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THE FUTURE TREND IN RINGING.

It has been usual in the first issue of this paper in the new year to devote this column to a survey of the general position of our art, as revealed by the records of the past twelve months, and the promise of the future. Since 1918, at any rate, there has ever been cause for optimism at the prospect of each coming year, and not only have these expressions been fully justified by events, but the Art and the Exercise have gained ground at an even greater pace than could have been anticipated. The year that has just closed has been no exception. Bell restorations and augmentations have been carried out at a highly satisfactory rate; ringing organisations have maintained or increased their membership, the standard of method ringing is steadily rising, and, surveyed as a whole, the year 1923 produced a gratifying advance all along the line, not the least marked feature being the evidence forthcoming in many directions of an increasing recognition in high ecclesiastical quarters of the status of ringers.

Leaving out of consideration the progress which has been revealed by the peal performances—although these are an important factor as showing, we think, an increased competence in the art which must, perforce, be reflected in the Sunday ringing—the future holds out every promise that as time goes on the office of the bell-ringer will become more and more securely established as a recognised service in the ministry of the Church and a definite part of Church organisation. This is what our ringing associations have been striving for for the last fifty years, and never were they nearer to the achievement of their desire than at the present time. Speaking generally, they have raised the type, both socially and intellectually, of the bell ringer, and not only have they long since removed former grounds of reproach, but they have brought events to a turn when not only do the clergy look up to ringers as a useful and essential adjunct to their body of church workers, but some among the Bishops are beginning to seek out our associations and bring them within the fold of diocesan organisation in something more than name.

And towards this end, we believe, events will march more rapidly than in the past. Ringers there are, of course, who would be content to remain, if they could, independent of any official connection with the Church; who would be satisfied as long as they had access to the bells for their own pleasure, giving in return their time to Sunday ringing. This view of a ringer's relation to the Church is, however, a disappearing one, and those who seriously contemplate the future of ringing must rejoice that it is so, for we believe that if ever danger from the outside threatens curtailment in the practice of our art, it

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is less likely to be successful if ringers are established as a definite and officially recognised part of Church organisation, than if our associations can be pointed to as societies existing merely to further the pleasures and facilitate the ambitions of those who ring the bells as a pastime and not as a part of the service of the Church.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	WALTER SEAR 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	ALFRED H. WINCH 8
REGINALD BROUGH 3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 9
FRANK SMITH 4	THOMAS WALTERS 10
JOHN W. CORNFORD 5	GEORGE A. CARD 11
HARRY SEAR 6	WILLIAM BOTTRILL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on twelve.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
HENRY R. NEWTON 2	THOMAS LANGDON 8
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 3	WILLIAM HIBBERT 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 4	HERBERT LANGDON 10
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
ALFRED B. PECK 6	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. T. COCKERILL.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 2	WILLIAM A. COOPER 8
* EDGAR MARLOW 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
BERT HORTON 5	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 11
HERBERT KNIGHT 6	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal on twelve. † First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung for the festival of Christmas, and also as a birthday compliment to G. Wallater. The conductor has now rung each of the twelve bells to a peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
HENRY PRING 2	JAMES R. JONES 7
* MISS ANNIE BROWN 3	JOSEPH GOULD 8
H. NORRIS WAY 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal on ten bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Six Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 10,440 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

CECIL V. EBBERSON Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWITT... .. 6
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM J. NODDS 9
ALBERT W. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
The longest length in a Surprise method rung on ten bells.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM H. HOLIFIELD ... Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 6
ALBERT E. LOCK 2	†EDGAR HUMFREY 7
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	TOM SHORT... .. 8
MRS. A. E. LOCK 4	FRANK BARRETT 9
*JACK HONEY 5	PERCY DYKE Tenor

Composed by W. H. HALBY. Conducted by EDGAR HUMFREY.
* First peal in the method in Caters. † First as conductor. The conductor's 100th peal. The first peal of Stedman Caters on the bells by an entirely local band, all but one of whom are regular service ringers.

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY, SS. MARY AND GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lb. in D.

R. FENTON Treble	T. MORGAN 6
J. W. HALL 2	G. W. P. FENTON 7
F. CRYER 3	W. HINTON 8
A. CRYER 4	H. FAIRLAM 9
H. S. MORLEY 5	T. STRUDWICK Tenor

Composed by J. W. MOORHOUSE. Conducted by H. FAIRLAM.
First peal for ringer of treble. Rung to commemorate Mr. F. Cryer's 52nd year as a ringer, and also the coming-of-age of the conductor's son. First local peal on the bells. First peal of Caters for all except ringer of 3rd. First peal of Caters as a conductor, and first attempt.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE ORCHARD Treble	FRANK COLE... .. 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	HERBERT BECKETT 7
RAYMOND WILKINS 3	ALFRED HARMES... .. 8
ALBERT WRIGHT 4	JOSEPH WILLIAMS 9
CHARLES GARDINER 5	JOHN BALLINGER Tenor

Composed by FRED MAY. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

READING, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*W. A. GARDINER Treble	S. C. DAVIS 6
†MISS MARY MACKMAN ... 2	†FRANK HOPGOOD 7
R. N. RUNHAM 3	†A. T. LOVEJOY 8
HENRY TUCKER 4	J. R. MACKMAN 9
*W. E. LEWINGTON 5	†W. SIMMONDS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK HOPGOOD.
The conductor's 200th peal. * First peal. † First peal of Caters

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... Treble	HARRY MILLER 6
NORMAN R. TOMLINSON ... 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
FREDERICK WILFORD... .. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 8
CHARLES T. COLES 4	JOHN E. MILLER 9
GEORGE R. PYE 5	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5004 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. in E flat.

*FRANCIS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	DANIEL COOPER 7
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. 8
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 9
JAMES E. COOPER 4	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ...
REGINALD D. MARSHALL... 5	WALTER GLOVER Tenor
†ERNEST J. TRIMMER 6	

Conducted by HENRY JOHNSON. Composed by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.
* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal on the bells for 10½ years.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR,

LOWER THAMES STREET, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS LANGDON Treble	MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... 6
EVERED J. WALSON 2	PERCY E. CLARKE 7
HERBERT LANGDON 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 8
JESSE B. TYLER 4	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	ALAN R. MACDONALD Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

FREDERICK GRUNDY Treble	DANIEL HOWARD... .. 5
DAVID CLARKE 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
SIDNEY JAMES 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
WILLIAM COLLIER 4	STANLEY HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

CHISWICK, W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... Treble	WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2	*WILLIAM H. WORSLEY ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	*JOSEPH HERBERT 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.
* First peal of Double Norwich.

Christmas Week produced the usual large crop of peals, and a number of reports are unavoidably held over.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN HALLETT Treble	SIDNEY RIDGWAY 5
IVOR MITCHELL 2	ALBERT GRAY 6
FREDERICK THYER 3	JOHN DARCH 7
IDRESS MITCHELL 4	FREDERICK NEVILLE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALLETT.

This is the first peal by all the band. The first peal by a local band since the bells have been hung.

SHREWSBURY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD AND
ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, December 20, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

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

Tenor 11 cwt. in F sharp.

*FRANK LYCETT Treble	†GEORGE JONES 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 the late CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. All the above are Sunday Service ringers and this is the first peal in the method rung by entirely local men in the county of Salop. Rung muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. G. Bylin, a member at St. Chad's tower, who was buried the same day.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT DUBBER Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	ALBERT E. LOCK 6
HARRY HOLIFIELD 3	EDGAR HUMFREY 7
JACK HONEY 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by GORDON CAUDWELL.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

*FRANK ROLLINGS Treble	GEORGE BASFORD 5
FRED WILFORD 2	*JOHN W. METHERELL 6
*THOMAS LAW 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
*BERTIE O. SODEN 4	WILLIAM ROGERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major. Rung after meeting one short for Oxford Royal. The ringer of the 5th hails from Finedon, 1st and 3rd from Weston Pavell, the rest from Northampton. First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES TAYLOR Treble	ORMEROD EASTWOOD 5
JAMES H. BANKS 2	WILLIAM MITCHELL 6
HAROLD W. EMMETT 3	TOM COLLINGE 7
*HERBERT MILLS 4	*JOHN W. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BANKS.

* First peal. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to James Ashworth, who for 34 years was a ringer at the above church. Ringers of 1 and 5 hail from Newchurch, 2 Helmsore, 3 and 4 Bacup, 6 Bury, 7 Rawtenstall, 8 Haslingden.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. H. SWINFELD Treble	H. HURDMAN 5
*W. BROOKER 2	*J. COTTON 6
M. SWINFELD 3	*W. E. CLAYFIELD 7
E. W. BRADSMORE 4	J. HOUGH Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

Rung in honour of the birthday of Mr. W. W. Werthington (Lichfield), through whose generosity mainly this fine peal of bells was put up. It was also the birthday of J. Cotton. * First peal of Triples.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 5½ cwt.

GEORGE S. MORRIS Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	*EDWARD C. GOBEY 6
HARRY BROUGHTON 3	*JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
JAMES F. CLARKE 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Bristol. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	JOSEPH DAVIES 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
*WILLIAM H. BALL 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by S. GROVE.

* First peal of London.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER WHITEHEAD Treble	WILLIAM THORLEY 5
WILLIAM JOHNSON 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
†WALTER SANSEY 3	*ERNEST F. PAYNE 7
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. * First peal and first attempt, and elected a member previous to starting. † First peal on eight bells. The band wish to thank Mr. W. Johnson, of Quorn, for standing in at the last minute. The 6th and tenor ringers are from Loughborough, 7th from Syston, and remainder from Leicester.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM C. JUDD 2	GEORGE M. KILBY 6
CECIL V. EBBERTSON 3	HARRY KILEY 7
*EDWARD LANKESTER 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

OSSETT, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Tuesday, December 25, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 26½ cwt.

*JOHN WM. TAYLOR Treble	†JOE BENNETT 5
*FRED BENNETT 2	*WILLIAM TATTERSALL ... 6
*ARTHUR CLAYTON 3	†GEORGE BENNETT 7
*GEORGE DEWS 4	†GEORGE WM. PICKLES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BENNETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. ‡ First peal as conductor and first peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal of Grandsire on the bells. The above are also members of the Leeds and District Society. Tenor man from Horbury; the rest belong to the local company.

LONDON.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park, S.W.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... Treble	REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... 2	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 6
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
JAMES E. COOPER 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Fardon. First peal of Major on the bells. * First peal of Treble Bob.

RANMOOR, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Boxing Day, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ALFRED A. DOBINSON ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
RICHARD HAYES 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
JOHN H. WHITE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. H. PELLING.

* First peal of Major.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EARDISLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 18, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten callings.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN W. WILLIAMS ... Treble	*NICHOLAS D. PREECE ... 4
EDGAR R. JONES 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
HENRY J. PEAKE 3	*JOHN L. WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal.

DROITWICH, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-de-Witton,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4
SIDNEY T. HOLT 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 5
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 3	CHARLES CANN ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

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

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

†HERMAN COOPER ... Treble	CHARLES H. BAKER ... 4
*MISS DOROTHY HEAL ... 2	†CHARLES A. HEWITT ... 5
†HARRY MORGAN 3	†WILFRED T. COOPER ... Tenor

Conducted by H. MORGAN.

* First attempt for a peal. † First peal of Minor.

MADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 720 Canterbury, two Oxford Single Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES P. HYETT ... Treble	*WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 2	*GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 5
*THOMAS TAYSON 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in five methods on the bells. * First peal in five methods. First 720 Oxford Treble Bob by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Plain Bob and 40 of Grandsire (12 callings) Tenor 13 cwt.

ROLAND BILLINGS ... Treble	ALFRED C. RESHTON ... 4
FREDERICK G. GRIFFITHS ... 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
JOSEPH W. RESHTON 3	ERNEST GIDDINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

First attempt for a peal by all the band except the conductor.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's Kent Treble Bob, two 720's Oxford Bob, two 720's Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

C. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	P. INGRAM 4
*I. WADE 2	J. H. SPENCER 5
W. BALL 3	C. ALLSOP Tenor

Conducted by C. ALLSOP.

* First 720 Oxford Treble Bob. First peal in four methods by all the band.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

Tenor 8 cwt.

STEPHEN H. HOARE ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4
HERBERT HOARE 2	ARTHUR RIGGALL ... 5
MISS PHYLISS HARE ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Messrs. S. H. Hoare and H. J. Poole were proposed members of the Association before starting.

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THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PHILIP CARTER...	...Treble	WILLIAM S. HART	... .. 4
WALTER GLEED	... .. 2	THOMAS HART	... .. 5
JOHN GIBSON	... .. 3	ALFRED ALLEN	... .. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HART.

* First peal. The ringers belong to Westbury-on-Severn.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT...	...Treble	JOHN W. TAYLOR...	... .. 4
WILLIAM J. SMITH	... .. 2	CHARLES AYLETT...	... .. 5
HUBERT SUMMERS	... .. 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE...	...Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 12 different callings.

J. JENKINS	... .. Treble	WILLIAM WAINWRIGHT	... .. 4
SIDNEY POOLE	... .. 2	W. R. NASH	... .. 5
RICHARD SIMKISS	... .. 3	HUBERT JONES	... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH:

* First peal, and first attempt by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th, who are Stokesay ringers; treble, 5th and tenor ringers hail from Ludlow.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
AND THE ALL SAINTS' AND ST. LAWRENCE (EVESHAM)
GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. HALL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor size 16 in B.

MISS NELLY JOHNSON	... .. 1-2	GEOFFERY J. HEMMING	... .. 5-6
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	... .. 3-4	JOHN HALL	... .. 7-8

Conducted by MISS N. JOHNSON.

Witnesses: MRS. J. HALL AND MISS I. HALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Hall, it being his first peal of Triples.

WOBBURN.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes.

AT 20, BEDFORD STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM A. JAMES	... .. 1-2	ERNEST HERBERT	... .. 5-6
DOUGLAS HARRIS	... .. 3-4	CYRIL HERBERT	... .. 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. HERBERT.

Witness: MRS. HERBERT.

* First peal of Major in hand.

LAINDON HILLS, ESSEX.—On Saturday, Sept. 15th, 720 Bob Minor: D. Phillips 1, C. Bone 2, C. Baker 3, A. Ralph 4, G. J. Macdougall 5, J. Dale (conductor) 6. Also several 6-scores Grandsire Doubles, with Mr. Grant, of the local band, ringing the treble. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells; also Mr. Grant for having the bells ready.

FOUR PEALS IN KENT.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE	... .. Treble	WILLIAM SPICE	... .. 6
ALBERT E. GASSON	... .. 2	HARRY PARKES	... .. 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	... .. 3	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	... .. 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	... .. 4	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	9
CHARLES H. SONE	... .. 5	WILLIAM J. WALKER	... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This composition is now rung for the first time. Rung as a birthday compliment to Wm. J. Walker.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 23, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE	... .. Treble	HARRY PARKES	... .. 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	... .. 2	WILLIAM SPICE	... .. 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	... .. 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER	... .. 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	... .. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

BORDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

ISAAC G. SHADE	... .. Treble	LEONARD MANNERING	... .. 5
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	... .. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	... .. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	... .. 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	7
WILLIAM SPICE	... .. 4	HARRY PARKES	... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* 50th peal during 1923.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	... .. Treble	HARRY PARKES	... .. 5
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	... .. 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR	... .. 3	C.Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E.	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	... .. 4	CHARLES BELSEY	... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* 50th peal during 1923.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the recent correspondence on the above there are several points which require an explanation. I will endeavour to state them briefly:—

(1) Why didn't Mr. Carter take up this stand when Bristol first saw daylight and not wait till one association has rung 100 peals of it?

