guild.—A letter from the general secretary was read, and after considerable discussion, Mr. Pullinger proposed, and Mr. Faithfull seconded, a resolution to the effect that the Winchester district is very strongly in favour of the Guild continuing as hitherto, when the diocese is divided, and that the title be changed to 'The Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth Diocesan Guild.' Also that the ringers in the new dioceses of Guildford and Portsmouth be invited to remain in unity with Winchester, and to help carry on the great work and great name of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

This resolution was carried unanimously.

The Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Lovett for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, for the use of the school for tea and meeting, also for presiding.—Canon Lovett, replying, said he was pleased to do anything he could for the ringers.

The towers represented were Bishopstoke, Bishop Sutton, North Stoneham, Diphden, Romsey, Ringwood, Fareham, Curdridge, Portsea, Winchester, Bournemouth, Southampton, Hursley, and Messrs. Barton and Jennings from the Isle of Wight.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District, held at Hemel Hempstead on Saturday, Nov. 3rd was a very successful one, members being present from Harpenden, St. Albans, Watford, Bushey, Tring, Berkhamstead, Dunstable, and the local company. The service was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. A. F. Robson) who accorded a hearty welcome to the visitors, and gave a very helpful and impressive address.

Immediately afterwards all adjourned to the St. Mary's Hall, where tea was partaken of the Vicar and his wife kindly inviting the visitors to be their guests.

At the meeting which followed, the Vicar was unanimously voted to the chair.—One new member was elected from Tring, and, with cordial approval, the Rev. A. F. Robson was elected an hon. member.

For the next meeting King's Langley was chosen, subject to the necessary permission, the date being fixed for the second Saturday in January.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar and his wife for their generosity; the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the organist for his services.

On behalf of the company present the secretary offered all good wishes and godspeed to Mr. George Debenham, who sails shortly for the Malay States.

Courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on handbells after which all adjourned to the tower to continue ringing Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

Thanks are offered to all who contributed towards another successful meeting.

WEDDING BELLS.

The marriage took place at Old Basford, Notts, on Oct. 18th, of Mr. H. Lewin and Miss M. Poyser, both members of the local band of ringers and in honour of the event 504 Stedman Triples were rung by the following: T. Jennison 1, *L. Hooton 2 *F. Barks 3, *A. Marsh, *R. Widnall 5, F. Johnson 6, G. R. Goodship 7, *A. Hooton 8. * The first 504.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Nov. 4th, for harvest festival service, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins., by the St. Clements' Youths: F. W. Sergison (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Rushton 2, G. R. Fardon (conductor) 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, R. A. Fardon 5, Miss F. E. Orr 6, F. G. Newman 7, C. F. Winney 8, H. Langdon 9, E. A. Young 10.

EALING.—At Christ Church, for morning service, on Nov. 4th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: A. Brookland 1, F. S. Palmer, junr., 2, G. Harbour 3, A. Harding 4, C. Edwards 5, J. E. Walsom 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 4th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: R. H. Stevens 1, J. Binfield 2, S. Binfield 3, C. Turner 4, F. W. Elliott 5, C. R. Millway 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, J. Wood 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday Oct. 28th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Jones 1, C. H. Horton 2, E. M. Elliott 3, Rev. C. F. Ayers 4, W. Norris 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. J. Norris 8.

WRITHELE, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 28th, for morning service 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Summerfield 1, F. W. Edwards 2, H. Edwards 3, F. G. Radley 4, H. Joyce 5, W. Lincoln 6, H. Head (conductor) 7, T. B. Fairhead 8. Longest length by A. Summerfield and H. Edwards.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings, in 47 mins.: H. Colley, junr., 1, A. Gower 2, J. Hemming (conductor) 3, A. Boswell 4, H. Colley, senr., 5, J. Stanley 6. First quarter-peal by 1st, 2nd and 6th, and first away from the treble by the ringer of the 4th.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins., with ten different callings: H. Colley, junr., 1, A. Gower 2, H. Colley, senr., 3, J. Hemming (conductor) 4, A. Boswell 5, J. Stanley 6.

GODSTONE, SURREY.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, on October 28th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: L. Trigg 1, L. Goodwin 2, W. T. Beeson, junr., 3, F. Rice 4, W. Wilson 5, T. Coppard 6, W. Claydon (conductor) 7, W. T. Beeson, senr., 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. H. Lott 1, Miss E. C. Chapman 2, W. S. Smith 3, Miss F. E. Orr 4, S. King 5, A. Calver 6, W. H. Joiner (conductor) 7, J. Currell 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st and 5th.

LONG EATON.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, for morning service, on Oct. 28th, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss L. Geeson 1, W. R. Drage (conductor) 2, J. Harrison 3, J. Bailey 4, C. Geary 5, C. Wilkenson 6, T. Hutchinson 7, J. Watson 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, A. R. Macdonald 2, C. Edwards 3, W. H. Hollier 4, E. Harris 5, E. J. Walsom 6, P. E. Clark (first attempt as conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins. (10 different callings) with 4, 6, 8 covering: W. F. Ellingham 1, S. Stilwell 2, D. G. Archer 3, C. Folly 4, J. Kent 5, C. Gash 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, H. Gash (first quarter-peal) 8.

MARKET DRAYTON SALOP.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: S. Hughes 1, J. Perry (Brewood) 2, A. M. Hickman 3, W. Lycett 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, T. Tudor 6, W. Weatherby (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

SALGHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 28th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 48 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, E. Mill 3, C. Creasey 4, T. Booth 5, G. Mills (first quarter-peal on inside bell) 6, W. Hoad (conductor) 7, G. King 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Oct. 28th, for evening service 832 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: P. Ward 1, G. Heley 2, A. V. Good 3, A. G. Mathews 4, C. E. King 5, F. Ramsey 6, J. B. Marks 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8.

PENSHURST, KENT.—At the Parish Church for morning service, on Oct. 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: B. Pankhurst (Leigh) 1, M. Lambert 2, J. H. Howes (Feltham, Middlesex) 3, G. Edwards 4, A. Reader 5, H. Seal 6, P. Denton (Leigh) conductor, 7, H. Baker 8. First quarter-peal for treble and third.

GORSEINON, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Catherine's Church on Sunday, Oct. 21st a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *Reg. Dobbins 1, Robert Baird 2, Albert Sluman 3, Wallace Dobbins 4, J. T. Williams 5, William Dobbins 6, J. Williams (first quarter as conductor) 7, *C. Willis 8. * First quarter. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, on his obtaining his B.Sc. degree.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 21st, at Christ Church 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, H. W. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, L. A. Wilson 4, S. Palmer 5, H. A. Heard 6, W. Trueman 7, W. G. Lancaster 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—For morning service, at St. John's, on Sunday, Oct. 21st a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): V. Butler 1, W. M. Cross 2, S. Wright 3, F. Dainty 4, W. G. Cross 5, J. Carman 6, F. Cooke 7, C. T. P. Brice (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and was rung as a farewell to J. Carman, who shortly leaves for London. First quarter in the method on the bells.

LEWES.—At Southover Church, for morning service on Oct. 21st, 462 Grandsire Triples: W. Ward 1, A. S. Turner 2, W. Boyes 3, B. Heasman 4, T. Scrivens 5, A. Errey 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, C. Errey 8.—For evening service, 406 Grandsire Triples and 125: D. White 1, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 2, W. Pelling 3, B. Heasman 4, T. Scrivens 5, W. Boyes 6, A. J. Turner 7, J. Steadman 8. These touches were also rung to commemorate Trafalgar Day.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 21st for harvest festival, afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: P. Downing 1, J. C. Taylor 2, W. Godden 3, F. Cardwell 4, J. Garth 5, H. Taylor 6, H. Wilson 7, F. Watkinson (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all and first attempt, except by conductor. For evening service, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman broke down in the 13th course owing to a change course: J. C. Taylor 1, Miss E. Hopkin 2, W. Godden 3, H. Wilson 4, J. Garth 5, W. H. Taylor 6, F. Watkinson (conductor) 7, F. Cardwell 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, H. T. Hughes 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, E. Jones 5, R. Edwards 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung on the occasion of a visit to the parish, of which he was formerly Vicar of the Right Rev. Bishop Hook, D.D., and as a birthday compliment to E. Jones. Also on handbells, 1,440 Grandsire Doubles: T. Marshall 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, E. H. Kynaston 3, R. Kynaston 4, R. Evans 5-6. Jointly conducted by R. Evans and W. B. Kynaston. Also for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Hughes 1, R. Martin 2, R. Evans (conductor) 3, H. T. Hughes 4, E. Jones 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. Edwards 7, G. Beaton 8.

LONDON.—An Sunday morning, Oct. 21st, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, City, for the fish, fowl and fruit harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. H. Hewitt 1, A. W. Coles 2, E. J. Trimmer 3, C. T. Coles 4, C. H. Chapman 5, W. A. Alps (conductor) 6, C. W. R. Grimwood 7, R. Sanders 8. This festival has previously been held at St. Magnus London Bridge.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: W. E. Oakley 1, R. W. R. Picton 2, S. Hoare 3, E. M. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, W. Hewitt 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. J. Norris 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at St. Mary Abbots Kensington, 1,287 Stedman Caters: W. E. Garrard 1, W. J. Kemp 2, P. E. Clark 3, A. Trimmer 4, O. W. Roberts (conductor) 5, P. L. Miles 6, G. W. Frayne 7, R. C. Congreve-Fridgeon 8, H. G. Miles 9, A. Howell 10.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, for the evening service, and in commemoration of Trafalgar Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Godfrey 1, H. J. Saunders 2, C. R. Millway 3, R. H. Stevens 4, C. Turner 5, F. W. Elliott 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, J. Wood 8.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, for evening service on Oct. 21st, 960 London Surprise Major: A. R. Glasscock 1, G. Eester 2, W. Pickworth 3, J. Armstrong (conductor) 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, G. Fletcher 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, Oct. 14th for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. F. Mansfield 1, Miss M. A. Nye 2, F. Fraser 3, H. James 4, J. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

EIGHT HUNDRED MILES FOR A PULL.

A successful meeting of the Central District of the Surrey Association was held at Epsom on Saturday, Oct. 20th when upwards of 50 members made good use of the bells at St. Martin's and Christ Church during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held at Christ Church with an instructive address by the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Hooke. Tea and the business meeting followed at the Church Room, at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Master (Mr. J. D. Drewett, J.P.). Among the visitors was Canon G. H. Ridout, of Johannesburg, who was on his first visit to England for 18 years, and amused the members by saying that in South Africa he had to travel 400 miles each way to get a pull.

Six new members were elected, including the Vicar who, in responding to a vote of thanks, expressed the hope that the association would pay another visit in the near future. The next meeting of the district will be held at Benhiton, Sutton in January.

NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Armistice Day Ringing.—It is suggested that bells be rung half-muffled for the morning service, and open for the remaining services.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Members are requested to arrange for some muffled ringing before the 11 a.m. Silence on Sunday next, on that day or previously, and for open ringing afterwards, at such time as can be arranged.—C. E. Fisher, Treasurer; H. Drake, Secretary.

A wreath will be placed at the foot of the Ringers' Memorial in Newcastle Cathedral by the Durham and Newcastle Association. Should any relative or friend of fallen members be desirous of placing a wreath there also, and are unable to attend, the officers of the association will place them at the memorial if the flowers are addressed to the Hon. Sec. at Newcastle Cathedral.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS—Established 1637.—The 286th anniversary dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 10th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. Howell, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, A. R. Macdonald, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, H. J. Walton, C. F. Winney, E. A. Young. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 2 to 3 p.m.; St. Giles, Cripplegate; St. Magnus, London Bridge; St. Dunstan in the East, all from 3 to 5 p.m. Ringing for Evensong on Nov. 11th, at St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, and St. Giles, Cripplegate, at 5.15.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Holmer on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells (6) available 3.30 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Vicarage Room, 5.45 p.m.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at White Cot Dairy at 5 o'clock.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Gedney on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 10th, at 3.30.—John E. Ashcroft, Post Office, Grappenhall.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Cheddar on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.—A ringers' social will be held at St. Paul's, Cross Stone, on Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tea and entertainment in Priestwell Schools. All ringers and friends welcome.—William Horan, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available at 3 p.m. All welcome.—W. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Tea 6d. each. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

PAYHEMBURY, DEVON.—The six bells at Payhembury, Devonshire, which have just been rehung with all new fittings in a new metal frame, and the tenor recast by Gillett & Johnston, will be dedicated at a special service in the church at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, November 10th. Preacher: The Rev. L. B. Stallard, Vicar of Ottery, and Chairman of the East Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild of Ringers. Tea in the Schoolroom at 4.30 p.m. Tickets 1/- each. All ringers welcome.—H. L. Parry, The Vicarage, Payhembury, Exeter.

ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS, St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing, Sunday mornings, Nov. 18th and 25th, from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, ringing 10 o'clock to 10.45 a.m. Half-muffled ringing immediately after morning service and again at 2.15 p.m. to 3.15. Any ringers visiting London during the week-end will be heartily welcomed.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for Nov.: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 12th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's Bishopsgate, Monday, 19th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haycock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 17th, when all ringers will be welcomed. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual, but please send a postcard those requiring same by the 13th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, Surrey.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Nov. 17th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available; also Bengoe (8), if wanted. A short service will be held at All Saints' at 4.30; address by the Vicar. Tea at 1/- per head at Mr. Thirtledoe's, near Corn Exchange, at 5 o'clock; business meeting after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Secretary, Little Munden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45. 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than Nov. 10th.—Charles D. P. Daviss, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Chester St. Hulme, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30, with an address by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, secretary and lay reader, St. Albans. Tea 1/3 each, at the Grange after service, followed by meeting. Will members and ringing friends kindly note the date as we hope to have a good muster?—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Tea in St. Peter's Hall at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow for the election of officers. Will all members intending being present kindly let Miss D. Steel, 67, Goldington Road, Bedford, know on or before Wednesday, Nov. 14th, so that she can arrange tea?—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be at Appleton on Saturday, November 17th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 3. Tea and meeting 4. Those intending being present let me know by the 14th.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting at 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above association will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing commences at 3 o'clock. The secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at this meeting, and will members please attend in good numbers to decide the Croft Dinner arrangements, etc.?—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Kettering District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Cranford (6) on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Nov. 13th?—R. G. Black, District Sec., Geddington, Kettering.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A meeting will be held at Bosbury on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells 4 p.m. Church service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Norton Cuckney on Saturday, November 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. at 1/6 per head for those who advise Mr. Wm. Smith, Norton Cuckney, Mansfield, not later than 12th inst. Buses are run in the near vicinity of the church from many places, and a good attendance is desired. Visitors welcome. Nearest railway station, Langwith, L.M. & S.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wickwar on Saturday, November 17th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, 17th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea and business at Foster's Restaurant. Will members requiring tea please notify me not later than Thursday, 15th?—E. J. Harding, Dis. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing at 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after. A good attendance is desired.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, November 17th. Tea will be provided for those attending this meeting. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on 22nd; *St. Michael's, Cornhill (election of officers), on the 13th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 15th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, November 24th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at the Cross Keys Cafe, Horsemarket, at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Business—Report of Sub-Committee, re "Proposed formation of a Peterborough Diocesan Guild." It is hoped all members will make an effort to be present. Will those who require tea notify me on or before Wednesday, November 21st?—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting of members will be held on Saturday, November 24th, at St. Mary's, Whittlesea, Cambs. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 6 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by November 21st. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Will all Branch Secretaries please note that the address of Hon. Treasurer is now Mr. A. J. Wright, 40, Hamilton Road, Reading?—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. James George has removed to 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

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HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Thursday, Oct. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. Chapman 1 Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. A. Penfold 3, H. Baker 4, J. Powell 5, O. Waghorn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Batehup 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the evening of the funeral of Mr. G. M. Newman, who was for many years a very useful voluntary worker in societies and public bodies in the parish.

NOTICE.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Ludlow on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available 3.15—4.15 and 6.45—7.45 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dist. Hon. Sec.

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The College Youths' dinner on Saturday was again the occasion of an enjoyable gathering of ringers from many parts of the country. Each year seems to bring a bigger 'invasion' than ever of visitors from distant centres, until the event has become almost national in character. The Ancient Society has behind it some fine traditions in ringing, and there was never a time when the College Youths had greater prospects before them. No longer are they that 'one company' organisation which, in years gone by, they seemed to be, but they combine now among their active members the experience of age, and the enthusiasm of youth so essential to future success. Indeed, the promising young material to be found in the ranks of the College Youths in and around the Metropolis must be one of the most gratifying features to the older members.

Our article on this page last week seems to have been not inaptly timed, for it served to give the Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths, in responding to the toast of London and Provincial Societies, the cue for a serious speech on the difficulties which in these days confront London ringing societies. His remarks, in our view, give point to what we said with regard to joint action among the Metropolitan organisations. Quite frankly, Mr. Matthews said that the fact that some Metropolitan towers are closed to-day may be due to the action of ringers themselves in the excessive use they have made of them for peals in the past. Here, surely, is one strong reason why an effort should be made to get derelict rings put in order, so that the peal ringing may be spread over more towers, and thus reduce the risk of outrunning the welcome at the churches at present used.

Another of the points which Mr. Matthews made was that it was almost, if not quite, impossible to maintain any Sunday service ringing at the London churches. Here again, we think, the suggestion of our article might be utilised. Joint action by all the London ringing societies is just the method by which such difficulties could be met. There are examples to be found, even in the Metropolis, of the successful inauguration of Sunday ringing companies—not for every service probably, but, at any rate, once a day. St. Clement Danes, with its own Society of Youths, is, we believe, a case in point. We can quite understand how reluctant men, who have met with constant rebuffs and disappointments in their efforts, may be to make some new attempt, but if only the initial difficulties between the societies themselves can be overcome, we believe, some such course as we suggested last week might, in the process of time, have valuable and lasting results, because there are many subjects, beyond the actual restoration of dilapidated bells, which might be taken in hand.

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

FRED HAYES Treble	ARTHUR J. HOING 7
RALPH COLES 2	GEORGE TWITCHEN 8
JAMES W. WILKINS 3	FRANK K. BOXELL 9
*GEORGE HINTON 4	CECIL A. SMITH 10
EDWARD MARKHAM 5	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD 11
JOHN GRANSBURY 6	EDWARD R. COLES Tenor

Composed by **FREDERICK DENCH.** Conducted by **FRED HAYES.**
* First peal of Stedman Cinques. All local Sunday Service ringers, and six are ex-service men.

TEN BELL PEALS.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ERNEST BISHOP Treble	EDGAR HUMFREY... .. 6
RICHARD T. HIEBERT... .. 2	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 7
WILLIAM FUSSELL 3	FRANK HOPGOOD 8
ARTHUR WIGGINS 4	JAMES R. MACKMAN 9
STANLEY C. DAVIS 5	WILLIAM SIMMONDS Tenor

Composed by **WM. WILLSON.** Conducted by **J. R. MACKMAN.**
Rung as a compliment to Mr. Wm. Newell, the 'father' of Reading ringers on the occasion of his 85th birthday. E. Bishop is from Swindon, E. Humfrey from Abingdon, and W. H. Fussell from Slough.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE J. NICHOLS Treble	WILLIAM LOADER 6
†GEORGE PETTER 2	GEORGE TOMSETT 7
EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE 3	EDWARD RADDON... .. 8
*MRS. C. HAZELDEN 4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9
CHARLES HAZELDEN... .. 5	EDWARD HEATH Tenor

Composed by **J. ROGERS.** Conducted by **SEPTIMUS RADFORD.**
Rung with the bells half-muffled on the eve of the Day of Remembrance. * First peal on ten bells. † First peal on an inside bell. All who took part in this peal are Sunday Service ringers.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5033 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON... Treble	*JAMES F. CLARKE 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY 8
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 4	R. HENRY BARTRAM... .. 9
*E. HARRY STONELEY 5	THOMAS TAYLOR... .. Tenor

Composed by **F. H. DEXTER.** Conducted by **R. F. ELKINGTON.**
* First peal of Caters. First of Caters as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled for the fallen in the late war.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 30, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM THEOBALD Treble	ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
ALFRED PYE... .. 2	*GEORGE DAWSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	HARRY F. DAWKINS 7
ARTHUR E. CHAPLIN 4	JOHN DALE Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL. Conducted by G. R. PYE.
* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since the 7th and tenor were rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, the 'go' being very satisfactory.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(SOCIETY OF BRAUGHING-YOUTHS.)

On Wednesday, October 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 19 cwt.

ARCHIE T. DRAGE Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
HERBERT W. DRAGE 2	ARTHUR BARLEY 6
ALFRED CLARK 3	WILLIAM K. NORTH 7
WILLIAM H. CLEMENCE 4	ROBERT MUTIMER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM K. NORTH.
Rung with 6-8 covering. First peal by all except conductor. First peal as conductor. Robert Mutimer elected a member of the association previous to the peal. Believed to be the first peal rung by an entirely local band since 1829; all are Sunday Service ringers.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK-
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

GEORGE W. ABLITT Treble	FRANK L. FISHER 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
CHARLES E. FISHER 4	ERNEST E. LANEAM Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN. Conducted by G. WHITING.
First in the method by ringers of treble and 3rd, and first in method as conductor.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

HARRY BARRELL Treble	CHARLES CLARKE 5
ERNEST LINCOLN 2	CHARLES F. SAYER 6
*ROBERT A. WARMAN... .. 3	*HARRY W. BARRETT... .. 7
*ARTHUR A. CORBYN 4	FREDERICK A. FINCH Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.
* First peal of Major, and first peal of Major as conductor.

DARESBURY, CHESHIRE,
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	†JAMES J. WILSON 5
LEONARD BOSTOCK 2	†FRED LAMBETH 6
EDWARD JENKINS... .. 3	*GEOFFREY TAYLOR 7
FRANCIS BIBBY 4	†ALBERT BOOTH Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal. * First peal of Treble Bob. The ringers of treble and 4th hail from Frodsham, 2nd and 7th from Grappenhall, 3rd and 5th from Warrington, 6th from Chippenham, Wills, and tenor from Northwich.

FARNWORTH-BY-BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*JAMES BOLTON Treble	PETER CROOK 5
*ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	JOHN POTTER 6
FRED F. RIGBY 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON 7
RICHARD P. HEALD 4	ERNEST CUTSFORTH Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by ERNEST CUTSFORTH.
* First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

JOHN AVIS Treble	JOSEPH CONSTANT 5
JOHN BRILES 2	RICHARD CONSTANT 6
ROBERT TALL 3	AMOS CONSTANT 7
RICHARD SMITH 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD CONSTANT.
The above ringers are all members of the St. George's band, and this is the first peal on the new bells which were recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5030 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB Treble	ISAAC G. SHADE 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 4	JOHN LYDDIARD Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH AND SURFLEET SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SHIPWAY'S FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*FRANK BEALLEY Treble	ERNEST FLOWERS 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	SYDNEY G. FLOWERS 6
WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON 7
JOHN W. WOOD... .. 4	ERNEST H. HOODLESS Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal.

GIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Two 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.

WILFRED G. COOK Treble	WILLIAM C. CUSS 5
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	H. CHARLES BOND 6
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	JOHN HOPE 7
WILFRED H. HAYWARD 4	JOHN HAYWARD Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.
Arranged for Mrs. R. J. WILKINS, President of the Ladies' Guild.

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ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 30 cwt.	
CHARLES WALKLATE... ..Trebble	JOHN MALYAN 5	JOHN MALYAN 5	
*JOSEPH BLOW 2	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 6	WALTER H. L. BUCKINGHAM 6	
THOMAS J. HULL 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7	
WILLIAM LITTLE 4	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...Tenor	GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ...Tenor	

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung on the 50th anniversary of the formation of the Abbey Band of Bellingers. This is believed to be the first peal of Stedman ever rung in this city by an entirely local band.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WALTER WHITEHEAD... ..Trebble		JAMES HUTCHBY 5	
EDWARD WHITEHEAD... .. 2	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 6	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 6	
WILLIAM WILLSON 3	*MISS HILDA WILLSON 7	*MISS HILDA WILLSON 7	
ALBERT H. WARD 4	EDWARD READER ... ..Tenor	EDWARD READER ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by MISS HILDA F. WILLSON.

* First attempt as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM WILLSON ... ..Trebble		*ARTHUR COTTELL 5	
*EDWARD WHITEHEAD 2	MISS HILDA WILLSON 6	MISS HILDA WILLSON 6	
WALTER WHITEHEAD 3	EDWARD READER 7	EDWARD READER 7	
ALBERT H. WARD 4	*L. WILLIAM JACQUES ...Tenor	*L. WILLIAM JACQUES ...Tenor	

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
ROBERT MATTHEWS ... ..Trebble	JOHN BASS 5	JOHN BASS 5	
CHARLES E. PERKINS... .. 2	*WILLIAM H. COOPER 6	*WILLIAM H. COOPER 6	
WILLIAM GIBBS 3	JOHN LLOYD 7	JOHN LLOYD 7	
HARRY PRICE 4	*WALTER MASTERS ... ..Tenor	*WALTER MASTERS ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Stedman.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*ANDREW ROUND... ..Trebble		ALFRED ROWLEY 5	
HARRY HUBBALL 2	†REUBEN HALL 6	†REUBEN HALL 6	
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7	
RICHARD ROUND 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...Tenor	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ...Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method. † Re-elected a member previous to starting. Rung on the eve of Armistice Day, and as a compliment to Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, on attaining his 84th birthday.

ISLEWORTH.—On Wednesday, Oct. 3rd, for harvest festival, 504 Grandsite Triples: A. Sheard 1, F. G. Goddard 2, W. F. Ellingham (longest length inside) 3, S. Stilwell 4, T. Beadle 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, C. J. Tricker 7, H. Brooks 8.

EDMONTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.			
MRS. R. J. WILKINS ... ..Trebble	WALTER J. BOWDEN 5	WALTER J. BOWDEN 5	
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 2	WALTER FARLEY... .. 6	WALTER FARLEY... .. 6	
JOHN W. JONES 3	JESSE B. TYLER 7	JESSE B. TYLER 7	
JOHN THOMAS 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

The conductor's 150th peal. Rung on the eve of Armistice Day, and as a birthday compliment to Misses Parker and Upsher.

WHITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY HEAD ... ..Trebble		*LESLIE J. CLARK 5	
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	CYRIL PEASE 6	CYRIL PEASE 6	
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7	WILLIAM LINCOLN 7	
JAMES FLEUZY 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... ..Tenor	ARTHUR HEAD ... ..Tenor	

Composed by G. R. NEWTON. Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

* First peal in the method with inside bell.

ALVECHURCH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 13 cwt. in F.	
LESLIE G. CARTWRIGHT...Trebble	ALFRED HACKETT 5	ALFRED HACKETT 5	
*EDWARD ROSE 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6	
CHARLES WEBB... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 7	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 7	
C. HOWARD STANLEY 4	SAMUEL GROVE ... ..Tenor	SAMUEL GROVE ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

RICHARD PAINE ... ..Trebble		WILLIAM TATE 5	
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6	TOWER R. TAYLOR 6	
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7	
WALTER G. ROWE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..Tenor	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... ..Tenor	

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*ALFRED BLOGG ... ..Trebble		*HAROLD LUCAS 5	
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6	
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 3	†E. ROGER MARTIN 7	†E. ROGER MARTIN 7	
*WILLIAM LANCASTER 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... ..Tenor	JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... ..Tenor	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 116). Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

Rung on the eve of the Armistice. * First peal in the method, † First touch in the method as conductor.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Friday, Sept. 28th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 54 mins.: S. Hoare 1, E. M. Elliott 2, W. Seeley (Bushey) 3, G. Seaman 4, W. Norris 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Hughes (Stanmore) 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
†DONALD FINDLAY 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN 6
*MISS DOROTHY ORLEBAR ... 3	*ALEC. RICHARDSON 7
FREDERICK WHITE 4	WILLIAM LATTER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by W. LATTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal with an inside bell.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILSON Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
LEONARD P. BAILEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
ALFRED KEEBLE 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung on the eve of Armistice Day.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

SWIETHLAND, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12 cwt.

WM. LEONARD JOHNSON ... Treble	SYDNEY A. JOHNSON 4
*KENNETH ELLIOTT 2	ROWLAND BARROW 5
GUYDO DICKENSON 3	ALBAN DISNEY Tenor

Conducted by ROWLAND BARROW.

* First inside.

BEARSTEAD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
CHARLES MILLARD 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

*RAYMOND MALBY Treble	*HARRY CLARKE 3
*ARTHUR ROBINSON 2	HARRY ENGLAND 4
GEORGE PARKER Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY CLARKE.

* First peal.

DEVIZES, WILTS.
SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(DEVIZES BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 17 cwt.

*SIDNEY SMITH Treble	*WILLIAM A. SWIFT 4
*MISS F. ROWE 2	FRANK GREEN 5
SIDNEY HILLIER 3	*LEONARD SWIFT Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY HILLIER.

* First peal and first attempt.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.
EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's with ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*BENJAMIN WALVIN Treble	*WALTER BRIGGS 4
*THOMAS CRESSWELL 2	HERBERT G. FRETWELL ... 5
CHARLES WALVIN 38	†PERCY WESTON Tenor

Conducted by H. G. FRETWELL.

First peal of Doubles on the bells. * First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Messrs. Cresswell and Briggs were elected members of the association previous to starting. The ringers of 2, 4 and 6 belong to the local band, treble, 3 and 5 to Swanwick.

THURSTASTON, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5060 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, 8 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 4 six-scores of Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES 3
JOHN WILKINSON 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 4
EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the 3rd. First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by the Lancashire Association. All the above band, with the exception of the treble ringer, have now rung peals on all numbers from 5 to 12 inclusive. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Crown Prince of Sweden and Lady Louise Mountbatten.

CHEDDLETON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Duke of York and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford, each called differently.

*WILLIAM CORFIELD Treble	HENRY CARNWELL 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	JAMES WALLBY 5
*WILLIAM CARNWELL 3	EDWARD EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal. This is the first peal on these bells since they were recast by Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., Loughborough.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, November 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 40 six-scores of Grandsire and 2 of Plain Bob, 12 different callings. Rung on the back six. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILFRED R. HARRIS ... Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
DAVID H. BENNETT 2	WILLIAM EVANS 5
TREVOR JONES 3	*ALBERT EDWARD JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. D. H. Bennett and A. E. Jones.

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

On Tuesday, November 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRED BLACKLEDGE Treble	HERBERT BLACKLEDGE ... 4
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
*JOHN R. STOTT 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal.

COLLINGTREE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF COLUMBA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

TOM TEBBUTT Treble	*FREDERICK NEWMAN... .. 3
*HARRY CROW 2	HARRY MARLOW 4
JOHN A. TOWNSEND Tenor	

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of those who gave their lives for their country during the Great War. * First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 25, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

R. ALDER GOFTON 1-2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4	JAMES E. GOFTON... .. 7-8
*GEORGE R. HOLMES... .. 9-10	

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

Umpire: S. W. STRATFORD.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES E. GOFTON... .. 1-2	R. ALDER GOFTON 7-8
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4	RICHARD A. GOFTON 9-10
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6	*GEORGE R. HOLMES 11-12

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

The Stedman Caters was attempted on Tuesday, October 23rd, as a birthday compliment to R. Alder Gofton, Mrs. Gofton (mother), and Thomas T. Gofton, which fell on the 21st, 23rd and 25th Oct. respectively, but was lost after ringing one hour and forty minutes.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Size 18 in G.

*RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2	†GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING 3-4	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.' † First peal of Major on an 'inside' pair.

FORESTERS' PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 8th, 1923, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ALFRED TURNER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5848 CHANGES;

Being eight 720's and 88 changes.

BRO. FRANK TORNER, S.C.R. 1-2	BRO. S. H. SYMONDS, R.C. 3-4
BRO. WILLIAM R. J. POULSON, P.C.R. 5-6	

Conducted by BRO. STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

Umpire: BRO. F. A. POULSON. Witness: BRO. A. TURNER, SEC.

All the above Bros. are members of Court 'British Lion,' 5848, A.O.F. The number of changes rung coincides with the number of the Court. This is believed to be the first Foresters' handbell peal ever rung.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

MR. W. STORY RESIGNS THE PRESIDENCY.

The 46th annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, Oct. 27th, in Darlington. The bells of the three churches in the town were kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers for the day by the respective vicars. The committee meeting was held at 12 noon, the service in Holy Trinity Church at 1 o'clock, and dinner at the King's Head Hotel at 2 o'clock following which the annual meeting took place, which lasted until 4.30, so very little ringing was done until the evening, when the bells were kept going in various methods.

The service was conducted by the Rev. P. H. Hill, curate, and a most interesting and breezy address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. F. Cosgrave, Rural Dean of Darlington). The Canon welcomed the ringers to the service. Taking for his text, 'We are fellow-workers in Jesus Christ,' he referred to the long past days when a fellow student at Trinity College, Dublin, R. R. Charry, afterwards Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, had taught him to ring at St. Patrick's Cathedral. They then revived the ringing on a peal of eight at St. George's, Dublin, and from that time on the ringing had been continued there. Canon Cosgrave pointed out that the ringers were not only workers for God, giving to the parish an outside voluntary like the organist's voluntary within, but hard workers, too. Few, who were not ringers knew the work involved in being a change ringer. They were also fellow-workers with the clergy, another illustration of how the Church of England insisted on clerical and lay co-operation.

Dinner was served at the King's Head Hotel, 46 sitting down. Mr. W. Story, the president, was in the chair, and was supported by the Rev. P. H. Hill, Messrs. G. W. Park and R. Parkinson, vice-presidents; A. Hunter and H. Tyson district secretaries; E. Ferry, general secretary; A. M. Hall, treasurer; C. L. Routledge auditor; J. W. Parker, C. Todd, and others.—Apologies were offered for the three Vicars of Darlington, who were unable to accept the invitation to dinner as there was a Ruri-decanal meeting at Durham that day. Canon Cosgrave had very kindly put off an important meeting to give the address.

After the toast of 'The King' had been duly honoured, Mr. Story proposed the 'Bishop and Clergy of the two Dioceses.'

The business was then proceeded with, and the treasurer presented the balance sheet which showed a credit balance of £1 odd. Mr. Hall explained that there were a few items of expenditure in the past year which did not occur every year, such as the Sunday Service Ringing Certificates. All four had been won outright, so four new certificates and wood and glass for four new frames had to be purchased. Someone who preferred to remain anonymous 'black-legged' the frame maker, and made the frames, or they would have cost more. The printing of the reports was another heavy item, and he impressed upon all the importance of paying their subscriptions promptly, and so save much time and letter writing and postage.

THE YEAR'S PROGRESS.

The Secretary reported that it was again his sad duty to mention the loss of one of their hon. members, the Rev. T. T. Michael, Vicar of Newburn, who died very suddenly on Saturday, Jan. 23rd, 1923. The Sunday Service ringing returns showed Whitley Bay at the head of the poll for the 8, 10 and 12 bell towers for the 4th year in succession with 1,786.52 points to their credit; St. Ignatius, Sunderland, was a good 2nd, with 1,332.376; Newcastle Cathedral 3rd with 856.80. Of the six bell towers, Holy Trinity, Darlington, took first place for the 2nd year in succession, with 493 points; Houghton-le-Spring second, with 353.95; Newburn third, with 342.9. Whitley Bay was to be congratulated upon their magnificent Sunday Service ringing sheet, and upon being top for the 4th year in succession. St. Ignatius, Sunderland was also to be congratulated upon running Whitley Bay so close. Twenty-three peals had been rung during the year, 66 members taking part. Ten members had rung their first peal during the year, and eight conductors had conducted the peals: W. H. Barber, 7; J. W. Parker, 6; T. T. Gofton, 5; E. B. Ferry, 2; G. W. Peveral, W. H. Parks, C. L. Routledge, J. A. Gofton and W. Story, one each. The first peal of Maximus on Newcastle Cathedral bells was rung during the year, that of Little Bob, the first peal of Little Bob Maximus ever rung. It was composed and conducted by Mr. W. H. Barber. The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal by the association was rung at All Saints' Gosforth, by the Whitley Bay band, conducted by Mr. T. T. Gofton.

The report was adopted, on the motion of the President.

Very encouraging reports had been received from the district secretaries. Mr Taylor of the Eastern district, reported that they had four well attended and successful meetings during the year, as well as a combined meeting with the Western district and Southern district.—Mr. H. Tyson of the Western district, reported four good and successful meetings, and a combined meeting with the Eastern district.—Mr. C. G. Symm of West Tyne district, also reported four good and successful meetings.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Mr. C. Todd, of Darlington, who was formerly for some years secretary of the association, was unanimously elected president, Mr. Story having stated he could not take office another year having held office three years. Mr. E. E. Ferry was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. A. M. Hall was re-elected hon. treasurer.

The vice-presidents were unanimously elected as follow: Northern district, Mr. J. E. R. Keen; Western district, the Rev. A. W. Lister; Southern district, Mr. G. W. Park; Eastern district, Mr. R. Parkinson. The district secretaries for the various districts were next elected: Northern, Mr. J. E. Gofton; Eastern, Mr. G. S. Taylor; Southern, Mr. A. Hunter; Western, Mr. H. Tyson; West Tyne, Mr. C. Symm; honorary auditor, Mr. C. L. Routledge; representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. W. H. Barber, W. Story and T. T. Gofton. The peal referees were also re-elected. Thirty-eight new members were elected, viz., three honorary, three honorary active, and 32 active.

Mr. Routledge proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of the various churches, saying how difficult it would be to hold a ringers' meeting without the bells. He especially mentioned the Rev. Canon Cosgrave for his very interesting address and making the arrangements for the service; also Mr. G. Holland Fox for kindly presiding at the organ, and the choir-boys who helped so splendidly.

It is with very great regret that a vote of thanks to the retiring officers was omitted. Since the meeting a great many members have supported the sentiments outlined below, which it is felt will be shared by all members of the association. To Mr. William Story: The members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers wish to place on record their full appreciation of the valuable services you rendered as president of the association during 1921, 1922 and 1923. We realise that during the difficult years of the period following the war you have achieved great results in consolidating the position of the association. Your tact and genial spirit has enabled us to avoid many disasters, and you have gathered around you a band of workers attracted by your unselfish devotion to duty, which will be of great value in ensuring that advancement of the work which you have so much at heart. We deeply regret that circumstances make it advisable for you to resign the position of president, and we trust that at some subsequent period we may again have the opportunity of enjoying your leadership.

SWANSEA & BRECON ASSOCIATION.

A PROTEST.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With great surprise and disgust do I find that the above association has been formed without the sanction of West Wales Association. I don't know if our friends in the Brecon district have taken it for granted, because a few members of West Wales Association have written in favour of the formation of a Guild for Swansea and Brecon, that this is the general opinion of West Wales Association. Another point that must be remembered is that there are members in the area belonging to Llandaff Association. How do these stand? Have the Swansea and Brecon Association had the sanction of the Llandaff Association to take over these members who are outside the diocese of Swansea and Brecon? And, lastly, I should like my name to be withdrawn from the committee of the Swansea and Brecon Association until such time as the West Wales Association go over as a body into the Swansea and Brecon Diocesan Guild of Bellringers.—Yours truly,
D. J. WILLIAMS.
Gorseinon.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to Mr. Burton's letter in last week's 'Ringing World,' I may say that we at Oswaldtwistle are placed in a rather awkward position, for though we have got the consent of the author, Mr. A. Craven, to do as we wish in naming the method, and in no way desire to oppose improvements, yet we are unable to take steps to follow Mr. Burton's advice, without first seeking the feelings of the many Lancashire ringers from different parts of the county, who pressed the Oswaldtwistle company to take the method up. I trust we shall be able to put things right.—For the Parish Church Ringers, Oswaldtwistle, JAMES HOULDSWORTH (Capt.).

SILVER WEDDING.

At Knaresborough Parish Church, on Tuesday, Nov. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in commemoration of Mr. F. Seely's silver wedding: T. Allen 1, A. M. C. Field 2, W. Morrell 3, E. C. Field 4, G. Smith 5, F. Seely (conductor) 6, F. Heathcote 7, F. Smith 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On November 16th, 1820, a 5,040 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Soham, 'in honour of the Queen's acquittal.'

The first peal of 'Real Double Norwich Major,' that is, with bobs both in front and behind, was rung at Woolwich on Nov. 16th, 1848. The band was that which came into existence through the efforts of the Banister family four of whom took part in the peal which was composed and conducted by Wm. Banister.

A peal of London Surprise Major (5,230 changes) was rung for the first time on Nov. 17th, 1835, at St. Andrew's, Norwich. It is recorded on a tablet in one of the other Norwich Churches beneath the record of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major, which had been rung earlier in the same year. Having referred to the method as 'the most difficult system in the art of campanologia,' the tablet proceeds, 'This almost insurmountable task was accomplished in 3 hrs. and 24 mins. The bold and regular striking of both peals must ever reflect great credit on the company. They were conducted by S. Thurston, and are the first peals ever rung in the above variations.'

St. Giles' Norwich, was the belfry in which the first peal of Imperial Treble Bob Major was rung. This was on Nov. 17th 1760, and immediately after the ringer John Webster, who had rung the 6th, dropped dead.

This John Webster it was who wrote in 1753 to Dr. Mason, of Trinity College, Cambridge, informing him that he (and presumably the rest of the Norwich men) could not subscribe to Holt's broadsheet. 'I must Confess' (he says), 'Our Company Seem Intirely to slight it, though I must Own it is not a generous Way of Treating Mr. Holt's performance, but I believe they are Induc'd to this by that Ingenious Ringer, Mr. Anable's not Encouraging of it; had he Approved of it, his Influence on the College Youths I presume would have been sufficient to have sent it to the Press without any Further Subscriptions.'

He goes on to observe 'that 'tis almost twenty years Since I sent to the Revd. Mr. Windhall a Whole peal' of Ten with two Inferior Changes Only. Fully Explaining by an Infallible rule how to make any proper peal on all numbers that go with a Quick Hunt.'

A family peal by eight Tebbits was rung at Soham on Nov. 20th, 1809, the method being 5280 Oxford Treble Bob.

The first 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Burton-on-Trent on Nov. 20th, 1886. John Carter, Joseph Griffen and John Jaggard, of that band, are still amongst us, although the peal was rung nearly forty years ago.

The peal of Treble Bob Major at Netherton, Worcestershire, for Mr. W. R. Small's birthday included two veterans, namely, Mr. Reuben Hall who has just attained his 71st birthday; and Mr. Richard Round, who attains his 69th on December 24th next. Mr. Round, if spared will, on December 31st next, complete 51 years as a Sunday Service ringer at Netherton, a record of which he is greatly proud. His wish was also gratified on Saturday last by ringing with son, the ringer of the treble, in his first peal of Treble Bob.

The sympathy of the Exercise will be extended to Mr. James George in the loss of his sister, Mrs. Norris, of Chalfont St. Peter, who passed away at the age of 73 years, on Saturday last.

Mr. George is now the sole survivor of a family of nine, of which he was the third.

Mr. George will himself reach the age of 70 years on the 27th of this month and we understand the event is to be celebrated by a peal attempt at St. Martin's Birmingham.

WORLD'S BIGGEST BELL ORDER.

MESSRS. GILLETT AND JOHNSTON'S RECORD CONTRACT.

The carillon which Mr. John D. Rockefeller, junr., is installing in the beautiful Gothic tower of Park Avenue Church, New York, in memory of his mother, is to be increased in size and number of bells.

Some of the best brains in the architectural and engineering world of America have been engaged for some months in devising better accommodation for the bells than that which had been possible so far.

The result is that New York will possess the largest and most important carillon that the world has yet seen or heard. The bells will be 53 in number. The bass bell is to weigh 9 tons, whilst the total weight of the bells—apart from the gigantic framework (which will be in five sections) and the fittings—is to be over 50 tons.

The premier carillon hitherto has been the famous one at Malines, where there are 45 bells and the bass bell weighs 7½ tons.

Many of the bells for the new carillon are already cast and in readiness at the Croydon Bell Foundry of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who secured the contract in the face of keen international competition. This is the largest order for bells that has ever been placed.

The College Youths' Anniversary Dinner.

PRESENTATION TO CANON COLERIDGE.

The London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, was the scene of the 286th anniversary dinner of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday, and rarely has there been a more representative gathering present upon the festive occasion. Ringing took place at various city churches during the afternoon, and a company, numbering about 180, afterwards sat down together, presided over by the Master (Mr. W. E. Garrard). He was supported by the Rev. Canon Coleridge (President of the Central Council), the Rev. G. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), the Rev. F. W. Simpson (Rector of Stepney), the Rev. E. M. Roberts (Vicar and Rural Dean of Kensington), the Rev. H. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus), the Rev. C. C. Child, the Rev. Canon Perkins (Westminster Abbey), Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (St. Clement Danes), the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), the Rev. S. A. Spackman (curate of Kensington), Mr. Martin Routh (Reading), Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Wilkins (President of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. R. Carter (churchwarden of St. Mary Abbots), Mr. J. F. R. Stainer, Mr. Skinner (Dean's Verger at St. Paul's), etc. The vice-chair was taken by Mr. G. R. Fardon, and among those also present were the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Cockerill), Mr. A. A. Hughes (treasurer), Messrs. T. Hibbert and P. E. Clark (stewards), G. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees), and visitors from many parts of the country, including Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association), C. Dean (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), J. Bullock (hon. secretary, London County Association), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master), and Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Messrs. J. E. Groves, J. George, J. Allaway (Birmingham), J. F. Smallwood and J. Pagett (Derby), E. H. Lewis (Glasgow), S. F. Palme (Sheffield), Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), Captain J. H. R. Freeborn (Chalfont), Major J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere), Messrs. W. A. Cave (Bristol), W. Lawrence (Little Munden), W. T. Pates and G. H. Phillott (Cheltenham), T. F. King, A. Prince and G. H. Harding (Bath), W. J. Nevard (St. Bentley), J. Truss (Marlow), J. Evans (Beaconsfield), F. M. Mitchell (Milton), W. J. Jefferies (Deptford), T. Groombridge (Chislehurst), T. Groombridge, junr. (Crayford), W. Hoad (Reigate), J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton), W. Rogers (Portsmouth), W. Farley (Wells), G. N. Price, E. C. Goldsmith (Clapham), J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), etc. Parties also came from Barking, Oxhey, and other places adjacent to the Metropolis, while the London members of the society were in strong force.

An excellent repast was admirably served in the handsome banquetting hall a feature of the decoration of which is the tiled panels depicting scenes from 'The Idylls of the King.'

THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY.

The Master, having submitted the loyal toast, next proposed 'The Church,' a toast which he said, was always welcomed by bell ringers, who realised their responsibilities and the seriousness of the duties which they carried out. They appreciated the privilege which was given to them of ringing on the numerous peals of bells—many of them famous peals—and they also appreciated very much the kind support and assistance which they received from the clergy and churchwardens.

The Rural Dean of Kensington, in responding, first paid a tribute to the services which were rendered at St. Mary Abbots by Mr. Garrard, and went on to say that threatened institutions had a wonderful way of surviving the threats that surrounded them. The Church was to-day threatened and criticised, and sometimes ignored, but it was very necessary to the nation's life. It was still respected and was even loved by some people, and he would say to that gathering, who were members of the Church, and who he was sure would echo the words, 'God bless the Church' (applause).

Rising again the Master said he had a pleasing duty to perform, and one which was not upon the printed programme. They always had their festival on the first convenient date after Nov. 5th, which was Guy Fawkes Day, and it had been said that Guy Fawkes was their patron saint (laughter). But that also happened to be the birthday of one of their most esteemed members and they felt they could not let it pass without some recognition of their feelings towards Canon Coleridge (applause). It had been intended to keep the matter quite secret, but somehow the Canon got to know what was going on, and he told them that all he wanted was their good wishes. But he also said that if they persisted in giving him something else he would suggest one of three things. The first was a

pair of binoculars another was a badger-hair shaving brush (laughter) and the third was a big bath sponge (loud laughter). 'We had no hesitation,' continued the Master, 'in giving him all; they gave him their good wishes, they intended to give him the binoculars, and also the shaving brush and sponge (laughter and applause). They hoped the binoculars would be useful to him, and that he would enjoy their use for many years to come (applause). Canon Coleridge gave up his binoculars when an appeal was made in war time for field glasses for the troops, and he had not had them back. Their gift would replace these, and the society and friends had much pleasure in presenting him with the articles he had mentioned, together with their very best wishes for many happy returns of the day (applause).

GOODWILL GIFTS.

Canon Coleridge, who was down to propose the next toast, that of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths,' was received with the singing of 'For he's a jolly good fellow,' and, on rising to speak, said that was the thirtieth year he had been in that identical place, and it gave him unbounded pleasure to be with them again and do what he had done so often before, propose the toast of the evening, which was the toast of their worthy selves. Mr. Cockerill would later be giving them an account of what had been done during the year, and he would not refer to it except to say that at the Central Council meeting one of those who took part in the record peal of Stedman Cinques on the previous day was present, and he (who was president) did not even know that that man had rung in the peal, for the ringer said not a word about it. That spoke very well for the modesty of the ringers who took part in that wonderful performance (hear, hear). Proceeding, Canon Coleridge became reminiscent, and referring to a visit to London for the College Youths' dinner some years ago, said on leaving St. Saviour's tower with Mr. Winney—both of them confirmed bachelors—the latter said there was a very nice service in the Cathedral, and invited him to go to it. They went and Mr. Winney and himself found themselves the only two males among a diocesan association of girls with a special service (laughter). He could assure them the sermon they heard was highly profitable, but it put women on such a high pedestal that neither Mr. Winney nor himself had ever attempted to aspire to the possession of a wife (laughter). They heard a good deal nowadays, continued the speaker about people becoming 'shirty' about the ringing of bells, but that afternoon near St. Magnus, they had heard three men expressing their pleasure at hearing the bells rung at that church, for although they worked near by they had not heard them rung for months, and, if there were three men like that found casually near St. Dunstan's, there were probably three hundred thousand more like them in London who felt bereft if they did not hear the bells (applause). Continuing, Canon Coleridge thanked the members for their beautiful and useful gifts. Why they had given them to him he could not imagine, except from goodwill. It was not that he had rung many peals for the College Youths. He remembered the first one very well. It was 39 years ago that very day and he could see before him now, in mind every member of that band. John Rowbottom rang the treble, and he (the speaker) rang the second, very appropriately, because in those days Mr. Rowbottom was a callow youth, and he (Canon Coleridge) more like a Kentish hop-pole (laughter). Frank Dawe rang the third, and their old friend, Challis Winney, the fourth. The 5th was rung by a veteran in those days, William Weatherstone, the 6th by Herbert Baker, who afterwards became a Colonel and Mayor of Hertford. The Rev. F. E. Robinson was the conductor, and rang the seventh, Dick French was on the eighth, W. D. Smith another old friend, was on the ninth, and it was his first peal. The tenor was rung by the post-laureate of the Exercise, Mr. W. H. Judd. His last peal for the society, continued the speaker, was rung in the spring before the outbreak of war, when he succeeded in doing what he had longed to do for forty years or more, namely ring a peal at St. Mary-le-Bow Church. They put him on the tenor, and Ted Horrex was on the treble. He had heard that night that there was to be another peal at Bow in February next, and that he might, if he wished be included in the band. Mr. Horrex would then be 86. If he (the speaker) did take part he should take care that on that occasion they changed over, and that Ted should ring the tenor while he rang the treble (laughter). Canon Coleridge added that he certainly could not claim to have been a conductor, as he had never aspired to it. He had called seven seven-twenties and his hundredth peal, which was a peal of Double Norwich Major, but he

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put himself in the same rank as Benjamin Anable—he 'called the bobs.' If anyone had gone wrong he could not have put them right (laughter). The funniest he ever got in composing was in endeavouring to convince a man down in Devon that it was possible to get 5,049 changes on seven bells. This man said to him, 'Well sir, I always believed you before, but I believe you be a liar now' (laughter). Canon Coleridge added that to show the man what was possible he started to write out Holt's Original, row by row. He did not think he got to the end of it, but he wrote out enough to prove to the old man that what he had said was possible. It was not, therefore, as a ringer of peals, or as a conductor or composer that the College Youths had made him those gifts that evening, and it could only be out of their goodwill and affection, and to mark the fact that that day was the day on which he arrived at the mature age of 66 (applause). He thanked them most sincerely for those gifts which were a token of their loving kindness, although he did not deserve them (applause).