(2) Neither Mr. Craven nor Mr. James have yet proved that dodging 7-8 up is the same as dodging 7-8 down.

(3) The fact of the treble turning round when doing her whole pull behind seems to prove that she moves out of one dodging place into another.

(4) Why does Mr. Craven use an internal place in some of his methods when the treble leads and none when she is behind? Surely if one end is dead so is the other.

In conclusion, let me say that I am fully aware of the popularity of Bristol, one hears nothing but praise of it. Still my sympathies are with Mr. Carter who, though rather late in the day, points out that a lot of these 'Surprise' Methods do not fulfil the conditions laid down.—Yours faithfully,
'PLAIN RINGER.'

LLANDAFF & MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.**

The annual meeting took place at Newport on Boxing Day, when a large gathering from both dioceses attended. The bells of both churches, All Saints and St. Woolos, were available before and after the meeting, and full advantage was taken of them. Service was held in All Saints' Church, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Williams, M.A.), officiating. Then followed tea in All Saints' Mission Rooms, which had been generously provided. At the conclusion of the tea, the Vicar announced that, before the business meeting commenced, there were one or two pleasing functions to be carried out, and called upon Mr. Evan Davies, the first Master of the Association, to come forward and perform the first.

Mr. Davies said how pleased he was to have the honour, in the name of and on behalf of the members of the Association, of asking Mr. J. W. Jones to accept a token of regard for services rendered during the past 21 years as hon. secretary. The gift took the form of a gold watch and chain, suitably inscribed. Mr. Davies read a letter from the Rev. Connop L. Price, regretting his inability to attend owing to engagements, and remarking that the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocese would ever owe Mr. Jones a debt of deep gratitude for what he had done in regard to bells and the promoting of change ringing.

Mr. Jones, who was very cordially received, said how grateful he was for the affection and goodwill shown him by the presentation.

Mrs. Jones was then presented with a silver cake stand for the help and encouragement which she had always given her husband in everything pertaining to ringing.

Mr. F. Atwell next made a presentation to Mr. Evan Davies, of Caerleon, who is about to leave the neighbourhood for his old home at Carmarthen, after serving 43 years as a schoolmaster as Caerleon. It was Mr. Davies who brought change ringing into that part of the country, and brought about the restoration of Caerleon bells by getting five old ones recast and augmented to a ring of eight. He taught everyone there to handle a bell, and the first peal was rung on the bells by all 'first pealers,' including the hon. secretary. The presentation took the form of a record of all peals rung by the Caerleon Society bound in book form, which also include the peals of the Llandaff and the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association. An umbrella was also presented to him.

The business meeting was then proceeded with, the Vicar in the chair.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Mr. J. Aldridge, Llandaff Cathedral, Master; Mr. J. W. Jones, hon. secretary; Mr. F. Atwell and Mr. C. Greedy, auditors; Mr. J. W. Jones and Mr. W. Bolton, representatives to the Central Council. Instructors' reports were received showing good progress at Abergavenny, formerly a call change tower.

The next annual meeting was fixed for December 26th at St. John's, Cardiff.

The next quarterly meetings will be held at Llanishen and Machen, respectively.

Quite a number of new members were elected, and on the proposition of Mr. Bolton, it was decided that a sub-committee, eight in number, be appointed to co-operate with the hon. secretary, and the following were chosen: Mr. Pitman, Aberavon; Mr. Cooke, Caerphilly; Mr. Taylor, Merthyr; Mr. Bolton, Cardiff; Mr. Phillips, Newport; Mr. Thompson, Chepstow; Mr. S. Jones, Caerleon; and Mr. Rackham, Abergavenny.

WELL-KNOWN SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

The Crawley band has suffered yet another loss by the death of Mr. Alfred Douglas Mills, a well-known Sussex ringer. The deceased had been leader of the local band for over 20 years, and his death on Thursday, December 13th, at the age of 57 years, came as a shock to the many who knew him, despite the fact that he had been in indifferent health for some time owing to internal troubles. He was laid to rest at Crawley on Tuesday, December 18th, and a quarter-peal was rung at the Parish Church, with the bells fully muffled.

Born at Capel, Surrey, Mr. Mills was a member of the band that made history in six bell ringing many years ago in this little village with the Jordan family. Afterwards he left Capel to reside at Crawley, and became one of the band under Mr. J. Parker. He took part in the 9,312 Superlative Surprise Major, the then record length, in 1894. Half of this band have now passed away. The deceased kept no record of the peals he rang, but they must have exceeded the century, several of them being six bell peals in a variety of methods. This loss will be greatly felt.—R.I.P.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal of London Surprise at Feering on Saturday was specially arranged to enable W. Arnold to ring his first of London 'inside' before the close of the year, thereby enabling him to obtain his first in four methods in four months, viz., Cambridge, Superlative, Double Norwich and London. Great credit is due to him for the way in which he rang throughout the peal.

Mrs. H. Baker, of Frittenden, Kent, rang her first peal on October 21st, 1922. She scored three peals in 1922, and 'bagged' a dozen during 1923, making a total of fifteen in less than fifteen months from the date of her first peal. It will be interesting to know if this constitutes a record for a lady ringer.

On Christmas Eve, Mr. Sergt. J. Bennett and Mr. H. E. Audsley, who had spent a week-end peal ringing together, each rang his fiftieth peal for 1923, the former at Borden and the latter at Rainham.

A meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild will be held at Bradford-on-Avon to-morrow (Saturday), January 5th.

The meeting of the Wigan branch of the Lancashire Association, which was to have been held at Standish to-morrow has been postponed to January 12th, when Canon Elsee will unveil a peal board.

The annual meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths has been fixed for February 9th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

Last Saturday a peal was rung at Ashted, Surrey, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the reopening of the bells. The bells were recast in 1873, and hung in an oak frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and are still in wonderful going order—a great credit to the founders. Two of the ringers in the peal, Messrs. John Wyatt and George Sayer, were members of the local band when the bells were opened on December 31st, 1873. Altogether a notable record.

With two men on the tenor, a peal has been rung at St. James' Church, Bermondsey, after a lapse of more than ten years. The young enthusiasts who have added another tower to their 'collection' are to be congratulated upon their keenness, but to drag a notoriously bad going ring of bells through a peal is scarcely the way in which to get them restored to proper ringing condition. We hope, however, it may prove otherwise at Bermondsey.

One hundred and forty years ago to-day a peal of 14,480 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, in 8 hrs. 24 mins. A goodly performance for those days when, although long lengths were not unknown, bells did not always go so nicely as they do in these present years of grace.

Grandsire Major has gone altogether out of fashion, but our forefathers, limited in their choice of methods, were rather partial to it, and not a few long lengths were rung. A round eight thousand was scored at St. John's, Deritend, by St. Martin's Youths, on January 4th, 1794.

A peal, claimed as the first true peal of Norwich Court Bob in London, was rung at Bethnal Green on January 7th, 1788.

On January 6th, 1851, a peal of 7,524 Stedman Cinques was rung at Cripplegate.

The death of Henry Johnson took place on January 7th, 1890. Among other famous ringers whose death anniversary falls this week are James Barham, January 4th, 1818; Tom Reynolds, January 5th, 1912; Alfred W. Grimes, January 5th, 1917.

We are pleased to state that Mr. Walter Farley, who recently underwent an operation in Bristol Royal Infirmary, is going on very satisfactorily, and hopes to be taken home to Wells about January 7th.

GRANDSIRE ON SIXTEEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to the interesting account of the 7,200 Kent Treble Bob Maximus rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, in 1820, published in this week's 'Ringing World,' the following footnote to the peal in the peal book of Mr. Samuel Lawrence may be of added interest:—

At the same meeting several courses of Treble Bob Maximus was rung on the handbells, and one course on 16, in the Grandsire method by

James Jarvis	...	...	...	1.	2.
Thomas Chapman	...	...	...	3.	4.
Henry Cooper	...	...	...	5.	6.
Thomas Thorstans	...	...	...	7.	8.
Joseph Riley	...	...	...	9.	10.
Thomas Worrall	...	...	...	11.	12.
Samuel Lawrence	...	...	...	13.	14.
Alexander Sanders	...	...	...	15.	16.

Yours faithfully,

JAS. E. GROVES.

DEATH OF MR. JAMES W. WASHBROOK. ONE OF THE GREATEST RINGERS OF ALL TIME.

The Exercise will learn with deep regret of the death, under tragically sudden circumstances, on Christmas Day, of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of Manchester. Mr. Washbrook carried on a dairy business, and while out on his round on Christmas morning was seized with sudden illness, and died before medical aid could reach him.

James William Washbrook was one of the greatest ringers which the Exercise has ever known, and in the opinion of many, he was, in his prime, a man who in all round ability as ringer, conductor and composer, has never been excelled. Born at Oxford on July 27th, 1864, he was attracted to ringing when quite a boy, and rang his first peal in 1880. His extraordinary ability quickly began to make itself manifest, and in a few short years the Exercise recognised that it had in him a born genius. First within the ranks of the Oxford Diocesan Guild and then far outside it, James W. Washbrook was looked upon as the coming man, and quickly did he justify the early opinions formed of his skill.

As a ringer he has never been excelled, and some of his performances stand, even to-day, unrivalled, as they did five-and-twenty years ago. Whatever views may have been held upon the 17,024 Double Norwich Major, which he composed and conducted in 1899 at Kid-



THE LATE MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.

lington, this much may, we think, be said. As a physical feat, Mr. Washbrook's performance in ringing an indifferently going 23 cwt. tenor for eleven hours and a quarter in such a method as Double Norwich Major is still unequalled. Longer lengths and longer times have since been rung, but for endurance the ringing of Kidlington tenor to that peal is a feat which has yet to be beaten.

But in the fifteen years before this, Mr. Washbrook's had been the guiding hand which had made much ringing history. Ringing in the Oxford Guild flourished as it never had before, and so great was his enthusiasm and the demand for his help, that in one year he rang no fewer than 121 peals—an achievement previously unheard of, and, we believe, only once since surpassed. Many record lengths were rung, the great year being 1888. On January 29th of that year he rang in 10,080 Double Norwich Major at Appleton; on February 5th, 12,041 Stedman Caters; and on April 11th, 13,265 Grandsire Caters on the same bells. Then, on the last day of the year, 13,054 Stedman Caters having meantime been rung at Cheltenham, he again took a band to Appleton and rang 15,041 Stedman Caters in 9 hrs. 16 mins. In 1892 he called 12,096 Double Norwich Major at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, in an attempt for the extent with the tenors together. In this peal the ringer of the third was taken ill, and Mr. Washbrook not only kept the man in position while ringing his own bell faultlessly, but called the bells home true, at the shorter length. In 1896 he secured the then record peal of London Surprise (11,328) at Drayton, where in one day previously he had called a peal each of Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge—a remarkable achievement in those times. Among the big bell performances which he accomplished, probably the most outstanding was his ringing of the tenor at Wells Cathedral, a nearly three-ton bell, which he turned in to 5,000 of Treble Bob Royal, but there were numerous other cases where, upon dilapidated rings, he would succeed, by skill, coupled with a huge reserve of stamina—he was a man of extraordinary reach and muscles of whipcord—in bringing off a 'forlorn hope.' In 1899 Mr. Washbrook, to the great loss to ringing in England, removed

to Arklow, Co. Wicklow, where he was engaged to train a band of ringers, and remained a considerable number of years. Although he was here severely limited in the scope of his ringing he yet made more history by being the first to ring two tower bells to a peal. He rang the third and fourth through more than one five thousand, and in calling a peal of Stedman Triples from these two bells, each of them over seven cwt., he achieved a feat unprecedented and still unsurpassed.

When he returned from Ireland, Mr. Washbrook took up his residence in Manchester, and in and around that district he gave valuable aid in forwarding the cause of ringing. He was a special friend to learners, and at Miles Platting especially, he will, for that reason, be greatly missed. Unfortunately Mr. Washbrook kept no exact record of his peals, which must have numbered well on toward a thousand. While in Lancashire he rang 86, in addition to others which he took part in in Cheshire, and in the Stoke district. The greater number, however, was rung with the Oxford Guild, and we hope that some means may be found of compiling the record of this truly great ringer.

While he was one of the giants of the belfry, Mr. Washbrook was also a wizard with figures. No matter how intricate the method, he was master of its theory as well as of its practice, and one has only to peruse his letters to the ringing Press of a quarter of a century and more ago to realise the depth of his knowledge. His peals of Stedman alone, mark him as one among the leaders of composition. But as with most men of genius, he had his lapses, due, perhaps, to an over confidence which sometimes comes to great men. But whatever the faults of his otherwise strikingly brilliant ringing career, James William Washbrook was among the greatest, if not the greatest of all ringers of all time.

Personally he was one of the most affable of men, with quiet manner. In the belfry he was without excitement, but always clear headed, confident and determined. He had a large family, and it was only natural that some of his boys should also become ringers. But he had a heavy blow in the war, in which three of his sons died fighting.

On the Saturday before his death Mr. Washbrook presided at a meeting of the Lancashire Association, and afterwards sent messages to several of his London friends—he was a member of the College Youths—by one who was present. Heartfelt sympathy will go out to Mrs. Washbrook and her family in the sad and unexpected loss which they have sustained. James W. Washbrook has gone from us, but he will never be forgotten by those who knew him, and who were helped by his skill and advice.

The funeral took place on Saturday. On Friday evening the body was carried into St. Mark's Church, where it remained until the next day. Here it was that the first part of the service was held, the prayers being read by the Vicar, while the Rev. Canon Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association) gave an address. The cortege then went on to Philip's Park Cemetery, where the interment took place. Four policemen ringers, of the Manchester Town Hall company, acted as bearers, and about 40 ringers took part in the funeral procession, most of the local towers being represented, while the vice-president of the Lancashire Association, and committeemen from Bolton and Walkden, were also present. The committal service was taken by the Vicar of St. Mark's and Canon Elsee, and at the close a course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the open grave by Messrs. J. Shaw 1-2, A. Barnes 3-4, S. Wood 5-6, F. Page 7-8, H. Chapman 9-10. Afterwards the bells at St. John's, Miles Platting, were rung muffled as a token of respect to one who was highly esteemed there and in many other districts.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Shoreham on Saturday, December 22nd, twenty-four members attending from Heene, Henfield, West Tarring, Steyning, West Grinstead, Brighton, and members of the local band, together with Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsea). Touches in methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise were practised during the afternoon. At 5 o'clock the company adjourned to Street's Restaurant for tea, where they were met by the Rev. J. F. G. Glossop, Vicar of Shoreham, and the Rev. M. H. O. Brime, curate.

At the business meeting, the Vicar kindly took the chair, and the following new members were elected: The Rev. J. F. G. Glossop (hon. member), Major Hughes D'Aeth (Master of the Salisbury Guild), Arthur Gatland and John Paice, of Heene, and the whole of the West Tarring band.