A fine course of Stedman Cinques was then rung on handbells by Messrs. J. Thomas, A. Walker, J. E. Groves, J. F. Smallwood, H. R. Pasmore and W. A. Cave.

A SERVICE NEXT YEAR.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill in replying to the toast proposed by Canon Coleridge, said letters of apology had been received from Canon Haldane the Rev. J. H. Ellison, the Rev. Prebendary Isaacs, Col. Baker (Hertford), Alderman Pritchett (Birmingham) and Mr. John Carter. The next named was ill, but he sent them his good wishes. Continuing, Mr. Cockerill said that during the year they had lost eight members by death: Mr. F. Hayes, Mr. James Motts, Mr. G. Woodiss, Dr. Nichols Mr. Jas. Willshire, Mr. A. J. Lambert, Mr. R. Forward and Mr. Blackwell. The number of new members elected was 43, and 68 meetings had been held at the twelve bell towers, St. Magnus and St. Andrew's, Holborn, which had been attended by 103 members. There had been 38 peals rung as follows: Grandshire Triples on handbells 1; Stedman Triples 6 and two on handbells; Stedman Caters, 6; Stedman Cinques, 7; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 4; Cambridge Royal, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Bristol, 2, and London, 2. The notable peals were the seven-part peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by Mr. Maurice Hibbert (applause), and 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark, conducted by Mr. H. Langdon (applause), and the peal of Stedman Cinques on Oct. 20th last, in which Mr. Horrex rang at the age of 85 years (applause). They were very much indebted to Capt. Yorke for having ferreted out the fact that the copper plate from which their certificates were printed was an engraving by Bartolozzi. Capt. Yorke took a great deal of trouble and went to the British Museum, where he consulted the authorities and eventually discovered the College Youths' certificate in the catalogue of Bartolozzi's works, date about 1780. The charge which the society made for these certificates, viz., 2s. 6d., just about covered the cost of the printing, and 75 black and white and 25 tinted certificates had been purchased. Proceeding Mr. Cockerill said it had been decided that next year a service should be held in some city church about 5 or 5.30 o'clock in the hope that everyone attending the dinner would join in that service (applause).

(To be continued).

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For a long time I have been at a loss to understand how it was that Mr. Carter failed to grasp what I meant in the definition of a Surprise Method that has been accepted by the Central Council; but I now believe that I have solved the difficulty.

In all my previous articles on the subject I have always indicated the positions at which the treble passes over a cross section by ruling a line between the two rows on either side of the position at which she is crossing; and I rather fancy that Mr. Carter must have thought that I intended these lines for the cross sections; but they are not.

I herewith enclose a lead of Bristol Surprise in which the three cross sections are ruled in, and it is easy to see that an internal place is always made when the treble passes over either of them.

—Yours truly,

E. BANKES JAMES.

Seafield Park.

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MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESIDENT'S PENDING DEPARTURE.

The North and East District members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild held a very pleasant meeting at Edmonton on Saturday, Nov. 3rd when they were given a hearty welcome by the local ringers. Some excellent practice in many methods was obtained, ranging from Grandshire Triples for the benefit of Master Coles, son of the hon. secretary, to London and Bristol Surprise for the benefit of those who find these meetings provide excellent opportunities of getting some good Surprise ringing. Some 30 members attended the service, at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Evill) officiated. In his sermon he said: 'I give you in all sincerity a cordial welcome. I am glad to be able to greet you in the name of the Lord, and to welcome you to this house of prayer. As an association of bell ringers your work is most important and very responsible, and in the name of the Church it is my privilege to thank you. Yours is a high art, requiring years of practice, and the good work of each ringer is essential to the perfection of the whole. This is a lesson for to-day. After five years of peace we find we have failed to work together. Let us work and pray that employers and employed will work for the good of all. For ourselves, let us see that the call we give to others is answered by us. I thank you and pray that God may bless you and your work.'

After a good tea had been partaken of, the business meeting was held in the Mission Hall, presided over by the Vicar.

The Hon. Secretary announced that the President of the Association much regretted his absence from the meeting, but his time was fully taken up prior to his departure to take up his duties at Wrentham in Suffolk, which living he had accepted. This would necessitate his resignation as president, for which they would all be very sorry. Mr. Milne, too, was sorry he could not attend that day, but important duties at Barnet kept him away.

Five members were elected, including the Vicar of Edmonton and Mr. E. A. Crusha as hon. members, whose names were brought forward by Mr. James Parker. Both gentlemen thanked the members present for electing them.

Armistice Day ringing was discussed, and the Hon. Secretary stated that he thought that they could hardly pass resolutions or issue instructions, as the clergy always, and rightly, had the last word. He said, however, that they as members might offer suggestions, and he thought the best proposals put forward were those that ringing before the two minutes' silence should be muffled, and afterwards open.—Mr. J. Parker agreed with this, which the Vicar termed 'an admirable suggestion,' adding that it always remained with the clergy to ask the advice of their ringers.

A vote of sympathy, and wishes for a speedy and complete recovery, was passed to Mr. G. B. Lucas, who met with a nasty accident when out cycling a few weeks ago; and a vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. A. Edwards, of Boreham, a life member of the association, who died on Sept. 30th.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at South Hackney, on December 8th if possible.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. R. C. Evill for his inspiring address at the service, and for the use of the bells; also to Mr. Crusha, the organist; to Miss Parker and the other ladies who had prepared tea; and to the local ringers who had given the members such a hearty welcome.—Mr. Evill replied both on his own behalf, and on behalf of the ladies, saying how welcome the association was at Edmonton. A great debt of gratitude was owed to ringers for work done, and he realised this, and thanked them for it.—Mr. Parker also replied on behalf of the local ringers, and said he hoped everybody had enjoyed the meeting.

Courses of Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques on the handbells followed, the latter being rung by G. M. Kilby G. W. Fletcher G. R. Pye Miss E. K. Parker, J. Armstrong and W. J. Hazell.

Another visit was paid to the tower, where more Grandshire, and still more Surprise, was rung until 8.30 brought a very pleasant meeting to an end.

WORCESTER & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

Visits have been made by members of this association to the following places: Trysull Staffs, where Oxford Treble Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung; Kinver, Staffs, 756 Stedman Triples; Bolbroughton Worcester 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor; Hartlebury 720 London Surprise Minor, with tenor covering; Chaddesley Corbett, 924 Stedman Triples; Bromsgrove, Grandshire Triples; also two courses and three courses of Stedman Caters. Those taking part in the above were J. Lloyd E. Lloyd, W. J. Bretherton, W. H. Cooper, W. Gibbs, J. Bass, R. Matthews, W. Short — Martin and T. Wilson, of Blackburn, several of the above ringing their first touches or longest lengths in the methods.

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

KILBURN.—At St. Augustine's, before the Solemn Requiem, with muffled bells, 1,000 Bob Doubles: F. Ladyman 1, A. Gardner 2, Mrs. Atkins 3, F. Saxby 4, E. M. Atkins 5, G. Margetts 6, W. Ball 7, H. W. Jones 8. After the Requiem the bells were rung open and fired. This is the longest touch ever rung by a local band.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 11th (Armistice Day), for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, at the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, in 55 mins. a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 4, 6, 8 covering: T. W. Nash 1, W. J. Beniams 2, E. Brown 3, A. Nason 4, J. Jenkins 5, S. Haycox 6, W. R. Nash (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, for the united service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): S. White 1, A. Heath 2, A. V. Corden 3, E. V. Hinton 4, G. Stone 5, R. Vincent 6, F. Sparshott 7, A. Wooff 8, G. Preston (conductor) 9, W. Fowler 10.

LONDON.—For afternoon memorial service, at St. James' Church, Brompton, S.E., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 55 mins., on the back eight with the bells half-muffled: W. Glover 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, R. D. Marshall 3, S. W. Holdaway 4, F. W. Chapman 5, E. J. Trimmer 6, C. H. Chapman 7, G. Ruffalls, D.C.M. (first quarter-peal) 8. The above was the first touch on the bells for ten years.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, S.E., 504 Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled.

SANDHURST, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: C. Barlow 1, A. Doe 2, G. Riches 3, E. Barlow 4, G. Englefield 5, J. Moth (conductor) 6.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, E. B. Crowder 3, J. Law 4, W. Nevard (Great Bentley) 5, H. J. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

HOUNSLOW.—For evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. F. Ellingham 1, S. Stilwell 2, F. G. Goddard 3, C. J. Tricker 4, A. Price 5, J. Kent (conductor) 6, J. Milner 7, C. Gash 8. Rung half-muffled.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.—Three touches of Stedman Triples were rung as follows: For morning service (half-muffled), 755 changes. After morning service, 336 changes. For evening service, 1,260 changes. Those taking part were: G. Noakes, W. H. Perry, H. Evans, E. E. Ham, A. Hardiman, J. W. Trappitt, senr., E. P. Duffield II, Sutton, A. W. Evans and L. J. Noakes.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday morning, with the bells half-muffled for the Memorial Armistice service, and in memory of Arthur G. Marshall, one of the local ringers killed in the war, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in 29 mins.: Fred A. Mitchell 1, J. Burtles 2, H. Argent 3, G. Morrad 4, L. Beckett 5, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

READING.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Watmore 1, L. G. Reeves 2, A. Sweetzer (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, J. Goodenough (first in the method) 4, W. Webb 5, J. Swain 6, F. Hoppood (conductor) 7, A. Jeffery (first quarter-peal) 8.

HASLEMERE.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins. (taken from Holt's Original): R. Hayes 1, Major J. H. B. Hesse 2, T. N. Mack 3, P. White (first in the method) 4, H. Mullard 5, G. Goodchild 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, A. Wisdom (first quarter-peal) 8. This is the first quarter-peal on the bells.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.—For the service of Remembrance, with bells half-muffled, 720 Grandsire Doubles: T. Law 1, B. Murby 2, C. Haines 3, A. Richardson 4, F. Rollings (conductor) 5. —For evening service, with open bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: T. Law 1, C. Haines 2, F. Hollowell (first quarter-peal) 3, A. Richardson 4, F. Rollings (conductor) 5.

WALTHAMSTOW.—Middlesex County Association.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 52 mins.: A. C. Chapman 1, R. Maynard, junr. (conductor), 2, H. Scarlett 3, C. T. Coles 4, J. H. Wilkins 5, J. C. Adams 6, H. J. Maynard 7, H. Rumens 8, F. C. Maynard 9, W. H. Freeman 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled. The ringers of 1, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9, are ex-service men. After evensong, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: C. T. W. Coles (first quarter-peal, age 13) 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, H. Scarlett 3, J. H. Wilkins 4, R. Maynard, junr. 5, J. C. Adams 6, W. H. Freeman 7, H. Rumens 8, F. C. Maynard 9, R. Maynard, senr., 10.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, the bells were rung half-muffled for morning service. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples unfortunately came to grief: R. Warrilow 1, J. Warrilow 2, A. H. Taylor 3, G. Booth 4, W. G. Curtis 5, W. H. Jones 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, Z. Baker 8. Immediately after service 504 Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells open.

ISLEWORTH.—For morning service, at the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled, in 53 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, A. Beckensale 2, T. Beadle 3, F. E. Cole 4, W. Lidbetter 5, J. Milner 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, A. Sheard 8. For the memorial service in the afternoon, 504 Grandsire Triples.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 55 mins.: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. King 3, W. G. Cook 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. H. Hayward 6, F. J. Lewis 7, H. Lewis 8, H. C. Bond (conductor) 9, R. W. Watts 10.

OXFORD.—For evensong, at the Church of St. Ebbe, 720 College Single: F. A. H. Wilkins 1, H. Tolley 2, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 3, G. Stace 4, W. Judge 5, F. Clinkard 6. Also at Carfax, on the city bells, half-muffled, 720 Cambridge Surprise by members of the Oxford Society: W. Finch 1, H. Toller 2, F. Taylor 3, F. Clinkard 4, W. Judge 5, W. H. E. Wilkins (conductor) 6.

LITTLE MUNDEEN, HERTS.—With the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, E. A. Overall 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

PORTSMOUTH.—At St. Thomas-a-Becket's Church, for morning service, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 53 mins.: E. Martin 1, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 2, F. A. Burnett (conductor) 3, P. Giles 4, W. Ayles 5, L. P. Cook 6, H. L. Aitken 7, T. Clements 8.

LINSLADE, BUCKS.—For the memorial service, at St. Barnabas Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled: G. White 1, F. Battrum 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, J. Sear 4, A. Vickers 5, F. Dedman 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, T. Dixon 8.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service: D. White 1, W. Boyes 2, B. Heasman 3, W. Pelling 4, A. Errey 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, W. Ward 8. For evening service, with the bells open, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. J. Turner 1, W. Pelling 2, B. Heasman 3, W. Boyes 4, G. Piper 5, A. Errey 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. Steadman 8.

ELDELOW.—At the Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung half-muffled for the 11 a.m. service: W. Cherry 1, L. Nicholls 2, T. Nicholls 3, G. Strathdee 4, G. Seymour (conductor) 5.

BUSHEY.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,344 changes), in 47 mins.: E. Gutteridge 1, T. L. Simmons 2, E. P. Ashby 3, W. C. Ibbett 4, F. A. Smith 5, M. F. R. Hibbert 6, J. J. Allen 7, W. G. Whitehead (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 1st and 4th. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

LEEK.—At St. Edward's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Wilkinson 1, Edwin Sharratt 2, F. Spilsbury 3, Edgar Sharratt, junr., 4, F. White 5, Edgar Sharratt, senr., 6, E. A. Ridgway (conductor) 7, J. Rider 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

PENSHURST, KENT.—For memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Banks 1, M. Lambert 2, L. Goater (first away from treble) 3, A. Reader 4, C. Baker 5, H. Seal (conductor) 6, G. Edwards 7, H. Laker 8.

ALDEBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Hambling 1, J. Pilgrim 2, R. Pilgrim 3, L. W. Bale 4, R. Greenacre (Gaywood, Norfolk) 5, N. R. Barley (conductor) 6. Also 216 Bob Minor.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church previous to evensong, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: E. J. Newell 1, E. W. Day 2, T. Scott 3, J. Hare 4, G. Wolfe 5, W. J. Croft 6, L. Fidler (conductor) 7, H. W. Else 8.

FARNINGHAM KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, 720 of Bob Minor: H. Woolley 1, Mrs. Shelton 2, A. Gregory 3, A. Bates (conductor) 4, J. Couchman 5, A. T. Shelton 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—At the Church of All Saints, half-muffled, for memorial service, at 3 p.m., 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: J. Rance 1, F. Gearing 2, C. B. Davies 3, E. Bungay 4, W. Gearing 5, Gilbert Bul (conductor) 6.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—After morning service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Parker's 12-part) in 42 mins.: F. Middleton 1, R. Frankling 2, F. Tindall 3, R. Wood 4, A. Cross 5, E. Gosling (conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, F. Guttridge 8.

(Other Touches will appear next week).

NOTICE.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —Preliminary Notice.—The Annual meeting of the branch will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, December 8th. Bells (10) available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BELL RESTORATION AT FELKIRK.

On Wednesday evening of last week the dedication service took place in connection with the restoration of the Parish Church bells at Felkirk near Barnsley. In the unavoidable absence of the Rev. C. Exham, Vicar Choral of York Minster the dedication was performed by the Rev. A. Richardson, Rural Dean and Vicar of Cudworth, assisted by the Rev. P. Hedley, Vicar of Felkirk, and the Rev. H. Cogill curate-in-charge, Erierley.

Two years ago it was found that owing to serious decay the wood beams supporting the bell chamber floor were unsafe, and it was necessary to cease ringing, moreover the fittings of the bells themselves had become very worn and defective.

A committee was formed to deal with the work of restoration, experts in this class of work consulted, and by means of public subscription whist drives, teas, etc., augmented by donations from Miss Cordeux, Brierley, and of £50, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Dymond, of Burnwood Hall, whose father gave three of the bells and fully restored the remainder at their last restoration in 1876, the whole of the necessary money was raised before any repairs were put in hand and thus the bells again commence their call to this very scattered parish free of debt. It is a matter for congratulation that much financial assistance was willingly given by friends of other denominations in the parish.

The work carried out comprised the strengthening of the floor by steel girders stiffening the ancient oak frame, complete rehanging of the peal of six bells in ball bearings on the latest principles, and general renewal of fittings.

The cost of the work has been £200, and the contract has been carried out by Mr. T. Groombridge, Jun., church bell hanger, of Crayford, Kent. Mr. H. Denton, of South Hindley, acted as hon. architect for the work.

At the reopening ceremony touches of various methods were rung by a few members of the Barnsley and District Society, viz., Messrs. Ricketts, Chamberlain and Gill, of Wath-on-Dearne; Thickett and Rowley, of Horbury; F. Atkinson, of Wragby; W. A. Wooler, of Wortley, Sheffield with their secretary, Mr. C. D. Potter, of Barnsley. The all-round improvement was most pronounced and pleasing, and the opinion was generally expressed that the work had been most satisfactorily carried out by the bell hanger.

CONDUCTORS ALL.

At Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on Tuesday, Oct. 20th, 720 London Surprise was rung by Fred A. Mitchell 1, Fred M. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, L. Beckett 4, H. Argent (conductor) 5, G. Morrad 6. H. Argent's first 720 in any method as conductor. On the same evening by the same band, a further 720 in the same method conducted by L. Beckett, first in the method. On Tuesday, Nov. 6th, 720 London Surprise by the same band, conducted by Fred A. Mitchell, first as conductor. This band has now rung the first six extents of London Minor on the bells, with six different conductors. F. M. Mitchell conducted the first on February 13th; J. Burles the second on October 25th; G. Morrad the third on Oct. 28th; the remaining three as recorded above. Messrs. F. M. Mitchell and J. Burles have rung the bells round in the method from the 2nd to tenor.

It would be interesting to know if any six-bell band had previously accomplished this performance.

AN OLD YORKSHIRE CHALLENGE.

**KIRKHEATON AND CALVERLEY MEN TAKE UP
KIRKBURTON GAUNTLET.**

There was published in 'Bell's Life,' in October, 1866, the following challenge:

'The Kirkburton ringers will ring any set in Yorkshire three peals for £50 or £100 aside, or they will ring the Holmfirth set on their own bells for a similar amount. An answer through "Bell's Life" will be attended to.'

Two answers were forthcoming to this challenge, for in a later issue appeared the following:—

'Having seen a challenge in "Bell's Life," sent by the society of ringers of Kirkburton to ring any set of ringers in Yorkshire three true treble peals O. Rowbottom of Kirkheaton and his party, will accept the challenge and meet them at W. Senior's, the Flowerpot Inn, Feany Bridge, to draw up articles and make a deposit on Saturday, November 3rd, from 7 to 8 o'clock in the evening.'

'Mr. Editor, having seen in your paper of Saturday last a challenge in the art of change ringing for all Yorkshire by the Kirkburton company of change ringers, we the society of change ringers of Calverley, beg to accept their challenge for a home and home match for any amount they may think proper to name. A reply through your valuable paper or to Mr. J. Ross, change ringer, at Mr. J. Northrop's New Inn, Pudsey, will receive immediate attention.—Yours, etc., John Ross, Change Ringer, Pudsey.'

We wonder what was the outcome. Can any of our readers tell us?

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas's Church, Helmshore, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is earnestly requested.—John H. Haycock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Acton on Saturday, Nov. 17th, when all ringers will be welcomed. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea arranged as usual. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Bagshot on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. — J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey, Surrey.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hertford on Nov. 17th, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available; also Bengoe (8), if wanted. A short service will be held at All Saints' at 4.30; address by the Vicar. Tea at 1/- per head at Mr. Thirtledoe's, near Corn Exchange, at 5 o'clock; business meeting after.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Secretary, Little Munden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Philip's, Chester St. Hulme, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The next meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 4.30, with an address by Mr. G. W. Cartmel, secretary and lay reader, St. Albans. Tea 1/3 each, at the Grange after service, followed by meeting. Will members and ringing friends kindly note the date as we hope to have a good muster?—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Berkshire Branch.—The autumn meeting will be at Appleton on Saturday, November 17th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 3. Tea and meeting 4.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Anne's Parish Church (8 bells) on Saturday, November 17th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting at 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, North Promenade, Blackpool.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Fareham on Saturday, 17th. Bells available 2 p.m. Tea and business at Foster's Restaurant.—E. J. Harding, Dis. Sec., 76, Carnarvon Road, Portsmouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above association will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing commences at 3 o'clock. The secretary will be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions at this meeting, and will members please attend in good numbers to decide the Croft Dinner arrangements, etc.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Matfelon, Whitechapel, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Ringing at 4 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea and meeting after. A good attendance is desired.—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, November 17th. Tea will be provided for those attending this meeting. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. All ringers welcome.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead on Saturday, Nov. 17th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos White.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, November 24th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at the Cross Keys Cafe, Horsemarket, at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Business—Report of Sub-Committee, re "Proposed formation of a Peterborough Diocesan Guild." It is hoped all members will make an effort to be present. Will those who require tea notify me on or before Wednesday, November 21st?—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting of members will be held on Saturday, November 24th, at St. Mary's, Whittlesea, Cambs. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 6 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by November 21st. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be at Ossett on Saturday, November 24th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the association will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Meat tea at Miss Wynne's at 5, for those who send their names to Mr. T. W. Hopson, 10, Bonsall Lane, Alfreton, by Thursday, Nov. 22nd, at 2/- each. Meeting afterwards.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, November

20th?, Hampton Court nearest station, five minutes' walk.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells Holy Trinity (8) and St. Nicolas (10) available at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicolas' Church at 5. Tea and business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dist. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sprotborough on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells (6) ready early. A committee meeting will be held after tea at which all tower representatives are asked to be present. Tea will only be provided for those who notify me before the 21st.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch. The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 24th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for Nov.: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 19th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, December 1st. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m., followed by business meeting in the Scriptorium. Tea tickets may be had at 1/6 each upon application to Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, on or before Wednesday, Nov. 28th. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch (10 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, to be followed by business meeting.—G. Preston, Dist. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above guild will be held at Lye (Worcs) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthews, Lightcliffe, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 to all who notify Mr. H. Kershaw, Pyke Lane, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 27th. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dist. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. —The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (10) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock sharp. Meeting to follow for the election of Officers for 1924 and other business. Will members intending to be present let me know by Nov. 26th, so that arrangements for tea can be made?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, December 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, November 27th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District. — Preliminary Notice. — The William Doubleday Crofts' memorial dinner will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th, 1924. Further particulars later.—W. A. Janes, 52, Castle Gate, Nottingham.

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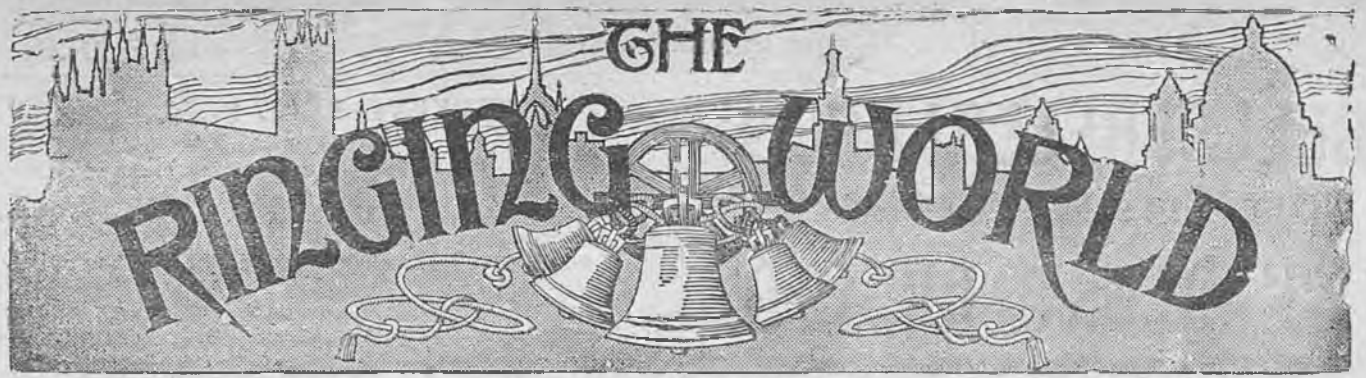
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We had begun to think that ringers cared nothing at all for the nomenclature of methods, but since it is pretty obvious that they do, we should like to recall to their minds the fact that the Central Council, jockeyed into the acceptance of a report by the threat of resignation on the part of one of their committees, foisted upon the Exercise at their last meeting a batch of names for methods that are out of place and stupid in a science based on mathematics. The committee entrusted with the naming of the Minor methods had a splendid opportunity of purging ringing of some of those ludicrous names which have come down to us from the past, and have frequently made the Exercise a laughing-stock. Instead, they emphasised and perpetuated them, by adding to a class of titles which are positively silly when applied to ringing.

As to whether we call a method Lancashire or Lancaster, Yorkshire or York, is of little importance while we have such titles as Marigold or Geranium. Happily the resolutions of the Central Council are not as unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians, and we yet hope we may see the whole collection of garden, and other equally unsuitable names, swept away. After all, ringing has passed beyond the nursery stage, and it is due to those who treat the science seriously that, when they want to ring a new method, they should be able to publish their performance under some title that will not bring ridicule upon them or upon the art they seek to foster. And there is danger in the future. If the Exercise is going to swallow the kind of thing that was foisted on it at the last Council meeting, worse may follow when the Major methods come to be dealt with, but it would be a simple thing for the Council to wipe out those present titles, and substitute something more rational and more in accord with the seriousness of the art.

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THOMAS BALDWIN 5	CHARLES DYSON Tenor

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LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

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Tenor 31 cwt.

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*HENRY C. WHITE 2	FREDERICK S. WHITE 7
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Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb.

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WILLIAM POYSER 2	WILFRED H. BUXTON... .. 6
C. J. JENNINGS... .. 3	ARTHUR J. ORGILL 7
JOHN W. GLEW 4	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal of Major.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
 (ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE.)
On Saturday, November 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*FRED HAYES Treble	EDWARD MARKHAM 5
RALPH COLES 2	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD 6
GEORGE TWITCHEN 3	EDWARD R. COLES 7
†GEORGE HINTON 4	FRANK W. BOXELL Tenor

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK S. PALMER, JUN. Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	HENRY R. NEWTON 6
EVERED J. WALSON 3	ALAN. R. MACDONALD 7
PERCY E. CLARK 4	*FREDERICK S. PALMER Tenor

Composed by C. F. WINNEY.

* First peal and first attempt in the method by both.

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F. G. BIGGS 4	*J. CONQUEST Tenor

Composed by F. BOREHAM.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
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‡G. HEWITT... .. 3	J. WREN 7
N. E. HOPE 4	S. CHESSON Tenor

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THOMAS HAMMOND 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
WALTER HUGHES 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. WILKINSON.

This peal was rung in honour of the Armistice anniversary as a tribute to the men of Garston who went to France and returned not. The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 5 and 8, all saw service of some description overseas.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.
On Monday, November 12, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ROBERT WHITING ? Treble	*CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
JAMES BOUGHTON 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE... .. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by E. WHITING.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, November 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
 AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PISTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM FAREY, SEN. ... Treble	FRED HOPPER 5
SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE... .. 2	GEORGE FLAVELL 6
FRANK ROLLINGS... .. 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
SHIRLEY BURTON 4	ALFRED MONK Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor and Mr. T. Law.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*JOHN FOSTER Treble	HENRY HUTTON 5
†JOHN T. SCOTT 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE }... 6
ERNEST WEATHERBY 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
RAYMOND PHILPOTT... .. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

This peal was rung to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Melville, sen. * First peal on eight tower bells. † First peal of Major on an 'inside' bell.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, November 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD.

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

RICHARD EVANS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALLEN C. JONES 2	FREDERICK G. VILES 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
ALBERT J. PITMAN 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.

This peal was specially rung half-muffled in honour of the men of Bridgend who fell in the Great War, this being the nearest date to Armistice Day that could be arranged.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Thursday, November 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.	
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	HARRY H. MANCE 5
GEORGE W. HARRIS 2	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 6
WILLIAM A. BATTEN 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER ... 4	*WILLIAM HARDY Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
PERCIVAL W. NORTON ... Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
FRANK BARRETT 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	GEORGE M. KILBY 7
EDWARD LANKESTER 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the induction of the Rev. James Dixon, as Vicar of Willesden.

UFFORD SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5104 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

FRANK L. FISHER Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
CHARLES E. FISHER 2	GEORGE ABLETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY... .. 7
GEORGE FINCH 4	WILLIAM T. LAST Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by Wm. C. RUMSEY.
Rung as a thanksgiving peal to commemorate the restoration of peace.

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

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.	
*HARRY MORGAN Treble	JOHN WALDEN 5
GEORGE CHESTER 2	*WILFRED T. COOPER 6
TOM PYLE 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
*EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 4	*C. ALLEN HEWITT Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First attempt in the method.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
JACK JUDGE Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 5
LEONARD TUFFREY 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
JOHN F. SHARP 3	WILLIAM JUDGE... .. 7
WILLIAM STONE 4	*CYRIL BENNETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JUDGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. F. Judge. * First peal of Stedman.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.	
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 5
WALTER FRANKS... .. 2	HARRY PARKES 6
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	PHILIP HODGKIN 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	*ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.
Rung in honour of the silver wedding of the conductor. * 75th peal as conductor in 26 different towers. Mr. Hodgkin was elected a member previous to starting the peal.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 3½ cwt.	
WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
JOHN BASS 2	JOSEPH DAVIES 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	ALFRED HACKETT 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.
First peal of Surprise on the bells. The band take this opportunity of thanking very heartily Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cooper for entertaining them to tea on this and previous occasions.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12½ cwt.	
WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	CYRIL PEASE 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
GEORGE WIFFEN... .. 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
LESLIE J. CLARKE 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells, also by the 3rd and 4th ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Pease.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT... .. 7
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Mack, a much respected member of the local band who, owing to illness, was unable to take part. This was the first peal on this charming recast peal by Messrs. Taylor & Co.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SCOTHORNE, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 6, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMAIN,

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.

SIMON CADE... .. Treble	CHARLES V. CADE 4
MISS D. BARNES... .. 2	GEORGE JACKSON... .. 5
MISS D. MOTTRAM 3	GEORGE W. CREASEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES V. CADE.

Rung in honour of G. W. Creasey's 21st birthday.

BRETFTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Colledge Single, and Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

* PHILLIP HALL Treble	THOMAS HANDS... .. 4
JOHN HALL... .. 2	† RAYMOND JELP 5
LEONARD J. JELP 3	JOHN C. PERKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

* First peal. First peal away from the treble. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Canon and Mrs. Blake, who are leaving the parish for St. Helen's, Worcester. All belong to the local band.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's with different callings.

* STANLEY G. HARLOW ... Treble	* WILLIAM COCKINGS... .. 4
† LEONARD A. WILLIAMS ... 2	HERBERT L. HARLOW 5
HERBERT E. FROSSEL ... 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal away from the treble. Rung as a golden wedding peal for Wm. West, who has been a ringer of the above church for 65 years, and still rings twice every Sunday for service.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

H. G. SMITH... .. Treble	J. SMY 4
W. SMITH 2	A. SMITH 5
G. BAILEY 3	A. LING Tenor

Conducted by A. LING.

SWINESHEAD, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923 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 18 cwt.

F. W. BENNETT, SEN. ... Treble	W. E. CLARKE 4
F. BATTERSHAM 2	S. BENNETT... .. 5
C. BARTON 3	A. BENNETT... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. BENNETT

Rung on the eve of Armistice Day with the bells half-muffled in memory of the Swineshead boys who laid down their lives in the Great War. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Grunhill), for the use of the bells, and the churchwardens, Messrs. F. Richardson and G. W. Smithson, for entertaining them after the peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Bob Minor and Double and Single Court Spliced. Tenor 10 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	WILLIAM TILLEY 4
† JOHN LUNN... .. 2	† JOHN H. RODEN 5
* WILLIAM NEAL 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor 'inside.' First peal on the bells since the addition of new treble by Messrs. Taylor & Co., whose work gives great satisfaction to all. Messrs. Neal and Roden were proposed life members of the Guild before starting. J. Lunn's first 720's of three of the six methods.

MISTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* ALFRED HONEYWOOD ... Treble	* FRANK HONEYWOOD 4
* CHARLES HONEYWOOD ... 2	GEORGE W. MOSS 5
* CHARLES HALL 3	WALTER HONEYWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER HONEYWOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local band. Rung with the bells half-muffled to honour the memory of all those who fell in the Great War, including three members of the Mistley band.

EAST CROMPTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, Kent, New London, Woodbine, Oxford and Merchant's Return. Tenor 10 cwt.

* BENJAMIN WHITEHEAD ... Treble	† HARRY OATES 4
† SAMUEL WAREHAM 2	CROMPTON HOWARTH 5
WALTER OATES... .. 3	JOHN BUTTERWORTH... .. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY OATES.

* First peal. † First in seven methods. † First as conductor. The treble ringer was proposed a member of the above association before starting. Rung with the bells open for evening service. All the above are service ringers at St. James' Church.

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**SOUTH STOKE, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

JOHN CARTER Treble	JAMES SMITH 4
JOHN BOWER... .. 2	*WILLIAM SIMMONS 5
JAMES ABERY 3	ERNEST TIGWELL, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TIGWELL, JUN.

First peal on the bells. * First peal of Minor. Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the conductor, a previous attempt at Whitchurch having failed.

**MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY CHANCE Treble	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	ERNEST GIBBS 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

Rung to celebrate the 56th anniversary of this church.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 21 in E flat.

*CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 1-2	†FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by G. WILLIAMS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire: ROBERT BRETT-SMITH.

* First peal away from 7-8. † First peal away from 1-2.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, November 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 21 in E flat.

FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE 1-2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5-6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 3-4	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 7-8
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9-10	

Composed by G. HAYWARD. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpires: JAMES FORD AND PERCY J. SPICE.

First peal in the method and first attempt for Royal 'in hand' by all.

**LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.**

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART

Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7-8

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

HOUGHTON REGIS, BEDS.—On Sept. 15th 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. P. Calcott 1. A. V. Good 2. G. Heley 3. F. Ramsey 4. A. E. Sharnan (conductor) 5. A. King 6. First extent of Surprise by the ringers of 1st 3rd and 4th.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

At attempt for 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal will be made (D.V.) at Duffield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, December 1st, by members of the Midland Counties Association, start 12.45 p.m. Copies of the composition have been sent to the hon. secretary of the association, and to the Editor of the 'Ringing World.'

CORRECTIONS TO PEAL COLLECTION.

AMENDMENTS TO SECTION II.

The following amendments to Section II, of the Central Council's Peal Collection are to be issued as a Corrigenda, but for the benefit of those who already possess a copy of this publication, the details are here given so that ringers may make the alterations in the copies already in their hands:

Page 145, No. 2.—For 'single halfway and end,' read 'single for bob at M in 6th and 12th parts.'

Page 153, No. 21.—For 'fifth course-ends,' read 'fifth course.' Omit the following note: 'If the 4th and 5th courses 5088.' This calling produces rounds at the first part-end.

Page 170, No. 65.—FALSE (5200 by J. H. Pilkington). The peal will be true if M be substituted for R in the calling throughout the Peal, and the figures be altered, as follows:

23456 W B M

53462	—	1	—
45236	—	—	—
24653	—	—	—
62345	—	—	—
42356	—	1	—
34625	—	—	—
63542	—	—	—
58234	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—

Page 182, No. 90.—For '5043,' read '5040.'

Page 184, No. 95.—For '5088,' read '5040.'

Page 185, No. 97.—The calling of the last course but one should read '64235, 4 B M,' not '4 B R.'

Page 190, No. 104, and Page 198, No. 122.—In footnotes, for 'course-end' read 'course.'

Page 201, No. 125.—In 16th course omit Bob at W, and add Bob at M, thus: '42356 5 4 M R.'

Page 208, No. 139.—Add Bob under R in 7th course, thus:—'53462 M R.' In 15th course, read '24536' for '23536.'

Page 211, No. 145.—For '5005,' read '5024.'

Page 212, No. 146.—In calling of 12th course, read 'W,' not '5 W.'

Page 213, No. 149.—FALSE (5056 by Arthur Craven). Page 217, No. 156.—FALSE (5120 by Arthur Craven).

Page 217, No. 157.—Add Bob under M in 9th course, thus:—'53426 W M H.'

Page 222, No. 167.—FALSE (5024 by H. Dains).

Page 228, No. 180.—In 8th line put Bob at W instead of at M, thus:—'26435 1 W, 2 R.'

Page 228, No. 181.—In last line remove Bob at M, thus:—'23456 1 W, 3 R.'

Page 239, No. 13.—Add Bob at R in 6th course of reverse, thus:—'26354 W M R.'

Page 242, No. 21.—FALSE in both variations (5040 by H. Dains).

Page 243, No. 24.—This is the same as No. 23.

Page 246, No. 29.—In last line after 'call B twice,' add 'omitting Bob at M.'

Page 246, No. 31.—For '642357088,' read '642357089.' For '236457088,' read '236457089.'

Page 251, No. 14.—In line below rounds, 'for '08795243xy,' read '087952436xy.' Twelve lines below, for '54326,' read '54236.'

Page 254, No. 1.—FALSE (5008 by H. Dains).

Page 255, No. 2.—For 'W B M R,' read 'M B W R.'

Page 261—265.—For 'H. H. Wilde,' read 'H. W. Wilde.'

Page 267, No. 26.—FALSE (7008 by A. P. Heywood). But a true peal of 7392 is had by calling the first part as the second. For a true 7008 call the Peal as printed except for the 1st and 9th courses, the calling of which must be transposed, thus:—

M B W R

First course 42356

Ninth course 52364

The opening course of all the remaining parts will have one call at R only, as shown.

A FALSE PEAL.

DISCOVERED AFTER 35 YEARS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—As it has been found that the composition of our peal No. 186, 7,008 Double Oxford Bob Major, rung at Duffield on April 23rd, 1887, is false, we have no option but to withdraw the peal from our records.—Yours faithfully,

A. C. WRIGHT.

Hon. Sec., Midland Counties Association.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you allow me to make a few remarks in reply to Mr. Burton, in your issue of November 9th, in which he advocates changing the title of the above method to Lancaster. Firstly, the Lancashire Association has no power either to name or re-name a method. Secondly, in this case the right to re-name rests either with, or by consent of the author. No doubt Mr. Craven's idea was to give Lancashire ringers a method named after their own county and association, as with Yorkshire Surprise, which seems quite logical, as appealing to ringers in its broadest sense. Mr. Burton appears to cast ridicule on the shires. Well, Lancaster is noted for its ancient 'jail,' its asylum, and its total indifference in matters pertaining to change ringing. After this we can have another method named after the county town if necessary, but that Lancashire Surprise should remain as it stands is the wish of, Yours truly,
J. MARTIN.

12, Bankfield Street, Liverpool.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Dear Sir,—I do heartily agree with good Mr. Burton when he says 'Rochester' is a pretty name, but I don't agree with him when he says 'Lancashire' is not pretty. I would remind good Mr. Burton that from a Lancastrian's point of view 'Norfolk' is not as pretty as Lancashire, and that's that in a nutshell. Opinions in all quarters differ on the subject of 'Names for Methods,' but, after all, does it matter? We all know why things have names, and perhaps if methods could speak they would be as wroth with their sponsors as some of those mortals who are condemned to go through life with 'Jezebel Jane' and 'Mafeking John' tacked to their necks. I, on my part, did venture to read ye paragraph by ye good Squire Bracondale to Good Mistress Peppery who did remark—yes, Worcestershire sauce is good, so is ye Cheshire cheese, especially ye one hard by St. Bride's, noted for its steak puddings, but ye good Squire has forgotten that Yorkshire relish is great as a Surprise. Norfolk dumplings are a real delicacy (I have one and I know how nice they are), and ye good Method of Double Norwich, of which I did prate so often did at once call to her mind ye delicacy known as 'Coleman's Mustard.' So what's in a name after all? And did wind up by reminding me to remind ye good Squire that Lancashire is also noted for its clogs, and the finesse with which ye denizens of ye County Palatine can use 'em to displace over-prominent shirt buttons.—Yours very sincerely,
SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The Bristol branch of the above Association held its quarterly meeting on Saturday, November 10th. Ringing took place at St. Nicholas' Church in the afternoon, several lady members taking part. Service, at which the Rev. W. Parton officiated, was followed by tea at the C.E.M.S. House, St. Stephen Street. At the meeting over 40 members were present, representing the following towers: St. Nicholas, St. Stephen's, S. Werburgh's, SS. Philip and James', St. Matthew's, St. Michael's, St. Thomas', S. James', S. Leonard's, Henbury, Mangotsfield, Coalpit Heath, Olveston, Winterbourne, and Westbury-on-Trym. The Rev. E. J. Phillips presided. — Miss Dorothy and Miss Bertha Gordon, of St. Philip's, and Mr. G. Gihben, of St. Michael's, were elected members. The meeting for December was fixed for Brislington on Saturday, the 8th, while the annual meeting of the branch is to take place at St. Philip and St. Jacob on Saturday, January 26th.

The Rev. T. C. Fowler proposed a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. W. Parton for his address, also to the authorities of the C.E.M.S. House for kindly allowing the use of the rooms.

This concluded the business, which was followed by a meeting of the Bristol United Guilds in connection with the third annual dinner, which is to take place at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, on Saturday, January 12th.

CONDUCTORS ALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your last issue a correspondent from Milton, Kent, asks if six extents of London Surprise Minor have ever been called before by six separate conductors. I answer in the affirmative. When I was a member of the band of ringers at Bucknall, Staffs, we not only rang London Surprise in this way, but other Surprise and Treble Bob Methods. On Tuesday, August 25th, 1896, we rang a hand-conducted Surprise peal (5,040 changes) in seven methods, the tenor man calling the first 720 and the last one. And on Saturday, April 6th, 1897, we rang a silent peal of Surprise in seven methods. Now that there are so many conductors in the Milton hand I would suggest they try to emulate the above two peals, the latter especially will provide them with occasion for practice for some time to come. Wishing the band every success, and hoping they will continue to make progress in the noble art of bell ringing,
Yours truly,
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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was rung at Bow, Cheapside, on Saturday. Probably the only two other societies which have this distinction are the College Youths, and the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Of the Middlesex Association's peals, 39 have been on handbells.

It will not be long before the one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques on the famous bells in the Bull Ring will be rung. This is quite a unique record for any church.

It is interesting to note that the peal of Stedman Cinques rung at High Wycombe, the report of which was published last week, was the first by parishioners of Wycombe. A week previously the All Saints' Society rang the first peal of Stedman Triples by Wycombe men.

The report of a peal rung at Radstock, Somerset, has been sent without the time.

In the long history of record peal attempts is a peal which was rung on November 23rd, 1732, at St. Giles', Cripplegate. This was 8,012 Grandsire Caters rung by the Society of City Scholars, a long defunct organisation, in which it took three men to ring the tenor.

The same length in the same method was rung at Southwark on November 28th, 1735.

On November 25th, 1737, one of the earliest and longest peals of Bob Major was rung at West Ham. This was a 15,120 rung by the Eastern Scholars, and although a similar length was rung at Oldham in 1807, we believe it is still the longest peal rung in the method.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on handbells, which was rung at Sheffield on November 24th, 1816. It is also the 80th anniversary of a peal of 5,295 Stedman Caters rung at St. Andrew's, Norwich.

Recorded on a tablet in the tower of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, are particulars of a peal of 6,006 Grandsire Cinques rung on November 25th, 1799, by the old Union Society. This, of course, was not the longest length in the method at the time, for the same length had been rung more than 70 years earlier by the London Scholars, and an 8,008 was rung in 1735 at Southwark, but it was a good performance for a provincial tower in those days.

The centenary of a peal of Treble Bob at St. Andrew's, Norwich, will occur on December 5th. From the present condition of affairs in that tower, there is, we are afraid, no likelihood of an anniversary celebration at St. Andrew's, at all events.

The Rev. F. R. Bonsey, president of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, has been appointed Rector of Wrentham, Suffolk, and on Saturday a peal of 'welcome' was rung for him.

His many friends throughout the Exercise will learn with regret that Mr. John Carter, who was unable to attend the College Youths dinner on account of ill-health, is still very unwell.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Bratton on Saturday, October 27th. After ringing during the afternoon, the usual Guild service was held, conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Jeayes. The bells of Edington Church were also available during the afternoon, and a goodly number assembled there. About 20 sat down to tea, including the Vicar and Dr. Locket (Bratton). The following towers were represented: Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Westbury, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's Keovil; Holt, Rowde and Bratton. — The Branch Chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) heartily thanked the Rev. Jeayes for his kindness, to which the Vicar suitably replied. A hearty welcome was also given to Dr. Locket. Further ringing was afterwards indulged in.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES FAITHFULL.

For 35 years steeplekeeper at St. Mary's, Acton, Mr. James Faithfull has passed away. Locally known as 'Jimmy, the Bellringer,' he was every Sunday 'faithful' in name and faithful to his calling in ringing the faithful to the church.

He was buried on Thursday of last week, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled: F. Goodfellow 1, W. Lawrence 2, S. D. Breeze 3, Miss P. Moss 4, H. Wincote 5, R. Fardon (conductor) 8, G. W. Coulson 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' NEW MASTER.**MR. TOM HIBBERT'S ELECTION.**

At their meeting last week the College Youths elected Mr. R. T. Hibbert as Master for the ensuing year. Mr. A. A. Hughes was re-elected hon. treasurer; Mr. P. E. Clark was elected senior steward; Mr. W. Hibbert junior steward; Messrs. C. F. Winney and Walter Prime were re-appointed trustees, and Mr. W. T. Cockerill hon. secretary.

Mr. W. E. Garrard, the retiring Master, is the leading spirit among the ringers at the famous Church of St. Mary Abbot, Kensington, where since 1893, he has laboured assiduously in the art. At that time the bells were rung by a 'stone' band, but Mr. Garrard trained a company of change ringers, and for the last twenty-six years the bells have been rung every Sunday for morning and evening service. What that has meant in labour to the man responsible is known only to those who have carried out a similar task, and in Mr. Garrard, London ringing has one of its most able as well as one of its most modest exponents.

The election of Mr. Tom Hibbert, of Reading, as Master of the Ancient Society, is a notable event, for it is long since a 'provincial' member, residing as far from London as Reading, has filled the principal office. But Mr. Hibbert is an old member of the Society, he has taken part with them in more than one memorable performance, and during the period he has served as steward, he has been constant in his attendance, despite the journey that has been involved.

There are many in the long list of Masters of the Ancient Society of College Youths who have made a distinct contribution of personality in attaining to this high office, but none more so than he who has just been elected for the ensuing twelve months. A true son of the Berkshire Downs, he is strongly attached by many ties to the little village of East Ilsley, his native place, where greatly to his joy, and very largely to his credit, there is now a beautiful little ring of eight bells replacing the old peal of five upon which he commenced his ringing career.

His work for the G.W.R. Company has taken him into various parts of the country, where he has always made friends, and where he has left behind him a reputation of as fine a handler of a bell, big or little, as one could wish to see.

A member of many associations, his longest connection has been with the Oxford Diocesan Guild, of which he is the valued secretary, and that society of which he is now Master. He has for many years resided at Caversham, where he is a staunch member of the St. Peter's Society, and deputy foreman. Chief among his many ringing achievements are perhaps the record peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, and the longest peal ever rung by ten men (Stedman Caters at Appleton).

Mention may also be made of the fact that he has rung peals at the heavy end on the three heaviest rings of eight, ten, and twelve in the kingdom.

His speeches are plain, straight and vigorous, with occasional touches of a quaint humour which is absolutely his own. He is possessed of a frown which has been known to alarm strangers; it is, however, merely indicative of concentration of thought and tenacity of purpose, except when the ringing is bad, when it signifies a state of feelings quite beyond words.

He is known to all his friends as 'Old Tom,' and to know him is to love him.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Earl Shilton on Saturday, November 3rd, a large number attending from Barwell, Croft, Chilvers Coton, Earl Shilton, Hinckley, Leicester, Sharnford, Stoney Stanton, Stockingford and Wigston.

A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. V. Williams), and an interesting address was given by the Rev. R. P. Farrow (Rector of Stoney Stanton). Tea was partaken of in the Schools, the Vicar and his wife kindly inviting the visitors to be their guests.

The business meeting was presided over by the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb), supported by the Vicar.—One new member from Earl Shilton was elected to the association.

A vote of condolence with Mr. and Mrs. J. Needham, of Barwell, in the loss of their son was carried, the company showing their sympathy by standing for a minute in silence.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Barwell.

Votes of thanks were accorded to all who assisted in arrangements for tea, especially the ladies, and thanks were also given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. R. P. Farrow for his interesting address.

The Vicar afterwards delivered an address on bell ringing, from the viewpoint of a non-ringing clergyman. Members then visited the belfry and rang touches in Standard Methods, including Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Erin Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.**

The annual meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Fareham on Saturday last, when 30 members were present from Alverstoke, Bishops Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, Portsmouth, Southampton, Swanmore, Titchfield and Wickham. Messrs. F. S. Bayley, G. Williams (Master) and Rev. E. Bankes James were also present; an apology for absence was received from the general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger). A short service was held in the church, the Guild's form of service being used, at which the Vicar of Fareham (the Rev. J. E. Tarbat) officiated.

An excellent tea awaited the company at Foster's Restaurant, where the business meeting was also held, Mr. W. Tate occupying the chair. The balance sheet was presented by the auditor (Mr. H. G. Reynolds), and was unanimously adopted.—One new member and two probationers were elected.

The election of officers was the next item, and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. J. Harding, sen.) informed those present that he had made up his mind to relinquish the post. He had been an officer of the district for the past 18 years, and had found during recent years that he could not pay attention to the affairs of the district as he would like. At the present time the district was in a healthy condition, and he thought that by retiring now he would be doing it honourably.—He was urged by the members and also by the Master to reconsider the question, but he thought the time had come when a young enthusiastic secretary was what the district required. It was with regret that the members accepted his resignation, and thanked him for his past services. At the request of the members Mr. F. W. Rogers was asked to fill the vacancy.

As he is Recorder of Peals for the Guild he thought it was not in order, but said that if he could do the Guild more good by accepting he would do so. The work of the Peal Recorder was rather a tame one, and at the members' request he decided to accept.

The rest of the officers were elected en bloc, viz. Hon. auditor (Mr. H. G. Reynolds); representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. H. J. Smith and W. Tate.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Curdridge on March 1st, due notice of which will appear in the 'Ringing World.'

SUGGESTED NEW TITLE FOR THE GUILD.

A letter from the general secretary with reference to the division of the diocese was next placed before the meeting for consideration and discussion.

The Chairman mentioned that a resolution had already been forwarded from the district to the effect that the district was strongly in favour of the whole Guild continuing as such, and the meeting endorsed that resolution.

The Rev. E. Bankes James thought it would be a disastrous thing to contemplate a splitting up of the Guild. He had attended the meeting especially to place before the members a title which he thought would cover the whole area of the present Guild. The full title which he proposed was 'The Wessex Association for the Dioceses of Winchester, Guildford and Portsmouth.' The Guild would then be known in short as 'The Wessex Association.' Continuing, he said that if we looked back in history we would find that Winchester was the capital of ancient Wessex, which latter covered the proposed three dioceses, and he thought that 'The Wessex Association' would be an admirable title for the Guild to accept.

This proposed title was accepted unanimously, the Rev. E. Bankes James being thanked for his fine suggestion.

The Chairman proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, after which the ringers returned to the tower. The methods rung were: Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich Major, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise.

THE ARTHUR T. KING MEMORIAL FUND.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—Will you kindly publish the balance sheet of the above-mentioned fund, which I append? My committee wish to convey to the numerous friends of the late Mr. King, who subscribed to this fund, their sincere thanks for enabling us to erect two permanent and appropriate tablets to his memory. It is very gratifying to know that many, other than members of his own association, wished to identify themselves with his memorial, and to them, as well as to our members, we are grateful.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

Hon. Sec. to Memorial Sub-Committee.
BALANCE SHEET.