Owing to the fact that it was not possible to hold the September quarterly meeting, it was proposed to hold another meeting next month at West Tarring.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. J. F. G. Glossop for presiding and granting the use of the bells, the Vicar replying.

The members then attended a short service, at which an address was given by the Vicar. The tower was afterwards again visited, but owing to illness in the vicinity further ringing had to be abandoned, late arrivals not getting a change for a pull.

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WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL 1921.

THE LONGEST SURPRISE ROYAL PEAL.**FINE PERFORMANCE AT WALTHAMSTOW.**

The attempt by members of the Middlesex County Association for the 10.440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at Walthamstow on Boxing Day was, we are pleased to state, entirely successful, the peal being accomplished in 6 hrs. 55 mins. There was a great deal of high-class ringing in the peal, as might be expected from such a band, which contained some 'old campaigners.'

The peal consisted of the 29 courses composed by the Rev. H. Law James, and is by far the longest length rung in a Surprise method on ten bells. It was a very fine performance, and congratulations will go out to the band who have thus made a new departure in long peal ringing.

Although the 29 courses contain the extent in the method with the four big bells fixed, longer lengths can be got by moving the 7th, and, if a tower is available, it may not be long before this performance at Walthamstow is challenged. At any rate, there is scope for any enterprising band to go one better in regard to length. In the quality of the ringing they will find it very difficult to excel the performance of Boxing Day.

CHUDLEIGH BELLS DEDICATED.**ANOTHER RING OF EIGHT FOR SOUTH DEVON.**

On the Thursday before Christmas the Bishop of Exeter dedicated the restored and augmented peal at Chudleigh, Devon. Originally there was a peal of six cast in 1781 by the Penningtons; they are now one of the finest peals of eight at their weight in the county. The two trebles have been given, one by Mr. John Whiteway, the churchwarden, and the other by Mrs. Oldham, in memory of her husband, Mr. Ernest Haslope Oldham, who died in 1917, and their son, John Haslope Oldham, who was killed in Flanders in 1915.

In addition three of the old bells have been recast, and the whole ring tuned on the five-tone principle. The tenor is 12 cwt. 2 qr. 23 lb. in F. The bells are hung in a massive all-steel frame, and the parishioners are delighted with their new acquisition. Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have carried out the work in a manner that has given the greatest satisfaction, and it is pleasing to state that the whole cost of the restoration, some £700, was raised before the dedication. The ceremony was attended by a large congregation.

A ringers' festival has been arranged to take place at Chudleigh on Saturday, January 19th, to which all ringers are cordially invited.

DEATH OF MR. G. BYOLIN.**LOSS TO SHREWSBURY RINGING.**

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Geo. Byolin, which occurred somewhat tragically, on Monday, December 17th. Mr. Byolin, who was 70 years of age, and lived in Abbey Foregate, walked to Castle Fields on Monday morning, and was suddenly taken ill in Severn Street. He was removed to a house close by and given stimulants, but died within a few minutes from heart failure.

Mr. Byolin was well known to a large number of public representatives in the county, since formerly for many years he filled the post of caretaker at the Shirehall, where his close attention to duty and his courtesy won for him universal respect. He retired about eight years ago. He was also known in other spheres, being an accomplished performer on the bass cello. He was a member of Shrewsbury Orchestral Society, and of the old Shropshire Artillery Band for many years. He was also an enthusiastic bell ringer at St. Alkmund's and other churches, and was tower keeper for several years at St. Alkmund's. He it was who revived change ringing in Shrewsbury in the year 1895, it having been 31 years since a peal was rung in the town prior to that date. All his peals were Grand-sire. He rang one at Wem, four at St. Alkmund's and two at St. Chad's, making seven in all, of which he conducted six. His last peal was at St. Alkmund's, which he conducted, on May 1st, 1910, rung muffled to the memory of H.M. King Edward VII. It was Mr. Byolin who started the ringing of Stedman Triples at Shrewsbury, but he never scored a peal in this method, although he made several attempts. He was a safe ringer and conductor, and an excellent striker. It was only on Sunday evening, December 16th, at St. Chad's, he called his last touch of Stedman Triples, a 252, and on December 9th, on his 70th birthday, he called a 1,381 Stedman Caters, the ringers being 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. Evan 10.

The deceased did not commence to ring Double Norwich until he was turned 69, but was quite at home with it. He took part in June last in a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques, the first for over a century by a local company at Shrewsbury. Mr. Byolin has done a lot of spade work, as ringers in the county are few and far between.

Mr. Byolin was a ringer at St. Chad's Church for over 50 years with the Union Society. He was born in St. Chad's parish. His place will be hard to fill at St. Chad's belfry. He was an officer of the Guild, and was proud to see a move made in the advanced methods. A floral wreath was sent by his comrades of St. Chad's Society.

DEDICATION OF THE RING OF SIX AT ORSTON.**AN INTERESTING CHURCH AND BELLS.**

On Saturday, December 8th, the Dean of Lincoln dedicated the new ring of six bells at Orston, Nottinghamshire. At the invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. C. J. Sturton—himself a keen ringer—some 60 to 70 members of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association attended the ceremony, the public tea in the Village Hall, and the concert which followed. A special band, organised by Mr. W. E. White (of Cotgrave) rang the bells at the actual dedication, and again immediately after the service, whilst all visiting ringers had an opportunity of taking part in the many touches of Minor that were subsequently rung. The ringers present included Messrs. A. Coppock (district vice-president), W. E. White, W. White, A. Palmer, A. Mackears, T. Squires, H. Cloxton, F. Blood (district hon. secretary), W. A. Janes (secretary of the North Notts Association), and Mr. C. F. Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon), the towers of Beeston, Bottesford, Bulwell, Long Bennington, Cotgrave, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Greasley, Southwell, St. Peter's, Nottingham, Old Basford, etc., being represented.

The service was conducted by the Vicar, assisted by the Rural Dean, the Rev. A. D. Hill (East Bridgford)—another ringing clergyman—H. R. Hutt (Bingham), H. A. Kerridge (Scarrington), J. E. Ferris (Car Colston) and E. J. Dawson (Whetton).

In his address, the Dean reminded the congregation that bells were a Christian discovery, and that bell ringing, as we know it, is entirely an English institution. Belgium had its carillons, but there was nothing like our change ringing in any other country. The ringers should feel that from the moment that the bells begin to ring the service starts. He hoped that they would in the future encourage the younger generation to realise all that this memorial stood for; they would be ungrateful indeed if they did not go away from that service feeling that they had done something by the provision of these additional bells and the restoration of the old ones to bind the memory of those who fell in the war with their continual worship and thanks to God for their preservation.

The concert which followed the tea was almost entirely provided by ringers of the district—Messrs. A. Coppock, W. C. Hunt, W. Taylor and W. White—and was much appreciated by the villagers and visitors.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Sturton) took the opportunity of expressing his delight with the work of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who had already three other excellent examples of their work in that neighbourhood. He wished to compliment Mr. Johnston, who was present, on the way the bells had been hung, and the way in which they had been tuned. He felt that all the ringers present that day agreed with him that for their weight the new ring of six could not be surpassed either in 'tone' or 'go.'

Of the old four bells, the tenor has been recast and increased in weight, two new trebles added, and the whole hung with new ball bearings, iron headstocks and fittings in a new massive steel and cast-iron frame. The tenor now weighs 9½ cwt., and the inscriptions run as follows:—

- No. 1.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1923.
- No. 2.—1914-1918. In memory of those who fell I call to prayer and praise. 1923. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon.
- No. 3.—God save the Church, 1621.
- No. 4.—God save the Church, our Queene and Realm, and send us peace in Christ. Amen. 1599.
- No. 5.—God save His Church. I. Moltby, W. Brousom, Churchwardens, 1730.
- No. 6.—All men who hear my mournful sound, repent before you lie in ground. Recast Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1923.

In view of the historical interest of the church itself, the following description by the Vicar is appended.

The Church of St. Mary, Orston, is a very interesting structure, built of rubble, in narrow courses, and comprises nave with clerestory, north and south aisles, south porch, chancel and western tower. The south aisle and the chancel were restored during the years 1886-1890, and the nave and north aisle during the years 1912-1914, the reopening by the Bishop of Southwell taking place in May of the latter year. The Rev. Edward Trollope, F.S.A., writing in 1864, says of this church, 'Evidently neglected for many years its ruin was absolutely threatened by the removal of its ancient tower which served to consolidate the whole fabric, and the erection of the smaller substitute mars the external beauty of this old church.' The tower rebuilt of ashlar in the year 1766, is inscribed Jno. Kettleborough, Thos. Taylor, 1766. Originally there were four bells, cast in the old field foundry at Nottingham. The tenor has been for many years cracked, and has now been recast with about 1½ cwt. of added metal, and the whole peal has been rehung with the addition of two trebles in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

On the ancient fourth bell under the word 'our' is a bas-relief portrait of our Saviour in profile, taken from a medallion made in Florence in the year 1460, and does not appear on any other known bell.

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WEST WYCOMBE BELLS. LOCAL FAMILY'S GENEROSITY.

As already briefly recorded, the restored and augmented peal of bells at West Wycombe Church were dedicated by the Bishop of Buckingham at a service which was largely attended. The bells had been rehung in a new frame and two trebles added to complete the octave. Hitherto the tower had contained only six bells, dating back a considerable number of years, and for quite a long time these have been in need of rehanging. This work at last became imperative and a Church Restoration Committee being formed three years ago and working hard ever since has been the means of it being accomplished without debt. In this purpose they were joined by the descendants of the late Mr. Charles Hodsdon, a former resident of West Wycombe village, who wished to honour his memory by some definite contribution to the equipment of the Parish Church. It was thus arranged that they should supply two new bells to complete the peal of eight, and the Restoration Committee, to justify this gift, then set itself out to provide a new frame to rehang the whole of the bells. Up till the time of the dedication the donors of the bells had remained anonymous and it was with great pleasure that the public learned, when the names were disclosed, that the gift was associated with such an old West Wycombe family. The new bells bear the following inscription: 'In memory of Charles Hodsdon; born 1809; died 1891.'

The first part of the dedication service was held in the church, after which the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar of the parish (the Rev. W. Upton Wooler), the curate (the Rev. C. M. Rae), Messrs. J. Webb and W. A. Day (churchwardens), with the choir and bell ringers, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hodsdon, Mrs. Blanchard, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Taplin, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Butler, Mrs. H. G. Butler, Mrs. Booth, Mr. C. A. Butler, Mrs. L. Pitcher, Misses N. and E. Hodsdon, Mrs. Youens, Mrs. L. Hodsdon, and others, mounted to the belfry. Here the new bells and bell frame were dedicated by the Bishop, Mr. Day (people's warden) handing his lordship the ropes which he gave to the Vicar with a solemn charge that the bells should be used for no other purpose than that for which they were dedicated. Before returning to the nave, a few rounds were rung on the bells by the West Wycombe ringers, assisted by friends, and immediately afterwards a short address was given by the Bishop. As the congregation were leaving the church four courses of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells by the ringers; this being followed by several other touches later in the evening.

After the service the members of the Restoration Committee, and others, were entertained to tea in the Memorial Hall.

Mr. Day outlined the work which had been done to achieve the result which had been reached that day, and referred to the generous assistance which had been given by Mr. A. E. Taplin and the family of the late Mr. Hodsdon.

The financial statement showed that £216 11s. 6d. had been raised by various efforts, and to this was added £137 0s. 6d. from the donors in respect of new bells, inscription and memorial tablet, making a total of £253 12s. Out of this £481 8s. 5d. had been expended on repairs to the church tower, church loft, and work in the churchyard, and there was due for payment £269 10s. 6d. for reframing and rehanging bells, and £137 0s. 6d. for the new bells and tablet. To meet this sum of £406 11s. they had £472 3s. 7d. in hand (aplaus).

After other speeches had been made, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild, said although he had travelled from Yorkshire that day, and had arrived too late for the service in church, he was, however, in time to hear the bells rung. He considered West Wycombe had now two very nice new bells, completing a fine peal. He had tried all the bells singly, and they went very well indeed. He was also pleased with the way the work had been done, and he was sure the frame would last a good deal longer than the life of the youngest person present that day. The whole thing was a credit to Mr. White and Messrs. Mears. He congratulated the parish on having such a peal of bells, and hoped they would soon have a good band of change ringers to ring them (applause).

The company were afterwards entertained by handbells ringers from High Wycombe and the West Wycombe Glee Party.

A memorial tablet placed in the belfry comprises a brass plate with the following inscription: 'To the Glory of God and in memory of Charles Hodsdon of this parish; born 1809, died 1891. Two bells to complete a peal of eight bells were presented in 1923 by his children and grandchildren.'

LONDON SURPRISE WELCOMES NEW VICAR.

On Wednesday, December 19th, 1923, the Rev. Arnold Frederick Judd, late of Westward Ho! was instituted and inducted to the living of St. George's, Willon, by the Bishop of Taunton, assisted by the Rural Dean (the Rev. D. J. Pring). Several clergymen of the neighbourhood also attended, together with a large congregation. To celebrate the event, 720 of London Surprise Minor was rung by the following: A. S. Wyatt 1, S. Wyatt 2, A. W. Hayward 3, A. Wyatt 4, G. Coles 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 in this intricate method by a resident band west of Bristol.

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

Among the touches rung for the Christmas Festival were the following:—

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for Christmas morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, W. Heath 3, E. Hunt 4, J. Davies 5, E. Coombes 6, W. Bolton 7, E. Stith 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Christmas Day, at Trimpey Hall, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins., on handbells: G. H. Edwards 1, A. Allen 2, T. Butler, senr., 3-4, T. R. Butler (conductor) 5-6, W. S. Higginson 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. H. Edwards.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Denys' Church, on Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: R. Holder 1, H. Hammond 2, E. Harman 3, F. Hammond 4, E. Bishop 5, W. Rogers (conductor) 6, C. Brazier 7, W. Holder 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Christmas Day, at St. Mary's Church, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, T. Ricketts (Swindon) 3, G. J. Winter 4, H. Acock 5, J. T. Newington (Cambridge) 6, J. Hope (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8.

BRISTOL.—On Christmas Day, for service, at SS. Philip and Jacob Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Miss A. Brown (conductor) 1, E. J. Brown 2, F. W. Wade 3, F. E. Tyler 4, I. Long 5, H. N. Way (Maidstone) 6, P. C. Williams 7, G. Willshire 8.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.—On Christmas Day, for 7 a.m. Holy Communion, 720 Doubles, being 4 six-scores of Grandsire and 2 of Plain Bob: K. Willers 1, A. Wilson 2, F. Haynes 3, H. Wilson 4, W. Rayner (conductor) 5.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Christmas Day, at St. Michael's, Bath, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): C. Densley 1, Miss N. Williams 2, G. Temple 3, A. Prince 4, H. Brown 5, G. Harding 6, R. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

LEICESTER.—On Christmas Day, at the Church of the Holy Saviour, 644 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): T. Drury 1, W. Whitehead (conductor) 2, A. Vernon 3, G. Straw 4, A. Cattell 5, W. H. Clarke 6, A. Briggs 7, W. Tanser 8.—504 Grandsire Triples: L. Whitehead 1, A. Briggs 2, W. Whitehead 3, G. Straw 4, W. Tanser 5, W. H. Clarke (conductor) 6, A. Cattell 7, E. Whitehead 8.—On Sunday, December 30th, for Matins, 462 (from Holt's Original): T. Drury 1, W. Whitehead (conductor) 2, A. Vernon 3, W. Tanser 4, J. Vernon 5, W. H. Clarke 6, A. Briggs 7, E. Tanser 8.

COLLINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten different callings), in 45 mins.: G. Hales 1, H. Crow 2, W. Faulkner 3, J. Townsend 4, F. Newman (1st quarter-peal as conductor) 5.

DUFFIELD.—On Christmas Eve, at the Church of St. Alkmund, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Warrington 1, W. Bates 2, G. Bradley 3, Corpl. A. Hill 4, H. Hill 5, S. Dawson 6, H. Letts (conductor) 7, R. P. Faulkner (first quarter-peal) 8.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: M. Mills 1, K. Gordon 2, F. Castle 3, F. Verney 4, A. Tanton 5, G. Webb 6, Louis Head (conductor) 7, A. Webb 8.

NEATH, GLAMORGAN.—On Christmas Day, for mid-day service, at the Church of St. Thomas, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Halton 1, T. Scot 2, F. Hatton 3, R. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. Boyce 5, William Hopkins 6.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.—On Boxing Day, Dec. 26th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., after failing in a peal attempt: H. Parker (first quarter) 1, A. Booth 2, H. Yarwood 3, T. Wilkinson 4, J. Ashmore 5, Rev. W. R. Ingham (first quarter in the method) 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, S. Moore, junr., 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Christmas Eve, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Jenner 1, J. Heasman (conductor) 2, W. Leigh 3, E. Collison 4, E. Leigh, junr., 5, G. Malyon 6, A. Beeton 7, E. Leigh, senr., 8. First quarter of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. E. Jenner and E. Collison.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Heasman 1, A. Beeton 2, W. Leigh 3, E. Collison 4, E. Leigh 5, G. Malyon 6, J. W. Steady (conductor) 7, E. Jenner 8.

DEATH OF MR J. L. WELLS.

From complications following double pneumonia, Mr. James L. Wells, of Birmingham, died on December 27th. Mr. Wells was well known in Midland ringing circles, and for some years held office in the St. Martin's Guild.

The funeral took place at Loughborough on Tuesday.

On Monday evening a muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung at St. Martin's as a last token of respect to Mr. Wells and the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. Lawrence 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, S. D. Breeze 3, C. Brown 4, H. Wincoke 5, F. Goodfellow 6, J. Clark 7, J. W. Fruin 8. Specially arranged with much pleasure for Mr. Clark, of Ross Herefordshire.

NOTICES.

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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.—David J. Nichols, Gen. Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday, January 5th. New peal of 8 bells (dedicated December 27th), available 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea (complimentary) at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringers cordially invited. Will those requiring tea please write Friday, January 4th, to F. Green, 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for January, 1924:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 6th, 10 a.m.; Monday, 7th, 6.30 p.m.; Monday, 21st, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 14th, 7.30 p.m. *Quarterly meeting at Headquarters, 8.30 p.m. Annual meeting February 9th.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem, 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Audley on Jan. 12th next.—A. Vaughan, 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—C. Evans, Local Secretary, Weston Road, Bridgwater.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. Canon Elsee will unveil a peal board at this meeting. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood on Saturday, January 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All are welcome.—William Horan Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick Parish Church, on Saturday, January 12th, when members and visitors are welcomed. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea as usual, and please let me know by 7th those requiring tea.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

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.

HEREFORD GUILD.—Bromyard District.—The annual meeting will be held at Bromyard on January 12th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 4. Tea provided for those only notifying me by January 9th.—A. Tomkins, Dist. Sec., Bredenbury, Bromyard.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m., followed by tea, 1s. each. Service at 6 p.m.—Francis Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION (Kettering District) **AND THE LADIES' GUILD** (Northants Branch).—A combined quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, Jan. 8th.—R. G. Black, Dis. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton on Jan. 12th. The usual service and tea arrangements will hold good. Ringers requiring tea should notify me.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham and District Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Tewkesbury on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Abbey bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly given by the Vicar (Rev. E. F. Smith, M.A.). Business meeting to follow. Will all those in-

tending to be present please notify me by the 8th inst.?
—Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, near Cheltenham.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at Spread Eagle Hotel, Hereford, on Monday, Jan. 14th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each, which must be applied for by Jan. 11th. Chairman, J. G. Buchanan, Esq.; vice-chairman, Rev. G. W. Turner. —A. E. Gwynne, Hon. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Hereford.

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 Jan. 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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Holborn, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Tea, if notified by 12th. Will members and friends please endeavour to attend?—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.7.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each, at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Will all who require tea please advise me by the 15th inst.? The District Committee will meet in the Vestry at 4.15 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wood Green, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Stokes. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 15th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available 2 o'clock. Service 4.45. Meeting and tea at Angel Hotel 5.30. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome.—Rev. S. L. R. Sharp, Hon. Branch Sec., Calne, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5. Meeting and tea at 6. The Bishop of Liverpool will give the address. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary. All ringers will be welcomed.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—There will be a meeting at Wingham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Further particulars next week. —Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Harborne Parish Church (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Jan.

16th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, on Saturday, January 26th, and not on January 19th, as arranged. Bells available at 3. Ringers' Association Service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. A tea will be provided 1/- per head for those who notify me, not later than January 22nd. Subscriptions for 1924 can be paid at this meeting.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Barnsley (St. Mary's) on Saturday, January 12th. Tea 1/6 each. Apply Mrs. Hone, The Rectory, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—(Est. 1755.)—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, at 8 p.m. The bells of St. Martin's will be available from 6.30 to 7.45.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

The eight bells of Tettenhall Church, near Wolverhampton, which have been recast and rehung with all new fittings by Messrs. Gillett & Johnson, of Croydon, are to be dedicated at the morning service on Sunday, Jan. 13th.

DEATH.

DOBLE.—On December 31st, 1923, at 11, Canon Street, Taunton, Somerset, Lucy, the beloved wife of T. Doble.—R.I.P.

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Dedication of the Ring of Six at Orston (continued from page 11).

A large paper book of churchwardens' accounts between the years 1656 and 1789 contains many curious entries. Among miscellaneous memoranda at one end, including a page of names of 'Persons ye are to repayr ye Ch. Wall,' is the following quaint agreement for the repair of the Church Clock. 'January ye 31 : 1721. A contract of a bargain made for the Clok mending and repairing for the Eus of the Town of Orston betwixt Jorg East of Guntrap and James Wickam and William Marshall being Church Wardens for the town of Orston for keeping the Cloking Repare this fore said Jorg East is to have Three shillings a yere a loud him by the Town of Orston I say to be Cap in repare by me so long as I leve. George East.'

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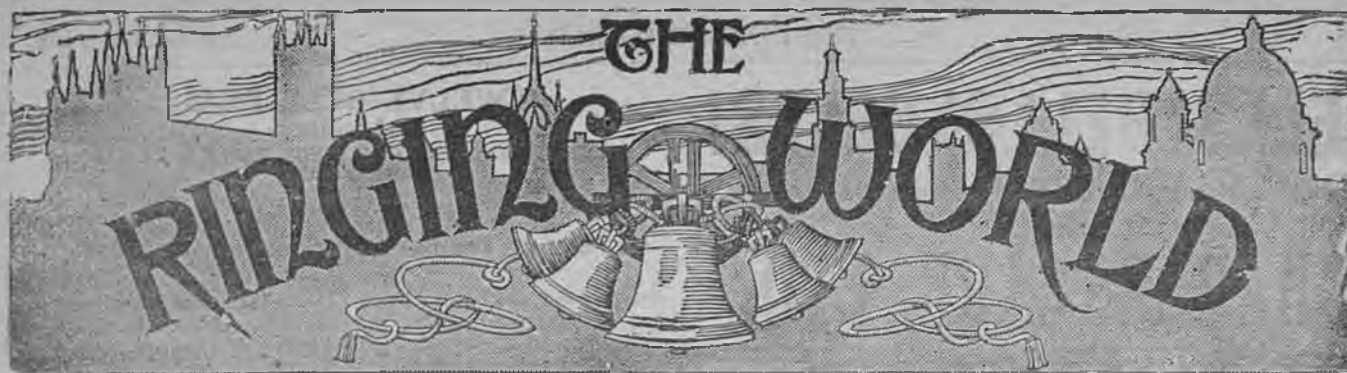
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In those days a great deal rested upon the efforts of a few, for the practice of change-ringing was carried on within very confined limits. Few country parishes had a peal band of their own; in some counties scientific change-ringing was hardly known, while means of intercommunication were generally poor, and the corresponding opportunities of carrying on educational work full of difficulty. It was into this condition of things that the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook came in 1880. Highly gifted as ringer, composer and conductor, endowed with a plentiful store of physical strength and energy, he helped to set what might almost be called a new standard of ringing. He made peal-ringing look a comparatively easy task, and conducting a simple problem. Long peals lost some of their stupendous difficulty and his leadership gave a new zest to the ringing of record lengths. Men regarded his genius with admiration and sought to emulate him as far as lay in their power. In this way his example was an encouragement to others, and by this means, as well as by personal assistance which he gave to scores, if not to hundreds, of ringers, he served his day and generation, and he certainly did his share in raising the level of method ringing. The obstacles to progress in those days were much greater than confront the ringer of to-day, and it is for us to make the best use of the conditions as we now find them, and in our turn do the best we can to improve the art, raise the standard of ringing and the status of the ringer so that we, too, can hand it on better than we found it. If we are all imbued with the spirit which marked these old pioneers we shall not be without success.

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On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 7
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
THOMAS RUSSAM 3	ALBERT WALKER 9
THOMAS H. REEVES 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 5	JOHN NEAL 11
FRANK W. PERRENS 6	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Rung with bells half-muffled, and in the inverted titlums and handstroke home positions as a last token of respect to James L. Wells, Birmingham, and James W. Washbrook, Manchester, late members of the above Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

*PERCY HARRISON Treble	WILLIAM PERVIN 6
WILLIAM THORLEY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 3	*HARRY BROUGHTON 8
*JAMES F. CLARKE 4	FRANK PERVIN 9
*E. HARRY STONELEY 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by E. GUISE.

Conducted by E. MORRIS.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
*GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal—age 16.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD AND ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM Treble	HARRY R. ROPER 6
JAMES DURRANT 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 7
PERCY MAY 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 8
ALBERT FLEMING 4	WILLIAM TILLET 9
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt. in D.

*WILLIAM H. P. EVANS Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
GEORGE LARGE 2	ALFRED PARNELL 7
WILLIAM BOLTON 3	ERNEST COOMBS 8
ERNEST HUNT 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
† JOHN DAVIES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by FRED CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Clutterbuck, an ex-Master of the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 15, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR MAXIM Treble	*FREDERICK KEMP 5
PERCY GRIDLEY 2	*PHILIP JOHNSON 6
THEODORE E. SLATER 3	THOMAS CHINERY 7
FREDERICK INCH 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

* First peal on eight bells.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD 5
TITUS BARLOW 2	*JAMES BOLTON 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	PETER CROOK Tenor

Composed by Rev. H. EARLE BELWER. Conducted T. B. WORSLEY.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Bennett, and as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Peter Crook.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH HERBERT Treble	HARRY KILBY 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 3	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	KENNETH MACDONALD Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung on the 24th anniversary of the installation of the bells, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. I. Hairs.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt.

*PERCY ALMOND Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
JAMES FLEUTY 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. Rung after meeting one short for London, and to celebrate Mr. Nevard's 45 years' residence in Great Bentley. It was his 245th peal. At the conclusion of the peal the band were entertained to an excellent repast by Mr. Nevard, for which they desire to tender him grateful thanks.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOSEPH D. HARRIS Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	HERBERT MARKWELL 6
STAFFORD H. GREEN 3	WILLIAM HART 7
FREDERICK ROGERS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ALFRED L. BROWN Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
MISS NORA SHORTER 2	GEORGE MARRINER 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	JOHN HOWES 7
GEORGE COOK 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES CARR Treble	REV. R. F. WILKINSON 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	CHARLES MASON 6
BERNARD DITCHER 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
EDWARD ROBBINS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. FLINT.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, LEWISHAM, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	HARRY H. MANCE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 6
*GEORGE W. HARRIS 3	† JAMES W. CLARK 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5
JAMES BOUGHTON 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	CHARLES CUTTING 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*MISS KITTY MOORE Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
FRED HOPPER 2	FREDERICK SAWFOOT 6
HARRY BAXTER 3	TOM TEBBUTT 7
ROBERT G. BLACK 4	BERTIE O. SODEN Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on eight bells, and the first lady to ring a peal in Northampton.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 26, 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 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
WALTER RUFFLES 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
*PERCIVAL WOODS 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Stedman, and first attempt. First in the method as conductor, and first attempt. The above is also the first time that a peal of Stedman has been conducted by a local man at Debenham. The band are all Sunday Service ringers at Debenham Church, and the peal was a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th and 6th.

ELHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN E. WHITNAL Treble	ALBERT CASTLE 5
*KYRLE GORDON (AGE 15) ... 2	GORDON WEBB 5
FREDK. CASTLE (AGE 14½) 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
†FRANK VERNEY 4	ALEC WEBB Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the 29th anniversary of the wedding of the treble ringer, to whom the band are indebted for taking the vacant rope at the last moment. It is close on 30 years since he rang his last peal. Mrs. A. Castle kindly entertained the band after the peal. K. Gordon was elected a member of the association prior to starting the peal.

RODELWYDDAU, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET (THE MARBLE CHURCH).

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
ALBERT E. HUGHES 3	WILLIAM CLARKE 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

A birthday compliment to Mr. Ed. Jenkins.

RHYL, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM CLARKE 3	ALBERT E. HUGHES 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ed. Jenkins. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Hughes for their kind hospitality.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS GLADYS DODDS Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 5
CHARLES DRAPER 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 6
HARRY ARGYLE 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 7
ERNEST STONE 4	JAMES F. CLARKE, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*ARTHUR J. LLEWELLYN ... Treble	GEORGE E. CAPEWELL ... 5
ROBERT E. SUMMERS 2	FRANK VOICE 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
JOHN CLARK 4	ALFRED T. POULTON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal of Triples. Arranged for Mr. G. Capewell, of Bristol, who wished to ring a peal on the bells of his native town.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

A. J. HOING Treble	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD ... 5
JOHN EVANS 2	RALPH COLES 6
*W. A. WOOLLER 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
EDWARD MARKHAM 4	FRANK W. BOXELL ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Arranged for W. A. Wooller (son of the Vicar of West Wycombe), who was made a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

BLOCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 27, 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 16 cwt.

†JOHN HALL Treble	*OLIVER ATTWOOD 5
†JOHN C. PERKINS 2	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING ... 6
*HARRY COLLEY 3	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 7
JAMES HEMMING 4	GEORGE MOISEY Tenor

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples on an inside bell.
‡ First peal of Triples on tower bells.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY W. BROWN Treble	THEODORE GRANT 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
MISS NORA H. WILLIAMS ... 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
ARTHUR PRINCE 4	GILBERT G. HARDING ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by T. F. KING.

Miss Williams is the first lady to ring a peal in Bath. The conductor's 100th peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JESSE SCREEN Treble	HARRY HOBALL 5
BENJAMIN GOUGH 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
EDWARD A. REEVES 3	REUBEN HALL 7
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 4	*JAMES T. GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal, and elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Richard Round, who is the oldest member of the Netherton company, and in commemoration of his 51 years' service at Netherton Parish Church as a Sunday Service ringer. The peal was also a birthday compliment to the father of the conductor and tenor ringer.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERT H. POUNTNEY Treble	JOHN PERRY 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	BERT HORTON 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

*ERNEST E. BISH Treble	JOSEPH C. DOEL 5
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON 6
†JAMES H. RUMBLEY 3	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	†THOMAS J. HOLLOWAY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal in the method. † First peal with an 'inside' bell.

‡ First peal. First peal as conductor.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

*GEORGE WIFFEN Treble	JAMES FLEETY 5
WALTER ARNOLD 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SADNERS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

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

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY SIMMONS Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM J. WHEADON 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a birthday peal for John Wheadon.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT ST. MARIE'S (R.C.) CHURCH, NORFOLK ROW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

*CHARLES LAKE Treble	FRANCIS WARD 5
GEORGE LEWIS 2	JAMES EVINSON 6
HARRY BOWER 3	ROBERT HARRISON 7
TOM O'HARA 4	†COLIN HARRISON Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung as a tribute of respect and goodwill to the Rev. Canon Dolan, in recognition of his 25 years' services as priest at the above church. Also as a birthday compliment to the reverend Canon, and to Mr. T. G. Sarel and Mr. R. Harrison, both local ringers. This composition contains the full combination of 4-5-6 in 5-6, with the 3rd never in 6th's and the 2nd never in 5-6. First peal on these bells for nearly fourteen years. * First peal of Bob Major. † First peal as conductor.

A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over.

STAPLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E flat.

*FREDERICK RUMERY ... Treble	JAMES POWELL 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 2	HARRY BAKER 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
MISS ROSE THOMAS ... 4	JAMES FOREMAN Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal in an eight-bell tower.

HURSLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROBERT G. HUNT Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 6
OWEN H. GILES 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by F. W. ROGERS.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the octave. The bells were recently increased from 6 to 8. The best thanks of the band are due to Mr., Mrs. and Miss Jones, who very kindly entertained them after the peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 16, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

F. W. BENNETT Treble	S. BENNETT 4
W. E. CLARKE 2	*R. WOODS 5
C. BARTON 3	A. BENNETT Tenor

Conducted by A. BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. * First peal.

BUTCOMBE, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*ROBERT WILLIAMS ... Treble	†WILLIAM WEBB 4
THEODORE SAINT 2	WILFRED SAINT 5
*CHARLES ANDREWS ... 3	*FRANK FILER Tenor

Conducted by W. SAINT.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal Doubles.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER WHITEHEAD ... Treble	WALTER J. TANSER ... 3
ROWLAND BARROW ... 2	EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 4
WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. H. CLARKE.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Arthur Cattell, a ringer at St. Margaret's, to Miss Edith A. Goodman, which took place earlier on the same day at this church. This is the second peal on these bells in 400 years.

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Apply: B. FULLWOOD, Priory, Sedgley, Staffs.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Stedman, and eight six-scores each of St. Simon's, Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

WALTER T. WILSON Treble	ROBERT G. BLACK 3
*MISS KITTIE MOORE 2	MATT HOBBS 4

*HARRY BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

* First peal of Doubles in six methods. First peal as conductor.

HENLEY-IN-ARDEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT E. BOSWELL Treble	JOHN HALL 3
HARRY MIDDLETON 2	JAMES HEMMING 4

HARRY COLLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by H. Colley for twelve years.

WOOTTON WAWEN, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*HARRY COLLEY, JUN. Treble	HARRY MIDDLETON 4
GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 2	HARRY COLLEY 5
JOHN HALL 3	JAMES HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by J. HALL.

* First peal. These bells (the 1st and 5th being cracked) badly need the bell hanger. The ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th, wish to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. H. Colley for giving them such a pleasant and enjoyable week-end.

ORSTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 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 Single Court, Oxford Bob and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY PLOXTON Treble	SIDNEY PROCTOR 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	JOHN W. KIRTON 5
WILLIAM E. WHITE 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

First peal on the bells, which have been recently rehung and two trebles added to make a ring of six, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The 'go' and tone are splendid. The ringers were very kindly entertained to tea after the peal by the Rev. G. J. and Mrs. Sturton.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Friday, December 28, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PIERCE Treble	JAMES HOWARD 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 2	WALTER KERRISON 5
*FREDERICK PECK 3	CHARLES MOSS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

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

HOLT, DENBIGHSHIRE.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. approx. in A.

†THOMAS R. BUTLER Treble	*BERT PRIDDING 4
†THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. 2	*JAMES WOOLLEY 5
*RICHARD WOOLLEY 3	†WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON Tenor

Conducted by T. R. BUTLER. Witness: WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN.
* First peal and first attempt, and are local ringers. † First peal in the method, and first attempt, and hail from Ellesmere, Salop. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Henry Pridding, father of the ringer of the fourth, who is the oldest ringer in the district.

GAYWOOD, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Faith,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's and Little Bob and 1080 each of Woodbine and Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM R. MITCHELL Treble	THOMAS GREENACRE 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	GEORGE M. GREENACRE 5
ROBERT GREENACRE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal in six methods on the bells, and by all except the conductor, and rung in honour of St. Stephen's Day.

DERSINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Wednesday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER N. ASHBY Treble	ALFRED E. BACON 4
*FREDERICK C. MITCHELL 2	JOSEPH E. SYKES 5
WILLIAM R. MITCHELL 3	GEORGE HAWES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal on a working bell. First peal on these bells, and rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties King Haakon and Queen Maud of Norway to Sandringham House for the Christmas festivities.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, December 20, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

At the Residence of Mr. J. PERRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

J. PERRY 1—2—3	T. PERRY 4—5—6
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Conducted by J. PERRY.

Umpire: A. G. HUNT.

This was T. Perry's 21st peal, and was rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of his son, T. J. Perry.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 24, 1923, in One Hour and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Residence of Mr. W. WHITEHEAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six-scores of Stedman, 16 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 20 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor size 10 in A.

†WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 1—2	†EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 3—4
*LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD 5—6	

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Witness: Mrs. M. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal 'in hand,' and with a working bell. † First peal of Doubles 'in hand.'

MR. EDGAR HUMPHREY'S 100 PEALS.

Bob Minor, 1; three Minor Methods, 1; Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples (conducted 1), 17; Stedman Triples, 42; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Stedman Caters (conducted 1), 10; Grandsire Caters (conducted 1), 24; total, 100. Rung in 20 towers.

ONLY LADY BELL RINGER IN SYDNEY.**AN AUSTRALIAN PEAL TO BE INCREASED TO EIGHT.**

Interest has been aroused in Sydney, New South Wales, by a newspaper interview with Mrs. T. C. Lumley, the only woman bell ringer in Sydney, where she recently helped in the ringing for the anniversary of St. Mark's, Darling Point. Mrs. Lumley, whose maiden name was Gregory, belonged to a ringing family. She went to Twyford, Berks, from her home at Wantage, some two years before the war, as a teacher in the local schools, and soon afterwards her parents went to Twyford to live. When the war came, and most of the local ringers joined up, a ladies' band was formed, with Mrs. Lumley among them. They were soon able to ring Grandsire Doubles and Triples, under the instruction of Mr. G. Dentry.

Mrs. Lumley was no doubt gifted for the work, and soon became a very efficient ringer and a good striker. She remained a ringer at Twyford till after the war, when she married an Australian soldier, who in time returned to Australia. Her longest length was a quarter-peal, and she thought much of that performance.

Her father is a ringer at Twyford Church, and she has uncles and cousins who are ringers of Wantage, Berks.

Mrs. Lumley is also a good musician, having gained several diplomas for pianoforte playing, and has taken further honours in Australia.

Speaking of ringing to the uninitiated Sydney reporter, Mrs. Lumley said: 'It's not at all difficult once you learn the method of changes, and how to handle the rope so that it doesn't strangle you if you let go, and if you get the knack of balancing the bell. It's all in that knack of handling the bell, I think, and it looks much harder than it really is. Though many of the women who took up bell ringing during the war in England couldn't master the changes in the various methods.'

The old ringers taught the young ringers in English town and village, added Mrs. Lumley, and at Wantage, Berks—the birthplace of Mrs. Lumley—eight members of her family rang the bells of the town. "I was made a member of the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers in 1916," said Mrs. Lumley, "and during the war a band of eight women kept going all the bells in Twyford. There was nobody else to do it—the men were at the front—and it would never have done to cease the pealing of the bells."

'With the aid of diagrams and rows of figures,' the reporter goes on, 'Mrs. Lumley tried to tell the uninitiated how the bells were rung. How the treble went hunting, and third came to second's place, and

four and five dodged. "It is a mystery which can only be cleared by watching the bell ringers at work," said the expert, "and perhaps you'll be able to do that soon, for two more bells are to be added to St. Mark's belfry."'

SURPRISE METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—As your correspondent 'Plain Ringer' uses my name freely in connection with this subject, I beg of you permission to reply to him through your columns. 'Bristol' Surprise was discovered, published and rung in 1899 or before, as near as I know from memory. The Legitimate Methods Committee came into being at the Central Council meeting, held at Norwich in May, 1899. The original members elected were the Rev. H. L. James, Messrs. H. Dains, J. Carter, J. A. Trollope and A. Craven. I think I am perfectly correct in saying that 'Bristol' Surprise was the chief object the committee had in their eye, along with 'Superlative Surprise,' during their work, and the principles of these two methods form the basis of the final definition, which in substance means: That a Surprise method must contain one or two internal places, at each cross section of the treble bell's path outwards and inwards. The cross sections referred to are as treble passes 2—3, 4—5 and 6—7. The whole pull at lead and behind, as treble turns from one position to its reverse, is not termed a 'cross section,' in the same meaning as the three internal positions.

Now, what puzzles me is why has Mr. Carter taken this course 20 years after the time he should have protested? And again, why are the other members of the committee silent?

Your correspondent asks, 'Why do I use an internal place at the treble's whole pull at lead in some of my methods and not in others?' I will answer this question by asking another: 'Why ringers do not ring "London" without making 2nd's place at treble's whole pull at lead, and also why they do not ring "Superlative" without both 2nd's and 7th's place being made when the treble is at lead and behind, when you can ring Double Norwich either with or without these places?' Well, my reasons are the same. I might say in conclusion that 2nd's and 7th's places made when treble leads and lays whole pull behind are not internal places in the same meaning as 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th places.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Stannington, near Sheffield, Jan. 8th, 1924.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Referring in the column recently to the first peal at St. Paul's Cathedral in 1881, we said we believed that Mr. Ted Horrex was the sole survivor of that band. We are glad to hear that there is yet another not only alive, but still in the active ranks of ringers. This is Mr. W. Tanner, who rang the 8th in the peal. Mr. Tanner rings for Sunday service at Stepney, with which church he has been connected for over 56 years.

For the first time since 1907 a peal has been rung at Durham Cathedral. This was a peal of Double Norwich on New Year's Day. For about sixteen years the bells were closed on account of the condition of the tower, which was repaired, and the bells rebung last year.

If Messrs. G. F. Adley and F. Clinkard will tell us where the service touches which they respectively conducted were rung, we shall be pleased to publish them.

Several ringers rang over 50 peals in 1923. Who rang most? Mr. Ernest Morris, of Leicester, scored 66.

We are close upon the bicentenary of the first peal of Cinques on record, which was performed at St. Bride's, Fleet Street. The actual date when this peal was rung seems a little uncertain from the records left to us. In his history of Grandsire Cinques the late Mr. Jasper Snowdon quotes a peal board which gives the date as Tuesday, January 10th, 1724, but in an introductory note Mr. Snowdon refers to it as Tuesday, January 19th, 1724-5.

But whether the two hundredth anniversary falls this year or next, and probably examination of the College Youths' old peal book would help to elucidate the point, the event is one which ought to be fittingly celebrated. Nothing less than a peal at St. Bride's itself would be fully appropriate to the occasion.

The old tablet in St. Bride's belfry records the peal as follows: On Tuesday, the 10th of January, 1724, the Society of College Youths rung completely a peal of 5,060 Grandsire Cinques, being ye first that ever was done. Ye persons that performed the same were as follows: Wm. Woodruff 1, Benjn. Annable 2, Edward Chadwell 3, Jno. Ward 4, Jno. Pearson 5, Robt. Catlin 6, Robt. Carter 7, Wm. Thompson 8, Wm. Jackson 9, P. Merrygarths 10, Math. East 11, Thos. Rowland 12. Abraham Goodwin, Aaron Jex, Churchwardens.

On January 15th, 1771, a peal of 6,720 Norwich Court Bob was rung at St. Michael's Coslany, Norwich, by the Norwich Scholars, and on January 13th, 1772, 6,048 Imperial the Third was rung at the same church.

The first peal of London Surprise in the City of London was rung twenty-five years ago next Monday by St. Peter's Society, Brighton.

Forty years ago next Thursday the first peal by the Winchester Guild was rung. This was at Soberton, Hants, and was also Mr. George Williams' first peal.

The first peal of Forward Maximus was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on January 13th, 1903.

With reference to our paragraph concerning 'single-handed' peals at Bow, Cheapside, and the remark that many peals of Stedman Cinques have been called off the tenor since Mr. F. E. Dawe called the first at St. Bride's, a correspondent suggests that the actual number of ringers who have done this is comparatively small, probably not more than half a dozen.

There was once a man at Wolverhampton who, although he was not a change ringer, yet was able to call Stedman from the tenor. A rather remarkable achievement.

In reply to an inquiry made through this column last week, Mrs. F. I. Hairs rang 19 peals within the first 12 months, and 28 within the first 15 months from the date of ringing her first peal, including one peal of 8,099 of Grandsire Caters.

A copy of 'Christmas Bells,' verses set to music which is based upon the first six changes of Bob Minor has been sent us. The author is Mr. S. Lloyd Harvey, of Radstock, and the composer, Mr. G. Hamblin, of Radstock. There is a novelty in the air which will doubtless interest ringers.

A unique performance is recorded in our peal columns this week. A handbell peal of Doubles has been rung at Brewood, Staffs, by two ringers only, each ringing three bells!

A SERVICE MANUAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—From time to time I receive inquiries for forms of service for various occasions in connection with bells and ringers, and particularly for the little book, entitled 'A Manual for Ringers,' which was published by S.P.C.K. for the Oxford Diocesan Guild about ten years ago, and has for some time been out of print.

I am anxious to make it known that this book has been reprinted, and can now be obtained from S.P.C.K., Northumberland Avenue, W.C., at the price of fourpence (post free, fourpence halfpenny), or through a bookseller. This manual meets most requirements. Will clergy and those holding office in ringers' associations kindly take notice?—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

Broadlands, Caversham

A SOUTH WALES PIONEER.**FOUNDER OF THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

A pioneer of change ringing in the Llandaff Diocese, and founder of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, Mr. Evan Davies, as already reported, has just retired from his position of Master of Caerleon Endowed School, after 43 years' service, and is removing to Carmarthen. Mr. Davies, many years ago, taught a band at Caerleon, including Mr. J. W. Jones, who, for a quarter of a century, has been the enthusiastic secretary of the diocesan association. This band made excellent progress, and rang peals of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. Out of this start sprang the Llandaff Association, with Mr. Evans as the inspiration.