Receipts: Donations (acknowledged in the 'Ringing World'), with interest, £34 3s. 6d. Expenditure: Cost of two mural tablets, including engraving, fixing at Barnet and Clapton, etc., £29 3s. 6d.; faculty for Barnet erection, £2 2s.; postages, stationery, etc., £1 7s.; printing and advertising, £1 11s.; total, £34 3s. 6d.

Examined with vouchers and found correct. (Signed) F. A. Milne, Nov. 12th, 1923. (Signed) C. T. Coles, hon. secretary and treasurer.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' DINNER.

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Mr. G. R. Fardon next proposed the toast of 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and referred to the feeling of brotherhood which existed between the College Youths and the kindred organisations of the country. He threw out the suggestion that it would be nice if the College Youths could be given the opportunity of ringing a peal occasionally at St. Martin's, or some other tower of the Cumberland Youths in London. He went on to express regret at the disappearance from among the ringing societies of London of the old Waterloo Society, which formerly was the means of bringing on many young ringers. Mr. Fardon added that while in the Isle of Wight last year he and some other ringers visited the grave of William Raynor, who founded the society of Union Youths in the Isle of Wight about the year 1777. They rang the handbells round the tomb, which he regretted to see was in a sad state of decay. He suggested that the Winchester Guild might consider the restoration of this memorial, as the Kent County Association had dealt with the tombstone of the great James Barham at Leeds.

INCREASING DIFFICULTIES.

Mr. J. D. Matthews, who first responded, said he looked upon their chairman and himself as the godfathers of the ringing brotherhood, by virtue of the position which they held as Masters of the two old London Societies (applause). They were the two oldest ringing societies in existence, and all the county associations and diocesan guilds were more or less offshoots of them. With regard to inviting the College Youths to ring peals in Cumberland towers, he would be very glad if Mr. Fardon would tell him how he could get one of the Cumberland towers for a peal for his own society, much less for someone else (laughter). Continuing, Mr. Matthews said an article had appeared that week in 'The Ringing World' telling them how to put their house in order in London, but he was afraid the difficulties in connection with ringing in London were not fully appreciated by those outside the Metropolis. The officers of the College Youths would know that the difficulties were increasing in regard to the twelve bell towers in London. People complained about the bells being rung for peals, and it was impossible to keep a regular Sunday company going at many of these towers. When some of the towers had been shut up, it had been the towers where peal ringing had been most frequent, and it behoved them to consider whether the closing of some of these towers had not been due to their own selfish action. Directly a peal of bells was put into order, if they were asked to furnish a Sunday band they would not be able to do so, but the Vicar would be flooded with applications for permission for peals. He thought this was a position which they as London ringers ought to safeguard and in their own interests see that these towers did not get closed through over-use for peal ringing. In view of the difficulties which they were experiencing, he thought the next best thing they could do was to try and ring peals together on handbells (applause).

The Rev. F. L. Edwards responded for the Provincial Societies, and referred to the courtesy which country ringers always experienced when they visited the London Societies in their towers. He trusted that this spirit of good fellowship would ever continue, and that the time would never come when London ringers would fail to give such a hearty welcome and fraternal greeting to their brothers from the country (applause).

Mr. C. H. Horton submitted the toast of 'The Visitors,' and read some amusing extracts from ancient records, showing how visitors were sometimes treated in olden days. The Ancient Society of College Youths was proud that evening to welcome so many guests, and he assured those connected with the various churches in London that the Society was always ready to help them in any way connected with the bells of their churches, for they recognised that it was by the kindly courtesy of the church authorities that they were able to progress and to accomplish those peals, of which they had the records in their peal books (applause).

THE BELLS AS A PARABLE.

The Rector of Stepney replied in a thoughtful speech, which was lit up by many touches of humour. Briefly referring to some of the historical associations between his church and the city, he mentioned that the tenor bell at Stepney was cast for the Monastery in the Minorities, in 1346. In thanking the Society for their invitation to the visitors, he remarked that the clergy appreciated the opportunity once a year of thanking the ringers for what they did. He was very much indebted to Mr. Langdon for his personal help, and he also wanted to thank Mrs. Hughes for the great assistance she gave him, by her handbell ringing, at a parochial soiree. Personally, he continued, he would love a peal at Stepney every week, but that was not possible on account of the inhabitants and the shopkeepers who had to carry on their business right under the walls of the tower. They had to admit that constant peals would be a little difficult for those people who lived close to the bells. At the same time, even if business was carried on round the tower there

was something wonderful in the ringing of the bells which permeated the whole commercial life going on beneath it. Through it all there was the sounding of a note which, by awakening a religious consciousness, created an atmosphere that must raise the tone of the secular life going on around. It was indeed a parable of what religion ought to be at any time, permeating the whole secular life of the nation, raising it to heaven, as the notes of the bells raised the thoughts of them all to higher things. For that he rendered them most cordial thanks (applause).

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed the toast of 'The Press,' and referring to 'The Ringing World,' expressed regret that in so many towers the ringers were content to take only one copy for the whole band instead of supporting it by taking a copy each, and thus enabling the scope of the paper to be extended by the fact of its much larger circulation.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Editor of 'The Ringing World'), responded, and remarked upon the increasing notice which was being taken of bells by some of the leading journals in the land, articles having appeared which were likely to encourage public appreciation of ringing. With regard to the College Youths, he said he felt sure that the members of the society throughout the country, and ringers generally, would like to see published more details of what the society was doing. At present very little was ever heard of them except for the peals they rang, and on the occasion of that gathering, but some more frequent notice of their activities would be greatly interesting, for there was no need for such an ancient and honourable society to hide its light under a bushel.

This concluded the speechmaking, and the very pleasant gathering came to a close with 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem.

The musical programme included two fine songs by Capt. Freehorn, 'Songs of Araby,' and 'I pass by your window,' sung in response to the demand for an encore. Mr. James Bullock was also encored for the song 'Down Vauxhall Way,' and sang 'Come to the Fair.' Mr. H. Castell, the accompanist, also sang. The feature of this part of the programme was, however, again the handbell playing of Mrs. A. A. Hughes, who, to harp accompaniment by Mr. E. A. Young, played 'Meditation' (Bach-Gounod), of which she gave a beautiful rendering, and an old favourite in 'Ash Grove,' in which her skill in handling the large number of bells was fully manifested.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Central Committee of the Kent County Association held their autumn meeting at Tonbridge on Saturday. Among other business, it was decided to hold the annual general meeting on Whitsun Monday, either at Sevenoaks or Westerham.

Grants from the Bellry Repairs Fund were made to Eltham, Lamberhurst, Cheriton, Teynham, and S. Nicholas-at-Wade.

The secretary was authorised to settle Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's account for the erection of the two trebles at Canterbury; and it was decided that by permission of the Dean and Chapter a marble tablet should be placed in one of the panels under the tower recording the fact that the two bells were hung in the tower above as a memorial to the fifty-six members of the association who fell in the war.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Lewisham on Saturday, Oct. 27th. During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Steadman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise Major were accomplished, London Surprise Major failing. Owing to the illness of the Vicar (Canon Roseveare) the Rev. J. H. A. Chanvel (curate) officiated at the service, and gave a very interesting address on church workers.—Mr. W. Whitehead (organist) kindly presided at the organ.

Tea followed in the Schools, the Rev. Chanvel joining the party, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for taking the service and giving the address.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. J. Jeffries presiding.—Twelve new members were elected, and Dartford was selected as the place of next meeting on the last Saturday in January.

The District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge) then read his annual report, which was adopted.

The Chairman announced that Mr. T. Groombridge wished to be released from office, and it had been hoped Mr. H. Audsley would have filled the post, but he stated that he found it would be impossible, and no one seemed anxious to take it on. Mr. A. G. Hill, of Erith, volunteered to act as assistant secretary, and thereupon Mr. T. Groombridge was re-elected, with Mr. A. G. Hill as assistant, to carry on for the year.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries and Mr. I. Emery were re-elected as representatives on the Association Committee.—The assistant secretary was asked to write a letter of sympathy to Canon Roseveare, who had undergone an operation, and also to thank him for granting permission to hold the meeting at Lewisham.

A hearty vote of thanks to the organist, Mr. H. Warnett, the caretaker of the schools, and the chairman, concluded the meeting, the members returning to the church for ringing until 9 p.m.

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

NEWBURY.—At St. Nicholas' Church, two short touches of Grandsire Triples, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled. — For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., with bells open: J. E. Watling 1, S. Quinten (conductor) 2, C. Pearce 3, E. Smith 4, W. A. Dormer 5, E. Crocker 6, H. W. Curtis 7, C. Crawford 8.

DONCASTER.—At the Parish Church of St. George, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: Miss K. Jackson 1, G. Jackson 2, J. Holmes 3, C. Clarke 4, F. Newsome 5, W. Lloyd 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, H. Baldwin 8.

KEGWORTH, DERBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, for morning service (with bells muffled), 720 Bob Minor. After service (with bells open), 360 Bob Minor. Ringers taking part: Misses Florrie Baxter, Gertrude Baxter, Doris Sutton, Messrs. F. Clements, W. Cook, H. Cook, S. Papworth, A. Sansome, F. J. Sutton, J. Booth (conductor).

WESTERHAM, KENT.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Taylor 1, Morgan Whatley 2, G. R. Selby 3, G. A. S. Selby 4, R. Stone 5, S. Heath 6, H. J. Selby (conductor) 7, A. T. Lewis 8.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.—For morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Bob Minor: Miss E. K. Mayston 1, W. Mayston 2, M. Killick 3, W. H. Horney 4, G. J. Killick 5, H. Bransden (conductor) 6, G. Edwards 8.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: C. Brumble 1, Rev. T. G. Devitt 2, H. Waltham 3, F. G. Lightning 4, F. Porter 5, J. B. Halifax (conductor) 6. Also 360 after service.

FENNY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—At St. Martin's Church, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: G. Grove 1, F. Rowe 2, A. B. Carden 3, S. Smith 4, E. A. Gilby 5, J. W. Searcy (conductor) 6.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—In the morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Harris 1, G. H. Spice 2, W. E. Spice 3, S. R. Dobbie 4, H. Simpson 5, E. H. Spice 6, W. Spice, senr. (conductor), 7, J. Webb 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

EBBRINGTON, GLOS.—For morning service, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): S. Dunkwater 1, E. Withers 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, L. Hawcutt 4, H. Baker 5, F. Emms 6.

ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—For afternoon service, with the bells muffled, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Terry 1, W. Large (conductor) 2, C. Sabin 3, F. Boswell 4, H. Baker 5, J. Terry 6.

RAWMARSH, NEAR ROTHERHAM.—For morning service, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,248 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Mitchell 1, A. G. Stocks 2, S. Walker 3, F. Pickering 4, E. Panunier (conductor) 5, T. Cooper 6, T. Winchcombe 7, H. Mortimore 8.

LEIGH, LANCS.—At St. Mary's Church, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., for the memorial service held in the above-named church, and at the Cenotaph in the afternoon: J. H. Barnes 1, D. Smith 2, H. Smith (conductor) 3, S. Hayes, senr. 4, H. Hayes 5, S. Hayes, junr., 6, W. Hayes 7, J. Hayes 8.

FRAMPTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins., with the bells half-muffled: W. E. Clarke 1, F. Rotherham 2, A. Rose 3, J. Young 4, W. Barker (conductor) 5, G. Coleman 6. After service, 720 with the bells open.

RAINFORD.—For service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: J. Rigby 1, Wm. Hesketh 2, Hy. Hesketh 3, G. Saint 4, S. Cadwallender 5, R. Huyton 6, J. W. Hall (conductor) 7, P. Bayley 8.

TIMSBURY, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, after morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: G. Hasell 1, F. Brown 2, W. Young 3, Wm. Young 4, J. Fear 5, T. Clark (conductor) 6.

MIDDLETON, LANCS.—For morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 480 Bob Major. — For evening memorial service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Hollows 1, Wm. Berry (composer and conductor) 2, J. Jacques 3, J. Smith (first in the method) 4, S. Holt 5, T. A. Ogden 6, T. K. Driver 7, F. Berry 8.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (odd bob), in 50 mins., with the bells half-muffled: W. Hilbert 1, J. Lee 2, H. Dyas 3, A. C. Darnell 4, C. W. Roberts 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, E. C. Russell (first quarter as conductor) 7, G. J. Harman 8.

NEWMARKET, SUFFOLK.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob: L. Warner 1, R. Heath 2, R. Lathbury 3, W. Paget 4, S. Forwood 5, R. Sharpe (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with the bells open: C. Moody 1, R. Heath 2, L. Warner 3, W. Paget 4, S. Forwood 5, R. Sharpe (conductor) 6.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Minor, being 1,080 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob, in 43 mins., with the bells half-muffled: A. Booth 1, F. Lucas 2, A. Mansfield 3, Geo. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6. Immediately after

service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with the bells open: J. Wilfred Sharp 1, F. Lucas 2, A. Booth 3, Geo. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray (conductor) 5, A. Mansfield 6. For evening service, 720 Double Court: A. Booth 1, R. A. Hornsby 2, Geo. Mansfield 3, J. M. Gray 4, F. Lucas 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.

DARELINGTON.—At Holy Trinity, for morning service, 456 London Surprise Minor, with the bells half-muffled; and for evening service, 720 London Surprise Minor, with the bells open, the ringers taking part being: R. Park, G. W. Park (conductor), W. N. Park, F. Cook, W. Cook, F. W. Lupton and W. Oliver.

OLD BRADWELL, BUCKS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, Old Bradwell, Bucks, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: T. C. Walters (conductor) 1, E. Whitlock 2, W. French 3, E. Whitlock 4, C. Alderman 5, A. Ebery 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled. First 720 of Bob Minor by all the band.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.—For evening service, in 46½ mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Ruddock 1, W. Fox 2, B. Hilditch 3, T. H. Greatorex 4, F. Johnson 5, G. H. Bowmer 6, B. Greatorex (conductor) 7, K. Hanson 8.

MONKS ELEIGH.—At St. Peter's Church, in 1 hour and 18 mins., with bells half-muffled, a date touch of Minor, 1,918 changes (consisting of 1,198 changes of Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Whymark 1, P. E. Whittell 2, K. W. Whittell 3, A. J. Peters 4, A. Keeble 5, H. D. Lister (conductor) 6. After the service the bells were rung open to Oxford Treble Bob.

BEDWELLY, MON.—At St. Sannan's Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal Grandsire Doubles: H. Poppell 1, L. Rowlands 2, M. Thomas 3, G. Poppell (conductor) 4, W. Powell 5, G. Pearce 6, T. Poppell 7, J. Powell 8.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM.—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Barker 1, O. Brovd 2, H. Catterwell 3, F. Wiseman 4, S. Hole (conductor) 5, B. Pettitt 6, H. Wiseman 7, W. Cross 8. — For evening service, a 720 Bob Minor, with tenor behind: E. Barker 1, S. Hole (conductor) 2, C. Parker 3, S. Wilding 4, A. Wash 5, H. Wiseman 6, W. Cross 8.

WELLINGTON, SALOP.—For special service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Parker 1, G. A. Cousins 2, V. Rawlings 3, E. H. Gwilliam 4, J. P. Hyett (conductor) 6. First quarter for all except conductor. Rung with bells half-muffled.

BODENHAM.—For evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Billings 1, W. Rushton 2, A. Rushton 3, G. Rushton 4, J. P. Hyett (conductor) 5, E. F. Gittings 6. First 720 for all except conductor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Talbot 1, C. H. Kippin 2, A. Arnold 3, T. Talbot 4, F. Darby 5, A. J. Tranpitt (conductor) 6, R. Whittington 7, T. Behannon 8. Longest length by the ringers of treble and tenor.

(Other Touches will appear next week.)

RUTLAND SURPRISE.

Dear Sir,—I am rather surprised at the contents of Mr. Carter's letter, regarding the definition of Surprise. Mr. Carter was one of the members of the committee (and all the other members with the exception of Mr. Dains are still living) that framed the definition. Mr. Carter does not make himself very clear regarding his objection to 'Bristol' and 'Rutland,' but I imagine he thinks an internal piece should be made at the treble's whole pull behind. I do not take that position as a cross section of the treble's path. It is like the whole pull at lead. A dead end, the only way out is to go back. It is the starting and finishing place.

Mr. Carter also states that 'Rutland' Major, Royal and Maximus are three different methods. I must respectfully inform him that he is mistaken, and I ask him to extend the same on to 14 and 16 bells, when he will find that on all numbers where there are an odd number of pairs of bells (i.e., Royal 5 pairs, 14 bells 7 pairs) the pivot place will be made in 3rd's place instead of 1st's place, as is the case on all numbers with an even number of pairs of bells. The odd pair of bells dodge in 1-2. This is a new feature and I expected some comment.—Yours truly,
ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Stannington near Sheffield, Nov. 5th, 1923.

MEMORIAL SERVICE RINGING.

At Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, on Friday evening, Nov. 2nd, for the special memorial service for the parish fallen 1,024 Superlative Surprise Major in 45 mins.: J. Scott 1, C. N. Burdock 2, E. Weatherby 3, R. Philpott 4, A. H. Winch 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

BIRTH.

GILBERT.—On November 14th, at Rainham, Kent, to the wife of C.Q.M.S. Geo. Gilbert, R.E., a son.

ANOTHER PEAL OF SIX IN DEVON.**SHUTE BELLS REHUNG.**

Shute, a Devon village, between Axminster and Honiton, has just had its ring of bells increased to six. This has been made possible by the efforts of Mr. Arthur S. Hutchinson (Diocesan reader, and captain of the ringers), who raised funds for the addition of a new treble and the rehanging of the whole. The dedication was performed by the Bishop of Exeter, who, in the course of an interesting address, said a peal of bells was absolutely English. "When you listen to a peal of bells," said the Bishop, "it is not merely the sound you hear, but the notes, that tell of England's greatness, from those iron tongues." There was a time when they were going to take down the bells in some towers, and put up things which would make a clanging noise. There were still some towers where the bells were not rung as they should be. In every town he would like to see the bells properly rung, according to the good old custom of England—rung round in full peal. Concluding, his Lordship appealed to ringers to ring the bells with reverence—with a double reverence—for, firstly, they were a part of the country—with all its peculiarities, with all its greatness—and, secondly, because they were a part of the worship of God, and preached a sermon. "As you ring, whether it be at a practice or before a service, whether you toll for a death or ring a merry peal after a marriage, say a prayer that the peal you ring may bring to the hearts of people that message of penitence to the sinner, a thought to the careless, peace to the troubled, and, above all, to true-hearted worshippers, carry a message to come to God's house, and there sing those praises which the bells had begun."

Ringings afterwards took place, by teams from Taunton, Honiton, Clyst, East Budleigh, Chaffcombe, Colyton, Bucknell, Uplyme, Cotleigh, Northleigh, Seaton, Offwell, Widworthy, Musbury, Dalwood, Kilmington, and members of the old Colyton band of ringers. A notable visitor was the Rev. E. V. Cox.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, and a large company sat down at the tables.—The Vicar extended a cordial welcome to the Bishop, and voiced the pleasure felt at his Lordship's presence at the church service. The Vicar also paid a tribute to Mr. A. Hutchinson, to whose energy the improvements in the belfry were entirely due.—The Bishop, in reply, said Mr. Hutchinson was of the type of men who, by their unselfish work, had made England great.

The whole of the restoration was entrusted to Messrs. T. Doble and Son, Taunton, who have carried out the work in a highly satisfactory manner. Great satisfaction was expressed with the 'go' of the bells by the large number of ringers present.

A RESTORED WELSH RING.**Haverfordwest Bells Dedicated.**

St. Mary's Parish Church, Haverfordwest, is now in proud possession of a melodious ring of eight bells. Up to some years ago there hung in the belfry eight old bells, in a dilapidated timber framework. The fittings were quite worn out, and unable to carry the bells with safety. It was, therefore, decided to send the bells to the famous foundry of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who are to be congratulated on the excellent quality of their work. The bells are now of splendid tone. The tenor has been recast, and is worthy of special note. Its weight is one ton; and it bears the inscription, 'I will do my best for Haverfordwest.' The other seven bells have been returned, and hung with self-aligning ball bearings in totally enclosed dustproof housings. The old oak frame has been bolted together, and the 'go' of the bells is now most satisfactory.

The dedication was performed by the Very Rev. the Archdeacon of St. Davids on November 8th. Special hymns were sung, and the Archdeacon gave a very interesting and inspiring address to a large number of the inhabitants of the town and district who had assembled to witness the ceremony. After the Blessing, the band of St. Catherine's, Gorsemon, made their way to the ringing chamber, raised the bells in peal, and rang a well-struck touch of 616 Grand-sire Triples: C. Willis 1, R. Baird 2, J. Williams 3, H. Willis 4, A. Sluman 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, W. Dobbins 8. The Vicar and churchwardens came, and congratulated the band on their fine ringing and striking. The bells had not previously been rung since 1890. The ringers were entertained to dinner at the Mariner's Hotel, and afterwards further ringing took place in several methods, including two 504 of Grand-sire Triples by R. Dobbins 1, H. Willis 2, J. Williams 3, R. Baird 4, A. Sluman 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, W. Dobbins 8. The bells were lowered in peal. Afterwards an excellent tea was enjoyed by the ringers.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for their welcome and hospitality.

It is interesting to note that these old bells are the same that rang Oliver Cromwell to Haverfordwest.

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on 22nd; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 27th; both at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—A special general meeting will be held at Kettering on Saturday, November 24th. Bells (10) available 2.30. Tea at the Cross Keys Cafe, Horsemarket, at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Business—Report of Sub-Committee, re "Proposed formation of a Peterborough Diocesan Guild." It is hoped all members will make an effort to be present.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting of members will be held on Saturday, November 24th, at St. Mary's, Whittlesea, Cambs. Bells (8) ready from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 6 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the association will be held at Alfreton on Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Meat tea at Miss Wynne's at 5. Meeting afterwards.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at East Molesey on Saturday, November 24th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 4.45. Tea and meeting to follow. Hampton Court nearest station, five minutes' walk.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Rd., Walton-on-Thames.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Bells Holy Trinity (8) and St. Nicolas (10) available at 3 p.m. Service at St. Nicolas' Church at 5. Tea and business meeting after.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dist. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Denton on Saturday, Nov. 24th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec., New Mills.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Curry Rivel on Saturday, Nov. 24th. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—F. Farrant, Martock, Somerset.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—Short notice of meeting.—The next meeting of the above will be at Bethersden, on Saturday, Nov. 24th, from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Bull Hotel.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for Nov.: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7 to 8.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 19th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthews, Lightcliffe, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1/6 to all who notify Mr. H. Kershaw, Pyke Lane, not later than Tuesday, Nov. 27th. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dist. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, December 1st. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m., followed by business meeting in the Scriptorium. Tea tickets may be had at 1/6 each upon application to Mr. W. A. Hall, 12, Newport Avenue, Brayton Road, Selby, on or before Wednesday, Nov. 28th. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch (10 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, to be followed by business meeting.—G. Preston, Dist. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above guild will be held at Lye (Worcs) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (10) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock sharp. Meeting to follow for the election of Officers for 1924 and other business. Will members intending to be present let me know by Nov. 26th, so that arrangements for tea can be made?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, December 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, November 27th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Guilborough District.—A special meeting will be held at Long Buckley on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Dist. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Banwell, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Ickleton on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Will those who require tea please inform me by Nov. 28th?—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills, View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A practice has been arranged at St. Giles, Stoke Poges, on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at 6.30 p.m. This will be the only notification.—A. D. Barker, 'Cambridge,' Wexham Wood, Slough.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above association will be held at Stoke on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m., and tea 5 p.m. prompt.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Eckington on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who notify Mr. B. Ditcher, 15, Station Road, Eckington, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 28th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada, Street, Sheffield.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Sidwell's Institute (free to members of the branch), all ringers welcome. Towers open for ringing. The Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), St. David's (8), Heavitree (8), St. Thomas' (8), St. Pitrook's (6).—J. C. Oke, Assist. Sec., 25, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Old Bradwell. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Bear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furnees and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly ring will take place at Silverdale on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary, Broughton-in-Furness.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. John-of-Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Full particulars next week.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above district will be held at Orston on Saturday, Dec. 8th, this being the re-opening of these bells, which have been rehung and augmented from 4 to 6 by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston. Service and dedication of the new bells at 3 o'clock. Tea 4.15. 1/- each. Further particulars next week.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual Social will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Chorley bells available from 2 to 4. Whittle from 1 p.m. Tea at 4.30, whist and dancing after. Tickets 2/9 per head. Will those requiring tickets please let me know as soon as possible, and not later than Saturday, Dec. 1st. All welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7.30. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Canon Elsee will give the address. Tea at 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Sec., Walter Hughes, 3 Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in Church Room. Meeting after tea. Will those requiring tea (1/6 each) please notify Mr. A. Mitchell, 76, Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate, Nr. Rotherham, by Tuesday, Dec. 4th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, December 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, December 4th.—Elizabeth E. Emm, Evercreech, Somerset.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, December 15th (postponed from Dec. 8th). Bells (10) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please write by Dec. 12th, to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

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A PLEA FOR STRUGGLING BANDS.

Speaking generally, ringing has made a wonderful recovery since the war, bands have not only been rebuilt, but a great advance has been made in the methods rung. Probably there are very few associations that are not now back at pre-war strength, and feeling that they have fully recovered from the position into which nearly five years of upheaval forced them. Yet we make bold to say that there are a number that, were they to face the question squarely, would have to admit that there is much more that might be done to encourage the art of ringing among the towers which stand within their area. Is there any county or diocesan association which can say that every tower within its borders, with a ringable peal of bells, has got its own company, and that company affiliated to the association? This is, of course, an ideal, but it should be the aim of every organisation, and no society which professes to cover an area should be content until that ideal is reached. Moreover, are all the affiliated towers receiving the assistance that is necessary to help them to progress?

It is a simple matter to keep in touch with towers and bands which are easy of access from ringing centres; it is the cause of the isolated towers that we would plead. Some bands in out-of-the-way places struggle for years with practically no outside help, and, while they plod on patiently, they receive little assistance or encouragement from their association, except, perhaps, by the holding of an occasional meeting in the neighbourhood. Combined practices, which we have constantly urged, have had most successful results in places where this method has been tried, but what is wanted in many instances is something more, even than this, to give a real stimulus to ringing. We should like to see specially organised assistance given to the less fortunately placed towers, not by occasional help, but by a series of visits paid by ringers capable of giving real aid. In the winter months that are before us, little, perhaps, can be done in this direction, but ringers are slow to move, and the period intervening before the longer hours of daylight could well be used by association ringing-masters and secretaries in drawing up a scheme for rendering practical assistance to some of the less fortunately situated towers.

The Durham and Newcastle Association has realised the necessity for a forward policy, somewhat on these lines, and the appreciation which is forthcoming, when such action is taken, was evinced at West Hartlepool, where last week a visit resulted in a revival of interest, both in ringing and in the Association. The point to be remembered about this kind of missionary work is that the association will benefit as well as the company which receives the assistance.

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Any interest which may be raised by the help given is bound to be reflected by a stronger support for the association, indicated not merely in membership, but in raising the level of ringing in that area. Too much importance can be placed upon the practice of holding district meetings. Good and necessary as these are for the vitality of an association, they cannot provide the same valuable encouragement to change ringing that would be given by properly organised and systematic visits paid, if only by a few capable ringers, to towers where interest is flagging, or where a band is struggling against difficulties which they are unable to surmount.

TEN BELL PEAL.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..	... Treble	THOMAS F. KING	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER	3	WALTER FARLEY	8
WILLIAM KNIGHT	4	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	9
ARTHUR PRINCE	5	SIDNEY HILLIER	Tenor

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE BULWER.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN AVIS ... ..	... Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	WILLIAM HARPER	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	7
JOHN BURLLES	4	COL. SGT. BENNETT	Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge Rung with half-muffled clappers in grateful memory of those who fell in the Great War.

OLDHAM, LANCES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

BENJAMIN THORPE ... ..	... Treble	JAMES WM. TAYLOR	5
JAMES COX	2	SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH	6
JAMES LEES	3	ROBERT GREENWOOD	7
CHARLES MARSLAND	4	ALFRED WAITES	Tenor

Composed by TAYLOR.

Conducted by B. THORPE.

Rung as a complimentary peal to the secretary, Mr. James Cox. This is the first peal on the new bells. Mr. R. Greenwood was proposed a member of the association before starting.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*RALPH DAVIES ... ..	... Treble	JOHN WOODBERRY	5
THOMAS J. SALTER	2	ERNEST J. BROOKS	6
CHARLES H. WOODBERRY	3	JOHN SMITH	7
KEITH SALTER	4	JAMES BENNETT	Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. WOODBERRY.

* First peal. The first peal by a local band since November, 1911.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 1 lb.

*ERNEST HUNT Treble	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 5
JOHN MALVAN 2	ALFRED J. ROGERS 6
WALTER AYRE 3	†GEORGE W. DEBENHAM ... 7
THOMAS J. HULL 4	‡FREDERICK J. SPICER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal on eight away from the tenor. † First attempt for a peal 'inside'. ‡ First peal and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 7th, who sailed for the Malay States on Nov. 23rd. This peal was rung by the kind permission of the Vicar of King's Langley, as St. Peter's, St. Albans, had been refused.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
EDWARD C. MERRITT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

DRIGHLLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*MISS EMMA BRIGGS Treble	JOSEPH JESSOP 5
JOHN PALFRAMAN 2	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 6
†CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	FIRTH HOPWOOD 7
ARTHUR GILL 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY Tenor

Conducted by FIRTH HOPWOOD.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire 'inside.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JAMES F. CLARKE Treble	*ERNEST MORRIS... .. 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	G. STEDMAN MORRIS 6
JAMES F. GEORGE 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
SIDNEY COX 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* Fiftieth peal for this association in this year of 1923. First peal of Spliced Treble Bob in the county, and first by all except the ringers of 3rd and tenor.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN MARTIN Treble	PETER ETHERIDGE 5
GEORGE ILLMAN 2	†GEORGE ELLIS 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
STEPHEN KENWARD 4	*ALFRED G. WELCH Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Wednesday, Nov. 14th, for practice, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: T. Pendry 1, J. Pugh 2, H. Halford 3, C. W. Martin 4, W. Yeend 5, J. J. Causon 6, John F. Ballinger (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	RICHARD G. RICE 6
JACK HONEY 3	*PERCY DYKE 7
*FREDERICK NAISH 4	†GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by GORDON CAUDWELL.

* First peal in the method. † First as conductor and first attempt.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, November 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb. in E.

*WILLIAM MERRITT Treble	GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. 5
†CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN 2	†DANIEL COOPER... .. 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL 3	*CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 7
ALBERT J. FORD 4	*WALTER GLOVER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Triples away from the tenor. ‡ 25th peal. The ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5 are members of the local company.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

E. HOBART SMITH Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5
WILLIAM TILLET 2	HARRY R. ROPER 6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
JAMES DURRANT 4	A. JOHN GILLINGHAM Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Composition No. 1, page 51 Snowdon's 'Stedman.'

PENKRIDGE, STAFFS.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*FRED BIRKS Treble	†EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 5
*JOHN J. TAYLOR 2	JOHN PERRY 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	EDWARD V. RODENBURST Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

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

D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

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OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE ST. OSWALD'S SOCIETY.

On Monday, November 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

* THOMAS MARSHALL Treble	HARRY JARMAN 5
RICHARD MARTIN 2	† ROBERT T. EVANS 6
EDWARD JONES 3	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 7
* HAROLD T. HUGHES 4	* E. HARVEY KYNASTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. EVANS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal by a local band since 1907. Ancestors of the conductor took part in peals at Oswestry in 1731 and 1785.

QUEDGELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Monday, November 19, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM HARRIS Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN 5
GEORGE L. BRUNSDON 2	HERBERT BECKETT 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	GEORGE CONDICK 7
JESSE GILLET 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor on his 60th birthday. Ernest E. Davis's 200th peal.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALFRED J. TRAFFITT Treble	JAMES E. COOPER 5
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
* ERNEST J. TRIMMER 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S ONE-PART.

TRAVERS PRICHARD Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 5
BASIL LATHAM 2	LESLIE BARRY 6
FRANK COLE 3	GEORGE ORCHARD 7
THOMAS WITTS 4	GEORGE LATHAM Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY SIMMONS Treble	HERBERT C. ADDSLEY 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR LINDOFF Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
THOMAS W. GILMOUR 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	GEORGE R. NEWTON 7
CLAUDE S. BENWELL 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Liverpool Branch of the Lancashire Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

CHESTER.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHOUT-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

* SAMUEL JONES, SEN. Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
JOHN HAYES 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	CHARLES T. P. BRICE 7
JAMES SWINDLEY 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by ARTHUR E. PEGLER.

* First peal of Double Norwich. The ringers of treble and 5th hail from Eccleston, 2nd and 4th from Chester, 3rd from Rhyl, 6th from Crewe, 7th from Pulham St. Mary's, Norfolk, and tenor from Bangor.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

LESLIE G. FRANKS Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, JUN. ... 5
WALTER FRANKS 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 6
JOHN LINDEN 3	EDWARD MILLS 7
ROBERT CURTIS 4	* GEORGE PRODGER Tenor

Composed by W. MATTHEWS. Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal and first attempt. Messrs. Mills and Edwards hail from Robertsbridge, Lambert from Burwash; the rest are local men.

CRANBROOK, KENT

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A. J. PITMAN'S VARIATION OF A. E. SEERS' NINE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

HARRY BAKER Treble	JAMES POWELL 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	* WALTER FREEMAN 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN 4	HARRY M. BATEHUP Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal in the method, and elected a non-resident life member of the association.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

CHARLES W. COOK Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS 5
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 2	* ARTHUR KING 6
YORK GREEN 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
† A. TOM CHENERY 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal on an 'inside' bell, and first peal for 17 years.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*PHILLIP STEGGALLS Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	FREDERICK HAYWARD 5
JAMES BETTS 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the fallen, also for the Rev. E. C. Bowen, late Rector of Stoke Ash.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, November 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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.

GEOFFREY LEWIS Treble	CHRIS BOWOOD 4
ROLAND LEWIS 2	DAVID HORNE 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY LEWIS.

Rung in commemoration of Armistice Day.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, November 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRIS BOWERS Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
DAVID HORNE 2	E. WILLIAM TURNER 5
CHARLES LAYTON 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM S. BUTLER Treble	HENRY DORKING 4
WILLIAM BUTLER 2	ANDREW EVERS 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	ERNEST BRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BRIGHT.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods by all except the ringer of the 3rd. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Primrose and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court and Double Bob.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY Treble	WALTER A. DAY 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL A 2	JOSEPH LONDON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by HORACE M. DAY.

First peal on the bells; a splendid ring by Taylor & Co.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Saturday, Nov. 17th, 720 Double Court Minor and 360 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Balls 1, A. Worth 2, G. Clarke 3, W. Leggett 4, H. Warn 5, E. Leggett (conductor) 6.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

JOHN AVIS Treble	JOHN BURLES 4
HARRY ARGENT 2	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
JOHN LARTER 2	GEORGE LEE 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This peal was arranged and rung as a welcome to the new Rector, Rev. F. R. Bonsey, late president of the Middlesex Association.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.

THE SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALAC. A. RACKHAM Treble	ALFRED A. RACKHAM ... 4
*FREDERICK T. HALES ... 2	†GEORGE POPNELL 5
WILFRED WILLIAMS 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor on an 'inside' bell. First peal of Minor for the above Guild. Messrs. Hales and Popnell were proposed members of the Guild before starting the peal and hail from Abergavenny and Bedwelty, respectively. The rest local men.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT Treble	JAMES WAGHORN 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	FRANK PATTENDEN 5
HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 3	GEORGE WAGBORN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

Rung as a silver wedding peal for James Waghorn, and a birthday peal for A. Relfe. It was also rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. D. W. W. Carmichael, who is exchanging livings with the Rev. H. B. Langton, Rector of Ickenham.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's on the plan arranged by the Rev. E. BANKS JAMES.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SYDNEY F. BARNES Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 4
WALTER G. BATTLE 2	THOMAS A. ROGERS 5
JOHN COOKE 3	JAMES R. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES R. GRIFFIN.

First peal in the method for the Guild on the bells and by all the band. First peal of Surprise by all and rung at the first attempt. The band hereby tender their thanks to the Rector for kindly allowing them to use the bells, also to Mr. Walters, for meeting them and having all in readiness.

HANDBELL PEALS.LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.*On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7-8

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.*On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	*WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 7-8

† THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 9-10

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

Umpire: HARRY BROUGHTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Caters 'in hand.'
First peal of Stedman Caters rung in Nuneaton.

ALDBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE BELFRY OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A sharp.

*JACK PILGRIM 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3-4	*ROY PILGRIM 7-8

*LEONARD W. BALE ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Sunday, November 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT 3, HOLLY COTTAGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A sharp.

*ROY PILGRIM 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3-4	ALBERT J. LINCOLN 7-8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Umpire: LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN. Witness: LEONARD W. BALE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal in the method 'in hand' by all the band except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAWRENCE,
EVESHAM GUILD).*On Wednesday, November 21, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,*

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor size 20 in E.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON 1-2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 7-8
JAMES HEMMING 3-4	JOHN HALL 9-10
JOSEPH T. JOHNSON 5-6	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 11-12

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 13). Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

First peal of Maximus by all the band and by the association. The conductor has now rung and conducted from working pairs of bells, peals 'in hand' from Doubles to Maximus.

ALDBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, November 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT MALVERN HOUSE, THE RESIDENCE OF MR. T. PILGRIM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

JACK PILGRIM 1-2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5-6
ROY PILGRIM 3-4	LEONARD W. BALE 7-8

Composed by J. R. FRITCHARD. Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Witness: MRS. T. PILGRIM.

THE SUSSEX WEEK.We'll sing the song, as we march along,
Of good old Sussex by the Sea.

Our ringing tour this year, I am told, was one of the most successful outings known, and, although belated, a review of the week's doings may be interesting. Some have said that London and Bristol Surprise should have been included in the methods rung, but in eleven peal attempts ten were successful, as duly reported in the 'Ringing World' of November 2nd, the first seven having been scored straight off the bat. I regret to trouble our Editor with a correction re the Burgess Hill performance. Taking the list of names, as printed, the men actually stood in the order of 1-3-5-7-2-4-6-8; 'Queen's,' and not as shown. The error is mine, and I apologise to the band who are all loyal subjects of Her Majesty. This year I had less secretarial work in arranging the meeting, due to assistance of local veterans, Messrs. Bennett, Stone and Hart, whilst the foremen of the towers visited took considerable pains to fit in the week's programme. Mr. Challen, of Shoreham, owing to illness in the locality, had to refuse our coming, and this gap was kindly filled at short notice by Mr. Hammond, of Rotherfield. Letters of regret were received from Messrs. Evans, Bishop, George, Edwards (Hereford), Cheesman, Barton, Trollope, Walker, Buckland, and our Editor, who were unable to join the party; a certain septuagenarian being too busy migrating to his new nest instead of waiting till April, like the cuckoo usually does.

One sorrowful event arose in the course of my correspondence. Mr. Edwards, of Boreham, wrote me, saying: 'I should very much like to ring at Brighton and its neighbourhood. What is the latest date you can take yes or no?' The next letter I had came from his son to say that his father was dead, and was buried a few days previously. This was somewhat of a shock to me, since I am no chicken, whilst our departed brother was only 53 years of age when he made his last set change.

Only half the members had a programme, with order to copy it, and send original on to another member, and I wondered how this would work out. Therefore, I was glad on the afternoon appointed to see several couples come up to St. Peter's tower, Brighton, about 3 p.m., and so a businesslike start was made. On completion of the Royal here we were most agreeably surprised to find Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Truss, with a number of Brighton men, awaiting below to offer congratulations. We held a conversazione at the King and Queen, when song and handbells sweetened our temperament, and hastened old 'tempus fugit' more than ever.

On Sunday our forces were divided, one half going to St. Peter's tower, and the other to St. Nicholas', to ring for the morning and evening services. Amongst the touches scored were Cambridge and Double Norwich Royal, Treble Ten, London, Superlative, Yorkshire and Cambridge Major. We enjoyed the excellent dinner provided at our hotel, the famous boiled L.O.M. looking, as usual, more like a scrag when we had finished with it, and it cannot be said we were greedy with only one leg amongst 24. A happy Sunday evening together—after Divine service at the respective churches—was spent by visitors and friends alike, many ladies honouring our gathering, and enjoying the handbell ringing. An agreeable chat with a Worcestershire Vicar—formerly at Eye—who joined us, brought memories of the late J. Motts, the Rev. W. Pearson, W. Rose and the Poppy, and Messrs. Day and Son, and other Suffolk ringers. Our Ladies' Guild was represented by Mesdames Williams, Truss, Stone, Bennett, W. and K. Hart, Golding, Merrett, and the wife of our reverend brother. It is due to the ladies to add that our tourists were most comfortably housed, during their stay, in private quarters—'twas just like coming home after a good day's work to find 'Mother' with supper all ready. The railway company was good to us as well, issuing return tickets at single fares to all the local stations to which we wished to travel, and the weather—that old fellow of many costumes—was generous, Friday being the only time that macs and 'brellas were needed.

For Monday, Wednesday and Friday, we had 'doubles on,' as follows: Cuckfield and Lingfield from Haywards Heath Station, Hurstpierpoint and Burgess Hill from Hassocks, and Rotherfield and Buxted from Uckfield. On each occasion we found 'a winner,' because trains, towers, and times were manipulated to a nicety, and we had a good trainer. We peal ringers have much to be thankful for. We can follow the practice independent of the elements. We lose no 'gate' money if a match is abandoned, neither forfeit the rent of an unused sports field. At Rotherfield we saw the damage to the base of the tower done quite recently by lightning, yet the spire and bells remained for us safe and sound.

Certain association business was transacted, Messrs. W. Novard, A. E. Sharman and C. C. Mayne being elected life members of the S.C.A. in St. Peter's tower on Saturday, and Messrs. William Mead and J. C. Truss at Cuckfield on Monday, by the usual show of hands before we pulled off. I have since ascertained that the necessary entrance fees have been paid over to the hon. secretary.

After our Lewes visit on Tuesday we held another social on returning to Brighton. It was almost destroyed by mine host of the

King and Queen, who had relet our reserved room over our heads. My disappointment may be imagined when I found some thirty-six gentlemen and eight ladies standing 'homeless' in the Old Steine Gardens, rather resembling a stranded theatrical company. I have military reasons for supposing that more men during the war found out the value of 'The Canteen' than all the pussyfoots put together. A house of that name, well known to ringers of yore, gave us private accommodation for the evening. Here John Jay—and there's still a 'John Jay, junior'—rendered in good style 'Sussex by the Sea.' Mrs. J. C. Truss gave us an old favourite, accompanied by her husband. Mr. W. Hart sang a couple of good songs, and the verger of St. Nicholas also sang, accompanied by his son, an expert pianist; and handbell tunes by Messrs. Truss, Hart and Fussell, were also given.

On Thursday we found our failure at St. Peter's, Brighton, Cambridge Royal falling to pieces, after 40 minutes. However, this meeting was turned into a practice for Yorkshire Royal (2 courses), and touches of London Major—Messrs. Merrett, Groves, Smart, and others, making up a double team.

We were the guests of Messrs. Mead and Shepherd, on Wednesday to tea and lunch, whilst Mr. Nevard gave similar hospitality on Saturday as a terminal to the week. Our final attempt at St. Nicholas began at 2 o'clock, which suited the departure of several members on breaking up. We all took tea together at the Imperial Hotel, with a 'nip in the cup,' to the health of the host, and that warmed up the question, 'what about next year?' Ah, well! let us get over Christmas first.

Before leaving Brighton we saw the county challenge bell, never claimed by the last winners, now safely stored in St. Peter's tower. We also called on the veteran method builder, Mr. George Baker, looking hearty and well, and there, in a small inner room, we found bundles of papers covered with masses of figures and diagrams enough to fill a small portmanteau, and still he keeps on with the permutations. The late John Jay was discussed: also the little room at the Canteen, where Bill Gifford used to draw him out. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. Hodgetts, Price, Attree, Rickman and Eden, were all with us—in our thoughts—even George King, of Canada, down at Sussex by the Sea. W. H. F.

KENSINGTON.—On Monday, Nov. 19th, for practice, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: Miss A. Bolton 1, E. G. Locke 2, H. Dyas 3, A. B. Bennett 4, W. E. Judd 5, C. H. Roberts 6, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 7, P. H. Smith 8. First quarter-peal by the treble and second ringers.

NEW BELLS AT RADCLIFFE.

DEDICATION OF A LANCASHIRE PEAL.

The bells of Radcliffe Parish Church, Lancs, have been recast, and a new frame installed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry. The dedication took place on Saturday last, when, despite the dense fog which enveloped South-East Lancs, there was a large congregation. The Bishop of Manchester (Dr. Temple) should have dedicated the bells, but, unfortunately the motor-car which was sent to bring his lordship got lost in the fog, a wire being received from him half-way through the service that the car had not arrived to fetch him.

The bells were, therefore, dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. J. Bamber), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Elsee, President of the Lancs. Association, who gave a very interesting address on the history of bells and their meaning.

The Rector afterwards explained to the congregation that that day saw the completion of the third of the war memorials, the first, the lych gate, as a thanksgiving for the safe return of the men who came back, and the new organ and the bells, and also a new hoy table, which it is intended to dedicate on the Sunday before Christmas Day, to the memory of the men who gave their lives.

The bells were raised in peal after the dedication by the local band, and rung in rounds after the service. The bells, which have been increased in weight, having now a tenor of 15 cwt., are an example of Messrs. Taylor's best work. The framework, which is of their low side pattern, is strong and massive in construction, and rests on heavy rolled steel girders firmly bolted together by diagonal wrought iron tension bars. The fittings have all their latest improvements, including ball bearings. The old inscriptions have been reproduced, and on the tenor in addition, 'In memory of the brave men who gave their lives in the great war, 1914-1918.'

Owing to the weather conditions not many visiting ringers were expected, but they turned up from Bolton Parish, Bury, Pendleton and Prestwich Churches. Canon Elsee had a pull after the service, and spoke in terms of high appreciation of the tone and 'go' of the bells, as, indeed, did all the other visitors. Radcliffe has now got one of the best peals in the country at the weight.

It is intended to have a ringers' day early in the new year, probably in the second or third week in January, of which due notice will be given through 'The Ringing World,' when it is hoped that there will be a good muster of visitors from the towers in the county.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, Nov. 4th, for evensong, 450 Bob Major: E. Mundy 1, E. Dumper 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, G. Williams 5, R. Walker 6, W. T. Tucker 7, O. H. Giles 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

With a view to stimulating ringing in the neighbourhood of Carmarthen a visit was paid on Saturday last by a few enthusiasts, which included the leaders of Gorseinon and Aberavon towers, and the hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Association. A hearty welcome was accorded by the Vicar and late churchwarden. Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor were rung, and an effort is to be made to re-form a band, the bells not having been rung for four years.

A visit was then paid to Llanstephan tower, some eight miles distant, where it was found call changes are rung. A hearty welcome was also accorded here, and a move is to be made in promoting change ringing. Triples, Minor and Doubles were rung. No peal has been rung on these bells since they were opened over forty years ago by the College Youths, but it is suggested that a peal will be attempted there before the next forty weeks are over by those who were there on Saturday.

Congratulations to the band who, at Great Hampton, have rung a handbell peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, the first of Maximus by all and by the Worcestershire Association. Mr. F. J. Johnson must be proud of his son and daughter.

The conductor of Holt's Original at Carshalton on Saturday is 18 years three months old. Are there any younger ringers who have called this composition?

We wonder how many ringers of to-day can claim to have had ancestors who were ringers nearly 200 years ago. Mr. Robert T. Evans, of Oswestry, Salop, called a peal in his native town last week, and there are records showing that members of his family rang in peals in Oswestry in 1731 and 1785.

On December 3rd, 1811, the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells was rung at Sheffield.

The College Youths rang their first peal of Stedman Triples on December 4th, 1803. This was at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, and was a peal on the multi-bob plan, having been composed by one, Thomas Edwards. The peal contained altogether 722 calls!

A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Stroud, Gloucester, on December 4th, 1722.

It is on record that a peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, on December 6th, 1731. This was proclaimed as the first peal of Stedman Triples, thus disputing the claim of the St. Peter Mancroft company to the first peal in the method which they rang on October 25th of the same year.

There was much feeling between the companies at this time, and it was reported in the 'Norwich Daily Press' that a little before the peal at St. Michael's was completed they (the Mancroft ringers) 'had the impudence to swear we should not ring it out, and so did fling stones up the church leads and against the doors, and did cause the boys in the streets to cry huzzas: nay, one of them was so impertinent as to open the window of the church to have got in, but was prevented by the people that stood to hear the peal, and were sent home to their shame with bloody noses.'

Ringers who intended visiting Ickleton for the Ely Diocesan Association meeting to-morrow are informed that owing to illness, the meeting is postponed to December 15th.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It was worth while to have raised this question of the nomenclature of methods, if only to have obtained, as a result, your excellent leading article in your issue of the 23rd; and there is also the gain, you point out, that it transpires a real interest is at last being taken in this important question of naming new methods. Apart from all this, it is indeed gratifying that the subject has been noticed by that ingenious ringer, 'Samiwell Peppery.'

While it is meet and right that our pioneers, when introducing a new method should have a voice in naming it, there arises at the same time the question as to what extent that right should be exercised. Reflection will show it is necessary that the right of choice should be limited.

When the time comes—and the sooner the better—to define the limits within which this choice is to operate, it should be definitely laid down that only single place names are to be adopted for new methods. And, so, automatically, we shall get what I would now have, and what I am confident will prove to be the proper course—the avoidance of that terminological superfluity—the 'shires.'—Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

MR. E. E. DAVIS'S 200 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, 2; Minor, 5; Grandsire Triples, 11; Caters, 20; Cinques, 3; Union Triples, 1; Bob Triples, 1; Major, 20; Royal, 10; Maximus, 2; Canterbury Major, 1; Treble Bob Major, 10; Royal, 5; Maximus, 1; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 31; Caters, 2; Gloucester Surprise Major, 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; London Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 12; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 5; Stedman Triples, 30; Stedman Caters, 17; Stedman Cinques, 3.

PROPOSED PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SCHEME TO GO FORWARD.**

A special general meeting of the Central Northamptonshire Association was held at Kettering on Saturday last, when a company, numbering about 60, sat down to tea at the Cross Keys Cafe, presided over by the president (the Rev. J. P. Friend), who was supported by the Rev. E. C. Thursfield (Cranford), the Rev. C. H. L. Hopper (Weekley), Mr. W. T. Wilson (treasurer of the association), Mr. D. J. Nichols (general secretary), Messrs. F. Barber, T. Tebbutt, R. G. Black, J. Nickerson, and Mr. J. Bott (district secretaries), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. F. Rawlinson (Peterborough) and Mr. A. King, of Luton.

The business before the meeting was the report of the sub-committee, with reference to the proposed formation of a Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.

The President, in presenting the report, stated that letters were written to the following six associations: The Peterborough and District, the Oundle and District, the Towcester and District, the Weedon and District, Brackley I. Deanery, and the Midland Counties Association, inviting them to send representatives to a meeting to consider the formation of a Guild for the diocese of Peterborough. At the meeting held at the Hall Memorial Buildings, Bridge Street, Northampton, on Saturday, October 23rd, representatives were present (in addition to those of the Central Northants Association) from the Peterborough, Oundle, Towcester and Brackley I. Deanery. A letter was received from the Midland Counties Association stating that the matter was brought forward and duly considered by their committee and members at their meeting on July 28th, when the following resolution was unanimously passed: 'That the members of the Midland Counties Association, having carefully considered the proposal of the Bishop of Peterborough as to the formation of a Peterborough Diocesan Guild of Ringers, are unable to recommend that their members residing in the diocese of Peterborough should as a body join the proposed Guild. For forty years they have been members of the Midland Counties Association, and they have no desire to sever themselves from that body. At the same time, if individual members who live in the said diocese wish to become members of the Peterborough Guild, the committee of the Midland Association have no desire to place obstacles in their way, but they trust such members will continue to remain members of their old association.'