**MR. EVAN DAVIES.**

A native of Carmarthen, Mr. Davies went to Caerleon in February, 1881, as assistant master, after leaving Carmarthen Training College, and was appointed headmaster in 1885. He has been identified with the public life of the ancient city ever since, and will be greatly missed when he returns to enjoy his retirement in his native town. A keen Churchman, Mr. Davies was for many years choirmaster of St. Cadoc's Church.

Mr. Davies is an authority on Welsh history, and an ardent antiquarian. The Monmouthshire Antiquaries Society could have found no one more fit to take charge of their Caerleon Museum, which was greatly benefited from his studies. Mr. Davies was prominent in the movement which resulted in a jubilee clock being placed in the old church tower in 1887, and it is characteristic of his conscientiousness and public spirit that he has himself regularly wound the clock, and repaired it when necessary, ever since without recognition of any kind.

The staff and scholars of the school have presented Mr. Davies with a barometer and reading glass, and the old boys of the school entertained him at dinner, and presented him with an illuminated address and a cheque as a mark of their deep esteem for him.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

To mark the 50th birthday of Mr. Walter White, on January 2nd, an attempt was made at Cotgrave for a peal of Minor in seven methods, the ringers standing as follows: D. Burton 1, H. Squires 2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3, W. E. White 4, T. Squires 5, Walter White (conductor) 6. Unfortunately this came to grief early in a 720 of Double Oxford, after a 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob had been rung. Afterwards a date touch 1924 in Plain Bob, Single and Double Court was rung, W. E. White treble and D. Burton 4th, the others as before. The band, with the addition of the other Cotgrave ringers and friends, then sat down to a capital dinner, afterwards spending the remainder of the evening with music, song and games. The company thank Mr. and Mrs. Walter White for their hospitality, and extend to them their best birthday wishes.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.**INAUGURAL MEETING.**

The new Guild for the Diocese of Peterborough was successfully launched at a largely attended meeting at Wellingborough on Saturday, although several clergy were kept away on account of the clashing of the event with the enthronement of the Bishop of Winchester. It was the new Bishop of Winchester, who, while Bishop of Peterborough, instigated the formation of the new Diocesan Guild. Either to the ringing organisations in the diocese have consisted of the Central Northants, the Peterborough and District, the Towcester and District, and the Oundle and District Associations, while a small portion of the area of the Midland Counties Association is also included in the diocese.

The proceedings on Saturday afternoon began with a service in the Parish Church, the Vicar of Wellingborough (the Rev. R. G. W. Smeaton) preaching, taking his text from 1 Cor. xii. 36. He first recalled that Church Guilds belonged to the earliest part of their national history, and were much older than the hanging and the ringing of church bells. Though the guilds could be divided into two classes—religious and social—everyone was based on religious principles, the love of God and the love of man. He recalled that in that Parish Church at one time were three Guilds—the Guild of the Rood Loft, the Guild of the Holy Name, and the Guild of St. Katherine. If the Guild they were inaugurating that day was to be a success it must be true to the principles of some of their ancient guilds, and make for brotherhood, loving kindness, and sympathy between its members, and love for the Holy Church. There must be real personal religion on the part of its members.

THE GUILD INAUGURATED.

The company then adjourned to the Granville Hotel, where, after tea, the business meeting was held, the Rev. J. P. Frend, of Collingtree, presiding, supported by the Rev. H. L. Hopper (Weekley), the Rev. L. S. Clark (Polebrook), the Rev. E. J. Atkins (Isham), Mr. D. J. Nichols (Kettering), Mr. W. Wilson (Isham), and Mr. Barber.

Mr. Nichols (the secretary pro tem.) announced that the Bishop of Leicester and the Archdeacon of Oakham, who were attending the Bishop of Winchester's enthronement, had expressed their interest in the formation of the Guild.

The Chairman said the Bishop of Leicester, in a letter to him, said he would take the earliest opportunity of informing the new Bishop of the Guild. It was most important, added the Chairman, that it should be a success. At the commencement, the Guild would consist of seven branches, comprising the five districts of the Central Northants Association, each working as a separate branch, and the Peterborough and District and the Oundle and District Association forming the other two. At present the branches that had become attached to the Guild numbered about 220 members.

A resolution formally bringing the Guild into being was moved by the Rev. E. J. Atkins, seconded by Mr. Millward (Northampton).

The Dean of Peterborough, a cordial supporter of the Guild, was elected president, on the motion of the Rev. J. P. Frend, seconded by Mr. Barber. For the office of Master Mr. Nichols moved the name of Mr. F. Wilford, which, having been seconded by Mr. Rogers (Northampton), was carried with unanimity. Mr. W. Wilson was chosen treasurer, Mr. Nichols secretary, and Mr. Millward auditor.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Guild be at Peterborough on Whit Monday. It was also intimated that the branch associations would hold their meetings for the election of officers and representatives on the Central Committee as soon as possible.

The Rev. H. L. Hopper (who was in the chair in the closing part of the meeting) moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Wellingborough for allowing the service in the church, and for the use of the bells by the visiting ringers. — This was seconded by Mr. Barber, who was singled out for the work he had undertaken in connection with the meeting at Wellingborough.

A YOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS.

On Monday evening, December 31st, previous to the watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,250 changes) was rung half-muffled in 57 minutes at St. Mary's, Ealing, by A. J. Moore 1, J. E. Churchill 2, A. M. Stacey 3, G. W. Stevens 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, C. G. Cooper 8. This quarter-peal was the 38th rung at this tower in 1923. Of these, 35 were for Sunday service, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major. This splendid record is mainly due to the efforts of Mr. Lionel H. Page, who, together with Mr. J. H. Hunnisett, taught the present band change ringing. The former has now unfortunately left the district.

The bells of St. Mary's are not of the best going, and this with the fact that ten of the band are under the age of 20, the herculean nature of the task may be realised. The ringers greatly regret the loss of Mr. Page's services, and hope to show their appreciation in a more tangible form.

The New Year was commenced in a hopeful manner, a quarter-peal of Bob Major being rung for both morning and evening services. Both were conducted by F. W. Goodfellow.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT BELLS AT BRADFORD-ON-AVON.**AN ACQUISITION IN SALISBURY DIOCESE.**

On Thursday afternoon, Dec. 27th (St. John the Evangelist's Day), a service, unique in the history of the town, was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon, when the new peal of eight bells, presented to the parish by Brig-General G. L. Palmer, C.B., T.D., and Mrs. Palmer, in proud and loving memory of Allen L. Palmer, Michael George L. Palmer and Felix Charles Hubert Hanbury-Tracy (their two sons and son-in-law), was dedicated to the glory of God, and to the use of the parish of Christ Church, by the Dean of Salisbury (Dr. Burn). In addition to the peal, the Westminster chimes have been attached to the clock, and this will prove a great musical improvement upon the old 'single bell,' which, in addition to calling people to the services, was used by the clock for striking the quarters and hours.

The church was full some time before the service began, and a good number of the clergy from the neighbouring towns and villages were in the procession. After the dedication intercessory prayers were offered, followed by a short opening peal on the bells, the band consisting of past and present ringers from the Parish Church: J. Andrews 1, H. E. Moore 2, J. Stafford 3, S. J. Hector 4, F. Wheeler 5, H. Ewence 6, C. Warwick 7, F. Hayes 8. The honour of conducting the opening touch was entrusted to Mr. James Andrews, a veteran ringer of 81, who for half a century officiated as captain of the Parish Church ringers. The Dean's address, based upon Psalm cxxxi. 3, was concluded by his reciting Tennyson's poem of the bells, 'Ring out the false, ring in the true.'—The hymn, 'God of the living,' was sung, and the inspiring words of the 'Hallelujah Chorus' brought an impressive service to a close.

The visiting ringers then ascended the tower, and the first touch of Stedman Triples was brought round in good style, conducted by Mr. S. J. Hector. Touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The bells, which are of beautiful tone, were installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon Bell Foundry. They are hung in an all-steel frame, with modern fittings, and run in ball bearings. The tenor weighs 12 cwt. 7 lb., and bears the following inscription:—

'AD GLORIAM DE ET IN MEMORIAM ALLENI ET MICHAELIS PALMER ET FELICIS HANBURY TRACY, MCMXXIII.—Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1923.'

About 30 ringers had been invited to attend, those present including Messrs. E. Bishop, C. Gardner, of Swindon; Mr. L. A. Wilson, of Wootton Bassett; Messrs. W. A. Cave and Knight, of Bristol; Messrs. G. H. Archard, H. Taylor, of Melksham; Mr. A. Harrison, of London; Mr. E. F. White, of Warminster; Messrs. W. Hart, F. Brown, of Westbury; Mr. Stokes, of Holt; Messrs. S. J. Hector, J. Andrews, C. Andrews, N. Andrews, J. Francis, W. Baxter, W. Loud, of Trowbridge; Messrs. T. F. King, F. Rich, Cousins, and Prince, of Bath; Messrs. S. Hillier, F. Green, of Devizes, and others. Mr. Cyril F. Johnston was present on behalf of the firm, and took part in a good deal of the ringing.

The visitors were very kindly entertained to dinner at the Castle Hotel by Brig-General and Mrs. Palmer.

HARWICH RINGERS' DINNER.

On Monday, December 31st, St. Nicolas Guild, Harwich, had their annual dinner at the Hanover Square Dining Rooms, about 25 ringers and friends sitting down to an excellent repast. The Rev. A. E. Mills, R.D., president of the Guild, was in the chair, and Councillor T. H. Bernard, who is also a local ringer, was vice-chairman. After dinner, a musical programme was enjoyed, songs being rendered by Miss Hookley, Miss Bernard, Messrs. Tyrell, Garnett and Taylor. Tunes on the handbells by Messrs. G. Thompson, C. Ellis, F. Ramplin, E. Scarfe, J. Scarfe and A. Alderton were much appreciated.

The Vice-Chairman proposed the toast of 'The Vicar and Churchwardens,' and referred to the improvements which had been effected in the church.—The Rev. A. E. Mills, responding, said a vast amount of money had been spent on the church, and the bulk of it had come from the people of Harwich. They had not the wealth in Harwich that there was in the industrial centres, but he had never met people who were so ready to find the money when it was required for the upkeep of the church. He had never met churchwardens who were more devoted to their work, and in the Parochial Church Council and other workers in the church he had a most loyal body of helpers.

The Chairman, in proposing the toast of 'The Ringers,' said that he was very grateful for the work which they did, and thanked them very much. They called the people to church, and sent their message to those who were not able to come.

Mr. C. J. Ellis, hon. secretary of the Guild, replied, and said that if they did not ring some of the more difficult methods, those that they did ring were rung well. He thought that much progress would be made during the new year. They had a young band of ringers who were getting on well both with the tower and handbells, and he thanked the Vicar very much for the kind things he had said, also for the interest that he and the churchwardens took in ringing, and the ringers. 'Auld Lang Syne' and the National Anthem brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable afternoon's ringing took place at East and West Retford on Boxing Day. The peals of six and 10 bells were at the disposal of ringers throughout the afternoon and evening by the kind permission of the Rev. C. Bailey and Rev. J. E. Summers. Ringers were present from Anston, Tickhill, Gainsborough, Misterton, Worksop, Ordsall and East Retford, whilst members from kindred associations were present from Wath-on-Dearne and Wigan, and Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead, Surrey, whom all ringers were glad to meet. Ringing on six bells consisted of Kent Treble Bob, Double Stedman, Minor and Cambridge Surprise; and on eight and ten bells, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal and Double Norwich.

In the early morning, a number of ringers from Gainsborough visited Worksop with the intention of attempting a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at the Parish Church (by permission of Canon d'Arcy), but owing to the unavoidable absence of the writer of these lines and a substitute not being forthcoming, the hope had to be abandoned, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor rung. The conducting during the day was done by A. H. Winch, H. Morgan and H. Haigh. The ringers desire to thank the three incumbents for the use of the bells during the day.

THE SILENCE OF BOCKING BELLS.

Last Friday's issue of 'The Essex Chronicle,' contained a letter from Mr. A. Shuffelebotham explaining, in answer to an inquiry in the preceding week, why Bocking bells were not rung on Christmas Day. Mr. Shuffelebotham says:—

'I joined the Bocking band of ringers about 17 years ago, and continued with them until the break-up three years ago, due mostly to the old ones dying out. In 1914 we had ten ringers, and six of these have passed away. During the time that I was a member of this band, we started ten or twelve learners, but for various reasons they gradually fell away. An attempt was made in November, 1922, to restart the company. Four of these learners came back, and with the four old ones left and the assistance of several ringers from Braintree we began to practise, and continued up to March, 1923, and were about to restart ringing for Sunday services when along came the meeting of the Essex Association of Change Ringers (March 3rd), with the announcement that they were there that day to restart the peal! I told the rest of the band of my intention to stand aside and let the officials carry on. What is the result? With the exception of visitors, the bells have not been rung since!'

'In your issues of March 9th and December 28th we are referred to as professionals. This I consider a most unjust statement to make and publish. We gave our services, and did not get anything like enough to cover our expenses. The question of payment, however, has nothing to do with the break-up of the Bocking band.'

PROPOSED NEW RING OF EIGHT CRICKHOWELL'S EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS.

A big effort is being made to raise the funds necessary to restore the bells at St. Edmund's Church, Crickhowell, Breconshire, and to increase the ring to a complete octave. The tower contains a peal of five, but for a great number of years they have not been rung, on account of two being badly cracked. The estimated cost of the work is £700, towards which there was a sum of £55 in hand, and a promise of £50 had been received towards a new tenor, conditional on the whole amount required being raised within a year.

The parishioners have entered wholeheartedly into the scheme which is to form a war memorial, and the first united effort took the form of a 'Forest of Trees.' Four large trees were placed in Clarence Hall by Mr. J. E. Edwards, agent to the Duke of Beaufort, and around these were arranged stalls, etc. All the attractions of a successful bazaar were to be found, and the outcome has been that practically half the amount required has been assured.

As long ago as 1884 a parish meeting set up a committee to provide a peal of eight bells, but the scheme never materialised.

RINGING ANCESTORS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In Belfry Gossip a few weeks ago you asked the question, 'We wonder how many ringers of to-day can claim to have ancestors who were ringers nearly 200 years ago?'

I claim to be one of these, but unfortunately cannot find any MS. or any records, but in the belfry at Ashford, Kent (my old home, there are four tablets dating from 1770 to 1820 recording peals of Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, in which my great-grandfather, John Steddy, took part, and some of which he conducted. He lived at a village, Hinxhill, three miles from Ashford, and one night a week would walk to Hythe, nine miles each way, to practise, and in the winter would take a lantern. On several occasions he walked to London and back, 55 miles each way, for peal ringing, but I could never find out if they were successful. In those days, of course, there was no other means but to walk. What would the youth of to-day think?

Edenbridge, Kent.

JOHN W. STEDDY.

'RING OUT THE OLD.'