In addition to the resolution it was pointed out that certain changes will take place in the area covered by the Peterborough diocese, and that only a small portion of the territory covered by their association may remain in the Peterborough diocese.

A draft scheme of rules was submitted for the proposed Guild, and after a very lengthy discussion, the President moved the following resolution, which was seconded by the General Secretary, and carried:—

That this meeting urges the committee to go forward with the formation of a Diocesan Guild of Ringers, and to report to the Bishop in accordance with the resolution passed at Wellingborough on June 9th, 1923.

During the afternoon and evening the bells of the Parish Church were rung by mixed companies, and some very good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Gaters, Treble Bob Royal, Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung, which brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

PEALS IN 'THE BULL RING'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—May I correct a slight error which appeared in last week's issue of your valuable journal?

It occurs in what I, and doubtless many others, regard as one of the most interesting features of the paper, viz., 'Belfry Gossip,' wherein it is stated that 'It will not be long before the one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques will be rung on the famous bells in the Bull Ring.'

May I point out that this was accomplished many moons ago, even before the Great War, the one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques on these bells having been rung on February 24th, 1914.

The total number of peals of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's to date is 152.

This figure refers to tower bell peals only; it does not include peals 'in hand,' or peals rung by the St. Martin's Guild on other rings of twelve. A small matter perhaps, but in the interests of historical accuracy, on which I know you are personally very keen, just worth noting.—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal will be made (D.V.) at Duffield, Derbyshire, on Saturday, December 1st, by members of the Midland Counties Association, start 12.45 p.m. Copies of the composition have been sent to the hon. secretary of the association, and to the Editor of the 'Ringing World.'

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**NO DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE.**

The Guildford District has always been one of the most thriving parts of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and in the past year it has well maintained its ground. At the annual meeting at Guildford the area, including Aldershot, Chertsey, Cobham, Craulcigh, Dorking, Farnham, Godalming, Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas', Guildford, Haslemere, Shere, Woking and Worplesdon, and ringing was enjoyed during the afternoon at both S. Nicolas' and Holy Trinity Churches. Service was held at the former church, and the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Wheeler) gave a stirring address, his subject being 'Enthusiasm.'

The business meeting was held after tea at Brett's Restaurant, Mr. A. Harrison (churchwarden of S. Nicolas') presiding, supported by Canon Kirwan (Rector of Holy Trinity), Rev. G. M. Wheeler, Mr. Marsh (churchwarden of S. Nicolas'), Mr. C. Hazelden (District Ringing Master), Mr. E. Raddon (hon. secretary), etc.

The Hon. Secretary reported that five successful meetings had been held during the year, and that the balance on the year's working was £7 14s. 3d.

The Ringing Master, in his annual report, stated that 44 peals had been rung during the year, which was the same as in 1922. The proportion of handbell peals had, however, changed. Whereas in 1922 they had 24 handbell peals and 20 church bell peals; in 1923 they had 20 on handbells and 24 on tower bells. Also, in this year they had no six-bell peals, while in 1922 they had two. He mentioned this as a hint to their six-bell friends to 'keep their end up.' Although this total of 44 peals was reasonably satisfactory on the surface, an analysis, continued Mr. Hazelden, would reveal the fact that the peals were performances of a comparatively small number of ringers. This should not be so, and he wished that more of their local companies would go for a peal occasionally. As a matter of fact, only three local bands in the district had rung a peal this year. In this connection he was, of course, aware of the changes which were slowly taking place in ringing, as in other church matters. They seemed to be turning more and more to the ideas and ideals of the 15th and 16th centuries and the age before change ringing began to be seriously practised; when ringers became included in the church's nine orders of ministers. He felt sure that this privilege was not granted merely because bells were used to call people to worship or because the ringers were so expert as to command respect, but because of the considerable use which the Church then made of bells in the actual performance of the services. For instance, the use of the Sanctus bells in the Mass, and for announcing the Church's canonical hours made it necessary to maintain guilds of persons who could be at hand to perform the office at the proper hours. We, however, had to deal with an age in which, happily, change ringing was practised. They might wish and work for the reunion of the bells and altar, but if their part was to be a worthy one, there was no practice that he knew of to equal the occasional ringing of a peal. In conclusion, the Ringing Master paid a tribute to some of their members, who, through good and ill, just carried on. They could, he said, always hear about the first-class performers, but there was in nearly every tower one or more who, year after year, went on teaching young people, first to handle a bell and then perhaps to ring Doubles, before the youngster left his native village, without thanks and without recognition. Some of these men had grown grey without ever knowing the joy of having a good band, yet they went on patiently teaching, serving the Church faithfully, and their Guild loyally (applause).

The reports were adopted.

Mr. Raddon was re-elected hon. secretary, with thanks for his past services.

Mr. Hazelden and Mr. A. H. Pulling were proposed for the office of Ringing Master, but the latter declined to stand, and Mr. Hazelden was then unanimously re-elected.

Messrs. R. Whittington and J. J. Jones were re-elected on the Central Committee of the Guild, and six new members and probationers were elected.

THE DIVISION OF THE DIOCESE.

The next business on the agenda was the question of the division of the Guild, in connection with the proposed splitting up of the Diocese of Winchester.

In introducing the subject, the Chairman first congratulated the members on the attendance at the service. He could not help thinking that it was too often forgotten that bell ringers were a vital and integral part of church organisation. As far as his experience went, they seemed in the past to have been considered outside the Church organisation, but the more they could hold their services in the church and feel that they were part and parcel of the Church organisation, the better it would be for the Church and the better for the ringers (applause). With regard to the subject of the division of the diocese, he thought it would hardly be worth spending a lot of time upon it, as if it were imminent. Canon Kirwan would prob-

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ably be able to tell them that the division of the diocese was possibly further off than it was considered to be at that time last year, the principal reason being that there was a considerably larger amount of money to be provided than was anticipated, and in these hard times it was likely to make the division of the diocese much longer delayed.

Canon Kirwan said that originally they were asked to raise £51,000 in connection with the scheme, and he believed, if they had started last November, they might have raised that amount by June, 1924, but in July of this year, as the result of the decision of the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, the amount to be raised before the division could take place, was increased to £106,000. In addition, there had been a considerable amount of opposition, led by the Bishop of Gloucester, and many people, who previously may have been lukewarm on the subject, were probably now hostile. Personally he was convinced that the scheme would go through, but it might be a long time. It depended mainly upon their collecting the full sum. A further cause of delay was this. The decision of the National Assembly had not yet received the approval of the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament, and he did not think he would be disclosing any secret when he told them that this committee was going to turn down the measure, not on its merits, but on account of a certain rider which was attached to the Bill as to the appointment of the Bishops. The measure, therefore, would have to go back to the National Assembly, for the elimination of the rider, then to come again before the Ecclesiastical Committee for approval, and afterwards having to be passed by Parliament. He thought it would probably be at least three or four years before it became a matter of practical politics. He thought, with the chairman, that they need not that night discuss a new society, at any rate on the ground that there was likely to be a new diocese of Guildford in the near future.

The Ringing Master called attention to the suggestion made at the Portsmouth district meeting that, in the event of the diocese being divided, the present Guild should be continued under the title of the Wessex Association. As Winchester was formerly the See of the ancient Bishopric of Wessex, he thought it was an excellent idea.

In view of Canon Kirwan's statement, Mr. Whittington moved that the meeting pass on to the next business, and this was agreed to.

Thanks were accorded to the chairman for presiding: to the Rev. G. M. Wheeler for the service and his address, and to the organist.

The Rev. G. M. Wheeler, in replying, referred to the bells of S. Nicolas' Church, and said they had before the parish a scheme for their improvement, for which Messrs. Taylor and Co. had submitted an estimate. About £320 was required to put the bells into the condition they ought to be in, and he wondered if Major Hesse could come to Guildford and tell them how to raise the money, seeing how successful he had been in Haslemere (laughter and applause). However, the church had this scheme to contemplate, and he looked forward to the day when they could say, 'Come and hear what a really fine peal of bells we have got' (applause).

This terminated the business, and further ringing then took place at S. Nicolas' Church.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT FAVOURS DIVISION.

At the annual meeting of the Basingstoke District, held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 17th, a letter was read from the assistant hon. secretary of the Guild (Mr. G. Pullinger) asking for the opinion of the district upon the question of the future position of the Guild, contingent upon the passing of the measure for the Division of the Diocese. Eventually, it was proposed by the President, and seconded by the hon. secretary, and carried unanimously, that in the event of the measure receiving parliamentary sanction, the Winchester Diocesan Guild ought to be similarly divided.

More than 50 per cent. of the performing members in this wide and scattered district were present, and a most successful meeting was held.

With regard to the division, 'A local member' writes: 'This question has already been discussed by the Central Committee, and by one or two districts, but I believe the Basingstoke district is the first body of members to give a decision favouring division, and, therefore, as a member of that district, I should like to give reasons for the course I and my fellow members took. In the first place, I think the raising of the question at all is extremely premature, as it will probably be a very considerable time yet before the division is an accomplished fact, and even then I do not see why the parent Guild should make the initial move. Surely the initiative should come from the offspring. If they feel they can develop fresh life and energy by having their own Guild—and I firmly believe they can—then it is not the duty of the parent Guild to act selfishly and endeavour to hinder their aspirations, but rather to encourage them and grant them their 'allotted share,' and at the same time welcome them back as compounding members at a nominal fee. In this respect, no doubt, the younger Guilds would be glad to return the compliment, and the result would be a real fellowship such as ringers delight in.

The desirability for division was especially brought home to me at the last annual festival of the Guild, when the Bishop asked the Surrey members present to hold up their hands, and it turned out that there were only ten present, and I don't think Portsmouth and the Isle of Wight could have shown many more. But if either of these areas which are to form the new dioceses had its own Guild it would probably get nearer a hundred members at its annual festival, and thus create a far more widespread interest in the work. Lastly, there is the great point so cogently put forward by our hon. secretary, that of church organisation. We recognise the Diocese as the unit of Church life, and the Bishop as the head of each unit, and, therefore, as loyal Churchmen, ringers ought to place themselves under the control of their own Bishop. But a very awkward situation might arise at any time in a Guild of combined dioceses with a Master belonging to one diocese, a secretary to another, and other officials in yet another. It is for this reason that I, for one, regret the growth of county associations in connection with church bell ringing, and I believe I read in 'The Ringing World' a few months ago of an effort by the Bishop in Peterborough to bring all the ringers in that Diocese into one Guild, but federated to their own associations, thus showing that he undoubtedly wished to have undivided control over his own church workers. In conclusion, may I express the earnest hope that whatever conclusions are finally arrived at there will be no recriminations, but that all will continue to work together heartily and in a right spirit as Christians and true Churchmen.

GLOSSOP CHURCH BELLS.**VICAR'S TRIBUTE TO FOUNDERS AND RINGERS.**

In the 'Glossop Parish Church Monthly Notes,' for November, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Dudley Dixon, M.A.) writes:—'The Patronal Festival this year was, on the whole, well kept. Having only half a church, our services were necessarily simple. We opened out on All Saints' Day with the dedication of the bells. There was an excellent congregation, and the service was solemn and very impressive. The Rev. A. T. Beeston (himself a well-known ringer) preached the sermon. After the dedication of the bells by the Vicar the ringers rang a merry peal. Everyone who heard the bells was delighted with their beauty of tone. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the bell founders, have given us a notable peal. We certainly expected a good peal from our old bells, for the metal was there, but we have got one better than ever we had hoped for. The founders are to be heartily congratulated on a very notable performance. It is a peal to be proud of.'

'The whole peal has been recast and rehung with new fittings, ball bearings, and all the latest improvements; and with the new framework in the upper tier and the extensive strengthening of the lower tier, the ringers report that the ease with which the bells can be rung is remarkable. The tenor weighs over 17 cwt., and the key of the peal is F.'

'It is a heavy peal—all the better for that as far as richness of tone is concerned. Tuned on the five-toned Simpson Principle, the music of the bells is beautiful and melodious. The clock is to strike on the tenor bell, not on No. 2 as before. The Angelus will be rung on the tenor also, not on No. 6 as before. The chiming apparatus is going back as before.'

'I should like to say a word about the firm of Gillett and Johnston. They have put us in a beautiful peal, which we are proud of, and which they have every right to be proud of, and they have put our bells back again very quickly considering the magnitude of the task. In all our dealings with them we have received the greatest courtesy and consideration from the firm and from their bell erector, who has done the work here, and has been most thoughtful in reducing inconvenience to the services in church to a minimum. It is a pleasure to be able to say this.'

'It is also a pleasure to record the generosity of our ringers. They have, at their own cost and by their own labour, transformed the ringers' chamber in the tower. A good deal of the floor had to be relaid—dry rot having destroyed the boards—this they have done. They have covered the floor with new lino, and have fixed a light in the floor. They have also boarded up part of the air space in the bell tower—an immense improvement. We are most grateful to them for their generosity. Before very long, we hear, there is to be a Ringing Festival, when ringers from all over the country will come here to try our bells and try to break ringing records. We shall look forward to this with keen anticipation.'

CONDUCTORS ALL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We read with interest Mr. Wheelton's letter of the 23rd, and hasten to pay tribute to the performance of the Bucknall band, and also we would wish the Milton band every success.

Are we in error in thinking that the first 'true' silent peal of Legitimate Surprise Minor has yet to be rung? We do some 'silent' ringing in various Surprise methods at Leytonstone, and, naturally, we are interested in this question. Perhaps Mr. Wheelton, or another correspondent, would care to enlighten us.—Yours faithfully,

(for) ST. JOHN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, LEYTONSTONE.
GEO. DAWSON.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARNES.—At the Church of St. Mary, on November 25th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. C. Stacey (first quarter in the method away from tenor) 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, A. Cutnor 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

WILLEDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 25th, at St. Mary's, 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs, 18 singles by N. J. Pitstow): E. Kilby 1, E. Lankester 2, R. Kilby 3, H. Kilby 4, C. V. Ebberson (conductor) 5, G. M. Kilby 6.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples: — Jacques 1, F. E. Davies 2, H. Hill 3, E. Pardon 4, G. Pugh 5, C. Robins 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 25th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Royal: A. Inns 1, H. Baxter 2, A. Henman 3, J. E. Chapman 4, A. King (Luton) 5, R. F. Turner 6, C. Bird 7, D. J. Nichols (conductor) 8, A. E. Payne 9, F. W. Sawfoot 10.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Noakes 1, W. H. Perry 2, V. Lowden 3, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 4, A. W. Evans 5, J. W. Trappitt, senr., 6, A. Hardinan 7, L. J. Noakes 8.

ST. ALBANS.—At St. Peter's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, November 18th, 432 Stedman Caters: E. P. Debenham (conductor) 1, G. W. Debenham (longest touch of Stedman Caters) 2, E. Hull 3, G. W. Cartmel 4, H. G. Lightfoot 5, I. J. Hull 6, W. H. Buckingham 7, E. D. Livermore 8, W. H. L. Buckingham 9, I. Seymour 10.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: I. Seymour 1, E. P. Debenham 2, G. W. Cartmel 3, I. J. Hull 4, H. G. Lightfoot 5, E. D. Livermore 6, F. Spicer 7, W. H. Buckingham 8, G. W. Debenham 9, W. H. L. Buckingham (conductor) 10. This was the first quarter-peal of Bob Royal by ringers of 7th and 9th, and the first quarter-peal inside on ten.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Martin 4, H. I. Hughes 5, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, G. Beaton 8. Also on handbells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 35 mins.: T. Marshall 1, E. H. Kynaston 2, W. B. Kynaston (conductor) 3, R. Kynaston 4, R. T. Evans 5—6.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for morning service, 252 Stedman Triples. For evening service, on the occasion of the farewell sermon by the Bishop of Peterborough, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Tompison 1, J. Ison 2, A. D. Aldham 3, C. E. Payne 4, I. White 5, B. Ridgway 6, F. Cotton 7, P. Aldham 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2 and 3, and first attempt.

WORMINGFORD.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: G. Balls 1, A. Worth 2, G. Clarke 3, W. Leggett 4, E. Leggett (conductor) 5, F. Clarke 6.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 420 Stedman, 360 Plain Bob, and 480 Grandsire: F. Hopper 1, C. Yates 2, A. Turner 3, J. Hensman 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5.

ALVASTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: T. Smith (first 720) 1, A. Mould 2, W. Pearson 3, C. Haycock 4, J. Bailey (first 720) 5, A. Overton (conductor) 6.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for evening service, at Clifton Parish Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, being the first and last parts of Washbrook's Irregular six-part: Mrs. W. H. Thomas (first quarter-peal) 1, F. G. May 2, G. Price 3, W. H. Thomas 4, W. Hunter 5, J. R. Jones 6, R. Clark (conductor) 7, C. Rawlings 8.

OLDHAM.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), at the Parish Church, with bells half-muffled: J. Lees 1, C. Marsland 2, M. Newton 3, H. Lawton 4, E. Geary 5, J. Wm. Taylor 6, R. Greenwood 7, A. Waites 8, S. M. Butterworth (conductor) 9, J. Garlick 10.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), half-muffled: J. Tansey 1, C. Bandle 2, J. Clarke 3, R. Jelley 4, S. Cheney 5, G. Burton 6, E. Jelley (conductor) 7, C. Marshall 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—For morning service, on Nov. 11th, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Norwich Surprise Minor: G. Lee 1, A. J. L. Naunton 2, E. Bailey, senr., 3, F. Wade 4, E. Bailey, junr., 5, F. W. Naunton 6. For evening service, with the bells open, 360 and 240 of Oxford Treble Bob.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Nov. 4th, for the dedication festival, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor. For Choral Communion, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lewis 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. H. Hayward 4, W. C. Cuss 5, J. Butler (conductor) 6, H. C. Bond 7, G. Dore 8. For evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, J. King 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. H. Hayward 4, W. G. Cook 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8.

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—At All Saints' Church, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Perry 1, J. W. Lane 2, W. Ayre (conductor) 3, R. S. Cook 4, A. H. Hill 5, A. J. Rogers 6, A. E. Weeden 7, F. Dollimore 8. First quarter by treble and tenor ringers.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.—For morning service, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cooper 1, G. T. Mitchison (conductor) 2, E. Weston 3, M. W. Read 4, F. Horton 5, F. W. Rishworth 6, R. C. Ingram 7, H. Cook 8. Also after service, 1,008 (open), conductor, R. C. Ingram.

KEIGHLEY.—At St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, for morning service, with bells muffled: J. Edmondson 1, H. Thorpe (conductor) 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hogg 5, R. W. Jennison, junr., 6, S. Murgatroyd 7, J. Coulton 8.—For evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Hogg 1, J. Edmondson 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, H. Thorpe 5, R. W. Jennison, senr. (conductor), 6, A. Jackson 7, S. Murgatroyd 8.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.—For memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 55 mins., with bells half-muffled: W. Leeson 1, C. W. Bragg 2, S. Bragg 3, J. Bragg 4, H. Bragg 5, H. Shepherd 6, A. Lowe 7, Sam Bragg 8, R. Bragg (conductor) 9, A. Bragg 10.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—For morning service, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Lambert (first quarter) 1, W. Mills 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. E. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Monday evening, Nov. 12th, at Great St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,284 changes), in 53 mins., by the Society of Cambridge Youths: W. B. Kempton 1, York Green (composer and conductor) 2, J. Taylor 3, A. J. Cheney 4, H. J. Hazell 5, W. Welch 6, T. R. Dennis 7, F. E. Kempton 8.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.—After morning service, at St. Thomas' Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: F. Hatton 1, T. Scott (first quarter on a bob bell) 2, R. Ellis 3, J. Hammond 4, H. Boyce (conductor) 5, A. Hatton 6. Also for evening service, with the bells open, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,200 changes), in 39 mins., being 480 Canterbury Pleasure, 480 Plain Bob, and 300 Grandsire: A. Hatton 1, F. Hatton 2, J. Hammond (conductor) 3, H. Boyce 4, R. Ellis 5, W. Hopkins 6. All the ringers are regular Sunday Service ringers at St. Thomas' Church.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: G. Large 1, F. Smith 2, J. Davies 3, W. Coombes (first quarter-peal) 4, A. Parnell 5, F. Viles 6, E. Coombes (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples.

BOSTON, LINCS.—At St. Botolph's Church, with the bells half-muffled, for the memorial service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 27 mins., with 4, 6 and 8 covering: J. M. Ryeatt (conductor) 1, C. Wright 2, S. Jessop 3, J. Norton 4, F. Dewey 5, F. Battle 6, R. Howard 7, F. Blanchard 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbots, before the memorial service, with muffled bells, three courses of Stedman Caters. Immediately after the service, four courses of Stedman Caters, with the bells open. In the afternoon, a service was held in the church by the League of Nations, after which Lord Phillimore placed a wreath on the local war memorial, and a touch of Stedman Caters was again rung.—For evening service, 1,277 Stedman Caters: Mrs. R. J. Wilkins (Bristol) 1, A. Prince 2, W. E. Garrard 3, A. Congrieve-Pridgeon 4, A. Cutmore 5, W. E. Judd 6, W. H. Wood 7, T. F. King (conductor) 8, G. H. Harding 9, G. W. Frayne 10. Ringers of 2, 8 and 9 from Bath.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western District was held at East Molesey on Saturday, when members attended from Thames Ditton, Isleworth, Clapham Park, Beddington, Chelsea, Walton-on-Thames, together with several of the local band. A short service was held in the church, and a most interesting address given by the Rev. Le Masurier. After tea the business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and three new members were elected (including the Vicar).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chertsey.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service, also to the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness.

The tower was then again visited, and the bells kept going in various methods. A most useful and pleasant afternoon was spent.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Friday evening, Nov. 23rd, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Clay 1, R. Turner (first 720 Bob Minor) 2, W. Lycett 3, S. France 4, W. Clay 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6. All are regular Sunday Service ringers at the above church except the conductor, and this was the first 720 of Bob Minor on the bells with five local men taking part.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION'S FORWARD POLICY.

A HAPPY WEST HARTLEPOOL MEETING.

For some time past it has been felt that certain ringing towers in the Counties of Durham, and Northumberland, have been left to look after themselves by the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. On Saturday, November 24th, therefore, through the happy thought of one of the Newcastle Cathedral members, a 'beat up' of ten ringers journeyed, some by motor-cars, and others by excursion train, to West Hartlepool, where they were welcomed by the ringers of St. Oswald's, St. Aidan's, and All Saints' Churches. Representatives also came from Darlington, Middlesbrough, Stockton and Sunderland. Good ringing took place at St. Oswald's and All Saints' Churches up till 9 o'clock.

At 5 o'clock a break was made, to partake of tea provided by the ladies at St. Oswald's Church Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. Chute) presiding, with Mr. Todd, president of the association, in the vice-chair.

After tea the Vicar gave a very hearty welcome to all the ringers present, and thanked those gentlemen who had come from a distance to 'put a little ginger' into them, as it was only by such fraternal visits they could rouse the ringers to carry out their duties as good Churchmen, and make change ringing a success. He was fully in sympathy with their good work, and would do all in his power to further it. Although not a ringer himself, he was heart and soul with their movement.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for all the trouble they had taken to provide them with such an excellent tea.—This was carried with acclamation.

The President also thanked the respective Vicars for the use of their bells, especially the chairman, for the kind way he had received them. The warmth of the meeting had so touched him that he could safely say that it would not be very long before they were amongst them again to give them a little more 'ginger.' Their late president, Mr. Wm. Story, who had kindly brought a party over from Newcastle by motor, asked him to state that it would give him much pleasure to repeat the dose again, and at no distant date.

It was certainly in the minds of several members present that these fraternal meetings were productive of much good to ringers in general, as well as to the association, and it could not be too strongly impressed on the district vice-presidents and secretaries to do their utmost to get better ringing established, more meetings among their brethren, and to work their own districts as much as they could.

It would be a help, if, when arranging meetings, they would advertise in 'The Ringing World,' the costs of which are always paid by the association. This fact may not be generally known among the local secretaries.

The late war certainly held up good change ringing for a time, and many members drifted apart from the diocesan organisation, but now the association was fully alive to the fact that different methods will have to be adopted in these changed times, to make it a living testimony of its good work in the church, they looked to the vice-presidents and district secretaries to help them in the matter.

It will interest members to know that the difficulty of the outlying churches in Northumberland has been met by dividing it into two districts: (1) Newcastle Area, comprising churches contiguous to the River Tyne from Whitley Bay to Scotswood; and (2) Northern District, with churches from Cramlington to Bamburgh, the latter with Mr. Wm. Story as secretary. It is expected that this change will meet many complaints, coming from the affected areas, whose towers have not received a visit from the association for some time, and would gladly welcome them.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

The Southern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association held a very pleasant meeting at Barnard Castle on Saturday last, when twenty-three members met from Bishop Auckland, Newcastle, Shildon, Staindrop and Stockton, in wintry weather. The handy peal of eight were kept going during the afternoon and evening, useful practice being obtained in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford, and Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major.

After tea a short meeting was held, presided over by Mr. C. Todd (President of the Association), supported by Messrs. W. Story, E. E. Perry, A. M. Hall, W. H. Barber, the Rev. F. J. Amies, and others. In a few well-chosen remarks, the President expressed pleasure in seeing there that day so many members, especially Mr. Story and the Cathedral men, and also proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Vicar of Barnard Castle (the Rev. J. G. Bircham, M.A.) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. T. Chatt who so kindly had everything ready.

After a short discussion, Heighington was selected for the next district meeting, the date being left to the vice-president and district secretary. Due notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

SHREWSBURY.—On Wednesday, Nov. 21st, 576 Double Norwich: F. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, J. E. Lilley 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, G. Jones 5, D. J. Boucher 6, A. L. Short 7, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year, to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 4th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 6th and 20th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th; and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Lightcliffe, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 2 p.m. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dist. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, December 1st. Service in the Abbey at 4 p.m., followed by business meeting in the Scriptorium. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Christchurch (10 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, to be followed by business meeting.—G. Preston, Dist. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above guild will be held at Lye (Worcs) on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Albans, Rochdale, on Saturday, December 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, December 1st. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A monthly meeting of this branch will be held at Banwell, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (10) ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock sharp. Meeting to follow for the election of Officers for 1924 and other business.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Sec., 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. George's on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells available from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m. in St. Sidwell's Institute (free to members of the branch), all ringers welcome. Towers open for ringing. The Cathedral (12), St. Sidwell's (10), St. David's (8), Heavitree (8), St. Thomas' (8), St. Pitrook's (6).—J. C. Oke, Assist. Sec., 25, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1st, at Old Bradwell. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The next quarterly ring will take place at Silverdale on Saturday, Dec. 1st. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening.—W. T. Clark, Branch Secretary, Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7.30. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual Social will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Chorley bells available from 2 to 4. Whittle from 1 p.m. Tea at 4.30, whist and dancing after. Tickets 2/9 per head. Will those requiring tickets please let me know as soon as possible, and not later than Saturday, Dec. 1st. All welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Canon Elsee will give the address. Tea at 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Sec., Walter Hughes, 3 Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in Church Room. Meeting after tea. Will those requiring tea (1/6 each) please notify Mr. A. Mitchell, 76, Rawmarsh Hill, Parkgate, Nr. Rotherham, by Tuesday, Dec. 4th.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, December 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, December 4th.—Elizabeth E. Emm, Evercreech, Somerset.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Sandy on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION—Nottingham District.—At the invitation of the Rev. C. J. Sturton the next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, Dec. 8th, in connection with the opening of these bells, after being rehung and two trebles added to make a peal of 6. The dedication service will be held at 3 o'clock, when the Dean of Lincoln will dedicate the two new bells and preach at the service. A public tea will be held at 4.15 (adults 1s. each), followed by concert. Ringing from 6 to 8.30. A party will leave Victoria Station, Nottingham, at 2.18, return fare 1s. 7d. Will all those members requiring return tickets please communicate with the local secretary not later than Thursday, Dec. 6th? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—North-Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Calverleigh on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (6) available from 2.30. Service 4.45. Tea (1s.) 5.15. Those requiring tea should send their names to me by Tuesday, Dec. 4th.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Hon. Sec., Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton, Devon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual Meeting at Holywell Church, Oxford, on Saturday, December 8th. Tea in Schoolroom at 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Service after meeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—W. Harris, Branch Sec., 28, New Street, St. Ebbes, Oxford.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next meeting of the Bristol Branch of the Association will be held at Brislington, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea in the Church Institute at 5. Short service in the Church at 6.30. Please notify me by Dec. 3rd.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton Bristol.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at South Hackney on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, at a charge of 1s., at 5.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held in Durham on Saturday, December 8th. The bells of the Cathedral (8) and St. Oswald's (6) will be available from 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided for those who advise Mr. A. Gowland, 4, Boyd Street, Durham, by Dec. 5th.—Geo. S. Taylor, District Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The Annual Meeting is to be held at S. James', Poole, on Saturday, December 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Church House at 5.0.—C. A. Philips Branch Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—On account of illness the meeting fixed to be held at Ickleton on Dec. 1st, has been postponed until Dec. 15th.—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, December 15th (postponed from Dec. 8th). Bells (10) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please write by Dec. 12th, to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The bells (6) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

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DEATH OF MR. CHARLES SOUTER.

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He had been a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association since 1886, but he rang for many years previously at Mendham and Redenhall. At the former place he was also a member of the choir for over 20 years. After leaving there he went to Badley 37 years ago, and worked on the same farm until just recently. It was the deceased and his three sons who helped to build up the Stowmarket company, as at that time only Plain Bob Minor and Triples were rung. 'Father,' as he was familiarly called, used to walk from Badley, which is about two miles from Stowmarket, twice on Sundays, and was at the belfry on the Sunday before he died. He was seized with a chill on the Monday, and passed away as stated. He had only rung four peals for the association, but what he did was worth recording, as he was an excellent striker, and always said he would rather ring a peal of Bob Major well-struck than a badly struck peal of Stedman, such as a noted Stedman ringer had recorded as a peal at Stowmarket several years ago.

The funeral took place at Stowmarket Cemetery on Wednesday, November 21st. The first part of the burial service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Fawcett), who was assisted by the curate (the Rev. C. Morgan). Among many floral tributes was one sent by the Stowmarket company.

Although the deceased's fellow ringers could not get together to ring for the funeral, they met on Saturday evening and rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled: W. Welham 1, W. Souter (conductor) 2, T. Sparrow 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, E. Davey 6, A. Grimwood 7, H. Copland 8. Longest touch in the method by the ringers of the 3rd and 5th.

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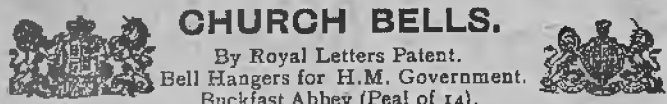
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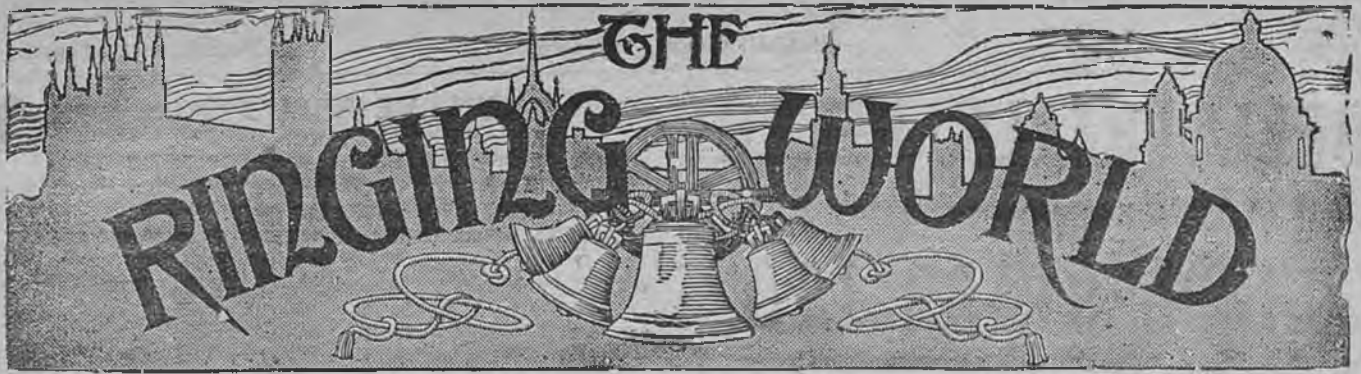
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FORGING THE DIOCESAN LINK.

The steps that are being taken to form a guild for the Diocese of Peterborough appear likely to lead to success. The scheme that is now being worked out is something more than a federation of existing societies in the diocese; it will, if carried through, result in the amalgamation of the Central Northants Association and the other smaller organisations in the area into one complete whole. Investigation has shown that an independent existence, with membership of an organisation which would have little beyond a title, would have, for those societies which joined hands, many drawbacks and none of the advantages of a properly constituted diocesan guild. In their decision to formulate a scheme of amalgamation, therefore, we think the associations concerned have done rightly.

The attitude of the Midland Counties' Association in this matter is a very straightforward one. It can be readily understood that an association, which has for forty years had the allegiance of certain towers, would not wish wholly to part with them, but they place no obstacles in the way of those towers, which are in the diocese of Peterborough, joining the proposed diocesan association if they desire to do so. All they ask is that they shall not sever themselves from the Midland Counties' Association. It has to be remembered that the number of towers in the area of the Midland Counties' Association which are affected is comparatively few, and even if they do not come into the scheme, they are not likely to jeopardise the prospects of carrying it to a successful issue.

What strikes us as the most gratifying feature about the new proposal is that it emanated from the Bishop of the Diocese, thus showing in yet another direction that Church recognition of ringers is becoming more and more an actual fact—becoming, indeed, a thing that is real instead of merely an ideal. In the days when many of our associations were formed, ringers were so far apart from church organisation that many of them failed to identify themselves with their dioceses. They established themselves within territorial boundaries, which may or may not have been coterminous with a diocese, and adopted county or district titles. The passing years have witnessed a growing tendency for ringing organisations to become more and more recognised as a definite branch of church work, and it is certainly a big step in that direction when a Bishop gathers round him the representatives of a number of societies and asks them to form a diocesan federation. The future of the art of bell ringing will be more and more locked up in the care of the Church, to whom, indeed, we may, in time to come, have to look to safeguard our interests. Anything, therefore, which tends to draw tighter the bonds between us may be of inestimable value in the future.

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

On Tuesday, November 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5070 CHANGES;

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BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 7
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ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 6	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... Tenor

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This peal, specially composed, and now rung for the first time, was a birthday compliment to Mr. James George. Mr. W. H. Fussell is from Slough, and this was the 40th anniversary of his first peal rung in Birmingham. Mr. E. Morris is from Leicester, and Mr. J. H. Shepherd from Swindon. Mr. A. Paddon Smith's 100th peal of Stedman Cinques.

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THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*JAMES WILLIAMS Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 7
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HAROLD J. POOLE 5	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Rung after a long peal attempt had failed.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	† FRANK E. DARBY 6
* ROBERT A. FARDON 2	* ERNEST J. TRIMMER 7
* REGINALD D. MARSHALL 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 8
* JAMES E. COOPER 4	* DANIEL COOPER 9
† FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW 5	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. Tenor

Composed by H. HALEY. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 12, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ISAAC G. SEADE 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	HARRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with half-muffled clappers in grateful memory of those who fell in the Great War.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 5
* MISS NELLY JOHNSON 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
* JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
WILLIAM NIBLETT 4	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(SOUTHWOLD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST BAILEY Treble	FREDERICK WADE 5
JOHN SPENCER 2	GEORGE LEE 6
EDGAR BAILEY 3	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 7
JOHN LARTER 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

Believed to be the first peal of Major ever rung on tower bells by all members of the Southwold district.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART (No. 6). Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SWINFELD Treble	GEORGE CHAPLIN 5
GEORGE PEERS 2	ARTHUR J. MARKS 6
MAURICE H. SWINFELD 3	JAMES PRATT 7
CHARLES CHAPMAN 4	* CYRIL PRATT Tenor

Conducted by J. PRATT.

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt. in G.

* MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS 5
* MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	* LAURIE JACKSON 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by R. F. ELKINGTON.

* First peal in the method. Miss P. Hare's 50th peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

SAMUEL GROVE Treble	WILLIAM BROWN 5
JOHN BASS 2	WILLIAM C. DOWDING 6
WILLIAM COLEY 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 7
ALFRED HACKETT 4	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Rung as the quarterly peal for the above branch.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	ROBERT HARDY 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 2	WILLIAM STEELE 6
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by ROBERT HARDY. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

This composition contains all the 2 4 6 8's, 3 4 6 8's, 5 4 6 8's, 6 5's 4 6's and 5 6's, and is now rung for the first time.

LEYLAND, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN T. BIMSON Treble	HARRY FRANCE 5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER 7
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

SLATE PEAL TABLETS.—Now reduced to pre-war prices. Inscriptions engraved at 2/6 per dozen letters. Photographs of designs. Also Drawings submitted.—Jones & Webb, Brookside Cottage, Dunchurch Road, Rugby.

WITHYCOMBE, RALEIGH.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER Treble	JOHN M. SKINNER 5
WILLIAM J. MANLEY 2	*ALFRED E. POOK 6
ROBERT C. G. MANLEY 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7
FRED DIMOND 4	GEORGE RENDELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

* First peal.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	WALTER FERN 5
*GEORGE BUTLER 2	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	WILLIAM THORLEY 7
WILLIAM PLATTS 4	*HARRY KIRBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

* First peal. Ringers of the 2nd, 4th and tenor belong to the local band.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, November 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT G. LAWRENCE Treble	THOMAS ROGERS 5
WALTER J. BATTLE 2	JAMES R. GRIFFIN 6
JOHN COOKE 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES 7
EDWARD W. ELWELL 4	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal of Surprise Major at Port Sunlight by a resident band. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. Cooke on the birth of a son and heir.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE TEMPLE Treble	ARTHUR PRINCE 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	THEODORE GRANT 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
HENRY W. BROWN 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal as conductor.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S FIVE-PART (No. 9). Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
EDGAR GUISE 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
*CHARLES H. JENNINGS 4	JOSEPH GOULD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Jennings and Harold J. Reeves, son of the ringer of the treble. It was also the 16th anniversary of F. G. Leaker's wedding day. First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

QUINTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at evening service, for harvest festival, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: T. Sheppard 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, T. Hands 3, F. Boswell 4, G. Hands 5, H. Dyde 6.

EAST MEON, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb. in E.

FRANCIS E. DAWE Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	RICHARD J. STONE 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD 7
FREDERICK A. BURNETT 4	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

HAWKHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S VARIATION OF A. E. SEERS' NINE-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt. 0 qr. 19 lb.

*FRANK CHAPMAN Treble	JAMES POWELL 5
GEORGE TALBOT 2	OLDER WAGHORN 6
WILLIAM A. PENFOLD 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
JOHN BLAKE 4	HARRY M. BATEHUP Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal with a changing bell. The band, all local ringers, rang the peal at the first attempt. It is the second local peal on the bells. The other, rung also at the first attempt, took place in February, 1914. The above peal was rung on the 79th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, and it was also a birthday peal for the ringer of the 3rd.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

STANLEY RICHARDSON Treble	FRED E. WALLINGTON 5
WALTER WALLINGTON 2	FRED STANFORTH 6
NEAL ADKINSON 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING 7
DICK ILIFFE 4	WILLIAM HECTOR Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

The ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th are from Kibworth, the rest belong to the Market Harborough company.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY RUSSELL Treble	PERCY MARCHANT 5
*HAROLD S. HOBDEN 2	*WILLIAM ROGERS 6
*PHILIP S. THOMPSON 3	JAMES A. HART 7
ALBERT HOBDEN 4	ALBERT HUNTER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

* First peal. Albert Hunter was elected a member previous to starting.

OLD WINDSOR BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

†FREDERICK MIDDLETON Treble	WILLIAM E. BUTLER 5
FREDERICK TENDALL 2	WILLIAM C. PARKER 6
EDWARD S. T. FARR 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
*WILLIAM E. SEWELL 4	ARTHUR CROSS Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal away from the tenor, and proposed a life member of the association before starting. Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*JOHN GOOCH Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lb. in E flat.

JOHN HOWES... .. Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSER 5
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 2	C. Q. M. S. GEORGE GILBERT 6
FREDERICK S. WOODISS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung on the occasion of the Bishop of Guildford's visit to Burgh Heath, where he held a Confirmation service.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HARRY HOLIFIELD Treble	*REV. E. M. THORP 5
MISS STELLA DAVIS 2	JAMES HAZELL 6
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
JAMES ABBY 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by GORDON CAUDWELL.

* First peal.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

GEORGE LEFF Treble	MAURICE SMITHER 5
THOMAS ATTWELL 2	HENRY MULLARD... .. 6
WALTER G. BROCKHURST ... 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. E. P. Pelloe, late of Hershams.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	*CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
GEORGE M. KILBY 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal in the method.

GRAPPENHALL, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

†ERNEST BOSTOCK Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
*FRANK TAYLOR 2	*THOMAS HAUGHTON 6
*WILLIAM WITTER 3	†GEOFFREY TAYLOR 7
*JAMES MYATT 4	LEONARD BOSTOCK Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal of Bob Major. All the band, with the exception of the conductor, reside in the parish of Grappenhall.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.

THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT HATTON Treble	HARRY BOYCE 4
DAVID J. LEWIS 2	RONALD ELLIS 5
JOHN E. BLOXHAM 3	JOHN HAMMOND Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

This is the first peal in three methods for the association and for all the band except the conductor, and his first on a bob bell.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 11, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., 4 Six-scores of Old Doubles, 12 of Plain Bob, and 26 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

WILLIAM THOMAS Treble	CHARLES J. PAIN... .. 3
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	HARRY WITHERS... .. 4
THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor	

Conducted by GERALD F. GRIFFIN.

Rung in memory of the fallen.

WOODFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 17, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST F. PLUMMER... .. Treble	GEORGE DAWSON... .. 4
ALFRED PRIOR 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN, HEMPSTED,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of St. Dunstan's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT BECKETT Treble	WILLIAM H. HARRIS 4
WILLIAM WASLEY 2	ALBERT MARTIN 5
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	ALFRED WARD Tenor

Conducted by A. MARTIN.

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THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 6½ cwt.

† HARLEY SMITH Treble	* GEORGE TALBOT 4
ALFRED TALBOT 2	WILLIAM EVANS 5
† JABEZ PREECE 3	FRED JAINE Tenor

Conducted by A. TALBOT.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal in two methods. Arranged for G. Talbot, now of Hawkhurst, Kent, who was re-elected a member of the guild, also as a birthday compliment to J. Preece.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
IN THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and College Single. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK RUMMERY Treble	EDWARD W. TUMBER 4
ARTHUR LURCOCK 2	EDWARD HODGES 5
CHARLES TUMBER 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

BARLASTON, STAFFS.
THE STOKE ARCHDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM BALL Treble	ERNEST LONDON 3
GEORGE BLOOR 2	WILFRED HEATH 4
CHARLES H. PAGE Tenor	

Conducted by CHARLES H. PAGE.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells which have been hung a great number of years. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells and kindly entertaining them to tea after the peal, and also to thank Mr. Kent for making all arrangements.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 18, 1923, in One Hour and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH ROOMS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

* CHARLES R. MANN 1	SIEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3-4
FRANK A. TURNER 2	† MAURICE T. SYMONDS 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS. Umpire: R. DENT.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, November 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. R. MOORE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

ARTHUR E. MOORE 1-2	FRANK J. LEVITT 5-6
* PERCY MAY 3-4	HARRY R. MOORE 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. E. MOORE.
Umpire: W. GOODSHIP.

* First peal on an 'inside' pair.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT 19, GLEBE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 1-2	HARRY ARGYLE 5-6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3-4	* D. HAROLD ARGYLE 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.
First peal of Bob Major 'in hand' by the Guild. * First peal on handbells.

'THE YOUNG MAN' OF BIRMINGHAM.

MR. JAMES GEORGE A SEPTUAGENARIAN.

Like Peter Pan, who refused to grow up, James George refuses to grow old. The years seem to pass him by and the whirligig of time leaves him apparently as young as ever. Last week he celebrated his seventieth birthday—reached, in fact, the allotted span—but he remains a man in the prime of life. At an age when most ringers seek out the light end in a peal, Mr. George is clamouring for something heavier and yet more heavy than anything he has yet rung, and while there is, at present, no truth in the rumour that the back eight of the Loughborough carillon are to be hung for ringing, the man for the four-ton tenor, if the bells are made pealable within the next twenty years, is James George, of Birmingham!

This last statement may perhaps be a little flight of fancy, but one wonders where Mr. George would stop in the worlds he seeks to conquer were it not for the limitations which the size of existing bells and ringing restrictions impose upon his efforts. Within a week or two of his seventieth year he has turned in Southwark tenor and rung Bow tenor to a peal of Stedman Cinques, and that, too, within practically a few days of another not unknown ringer giving up the job at Cheapside. After these two performances in London, Mr. George's task on his 70th birthday, which was to ring the eleventh at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was comparative child's play.

Mr. George's ringing career is a story that has more than once been told, and there is no need to repeat it here. He continues to range at large over the country 'seeking what he may devour' by way of heavy bell jobs, and, if it were the practice for ringers to advertise their qualifications, well might he announce 'no undertaking too large and none too small.' It has become almost a regular thing for Mr. George to ring a peal in some distant part of the country on a Saturday evening, travel to Birmingham through the night, and, arriving home with the milk on Sunday, be in his place for service ringing in the morning. We do not know who holds the record for mileage covered in pursuit of peal ringing, but few men can have a bigger average than Mr. George, who can still claim, we believe, to have rung peals in more than twelve bell towers than any other ringer.

His seventieth birthday was, as already indicated, fittingly celebrated among his own friends at Birmingham. A peal of Stedman Cinques, specially composed for the occasion by his old friend, Mr. John Carter, and consisting of 5,070 changes, was rung, visitors taking part in the peal, being Messrs. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, who by a coincidence celebrated the fortieth anniversary of his first peal at Birmingham; J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, although, perhaps, he hardly comes within the designation of 'visitor,' and Ernest Morris, of Leicester.

Afterwards the band enjoyed the hospitality of the septuagenarian (yes, despite his youth, we may now really and truly call him that), and Mr. George was the recipient of many good wishes. His ringing friends throughout the country will join in the congratulations, and all we can add is, 'more power to his elbow!'

The conductor of the birthday peal, Mr. Albert Walker, will send the composition to anyone desiring to have it, if they will apply to 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

PAYHEMBURY CHURCH BELLS.

A RESTORED PEAL.

A large congregation assembled at St. Mary's Church, Payhembury, Devon, on Saturday afternoon, November 10th, on the occasion of the reopening of the bells. These six bells have been rehung in a new iron frame, and the tenor has been recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The Rev. L. B. Stallard, Vicar of Ottery, and chairman of the East Devon Branch of the Devonshire Guild, gave a splendid address. In the course of his remarks, he said that the bells, in the words of an old parishioner of his, belonged to all of them. He thought it was a splendid work the villagers had undertaken.

The bells were opened by the Ottery St. Mary band. Subsequently bands of ringers from Uffculme, Sidmouth, Clyst Hydon, Broadhembury, Honiton, Buckerell, and Plymtree, tried the bells, and all expressed their satisfaction with the 'go.' The Rev. H. L. Parry, Vicar of Payhembury, gave a welcome to the various bands.

The rehanging of the bells has been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringing throughout the day was greatly appreciated, and the striking was good. The day was brought to a close by the members of the Payhembury band ringing the last touch.

After tea the Exeter men gave a good demonstration of handbell ringing. Amongst those present was Mr. E. Shepherd, president of the Exeter Branch of the Guild.

LANCASHIRE SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After testing the feeling of Lancashire ringers generally, the Oswaldtwistle company feel they have no option but to let the name of Lancashire Surprise Major remain, though in naming new methods, the Exercise ought to have some guidance. For the Parish Church Ringers,
JAMES HOULDSWORTH, Captain.

'SILENT' SURPRISE MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Dawson's query, I would say at the outset that he is not in error in thinking that the first true and legitimate 'Silent' Surprise peal has yet to be rung. On Saturday, April 6th, 1897, we rang at Bucknall, Staffs, what was considered at that time a genuine Surprise peal, silent, in the following methods: London, Chester, Cambridge, York, Superlative, Worcester and Bristol. But in the year 1906 the committee of the Central Council came along, laid hold of Worcester and Bristol by the scruff of the neck and bundled them out of the Surprise class, and also issued a very grave threat to Superlative, if it didn't behave itself. However, they allowed it to remain under sufferance where, I am sure, it must feel an alien. It would have been far more kind to have packed it off with the other two. This was nine years after our peal was rung, and was a very serious matter for us, as it relegated our peal from a Surprise to a Treble Bob category. Had we rung a couple of twin methods, say, Wels with London and Durham with York, we should have been within the pale of the Surprise class, but we purposely avoided this, as it is almost equivalent to ringing one method twice over. Then again, compare Worcester and Bristol with Norwich and Ipswich. This latter is simplicity itself, yet these two methods belong to the Surprise class. I only point out this to show that it is possible to select a much easier peal from amongst the Surprise Methods than the one rung at Bucknall with two 'mongrels' in it. Notwithstanding the Council's findings, it detracts not one iota from the pride we feel at this performance at Bucknall. I shall be delighted to see from 'The Ringing World' in the near future a record of the first silent peal of true and legitimate Surprise Minor, either at Milton, Leytonstone, or any other tower.

It would, perhaps, be not amiss at this juncture to say what constitutes a 'silent' peal, as it may not be generally known, and it is well to put it before the Exercise occasionally.

1. There should be no intimation whatever given as to when the bobs should be made.
2. If a ringer should happen to make a slip, the others are not allowed to help him, as it would be a disqualification.

This is, as I understand, a 'silent' peal; no sound whatever, except that caused by the bells and ropes. It is very trying to the nerves; in fact, my brother swore he wouldn't go through the ordeal again. He said it was like being in a vault.—Yours sincerely,

Milton, Staffs.

JOHN E. WHEELDON.

DOUBLE 'JUBILEE' AT MANSFIELD.
STORY OF A RINGERS' 'STRIKE.'

Two ringers at the Parish Church, Mansfield, have each completed fifty years of service. They are Mr. George Hardstaff and Mr. Frank May. The former joined the church choir as far back as 1868, and two years later, when the ringers went out on strike, he found a place in the belfry. Mr. Frank May became a ringer in the year following the strike, and since then they have continued with great loyalty to the church. The other day each was presented with a handsome pipe in case and a leather tobacco pouch, as a mark of the esteem in which they are held by their fellow ringers.

The presentations took place at a supper at the Church House, at which the ringers entertained the Vicar and churchwardens.

The Vicar referred to the wonderful record of faithful church work and membership by Mr. Hardstaff and Mr. May, and Mr. Carr, in handing them the gifts, said these two ringers had formed a great link between past and present ringers. Both had been unfailing in their attendance, and had set a good example to the younger generation.

One can smile in these days at the story of the strike, which resulted in these two veterans taking up bell ringing.

The ringers of that day 'came out' for an increased payment from 15s. to 20s., and Canon Bennett, who had then become Vicar, said he would give them the increase, if they would attend the service on a Sunday. It hurt the Vicar to see the ringers troop out of the church into the Ram Inn as soon as their bells had ceased to clang, so he made the proviso mentioned. The ringers, however, preferred the cosy corner of the 'Ram' to the interior of the church, listening to the theology of the Vicar, and they would not conform to his wish so they 'downed tools.' Canon Bennett set about gathering another band of ringers around him, and here are the names of a few of them: Matthew Blanksby, Bob Issett, George Sibsey, Charley James, Sampson Jones and George Jones, together with the two men recently honoured. Old Mr. Gosling, who was ringing for nearly 70 years, and who died but a few years ago, was one of the ringers who came out with the others, but after a time he returned and taught the youngsters the art of ringing. Mr. Hardstaff, in his young days, over fifty years ago, whilst at work on a building, Hermitage Mill, fell a distance of 40 feet. His head was cut open, and from the 19th of December until the following March he lay in a state of unconsciousness. He gradually recovered and once having got well again suffered no disability from the effects of the injury.

Among the other ringers at Mansfield who have long records are Messrs. Allsop, Carr and David Smith.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Owing to illness, it has been found necessary to change the venue of the annual meeting of the Wimborne branch of the Salisbury Guild. The meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster to-morrow, instead of at Poole, but the programme will remain the same.

The centenary of the London County Association next year is to be celebrated by a dinner, of which a preliminary announcement is made in our notice columns.

The genial hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, is the latest member of the Exercise to achieve the proud distinction of having rung one hundred peals of Stedman Cinques. Mr. A. Paddon Smith completed the 'century' in the peal rung at St. Martin's Church last week.

The advertisement of Mr. T. Milligan, turret clockmaker, of 713, London Road, Derby, appears in this issue. Ringers, we have reason to know, loyally support advertisers in our columns, and we are sure that when their church clocks need overhaul they will remember that Mr. Milligan will welcome inquiries.

The report of the handbell peal of Stedman Triples at Leiston in November has been published twice.

The new peals of eight at Nelson, Lancs. and Seaford, Sussex, which are being cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will shortly be opened.

The bells at Bridport, Dorset, a peal of eight, are to be recast and relung in new framework by the Whitechapel Foundry.

The letter of the hon. secretary of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, last week, correcting an error in this column with regard to the number of peals of Stedman Cinques rung on the famous bells in the Bull Ring, did not tell us what the previous paragraph ought really to have said.

The interesting forthcoming event at Birmingham is not the one hundredth peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells, which as Mr. Smith pointed out was rung before the war, but the two hundredth twelve-bell peal on the bells. This, indeed, is a more notable record than ever, and is a wonderful testimony to the consistent maintenance of a twelve-bell company in Midlandopolis for something like a hundred and fifty years.

The number of peals rung on the twelve bells at St. Martin's is now somewhere up in the 190's.

Mr. Alfred Bowell has recently been giving attention to the peal of eight (tenor about a ton) at Benenden, Kent. The estimate included quarter turning, new steel headstocks, new wheels, stays, sliders, gudgeons, bearings, pulley blocks, etc. In addition the sixth has been recast. The whole work has been carried out in a thoroughly efficient manner, and ringers who have had the pleasure of ringing at Benenden since the restoration, are all agreed that the peal is now in perfect ringing condition.

Our list of long peals is gradually being made more complete. Recently we referred to the 15,120 Bob Major at West Ham, in 1737, being a record held jointly with Oldham, where the same length was rung in 1807. Mr. Tom Russam, of Birmingham, now informs us of a 15,360 rung at Aston in October, 1793, in 9 hours 31 mins., conducted by J. Short. In 1893 Mr. Russam had the honour of conducting a centenary peal.

Forty years ago to-morrow the Collage Youths rang a peal of 11,111 Stedman Caters at All Saints', Fulham, then the longest peal in the method. No fewer than six of that band are still amongst us, viz., Messrs. F. E. Dawe (2), J. W. Rowbotham (4), C. W. Winney (5), E. Gibbs (6), E. Horrex (8) and W. Prime (10).

December 9th is the ninetieth anniversary of the peal of 10,224 Kent Treble Bob Maximus rung at Painswick. The peal in 1833 (composed and conducted by William Estcourt) long stood as the record length in the method; in fact, it was not beaten until the 12,240 was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne in 1911.

John Cox, one of London's famous old ringers, was born on Dec. 9th, 1813—just 110 years ago.

One hundred and thirty years ago next Monday, a peal of Grand-sire Caters was rung by the Junior Cumberland Society, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill. At that time there was serious rivalry between the senior and the junior societies.

The first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral was rung on Dec. 10th, 1881, and we believe Mr. Ted Horrex is the only survivor of that band.

To celebrate the 65th birthday of a famous old Sussex ringer and pioneer, Mr. Harry Burstow, a 6,720 of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Horsham on December 11th, 1891. Harry Burstow lived to a ripe old age, and he had a most wonderful memory. He could sing something like 400 songs, most of them of folk lore type, and many running into scores of verses.

St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, captured the then record length of Stedman Cinques on December 12th, 1848.

THE 'SMACKING OF THE SHIRES.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Lancashire and Yorkshire Surprise are both methods of at least average quality, and had they been first rung in Norfolk and Suffolk and christened Norfolk and Suffolk, no doubt the 'Euphoniacs' would have been satisfied, and nobody would have been able to insult those names by saying that 'they smack of the shires.' We Northern Shiresmen bestowed those names as an honour to those methods, we christened them after great and glorious counties; the like of which exist nowhere else in the universe; counties which from historical, clerical, commercial, or in fact, from any point of view, have honourable association with everything which has made history, both in Church and State, and painted those large patches of red on the map of the world; and the fact that these two names contained the 'terminological superfluity,' shire did not bother us one whit. We are proud of being Shiresmen of the two greatest shires the world has known, and the committee that would dictate to us as to what we should call our methods will have but short shrift and shorter term of office. Committees are elected to forward the welfare of their electorate, not in frittering away their terms of office in promulgating ways of breeding dissent and sowing irritants. Names we bestow are those we know to be the names borne by places with honoured associations or incidents connected with the history of our Church and State. We can christen our own methods; let committees carry out the duties they were elected to do; 'define limits' within which a Shiresman's choice shall operate they never shall. I know to what extent our rights of sponsorship shall be exercised if Mr. Burton does not—to the last jot—no less. If our names team with 'terminological superfluities' those who object had better get a move on, and ring and christen the remainder of the unrung methods. Then we shan't have to offend any further the tender feelings of the 'Northfolk' in the south-east. And, by the way, what about writing to the commanding officers of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Regiments and telling them that they possess superfluities, to which the Euphoniacs object, and to 'get a hunch on' and change these ancient and honourable names.

At this stage of my discourse, Mr. Editor, my implied ingenuity did fail me, so I did appeal to ye beste of spouses, who did remind me that kings had lost their crowns; nay, their heads as well, through their overweening autocracy; parliaments had been dissolved for abusing the powers reposed in them by their electorate, and that no doubt campanological pussypoos could be given 'the bird,' and they tried to tighten the prohibition screws on our 'ancient lights.' Our Northern fastnesses breed the right to do as you like with your own.

My letter, sir, may not be overcharged with euphony, it may seem with 'terminological superfluities,' but as Christmas is coming I will be easy, and just tell you that I am voicing the opinions, strongly expressed, of some five hundred ringers and churchmen, whom I have discussed this matter with since it came up.

'Here's to all on us, may we niver want nowt, noan on us, nor me noather,' and that 'smacks of one shire' if the undersigned does not.

SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

The attempt at Duffield on Saturday to ring a long peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was unfortunately not successful. The peal came to grief too late to make another start, but sufficient time remained to ring a five thousand, and this was brought round, as recorded elsewhere.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Sandhurst on Saturday. Touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung before the service, six ladies taking part in each. An extremely impressive service was conducted by the Rector (Rev. Newhouse), who, in his address, gave the ringers a double welcome, one as ringers and the other as workers in the church.

A welcome tea was served in the Schoolroom, where the business meeting was afterwards held.

Two new members were elected, viz., Miss Newhouse and Miss Oldham, both of Sandhurst. Aldershot was chosen for the next meeting, on April 5th, 1924.

Miss Robinson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness, to the organist, and to the local ringers for preparing the tea. The tower was afterwards revisited.

BURSLEM RINGER'S DEATH.

Burslem ringers have lost a valued friend and colleague by the death of Mr. A. Lees, who was a faithful member of the band at St. John's Church, always regular and punctual in his attendance. In memory of the deceased, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor was rung on Sunday evening, November 25th, with the bells half-muffled: E. Gater 1, F. Shuker 2, T. Hurd 3, H. Box 4, P. Kelsale 5, T. Hillith (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of treble and second.

A RELIC OF JAMES BARHAM. HARRIETSHAM'S VALUABLE POSSESSION.

An old peal board of really priceless interest hangs in the tower of Harrietsham, Kent. It was erected in 1794, and records a number of peals rung during the preceding fifty years, and its especial value lies in the fact that it gives us the names of the men who, with James Barham at their head, founded the Leeds Society.

We give below a copy of the board, kindly supplied to us by Mr. E. Hadlow, of Gravesend, who is a native of Harrietsham, and as will be seen it is particularly appropriate at the moment inasmuch as it records a peal of 10,080 Bob Major rung on December 8th, 1746.

What the present condition of this ancient board is, we do not know, but we hope that its preservation will not be neglected.

In this tower was completely rung by the Lenham Company the following 8-bell Peals, December 8th, 1746, was rung 10,080 changes of that admired Peal called Bob Major in 7 hours by

John Epps	...	Treble
Sam Grayling	...	2nd
Thos. Barham	...	3rd
Jas. Barham	...	4th
Abram. Barham	...	5th
Will Hunt	...	6th
John Freeland	...	7th
John Hunt	...	Tenor

March 5th, 1743, was rung a musical Peal of 6,720 changes of Oxford triple bob in 4 hours 21 minutes, including Jacob Blundell and Ben. Walker. June 13th, 1743, was rung 6,720 Bob Major, 4 hours 31 minutes, including Will Eagles. N.B.—Here was also rung 5,040 Bob Major, including Nicolas Grayling and Iden Plane; also 5,040 Bob Major triples, 5,040 plain Bob Triples, 5,040 Fulham triples, 10,080 Bob Major and 5,040 Bob Major Double Reverse. The above ringers first instituted the Leeds Society, whose performance in ringing has not been equalled by any society of ringers, and there is now surviving Sam Grayling, John Freeland and James Barham and John Hunt, who newly erected this inscription: these 6 ringers, with the assistance of S. Lacy and Will Davis, rung at Leeds, January, 1793, 5,040 Bob Major in 3 hours 12 minutes, whose ages, when added together, is 577 years, and it is remembered that this peal completed 100 peals rung at different places not less than 5,040 each by the above James Barham. 1794

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Old Bradwell on Saturday, when a fairly representative gathering of branch members attended, although the weather was somewhat unsettled, and the place a little difficult to reach. The following towers were represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Penny Stratford, Linslade, Stony Stratford, and Skenley, together with the local ringers. This meeting was the first that the North Bucks branch had held at lade, Stony Stratford, and Shenley, together with the local ringers, who are making good progress in the art of change ringing, 'ane bells, a nice ring of six, were utilised before service, which all the members attended.—The Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Walton) officiated, and the choir was in attendance. It was noticed that numerous parishioners were also present. The Rev. H. A. Attwater (Vicar of Gt. Linford, and an hon. member of the branch) was unable to attend, but unfortunately, through illness, was unable to attend, and the Rector gave a most interesting and instructive address. Thanks to the ringers' wives and friends a splendid tea was provided in the Schoolroom.

The Secretary reported that no special business had to come before the meeting, and referred to the fact that the meeting was the first to be held at Old Bradwell. The real enthusiasm that was shown fully repaid those who had made a special effort to attend.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Rector, choir, and others, who had made the meeting such a success, the Rector responding.

Further ringing then took place, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor concluded the meeting.

CONDUCTORS ALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Wheeldon, of Milton, Staffs, very kindly answered a query under the above heading in your issue of the 16th November, but it was not quite answered to the point. The question raised was this: 'Has any six-bell band rung the first six extents of London on the bells, being the first by all the band, with different conductors?' Thanking Mr. Wheeldon for his very good wishes, Yours sincerely,
FRED M. MITCHELL.

Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent.

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**CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
STOCKPORT BRANCH MEETING.**

Denton, like other places of note, possesses a handle, which members of neighbouring townships are fond of turning. They say 'that Denton folk are always in a fog,' and they certainly were on Saturday, November 24th, when the last meeting of the year for the Stockport Branch was held at the Church of St. Anne. The fog was of the 'pea soup' variety, for which Manchester is famous, consequently, travelling was very difficult, road traffic groped about in the gloom, and trams changed their way through the hidden streets, taking about two and a half hours to do half an hour's journey. It is no wonder, therefore, that the majority of the branch members decided 'to keep the home-fires burning,' rather than attend the meeting, but those who did brave the elements, were compensated for their trouble by a splendid tea, to which about twenty members and friends sat down, among them being 'George' and 'John,' from Yorkshire. Mr. E. W. Elwell, of Capenhurst, hon. secretary of the Guild, later on joined the company, after having had a most difficult task in locating the place.

The Rector (the Rev. — Hobday), in the absence of the branch chairman, presided over the business meeting, in the course of which the branch hon. secretary (the Rev. A. T. Beeston) extended a hearty welcome to Mr. Elwell, this being the first meeting of the branch he had attended.

Reference was made to the small number of peals to the credit of the branch this year, the number not being at all satisfactory. Mention was also made of the proposed branch annual dinner, which will be discussed further at a meeting of tower secretaries, to be held at an early date.

The Rector was elected an honorary member, and six ringing members were elected from Bowdon, and one from Disley.

The next meeting, which is the annual one, will be held at Stockport (St. George's) on Saturday, February 23rd.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for his address in the church, also with the wardens, for permitting the meeting to be held and for the use of the bells; to the organist; and to the local ringers and their 'better halves' for providing a splendid tea.

**NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
MEETING AT NORTON CUCKNEY.**

A cordial welcome was given to the members of the North Notts Association when they visited Norton Cuckney. The bells, a handy peal of six, were placed at the disposal of the ringers from 2 to 3 p.m. by the new Vicar (the Rev. H. R. Peel), who was in the tower to welcome the first arrivals, and showed his interest in their work by remaining to watch them ring touches in various methods. Ringers were present from Barlborough, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Mansfield, Ordsall, Workson, and the local company. There was only a moderate attendance, wretched weather preventing many of the keenest supporters, who have to rely chiefly on the 'push bike,' from making the journey. Nevertheless, what was lacking in numbers was made up by good ringing throughout the afternoon and evening. The methods included Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Violet and Killamarsh Treble Bob, the junior ringer from Ordsall, Mr. H. Revill, conducting his first 720 of Oxford.

Tea was served in the Church Institute, and was presided over by the Vicar, who subsequently took the chair at the business meeting. —The hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) made allusion to the death of James Fitzjohn, of Shireoaks, one of the association's oldest ringers. Mr. Fitzjohn was a Sunday Service ringer of nearly 40 years' standing, one of the best of comrades, quick to learn any new method, either by diagram or figures, a splendid striker, and a ringer who always rang with a tight rope and graceful pull. There was no slovenliness about 'Jim Fitch,' as he was familiarly called. He did his work thoroughly, and it was a pleasure to watch him ring his bell, occupying as little room in the tower as any ringer, he (the speaker) had ever seen. He was always a keen sportsman from youth upwards, and would be much missed by the people of Shireoaks.

The members stood for a few moments in silence, and the Vicar offered a short prayer for the departed brother.

The next meeting will be at Shireoaks early in the new year, and will be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the Institute, and for presiding over the tea and meeting.

The Rev. H. R. Peel, in reply, gave the members a hearty welcome, and invited them to come again in the summer-time. He also gave an interesting account of church bells of the villages where he had ministered, and spoke in the highest terms of the work of the bell ringers.

Afterwards the tower was again visited, and further ringing indulged in. One company which shall be nameless, performed the 'hat trick.' Their 'bus broke down on the journey, causing two hours' delay; while ringing they broke the stay of the second bell, and afterwards the shank of the clapper of one of a new peal of hand-bells, for which 'performances' they had a hearty 'reception.'

H. H.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ARCHDEACONRY OF WISBECHE BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting was held at Whittlesea, Cambs, on Saturday, November 24th, ringers being present from Cambridge, Ramsey, Chatteris, March, Wisbech, Peterborough, and the local band. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob Major, and Plain Bob, were rung, several making the first attempt on eight bells. The Church of St. Mary is a grand edifice, with a stately tower and spire, 186 feet high, a landmark for miles around. Although the bells were augmented from six to eight in 1803, there is no record of a peal having been rung on them till 1904, when 5,040 Grandsire was rung by a party of visitors. The bells are not mentioned in the parish register since the time of King Edward III., so all that is known of the present ring and the previous one of six is the dates on them. On the present sixth bell the date is 1738, the third, fourth and seventh, are of the same date. The inscription on the third is 'Joseph Eayers, St. Neots, fecit.' The treble, second, fifth, and tenor are by Osborne and Dobson, of Downham, 1803.

The Vicar (the Rev. L. I. Chaplin) presided at the tea and business meeting, for which he had kindly lent St. Mary's Church Room.

Wisbech was chosen for the next meeting.

Mr. J. Pulett, of March, who very kindly acted as secretary, in the absence of the district hon. secretary, said he was pleased to see a good number present, and hoped by their gathering that day some good might be done. They appreciated the kind welcome extended to the association, and he was glad to meet the local band, who, he trusted, would persevere in the standard methods. He thanked the Vicar for presiding and for the use of the bells and parish room, and Mr. Neave for having the bells ready.—Mr. Willis, of Ramsey, seconded the proposition, which was carried.

Service was afterwards held in church, the association form being used.—The Vicar, who officiated, gave the members a very hearty welcome to his parish.

Ringing was carried on during the evening, the visitors being very pleased with the fine old bells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Bagshot, when members attended from Camberley, Chertsey, Egham, Farnborough, Reading, Sandhurst, Worplesdon, and the local band. The Rev. Canon R. Stewart dedicated a peal board, recording the first peal on the bells by a local company, and members then attended the short service, at which the Rev. R. M. Curwen, of Yorktown, gave an interesting address.

An excellent tea had been arranged by Mrs. Nye and other lady ringers at the Parish Room.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. Canon Stewart occupying the chair. Among those present were Miss Middleton (Yorktown), Mr. H. G. Tidd, and Mr. G. Miles.

The officers for the year were elected as follows: Mr. J. B. Hessey (hon. secretary), Mr. H. J. Chaffey (Ringing Master); representatives on the Central Committee, Mr. Smith (Camberley) and Mr. H. J. Chaffey.

The hon. secretary's report and balance sheet were accepted, and the Ringing Master gave an account of the ringing done in the district. The proposed places for meetings in 1924 are: Pirbright, Weybridge and Yateley, and the annual meeting at Hershaw.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to Canon Stewart for the use of the bells, and for arranging with the choir-boys to be present; also for presiding at the tea and meeting.

The ringers afterwards again visited the tower, and various methods were rung.

SURPRISE METHODS.

MR. CARTER'S REPLY.

Dear Sir,—In reply to the Rev. E. Bankes James, in your issue of Nov. 16th, the Method should be called 'Bristol Delight,' as the 'C.C.' Book says:—

- (5) Delight Methods — having places made at all but one cross section.
- (6) Surprise Methods — having places made at all cross sections.

By referring to the half lead, it will be seen that

- at No. 1 — 4th place is made,
- at No. 2 — 6th place is made,
- at No. 3 — 5th place is made,
- at No. 4 — no place whatever is made.

If you condemn the 'C.C. Legitimate Methods' Book, what are you going to do with London, Cambridge and Superlative?—Yours faithfully,
JOHN CARTER.

12	34	56	78	
21	43	65	87	
12	34	56	78	
21	43	65	87	
1	2	3	4	4th
24	13	68	57	
42	31	65	87	
24	13	56	78	
42	31	57	68	
2				6th
24	35	17	85	
23	45	71	68	
32	64	17	86	
35	24	1	68	
3				5th
53	42	76	18	
35	24	67	81	
32	54	76	18	
23	45	67	81	
4				None
24	36	58	71	
42	63	85	17	

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, Fairford ringers visited Cirencester and rang 419 Grandsire Triples at the Parish Church for the 9.30 service: F. W. Bond 1, B. Guy 2, H.-C. Bond 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. C. Acock 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. Also for the 11.15 service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. G. Cook 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. C. Acock, Northleach (first quarter-peat) 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8.

MORTLAKE.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, W. G. Stacey 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

ABBOTS LEIGH.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Bennett 1, S. Bennett (first in the method) 2, W. Frampton 3, L. H. Moore (conductor) 4, E. Frampton 5, G. Chamberlain 6.—On Nov. 27th, 720 Bob Minor: G. Chamberlain 1, S. Bennett (first 720) 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman 4, E. Frampton 5, L. H. Moore (conductor) 6.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for morning service, 360 Cambridge Surprise and 192 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Bailey, junr., L. Naunton, E. Bailey, senr., F. Wade, G. Lee, F. Naunton. For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: Rev. F. R. Bonsey 1, A. J. Naunton 2, E. Chatten 3, L. Naunton 4, J. Spencer 5, F. Naunton (conductor) 6. Mr. A. J. Naunton is in his 80th year, and rings regular for all Sunday services.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: A. Smith (Thatcham) 1, E. Smith 2, W. Adkins (Thatcham) 3, F. W. Freeman 4, W. A. Dormer 5, S. Quintin 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, J. E. Watling 8. Arranged for F. W. Freeman, of Caversham. Also rung as a birthday compliment to S. Quintin.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 2nd, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending the Parish Church, 1,260 Oxford Bob Triples, in 47 mins.: J. W. Croft 1, T. Smith 2, W. Henley 3, A. Bateman 4, A. J. Harman 5, T. Farr (conductor) 6, L. Stilwell 7, J. H. Croyley 8. First attempt to call in the method.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 2nd, at St. Mary's, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Lankester 1, C. V. Ebberson 2, P. W. Norton 3, H. Kilby 4, F. Barrett 5, A. Tennant 6, F. H. Crook (conductor) 7, R. Kilby 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples.

WINTERBOURNE, GLOS.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: Miss A. Brown 1, E. J. Brown (conductor) 2, F. W. Wade 3, P. C. Williams 4, F. E. Tyler 5, I. Long 6. The first 720 on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Lewellins and James, Bristol.

SKIPTON, YORKS.—At the Church of Holy Trinity, on Dec. 2nd, for evening service, 1,260 of Grandsire Triples: G. Bottomley (first quarter-peat) 1, J. Garlick 2, W. Clark 3, R. Bottomley (Keighley) 4, H. Thorpe (conductor, Keighley) 5, W. Billows 6, W. Bailey 7, W. D. Hillary 8.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peat of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 50 mins.: E. Talbot 1, A. Arnold 2, T. Talbot 3, A. J. Trappitt 4, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 5, F. E. Darby 6, J. W. Trappitt, junr., 7, J. W. Trappitt, senr., 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—At St. Thomas's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, December 2nd, a quarter-peat of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Jelley 1, C. Randle 2, H. Brown 3, G. Burton 4, J. Clarke 5, S. Cheney 6, E. Jelley 7, L. Willars (conductor) 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Dec. 2nd, for evensong, 896 Superlative Surprise Major: Canon W. W. C. Baker 1, G. Heley 2, A. V. Good 3, A. G. Matthews 4, C. E. King 5, F. Ramsey 6, J. B. Marks 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method by all except the conductor. Also longest touch of Surprise on the bells by a local hand.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, C. Creasey 3, F. Morgan 4, H. Baker 5, T. Booth 6, W. Hoad (conductor) 7, G. King 8. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, who hail from Frittenden, Kent.

GAINSBOROUGH.—At All Saints' Church, for morning service, touches of Bob Major and Little Bob Major. For evening service, 560 Double Norwich: H. Torr 1, Miss C. Hepburn 2, H. Morgan (conductor) 3, E. Dalington 4, J. T. Ladd 5, J. Dixon 6, W. T. Cooper 7, C. A. Hewitt 8.—On handbells, a quarter-peat of Bob Major (1,344 changes): C. A. Hewitt 1—2, F. S. W. Butler 3—4, H. Morgan (conductor) 5—6, E. Dalington 7—8.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: D. Green 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman 3, W. Weatherby 4, J. Clark 5, F. Montford 6, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 7, G. Hall 8.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary, after evening service, a quarter-peat of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: A. Smith 1, A. W. J. Bird 2, W. Adkins 3, E. Smith (Newbury) 4, S. Quintin (Newbury) 5, H. W. Curtis (conductor, Newbury), 6.

DERBY.—On Sunday, Dec. 2nd, for evening service, at St. Andrew's Church, on the recently augmented peal, 1,242 Stedman Caters: H. Inckle 1, C. E. Hart 2, A. H. Ward (conductor) 3, H. C. Jenney 4, E. Clarke 5, S. Maskrey 6, W. Wallace 7, J. Pagett 8, A. Braines 9, J. F. Smallwood 10. This is the longest touch on the bells in the method. H. C. Jenney hails from Leicester.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, for evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 2nd, a quarter-peat (1,260 changes) of Bob Minor, in 42 mins.: W. Wise (first quarter of Minor) 1, R. A. Hornsby 2, J. W. Haynes (first quarter of Minor inside) 3, F. Lucas 4, J. Wilfred Sharp 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. The ringer of the third comes from Pottishall. The remainder are all regular Sunday Service ringers.

HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, November 25th, for evensong, 768 London Surprise Major: W. Wood 1, Miss O. L. Lumley 2, K. Williams 3, W. O. Talbot 4, G. Robinson 5, J. Frank Smallwood 6, H. Lindsay 7, Percy J. Johnson (conductor) 8.

LYMINGE, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for evening service, 168, 350, 210 Grandsire Triples: M. Mills, K. Gordon, G. Cullum, F. Castle, A. Tanton (conductor), G. Webb, A. Castle, A. Webb, F. and A. Castle (Elham).

PUTNEY.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: S. Brown 1, T. Bolton 2, P. J. Norton 3, J. Herbert 4, H. Frampton 5, W. H. Worsley 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, C. Moody 8. Specially arranged for P. J. Norton, who hails from Willesden.

EXETER.—At St. Tidwell's Church, on Nov. 25th, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: J. Harris (first quarter-peat) 1, W. Drake 2, A. Monkley 3, C. Cartor 4, W. Howe 5, E. Sargent 6, J. Moss 7, E. Shepherd (conductor) 8, F. Murphy 9, W. Richardson 10.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 18th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: S. Binfield 1, R. H. Stevens 2, J. Binfield 3, C. Turner 4, H. J. Saunders 5, F. W. Elliott 6, C. R. Walker (conductor) 7, G. Godfrey 8.

WISBECH.—At the Parish Church, 720 Plain Bob Minor on the back six, with the bells fully muffled, for memorial service, on Nov. 11th: H. Lewin 1, A. Wigmore 2, R. Narborough 3, J. Philips 4, F. Wigmore 5, Bert Gogle (conductor) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 4th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: G. Gibbett 1, G. Perkins 2, F. Warrington 3, H. Saunders 4, C. W. Cook (conductor) 5, J. Perkins 6. Ringers of the 3rd and 5th are from Long Stanton, Cambs.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

Mr. Benjamin Morris, of Rushden, who has been a ringer for fifty years, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 24th, at the age of 67. Mr. Morris was a native of Stanwick, Northants, and until ten years ago used to walk to Stanwick, a distance of four miles each way, twice on a Sunday to ring for service. Afterwards he was a member of the Higham Ferrers' company, and was very regular in attendance. He has been a member of the Central Northants Association since it was founded.

The funeral took place at Rushden, on Thursday, Nov. 29th. The service was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Dollar, of Stanwick, who had known Mr. Morris for a number of years. The ringers of Stanwick were represented, and the Higham Ferrers band was represented by Mr. A. Smeathers, of Rushden. A wreath was also sent by the ringers.

In the evening the Higham Ferrers bells were rung deeply muffled to several touches, and a quarter-peat of Stedman Triples was brought round by A. Smeathers 1, A. Everatt 2, W. Gray 3, W. Hall 4, L. Chapman 5, G. Brown 6, W. Garrett (conductor) 7, W. Croft 8.

DEATH OF A HORLEY RINGER.

We regret to record the death of an old Surrey ringer, in the person of Mr. Albert Songhurst, of Horley, who passed away on Nov. 28th, after a very short illness. Deceased, who was 80 years of age, was secretary to the local ringers for over 30 years, and was very regular in his attendance for Sunday Service ringing and practice. He rang his last touch of Bob Major as recently as Sunday evening, November 18th.

The funeral took place at Horley, on Saturday, when his brother ringers of Horley, and Mr. E. Dewey, of Redhill, attended the service. Afterwards a quarter-peat of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells fully muffled: F. Sadler 1, P. Etheridge 2, G. Illman 3, S. Kenward (conductor) 4, A. J. Bull 5, F. Voice 6, G. Hollingsbee 7, G. Welch 8.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern Division was held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 17th. Ringers arrived from Baldock, Graveley, Kimpton, North Mymms, Long Stanton, Royston and St. Albans, to meet the local band. Service was held in Trinity Chapel, when for the first time most of those present saw their secretary (Mr. G. W. Cartmel) robed in his capacity as lay reader, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. L. B. Ashby). On this occasion Mr. Cartmel came specially to address the meeting, as one ringer addressing another, and his inspiring words will long be remembered by many of his hearers.—Mr. J. R. Foster (captain of the local band) presided at the organ.

Tea was served at the Grange, and was honoured by the presence of three honorary members, a fourth honorary member, Mr. Times, regretting his inability to be present.

At the brief meeting, the Vicar was voted to the chair.—One new life member was elected, and Mr. Cartmel spoke of the remarkable progress the association had made during his long connection with it.

The bells were kept going during afternoon and evening, in standard methods, also Superlative and Cambridge Surprise.

A WOLVERHAMPTON PEAL BOARD.

Sir Robert Bird unveiled a peal board at St. Peter's Church, Wolverhampton, on Saturday, November 17th, recording two peals, one rung on Feb. 13th, 1922, half-muffled, as a mark of respect to his deceased father, Sir Henry Bird, M.P., who was accidentally killed at Hyde Park Corner, on Feb. 7th, 1922, and the other on March 24th, 1923, as a peal of welcome to the Rev. Prebendary Stockley (Rector) upon his return from India. The first was a peal of Grand-sire Caters, and the second a peal of Stedman Caters. The board is the gift of Mr. H. J. Haddock.

Sir Robert Bird, who was accompanied by his mother and sister, spoke of the tribute paid to his father in that the latter's name was given a place in the noble and beautiful church of St. Peter; and the Rector said what a pleasure it was to him, on his return from India, to hear the bells of the old church ringing out again.

The Rector then dedicated the gift, following which Sir Robert expressed thanks to the donor and to the ringers, and said if a special peal were rung on the occasion of the Armistice, and it had not been commemorated on the walls of the belfry, he should like very much to be allowed to do this.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**DISTRICT SECRETARYSHIP GOING BEGGING.**

The annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Nov. 17th. Tea at St. Peter's Hall was followed by the business meeting, with Miss D. Steel in the chair. Members were present from Thurleigh, Clapham, Biddenham, Bromham, Kempston, Harrold, Roxton, Olney and Bedford.

The committee were re-elected en bloc.

Some discussion arose over the district secretaryship. The district secretary is resigning, but could not get another to fill the office. The appointment was, therefore, left over until the next meeting, to be held at Clapham on December 15th, of which notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

Mention was made of the late Charles Herbert, of Woburn, and the Rev. J. E. Gilbert, Rector of St. Peter's, the members standing in silence.

A vote of thanks to the church officials for the use of the bells, to the chairman, and to the ladies for waiting at the table, brought the meeting to a close.

240 GRANDSIRE DOUBLES.**NEW CALLING FOR SIX SCORES.**

Mr. A. J. Pitman of Port Talbot, writes as follows: I feel sure that the following 240 of Grandsire Doubles, which I obtained some time ago, will be found useful to conductors of peals etc., in this method who would like further variety in calling, as it is certainly monotonous, having only ten 120's to call four times at least.

The 240 will be found to consist of two distinct 120's combined, counting 12345 and 13245 as the first changes of first and second 120 respectively.

There are also twelve variations to be obtained by commencing the calling as from each lead end in the usual way.

	2345		3245
—	4523	—	4532
S	3245	S	2345
—	4532	—	4523
—	4253	—	4352
S	3542	S	2543
—	4235	—	4325
S	5342	S	5243
—	5234	—	5324
S	4352	S	4253
—	5243	—	5342
S	3452	S	2453
—	3245	—	2345

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year, to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on December 20th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 11th; and St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 13th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hindley on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7.30. A good attendance requested.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual Social will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Chorley bells available from 2 to 4. Whittle from 1 p.m. Tea at 4.30, whist and dancing after. Tickets 2/9 per head. All welcome.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Canon Elsee will give the address. Tea at 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Sec., Walter Hughes, 3 Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The Quarterly meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells (8) ready at 3. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30 in Church Room. Meeting after tea.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, December 8th. Bells (8) available from 2.45. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, December 4th.—Elizabeth E. Emm, Evercreech, Somerset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION—Nottingham District.—At the invitation of the Rev. C. J. Sturton the next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Orston on Saturday, Dec. 8th, in connection with the opening of these bells, after being rehung and two trebles added to make a peal of 6. The dedication service will be held at 3 o'clock, when the Dean of Lincoln will dedicate the two new bells and preach at the service. A public tea will be held at 4.15 (adults 1s. each), followed by concert. Ringing from 6 to 8.30. A party will leave Victoria Station, Nottingham, at 2.18, return fare 1s. 7d. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance is requested.—John H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual Meeting at Holywell Church, Oxford, on Saturday, December 8th. Tea in Schoolroom at 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Service after meeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—W. Harris, Branch Sec., 28, New Street, St. Ebbes, Oxford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting of the North and East District will be held at South Hackney on Saturday; Dec. 8th. Bells available from 3.30. Service at 5. Tea, at a charge of 1s., at 5.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The Annual Meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster (instead of S. James', Poole), on Saturday, December 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting at the Church House at 5.0.—C. A. Phillips, Branch Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, December 15th (postponed from Dec. 8th). Bells (10) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please write by Dec. 12th, to F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing, Sunday mornings, December 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. On Christmas Day from 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. Also Sunday afternoon, December 9th, from 2.15 to 3.15 for Oratorio Service. Monthly Business Meeting, December 19th.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, December 15th. Bells from 7.30. Tea in the Reading Room at 5 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will try and attend, as this meeting is for the election of a District Secretary. All ringing friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Northampton District.—A special meeting will be held at Boughton on Saturday, December 15th. Bell (5) 2.30. Service 3.30. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, December 12th.—T. Tebbutt, Dist. Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Chequers Hotel. Business to follow.—F. Dench, Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will take place at Dunstable on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after. A good attendance is particularly desired.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Slymbridge on Saturday, December 15th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea, to be followed by Business meeting.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Great Chart on Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged at the Black Dog Inn.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Talbot Road Roman Catholic Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Decuman's Watchet on Saturday, December 15th, 1923. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present kindly notify me before the 10th December.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH.—A new peal of 8 bells (tenor 12 cwt.), by J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, December 15th. Service at 2.30. Tea provided in Schoolroom at 4.30 free to all ringers. Bells open to visiting ringers after tea. Will intending visitors kindly notify me on or before December 11th. All ringers heartily welcome.—J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Newchurch, Warrington.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, December 15th. Full particulars next week.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15th, at Elmley Castle. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The bells (6) will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—Combined Practice at Wokingham, Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. at 6d. per head. Those who wish to have tea kindly let me know as soon as possible.—Jos. White, Dunt Lane, Hurst, Twyford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Dedication of West Wycombe bells by Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Buckingham at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 15th. Tea at reasonable charge in Village Hall at 4.30. All welcome.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on December 15th, when the bells will be available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at reasonable cost. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on December 15th. Bells (8). Ringing commences 3 o'clock. Bus leaves the Rushes 3.25. Fare 2d. to the Church. The bells of the Foundry will be available from 6 o'clock, and the business meeting will be held there. Will all members try to attend? Other ringing friends are heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—These bells will be re-opened for ringers on Saturday, December 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, December 19th.—J. E. Cawser, Doncaster Road, Tickhill.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Meetings for December, 1923: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 10th and 24th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 17th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from the dinner committee, whose names will be published in later issue.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

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MULTI-METHOD PEALS.

The peal in thirty-five methods rung last week at Norbury, Cheshire, leads us once again to urge a much wider practice among six-bell ringers of ringing multi-method extents. We have emphasised the matter on more than one occasion, but we make no excuse for returning to it. The Norbury band, who are heartily to be congratulated on ringing a record number of methods in seven true seven hundred and twenties, stand in a unique position among six-bell ringers. They have reached the top of the ladder in that particular department of ringing, but they have done it only by patience and perseverance, coupled with enthusiasm and determination. It is difficult, and often dangerous, to make comparisons, but we venture to say that nothing finer in method ringing has ever been accomplished on tower bells. It may be there are some ringers who will disagree with us on this point, but they will be very few in number. But while the Norbury band seem to be far in advance of any other company in this special phase of Minor ringing, what they have achieved is equally open to others.

There are many accomplished six-bell bands up and down the country, and we would like to see a much more general application of method splicing in the peals they ring. We are sure they would find that it gives an added interest to their ringing, and it is certainly another step in raising the standard of performances on six bells. No one would expect a band to strike out at once into the splicing of thirty-five methods. The Norbury men have only reached that number by stages, but a small expansion of the repertoire of a six-bell company would quickly enable them to include multi-method extents in their peals. As Mr. Wheeldon aptly pointed out in his letter in our last issue, it does not follow that a Surprise Method is necessarily more difficult than others which are included in a different classification, and some of the methods included in spliced extents give a ringer all the mental exercise he desires. Surprise method companies, therefore, need not think that they are dropping to any lower standard, so far as methods are concerned, when they take up multi-method peal ringing. On the contrary, they will probably find it not only more interesting, but a good deal more difficult, than a peal in seven, or even fourteen, Surprise methods each starting from rounds. There is a big scope for enterprising ringers in this attractive field. Minor ringing is opening out upon a very large but little explored region, and there is a great opportunity for pioneers. For those who desire to make a start, the material is already provided, for the methods are to be found in the Central Council Collection, and 'spliced' compositions are available for the asking.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. in B.

JOHN HOLMAN ... ..	... Treble	*SIDNEY F. PALMER	7
GEORGE LEWIS	2	COLIN HARRISON	8
WILLIAM BURGAR	3	HAYDEN THORPE	9
TOM O'HARA	4	FRANK WARD	10
WILLIAM CHOWN	5	JOSEPH E. SYKES	11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6	JOHN THORPE ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS.

Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

First peal of Bob Maximus in the county of Yorkshire and by the association, and first peal by all the band with the exception of the ringer of the 11th. Rung with half-muffled clappers, as a last tribute of sympathy and respect to the memory of the victims in the sad Nunnery Pit Disaster, who were interred on this day. * 200th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS THE MARTYR,

LOWER THAMES STREET, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE ... ..	... Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	WILLIAM BERRY	7
ERNEST J. KING	3	GEORGE A. CARD	8
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER	4	JAMES BULLOCK	9
WILLIAM H. WOOD	5	WILLIAM E. J. HEWSON ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the 79th birthday of Queen Alexandra.

CARDIFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 6, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

SIDNEY DAWE ... ..	... Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY	6
WILLIAM B. BISS	2	ALBERT J. PITMAN	7
GEORGE LARGE	3	*ERNEST COOMBS	8
WILLIAM BOLTON	4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	9
JOHN W. JONES	5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS

* First peal of Caters as conductor and the first attempt. Specially arranged as a birthday peal for the ringers of the 2nd and 5th, both of whom were born on the same day and in the same year.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

CECIL C. MAYNE ... ..	... Treble	*EDGAR C. RUSSELL	5
WILLIAM J. NORTON	2	JOHN C. TRUSS	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	RICHARD F. DEAL	7
JOSEPH S. HAWKINS	4	JAMES BULLOCK ... ..	... Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for granting the use of the bells, also Mr. J. West, for having everything in readiness.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Dickinson 1, H. A. Barnett 2, W. J. Ellis 3, S. W. Crabb 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, G. Button 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

RICHARD CONSTANT 5	JOHN WHEADON 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	JOHN S. MORTON 6
WILLIAM HARPER 3	CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 7
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung for the birthday of H.M. Queen Alexandra. It was in this parish that Her Majesty first landed on English soil. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Richard Constant. First peal of Major on these bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*CHARLES MOUNSEY Treble	*THOMAS J. PALFREYMAN ... 5
*ARTHUR MINCHER 2	*HAROLD SMITH 6
ALFRED BUTLER 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
THOMAS HUGHES 4	*ALBERT J. HUBLE Tenor

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung to celebrate the 79th birthday of Queen Alexandra. * First peal.

SOUTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD RUSHBY Treble	RALPH S. LONG 5
ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 2	CHARLES TAYLOR 6
WALTER T. WILSON 3	WALTER GODDARD 7
HERBERT MINGAY 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 2, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	*HAROLD EASTOE 5
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2	RALPH S. LONG 6
WALTER GODDARD 3	RICHARD OLIVER 7
WALTER T. WILSON 4	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on eight as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Audrey Varah; also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre.

GRIMSBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS Treble	JOHN B. BUDD 5
HERBERT MINGAY 2	WALTER GODDARD 6
WALTER T. WILSON 3	CHARLES KENNINGTON 7
STEPHEN BROMFIELD 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING. Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

GUILDFORD. — On Thursday evening, Sept. 20th, at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Pether (first quarter-peal of Stedman with a working bell) 1, Mrs. Hazelden 2, W. Shepherd (conductor) 3, E. Raddon 4, G. Nichols (first quarter) 5, C. Hazelden 6, S. Radford 7, G. Tomsett 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Pether.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-at-Arch,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE CHESTER Treble	TOM PYLE 5
*ROBERT CHESTER 2	ISAAC VICKERS 6
LOUIS SNELL 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
JOHN WALDEN 4	HAROLD MARCON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

* First peal.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 3, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

*GEORGE ALLRED Treble	GEORGE PINCOTT 5
ERNEST COTSPORTH 2	PETER CROOK 6
†ROBERT ALLRED, JUN. ... 3	HERBERT ALLRED 7
JAMES BOLTON 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal. † First with a working bell.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 23½ cwt.

HARRY MILES Treble	LEONARD TUFFREY 5
JOHN F. SHARP 2	WILLIAM JUDGE 6
FREDERICK WEBB 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
JACK JUDGE 4	CYRIL BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Judge.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

DANIEL HOWARD Treble	JOHN BROCKBANK 5
†SYDNEY JAMES 2	†WILLIAM COLLIER 6
THOMAS HOWARD 3	WALTER HESKETH 7
DAVID CLARKE 4	*RICHARD POTTER Tenor

Composed by the Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by T. HOWARD.

This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Brockbank on the 40th anniversary of their wedding, which took place at St. Peter's Church, Swinton, on Saturday, December 8th, 1883. This is the first peal rung by the local band at Swinton for a period of 25 years. * First peal. † First peal with an inside bell.

GAINSBOROUGH, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*HERMANN COOPER Treble	JOHN T. BARTRAM 5
MISS CECIL HEPBURN 2	†CHARLES A. HEWITT 6
†HARRY MORGAN 3	WILFRED T. COOPER 7
CHARLES H. BAKER 4	†HERBERT TORR Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First peal. † First peals in the method.

NORTECHURCH, HERTS.—On Oct. 1st at the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. G. Reeve (first 720) 1, O. Bayes (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, E. G. Benson 3, H. G. Benson 4, F. J. Reeve 5, Tony Price (conductor) 6.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF EDINBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON Treble	ERNEST S. BAILY 5
GEORGE WILSON... .. 2	EDGAR H. BAILY 6
JAMES M. BAILY 3	GEORGE BAILY 7
JAMES G. RUMSEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILY Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILY.

This method is now rung for the first time.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	JOHN H. WHITE 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 7
*RAYMOND PHILPOTT 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First Surprise peal, and elected a member of the Society before starting. J. H. White's 100th peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE 5
*GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS 2	A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT 6
ERNEST MORRIS... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE

* First in the method 'inside.' Arranged for Sergt. W. Bottrill, of the Metropolitan Police Force, this being his first Surprise peal.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HARRIS Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	SYDNEY M. LOXTON 6
JOHN AUSTIN 3	ERNEST E. DAVIES 7
JESSE GILLETT 4	JOHN DAVIES Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*HARRY WALKER Treble	FREDERICK HUNT 5
THOMAS BLACKBOURN 2	HARRY WOOD 6
*ARTHUR J. SMITH 3	THOMAS KENDALL 7
*CLIFFORD ROLLINGS... .. 4	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal in the method.

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ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

With 6—8 covering. Tenor 22 cwt.

FRED STUBBS Treble	JAMES HUDSON 5
GEORGE BLAXLEY 2	HENRY STUBBS 6
WILLIAM J. GILBERT 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY 7
FRANK KIRK 4	*WILLIAM CURTIS Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

This peal was especially arranged and rung to oblige Mr. Henry Stubbs, who, now in his 77th year, expressed a wish to ring one more peal. The greatest credit is due to him for the way he rang throughout. * First peal.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART Tenor 16 cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK J. JUDGE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	*WILLIAM BUTTON, JUN. 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
MRS. H. BAKER 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal with an inside bell. First peal on the bells since the restoration by A. Bowell, of Ipswich. Also the first time a lady has rung a peal at Rolvenden.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
*FRANK RUFFLES... .. 2	*LESLIE G. BRETT 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 4	WILLIAM T. LAST Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method.

THURCASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

WALTER WHITEHEAD... .. Treble	SYDNEY SHELTON 5
ALBAN DISNEY 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
ROWLAND BARROW 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 7
EDWARD WHITEHEAD... .. 4	*LEONARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

* First peal. First attempt to call a peal of Grandsire, and, not having yet attained the age of sixteen years, is presumably the youngest conductor to call the one-part.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*ERNEST E. HOLMAN... .. Treble	*HUBERT SOMMERS 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	FRANK W. PERRENS... .. 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	WILLIAM T. COX 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 4	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

HAMMERSMITH. — For morning service, with the bells half-muffled 504 Stedman Triples.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

CHARLES RUSH 2	CLAYTON PARNELL 5
EDWIN R. GOATE 2	CHARLES BAILEY... .. 6
*ROBERT WARMAN 3	JAMES SPALDING 7
CHARLES F. SAYER 4	FREDERICK A. FINCH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by E. R. GOATE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Friday, November 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JAMES NUNN 2	LIONEL HAMMOND 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 2	WALTER KERRISON 5
†ERNEST HALL 3	*ALBERT BOAST Tenor

Conducted by P. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. * First peal. † First peal of Doubles. The tenor ringer was proposed a member before starting for the peal.

DENBY, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

PERCY WESTON 2	HERBERT G. FRETWELL 4
WILSON ALLIN 2	CYRIL J. JENNINGS 5
ARTHUR J. ORGILL 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES R. GRIFFIN 2	EDWARD W. ELWELL 4
*ROBERT MADDOCK 2	*RICHARD MADDOCK 5
THOMAS ROGERS 3	HERBERT LUDKIN Tenor

Conducted by E. W. ELWELL.

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

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HORACE M. DAY... .. 2	GEORGE LADD 4
JOHN G. AMES 2	GEORGE H. WELLS 5
JOHN CURRY... .. 3	JOSEPH LANDON Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Rung for Queen Alexandra's birthday. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Curry. J. Landon has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

WYCHBOLD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-DE-WYCHE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES WOODYATT 2	WILLIAM PAGE 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
JOHN J. JEFFERIES 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 1, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

FRANK LEWIN 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 4
GEORGE BASFORD 2	JAMES B. HUDSON 5
JOHN R. MAIN 3	GEORGE LINES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

This peal was arranged for Mr. J. Main, and was his first in seven methods, and first attempt. First peal as conductor in seven methods for nearly ten years.

MARDEN, HEREFORD.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings. Tenor 16½ cwt.

*ALFRED PARKER 2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 4
*EDWARD H. GWILLIAM 2	JAMES H. HYETT 5
†GEORGE A. COUSINS 3	*JOHN JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

PIPE-CUM-LYDE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 2, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

†GEORGE HANKS 2	T. H. TAYSOME 4
IVOR RAWLINGS... .. 2	ARCHIE PROBERT... .. 5
WILLIAM WILLIAMS 3	WILFRED WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED WILLIAMS.

† First peal. First peal as conductor.

LEIGH-UPON-MENDIP, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 3, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. ROSSITER 2	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 4
†RONALD G. BECK 2	THOMAS GRIFFIN... .. 5
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in two methods.

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NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven Spliced extents, viz.:

- 1 Bogedone, Ely, Knutsford, Wilmslow and Rosthern.
- 2 Fotheringay Castle, Dover Castle, Skipton Castle, Queen Victoria, Chepstow Castle.
- 3 Crowland, Abbeyville, Combermere, Vale Royal, St. Werburgh.
- 4 Trowel, Morning Star, Duke of Norfolk, Islington, Norbury.
- 5 Grove Delight, Braintree, Neasden, College Bob IV., Wragby.
- 6 Poynton, Marple, Old Oxford Modernised, Bocking, Willesden.
- 7 Overton, Oxford, Sandal, London Scholar's and Kingston.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN.	Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	4
JOHN P. FIDLER	2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.	5
WILLIAM FERNLEY	3	JOHN W. HARTLEY	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

This peal contains the greatest number of methods yet rung in seven true extents.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 4, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of College Single and four of Plain Bob called differently.

T. HURRELL	Treble	I. EMERY	4
F. GORRINGE	2	B. CROWTHER	5
R. BEARD	3	R. BRETT-SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by R. BRETT-SMITH.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Vicar (the Rev. A. H. Stevenson), who was buried at St. Luke's Cemetery, Bromley Common, on the same day. * First peal of Minor.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Disley, Norbury, Knutsford, Wilmslow, Rostherne, Poynton and Marple. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN.	Treble	HARRY LANGLEY	4
JOHN P. FIDLER	2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.	5
WILLIAM FERNLEY	3	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

The names of the methods in this peal represent six-bell towers in the Bowden and Stockport Branch, the methods having been first rung and named at Norbury.

APSLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN MALYAN	Treble	HARRY HOLLICK	4
THOMAS J. HULL	2	ALFRED J. ROGERS	5
ERNEST HUNT	3	WALTER AYRE	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

This is only the second peal on the bells, the first having been rung in 1907. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor, and also as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Treble Bob had been arranged, but the above had to be substituted. The ringers represent five towers.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(SOUTHWOLD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, Single Court and Double Court (Spliced), Double Oxford and Oxford Bob (Spliced), Kent and Oxford (Spliced), St. Clement's, Woodbine and Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER	Treble	FREDERICK WADE	4
JOHN LARTER	2	GEORGE LEE	5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

First peal in ten methods on the bells, by all the band, and for the Guild; and was rung at the first attempt.

WESTONING, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

GEORGE W. HELEY	Treble	ALBERT FLEET	4
HORACE H. SMITH	2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN	5
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD	3	EDMUND J. HOBBS	Tenor

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

First peal on these bells, which have recently been made six.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ALBERT E. PARSONS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 19 in F.

PERCY O. LAFLIN	1-2	JAMES E. GROVES	7-8
ALBERT WALKER	3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN	9-10
GEORGE F. SWAAN	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: MR. A. E. PARSONS AND MR. R. MATHEWS.

The band thank Mr. and Mrs. Parsons for their very kind hospitality and entertainment after the peal.

ST. MARY'S, ACTON, OUTING.

Owing to circumstances the St. Mary's ringers have to make their outing in two half-days, and late in the year. For the first trip a Saturday afternoon journey was made to Maidenhead, where an hour's ringing was thoroughly enjoyed, the methods successfully brought round on this lovely peal of eight being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. The next move was to Marlow, where the party were met by their old friend, Harry Collins, who joined them at tea. Afterwards a move was made to the tower, where some excellent ringing in the above-mentioned methods was enjoyed with the Marlow ringers. Wooburn Green was the final call, and Acton was reached near midnight. On the following Saturday the party visited Reading, where their esteemed friend, Mr. J. R. Mackman, piloted them to St. Lawrence Church, where they rang some Grandsire and Stedman Caters with the local band and Mr. Osborn, and the party were welcomed by the veteran, Mr. W. Newell. Tracks were made for St. Giles', and an hour there with standard methods went all too soon. After this the band split up for tea, some being the privileged guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mackman. The last pull was at Caversham, where a jolly time was spent in ringing various methods until 9.30. Best thanks are returned to the various Vicars for the use of the bells, to Mr. Harry Collins, to friends at Maidenhead, Mr. East, of Wooburn, Mr. and Mrs. Mackman and daughters for their hospitality, Mr. Osborn, and Mr. Simmonds, of Reading.