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on New Year's Eve, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal, 1,260 changes of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: H. A. Edwards 1, C. A. Hughes 2, D. Vincent 3, G. W. Cooper 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. Wood 6, W. Steed (conductor) 7, H. F. Hull 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On New Year's Eve, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes of Erin Triples: J. B. Marks 1, Canon Baker 2, A. V. Good 3, G. Heley 4, A. G. Matthews 5, F. Ramsey 6, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 7, C. T. King 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all, and in the county. To welcome 1924, 252-Stedman, conducted by F. Ramsey.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on December 31st, 1923, for watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Crowder 1, W. G. Pinnigar 2, H. James 3, J. Dafters (first quarter as conductor) 4, J. Lawson 5, C. Moulton 6, H. Brasher 7, B. Heisterman 8.

WEST FALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Stephen's Church, for watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, P. E. Clark 3, C. Edwards 4, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 5, H. Folkard 6, F. Goodfellow 7, E. Harris 8.

MARKET WIGHTON.—On New Year's Eve, immediately before midnight, 240 Plain Bob Doubles (with the bells half-muffled), after the hour had struck, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with open bells. The ringers taking part were: J. Moor, J. W. Kneeshaw (conductor), A. Salmer, G. Priestman, W. Moor, L. J. Dobson, H. Musk, J. E. Routledge. Previous to commencing the ringing, the ringers had been invited to supper by Miss Harrison, Southgate Farm, where a good old-fashioned Yorkshire spread was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and a most enjoyable evening spent, in music, etc., until the time arrived to go to the belfry.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church of St. Michael's, on New Year's Eve, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes), in 1 hour 32 mins.: F. Springham 1, F. Bird (conductor) 2, H. J. Tucker 3, H. M. White 4, H. Champness 5, W. T. Prior 6, H. Dew 7, W. Wilkinson 8. Also 461 Grandsire Triples: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, H. M. White 3, W. T. Prior 4, H. J. Tucker 5, W. W. Tucker 6, H. Dew (conductor) 7, P. Springham 8. Also 504 Grandsire Caters: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, H. M. White 4, W. T. Prior 5, P. Springham 6, H. Champness 7, W. W. Tucker 8, H. Dew 9, W. Wilkinson 10.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, on Monday, December 31st, for watch-night service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Fraser 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Hurrell 4, G. W. Harris 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

PRESENTATION AT DARLINGTON.

Mr. C. S. Burden, after a stay in Darlington of over 18 months in connection with his business, has now returned to London. Whilst in the North he accomplished his first 720's in London and Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob Minor all 'inside,' as well as many other touches. On Wednesday, December 12th, he was presented with a silver-mounted umbrella, subscribed for by some of his ringing friends in Darlington. The presentation was made in the belfry of Holy Trinity Church by Mr. Porter, who, in a few well-chosen words, referred to Mr. Burden's qualities as a gentleman, and as a ringer, and spoke of the assistance he had rendered to Darlington, and to this tower in particular, in the way of ringing.—Mr. Burden suitably replied.

On the Sunday following, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung: R. Park 1, C. S. Burden 2, F. Cooke 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, G. W. Park 6.—On Wednesday, December 19th, a farewell 720 of Bob Minor was rung: C. S. Burden 1, W. Oliver 2, W. N. Park 3, W. Lister (St. John's, Darlington) 4, T. T. Allan (St. Cuthbert's) 5, T. Clark (St. Cuthbert's) 6.

A GOOD RECORD.

The following 720's were rung during 1923 by the St. John's company, Leytonstone, and visiting friends: Surprise Methods: London 17, Lincoln 8, Beverley 6, Cambridge 5, Carlisle 5, Ipswich 5, York 5, Wells 4, Surfleet 4, Choster 3, Durham 3, Annable's London 3, Hexham 2, Kelso 2, Primrose 2, Bourne 2, Hull 2, Bacup 2, Sandiacre 2, Westminster 1, Allendale 1, Munden 1, Canterbury 1, Newcastle 1, Coldstream 1, Norwich 1, Lancashire 1, Stamford 1, Borwick 1, Barnborough 1, Norfolk 1, Wooler 1, three methods spliced (Ipswich, London and Wells) 1, Kent Treble Bob 2, Plain Bob 3; total, 101.

Those taking part were W. Miller 97, E. D. Smith 91, G. L. Joyce 80, W. Titchbald 76, A. Prior 67, J. Moule 59, G. Dawson 57, P. H. Avey 43, W. Pyc 9, E. Wightman 4, G. Hayden 4, A. Reeve 4, E. J. Butler 3, W. J. Rumble 2, A. E. Hall 2, G. A. Black 1, J. Horwood 1, H. Angel 1, W. Shute 1, L. Reeve 1, W. Watson 1, E. Plummer 1, and C. Andrews 1, conducted by W. Miller 39, G. L. Joyce 25, A. Prior 12, E. D. Smith 6, J. Moule 2, E. Wightman 1, G. Dawson 1. Fifteen 720's were rung non-conducted.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHILDON, DURHAM.—On Sunday, January 6th, at St. John's Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with tenor covering, in 27 mins.: W. Vickers 1, I. Robinson 2, I. Wick 3, S. Bryant 4, J. Beck 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Henderson 8.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, January 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: P. Want (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, H. Want 3, E. R. Burgess 4, H. Baker (conductor) 5, W. Button 6, C. Tribe 7, W. Bishop 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, 6th January, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: S. Meadows 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, H. Kemp 3, H. Prior 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 434 Grandsire Triples: H. Kemp 1, S. Meadows 2, G. Upshall 3, H. Prior 4, T. Clapham 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

GORSEINON.—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Catherine's Church, 350 Grandsire Triples: W. Stevens 1, Wal. Dobbins 2, *Reg. Dobbins 3, *C. Willis 4, A. Sluman 5, H. Willis 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, J. Hanson 8. * Longest touch inside. Rung as a welcome to ringer of the treble, who hails from Witney, Oxon. Also as a compliment to the ringer of the 6th on his obtaining his B.Sc.—On January 6th, 252 Stedman Triples by Reg. Dobbins 1, R. Baird 2, Wal. Dobbins 3, A. Sluman 4, H. Willis (conductor) 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams 7, Alan MacMillan 8. Longest touch of Stedman by an entirely local band at Gorseinon.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Lambert 1, T. Potter 2, W. Mills 3, G. Tizzard 4, G. Coomber 5, T. Tullett (first quarter as conductor) 6, J. Wren 7, S. Chesson 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of the same method: G. Lambert 1, T. Potter 2, G. Hewitt 3, N. E. Hope 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8. A 504 was rung to open the New Year, 1924.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, December 30th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: O. Moody 1, R. Heath 2, L. Warner 3, W. Paget 4, S. Forward 5, R. Sharpe (conductor) 6. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to Mrs. Beatty.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday morning, December 30th, at St. Alfege Church, Haley's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Shimmans (conductor) 1, J. J. Lamb 2, E. E. Richards 3, F. W. Thornton 4, W. Berry 5, H. Hoskins 6, T. Jakeman 7, W. Billings 8.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.—On Dec. 23rd, for evensong, a date-touch of Stedman Triples (1,923 changes), in 1 hr. 16 mins.: Miss E. Franklin 1, A. W. Davis 2, G. Davis 3, Miss S. Davis 4, A. E. Reeves 5, J. Hazell 6, W. Mathews 7, S. Nailor 8. Arranged and called by W. Mathews.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Summerfield 1, G. W. Sorrell 2, H. Edwards 3, F. G. Radley 4, H. Joyce 5, W. Lincoln 6, H. Head (conductor) 7, H. Kirton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Edwards. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 3rd and 5th.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Herbert 1, T. Bolton 2, S. Brown 3, W. H. Worsley 4, H. Moody (R.A.F.) 5, C. Moody 6, W. T. Elson (composer and conductor) 7, E. Cassel 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, at St. John-the-Baptist, 784 Double Norwich: V. Butler 1, Miss Phyllis Hare 2, T. Vaughan 3, W. Cross, junr., 4, W. Cross 5, F. Davis 6, F. Cooke 7, H. Poole (conductor), Leicester, 8.

HOUSLOW.—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: H. Gash (first away from tenor) 1, C. J. Tricker, junr. (first away from treble), 2, S. Stilwell 3, W. F. Ellingham 4, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 5, C. Gash 6.

SALISBURY.—On Sunday, December 30th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Macey 1, E. Dibben 2, F. W. Romaine 3, R. P. Knight 4, F. Precey (conductor) 5, A. Southey 6, L. Harris 7, G. Webb 8.

GLEMSFORD.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin: H. Pask 1, A. Wheeler 2, G. Smith 3, R. Johnson 4, B. Hartley 5, T. E. Slater (conductor) 6. Rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of Mr. Fred Wells, who is now the only remaining member of the old school of Glemsford ringers.

CHISWICK.—For evening service, on Sunday, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, E. J. Walsom 2, L. Page 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, J. W. Kelley 5, A. Harding 6, E. W. Coulson 7, W. Dalton 8.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, Nov. 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. Walford 1, G. Warner 2, A. G. Hunt 3, T. Perry 4, E. V. Rodenhurst 5, H. Wakeham 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Speake 8.

NOTICES.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Bridgwater Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on Saturday, January 12th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Divine service 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—C. Evans, Local Secretary, Weston Road, Bridgwater.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — A meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, Jan. 12th, Bells (8) ready 3.30 p.m. Canon Elsee will unveil a peal board at this meeting. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. All ringers will be heartily welcomed.—J. Halsall, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, January 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All are welcome.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

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.—F. Dentry, Hon. Sec., Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Chiswick Parish Church, on Saturday, January 12th, when members and visitors are welcomed. Ringing from 3 p.m. Tea as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

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.—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.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Frodsham on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m., followed by tea, 1s. each. Service at 6 p.m.—Francis Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frodsham.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION (Kettering District) **AND THE LADIES' GUILD** (Northants

Branch).—A combined quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Rothwell (8) on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5.—R. G. Black, Dis. Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington, Kettering.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Camerton on Jan. 12th. The usual service and tea arrangements will hold good. Ringers requiring tea should notify me.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham and District Branch. — The annual meeting of the above will be held at Tewkesbury on Saturday, Jan. 12th. Abbey bells (10) available from 3 o'clock. Service in the Abbey at 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock, kindly given by the Vicar (Rev. E. F. Smith, M.A.). Business meeting to follow. — Walter Yeend, Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, near Cheltenham.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—The third annual dinner will be held on Saturday, January 12th, at 6 p.m. Chairman, the Rev. T. C. Fowler. Bells available at 2.30 p.m., St. James (10), St. Mary Redcliffe (12), St. Nicholas (10), St. Stephen (10), St. Michael (6); St. Philip (8), and St. John (6), by arrangement. Meet at Grand Hotel at 5.50 p.m.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The Annual meeting will be held at Barnsley (St. Mary's) on Saturday, January 12th. Tea 1/6 each. Apply Mrs. Hone, The Rectory, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual dinner will be held at Spread Eagle Hotel, Hereford, on Monday, Jan. 14th, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets 3s. each, which must be applied for by Jan. 11th. Chairman, J. G. Buchanan, Esq.; vice-chairman, Rev. G. W. Turner.—A. E. Gwynne, Hon. Sec., Deanery Cottage, Hereford.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—(Est. 1755).—The Annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, at 8 p.m. The bells of St. Martin's will be available from 6.30 to 7.45.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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 Jan. 17th and 31st; *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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Holborn, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Tea, if notified by 12th. Will members and friends please endeavour to attend?—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.7.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each, at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. Will all who require tea please advise me by the 15th inst.? The District Com-

mittee will meet in the Vestry at 4.15 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wood Green, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Stokes. Tea (1s.) at 5.30. Please send word not later than Tuesday, 15th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Caine Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available 2 o'clock. Service 4.45. Meeting and tea at Angel Hotel 5.30. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome.—Rev. S. L. R. Sharp, Hon. Branch Sec., Caine, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5. Meeting and tea at 6. The Bishop of Liverpool will give the address. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary. All ringers will be welcomed.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Radcliffe Parish Church on January 19th. An invitation is given to members to ring on the rehung and recast peal (by Taylor & Co.). Will visitors intending to be present for tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, January 15th? Bells ready at 2 o'clock.—Wm. Emerson, 75, Knowles Street, Radcliffe, Manchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at St. George the Martyr, Southwark. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea, with business meeting to follow, at the Parish House, Borough High Street, at 5.30 p.m., further ringing after. Will members make a special effort to attend this meeting? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, 9, Dorset Road, Ealing.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 19th, at St. Chad's. 2.30, Committee meeting in Vestry. 3.30, ringing in St. Chad's Tower, in the hands of the Tower Master. 5.0, Services in St. Aidan's Chapel, address by the Rev. A. C. Lawson, M.A. 5.45, tea in St. Chad's Institute, followed by meeting. Tea 1/-, if ordered by 16th, per Hon. Sec., Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available at 2 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea by the Guild at the Swan Hotel at 5 p.m., followed by special business meeting. Will members intending to be present at this meeting notify me not later than January 15th?—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The first meeting under the new Guild will be held at Dallington, Northampton, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea if possible, 5 o'clock. Important business, to elect branch officers. Will all members make a special effort to attend, and notify me not later than Tuesday, January 12th, who require tea?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual district meeting of this branch for election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available for ringing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland (6 bells), on Saturday, 19th January. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 19th. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea (price 9d.) please notify me by January 15th?—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 until 7. Business meeting at Black Boy Hotel Club Room.—H. C. Norman, Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chudleigh, Jan. 19th. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. (Subscriptions now due.) The Exeter branch are also combining on this occasion for a 'fraternal,' and this ringers' festival will celebrate the opening of the peal of 8. Bells available noon. Bands outside the Guild in the Chudleigh district are invited. Those who intend to be present please notify by the 15th inst. Mr. Southwood, 11, Catherine Street, Exeter, or H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, 19th January, at Stokesay. Bells (6), available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Hon. Dist. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Headingley (St. Chad's) on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 6 p.m. only.—H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benilton, Sutton, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting. Will those who intend coming to tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, January 16th?—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Smethwick Old Church on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.15. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Jan. 16th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe (recast ring of eight bells), on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready early. Reports now ready. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

COLCHESTER.—The annual meeting of the North Essex Association will be held on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of St. Peter's (8 bells) will be available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., and by the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. E. Cardo, tea will be provided at 5 p.m. All members wishing to attend the tea are asked to notify me not later than Wednesday, 16th inst.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The annual meeting will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready early. Short service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford. Tea in the Memorial Hall at 5.30, followed by the business meeting, after which there will be a Social Hour and an entertainment by Doncaster's Premier Concert Party, 'The Keynotes.' Tea tickets 1/6 each. Will all who intend being present notify me before January 16th? All members of kindred societies are invited to be present.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Harborne Parish Church (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Jan. 16th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. The Guild's service in Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow, at which a motion to alter the date of the annual meeting will be moved. Those requiring tea are requested to send their names to Mr. J. E. Moreton, 39, Coventry Road, Chilvers Coton, not later than January 16th. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Secretary, 61, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, on Saturday, January 26th, and not on January 19th, as arranged. Bells available at 3. Ringers' Association Service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. A tea will be provided 1/- per head for those who notify me, not later than January 22nd. Subscriptions for 1924 can be paid at this meeting.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for Jan., 1924:—St. Clement Danes, Monday, 21st, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 14th, 7.30 p.m.; Annual meeting February 9th.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem, 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the two six-bed towers of St. John and St. Peter's Roman Catholic Churches, Lytham, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), and Godmanchester (8). Service at St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea at Plum's Refreshment Rooms at 5, followed by business meeting. Will all who require tea write by January 21st, to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Short service at 3, followed by the unveiling of a peal tablet by Canon Elsee. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Those desiring tea must notify me not later than January 19th. All ringers and friends most cordially invited. Annual reports now ready.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Address by Archdeacon Conybeare, of Southwell Cathedral. Meeting in the Tower after service. Nominations for district officers to be sent in at once. Unveiling of peal board at St. Peter's at 5.30 by Ald. R. B. Chambers, President Midland Counties Association (recording first peal of London Surprise Major in Nottingham). To be followed by W. D. Croft memorial dinner at Albert Hotel, Derby Road, at 6.45 p.m.—F. Blood, Loc. Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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.