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DEVON GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL MEETING OF EXETER BRANCH.**

The fourth annual meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire ringers was held at St. Sidwell's Institute, Exeter, on Saturday week. A well-attended service was held in the Parish Church, and conducted by the Rev. J. B. Ball (curate of Littleham) and the Rev. E. V. Cox (Vicar of Littleham-cum-Exmouth). Tea and meeting were subsequently held in the Institute, and among those present were Messrs. E. Shepherd (chairman of the branch), W. J. Southwood (hon. secretary and treasurer), J. C. Oke (assistant secretary), the Rev. Maitland Kelly (President of the Guild), Mr. T. Bartlett (hon. treasurer of the Guild), the Revs. E. V. Cox, J. B. Ball, F. Knight, and E. A. Julyan. Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from the Revs. E. S. Powell (hon. secretary of the Guild), Frob. Smith-Dorrien, E. P. B. Weber, G. H. Mallett, and A. Poulton, and Mr. S. Hull. About 120 members attended, and included representatives from the following bands: St. Sidwell's, St. David's, and St. Thomas' (Exeter), Heavitree, Thorverton, Topsham, Newton St. Cyres, Littleham, Honiton Clyst, Upton Pyne, Withycombe Raleigh, Sowton, Clyst St. George, Christow, and Alphington.

A vote of sympathy was passed to the Rector of St. Sidwell's (the Rev. F. Jones), who is seriously ill, and to the relatives of the late Mr. J. Richards, a very old and respected member of the Guild. The hon. secretary was asked to write a letter in each case on behalf of the branch.

It was decided to hold a combined meeting of the Exeter and South Devon Branches at Chudleigh on Saturday, January 19th, to celebrate the augmentation and re-opening of the peal of eight now being installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The following officers were re-elected: Mr. E. Shepherd, chairman; Mr. W. J. Southwood, hon. secretary and treasurer; and Mr. J. C. Oke, assistant secretary.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting of the branch at Alphington on Saturday, March 1st.

It was gratifying to find new members still being elected. Four were admitted at this meeting.

Mr. Shepherd proposed a vote of thanks to the Revs. J. B. Ball and E. V. Cox for conducting the service; the organist, vergers and ladies, for kindly presiding at the tea tables.

An interesting event took place during the ringing, after the meeting, when two octogenarians, namely, the President of the Guild (the Rev. Maitland Kelly) and Mr. H. Payne, took part in a touch on the bells of St. Petrock's.

YE COMPLEAT CONDUCTOR.

We met for a peal of Cambridge Minor at a strange church in a strange village, at least, it was strange to we three. Our conductor met us at the gate, with the other members of the band, and, admitting us to the church, bade us beware the step near the lectern. We have still to find that step, but after a deal of shuffling we struck the ringing room, also minus a step. This we found to be 'illuminated' by a single flat-flame burner, 12ft. up the wall. Our cicerone, nothing daunted, produced from a hand-bag a complete incandescent fitting, remarking that he had 'pinned it from the front room.' By the aid of 'long Fred' and a bit of agility, the burner was soon 'in situ,' and the peal ran merrily until near the end of the third 720, when another step occurred, over which two tripped badly, and the tenors came up wrong way. Result, peal 'Napoo.'

After carefully removing the gas fitting, and hanging up the mantle (for future possible use) out of harm's way by means of a hook ingeniously fashioned from a hair-pin, we repaired to a place described by our official French linguist as a 'Estimate.' There we regaled all and sundry with courses of Triples, Major and Caters on the most weird set of handbells in existence. These bells are truly effeminate, having their tongues made of clothes-pegs with springs from the ubiquitous hair-pin. They have a nasty knack also of occasionally flying off the headstock, and proved most disconcerting to the waiters, who each kept recognising his own particular bell and answering it.

However, we three had a long way to go home, and our conductor volunteered to show us a near cut across the fields to the point where we could take a bus. After floundering about the first field in the inky darkness of war-time, the conductor mentioned quite casually that he had not been this way for years. Fortunately, we three were all 'old sweats,' and, with the ex-bandsman heading the ex-battalion, we made fair progress, until we found ourselves in a field with an unclimbable iron fence. 'We ought to ha' went through higher up,' quoth the conductor, but we climbed the fence and marched on.

Gravellyacre was soon reached, and here the conductor consoled us with 'There'll be a bus any minute now.' There was, and we got in and soon found we were making for quite a different point to what was desired, but after about 20 minutes of execrable road we struck a 'chaser,' which landed us in Waxton safely. We wonder if our conductor, who has a penchant for wrong trains, conducted himself home safely. Anyway, we shall give him the 'go by' next trip.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The six-bell band at Norbury, Cheshire, who are without question the premier company in spliced method ringing, have added yet further to their laurels, by ringing a peal in which no fewer than 35 methods have been linked up in seven true extents. This is really a wonderful performance, and the whole Exercise will congratulate this enterprising band upon their unique achievement.

On his departure for Brecon, the Rev. T. R. J. Jones, curate of Knighton, was presented by the ringers with a solid silver inkstand as a mark of their respect and esteem. The presentation was preceded by an excellent dinner, generously given by the Ringing Master (Mr. P. Jones).

Mr. R. Palmer, of Hatherleigh, North Devon, has died at the age of 94, in the house in which he was born and had lived all his life. As vergor of the parish church and the captain of the bell ringers up to recent years, he had rung the curfew at 8 o'clock each evening.

Leatherhead bells are to be restored by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. They have already been taken to the Foundry, where the 9th is to be recast. They will be rehung in complete new fittings.

Mr. B. Fullwood, of Sedgley, offers for sale the rights to manufacture a patent locking device for bells. Such a preventive against accident when bells are up is most desirable, and sooner or later is likely to be added as a sort of 'standard' equipment in belfries.

Both born on December 5th, 1865, in the county of 'Glaster,' Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association, and Mr. W. B. Biss, of Cardiff, have several times rung a birthday peal together. They added another to those successful celebrations by ringing in a peal of Grandsire Caters last week.

A record which stood for over 150 years was set up by the College Youths on December 15th, 1735, when they rang 8,008 Grandsire Cinques at Southwark. This is supposed to be the first peal on the bells, and the length was not beaten until 1887, when 9,020 was rung at Birmingham. At Southwark, 'Mr. Benjamin Annable call'd bobs,' and the peal was 'the longest that ever was done.'

On the old peal of twelve at Spitalfields on Dec. 20th, 1806, 'a peal of 6,334 Cinques upon Stedman's Principle' was rung by the Senior Cumberlands, 'being the most ever rung in that method.' Only five days before the Junior Cumberlands had rung 5,886 in the same method on the same bells, and these two performances coming so close together are all the more noteworthy from the fact that previously only two other peals of Stedman Cinques are known to have been rung.

The first peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' was rung at the 'Three Kings,' Clerkenwell, London, seventy years ago next Wednesday by the Cumberland Youths. The record of the performance says the peal was brought round in fine style, the ringers being John Cox, Thomas Powell, Henry Haley and Thomas Brittan. The ringing took place in the presence of 19 members of the College Youths and Cumberland Societies, some of whom checked the sixes as they were rung. Later on, we believe, Cooter condemned the peal as false. This is a point, perhaps, upon which some of our readers can give us definite information.

On December 15th, 1904, the first peal in South Africa was rung at Woodstock.

The first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, on December 17th, 1838.

A meeting of the London County Association (Southern District) has been arranged at short notice for Saturday next at St. Luke's, Chelsea.

The question raised in this column recently as to the youngest conductor of Holt's Original seems to be settled by the performance of a young Leicester ringer, Walter Whitehead, who last week called the peal before reaching the age of 18.

Last Saturday the first peal was rung on the bells at Westoning, Bedfordshire. Originally a ring of five, they were recently made into a peal of six by the gift of a treble by Mr. H. Spensley, of Westoning Manor, in memory of his mother. The work was carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The back five bells are dated respectively as follows: 1672, 1743, 1829, 1722, 1743.

ONE HUNDRED 720's IN A YEAR.

From December 24th, 1922, to December 2nd, 1923, St. James' ringers, East Crompton, Lancs, rang one hundred complete 720's in 13 Minor methods, 71 extents having been rung for service, as follows: Oxford and Kent Spliced, 3; Oxford, 9; Kent, 17; Violet, 17; New London, 6; Duke of York, 10; Woodbine, 11; Merchants Return, 6; London Scholars Pleasure, 10; College Bob IV., 7; Plain Bob, 2; Kingston, 1; Sandal, 1. There are two bands at this church who take Sunday ringing in turn.

TEN BELL TOWERS.

TEWKESBURY ABBEY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

Tewkesbury Abbey recently celebrated the eight hundredth anniversary of its foundation.



This fine view of Tewkesbury Abbey is from a photograph kindly loaned by Mr. P. E. Dawe.

At the present time this noble pile possesses a peal of ten bells, tenor 51 inches diameter, 24 cwt. The inscriptions are as follow :

Treble. AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM ET IN PIAM MEMORIAM ELIZABETHÆ POTTS, MATRIS DESIDERATISSIMÆ, DONO DICAVERTUNT OSWALDUS ET EDITHA WARDELL-YERBURGH, A.S. MCMXIII,
(By Mears & Stainbank.)

Second. AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM ET IN PIAM MEMORIAM FRANCISCI GULIELMI GODFREY, MDCCCL—DONO DICAVERTUNT FRANCISCUS ET CONSTANTIA GODFREY.
(By Mears & Stainbank.)

Third. IAS PEACE & WILLIAM HATHAWAY CHURCH W. AGR 1743.

Fourth. PROSPERITY TO THIS TOWN 1725

Fifth. ABRA: RUDHALL. JOHN CALE, 1696

Sixth. ABRA: RUDHALL CAST VS ALL 1696

Seventh. CAST AT GLOUCESTER BY T. MEARS 1837.
(N.B.—Mears used Rudhall's border ornament.)

Eighth. PEACE & GOOD NEIGHBOVRHOOD. AMEN.

Ninth. PROSPERITY TO THIS TOWNE & CHVRCH. ABRA: RUDHALL OF GLOUCESTER BELL FOUNDER. 1717.

Tenor. REV. CH: WHITE, VICAR. HENRY BRIDGES & HUGH MARTIN CHURCH W. 1837. T. MEARS FECT.

These bells were originally a peal of eight by Abraham Rudhall, sen., in 1696—probably one of his earliest works—the two trebles being added by Mears and Stainbank in 1913.

There was originally a detached campanile at Tewkesbury, of which Mr. H. B. Walters gives an illustration, in his 'Church Bells of England' (p. 63). The following tablets are in the belfry:—

'In the year 1837 this peal had two bells recast and all the others tuned, with new frame and hangings by Mr. Cull; and on the 16th of October in that year an opening took place, upon which occasion the Cheltenham Society succeeded in obtaining a true and compleat peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, containing 5184 changes, in 3 hours 6 mins., by:

JAMES LLOYD	<i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM PROSSER	<i>Fifth</i>
THOMAS SMITH	<i>Second</i>	WILLIAM CRUSER	<i>Sixth</i>
CHAS. GILLMAN	<i>Third</i>	RICHARD HUGHES	<i>Seventh</i>
CHARLES FREEMAN... ..	<i>Fourth</i>	THOMAS TURNER (cond.)	<i>Tenor</i>

'MACTE NOVA VIRTUTE. On these bells, January 15th, 1877, in 3 hours 3 mins., was rung by Tewkesbury Abbey Society, a true and compleat peal of 5040 Grandsire Triples, in 6 parts; the whole containing 194 bobs and 46 singles. The first rung here by a local Society:

GEO. CLEAL (age 15)	<i>Treble</i>	JNO. WATHER	<i>Fifth</i>
C. D. P. DAVIES, ESQ.	<i>Second</i>	J. WATHER	<i>Sixth</i>
G. HAINES	<i>Third</i>	E. WALLIS	<i>Seventh</i>
E. INSALL	<i>Fourth</i>	W. HAINES	<i>Tenor</i>

Weight of the tenor 24 cwt.'

GILLETT & JOHNSTON

ESTABLISHED 1844.



ROYAL EXCHANGE, 1921.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The last meeting of the year of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, on Saturday last, and was a very enjoyable one in every respect. Some 36 members attended, and a large number of methods, including Bristol, London and Cambridge Surprise, were rung.

A short service was held at 5 p.m., at which the Rev. J. Meeser (curate) officiated, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector (the Rev. G. T. McLean). The sermon was especially noticeable for some words of real wisdom, which it is hoped were taken to heart in these very troublesome days.

After tea a short business meeting was held, at which three new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks passed to the Rector for the use of the bells; to the Rev. J. Meeser for his great assistance and helpful words; and to Mr. A. Riley for his efforts to make this meeting a pleasant one, in which, it should be recorded, he succeeded. Thanks are also due to Mr. H. W. Strickland, a member of the Tottenham band, for valuable help rendered at the harmonium during the service.

Ringling was again indulged in until nearly 9 o'clock, in which the younger generation was well to the fore; and, judging by the interest taken by little Ernest Pye in what was going on, it will not be many years before he begins to make an attempt on some of his father's records.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held on Saturday at Portishead, and there was a good attendance. Ringling began shortly after 3 p.m., and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. An excellent tea was provided at the White Cot Dairy, and a business meeting followed, Miss Smith being in the chair.

Two new members were elected, viz., Miss G. Broad, and Miss G. Dobbs, of Portishead.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting in Bath early in March. The meeting was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Gillingham, the captain of the tower, and to Miss Smith for presiding. A return to the belfry was made by those able to remain, and a most successful meeting was brought to a close.

EDINBURGH SURPRISE MAJOR.

ANOTHER NEW METHOD.

The Leiston ringers have rung another Surprise method. It has been named Edinburgh Surprise, and is a product by Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. The band found the method interesting to ring, and something different to existing ones. A composition on the 'in and 5th's' plan shortens the courses and increases the musical features.

12545678	23456	M	In & 5th	W	H
21436587	34256	x			
12346857	54326	x			
21438675	43526	x			
24136857	36524		x		
42316587	26354	x			
24135678	25634	x			
24316587	35264	x			
42361578	52364	x			
43265187	23564	x			
34621578	62354	x			
36425187	53624	x			
63245817	42635		x		
62348571	62534		x		
26435817	24536		x		
24638571	45236	x			
42365871	52436	x			
43268517	32465		x		
34625871	24365	x			
36428517	43265	x			
63248157	63425	x			
62341875	35425		x		
26438157	25346	x			
24631875	53246	x			
42613857	32546	x			
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Rung at Leiston, Dec. 8th, 1923.
Conducted by C. F. Bailey.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT SELBY.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Selby on Saturday, December 1st, and by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D.), the abbey bells, a fine ring of ten, were placed at the disposal of ringers throughout the afternoon and evening. At choral evensong the address by the Vicar of Selby was much appreciated.

Tea was afterwards held in the Co-operative Hall, and about 35 sat down, representing towers at Doncaster, Hemingbrough, Hull, Market Weighton, Leeds, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Thorne, Wetherby, Wortley and York.

The business meeting followed, Dr. Solloway presiding. An apology for absence was received from Mr. A. E. Wert (vice-president), who was unfortunately laid by with a severe cold.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at Pontefract in March, 1924.

Two new members were elected to the association, viz., Mr. A. D. Clegg, of York, and Mr. T. Leask, of Fishlake.

On the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson (hon. gen. secretary), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Solloway for the use of the bells, and also for his address at the service.—The Vicar, responding in a humorous and happy vein, spoke of the great pleasure it gave him in having the association at Selby.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the choir and organist for their services, and to the local company for having made such excellent arrangements.—This was responded to by Mr. F. Ellis (assistant organist) and Mr. T. Morgan.

The members afterwards adjourned to the tower for further ringling.

DEATH OF AN OLD SMETHWICK RINGER.

Mr. Joseph Hughes, at one time a ringer at the Old Church, Smethwick, and in his early days at Leighton, near Welshpool, passed away very suddenly on December 2nd, in his 73rd year. The interment took place at the Old Church, Smethwick, on December 6th, the Rev. Canon Astbury officiating. Many wreaths were sent by relatives and old friends, and kind sympathy was freely expressed by those of the local ringers who remembered him. His death is mourned by the widow, and daughters and sons, Messrs. J. Hughes, of Bangor, and A. J. Hughes, Rhyl.

The deceased came of ringing stock, his father and grandfather having been ringers before him. He was not a great change ringer, but had rung a few peals of Grandsire Triples, mostly for the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, December 1st, at Pattishall, Northants, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Wise (first quarter) 1, J. W. Haynes 2, P. C. Asplin 3, J. M. Gray 4, J. A. Townsend (conductor) 5, A. Birch 6.

This quarter-peal was rung after the wedding of Miss A. Whitehead to Mr. Leslie Payler. The bride is the daughter of Mr. John Whitehead, who has for many years been a ringer and chorister at the Parish Church. The ringers were entertained to tea by the bride and bridegroom.

THE STEEPLEKEEPER'S DAUGHTERS.

On Saturdays, Nov. 17th and 24th, the two remaining daughters of Mr. G. T. Leader, of Slough, were respectively married at the Parish Church of St. Mary by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. P. Baines, M.A.), Miss May Leader being wedded to Mr. W. H. Jacques, and Miss Dorothy M. Leader to Mr. David Patey. Mr. Leader gave his daughters away, a quiet pretty wedding in each case, with relations and friends aroused, terminating with a honeymoon spent at Brighton.

Both ladies were change ringers, taught by their father, Dorothy having rung a couple of quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, and they helped to keep the Sunday Service ringling going during the war and afterwards.

On November 24th the Slough ringers and friends held an enjoyable practice at the church to honour the double event, when several touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung by Messrs. Hooper, Henley, Bateman, Smith, Farr, Leader, A. and T. Harding, Perryman, Welling, Bedford, Franklin, and the towerkeeper. An adjournment to the Reindeer Hotel, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Leader, enabled the company to drink to the health of the brides and the bridegrooms, and to taste the cake.

During his long connection with Slough tower, Mr. Leader has spliced many ropes, but few steeplekeepers can say they have 'spliced' four bonnie daughters.

W. H. F.

DUBLIN.—At St. Patrick's Cathedral, on December 3rd, 1,368 Grandsire Caters, in 57 mins.: David Gibb 1, G. Lindoff (composer and conductor) 2, Joe Atkinson 3, Richard Lynch 4, W. H. Wilson 5, Wm. Lynch 6, A. Murray 7, J. Cherry 8, G. Wilmot 9, Wm. Gibson 10.

CAMBRIDGE ROYAL RECORD.**MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION TO ATTEMPT LONG LENGTH.**

Quickly after the unsuccessful attempt for a long peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Duffield by the Midland Counties Association comes the announcement that on Boxing Day, Wednesday, Dec. 26th, members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild will (D.V.) attempt the same length (10,440 changes) at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, starting at 9.30 a.m.

The composition is by the Rev. H. Law James, and was published in 'The Bells News' on Dec. 31st, 1910, page 574.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Durham on Saturday. About 20 members, including the president (Mr. C. Todd) and the ex-president (Mr. W. Story) attended from Darlington, Newcastle, Sunderland, Houghton-le-Spring, West Hartlepool, etc., and the bells of St. Oswald's and the fine peal of eight at the Cathedral were kept going during the afternoon and evening.

It was arranged to hold the next district meeting at Jarrow about the middle of January.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South-Western Division was held at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, December 1st. Tea at the Nag's Head was followed by the business meeting, the Master (Mr. A. Prior) being in the chair. Members were present from Romford, Brentwood, Woodford, Longlton, West Ham, Leytonstone, and the local band. It was decided to hold a by-meeting at Wanstead early in March. The next quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton in April.—The retiring Master and secretary were re-elected.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in various methods, including Double Norwich and Superlative.

A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells; also to Messrs. J. H. Wilkins and J. Adams for making the necessary arrangements, which added to the success of the meeting.

'SILENT' SURPRISE MINOR PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It may interest Messrs. Dawson and Wheeldon, and also other members of the Exercise, to know that at least two 'silent' peals have been rung in seven legitimate Surprise Minor methods. The first was rung at Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, on February 16th, 1913, in 2 hours 46 minutes, and the methods were: Canterbury, London, Wells, Durham, York, Lancashire, and Stamford. The second one was rung at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Nov. 4th of the same year in 2 hours 39 minutes, and the methods were: London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge.

I have every reason to believe these were two excellent performances, and rung strictly according to the rules that govern silent peal ringing. In giving this information I in no way wish to detract from the high merit of the Bucknall men's achievement in 1897, but rather regret that the Central Council rulings were against them in later years.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

A FALSE METHOD.

Sir,—After reading Mr. Wheeldon's reply to Mr. Dawson's query, may I ask which Superlative was rung in the peal he refers to: Cambridge Surprise reverse, or the Superlative, No. 42 in 'C.C.C. Methods' P. If No. 42 was rung I cannot understand why it was allowed to remain, as I am quite sure it is an alien, it being impossible to get a 720 true with calling W.R.W., 32465 being a false row. Perhaps some other gentleman has pointed this out before, but not recently. To make it more plain here is a 720 by the lead ends showing the false rows.

	23456		34256		42356
	23564	—	34562	—	42563
A 1 x	36245	B 2 x	46325	C 3 x	26435
2 x	64352	3 x	62453	1 x	63254
	45623		25634		35642
	45236		25346		34526
	45362		25463		35264
	56423		56234		56342
C 62534		A 63542		B 64523	
	23645		34625		42635
	34256		42356		23456

1 x is false with 1 x, when treble is in 3-4, and the same applies to 2 x and 3 x. 32654 is also a false row. A 1 x is false with A. B 2 x is false with B, and C 3 x with C, also when treble is in 3-4. Cambridge Surprise Reverse is given as Superlative in William Banister's book.

23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston.

E. C. GOBEY.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

On account of the Christmas Holidays, *The Ringing World* for December 28th will have to be sent to press two days earlier than usual in that week.

Matter intended for publication in that issue should reach us as early as possible, but notices and reports relating to events on Saturday, December 22nd, will be accepted up to first post on Monday, December 24th.

We hope that all peals rung up to the 22nd will be sent to us by that date, so that they may not overload our columns in the following week, when we have to deal with the extra pressure of holiday ringing.

SPADE WORK IN CHESHIRE.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major at Port Sunlight recorded last week is worthy of special note. The achievement can be attributed almost wholly to the efforts of Mr. H. Ludkin, who, however, would, in his modesty, be the last to claim such credit. Here are the facts. The treble ringer was first introduced to a belfry early this year, another has been barely two years a change ringer, while in May of this year more than half the band had not rung Treble Bob Major inside.

In a district where change ringing was at a low ebb and peals by residents almost impossible, Mr. Ludkin's efforts have been responsible for the following successes since the early summer: 'Resident' peals of Treble Bob Minor and Major and Surprise Minor and Major. Several other peals have been rung, and on each occasion one or more 'first peelers' have taken part.

Such labours as Mr. Ludkin has put in in the cause of ringing merit recognition.

A MUFFLED HALF-PEAL.

At Christ Church, Pendlebury, Lancashire, on Sunday, Dec. 9th, for evening service, with the bells fully muffled, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hour 30 minutes by Wm. Walton 1, A. Wallwork 2, Geo. Morriss (conductor) 3, T. Lingard 4, J. Brockbank 5, S. Bradley 6, C. Sedden 7, J. Edge 8. This half-peal was rung as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. E. Chapman, whose funeral took place on December 6th at Swinton Cemetery. He had been connected with Christ Church for a number of years, having occupied the offices of churchwarden, sidesman and Sunday School teacher, and the loss of his services will be much felt by all connected with the church.

THE PEAL AT GAINSBOROUGH.

The peal of Bob Major at Gainsborough on Saturday was arranged for Miss C. Hepburn, of Isham, Northamptonshire, who was on a visit to Gainsborough, and is the first lady ringer to take part in a peal on these bells. It was also a farewell compliment to the Rev. K. J. McFarland, of New Zealand, who for the past three months has been assisting in the parish of All Saints, and, to the sincere regret of the parishioners, is taking his departure for other dioceses in England before returning to his native country.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Thursday, Nov. 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. C. White 1, R. White 2, G. Holfield, junr., 3, A. H. White 4, F. S. White 5, G. Holfield, senr. (conductor), 6, C. G. White 7, P. Trinder 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the treble and fourth; also by an Appleton band for 15 years.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Saturday, Nov. 24th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1,680 Grandsire Triples, in 61 mins.: C. Lovall 1, Miss G. Brown 2, Miss G. Mannings 3, A. Medd 4, E. Collins 5, H. Goodenough 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8. The ringers of 1, 3, 4, 6, are from St. Peter's, Bournemouth, and the rest are members of the local band.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, Nov. 10th (eve of Armistice Day), 720 Woodbine, with the bells half-muffled: R. Stredwick 1, M. Broomfield 2, A. White 3, W. White 4, G. Steele 5, F. Trusler (conductor) 6.—On Nov. 13th, 720 London Surprise: R. S. Cherryman 1, G. Steele 2, F. Trusler 3, A. White 4, R. Stredwick 5, W. White (first 720 as conductor) 6.—On Nov. 20th, 720 London Surprise: R. S. Cherryman 1, K. Hart 2, F. Trusler 3, R. Stredwick 4, W. White 5, G. Steele (first 720 as conductor) 6.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 21st, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, W. C. Cuss 3, G. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, A. J. King (first in the method) 7, W. Peachey 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss F. M. Hope, daughter of the conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Dec. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: W. Merritt 1, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 2, S. W. Holdaway 3, R. D. Marshall 4, C. H. Kippen, junr., 5, W. H. Daynes 6, R. A. Fardon 7, G. Redding 8.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.—On Sunday, Dec. 9th, at the Church of St. Giles, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. Dean 1, Miss I. Hastie 2, A. L. Brown 3, W. H. Corbett 4, A. Harman 5, G. A. Cook 6, J. Hoyle (conductor) 7, G. Mariner 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, Dec. 9th, for evensong, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Hawthorne (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, F. G. Goddard 2, T. Beadle 3, W. Ledbetter 4, J. Wilner 5, A. Beckensale 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Beadle 8. Arranged for F. Hawthorne, who hails from Thames Ditton.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Cullum 1, J. Moreton 2, D. Harvey 3, G. Coley 4, W. Smith 5, A. H. Hills 6, E. Hott 7, O. Robinson 8.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., was rung by the following: L. Cullum 1, W. Smith 2, D. Harvey 3, E. Hott 4, G. Cullum 5, A. Moreton (conductor) 6, J. Moreton 7, R. Middleton 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Church, on Sunday, December 9th, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins.: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, H. Jennings 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Leal 8. For evensong, the same day, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Chambers 1, W. Scott 2, H. Jennings 3, W. Johnson 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott 6, W. Upton 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes: W. Bidnell, junr., 1, Cyril P. Munn 2, W. Bidnell, senr., 3, A. Wratten 4, A. R. Manning 5, S. Mowl (conductor) 6, R. Birch 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8. In the evening, a quarter-peal in the same method, in 44 mins.: W. Bidnell, junr., 1, C. P. Munn 2, R. Birch 3, W. Bidnell (conductor) 4, S. Mowl 5, A. R. Manning 6, S. A. Gower 7, G. E. Drury (first quarter-peal) 8. This is the first occasion on which two quarter-peals have been rung on the same day since the bells were rehung in 1892.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, 910 Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Bryon 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Loyde 8.

CROYDON.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, arranged from J. W. Washbrook's peal, with alternate course ends: Miss Chapman 1, D. Wright 2, Miss Harcastle 3, Chas. Austin 4, Miss Orr 5, Wm. Smith (conductor) 6, T. G. Banister 7, Chas. Dean 8, S. R. Roper 9, E. Denham 10.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—At Holy Trinity Church, for evening service, on Sunday, December 9th, 1,056 Bob Major, in 40 mins.: R. Evans 1, W. D. Wase 2, A. S. Bayley 3, J. Hanley 4, T. E. Abbott 5, W. Lago 6, B. Rixom 7, G. L. Hewitt (conductor) 8.

STINCHECOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—For morning service, on Sunday, December 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Smart 1, J. Parker 2, F. Oakhill 3, A. Burcombe 4, J. Smith 5, H. Fussell (conductor) 6. First 720 of Kent on these bells; also a course of Oxford Treble Bob and a 120 of Grandsire Double.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, for evening service, on Sunday, December 2nd, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): Sergt. Porter 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, H. Dyas 5, P. C. Shipp 6, Sergt. Bottrell 7, E. Davis 8.

SPRINGFIELD.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Nov. 11th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Myhill 1, E. Kemp 2, W. Hawkes 3, I. J. Poulton 4, E. Runter 5, E. S. Buckingham (conductor) 6. Also 308 Kent Treble Bob. For evening service, 240 New London and 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. H. Myhill 1, I. J. Poulton 2, W. Hawkes 3, A. E. Davis 4, E. Runter 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Mary, previous to evensong, on Sunday, Nov. 4th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 52 mins.: H. W. Eise 1, E. W. Day 2, E. J. Newell 3, J. Hara 4, G. Wolfe 5, W. J. Croft 6, L. Fidler 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8.

MARKET DEEPING.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on Sept. 30th, 360 Fulbeck Bob: J. Landon 1, E. Wright 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, W. A. Day 4, Wm. Tilley 5, G. H. Wells 6. First touch, and first attempt in the method by all the band, no one having previously rung a plain course of it. Also touches of Primrose Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob and Bob Minor, with T. Henson treble. For evening service, 360 Double Court and 209 Bob Minor.

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

FEERING.—Essex Association.—For service, at 3 p.m., 1,264 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: R. Porter 1, J. C. Newman 2, W. H. P. Mellins 3, R. Fisher 4, F. Redgewell 5, G. Hayward 6, C. J. Rogers 7, W. Keeble (conductor) 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church for morning service, 500 Grandsire Caters: W. Flinders 1, F. Blood (15th Sherwoods) 2, M. Ward (Leeds 'Pals') 3, F. W. Bailey (Suffolks) 4, G. West (Royal Engineers) 5, F. Bradley (Royal Engineers) 6, L. Chadburn (R.A.F.) 7, P. A. Salter (Suffolks) 8, F. Johnson (conductor) 9, A. R. Leader 10.

BRAINTREE.—At the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, touches of Stedman Triples. For men's service, in the afternoon, with the bells open, 560 Double Norwich Court Bob Major. For evensong, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 45 mins.: C. H. Howard 1, W. J. Sadler 2, H. J. Collins 3, G. Wiffen 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, G. Lindridge 6, W. A. Cave, Bristol (composer and conductor), 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, for special Armistice Day service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, in 48 mins.: C. A. Hughes 1, A. Cooper 2, W. Little 3, H. A. Edwards 4, G. W. Cooper 5, H. Wood 6, W. Steed (composer and conductor) 7, J. Coleman and E. D. Lillywhite 8. J. Coleman has only been recently discharged from hospital.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 47 mins., the bells being half-muffled: A. J. Moore 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. E. Churchill 3, L. H. Page 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, F. Goodfellow (conductor) 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, C. G. Cooper 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th for the war memorial service, 840 Stedman Triples, half-muffled, in 31 mins.: W. Crawford 1, W. D. Wase 2, B. Rixom 3, J. Hanley 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders 6, J. Garbett (conductor) 7, J. Johnston 8. After the two minutes' silence the flag was raised from half-mast, and the bells rung open to 168 Stedman Triples for the 11.15 service at the church, Alfred S. Bayley and Thomas E. Abbott standing in.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's, for evening service, with the bells open, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stratton 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, W. C. Stacey (first quarter of Grandsire inside) 4, O. Hunt 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, R. Mackrill 7, J. Willmott 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (half-muffled), in 55 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, F. W. Townsend 5, C. Edwards 6, E. Harris 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

EXETER.—At St. David's Church, previous to service, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: S. Milton (first quarter-peal) 1, F. J. Davey 2, F. Gardner 3, J. Arbury 4, J. Oke 5, W. Lethbridge (conductor) 6, J. Moss 7, H. Bedford 8.

SPROTBROUGH.—At the Parish Church for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Stacey 1, H. Harding 2, W. H. Metcalf 3, W. Athron 4, E. Short 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Harding 1, W. H. Metcalf 2, E. Short 3, W. Athron 4, W. Dent 5, E. Stacey (conductor) 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with bells half-muffled: G. Williamson 1, Miss D. Dale (first 720 inside) 2, Miss A. Dale 3, Miss K. Jutson 4, W. Waldron 5, J. J. Jutson (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Williamson 1, W. Waldron 2, Miss A. Dale 3, J. J. Jutson 4, E. Tilley 5, F. Rowlinson (conductor) 6.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Iltyd's Church, with the bells half-muffled, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: Hugh Jenkins (age 14, longest length) 1, A. C. Jones 2, B. J. Toby 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, J. Evans 6, D. R. James 7, C. Greedy 8. For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. W. Wright 1, B. J. Toby 2, R. Evans 3, J. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (cond.) 5, A. C. Jones 6, D. R. James 7, C. Greedy 8.

CHELMSFORD.—For morning service, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Tolworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, J. Fleuty 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, A. Head 5, P. Timson 6, L. Clark 7, H. Kirton 8, C. Pease (conductor) 9, J. Wood 10.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—Before memorial evensong a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from 'The Clavis'), in 40 mins.: A. W. Cox 1, T. East 2, W. J. Napper 3, K. White 4, W. V. Webb 5, R. G. Rice 6, J. S. Napper (conductor) 7, W. A. Goodenough 8. Six of the above band served overseas in the late war. Before morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, for Armistice service, 168 and 336 Stedman Triples. For evensong 560 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, H. Jennings 3, H. Phillips 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year, to vote on matters of finance is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on December 20th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Trowbridge on Saturday, December 15th (postponed from Dec. 8th). Bells (10) available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. All ringers welcome.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Clapham on Saturday, December 15th. Bells from 7.30. Tea in the Reading Room at 5 o'clock. It is hoped that all members will try and attend, as this meeting is for the election of a District Secretary. All ringing friends welcome.—H. L. Harlow, Dist. Sec., 14, Newnham Lane, Bedford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Bishops Stortford, on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 at the Chequers Hotel. Business to follow.—F. Dench, Dist. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will take place at Dunstable on Saturday, December 15th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. Meeting after. A good attendance is particularly desired.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street, N. Dunstable.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Great Chart on Saturday, December 15th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged at the Black Dog Inn.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Talbot Road Roman Catholic Church, Blackpool (8 bells), on Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Decuman's Watchet on Saturday, December 15th, 1923. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Vicarage at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

NEWCHURCH PARISH CHURCH.—A new peal of 8 bells (tenor 12 cwt.), by J. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated on Saturday, December 15th. Service at 2.30. Tea provided in Schoolroom at 4.30 free to all ringers. Bells open to visiting ringers after tea. All ringers heartily welcome.—J. Leatherbarrow, 43, Wigshaw Lane, Newchurch, Warrington.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hoddesdon on December 15th, when the bells will be available during afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at reasonable cost. Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Dist. Sec., Little Munden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Arbor on December 15th. Bells (8). Ringing commences 3 o'clock. Bus leaves the Rushes 3.25. Fare 2d. to the Church. The bells of the Foundry will be available from 6 o'clock, and the business meeting will be held there. Will all members try to attend? Other ringing friends are heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, December 15th. Meeting in the Church Hall at 3.15 p.m. Tea to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 5 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—Dedication of West Wycombe bells by Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Buckingham at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 15th. Collection towards expenses. Tea provided, free, in Village Hall at 4.30. All welcome.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, December 15th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Ringing from 4 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Tea can be obtained near by. A good attendance is requested, and all ringers will be heartily welcomed.—Fred. W. Goodfellow, Hon. Sec., 9, Dorset Road, Ealing, W.5.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Felkirk on Saturday, December 15th. Bells ready early. Members are urgently invited to make this meeting a success by a record attendance. The bells have been re-hung, and are in excellent condition. Tea will be provided. Tickets applied for will have first turn. Apply to Mr. Cyril Northington, Cherry Tree Farm, South Hindley, Barnsley. Buses run past church.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 22nd, at Liversedge Parish Church. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Street's Restaurant at 5 o'clock. All those intending being present kindly advise me by December 18th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The next social evening will take place at the St. Martin's Hotel, City, at 7 p.m., on Saturday, December 22nd. Ringing at the Cathedral (10) from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., 6 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—These bells will be re-opened for ringers on Saturday, December 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head, provided for those who

notify me by Wednesday, December 19th.—J. E. Cawser, Doncaster Road, Tickhill.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Meetings for December, 1923: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 24th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 17th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on December 26th (Boxing Day). Service in All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in Lyne Road Mission Room. All Saints' bells available from 12 o'clock. Also St. Woolos' bells from 12 o'clock till 3.30 and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Boxing Day. St. Thomas' bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, followed by business meetings. Outstanding subscriptions should be forwarded to W. Upton, Dist. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport. I.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 12th, 1924.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—The third annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Commence 6 p.m. Full details will be given later. Tickets, 6/-, may be obtained now from any of the Bristol Towers, Stewards, or direct from the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from the dinner committee, whose names will be published in later issue.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

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LONG LENGTHS OF ROYAL.

The attempt which is to be made on Boxing Day for a peal of 10,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal is a reminder that among the many long lengths that have been rung, peals of "Ten-In" are by no means numerous. Peals of Major, in which the changes ran into five figures, could be literally numbered by the dozen—there are records of more than a score over 12,000 in length—and yet we believe the peals of more than ten thousand of Royal could be numbered on the fingers of one hand. Stedman and Grandsire Caters have been methods over which for nearly two centuries ringers have striven for records. No fewer than five times in the last thirty-five years the Stedman Caters' record has been broken, while half a dozen new records were made in Grandsire Caters during last century. But long lengths of Royal seem to have had little attraction for ringers during all this time; indeed, the record of 12,000 put up in 1784 by the Royal Cumberland Youths remained unbroken, as far as can be ascertained, until the Ashton-under-Lyne men rang a peal of 14,000 in the year 1914. The earlier record was the culmination of an interesting struggle for supremacy between the two great rival London societies, which began with a round ten thousand of Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch by the College Youths in 1777 and ended with the Cumberlands' 12,000 seven years later. And that, so far as we are aware, was the end of record making with ten-in for a hundred and thirty years, although there was more or less constant effort on all other numbers, with the exception of Maximus, in which a 10,224, rung at Painswick in 1833, waited until 1911 before being beaten—also at Ashton-under-Lyne. As far as we can trace, and should it be otherwise we should be glad to be informed, all the long lengths of Royal and Maximus have been Treble Bob, and herein perhaps lies the explanation of the absence of attempts to make new records. Has it been due to the uninteresting nature of Plain Bob and the monotony of Treble Bob that ringers have been loth to set out upon those herculean tasks that have marked the progress of record peals in other methods? If this be so, the advent of Surprise Royal ringing, as a more or less regular feature of present-day practice, is likely to change this state of affairs. The limitations which may be found even in Cambridge Surprise disappear in some of the newer methods, which are not only more difficult, and therefore more interesting, but, having a cleaner proof scale, will lend themselves to the composition of longer lengths without parting the big bells. We look upon this long peal of Cambridge Royal, by whoever it is first rung—and the Leicester men were unfortunate in not pulling it off—as the precursor of an attempt, or, maybe, series of attempts, to set up a new record in Royal ringing.

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On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb. in B.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JAMES GEORGE 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 9
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WILLIAM J. NUDDS 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
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TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 13, 1923, in Four Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

JOHN W. WOOD Treble	GEORGE LADD 6
WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 2	ARTHUR J. FARR 7
JOHN T. BROWN 3	JOHN CURRY 8
RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 4	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH... 9
JOHN G. AMES 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

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BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDWIN J. BROWN Treble	HENRY J. WAY 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 2	*† WILLIAM H. LEWIS ... 7
EDGAR GUISE 3	* WILLIAM C. HUNTER ... 8
ALFRED PEARCE 4	* GEORGE TREW 9
GILBERT PEARCE... .. 5	URIAH BRAVEN... .. Tenor

Composed by GEORGE DALTRY. Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Caters. First peal of bob-called Stedman as conductor.

EXETER.—THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	THOMAS LOVER 6
* JOHN OKE 2	EDMUND SARGENT 7
ALFRED MONKLEY 3	FRANK MURPHY... .. 8
† WILLIAM HOWE... .. 4	GEORGE BETTS 9
THOMAS BARTLETT 5	* JOHN HARRIS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters 'inside.'

REIGATE, SURREY.—THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

HENRY F. EWINS Treble	FREDERICK W. RICE 6
GEORGE MARRINER 2	WALTER CLAYDON 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 3	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 8
* STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 4	ARTHUR DEAN 9
REGINALD H. THORPE ... 5	GEORGE F. HOAD... .. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by G. F. HOAD.

* First peal of Royal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. W. Rice and Francis T. Hoad.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KIRKBURTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

J. ROLLINSON 1	... Treble	E. R. ARMITAGE 5
H. ARMITAGE 2		H. PICKERING 6
J. PICKERING 3		F. TOWNEND... .. 7
H. ROBERTS 4		J. W. PICKERING Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PICKERING.

LONDON,

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WILTON ROAD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPARROW 1	... Treble	GEORGE A. CARD 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2		CECIL J. MATTHEWS 6
JOHN W. CORNFORD 3		JOHN D. MATTHEWS 7
FRANK SMITH 4		THOMAS BEVAN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

GROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

HERBERT J. SKELT 1	... Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2		JAMES E. COOPER 6
AMOS W. CLARK 3		THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4		JOSEPH TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

This is the first peal on the bells since 1912. They have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Groombridge and Palmer. Rung as a birthday compliment to Amos W. Clark.

OLD WINDSOR BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK MIDDLETON 1	... Treble	FREDERICK TINDALL 5
WILLIAM BURDEN 2		ERNEST E. GOSLING 6
RONALD FRANKLIN 3		WILLIAM WELLING 7
*ROBERT WOOD 4		ARTHUR CROSS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. GOSLING.

* First peal inside. First peal as conductor. Rung by the local band to celebrate the 75th birthday of Mr. Joseph Guttridge, the much-respected foreman of the band, who hospitably entertained the ringers after the peal.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*MISS N. DENYER (AGE 13) Treble	†WILLIAM DENYER 5
*MISS ADDIE FISHER 2	ALBERT J. CROUCHER 6
†MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 3	†ALFRED J. CROUCHER 7
†MISS HILDA F. MILLS 4	QR.-SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

First peal of Major on the bells. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. The treble ringer was proposed a member of the Guild prior to commencing the peal. * First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ 40th peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, December 13, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. STACEY... .. Treble	RALPH MACGRILL 5
ERNEST H. COOK 2	FRANK SKEVINGTON 6
FREDERICK H. CROOK 3	CHARLES F. W. HUNT 7
GEORGE C. ILES... .. 4	*PHILIP STRATTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SKEVINGTON.

* First peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 14, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-THE-VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT W. WATTS... .. Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS 5
WALTER PRIOR 2	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	W. T. PRIOR 7
ALFRED PITSTOW... .. 4	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN. Rung on the occasion of the conductor's silver wedding, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Jordan, the wife of the ringer of the 3rd.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 14, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CYRIL VALENTINE Treble	†ERNEST PALMER 5
JOHN E. BIBBY 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
†NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
HENRY C. COLYER 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. BIBBY. * First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal in the method inside. First peal as conductor.

HUGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
JAMES F. CLARKE 3	EPHRAIM W. RANDE 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE. First peal in the method on the bells. First 'touch' in the method by the ringer of the 7th, who the ringers heartily congratulate on his excellent performance.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
WILLIAM H. HEWITT... .. 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE. The above is the 100th peal in the method for the above association, the 'Century' including the only three peals rung double-handed, and also the longest length ever rung.

BERNSTON, NOTTS. — On Monday, Oct. 22nd, 1,152 London Surprise Major: W. Clifford, junr., 1. A. Coppock (conductor) 2, W. Clifford, senr., 3, W. A. James 4, J. C. Dicken 5, E. C. Shepherd 6, F. Blood 7, F. S. Price 8.

CLIFFEAT-HOO, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	CHARLES WINSER 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 3	CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 7
WILLIAM HAIGH 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, SEN.
First peal in the method on the bells.

PERLY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13³/₄ cwt.

*GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
†ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
THOMAS H. REEVES... .. 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. E. NORMAN.
* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. George T. Mitchison and Thomas H. Reeves. Also as a silver wedding peal to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, Deputy Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
EDGAR MARLOW 2	BERT HORTON 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	THOMAS J. ELTON 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

ALTON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	C. Q. M. S. GEORGE GILBERT 5
CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
RAYMOND PHILPOTT 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. W. T. Beeson's 50th peal.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD BOB ONE-PART. Tenor 16³/₄ cwt.

EVERED J. WALSON ... Treble	PERCY E. CLARK... .. 5
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ... 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD... 7
HERBERT LANGDON 4	ARTHUR H. GAMBLE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger, **CRAYFORD, KENT.**

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 ¹ / ₂ cwt.	
GEORGE THOMPSON ... Treble	† JOSEPH BEALE 5
* JOHN ISON 2	BERT RIDGWAY 6
† WILLIAM COPE 3	FRED COTTON 7
SAMUEL WHITE 4	† ROBERT FURBROUGH ... Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal of Triples with bob bell.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5888 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER ALLWOOD ... Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
THOMAS O'HARA... .. 2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6
ALFRED E. BACON 3	FREDERICK E. SMITH ... 6
JOHN P. TARLTON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 257). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.
This composition is now rung for the first time.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

MARK BEND ... Treble	JOHN W. KIRTON 5
REV. C. J. STURTON... .. 2	ARTHUR W. WARD 6
R. CECIL BLAKEY 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
* CLARENCE BRIGGS 4	* JOHN H. BRANSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal. Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the augmentation and reopening of the bells. Messrs. Blakey, Briggs and Branstow were elected life members of the Guild.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt.

* FRANK TUCKER ... Treble	* ERNEST HINBEST 5
CHARLES H. SONE 2	JAMES W. LEONARD 6
GEORGE NEWMAN 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
GEORGE BELL 4	LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON. Conducted by LEWIS NEWMAN.
* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of J. W. Leonard, who has been a member of the Malling company for forty-three years, and captain of the company for thirty years.

GOUDHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

ANDREW MARSHALL ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HOAD 5
HARRY BAKER 2	FRANK PATTENDEN 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	* JAMES FOREMAN... .. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. Also first attempt by a lady on this heavy ring of bells which are rather difficult to control. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. The composition is the 36th in the C. C. Collection.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

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

Tenor 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

ALFRED A. DOBINSON... ..Treble	JOHN H. WHITE 5
GEORGE ELLIS 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 6
MISS E. FISHER 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	WILLIAM LYNCH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM...Treble	JAMES DORRANT 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 6
HARRY R. ROPER 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
WALTER RUFFLES 4	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... ..Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung in honour of the induction of the Rev. R. Carnegie Knox, M.A. The Brothers Ruffles belong to Monk Soham. Composition No. 49, C.C. Collection, Section III.

FINEDON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN J. MAWBY... ..Treble	THOMAS ABBOTT 5
*GEORGE LINES 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
*HARRY TOMPKINS 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
JAMES T. WARD... .. 4	GEORGE BASFORD ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. T. Ward.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHAPEL H.M. DOCKYARD, DEVONPORT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM WONNACOTT ...Treble	†ALFRED T. WESTCOTT ... 5
HARRY BURNER 2	WARREN S. HORN BROOK ... 6
WILLIAM HAMLYN 3	‡WILLIAM RUNDLE 7
WILLIAM RICHARDS 4	GEORGE GOMER... ..Tenor

Conducted by WARREN S. HORN BROOK.‡

* First peal. † First with 'bob' bell. ‡ 50th peal.

NELSON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

W. STEPHENSON ... ..Treble	W. H. HUNTER 5
C. W. STEPHENSON 2	E. OGDEN 6
*W. McCLEAVE 3	H. ENTWISTLE 7
H. WORMWELL 4	R. HARTLEY... ..Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by R. HARTLEY.

First peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the dedication which took place on Saturday, Dec. 15th, 1923. All the ringers belong to the tower of Holy Trinity Church, Burnley. * First peal.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

FRED HAYES ... ..Treble	EDWARD MARKHAM 5
GEORGE TWITCHEN 2	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD ... 6
RALPH COLES 3	JOHN EVANS 7
*ARTHUR J. HOING 4	†WILLIAM COLES... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN EVANS,

* First peal of Stedman Triples away from the tenor. † First peal on eight. First peal on the bells after restoration and addition of two new bells by Messrs. White, of Appleton. Great satisfaction was expressed at the tone and 'go' of the bells.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

OXTED, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

THOMAS FIRMAGER ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. CLINCH 4
H. F. HYLTON TIDY 2	EDWARD E. TIDY... .. 5
PERCIVAL C. TIDY 3	LEONARD A. TIDY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

This is the first peal on the bells which have recently been rehung and augmented to six by the addition of a new treble by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

DOULTING, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALDHELM,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES J. PAIN... ..Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 4
RONALD G. BECK 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. The band desires to thank the local men for their hospitality. This is the 100th tower in which the conductor has rung a peal.

WEST STOW, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 11, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's six different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

A. BALLAM ... ..Treble	S. BAYBUT 4
H. S. ARBIN 2	WILLIAM STANNARD 5
H. DORLING... .. 3	A. DORLING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WM. STANNARD.

First peal by all except the conductor, and rung at third attempt. First peal on the bells by a local band.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ARRANGED BY THE REV. E. BANKS JAMES. Tenor 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*THOMAS JENNISON ... ..Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4
*JOHN ALLEN 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON... .. 5
JOHN WILKINSON 3	*CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Surprise Minor. The band would like to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Jobling) for his hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six-scores each of Canterbury, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 18 differently called six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRED RANDALL Treble	HARRY BAXTER 3
REGINALD WILLIAMSON ... 2	FRANK FOX 4
TOM BUTLER... .. Tenor	

Conducted by TOM BUTLER.

Rung for the induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. W. Slater Hills).

WALTHAM, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

HAROLD RUSHBY... .. Treble	JOHN B. BUDD 4
EDWARD W. ABBOTT 2	RALPH S. LONG 5
CHARLES W. TAYLOR... .. 3	HERBERT J. MINGAY ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT J. MINGAY.

First attempt at Oxford by E. W. Abbott, who hails from Alvingham, Louth. First peal as conductor by H. J. Mingay.

WESTHAM, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, 10 six-scores of Grandsire with 3 as the plain hunt bell, and 20 six-scores with Treble as the plain hunt bell, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt, 1 qr, 10 lb.

*FREDERICK G. MILLER ... Treble	GEORGE PENFOLD 4
HENRY J. FIELD 2	JOHN H. BRAY 5
*WILLIAM MILLER 3	*FREDERICK DALLAWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PENFOLD.

First peal on the bells. * First peal and first attempt. The first five ringers belong to Pevensey; the tenor to Westham.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, December 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

*VICTOR ALLEN Treble	HUBERT JONES 4
W. J. BENIAMS 2	*GEORGE ALLEN 5
W. R. NASH 3	*JOHN PLAIN Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal inside. Treble, 5th and tenor are Stokesay ringers; 2nd, 3rd and 4th from Ludlow. This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. Joel Allen, father and grandfather of the 5th and treble ringers, respectively, on his completion of 50 years' service as clerk at Shipton Church.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 13, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-DE-MERTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

STANLEY G. HARLOW ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
*MISS ELISE K. KNIGHT ... 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW 5
CHARLES A. ROBINSON ... 3	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Tenor

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the Rev. F. M. Squibb, who was inducted Rector of the above church on the 11th inst.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, December 15th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin, Beachampton, 720 Grandsire Doubles by H. Warren 1, W. Alderman 2, W. Neale 3, R. Bailey 4, A. W. Dillon (conductor) 5. This was rung after the wedding of Mr. Reggie Ginger and Miss May Lovell, the bride being the sister of one of the local ringers. In the evening the bells again rang out merrily as the happy pair left for the honeymoon.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double and Single Oxford (Spliced), Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
*MISS KITTY MOORE 2	JOSEPH LONDON... .. 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	GEORGE H. WELLS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in eight methods, and proposed a member previous to starting.

BERGH-APTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 Double Oxford Bob, and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

†CHARLES WALPOLE Treble	ARTHUR A. CORBYN 4
*GODFREY G. WALPOLE ... 2	HARRY W. BARRETT 5
ROBERT A. WARMAN... .. 3	FREDERICK A. FINCH ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. FINCH.

† First peal in four methods. * First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 10, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2	JOHN FOSTER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7-8

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal in the method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor size 14 in D.	
WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 1-2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	MRS. W. R. MELVILLE ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING AND JESSIE MELVILLE.

Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Melville on the 26th anniversary of their wedding.

LONDON.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 12, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT 130, CLONMORE STREET, S.W.18,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor B flat 16.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS 1-2	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5-6
HERBERT LANGDON 3-4	JOHN SPARROW 7-8
CECIL J. MATTHEWS 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.
Umpire: MR. WILLIAM S. LANGDON.

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DINNER & PRESENTATIONS AT BLACKHILL.

On Thursday, December 6th, the members of St. Aidan's Guild, Blackhill, held their first annual dinner in St. Aidan's Church Hall, Blackhill. The chair was taken by the President (the Rev. Jenkin Jones, M.A., Vicar), Mr. G. W. Brydon being in the vice-chair. About 40 guests sat down to an excellent repast, amongst those present being Mr. Chas. Todd, of Darlington, the President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association; Mrs. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Brodie, Miss Mudge, Mrs. Lee (the donor of St. Aidan's bells), Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J. Siddell (vice-presidents), Mr. W. W. Sinclair (the Ringing Master) and Mrs. Sinclair, together with the ringers and their wives.—After dinner the Chairman proposed the toast of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, saying how much St. Aidan's Church was indebted to the association for having provided ringers when the bells were dedicated a year ago, and for their assistance and advice in all matters pertaining to ringing; also for recommending a practical ringer in Mr. Sinclair as instructor.—Mr. Todd, who replied, thanked the chairman for his kind remarks, and said that by assisting in the way referred to the association was carrying out one of the objects for which it was intended, while another was to improve the quality of ringing for Sunday services.—'St. Aidan's Guild of Change Ringers' was proposed by Mr. Marshall, and responded to by Mr. Macfeggan.

Mr. J. Siddell proposed the health of the founder of the feast, Mrs. Lee, and referred to her great generosity in giving the bells to St. Aidan's Church.

Mr. Brydon proposed the health of the ladies.

Harmony was supplied by Messrs. P. Watson, N. Johnson, and others, the ringers adding their share to the proceedings by ringing a plain course of Grandsire Triples and 120 Bob Doubles, etc., on the handbells.

During the evening, Mr. Sinclair presented each ringer with a certificate of membership of the Durham and Newcastle Association, and also with the association badge to wear on their watch chains.

Perhaps the most pleasing item on the programme was when the chairman, on behalf of the members of the Guild, presented Mr. Sinclair with a gold Albert and pendant, as a slight mark of esteem and regard for the way in which he has carried out his duties as Ringing Master. The pendant bears this inscription: 'Presented to Wm. W. Sinclair by St. Aidan's Guild of Change Ringers, November, 1923.'

In making the presentation, the Vicar referred to the hard work

Mr. Sinclair had put in, in teaching a band of ringers who were all novices.

Mr. Sinclair, in thanking the members for their gift, said it was a pleasure to help and teach those who were willing to learn the art of bell ringing, and he hoped before another year passed, to have the best band of ringers in the district for eight bell towers.

'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at St. Swithin's, Sandy, on December 8th. Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. W. G. Cope presided. Members were present from Biggleswade, Everton, Clifton, Roxton, Northhill, Sandy and Cambridge. The committee were re-elected en bloc.

Mr. C. J. Ball was elected district secretary.—One new member was elected, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Old Warden.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the chairman, brought the meeting to a close.

Some good touches were rung during the afternoon, including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine, Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles. The bells were run down before 7 o'clock by request of Mr. Rust, whose wife was ill. Mr. Rust wishes the secretary to thank all the ringers who were present for acceding to his request.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

A successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Clapham on Saturday. Ringing started at 3 o'clock. Tea was served in the reading-room, and was kindly provided by the churchwardens. At the business meeting, the Vicar (the Rev. E. Barton) was in the chair, supported by Mr. T. Yeomans (churchwarden). Members were present from Bedford, Kempston, Turvey, Biddenham, Roxton and the local company.

Miss E. Steel was asked to carry on the office of secretary pro tem. to the next meeting, to be held at Cardington early in the new year, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

The Vicar welcomed the members to Clapham, and was thanked for the use of the bells. Hearty thanks were also accorded to the churchwardens for the tea, and to the ladies who waited at table.

The tower was again visited, when the Vicar unveiled a peal board recording a peal of Doubles rung by an entirely local company, with the exception of the conductor.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

On account of the Christmas Holidays, *The Ringing World* for December 28th will have to be sent to press two days earlier than usual next week.

Matter intended for publication in that issue should be sent at once, but notices and reports relating to events on Saturday, December 22nd, will be accepted up to first post on Monday, December 24th.

"The Ringing World" will be published as usual on Friday.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Venerable the Archdeacon of Swindon has accepted the invitation of the Bristol United Guilds to be present at their third annual dinners as 'guest of the evening.' Musical items will be given this year between the toasts. There is, we are informed, a little surprise for the committee, which will be very much appreciated, being in the nature of a return for 'Honour Bestowed.'

The Middlesex Association are, we believe, the first society to ring a hundred peals of Bristol Surprise. To the fact that their leading Surprise ringers took the method up with such keenness is largely due the popularity which Bristol has attained to-day. Outside the three old Surprise Methods, no other has been practised to anything like the same extent as the Rev. E. B. James' creation. The Middlesex 'hundred,' it is interesting to note, includes the only three hand-bell peals in the method, and the 15,264 at Hornchurch in 1912.

The new peal of eight at Nelson, Lancs, installed by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, were opened on Saturday.

Seaford (Sussex) bells which have been recast, and rehung in a new frame, are to be dedicated to-morrow (Saturday).

The very first peal of Treble Bob on record was rung on December 27th, 1718. This was a performance by the Union Scholars, and the peal was rung at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, City. Following the custom prevailing at that time the society called the method after their own name, viz., Union Treble Bob, but, although the title clung to it for a while, other ringers gave it the name of Oxford, by which we know it to-day.

To all our Readers,

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS."

An interesting fact about this peal is that the composition is preserved to us. It is a five-part, with a before in every course, and two bobs Wrong and one Home in every fourth course.

The Christmas Holidays have been a favourite time for long peals, and among the noteworthy peals have been the following: On Dec. 26th, 1831, 15,168 Kent Treble Bob Major at Elland; 1885, 8,064 Double Norwich at Leiston by College Youths; 1894, 9,312 Superlative Surprise at Crawley; 1901, 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham; 1901, 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major at Beeston, Notts; 1910, 9,728 Superlative Surprise (record) at Clent, Worcestershire.

On December 27th, 1904, 17,104 Double Norwich at South Wigston; 1909, 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major, Brierley Hill.

Miss Nancy Denyer, at the age of 13 years, has just rung her first peal at Aldershot, where the local band, including four ladies, have just scored their 'first.' The method was Bob Major. The band would like to know if they possess the youngest lady who has ever rung a peal of Major on tower bells. Miss Denyer rang her bell exceptionally well throughout the peal, and the Ladies' Guild have every reason to be proud of the latest recruit to their peal ringers' ranks.

It will be noticed that a handbell peal rung in London by Cumberland and College Youths last week, was rung under the auspices of the Oxford Guild.

With regard to the peal of Cambridge at Port Sunlight on November 26th, it should have been recorded as the first peal of Surprise Major by a band residing in the Wirral Peninsula.

The peal of Doubles at Barlaston, Staffs, on November 24th, was rung in 2 hours 50 minutes, not 3 hours 50 minutes, as published.

The new trebles to make a peal of eight at West Wycombe and the new peal of eight which Messrs. Taylor and Co. have placed in the tower at Newchurch, Lancs, were dedicated on Saturday. No time was lost in putting the bells to the proof, for in each case a peal was rung on them on the following day.

A letter from Mr. A. Craven with regard to Edinburgh Surprise is unavoidably held over till next week.

Six mats used by bell ringers at Chertsey Parish Church—where the curfew has been rung for 600 years—have been stolen from the belfry. This is one of a series of thefts from churches in West Surrey, the belief being that the person who carried them off used a motor-car.

DEDICATION OF NEW PEAL AT NEWCHURCH.

A SPLENDID PRODUCTION FROM LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

On Saturday, December 15th, the new peal of bells at the Parish Church, Newchurch, near Warrington, were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon Howson (Archdeacon of Warrington). The service was, indeed, very impressive, and there was a large attendance, which included many bell ringers from various parts of the country, and Mr. Taylor, representing the founders.

The recast bells are a beautiful ring of eight, cast by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., the famous Loughborough foundry. The tenor bell is a fine-toned bell of just over 12 cwt., in F sharp, and the whole peal have been tuned on Messrs. Taylor's latest reinforced system of harmonical tuning. Undoubtedly to the listener the peal sounds wonderfully melodious, quite a contrast to the original bells, and upon all sides, as the congregation were leaving the church after the dedication ceremony, one heard nothing but praise for the wonderful tonal results obtained.

Then with regard to the fittings, these contain all those improvements in bell hanging which Messrs. Taylor have introduced in recent years, including, of course, ball bearings in which the bells swing.

The strong and massive iron framework which carries the bells is so designed by the bell founders that the least possible amount of strain is placed upon the tower walls, and this framework is even a source of strength to the tower, as the main foundation girders are arranged and fixed so as to form a bond to the tower walls. The ringers were entranced by the splendid 'go' of the bells, and everyone is to be congratulated upon the achievement of so magnificent a result.

The inscriptions upon the bells are as follows, together with the founders' mark—Recast by Taylor, Loughborough—on each bell:—

Treble.—To the memory of their nephew, Robert Leigh, who died at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, Nov. 14th, 1911, aged 22 years.

2nd.—The gift of the Misses Leigh, Leigh Hall, Kenyon.

3rd and 4th bells blank.

5th.—Three bells, the gift of M. M. S. Marsh, High Peak, Kenyon. In memory of her brothers.

6th.—To the memory of Ann Allen, Brooklyn, Culcheth. The gift of her sister.

7th.—To the memory of Thomas Ellames Withington. The gift of his son and daughter, Arthur and Cecelia.

Tenor.—To the memory of the fallen in the war, 1914-1919. Rev. E. W. Whittenbury-Kaye, Rector. R. Grimshaw and R. Overton, Churchwardens, 1923.

After the ceremony, the ringers and visitors were invited to the Schools for tea, over which many reminiscences were recalled. However, as may be imagined, the ringers were eager to return to the belfry, and the first touch of Superlative Surprise was rung on the bells by the following: Messrs. A. Barnes, P. Taylor, T. B. Worsley, A. F. Baily, J. Potter, T. Barlow, J. W. Washbrook and H. Openshaw. Many other methods were rung during the evening by various ringers.

The Newchurch band consists of Messrs. J. Leatherbarrow (leader), F. Reynolds, J. Yates, W. Hampson, J. Orms, G. Pounall, W. Gould and E. Leatherbarrow. There are two understudies, E. Thomason and H. Thomason.

On Sunday next a carol service is being held in the church, the special feature being the ringing of hymn tunes upon the bells.

'THE BIG BELL OF BOW.'

The famous tenor at Bow, Cheapside, is justly considered by musical experts, and by ringers generally, to be unexcelled for richness and purity of tone. It is also, perhaps, the most historical and valued bell in existence. The 'Big Bell at Bow' is versed in nursery rhyme, and well known in all parts of the world! It cannot, therefore, be wondered at, that it is the ambition of many men to ring it for a peal. Up to about a century and a half ago, the records show that it always required two and sometimes three ringers to achieve this, but in 1787, Philip Pilgrim was the first man to do so single-handed.

A lengthy search of all the records show that up to the present moment exactly 21 ringers have accomplished this performance, which number includes two well-known ringing parsons. We venture to think, however, that none can appreciate the distinctive honour of doing so more than F. E. Dawe, who called a peal of Stedman Cinques from it on Saturday, December 8th, within measurable distance of his 62nd birthday!

Many peals of Stedman Cinques have now been called from the tenor, but Mr. Dawe was the first to do this when he called the famous 'Bachelor's Peal' at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, City, on 7th February, 1891.

The earliest recorded mention of a bell at Bow Church is in 1334, when the city ordered that no one should wander about the streets 'after the hour of curfew rung out at the Church of our Lady at Bow.' The Great Fire of 1666 destroyed the old bells, and eight new bells were installed in 1669. In 1762 the peal was recast and two trebles added, while later they were made into the ring of twelve which we know to-day.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal, 10,440 changes, will be attempted (D.V.) at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, by members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, on Wednesday, December 26th, starting at 9.30 a.m. The composition is by the Rev. H. Lav James, and will be found in 'Bell News' for Dec. 31st, 1910, page 574.

BELLS IN THE COUNTRY.

AN APPRECIATION BY RONALD D. WHITTENBURY-KAYE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—After weary months of waiting, we, in a little country parish, have at last got a peal of bells in our village church. Imagine a country district on a Sunday morning. No bells to call us to prayer in the House of God—no clock to tell the time. No sweet music during the week. How we existed without, one only knows—perhaps it was because we were living in a state of joy—knowing that eventually we could boast of a peal of bells which no place for many, many miles around could possess.

Dedication day arrived, the village was in a state of excitement, and thronged the church to the number of about 500. After the dedication prayers had been read, what did we hear—why, the most delicious sound of the sweetest music imaginable. Eight bells harmonising perfectly one with another. Ah! how great, we had waited for that moment for many years, just prior to the war, when a fund was opened for a new peal to consist of eight bells.

Just one word about the ringers. Few know how hard our ringers have worked for this great day. We have the finest band of ringers in the country (dubious ringers please note, and if in complete doubt visit Newchurch to learn the honest truth). Before long we shall be breaking every record imaginable. The ringers have started practices already, and although it is but two days since we have had the bells dedicated, the ringers have improved wonderfully.

We have only praise to give to Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, but that I think is all they require. If we are satisfied they must be, and they will look up to us now to show the rest of the ringing world how to ring bells, under the leadership of Mr. Joe Leatherbarrow.—Believe me, Sir, only an onlooker.

RONALD D. WHITTENBURY-KAYE.

A PEAL AT 86.

REMARKABLE FEAT BY AN OLD RINGER.

The ringer of the third bell in the peal at Kirkburton Parish Church on December 8th, a report of which will be found on another page, accomplished a feat which ringers in the Huddersfield district are proud to place on record.

Mr. Joseph Pickering was 86 years of age on August 1st last, and we cannot do otherwise than pay a tribute of admiration to the old gentleman for his pluck and endurance in standing under a bell for 3 hrs. and 10 minutes for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major. The writer is pleased to say that when he went to Kirkburton last Sunday evening to congratulate Mr. Pickering on his performance he found him at his usual place ready to take part in the Sunday Service ringing, which he had done intermittently for the long period of 71 years at this church.

Wonderful feats of endurance by old ringers are often related in these columns, but this, it is believed, will constitute a record, as also in long service as a ringer at one church.

Mr. Pickering is the only surviving member of the 'All England Company of Change Ringers,' to which Mr. T. Stead, whose obituary was published last August, also belonged.

Mr. Pickering helped to win a good number of prizes in his day, and these include 12 first and 13 second prizes, of which he was justly proud. His first success in prize ringing was gained in a competition in 1862, when he assisted to capture the fifth prize.

Mr. Pickering acted as judge on many occasions at ringing competitions, and was appointed judge to the old United Counties Association. He has taken great interest in local affairs, and acted as chairman of the old Local Board, and for nine years as chairman of the Urban District Council, his connection with the two bodies extending over a period of 35 years. Mr. Pickering was for 45 years corresponding secretary for the Kirkburton district of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows.

The ringer of the second bell in the peal at Kirkburton was the third generation of Armitages as service ringers with Mr. Pickering.

During the evening a dinner was served in the Masonic Hall, and a social evening followed, at which a pleasant ceremony was performed, a framed enlargement of his own photograph being presented to Mr. Pickering as a token of regard from ringers, choir and friends. It is hoped that Mr. Pickering will be spared many years in as good health as he is at the present to carry on his good work.

LIMPSFIELD, SURREY.—On Friday, Nov. 30th, at St. Andrew's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: T. Firmaker 1, H. Tidy 2, C. Clinch 3, P. Tidy 4, E. Tidy 5, L. Tidy (conductor) 6.

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ACCIDENT AT OAKHAM BELFRY.**TENOR BELL BREAKS.**

An alarming accident occurred at Oakham Parish Church on Sunday week while the bells were being rung for 10 o'clock Eucharist.

The bells were being raised in peal when the tenor, which weighs about a ton and was being rung by Mr. W. E. Higgs, stopped suddenly, with a heavy thud. On going to see what had happened the ringers found that the bell had broken at the crown. The top was still attached to the headstock, but the rest of the bell had become wedged in the frame. Had it come through the floor, of course, the damage would have been much more serious.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING ENDS A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.**

The Southern District of the above Association wound up a successful year, by a very pleasant meeting at St. Luke's, Chelsea, on Saturday. It was regretted that such short notice was given, and attendance under the circumstances was very good. Ringers attended from Beddington, Camberwell, Croydon, Ealing, Hammersmith, Islington, Kensington, Streatham, Uxbridge, and the local band. Two ladies were among the company: Mrs. R. F. Deal and Miss P. M. Moss, from Uxbridge. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent and Cambridge Royal, S'edman Triples, Superlative and Cambridge Major.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Ven. Archdeacon Bevan for the use of bells, and to Mr. Hinds, and the local company, for having same in readiness.

The officers desire to thank the members for their loyal support during the year, and wish them a very happy Christmas, and in the coming year continued good progress.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.**ENJOYABLE MEETING OF SOUTHERN BRANCH.**

A successful and well-attended meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Elmley Castle, on December 15th, when, in addition to branch members, visitors were present from Worcester, Crowle, Hanley Castle and Upton-on-Seven. The bells, a peal of six on the heavy side, were utilised throughout the afternoon, the methods ranging from Grandsire Doubles and Plain Bob to Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise. The Association's special form of service was held in the Parish Church, the Vicar (the Rev. Harcourt B. S. Fowler) officiating. Going somewhat off the beaten track, he gave an original address, indulging in what he termed 'plain speaking,' a course most acceptable to those present.

A second appeal on behalf of Rowley Regis Bell Restoration Fund realised 15s.

Through the generosity of the Vicar, tea was provided in a private room at the Queen's Head, and he subsequently presided at the business meeting.

Several new members having been elected, it was decided to hold the spring meeting at Overbury, subject to the approval of the Rev. W. Lea, and to attempt the quarterly peal on Elmley bells, with Mr. R. Harris as conductor.

The retiring branch officers (viz., Mr. J. D. Johnson, Master; Mr. J. Hemming, secretary and treasurer; Mr. J. Hall, Central Committee representative) were re-elected en bloc for the ensuing year.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the welcome he had given the branch, the use of the bells, officiating at the service, and his splendid address, his generosity in providing tea, and for presiding at the meeting; to the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hamton) for his presence; to the organist and Mr. W. Bennett for their services; and to the ladies who attended to the tea tables, were carried in an unusually hearty manner, those concerned replying briefly.

The Vicar then sprang a pleasant surprise on the members, in announcing that he had arranged a social evening, and had obtained the services of Mr. G. Crook, of Pershore, as pianist. He himself was the life and soul of the party, giving pieces from his extensive repertoire from 'Three Blue Bottles' and 'The Bassoon' to 'The Lads of the Old Brigade,' while his unlimited store of witty anecdotes kept the company in uncontrollable mirth and good-humour. Mr. Crook, in his inimitable manner, gave as recitations, 'The Major,' 'The Butcher's Boy,' and others.

A new composition dealing with local personnel and branch events, was now r(s)ung for the first time by Mr. G. Ashley, and caused much merriment, while Mr. F. J. Johnson contributed his usual quota with his 'Pack of Lies,' 'Quipps, the Quaker,' 'Bacon and Greens,' and 'Blue-Haired Boy.' Others to contribute to the evening's enjoyment were Messrs. J. Hall ('Old Iron'), and 'Hall's Variation of the Farmer's Boy'. G. J. Hemming ('Me and My Wife'), with Mr. F. Poole at the piano, and J. D. Johnson ('The Trumpeter'). The handbells were also requisitioned, and Treble Twelve being out of the question (owing to the unavoidable absence of Miss Johnson), Treble Ten and Grandsire Caters were rung. A novel feature was introduced by Messrs. G. J. Hemming and J. D. Johnson, who gave handbell selections with piano accompaniments by Mr. Crook. The singing of 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem, brought to a close what was unanimously voted by all present to be the most successful and enjoyable meeting ever held by the branch.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Yatton on Saturday, when about 14 towers were represented. The bells were raised in peal, and touches of Stedman Triples rung before the business meeting, which was held in the Church House. The Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presided, supported by the Rev. F. E. Peart (Vicar of Yatton).

At the outset the Master said the meeting should have been held at Congresbury, but owing to the illness of the Vicar (Canon Law), who had since died, it could not be held there, and he moved that a vote of sympathy with the relatives be sent. — This was carried by the members standing.

The ordinary business was then proceeded with, one honorary and 27 performing members were elected.

It was announced that the next meeting would be held at Frome.

Two resolutions with regard to alterations of rules—one from the Dunster branch and one from the Ilchester branch—were read. After some discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the committee, and after they had met, to call a special meeting to deal with the matter.—The Master then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rev. F. E. Peart for kindly allowing the association to come to Yatton at so short a notice, and for making the arrangements for service, and the use of the bells.—The Vicar briefly replied.

Tea was then partaken of, after which a short service was held in the Parish Church.

During the evening touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob and Treble Bob Major were rung.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**ARCHDEACONRY OF ELY.**

A district meeting was held at Ickleton on Saturday, Dec. 15th, when, in addition to the local band, ringers were present from Newmarket, Cambridge, Wendens Ambo, Elmdon, Castle Camps, Great Chesterford, and Stapleford. A short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. H. Cooke) was held in the church, followed by tea and meeting at the Duke of Wellington. Two ringers from Wendens Ambo were elected as non-resident members, and the Rev. R. Routh, Rector of Castle Camps, was elected as a resident member.

The Rev. R. Routh, who has recently been appointed to the living of Castle Camps, cycled a distance of 12 miles to attend the meeting, and took part in several touches.

The Ickleton Society of Ringers generously defrayed half the cost of the tea, which was presided over by the Vicar. The methods rung during the day included Grandsire Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob on the lower bells, and Bob Major, Grandsire Triples, and Bob Minor on handbells. The Ickleton ringers also played a number of tunes, including carols, on the handbells.

THREE HOURS OF ROUNDS.

In connection with the peal at Westham, Sussex, recorded this week, it is interesting to note that the bells were first hung in the tower in 1789 by the Whitechapel firm, the tenor being about 8 cwt. In 1921 they were recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, with additional metal, as a memorial to those killed in the war, their names being inscribed on the bells.

About 20 years ago the ringers of Christ Church, Eastbourne, attempted a peal of Bob Minor, which was lost in the sixth extent, and so far as is known, no other attempt has ever been made to ring a peal on the bells, while only for a short time has there ever been a change ringing party in this tower. The peal now rung was attempted at the invitation of the captain of the Westham band—the tenor man, and the Pevensey five, who can all ring Bob Minor, hope to attempt a peal of Minor shortly.

The time of the peal is not, however, the longest time these bells have been rung. About 40 years ago the newly-appointed Vicar told his ringers that in London peals were rung which lasted three hours. They did not believe him, but in order to test it, six men rang rounds for three hours. What about that for a record?

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Southern Division was held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, December 8th, when members attended from Sheffield (All Saints' and St. Maries'), Rotherham, Wath, Handsworth, Tickhill, Badsworth, Darfield, Wortley and Arksey.

Touches in various methods were brought round previous to a short service at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rector of Rawmarsh (the Rev. F. Scovell), who based an interesting and inspiring sermon on 'Time, life and God.'—The Rev. C. Wooler, of Warsborough, himself a ringer, very kindly officiated at the organ.

A splendid tea, provided by the local company, was much appreciated, and was followed by the business meeting, which was presided over by the Rector, and supported by his curate (the Rev. L. H. Hecley).

On the proposal of Mr. F. Willey, vice-president of the association, all present stood in silence as a mark of sympathy with the victims of the Nunnery Pit disaster.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for the tea, were heartily carried.

HANDSWORTH RINGERS AT DINNER.

ENJOYABLE GATHERING AT SHEFFIELD.

The third annual dinner and social of the St. Mary's company of ringers was held in the Parish School, Handsworth, Sheffield, on Saturday, December 15th. No dust was allowed to settle on the 'memorial peal' during the afternoon. In the evening a company of about 50 sat down to the festive board, which groaned under the weight of the good things placed thereon by Host and Hostess Turner, of the Old Crown. After full justice had been done to the homely viands, the Rector (the Rev. W. A. Baker), president of the Guild, took the chair, supported by Mr. P. Berley, churchwarden. Among the visitors were Mr. P. Johnson (Leeds), secretary of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Brothwell, Mr. and Miss Fox (Treeton), Miss Butcher (Richmond), Miss Barker (Harworth) and Miss Sharp (Derby).

The President, in eloquent terms, submitted 'The King,' which was loyally honoured.

Next Mr. F. Cardwell proposed 'The Clergy,' and paid a glowing tribute to the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, who he described as 'one of the best,' and farther pointed out that the work of their own Rector had become part and parcel of their daily lives in Handsworth (applause).

Rising to respond, amid further applause, the President remarked that he was proud to say that the lives of his ringers in Handsworth were most certainly in harmony with the message which they as ringers sent out from the bells. Continuing, the speaker said that ringers in many other towers might take from them (the Handsworth ringers) an example. He added that the Bishop was overworked; he was wearing himself out in their service, and it was up to the clergy to do all in their power to see that the Bishop should not overwork himself. He (the speaker) expressed a hope that the clergy in the diocese would be more considerate in the claims they made upon him. The Bishop of Sheffield, continued the speaker, is a man who is very broadminded, and who overflows with humanity. Concerning himself, the Rector facetiously remarked that he would not stay in Handsworth till the parishioners wished to sing the 'Te Deum' over his grave. Concerning the vexed question, 'Is the church a failure?' he condemned the small vision of the clergy where the church did not succeed. Some of the guilt, however, lay at the door of the laity.

Mr. P. Johnson submitted 'The Guild,' and spoke most encouraging words of counsel and advice to this young organisation. No arts in the church called for such patience, self-denial and perseverance as the art and science of change ringing. They had in Mr. Watkinson a leader with great patience and mental ability, and they as a Guild should stand loyally by him, and give him every encouragement. He reminded them that, as a Guild, it was the speed of the slowest that made the pace. In conclusion, the speaker implored their not to ring for amusement alone, but to continue to cultivate the true spirit of patience and kind consideration one with another (applause).

The toast was honoured in a very appropriate manner. The Guild being holders of the Sheffield and District challenge cup for best Sunday attendance, this massive silver trophy was filled with the 'wine of bells,' and handed round as a 'loving cup,' from which all present drank to 'The Guild.' After which, the unassuming Mr. Watkinson, in a brief response, implored the Guild to take note of Mr. Johnson's words, and said if they, as a Guild, put the church 'first' and change-ringing 'second,' and aim at unity, with enthusiasm and patience, progress would be their reward! On behalf of the Guild, he expressed his gratitude and thanks to Mr. Johnson for honouring them with his presence that evening, and for the common-sense advice and good counsel contained in his remarks.

'Our Visitors' was ably submitted by Mr. W. H. Taylor, who commented upon the debt which the Guild owed to Mr. J. Brothwell who had rendered them great assistance when they were first struggling with the primary intricacy of the art.

Mr. Potter, of Barnsley, was down on the toast list to respond, but unfortunately the dinner clashed with a meeting of the Barnsley and District Society, of which Mr. Potter is secretary, and he was prevented by duty in connection with the meeting from being present. Mr. Brothwell was 'called,' but could not be prevailed upon to fill up the vacant 'place,' at the 'front.' Even though 'half-pulls' and 'whole-pulls' were applied, that gentleman would persist in 'dodging' 'behind!' Happily, one of the 'Press Gang,' a 'prentice reporter,' came to the front and filled up the 'place' in a kind of roundhand, shorthand, offhand staccato return of thanks for the kind hospitality shown to the visitors present, also for those who, by force of circumstances, were compelled to leave early.

The speeches were interspersed with musical items. The Rector's wife kindly acted as accompanist at the piano; Mr. H. Wilson, senr., contributed two songs, 'The great, great world,' and 'An old man's treasure'; Messrs. J. Taylor, F. Watkinson and W. H. Taylor gave an excellent rendering of 'Hark! the Sabbath bells,' upon handbells retained in hand. A very amusing address on babies was given by the Rector, who caused roars of laughter with his why's, don'ts and do's.

Miss Fox gave a selection on the mandoline, which was received with applause. A course of Grand sire Caters was rung in faultless style by Messrs. J. Taylor 1—2, H. Wilson 3—4, F. Watkinson 5—6, W.

Godden 7—8, H. Taylor 9—10. Misses E. Lakin, I. Sidgett, E. Sidgett and A. Dixon contributed songs; Mr. H. Buckler gave a monologue, 'I "had" a little motor-car,' which called for an encore. The Rector gave his humorous rendering of 'No. 1,' in which Mr. J. Taylor joined, with a few extempore skits at different members of the Guild, whose names were introduced. Duets were contributed by Misses J. and E. Sidgett, Messrs. J. E. and W. H. Taylor, which were highly appreciated. A course of Bob Major was tapped off by Messrs. Watkinson, Wilson, Godden and W. H. Taylor, and Mr. J. E. Taylor added to the harmony of the evening also with songs. Games, dancing, and 'Auld Lang Syne' brought to a close a most enjoyable gathering.

B. A. T.

A WEST SOMERSET GATHERING.

PEAL OF EIGHT IN PROSPECT FOR WATCHET.

At the invitation of the Vicar of St. Decuman's, the Rev. W. Burgess, the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held their quarterly meeting at Watchet last Saturday. The attendance was an excellent one, there being about sixty members and visitors present, including the Revs. W. Burgess, T. S. Dawson (chairman of the branch), W. G. McTaggart (Rector of Monk-silver), and the Rev. and Mrs. Billington (St. Audries), Messrs. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), Coles Bros. (Taunton), J. R. Hensley (Williton), W. Hoyle, Ringing Master (Minehead), and G. Stacey, hon. secretary (Minehead). The towers represented were Stogumber, Selworthy, Porlock, St. Audries, Chipstable, Wootton Courtenay, Monksilver, Carhampton, Minehead and St. Decuman's.

The members, who were accorded a hearty welcome by Mr. Burgess, assembled in the church, where the afternoon's proceedings commenced with a selection of music, played by the Vicar, on the new organ, which effectively demonstrated the qualities of the instrument, and was much enjoyed. Subsequently the usual form of service was held, conducted by Mr. Dawson and the Vicar, who gave an inspiring address, in the course of which he remarked that some people had an idea that those who ring the bells do not take the same part as others, such as the organist and choristers, in the worship of God, but he held a different view, as he knew many ringers who were loyal church workers. He reminded those present that while as riggers they had such duties to perform as ringing in the New Year, and ringing for weddings, muffled peals, etc., their main duty was in calling people to worship the great God.

Mrs. Hulland presided at the organ during the service, and at its conclusion the company made their way to Snell's Cafe at Watchet, where they were entertained to tea by the Vicar.

The usual business meeting followed, Mr. Dawson presiding. Letters of apology were read from Preb. A. C. Harman (Old Cleeve), the Rev. G. L. Fitzmaurice (Brompton Ralph), and Mr. A. Tout. The business included the election of three ordinary members and one honorary member, and the selection of the next place of meeting. Minehead and Carhampton were proposed, and on a show of hands being taken, the decision was in favour of Carhampton, and it was left to the chairman and hon. secretary to fix a date.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of St. Decuman's for the cordial welcome which he had given the members, and for providing tea for such a large number. — The vote was heartily endorsed, with applause, and in acknowledgment Mr. Burgess said he was very pleased to have them there. He liked the ringers, and being a ringer himself he knew what it was to take his coat off. He intimated that the association would always get the same reception so long as he was at Watchet, and he hoped on their next visit that he would have eight bells in the tower instead of six (applause).

Votes of thanks were also accorded to Mrs. Hulland and to the ringers' wives, who had helped in the reception.—Mr. Stacey also proposed a vote of thanks to the visitors. It added to the pleasure of their meeting, he said, to be honoured by the presence of visitors such as were with them that day, including Mr. and Mrs. Billington and Mr. McTaggart.—Mr. Billington, in response, said they would like the association to hold a meeting at St. Audries as soon as convenient.

Mr. McTaggart moved a vote of thanks to the chairman, and this concluded the proceedings. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the tower of St. Decuman's, and carried on briskly with the ringing until 8.30 p.m., the methods comprising Grand sire and Steadman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Bob Minor.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern District was held at Hoddesdon on Saturday, when the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and good practice in various methods was enjoyed. Members were present from Hertford, Ware, Widford, Hunston, Deptford, Bennington, Hatfield, Little Munden, and Edmonton, besides members of the Hoddesdon band.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for kindly allowing the use of the bells, and to Mr. G. Paice, of Edmonton, for presiding at the business meeting.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HOUNSLOW.—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles (10 different callings), in 46 mins.: C. J. Tricker, junr., 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, D. G. Archer 3, C. Folly 4, S. Stilwell 5, H. Gash 6, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 7, C. Gash 8. First quarter-peak by the treble ringer, whose age is 11½ years. Rung with 4, 6, 3 covering.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Dec. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peak of Bob Major in 50 mins.: *G. Seaman 1, W. E. Oakley 2, *S. Hoare 3, *E. M. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards 6, W. Hewitt 7, *C. H. Horton (conductor) 8. * First quarter in the method, and first quarter of Major on the bells.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peak of Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 47 minutes: A. J. Moore 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, F. W. Goodfellow 3, G. W. Stevens 4, J. E. Hunnisett 5, H. A. Folkard 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, L. H. Page (conductor) 8. Also for evensong, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: A. J. Moore 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, J. E. Churchill 3, G. W. Stevens 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, C. G. Cooper 8. The latter quarter-peak was the 20th quarter-peak as conductor for Sunday Service this year by the 7th ringer.

FULHAM.—For evening service, on December 16th, a quarter-peak of Stedman Triples: W. H. Wood 1, A. W. Coles 2, L. H. Page 3, G. C. Iles 4, J. W. Driver 5, H. A. Folkard 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, E. Page 8.

HESTON.—For Sunday morning service, December 16th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples: T. Barker 1, S. Rose 2, W. Lewes 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. I. Edwards 5, C. S. Bird 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, A. Lewis 8.

LONDON.—St. Clement's Youths. — At St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 16th, 1,259 Grandsire Caters: Miss D. Bryant (first quarter-peak on ten) 1, W. Rushton 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, Miss E. E. Chapman 4, H. Dyas 5, Miss F. Orr 6, R. F. Deal 7, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 8, Challis P. Winney 9, E. Davies (first quarter-peak on ten) 10.

LONDON.—At All Saints', Wandsworth, for evening service, on Sunday, December 16th, in 40 mins., a quarter-peak of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Rumley 1, E. Bish 2, L. Attwater 3, E. R. Pasmore 4, W. H. Pasmore 5, H. N. Pitslow (conductor) 6, W. S. Langdon 7, T. I. Holloway 8.

GRAVESEND.—On Sunday, December 9th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, a quarter-peak of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: R. Smith 1, H. E. Aunsley (conductor) 2, A. Constant 3, J. Constant 4, R. J. Tall 5, R. Constant 6, J. H. Cheesman 7, E. Hadlow 8. First quarter Stedman Triples on the new bells which were dedicated May 30th last.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, December 9th, at the Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: T. Ward 1, P. Plumley 2, W. Stringer 3, F. F. Stringer 4, A. Wilkerson 5, J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 6, B. Mitchell 7, J. Seaborn 8.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, in 40 mins., a quarter-peak of Doubles in seven methods, being 240 each of new Doubles, Stedman's Slow Course, and St. Simon's, 120 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and 180 of Grandsire: J. H. Clare 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks (first quarter-peak inside) 3, W. E. Coles 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5. First quarter-peak in seven methods on the bells, and by all the band.

—On Sunday, November 18th, for evening service, 720 New Doubles: J. H. Clare 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, G. Guest 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—On Sunday evening, December 9th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples: Reggie McMillan (first quarter) 1, J. V. Humphreys 2, H. Wakefield 3, H. Roberts (1st as conductor) 4, F. J. Williams 5, John Owen 6, P. Roberts 7, E. Brown 8. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Mr. David Breese.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKS.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evensong, 720 Wath Delight: A. Gill 1, A. E. Bacon 2, A. Panther 3, A. Nash (conductor) 4, J. E. Sykes 5, C. Walsh 6.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Minor: H. Edwards (first 720 of Minor) 1, R. Turner 2, H. Clay (first 720 of Minor on a bob bell) 3, S. France 4, W. Clay 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, on Sunday, Dec. 9th, 768 Kent Treble Bob: W. J. Sadler 1, Miss E. Pettitt 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, G. Lindridge 5, H. E. Hammond 6, G. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.—On Sunday, Nov. 11th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. H. Howard 1, W. J. Sadler 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. Lindridge 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, H. J. Collins 6, W. A. Cave (Bristol, composer and conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

SHENFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Dec. 9th, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Doubles, in 34 mins.: C. J. Brackley 1, A. E. Rainbird 2, H. Turner (first quarter as conductor) 3, E. Furbank 4, W. Leggett 5, W. H. Poole 6.

EALING.—At Christ Church, for Sunday service, on Dec. 2nd, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, A. Brookland 2, G. Harbour 3, J. A. Trollope 4, C. Edwards 5, E. J. Walsom 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

LEICESTER.—At the Church of the Holy Saviour, for Matins, 672 Grandsire Triples: L. Whitehead 1, J. S. Needham 2, W. Whitehead 3, G. Straw 4, J. Vernon 5, W. H. Clarke (conductor) 6, A. Briggs 7, T. Drury 8.—For evensong, 742 (from Holt's Original): T. Drury 1, J. S. Needham 2, W. Whitehead (conductor) 3, G. Straw 4, J. Vernon 5, W. H. Clarke 6, W. Tanser 7, L. Whitehead 8.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, Stafford, on Sunday afternoons, for confirmation service, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: R. Warrilow (first quarter-peak) 1, J. Warrilow 2, F. P. Haggis 3, G. Booth 4, W. G. Curtiss (first quarter-peak inside) 5, W. H. Jones 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, A. E. Garbett (first quarter-peak) 8.

ERITH, KENT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Cullum 1, W. Smith 2, E. Ilott 3, D. Harvey 4, G. Cullum 5, A. Moreton 6, J. Moreton (first quarter-peak as conductor) 7, R. Middleton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of the ringer of the 5th. Mr. Cullum, senr., is 93 years of age, and has been for 50 years a Sunday service ringer at this church.

SWANAGE.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 400 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: C. Turner 1, R. S. Bastable 2, C. Tonnes 3, D. Hill Brown 4, G. T. Haysom 5, W. Bastable 6, G. J. Williams 7, W. Bishop (conductor) 8.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: A. R. Macdonald 1, H. Folkard 2, F. S. Palmer, junr., 3, W. H. Hollier 4, C. Edwards 5, E. J. Walsom (conductor) 6, P. E. Clark 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—On Sunday, November 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peak (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: A. Bolton 1, J. Appleton 2, G. Kembal 3, G. A. Peck 4, G. Duncan 5, C. Pollard 6, R. Laughton (conductor) 7, J. Wedgewood 8. First quarter-peak by local band, and ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 21st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Norton 1, F. Goddard 2, J. Beadle 3, T. Beadle 4, J. Milner 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. Beckensale 7, H. Brooks 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 21st, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. S. Butler 1, W. Butler 2, W. Mellin 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.—For evening service 720 Cambridge Surprise by the same band.

COWFOLD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday Oct. 14th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Weaver 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, H. Turrell 4, A. Feist 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6; 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. Feist 1, T. Adams 2, W. Denman 3, H. Turrell 4, A. White 5, R. Strudwick (conductor) 6. Also 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Single Bob and 240 Plain Bob.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday, October 14th, at St. Peter-at-Arches Church, for harvest festival, evensong, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: D. Skelton 1, C. McGuinness 2, I. Vickers 3, G. Chester 4, C. Chester 5, L. Pask 6, L. Suel (conductor) 7, J. L. Hobbins 2.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, before Matins, on October 14th, 720 Double Oxford and 360 Woodbine Treble Bob; before evensong 720 Cambridge Surprise and 120 Oxford Treble Bob: L. Camp 1, G. Camp 2, C. Harrington 3, H. Wright 4, B. Sitch 5, A. Bradley (conductor) 6.

ALDERSHOT.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, at the Old Parish Church for harvest festival, evensong, a quarter-peak of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 45 mins.: Sapper R. Hammond R.E. (first quarter-peak) 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss E. M. Mills 3, Miss H. F. Mills 4, F. Croucher 5, Alb. J. Croucher 6, H. Tinsey 7, C.Q.M.S. G. Gilbert R.E. (conductor) 8. First in the method by ringer of the 7th who kills from Seale. Remainder belong to local band.

REMEMBRANCE DAY TOUCHES.

PORTISHEAD.—At the Parish Church, on November 11th for morning service, a quarter-peak of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: C. O. Grieves 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Mrs. Edwards 3, Miss Dobbs 4, R. Williams 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 1. A. Colbourne 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the 64 men of this parish who gave their lives during the war. The tenor was also tolled 64 times.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, 1,260 Minor (Kent, Oxford Bob and Bob Minor), half-muffled: C. Priestrall 1, V. Wade 2, W. Ball 3, P. Ingram 4, J. H. Spencer 5, C. Allsop (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 22nd, at Liversedge Parish Church. Usual arrangements.—H. Lolphouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley, Leeds.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at Street's Restaurant at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—The next social evening will take place at the St. Martin's Hotel, City, at 7 p.m., on Saturday, December 22nd. Ringing at the Cathedral (10) from 4 p.m. to 5.30 p.m., 6 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.—Albert Walker, 81, Baker Street, Sparkhill, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, December 22nd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

TICKHILL, YORKS.—These bells will be re-opened for ringers on Saturday, December 22nd. Ringing from 2.30 to 7 p.m. Tea, 1/6 per head.—J. E. Cawser, Doncaster Road, Tickhill.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—Meetings for December, 1923: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 24th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on December 26th (Boxing Day). Service in All Saints' Church at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow in Lyne Road Mission Room. All Saints' bells available from 12 o'clock. Also St. Woolos' bells from 12 o'clock till 3.30 and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Boxing Day. St. Thomas' bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, 5, followed by business meetings. Outstanding subscriptions should be forwarded to W. Upton, Dist. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The bells of East Retford (10) and West Retford (6) will be available for ringing at 1.30 p.m. on Boxing Day, 26th inst., to all concerned, and a good attendance is desired.

A Happy Christmas and a Bright New Year to all Ringers in the British Isles and beyond the Seas is the sincere wish of H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, December 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meet-

ing 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Stockton-on-Tees, on Wednesday, January 2nd. Bells (10) available from 1.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Newton, 19, Londonderry Road, Stockton-on-Tees, as early as possible?—A. Hunter, Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Coleshill Branch.—An invitation is given to members of the above Guild to ring on the augmented peal of 8 from 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 5th, 1924. Tea provided free to members sending in their names before Thursday, January 3rd, to C. Dale, High Street, Coleshill, Birmingham. The dedication of the new bells takes place on New Year's Eve at the watchnight service.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—Owing to Rotherham Parish Church bells not being available, the next meeting will probably be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, January 5th. Details next week.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Tower open at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea given by the Vicar at the Institute (opposite the Church) after the service. Will all those intending being at the tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, January 8th?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Belfry open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30. General meeting to follow tea. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. J. Baker, 28, Station Road, Ilkeston, not later than Friday, January 11th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS—The third annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Commence 6 p.m. Full details will be given later. Tickets, 6/-, may be obtained now from any of the Bristol Towers, Stewards, or direct from the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The William Doubleday Crofts' memorial dinner will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th, at 6.45 p.m. A first-class musical programme will be given. All ringers and ringers' friends heartily welcome. All applications for tickets (3/9 each) to be made not later than Tuesday, January 22nd, to W. A. Janes, 52, Castle Gate, Nottingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from the dinner committee, whose names will be published in later issue.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.

To all Members of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, South and West District, and all ringing Friends near and far, please accept our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.—R. Holloway, Ringing Master; W. H. Hollier, Hon. Secretary.

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HODNET, SALOP.—On Monday, Oct. 29th, at the residence of Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, at Kenstone, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), ten different callings, in 33 mins., on handbells: J. Perry (conductor) 1, 2, 3, 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5-6. Believed to be the first quarter-peal in Hodnet parish; also 180 Bob Minor and 360 Stedman Doubles.

CARSHALTON.—On Wednesday, Oct. 31st, for evensong (eve of the festival of All Saints), at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: W. Buck 1, G. W. Heather 2, C. H. Kippin junr., 3, A. H. Bundle 4, F. E. Darby 5, T. G. Bannister 6, P. Holder (conductor) 7, S. W. Holdaway 8.

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RURAL RINGING ASSOCIATIONS.

The difficulties of organisation which have to be met by those responsible for running ringing associations which cover scattered country districts, with little or no means of railway communication, can be fully appreciated only by those who have had to do the work. From the campanological point of view, these areas are, and from the nature of the conditions must inevitably be, the most backward, so that the obstacles to progress are increased by a greater ratio than the difficulties to be met with in more compact and better favoured districts. The very isolation of the towers is a reason not only for lack of progress, but for actual retrogression, for bands, even if they have once mastered the rudiments of change ringing, soon slip back to the 'stony' stage—unless they possess exceptional talent and enthusiasm—if they do not receive inspiration and encouragement from contact with other ringers. Even where the art does get a precarious hold, the task of an association is an extraordinarily difficult one if it seeks, as it should do, to extend a helping hand to its branches. It is not always the question of distance which proves the handicap; it is the inaccessibility from the absence of railway communication which is the chief drawback.

At the moment the Salisbury Diocesan Guild is endeavouring to solve a problem of this kind. Covering as it does nearly the whole of the two counties of Wilts and Dorset, which are largely rural, and are intersected by few railways, the Guild has always had an uphill struggle, and change ringing in this big area would have been in a bad way had it not been for the patience and perseverance of a handful of stalwarts, who have kept the flag flying in a few centres and carried the good work into the towers around. The Wimborne District, which takes in a big piece of Dorset, has been considering whether the cause of ringing will not be better advanced by splitting the area and forming a new branch for the northern portion. The working of the existing wide district has been a formidable task, and the scheme for the division is to go ahead in order to reduce the unwieldy dimensions of the Branch. Whether the proposal will have the result of improving the position of affairs in North Dorset remains, however, to be seen, for it was pointed out that the area in which the new Branch is to be established will have only two places on a railway line, and no tower with a ringable peal of eight bells. This is not much of a prospect for a newly-formed Branch. It will need an organising genius and officers of more than average enthusiasm to make a success of a district of this kind. We only hope they will be forthcoming.

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NORTH NOTTS & OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS

On Saturday, December 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*G. TANSLEY Treble	W. H. JOHNSON, V.C. ... 5
*H. JORDAN 2	*E. CLARKE 6
*MISS AMY TAYLOR 3	GEO. HARDWICK 7
A. JOHNSON 4	*STANLEY WALKER Tenor

Conducted by A. JOHNSON.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. First peal at Worksop with a lady taking part. The band are all Priory Sunday service ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the conductor, and the wife of the ringer of the 7th captain of the company.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ON THE HILL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	EDWARD JENKINS 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	SAM JONES, JUN. 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells and in the City of Chester. Mr. Robert Sperring, the genial conductor of the tower, should have called the peal, but owing to an accident was unable to do so. The ringer of the treble, 3rd and 4th hail from Frodsham, 2nd and 7th from Eccleston, 5th from Harrington, 6th Chester, and tenor from Crewe.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES:

RICHARD B. LAMBERT ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 4	BENJAMIN GOLDSMITH ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

First peal on the bells since they were rebung by Alfred Bowell. Benjamin Goldsmith was made a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
*GEORGE W. ABLITT 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 6
FRANK FISHER 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

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On Sunday, December 16, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 3/4 cwt.

CHARLES WYBROW Treble	ARTHUR W. BALDWIN ... 5
JOHN A. GODFREY 2	CHARLES S. TUTHILL ... 6
GEORGE A. COOKE 3	WILLIAM E. BASON 7
EDWARD C. COOKE 4	ROBERT W. COOKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM E. BASON.

The peal is composed of 60 courses with 178 Singles and No. Bobs: 4, 5 and 6 each 20 course ends in 6th's place, with all combinations of 4,5,6 in 5-6, and was rung for the first time.

Specially arranged as a farewell peal to Mr. E. C. Cooke, who was leaving next day to reside in London.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 17, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PALATINE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 1/2 cwt.

JOHN WATSON Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
MRS. J. WHEWELL 2	JONATHAN WHEWELL ... 6
MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH... 7
JAMES SHAW 4	WILLIAM RILEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

The method is now rung for the first time, and the peal was rung at first attempt on the eve of the treble ringer's birthday. The method has been named by the Oswaldtwistle company.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.

THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 1/4 cwt.

*J. RANDES Treble	O. GREATHEAD 5
*C. URCH 2	P. GLEDSTON 6
H. FOWLER 3	†R. SARSEBY 7
M. FOWLER 4	*E. STACEY Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by E. STACEY.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANCASTER ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	THOMAS NEWMAN 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal in the method by the Association in the county, and by all the band.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 17 3/4 cwt.

*ALBERT E. AMOS ... Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	HERBERT E. ADSLEY ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
ALFRED G. HILL 4	*FREDERICK JOHNSON ... Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since the tenor was rehung in ball bearings by Mears & Stainbank.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 10, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*A. HARRISON Treble	C. SMITH, SEN. 4
W. SMITH, JUN. 2	F. SUMMERTON 5
*C. HARRISON, JUN. ... 3	*T. HAUGHTY, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by F. SUMMERTON.

Rung muffled as a token of respect to the fallen of the borough. First peal on the bells by a local band for a number of years.

* First peal.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

GEORGE WIFFEN ... Treble	WALTER ARNOLD 4
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	ERNEST BRIGHT 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and first of Surprise Minor by all except treble and 3rd ringers. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. L. Clarke, a ringer at the above church, and Miss D. Goodey, which took place at St. Mary's on the above date.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(SOUTHWOLD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 1/2 cwt.

JOHN SPENSER Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
*ERNEST BAILEY 2	GEORGE LEE 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in seven methods and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss M. Sawyer and Mr. C. Boggis. The bride's father is a sidesman at this church. A member of the Norwich Association, and a local ringer for many years.

FENSTANTON, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-score. Tenor 18 cwt.

HARRY HODSON Treble	*ALBERT HUCKLE 3
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 2	*ALBERT BONUS 4
FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor	

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal of Doubles by all. * First peal. H. Hodson, A. Huckle, and A. Bonus were proposed members in the tower previous to peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, December 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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 8 cwt.

*JOHN FOSTER Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
DAVID HORNE 2	E. WILLIAM TURNER 5
CHARLES LAYTON 3	GEORGE JORDON Tenor

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 5, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. R. MOORE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*PRESTON EVERETT1-2 | FRANK J. LEVITT5-6
HARRY R. MOORE3-4 | ARTHUR E. MOORE7-8

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by A. E. MOORE.

Umpire: H. DOBL.

* First peal away from tenors.

THE FIRST PEAL OF KENT MAXIMUS.

INTERESTING FIND AMONG LUMBER.

An unusual record of a peal, the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus ever rung, has come to light in Birmingham in a curious way. The peal is recorded on a tablet in the belfry, but the following account of it was evidently printed for private circulation. The copy, which has come into the hands of Mr. Tom Russam, is mounted on wood, and is brown with age.

A SUPERLATIVE ACHIEVEMENT IN THE ART OF RINGING.
Birmingham, April 17th, 1820.

The Society of St. Martin's Youths having for some time contemplated a Peal of Changes on 12 Bells, which should exceed in number any peal ever rung in the United Kingdom, appointed Monday, the 17th inst., for the attempt; and although there were very high odds (say 100 to 1) against any band ringing a 'plain' peal at the first onset, yet by an anxious attention to, and a superior possession of, this great science, they succeeded in completing the Herculean task in 5 hours and 8 minutes. The peal comprised 7,200 changes of new Treble Bob Maximus; and what eminently combines to enrich this performance is that it was rung at the first attempt, was the first peal of new Treble Bob Maximus ever performed, and the greatest number of changes ever rung on 12 bells.

Another generation may rise up to eclipse this, but the present will in all probability suffer it to remain a 'standing dish untouched.'

The band as stationed.	The Peal.
Mr. Wm. Bennett	Treble 52364
James Jarvis	Second 24365
Wm. Hassall	Third 23645
Thomas Worrall	Fourth 32546
Alex Sanders	Fifth 45236
Henry Cooper	Sixth 34562
Samuel Lawrence	Seventh 42563
Joseph Grayson	Eighth 45623
Joseph Riley	Ninth 54326
Thomas Chapman	Tenth 23456
William Marsh	Eleventh Leads 150
Thos. Thurstans Tenor & Conductor	48

7200

Note.—Mr. James Dovy, of Stourbridge, and many other Auditors, expressed their high approbation of the above performance.

The first considerable peal of Treble Bob Maximus, and which created much emulation in the Exercise, was performed at Norwich, by St. Peter's Company, in the year 1778, comprising 6,240 changes. The next by the College Youths, London, in the year 1784, being 7,008 changes; 18 years afterwards, viz., in 1802, the Cumberland Youths rung two leads more than the preceding peal, making theirs 7,104 changes; 18 years subsequently to this, viz., in 1820, the St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, exceeded this latter peal by two leads, making their peal 7,200 changes.

The record which has now come to light thus gives the history of record peals of Treble Twelve and is, if only in that respect, unique among old documents. The manner in which it came into the hands of Mr. Russam is also rather remarkable. The mother of a friend, in turning out a collection of lumber that had accumulated through long residence in one house, found this ancient 'peal board' among the rubbish, and thence it passed through the hands of the friend to Mr. Russam. Enquiry elicited the fact that the original finder was the granddaughter of Alex Sanders, the ringer of the fifth in the peal. Alex Sanders, according to the peal book of the St. Martin's Youths, apparently rang his first peal in 1809, and was evidently a ringer of some merit, for he was one of the band that went from Birmingham to Liverpool, and won the cup that has since disappeared. But that is another story.

Naturally the old record is of great interest to St. Martin's Guild, into whose possession, it is hoped, it may eventually come.

SOMETHING NEW IN STEDMAN COMPOSITION

The two following peals, by Mr. Joseph W. Parker, are, so far as is known, new in the plan of composition, and should be of interest to conductors.

5007 STEDMAN CATERS.	7	19
231456789 6 16		
a 215364978	a	2154637890e
b 214563		213564
213564 S		214563 S
214365		213465
215463		215364
213465 S		214365 S
125364 S	S	125463
124563		123564
123564 S		124563
124365		123465
125463		125364
123465 S		124365 S
341265 5 15	6	431265 6 18
345162		435162
342165 S		432165 S
345261		435261
341562		431562
342561 S		432561 S
431265 S	S	341265
435162		345162
b 432165 S		342165 S
435261		345261
431562		341562
432561 S		342561 S
c 541283879	b	4321658709e
435162		435261
b 214365		431265 S
a=1, 3, 5, 8, 12, 15, 18,		435162
20, 23 (24 sixes).	S	342165 S
214563 to 432165 inclusive.		345261
b b=The calling of the courses		341265 S
c=1, 8, S13, 16, 18.	6	123465 6 18
First rung on handbells at		125364
Monkseaton on Oct. 25th, 1923.		124365 S
Conducted by T. T. Gofton.		125463
		213465 S
		215364
		214365 S

First rung on handbells at
Monkseaton, Nov. 1st, 1923.
Conducted by T. T. Gofton.

STEDMAN CATERS.

The following are two peals of Stedman Caters by the late George Newson, which possess the quality of having only the 5th and 6th in 2nd's and behind the ninth. The blocks b. r. b. will be well understood by conductors.

5256	5222
231456	123456 (last of quick six).
352461 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 12, 16.	461253 2, 4, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16.
352164 b. r. b.	461352 b. r. b.
164253 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 13, 14, 16.	351264 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, 18s.
164352 b. r. b.	351462 b. r. b.
231456 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 13.	231456 3, 5s, 6, 8.

The first (reduced to 5040 by omission of three consecutive bobs at 16) was the peal rung at Bristol on Oct. 20th and the second (reduced to 5,006 in a similar way) was rung at Trowbridge on Oct. 27th both conducted by W. A. Cave.

It is interesting to note that Henry Johnson had peals on this plan and here is one, a 5,256, composed in 1860:—
231456

463152 2, 3, 6, 10, 13, 16.
463251 a. r. a.
251364 3, 5, 7, 10, 14.
251463 a. r. a.
231456 2, 4, 7, 13, 15, 16.

This can be rung as a 5,265 by calling the last course 4, 10, 12, 14, 16, or it can of course, be reduced by omitting three consecutive calls at 16.

HEREFORD.—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, 1,344 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: E. Trehearne 1, A. Gwynne 2, W. H. Williams (conductor) 3, G. Giblin 4, W. H. Symonds 5, C. Sparkes 6, H. E. Hurcombe 7, J. Husbands 8.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. NEW BRANCH FOR NORTH DORSET.

There was a large gathering of members of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Wimborne on the occasion of the annual district meeting. The visitors enjoyed ringing during the afternoon on the bells at the Minster, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Double Norwich were rung. The customary Guild service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. A. L. Keith) officiated, and gave an address.

An adjournment was next made to the Church House, where, following tea, the annual business was transacted, under the presidency of the Rev. H. L. Phillips (Rector of Poole).

The Vicar of Wimborne cordially welcomed the visitors, observing they might rest assured that they could always depend on a very hearty welcome whenever they came to Wimborne to ring, because he for one, as well as a great many others, had the highest appreciation of the art of bell ringing and the admirable service which the bell ringers did to the church (applause).

It was announced with regret that Major Hughes D'Aeth, who had been Master of the Guild, had left the neighbourhood, having gone to Worthing.

DEPARTURE OF THE GUILD MASTER.

The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. C. A. Phillips, Bournemouth), in his annual report, observed that the first words of it should express their special share in the common sorrow of the Guild at the departure of the Master from the neighbourhood. Major D'Aeth resided close to the centre of that unwieldy diocese, and in a wonderful way attended most of the branch meetings. He was a Dorset man, the practices he and his brother started were mainly in that branch, and he had done more than any other man for change ringing in Dorset, especially among the beginners in the Exercise. They could best appreciate his long work among the bells of Dorset by spreading it more widely and carrying it on more perseveringly and faithfully in the spirit of his message to them that day. The programme of meetings had been only partially carried out for various reasons. Meetings were held at Corfe Mullen, Iwerne, and Swanage, and though not large were representative and keen, and good work was done. Practices were held at Swanage, Poole, Wareham, and Henstridge. At the former good progress was made with Treble Bob and Double Norwich. A peculiarly happy, keen, and united competition seemed to be going on between Poole and Swanage for the honour of carrying on the most advanced ringing in the branch and county. Good work was also being done at Corfe, assisted by Wimborne, and Child Okeford, helped by Shroton. The question of the sub-division of the branch referred to North Dorset from the last annual meeting was thoroughly discussed at Iwerne Minster and unanimously approved. It would be inaugurated and followed by the good wishes, and also the continued good help wherever possible or desired of the members of the south.

The report was adopted, on the proposition of the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), secretary of the Diocesan Guild, seconded by the Rev. R. H. Gundry (Shroton).

Mr. Phillips also, as treasurer, gave particulars of the financial statement, which disclosed a small balance in hand. There were 204 ringing members.

The balance sheet also was accepted, on the proposition of the Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Wimborne), seconded by Mr. M. Stewart (Ferndown).

PROPOSED SUB-DIVISION OF THE BRANCH.

Some discussion took place regarding the proposed sub-division of the branch, which the Secretary explained would affect all the towers north of Blandford, or very nearly half the members.

A member expressed the opinion that the division would mean the ringing of the death-knell of the North Dorset branch, as he claimed there were not sufficient members to carry on the good work, and he thought it would be better to wait, perhaps, until they had arrived at more advanced methods.

Mr. Edwards emphasised the difficulties of transport in North Dorset, apart from Sturminster Newton and Shillingstone there not being a tower on the line. At present, too, no 8-bell towers were usable, although he hoped an effort would be made to rehang the Blandford bells, which meant that the new branch would be confined to 5 and 6 bell towers.

Mr. Gundry held that the difficulties created by separation were not insurmountable. At present the absolutely unwieldiness of the size of the branch, with the various companies of ringers scattered at such wide-apart places, rendered the working of the branch very difficult.

Mr. Martin Stewart endorsed Mr. Gundry's opinion, and claimed that in North Dorset there was a great field for enterprise, and 6-bell towers offered wonderful possibilities.

The Secretary said that there were several keen 6-bell towers on the border of the division, which should add greatly to the strength of the branch.—Eventually the meeting confirmed, on the proposition of Mr. Gundry, the formation of the North Dorset branch.

All the officers for the Wimborne branch were re-elected on the initiative of Mr. Edwards, with the addition of Mr. F. W. Townsend, of Poole, as Ringing Master, and the Rector of Poole acknowledged, as president, the compliment.

THE GUILD WAR MEMORIAL.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards drew attention to the proposed Diocesan Bellsingers' War Memorial, explaining that under the present scheme for the Memorial Chapel in the Cathedral it was intended to restore one of the old side chapels. There was already in existence stone screen work, and it was suggested that the blank spaces should be filled in with oak panelling, and the Guild should associate themselves definitely with the memorial by providing the panelling for either both or one side of the screen, which could be decorated with suitable designs and any inscription they liked to submit. There was no particular difficulty in regard to the expense. A desire had been expressed that there should be a little more detailed knowledge of what the work would be, and he wrote to the Dean of Salisbury accordingly, and suggested the easiest way would be if the sub-committee appointed by the Guild at the last annual meeting to deal with the matter were to consult with the Dean on the subject at Salisbury regarding the designs, etc. — The Hon. Secretary mentioned that members at some branches had intimated they would have preferred putting in an extra bell or two somewhere, as had been done in other dioceses, but it was felt that such a scheme was too big to undertake. All the branches, excepting Bridport, had given approval of the proposed scheme, and Wimborne now signified its assent, on the proposition of Mr. Edwards, seconded by Mr. K. Gundry.

The towers of Wimborne St. Giles, St. John's, Bournemouth, and Wareham, were selected as meeting-places for the coming year.

OFFICE FOR USE IN BELFRIES.

Mr. Edwards mentioned that recently there had been printed a brief office for use in belfries, not only at Guild meetings, but before ringing. It had been drawn up by the committee appointed by the Guild, with the assistance of the Dean of Salisbury. The idea was that the incumbent or one of the clergy should at such times as arranged by him and the ringers go in the belfry and conduct this office before the ringing commenced, or it could be done by one of the ringers if he or she was willing to do so.

LOCAL RINGERS' REMARKABLE RECORDS.

The Hon. Secretary observed that a word of thanks and congratulation was due to three ringers of that neighbourhood, who, that Christmas, he believed, would each have completed very nearly, if not quite, 50 years' service in the belfry. They were Messrs. A. J. Osman and George Hart (Wimborne) and Fredk. Holloway (Corfe Mullen). Although the latter was unable to do very little ringing now, he (the secretary) hoped that he would be able to continue to ring for some years longer (applause).

Parties afterwards visited the towers of the Minster and Corfe Mullen Church.

DEVIZES BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Trowbridge on Saturday, December 15th, when a good company was present. The Guild service was held in the church, conducted by the new Rector (the Rev. Canon A. S. Weatherhead). Tea followed, to which about 50 sat down, including the Rev. Canon Mogg, of Bishop's Cannings, and the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke, of Devizes, both hon. members of the Guild, and Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. secretary of the Dorchester branch. The following towers were represented: Bradford-on-Avon, Warminster, Westbury, Bratton, Molt, North Bradley, Keevil, Rowde, Trowbridge, Melksham, Devizes, St. John's and St. Mary's, and Bishop's Cannings, also ringing visitors from Swindon, Bristol, Bath and Clippenham.

The business meeting followed, Mr. C. D. Heginbotham being in the chair.

Mr. Heginbotham reported on the year's work, which showed that a steady increase had been made in the membership, both among the ringing and hon. members, and also that more members were learning the art of change ringing. Two towers were receiving instruction this winter. Mr. Heginbotham said he had visited 27 of the towers in the branch during the year, and had found them in very good order. Four towers were silent owing to repairs being necessary. The first peal of ten bells in the branch was opened on Easter Monday at Trowbridge, when nearly 300 ringers were present. Twelve peals had been rung during the year, thanks to the untiring efforts of Mr. S. J. Hector (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. S. Hillier and Mr. J. T. Dyke. Three towers had rejoined the branch—Steeple Ashton, North Bradley and Market Lavington.

The statement of accounts to date was read. Although the expenses had been heavy there was a small balance on the right side.

Mr. Heginbotham and Mr. F. Green were re-elected as chairman and secretary, respectively, with many thanks for their past services.

Thirteen new ringing members were elected to the branch.

The meetings decided on for the next three months were at Bradford-on-Avon, in January; Market Lavington, in February; and the quarterly meeting at Devizes, in March.

After the meeting some double-handed work on handbells was done. The tower bells were soon going again, and some good touches of Caters, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE FIRST PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH ROYAL.
A FURTHER DISCOVERY.

By G. P. BURTON.

From some files of old Norwich newspapers, which have recently come into my possession, further information is forthcoming as to the first peal of Double Norwich Royal, which it will be recollected, was the subject of a special article in the issue of your valuable paper of 10th August last.

Turning to the 'Norfolk Chronicle' or the 'Norwich Gazette' (which latter is its sub-title), there is found in the number for Saturday, April 22nd, 1769, a much fuller, and fortunately, more explicit, account of the peal, than appeared contemporaneously in the columns of the other Norwich paper—'The Norwich Mercury.' And what is



St. Peter Mancroft Church, as it appeared at the time the first peal of Double Norwich Royal was rung. This picture is reproduced from an old print kindly let by Mr. G. P. Burton.

of greatest interest, the names of the ringers are recorded in this account now brought to light, thus filling that gap in our previous knowledge of the peal, and incidentally, furnishing the last link in confirmation of the performance, if that were needed. The following is the extract in question—

'On Monday, April 17th, 1769, was rung at St. Peter's Mancroft in this city, a compleat 5040 of that most ingenious peal called the Court Bob. It was performed in three hours and 29 minutes, without a bell being out of course; and from the harmony and regularity of its changes, filled every lover of the art of ringing with the most pleasing wonder and astonishment. This incomparable peal was invented in the year 1751 by Mr. Wm. Porter, one of the ringers belonging to St. Peter's company, and tho' from that time it has been annually practiced, yet never was perfectly gone through with, without bells being out of course, till now; so that it may be affirmed, that this is the first compleat 5040 that ever was rung in the known world—Performed by

John Chamberlin ... Treble	Charles Jarvis 6
and call'd the peal	John Dixon 7
John Peak 2	James Watling 8
Thomas Barton 3	Simon Watling 9
Robert Dyke 4	and
John Havers 5	John Dye Tenor.

Published by desire of the Churchwardens, W. Creasey and C. Copping.'

Notice the peculiar use of the word 'annually,' here employed in the present-day sense of continually; and the expression 'the first compleat 5040,' where obviously the words 'in that method' are intended to be understood.

Of the ringers, who took part in the peal, it may be worth noticing that James Watling called the 5170 of Grandsire Cinques rung on Nov. 23rd, 1775—the first peal on the present ring of twelve; while James Watling, Simon Watling, John Peak, John Havers, John Dixon, John Dye, and Thos. Barton took part in the 6240 of Oxford T.B. Maximus, which followed on March 16th, 1778, 'which excelled every attempt hitherto known on 12 bells,' as the peal board has it. But all these worthies had apparently vanished from the scene when the peal of Norwich C.B. Maximus was rung in 1817, at any rate their names henceforth disappear.

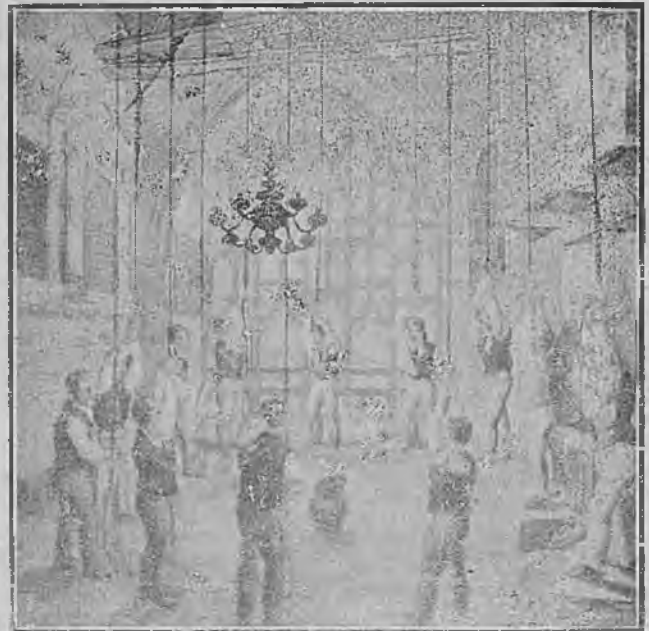
May I add that on consulting the files of 'The Norwich Mercury'

(Saturday, 22nd April, 1769) I find that the account of the peal of Double Norwich Royal is not verbatim as given in your article. The paragraph actually reads:—

'Monday afternoon 5040 Changes of Porters Peal of Court upon ten bells, was rung at St. Peter's of Mancroft by the Ringers of that Parish; which they completed in three hours and twenty-nine minutes.'

These old newspapers were weekly publications of 4 pages, and the scraps of ringing news appear in a miscellaneous collection of local items. Here are a few tit-bits from the same column, which throw a side-light on the doings of those days:—

'Yesterday nine convicts under sentence of transportation were sent from the castle for London, in order to be forwarded to the plantations.'



Interior of St. Peter Mancroft Belfry in the 18th century. From a water colour sketch by Nisnam.

'Lately died at Bury, Mrs. Wright—a widow lady of an exemplary character.'

'A lady of great consequence lost the sum of 5000 L a few nights ago at Hazard.'

'On Monday last a woman at Acle was committed to Bridewell, there to be kept to hard labour for 14 days, and to be once publicly whipt, for reeling false and short yarn.'

As regards Wm. Porter, the inventor of the method of Double Norwich Royal, it may be of interest to mention that the 'trunk'—a box of wood covered with skin or leather—made by him and bearing his initials to which reference is made in Snowdon's 'Double Norwich,' is still in existence here at Norwich.

5274 STEDMAN CATERS.
 By E. HIMS.

251456	4	15	16	451362	4	15	16
*45E123				456132	—	—	—
432561	—	—	S	413562	—	—	—
436251	—	—		416352	—	—	—
425361	—	—		435162	—	—	—
426531	—	—		436512	—	—	—
453261	—	—		421563	—	—	—
458321	—	—		426153	—	—	—
412365	—	—	—	415263	—	—	—
416235	—	—		416523	—	—	—
423165	—	—		452163	—	—	—
426315	—	—		456213	—	—	—
451362	—	—	—	431265	—	—	—
				436125	—	—	—

* Obtained by S4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14. Repeat the last 24 courses, adding calls in last course 14, S17, 20, 21. This peal contains 468 in the middle and 6th behind the 9th in alternate courses in the tittums position throughout.

MR. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE'S 200 PEALS.

	Tower	Hand-bells.
Seven methods on five bells	1	
Five methods on six bells	1	
Grandsire Triples	6	6
Grandsire Major		2
Grandsire Caters	6	1
Grandsire Cinques	1	
Oxford Bob Triples	1	
Bob Minor		1
Bob Triples	1	1
Bob Major	15	23*
Bob Royal		3
Box Maximus		1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	9	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	8	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Forward Major	1	
Forward Royal	1	
Duffield Major	1	
Stedman Triples	14	1
Stedman Caters	17	2
Stedman Cinques	1	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major...	41	
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters...	1	
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1	
Norfolk Surprise Major	7	
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	22	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	
Superlative Surprise Major	23	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	3	
New Cumberland Surprise Major...	1	
Brighton Surprise Major	1	
Bristol Surprise Major	10	
London Surprise Major	3	
Total	208	42

MR. G. R. NEWTON'S 200 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
1 Minor method	2	2
3 Minor methods	1	1
4 Minor methods	5	5
5 Minor methods	7	3
7 Minor methods	22	18
7 Surprise Minor methods	2	1
Bob Major	16	10
Grandsire Triples	26	29
Grandsire Caters	5	2
Grandsire Cinques	1	1
Stedman Triples	29	11
Stedman Caters	1	
Stedman Cinques	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	14	11
Kent Treble Bob Major	31	21
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	
10 Minor methods	1 (7,200)	
Little Bob Major	2	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Union Triples	1	
Double Oxford Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	20	13
Superlative Surprise Major	4	2
Bristol Surprise Major	1	
London Surprise Major	1	
Total	200	123

THE LATE MR. ARTHUR EDWARDS' PEALS.

The following is the list of peals rung by the late Mr. Arthur Edwards, of Boreham, whose death we recently recorded: Minor (5 in 7 methods, 1 in 5), rung 6 (conducted 6); Oxford Bob Triples 3 (1); Union Triples, 3 (1); * Grandsire Triples 50 (24); Stedman Triples, 15 (6); Bob Major, 20 (7); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2 (2); Kent Treble Bob Major 28 (13); Double Norwich Major, 13 (2); Superlative Surprise Major, 5 (3); London Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; Grandsire Caters 2 (3); Stedman Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 1 (1); Grandsire Cinques, 1; Stedman Cinques, 6; Cambridge Surprise Maximus, 1; total, 166 (conducted 69). * Includes 2 on handbells (conducted 1).

* Including 11,200: Conducted 37. Rung in 92 towers, 14 counties, and for 14 associations.

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Thirty-five years ago on the last day of December, the Oxford Diocesan Guild put up a record peal of Stedman Caters, which stood until 1909. Twice before in the year 1888 the Stedman Caters record had been broken, and then the Oxford Guild rang a 15,041 on the famous bells of Appleton. The time was 9 hours 16 minutes.

Four years later the Oxford Guild captured another record, 12,098 Double Norwich Major, rung in 7 hours 10 minutes at Maidenhead on December 31st, 1892.

January 1st will be the 150th anniversary of James Barham's one hundredth peal. To have made such a score as that in those far-off days was a marvellous performance, and the peal was noteworthy from the fact that the combined age of the band totalled 582 years. Barham lived twenty-five years after that, for he died at the age of 93 on January 4th, 1818.

One of the first occasions on which Holt's Original was called by a ringer taking part in the peal was at Saffron Walden on January 1st, 1754.

A peal of Norwich Court was rung at Soham on the first day of 1795.

The first peal of Halifax Treble Bob was rung on January 1st, 1866, at Huddersfield. It was composed by William Sottenstall.

At Wrentham, on January 3rd, 1824, was rung '59 peals of Grand-sire and Old Doubles, which was performed in a most masterly manner in four hours.' This made up 7,080 changes, and, all being well, a centenary peal of Minor will be attempted at Wrentham on Thursday.

A correspondent to the 'Western Gazette' inquires where are Houghton bell ropes. He says: 'Over four years have elapsed since sufficient money was raised to buy bell ropes for the church. Perhaps one of your readers could tell me where the money is. Is it deposited in a bank, invested in a company, or used for other purposes? Surely it is time we had merry peals at Christmastide.'

The inaugural meeting of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild will be held at Wellingborough on January 5th.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

O Christmas bells, O silver bells,
Chimes pealing glory unto God on high,
Bear sweet, as ever your music swells
And sweeps in beauty down the midnight sky,
A message of good-will to men,
Peace upon earth
For the Christ's birth,
Bending all hearts to love His law again!

O joyous ringing in the night,
O glad carillons of the holy dawn,
Be sign that charity shine white,
And all the veils of darkness be withdrawn,
So loveliness of God may pour
From a Manger-place,
To nil with grace
Hearts worshipping within a stable door!

G. J. O'CONNOR DUFFY.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS.

By GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

23456	M	W	H
23564			
56234	--	--	
42635	--	--	
62534	--	--	
35426	--	--	
42356	--	--	
34256	--	--	
23456	--	--	

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AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.

By J. R. JERRAM.

In the will of John Betts the elder, of Aylsham, shoemaker, dated 1529, is the following bequest:

"Item J will ther be bought a tribill bell to the V bellys in the steple of Ailish'm by the advyse of Ed. With of Ailish'm and John With his sonne of and for the s'm of Xli. And if it may be bought better chepe J bequethe to the seid Edmu'de With and John for ther labor iche of them vis. viij*d*. And the rest if any be to be bestowed about the frame of the same bell to hang yn."

This bequest, however, seems not to have taken effect, for it appears from the Inventory of the sixth year of Edward VIth that there were then only five bells in the steple.

These two founders appear to have been employed when the peal was augmented to eight in 1700. They were paid £23 17s. 6d. in cash and £19 13s. 6d. in bell metal for casting four new bells in that year.

In 1726, John Stephens, of Norwich, recast the sixth (now the eighth) bell, at a cost of £17 3s. 3d.

In 1741 the present ninth bell (then 7th) was recast on the spot by Thomas Newman, of Norwich, at a cost of £18, besides various items for bricks for the furnace, clay, carting materials, building furnace, stocks and ironwork, ale for the men, and cleaning up the church after the work was done, amounting altogether to £31 1s. 0d.

The peal seems to have been augmented to ten bells in 1775 by Thomas Osborn, in conjunction with Edward



AYLSHAM CHURCH, NORFOLK.

A tablet in the belfry is inscribed: "John Curtis and Thomas Coulson Churchwardens when this Ring was made into eight, 1700."

Previous to this we find in the accounts for 1647-8, "Pd for ye Bricke carrying wch was used about the new running ye great bell, 4s. 0d.," and in the following year occurs: "Paid John Long for his hempe stryng at the greate bell shooting, 10s. 0d.;" and, further, "Pd. for the vse of the barne and making it good againe, £1 0s. 0d."

Among the documents in 1653-4 are two bonds of John Draper and John Brend in £50 each for "well shootinge the great bell." From these items it appears that the tenor was recast on the spot at that time.

In 1677-8 Samuel Gilpin, of Norwich, was paid £35 for some recasting, and in 1683 he was paid £1 18s. 10d. for recasting the saint's-bell, and for the third bell £14 14s. 6d. In 1685 he recast the fifth bell. This work he appears to have carried out in conjunction with Edward Tooke, with whom he worked.

Arnold, of St. Neots, before T. Osborn established the foundry at Downham on his own account. They appear to have recast the two existing trebles and added two above them, and were paid £43 1s. 10d. for the same in two instalments.

The present seventh was recast by G. Mears in 1860 and weighs 9 cwt. The former bell was cast by Edward Tooke in 1677.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows (all in Roman capitals):

- Treble.* George Hunt Holley and John Soame, C.W. Osborn & Arnold fecit, 1775.
- Second.* John Soame and George Hunt Holley, C.W. Osborn & Arnold fecit, 1775.
- Third.* George Hunt Holley and John Soame. Osborn & Arnold fecit, 1775.
- Fourth.* John Soame and George Hunt Holley. Osborn & Arnold fecit, 1775.
- Fifth.* 1700 (by Samuel Gilpin and Edwd. Tooke).

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TEN-BELL TOWERS

GILLETT & JOHNSTON

ESTABLISHED 1844.



ROYAL EXCHANGE, 1921.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL, 1921.

THE CROYDON BELL FOUNDRY

CARISBROOKE, 1921.

WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

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- Sixth. Edw. Tooke made me 1677. Richard Howard gave me. Robert Doughty—William Doughty.
- Seventh. G. Mears founder, London, 1860. Rev. E. T. Yates, vicar, R. W. Parmeter and H. E. Soame, churchwardens.
- Eighth. Robert Curteis, Thomas Forster, churchwardens. John Stephens, 1726.
- Ninth. Edmundo Jewell, Gen. et Johanne Curties, Ecclesie Guardianis, 1741 (by Thomas Newman).
- Tenor. 1700 (by Samuel Gilpin and Edwd. Tooke).
- Saint's-bell. (No inscription.)

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Loughborough District was held at Stanford-on-Soar, where, on the beautiful peal of eight some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Bob Major were brought round during the afternoon. The members then proceeded to the bell foundry tower, where, by kind permission of Messrs. Taylor and Co., the little peal of ten (6½ cwt. tenor) were set going to Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters and Treble Bob Major. Some thirty or more members were present from Ugglescote, Shepshed, Neatherseal, Long Eaton, Leicester and Loughborough.

Mr. J. Saddington was again elected district secretary for the ensuing year; Messrs. J. H. Dear and H. Whittle were elected on the committee.

ANOTHER SURPRISE METHOD RUNG.

OSWALDWISTLE RINGERS' SUCCESS.

One of the Surprise methods by Mr. Arthur Craven, of which a half lead was published in our issue of November 9th, has been rung by the enterprising company at Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, and they have named it 'Palatino.' The peal was rung at the first attempt, and it is noteworthy that the band included two ladies.

The following is the method and the composition of the peal:—

Palatine Surprise Major. 5,184 by Arthur Knights.

12345678	23456	W	B	M	H
21334687	64235	—	—	—	—
12536478	26135	—	—	—	—
21356748	26354	—	—	—	—
	32254	—	—	—	—
23157684	63254	—	—	—	—
32516748	42635	—	—	—	—
23156478	63425	—	—	—	—
32514687	43526	—	—	—	—
	52436	—	—	—	—
35241678	35426	—	—	—	—
53426187	42356	—	—	—	—
54321678	54326	—	—	—	—
45236187	32546	—	—	—	—
	65324	—	—	—	—
54326817	36524	—	—	—	—
53428671	53624	—	—	—	—
35246817	62534	—	—	—	—
32548671	45236	—	—	—	—
	24536	—	—	—	—
23458761	53246	—	—	—	—
24357816	25346	—	—	—	—
42538761	34256	—	—	—	—
45237816	23456	—	—	—	—

6th the extent right without 2nd or 3rd in 6th's place.

54327186
45231768
42537186
24351768
23415786
32147568
23417658
32146785
31247658
13427568
31245786
13254768
13527486

Bob 12357486

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.—On Monday, December 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Aylward: Miss Gladys Young 1, H. Huntley 2, N. Butcher 3, C. Aylwood 4, A. Aylwood 5, A. Wiles 6, C. H. Everest (conductor) 7, A. Longley 8. Miss Young is the first lady to ring a quarter-peal in Chiddingstone.

'EDINBURGH SURPRISE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—While congratulating the Leiston men on their achievement in ringing a peal of the above, I must object to them calling it a new method. It is rather an arrangement, consisting of half of each of two different Double Surprise methods, viz., Bristol and Peterborough Surprise, spliced together at the quarter sections by the use of adjoining places in 1—2. I think this is a very unfortunate thing to do with two such perfect methods. Bristol Surprise has stood 25 years as the only Surprise method which contains none of these adjoining places, and I append two more Surprise methods to share this distinction with Bristol.

No. 1.	No. 2.
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12463857	12436587
21648375	21436675
26143857	24136857
62418375	42316587
26148735	24135678
62417853	42315788
64271835	43251786
46728153	34527168
47621835	35421786
74268153	53247168
47628513	35274618
46725831	32576481
64278513	23754618
62475831	27356481
26457381	72536841
24653718	75238614
42567381	57326841
45263718	53728614
54823178	35782164
45261387	53871246
42563178	58372164
24651387	85731246
26415378	87513264
62143587	78153624
26413857	87516342
62148375	78156432
61243857	71854623
16428375	17586432
61482735	71856342
16847253	17585624
18674523	15758264

Both Methods to have 6th's place Bob. No. 1 has one false course 24365.

No. 2 has a clear proof, and is half 'Bristol,' for which I apologise to Mr. James.

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

FROM CALL CHANGES TO METHOD RINGING.

At All Saints' Parish Church, Broseley, Shropshire, on Tuesday evening, December 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung, consisting of ten and a half 120's, each called differently, in 45 minutes: J. Smith 1, W. J. Garbett 2, A. J. Garbett 3, W. Saunders (conductor) 4, A. H. Meredith 5, J. Hartshorne 6. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor. First quarter-peal on the bells. Also three 120's, with C. E. Smith ringing the 4th.

Until April of this year only call changes had ever been rung by local men at Broseley. The Rector (the Rev. W. Warner) joined the Hereford Guild as an honorary member, and all his local ringers as probationers, at a quarterly meeting of the Bridgnorth district of the Hereford Guild, held at Broseley in April. All who have heard the ringing since change ringing started at Broseley, are highly pleased with the improved sound of the bells. A lot of the instructive work has also been done on handbells.

A VETERAN'S WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Mr. William Shepherd, 78 years of age, for many years a well-known ringer at Emmanuel Church, Streatham Common, has just celebrated the fifty-sixth anniversary of his wedding by taking part in a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), on Monday, Dec. 17th: W. Shepherd 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, T. Welbourne 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, J. Lee 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. J. Anscombe 8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SUGGESTED CHANGE OF TITLE.

The annual meeting of the Luton district was held at Dunstable on Saturday, December 15th, when the following towers were represented: Aspley Guise, Barton-le-Cley, Luton, Leighton Buzzard, Linstead, Woburn, and Houghton Regis, together with a full muster of the local band. Among the visitors was Mr. E. G. Benson, of the Cambridge University Guild. The bells were utilised from 3 to 4.50 p.m., when a short service was held, conducted by the Rector (Canon W. W. C. Baker, president of the Bedfordshire Association) who gave a short address, which was highly appreciated by the members present.

The tea and business meeting was held at the C.E.M.S. Club, the arrangements having been in the capable hands of Mr. F. Hardy, the club steward, who is also verger of the church. The tea was generously provided by Canon Baker.

The annual meeting followed, with the president in the chair. On the proposition of the Chairman, Mr. A. King, of Luton, was elected president of the branch for the ensuing year; Canon Baker remarking that he thought the office should go round.—Mr. Cyril Herbert, of Woburn, was elected vice-president, to fill the vacancy caused by the elevation of Mr. A. King.

The hon. secretary was re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. J. Marks, and Messrs. J. Nicholls and H. H. Smith were elected on the Central Committee.

An interesting discussion was raised by Canon Baker, who brought the matter forward for the consideration of the members, a suggestion that the time had come when the name of the association should be changed to 'The Bedfordshire Association of Church Bell Ringers,' and to rescind the rule stating that a member must be able to ring 120 changes before being eligible for membership. All ringers in the county, whether method ringers or not, would then be eligible for membership.

Several members expressed their views on the subject, and all present were asked to give the matter due thought and consideration before the annual general meeting.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, and the tower again visited until 8 p.m. Some excellent striking in various methods was heard during the day, the methods rung including Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and Bristol Surprise Major. Members of the local band took part in each of the Surprise methods rung.

SHREWSBURY'S OLDEST RINGER.

On Sunday, December 9th, at St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury, 381 Stedman Caters: G. Byolin (conductor) 1, J. Griffiths 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, A. Short 6, G. Jones 7, D. J. Boucher 8, C. R. Lilley 9, J. Evans 10. Also 180 Bob Royal. Rung on Mr. G. Byolin's 70th birthday. On Wednesday, December 12th, a peal of Double Norwich was attempted also in honour of the event, but was not successful. The members taking part were F. Lycett 1, J. Griffiths 2, G. E. Lilley 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, G. Jones 5, D. J. Boucher 6, E. Dale 7, C. R. Lilley 8. Mr. Byolin is the oldest ringer in Shrewsbury, and revived change ringing there 30 years ago. Believing it is never too late to learn, Mr. Byolin took up Double Norwich ringing about six months ago.

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As a ringer who porforce takes a great interest in five-bell ringing I have lately come across this method:—

12345			
21354			
23145			
32415	Bob	24135	Single 24135
34251		21453	21453
43251		12435	12435
42315		14253	12453
24135			21435
21453			
12543			
15234			

1. Can any of your readers give me the correct name for this method, and also tell me if 16 six scores is the greatest possible number to be obtained in it?

2. In the preface to 'Legitimate Methods' the number of six-scores obtainable in Carter's is given as 10. Having only been able to obtain 5 by means of the single given there, by calling single once in each part, I should like to know how others are obtained.

3. Can anyone give me the name of any work on change ringing in which the calling of six-scores in Original is explained?

DOUBLES RINGER.

PRIZE RINGING 80 YEARS AGO.

AT MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE, CHESHIRE.

BROTHER RINGERS,—

We beg leave to inform you that there will be a Prize Ringing, AT MOTTRAM, ON TUESDAY, JAN. 2nd, 1844,

For the following prizes, viz.,

For the best true Peal of Kent, or old Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2,528 changes; the first prize of £8.

For the second best Peal of Kent, or old Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2,528 changes; the second prize of £4.

For the third best Peal of Kent, or old Treble Bob Major, consisting of 2,528 changes; the remaining prize of £2.

Each company of ringers will be allowed two courses for practice, on Monday, January 1st, 1844, and no practice peal will be allowed previous to that day, nor after 9 o'clock in the evening.

Each company must provide their own ceusors. All companies are requested to repair to the house of Mr. Miles Goddard, the Hare and Hounds Inn, where some of the ringers will be in attendance to direct them to their respective quarters.

We are, Gentlemen,

Yours most Respectfully,

THE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.
COMMITTEE.

James Shaw, Chairman.	William Shaw, Treasurer.
Simeon Sandiford.	John Cooper.
Thomas Shaw.	Charles Shaw.
William Harrison.	Robert Shaw.

THE PEAL (2,528 CHANGES).

	M	W	H
*52364	—	—	2
*24365	2	1	2
45382	1	—	2
24653	2	1	2
52436	2	2	2
*54326	1	2	2
23456	—	2	2

The above is a copy of an old circular which was unearthed by Mr. A. Sidebottom, and will be read with much interest in these days when prize ringing for money is a practice long since condemned and abandoned.

The prize ringing contests in the Glosopdale and Longdenale district in years gone by attracted the best performers from Lancashire, Yorkshire, Cheshire and Derbyshire.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—On Wednesday, November 28th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: T. Bloxham 1, T. G. Bannister 2, H. G. Humphries (first quarter-peal 'inside') 3, C. H. Kippin 4, S. W. Holdaway (first quarter as conductor and first attempt) 5, F. E. Darby 6, D. Cooper 7, A. H. Bundle 8.

MANCHESTER.—At the residence of Mr. Hy. Chapman, on Monday, December 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 33 mins.: A. Barnes 1—2, A. F. Bailey 3—4, J. W. Washbrook, senr. (conductor), 5—6, Hy. Chapman 7—8. Also five courses Stedman Caters: A. Barnes 1—2, A. F. Bailey 3—4, J. W. Washbrook (conductor) 5—6, F. Page 7—8, Hy. Chapman 9—10. Also a course of Grandsire Cinques, with Hy. Chapman 1—2 and R. Davies 11—12.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Saturday, December 8th, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,386 changes) from Snowdon's Grandsire, in 50 mins.: A. Reid 1, E. Jennings 2, W. Jenner 3, P. S. Thompson (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. S. Hobden 5, C. H. Humphrey 6, A. Hobden 7, H. Ades 8.

STAINES.—At St. Peter's Church, recently a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Sewell 1, J. Phillips 2, Miss H. Mackie (first on inside bell) 3, R. Franklin 4, W. E. Butler 5, W. Parker 6, J. Hessey (conductor) 7, A. Hiscock 8.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: *P. Gleave 1, *H. J. Hazell 2, F. J. Cook 3, G. W. Cook (conductor) 4, G. Crisp 5, J. B. Woolley 6. *First 720 in the method.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins. (from Thurstans): A. S. Bayley 1, J. Garbett 2, B. Rixom 3, W. D. Wase (conductor) 4, R. Jones 5, E. V. Rodonhurst 6, W. Saunders 7, J. Johnston 8. Especially arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. S. Bayley.

YEOVIL.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, December 16th, to welcome the Rev. J. E. S. Harrison, M.A., on the first Sunday after his induction as Vicar of Yeovil, 648 Grandsire Caters: H. Batty 1, R. Maundor 2, F. Hunt 3, S. C. Ilett 4, C. Norman 5, E. T. Griffen 6, J. E. Baker (conductor) 7, S. J. Baker 8, W. Fry 9, T. Setter 10. Longest length of Caters for all except 6 and 7.

ERITH, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, December 16th, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Rochester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins. by the following: L. J. Cullum 1, F. J. Cullum, senr., 2, D. Harvey 3, W. Smith 4, E. Ilett 5, J. Morton 6, F. J. Cullum, junr. (conductor), 7, O. Robinson 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: R. Foddy 1, A. J. Green 2, F. Case 3, H. Ridgway 4, D. Chexfield 5, L. Smith 6, T. Roberts (conductor) 7, G. Green 8. Longest length by R. Foddy, who is only 15 years old. Longest length of Grandsire Triples with a bob bell by H. Ridgway.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, December 16th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 and 180 Bob Minor: L. Ollington 1, S. Gridley 2, G. Dixon 3, C. Smith 4, C. Clark 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6.

WIVELISCOMBE.—On Sunday, December 16th, at St. Andrew's Church, after evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. J. Greedy 1, A. E. Barrington 2, W. Baker 3, J. Parkman 4, W. Hartnell (conductor) 5, J. Hartnell 6, H. Rawle 7, A. Stone 8. This is the first quarter-peal rung by a local band on the bells.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, December 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Edwards 1, F. Morgan 2, C. Creasey 3, T. Booth 4, W. Hoad (conductor) 5, G. Mills 6, E. Mills 7, G. King 8.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260) Grandsire Triples: A. Whistler 1, H. Bush 2, H. Williamson 3, W. Ralcliffe 4, H. Byfield 5, T. Storer (first quarter-peal inside) 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, E. Williamson (first quarter-peal of Triples) 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, December 16th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by W. J. Paice: F. Edwards 1, F. J. Lewis 2, W. C. Cuss 3, W. G. Cook (conductor) 4, W. H. Hayward 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8.

EARL SHILTON.—On Sunday, December 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples, for morning service: G. Newton 1, P. Reynolds 2, A. Waters 3, H. Wright 4, H. Webb 5, S. Coe 6, W. Reynolds (conductor) 7, H. Pickering 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: K. Deacon 1, W. Reynolds 2, A. Waters 3, H. Webb 4, F. Wilson 5, S. Coe 6, H. Wright (conductor) 7, H. Fullylove 8. Longest touch for G. Newton, K. Deacon and H. Pickering.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, for evening service, on December 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: D. Ovington 1, A. G. Crane 2, A. R. Glascock 3, D. Pink 4, J. E. Miller 5, W. Pickworth 6, J. Armstrong (conductor) 7, G. Bester 8.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, December 16th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 600 Grandsire and Bob Doubles: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. Peck 3, A. H. Took 4, T. Crane 5, S. Cady 6.

ADDERBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evensong, 168 Grandsire Triples: H. Impcy 1, R. R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, R. W. Burrows 5, F. Baldwin 6, J. Simons 7, T. Impcy 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples conducted by E. W. Burrows.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, December 2nd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 336 Grandsire Triples and 168 Stedman Triples.—On Sunday, December 9th, for evening service, 168 Grandsire Triples and 168 Stedman Triples.—On Sunday, December 16th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Hammond 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Nov. 25th (annual general thanksgiving day), a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. Bolton 1, J. Appleton 2, G. Kemball 3, G. A. Peck 4, G. Duncan 5, C. Pollard 6, R. Laughton (conductor) 7, J. Wedgewood 8. First quarter-peal in the method by a local band, and by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 7.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on November 25th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Torr 1, Miss C. Hepburn 2, H. Morgan (conductor) 3, E. Dalingwater 4, J. T. Ladd 5, C. H. Baker 6. Owing to the clapper of the tenor being broken, this was rung on the front six, and to oblige Miss Hepburn, who was visiting the town.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Tribe 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, H. Baker 3, H. Want (first quarter as conductor) 4, W. Freeman 5, W. Button 6, C. W. Player 7, F. Want (first quarter) 8.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, for morning service, three courses of Stedman Triples. For evening service, 672 Bob Major: C. Read 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, D. Chexfield 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Read 7, J. Green (conductor) 8. Longest length of Bob Major by 1 and 5. Also longest length by a local band.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Sept. 30th, for harvest festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Tickener 1, C. Slyfield 2, Miss K. Avenell (conductor) 3, G. Chandler 4, C. Heather 5, S. Peiter 6. Also 240 of Cambridge Surprise for evening service, with H. Blackman 6 and C. Heather 1.

ROWLEY REGIS.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, Nov. 25th, after evensong, to mark the occasion of the visit of the Rev. A. F. Daughish, M.A., former Vicar of St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Brown 1, T. Clarke 2, W. H. Detheridge 3, E. Homer 4, G. H. Detheridge 5, H. Dowell 6, A. Timmins (conductor) 7, S. Detheridge 8. This is the first quarter-peal rung upon these bells since the reopening of the church in September last.

HUMBERSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, for morning service: Rowland Barrow 1, G. Dickenson 2, K. R. Elliott 3, A. Pick 4, A. Disney (conductor) 5, H. Lea 6.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 7th for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Weaver 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goscher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6; and 720 Warnham Court Bob: L. Turrell 1, F. Turrell 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Goscher 4, W. Weaver 5, W. Denman 6.

LONG STANTON.—At the Church of All Saints' on Sunday, Oct. 7th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: F. Gleaves 1, H. J. Hazell 2, F. J. Cook 3, C. W. Cook (conductor) 4, G. Crisp 5, J. B. Woolley 6. Also on Sunday, 14th, 720 Cambridge: F. Gleaves 1, F. Warrington 2, F. J. Cook 3, G. Crisp 4, H. J. Hazell 5, J. E. Woolley (conductor) 6. Also on Sunday, 21st, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. J. Cook 1, F. W. Gleaves 2, G. Crisp 3, F. Warrington 4, H. J. Hazell 5, C. W. Cook (conductor) 6.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, in 47 mins., a Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Morton 1, F. Goddard 2, J. Worthington 2, B. Welshy 3, S. Harrison 4, J. Potter (conductor) 5, A. Burton 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, R. Danner 8. Rung for afternoon service for the harvest festival.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.—For afternoon service on Sunday, Oct. 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. F. Mee 1, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 2, E. Rivers 3, G. W. Mee 4, T. R. Dennis 5, A. G. Rivers 6.—At Bramford, Suffolk for evening service, 360 Double Court Minor and short touches of Plain and Oxford Treble Bob.

BURSLLEM, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 14th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival, 720 Treble Bob Minor, comprising 240 each of Kent Oxford and Woodbine: F. Shaker 1, H. Box 2, A. Lees 3, T. Hurd 4, P. Kelsall 5, T. Hilditch (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—Middlesex County Association. — On Sunday, October 21st for morning service, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Idol Lane, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: W. Hewett, A. W. Coles, E. J. Trimmer, C. T. Coles, C. Chapman (first quarter-peal of Stedman), W. A. Alps (conductor), C. W. R. Grimwood, R. Sanders. Rung by special request on the occasion of the harvest festival.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, Oct. 28th, at St. Chad's Church, 168 Stedman Triples: G. Griffiths 1, J. E. Liller 2, R. Pole 3, A. Griffiths 4, A. Short 5, G. Jones 6, C. R. Lilley 7, D. J. Foucher 8; 207 Stedman Caters and 336 Double Norwich Major.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 6th, at St. Margaret's, 1,012 Grandsire Cinques: E. Morris (composer and conductor) 1, F. Sharman 2, A. Cattell 3, G. S. Morris 4, A. Ballard 5, T. Bent 6, W. P. Whitehead 7, H. Peach 8, E. Whitehead 9, H. Lock 10, J. Morris 11, J. Grant 12. Rung to welcome the new Vicar, the Rev. W. A. Lee, M.A.—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for morning service, 448 Grandsire Triples, called by G. S. Morris, and for evening service, 350 Grandsire Triples called by T. Bent, both these being their first touches as conductors.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.—At the Cathedral Church of St. James (Norman tower), on Sunday, Sept. 16th, in 50 mins., 1,239 Stedman Caters: A. F. Moore 1, J. Chinery 2, H. Langdon (conductor) 3, C. F. Winney 4, W. Goodshin 5, F. J. Levitt 6, H. R. Moore 7, G. R. Fardon (composer) 8, A. B. Peck 9, E. A. Young 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by ringers of treble, 2nd, 5th, 6th and 7th, who are all local ringers.

STOW-ON-THE-WOLD, GLOS.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Jacques 1, F. Davis 2, H. Hill 3, E. Parden 4, G. Pugh 5, C. Robbins 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Richings 8. This is the longest touch of Triples by ringers of 1 and 6.

LONG STANTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 23rd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (26 singles): H. Cole 1, Fred Cook 2, Geo. Crisp 3, H. G. Hazell 4, C. W. Cook (conductor) 5, J. B. Woolley 6.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity on Saturday, December 29th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended 20 times in the previous year to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on January 1st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 3rd, 17th and 31st; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 8th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 29th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Stockton-on-Tees, on Wednesday, January 2nd. Bells (10) available from 1.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Newton, 19, Londonderry Road, Stockton-on-Tees, as early as possible?—A. Hunter, Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Coleshill Branch.—An invitation is given to members of the above Guild to ring on the augmented peal of 8 from 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 5th, 1924. Tea provided free to members sending in their names before Thursday, January 3rd, to C. Dale, High Street, Coleshill, Birmingham. The dedication of the new bells takes place on New Year's Eve at the watchnight service.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, January 5th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. A good attendance is particularly desired.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Wellingborough on Saturday, January 5th, to inaugurate the above Guild, and to elect officers. Service in Parish Church 3.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all those who require tea notify Mr. F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough, on or before January 2nd?—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Jan. 5th. Bells (8) available from 1.30 p.m. Meat tea, 1s. 6d. each to all who notify Mr. A. Smith, 23, Selbourne Street, Rotherham, by Jan. 2nd. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Jan. 5th, 1924. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. A peal board will be unveiled at this meeting. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—J. Halsall, Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at All Saints', Wokingham, on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Service at 4. Sermon by Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of Guild. Tea and meeting to follow in All Saints' Church House at 4.45. Ringing at St. Paul's (8) and All Saints' (8) before service and after meeting. Ringers intending to be present at tea please notify, not later than Jan. 5th, F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Nelson on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (new ring of 8 by Mears & Stainbank) ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Linton on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Tower open at 3 o'clock. A short service at 5 o'clock. Tea given by the Vicar at the Institute (opposite the Church) after the service. Will all those intending being at the tea please let me know not later than Tuesday, January 8th?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dist. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Ilkeston on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Belfry open from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Committee meeting at 3.45. Tea at 4.30. General meeting to follow tea. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. J. Baker, 28, Station Road, Ilkeston, not later than Friday, January 11th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—The third annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds will be held at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, on Saturday, January 12th, 1924. Commence 6 p.m. Full details will be given later. Tickets, 6/-, may be obtained now from any of the Bristol Towers, Stewards, or direct from the Hon. Sec., Mr. E. Guise, 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, on Saturday, January 19th, 1924. Bells available at 3. Subscriptions for 1924 are now due, and can be paid at the meeting. Full particulars later.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The William Doubleday Crofts' memorial dinner will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th, at 6.45 p.m. A first-class musical programme will be given. All ringers and ringers' friends heartily welcome. All applications for tickets (3/9 each) to be made not later than Tuesday, January 22nd, to W. A. Janes, 52, Castle Gate, Nottingham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society). Established 1824.—A Centenary Dinner will be held at "The Bell," Holborn, on Saturday, February 23rd, 1924. Tickets may be obtained at 5/- each from the dinner committee, whose names will be published in later issue.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

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