THE LATE MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.

Mrs. Washbrook and family desire to return their sincere thanks for the many expressions of sympathy received in their sudden and heavy bereavement.

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'AMONG THE BELLS.'—THE RINGING CAREER OF LATE REV. F. E. ROBINSON, M.A., Vicar of Drayton, Berks, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Part I. to XX may be had singly at 6d. net. Unbound numbers 1 to XX complete, 8s 6d. Or the whole work bound in cloth for 10s. 6d. net. From MRS. ROBINSON, Fair Home, Wokingham.

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NOTICE.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—There will be a meeting at Wingham on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Further particulars next week. — Fredk. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CHIRK, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On Saturday, January 5th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 4 six-scores of Plain Bob, 4 of Grandsire, and 2½ of Stedman, each called differently: W. S. Higginson 1, T. Butler, senr., 2, J. F. Sharp (conductor) 3, G. H. Edwards 4, T. R. Butler 5, W. Higginson, senr., 6. Rung after an unsuccessful peal attempt.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Cathedral, on the occasion of the wedding of Dr. Raison, registrar of the Birmingham General Hospital, on December 20th last, 1,377 Stedman Caters: J. George 1, P. O. Laffin 2, T. Russam 3, A. Walker (conductor) 4, B. W. Witchell 5, J. Neal 6, T. H. Reeves 7, H. Spencer 8, A. E. Norman 9, W. Froggatt 10. This is the longest touch on these bells for nearly 20 years.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS. — On Wednesday, Dec. 19th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 22 mins.: C. Jennings 1, K. Willers 2, R. Harvey 3, T. Finch 4, A. Austin (conductor) 5, E. Finch 6.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday, Dec. 18th, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: R. Pendry 1, F. Smith 2, E. Price 3, H. Price 4, C. Young 5, C. Camm (conductor) 6. First in the method by all except the conductor.

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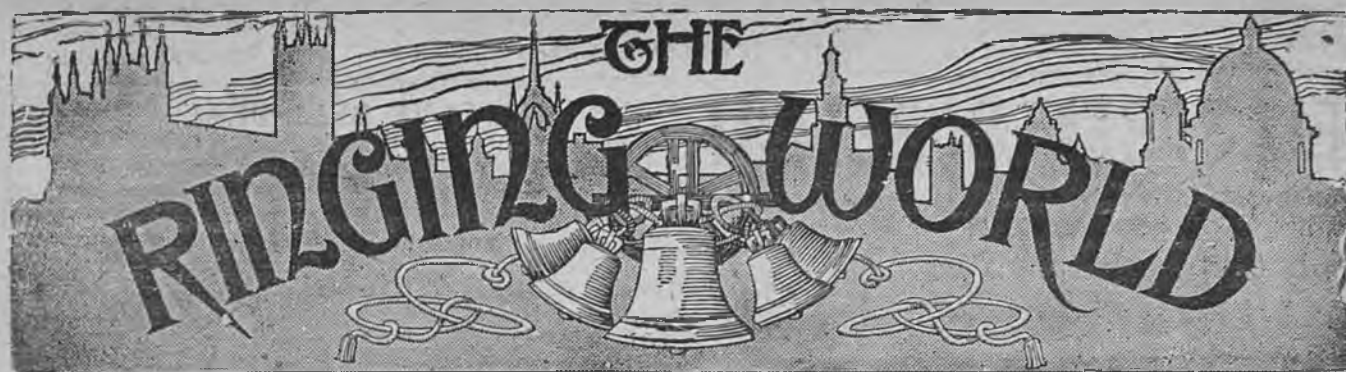
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A BICENTENARY.

A rare anniversary in ringing annals occurs to-morrow, when we reach the bicentenary of what was the first peal of Cinques ever rung, and probably the first peal on twelve bells. On January 19th, 1724, a band of College Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Cinques at the church of St. Bride, in London City, and that peal stands out as a landmark in ringing history. Let us, if we can, go back in imagination to those days two hundred years ago, and try to realise the triumph of those twelve men, who set up a wider limit, by expanding the scope of ringing. In 1724 St. Bride's was not merely the only ring of twelve bells in London, but in the whole of England there were certainly not more than two other peals of similar number, York, and, possibly, Cirencester. A ring of twelve was, therefore, in itself something almost unique, whilst peal ringing, even on eight bells, had only just been introduced. It was less than ten years before that the very first peal of all was rung at Norwich, and we think it doubtful if a dozen peals in all had been accomplished by the time this first 5,000 on twelve was rung.

The application of method ringing to this number may, we think, be attributed to the initiative and genius of Benjamin Annable, and while, he may have been fortunate in having round him extraordinarily capable men for those early days, when we take all the circumstances into account the performance was a really great as well as a memorable one. These men must have been among the most skilled of their time to have adapted themselves to the previously unheard-of practice of Grandsire Cinques. Their success in a new field was no passing phase. It set a fashion, or, perhaps, more correctly a new standard. It seems to have led to a certain amount of rivalry among the London churches, for in 1726 a peal of twelve was cast for St. Martin's-in-the-Fields; in 1729 a similar number was installed at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and in 1735 came the still bigger peal, the ring of twelve at Southwark. And with the additional facilities came the increased rivalry between the ancient London Societies, all of which had its effect upon the progress of ringing through the years which have followed. Twelve-bell method ringing would, of course, have come sooner or later, even without Benjamin Annable, but whether he gave the lead or not, to-morrow is an anniversary of very special interest to ringers. Despite the limitations which modern industry puts upon peal ringing at St. Bride's, we could have hoped that a special opportunity might be given to celebrate the event; and if it cannot take place to-morrow—well, some time in this bicentenary year a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the College Youths at St. Bride's ought to be possible.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 5, 1923, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5013 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	RICHARD BEVAN 7
JOHN SPARROW 2	GEORGE A. CARD 8
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 3	ALFRED H. WINCH 9
ALBERT C. V. CASSON 4	FRANK SMITH 10
REGINALD BROUGH 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	* THOMAS BEVAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on 12. First peal on the bells since their complete restoration.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 13, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	JAMES BROUGHTON 5
WILLIAM STEGGALL 2	* WILLIAM MUSK 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	CHARLES COTTING 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal on eight bells.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 27, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5940 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

GEORGE CHARLES Treble	WILLIAM HARRIS 5
OLIVER THOMAS 2	EX-SGT. J. WILLIAMS 6
CHARLES GOULDING 3	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
JOHN AUSTIN 4	JAMES HILL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung as a compliment to the Rev. J. C.E. Besant, on completing 50 years as Vicar of the parish.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Luke.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

* JOHN PERRY Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 5
GEORGE HUGHES 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	HERBERT KNIGHTS 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Surprise. First peal of London rung in Wolverhampton.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours.

At the Church of ANNE, HIGGATE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 14½ cwt.
CHARLES PRYOR Treble	FRANK SMITH 5
ERNEST BONFIELD 2	RICHARD BEVAN 6
* THOMAS BEVAN 3	ERNEST YOUNG 7
* WILLIAM J. NORTON 4	ARTHUR HARWIN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK SMITH.

* First peal in the method with inside bell. Rung as a last token of respect to Mr. Edward Chapman, for many years a ringer at this church, who died on December 18th.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FRANK BELSEY Treble	CHARLES NORRIS 5
THOMAS BEAUMONT 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
CHARLES WINNER 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 7
JOHN HAIGH 4	*ALFRED H. HAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

* First peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE G. BRETT Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6
FRANK RUFFLES 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
WALTER RUFFLES 4	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

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

JONATHAN PRESTON Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
GEORGE F. GARRISON 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
THOMAS H. REEVES 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. A. Preston, wife of the ringer of the treble.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE Treble	JOHN MCKELL 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 6
HARRY FOSTER 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
FRED SEAGER 4	JOHN JOYCE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by T. B. KENDALL.
J. Broadley's 500th peal.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	ERNEST WHITING 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	JAMES BOUGHTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	CHARLES ROOPE 7
ROBERT WHITING 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by F. F. BORRETT.

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	W. H. J. HOOTON 5
ERNEST BISHOP 2	J. H. SHEPHERD 6
JAMES BUTLER 3	REV. C.W.O. JENKYN 7
CHARLES J. GARDINER 4	R. T. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ARCHIBALD HUGHES Treble	JAMES SMITH 5
WILLIAM DYER 2	ALBERT BURCOMBE 6
JAMES PARKER 3	HENRY W. FUSSELL 7
FREDERICK OAKHILL 4	HENRY T. HOWELL Treble

Conducted by HENRY T. HOWELL.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss A. M. Fussell (a ringing member of the above association, and daughter of the ringer of the 7th) and Mr. H. J. Emery; who were married at Dursley Church on December 27th.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT Treble	THOMAS UPSHALL 5
GEORGE UPSHALL 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 6
*MISS HILDA F. MILLS 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
HENRY HUTTON 4	QR.-SGT. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman, and first attempt. Rung as a farewell peal to the retiring Bishop of Winchester.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES WYATT Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 5
JOHN WYATT 2	JOHN HOYLE 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	GEORGE A. COOK 7
WILLIAM COOK 4	DAVID ANSCOMB Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells on December 31st, 1873. *Re-elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

GLOSSOP.

THE GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

H. COOPER Treble	THOMAS POTTS 5
T. HARROP 2	J. PEMBERTON 6
T. JACKSON 3	J. BENTLEY 7
E. MALKIN 4	H. PEMBERTON Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD.

Conducted by J. BENTLEY.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and hung in ball bearings by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringers were unanimous in voting the bells a perfect peal, the 'go' being splendid. The composition contains all the 8-6's and 6-7-8's.

HAMPTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 2	*FRANK I. HAIRS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
CECIL C. MAYNE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On New Year's morning, 720 of Plain Bob Doubles: E. Bail 1, J. Vincent 2, A. Lovelock 3, F. Dennis 4, W. Truman (conductor) 5, F. Portlock 6. Longest length by the ringer of the fourth.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK NAISH Treble	THOMAS SHORT 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	FRANK BARRETT 6
JACK HONEY 3	*GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. ... 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by GORDON CAUDWELL.

* First peal in the method.

SAMLESBURY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD-THE-LESS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb. in E.

*FRED BLACKLIDGE Treble	HARRY FRANCE 5
ALFRED BLOGG 2	JOHN BAILEY 6
WILLIAM SHARPLES 3	WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... 7
FREDERICK G. RIGBY 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a first token of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, December 30, 1923, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
FRANK RUFFLES 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. ROMSEY.

First peal of Cambridge by the ringer of the 2nd bell. 100th peal by Leslie C. Wightman.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two 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.

*Q.-M.-S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5
*JOHN T. SCOTT 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6
†ERNEST WEATHERBY 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
HENRY HUTTON 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung with the bells half-muffled for the watch-night service. The peal was also a birthday compliment to W. T. Beeson. * First peal of Surprise. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. This was the conductor's 300th peal on tower bells.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE CLEAL.

The Exercise will learn with deep regret of the death of Mr. Geo. Cleal, of the St. Martin's Company, Leicester, which occurred suddenly on Thursday, January 10th, at the age of 62 years. The funeral took place on Tuesday.

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BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

ERNEST COTSFORTH Treble	RICHARD P. HEALD 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	JOHN BOOTH 6
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 3	PETER CROOK 7
JAMES GROUNDS 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

LLANDAFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

JESSE FITCHER Treble	ERNEST T. CARTER 5
FRANK J. BAILEY 2	JOHN H. ALDRIDGE 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	ALLAN ROWLEY 7
*LEWIS WRIGHT 4	†ERNEST COLES Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM B. BISS.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal First peal by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Clutterbuck, late leader of the local band, now incapacitated from ringing.

MIDDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VARIATION OF PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN HOLLOWES Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	FRANK BERRY 6
JAS. JACQUES 3	THOMAS K. DRIVER 7
*JOHN SMITH 4	WILLIAM HARDMAN Tenor

Conducted by WM. BERRY.

* First peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt. All the ringers belong to the local band.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On New Year's Eve, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours & Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN BROWN Treble	TOM CHAMBERS 5
FRED CHAMBERS 2	JOHN SANDERSON 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
TOM STANCLIFFE 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook.

LUTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

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

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by L. A. GOODENOUGH.

Rung for the watch-night service.

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FRIENDS
TO SUPPORTTHE RINGING
WORLDBY
TAKING
A COPY
EVERY
WEEK

SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Prittlewell,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. BACON Treble	HENRY T. WILSON 5
GORDON A. BACON 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
ERNEST T. FURBANK 3	WILLIAM H. JODD 7
*JOSEPH BARRETT 4	LIONEL H. PAGE Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by H. T. WILSON.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect for Canon Dormer Pierce, Vicar of St. Peter's, Brighton, sometime Vicar of Prittlewell. * First peal.

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

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

ALFRED BLOGG Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
HAROLD LUCAS 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 7
FREDERICK G. RIGBY 4	EDWARD ARMSTRONG Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY (No. 1). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
First touch in the method by all except ringers of 3rd and 7th.
First in the method on the bells.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*STANLEY BURTON Treble	FRANK FOX 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
HARRY LEWIS 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
EDWARD HARRISON 4	ARTHUR HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung with bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook. * First peal.

CONISBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE DONCASTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 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 13½ cwt.

J. RANDS Treble	F. LEWIS 5
C. URCH 2	*A. ADAMS 6
M. FOWLER 3	R. SANSBY 7
O. GREATHEAD 4	*I. S. BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by A. ADAMS.

First Grandsire peal on the bells, as well as by all the ringers.
* First peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH HALL Treble	GEORGE PINCOY 5
JOSEPH RIDYARD 2	ARTHUR RIDYARD 6
PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
DANIEL HOWARD 4	WILLIAM JONES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

Previous to the peal, a vote of deepest sympathy was passed to Mrs. Washbrook and family for the great loss they have sustained by death of one whose work and name will never be forgotten throughout the art of change ringing.

A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over.

DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE PICKERING Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5
ALFRED F. HILLIER 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6
RICHARD THOMPSON 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

This composition has the 6th the extent at home in last 24 courses. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung a few months ago, and the tower repaired.

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

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

ALFRED BLOGG Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 5
HAROLD LUCAS 2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG 6
FREDERICK G. RIGBY 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 7
WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 4	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBY (No. 2). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
First touch in the method.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH)

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST BIRCHALL Treble	JAMES MARSH 5
*ALFRED MORGAN 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 6
*JAMES TAYLOR 3	JAMES PARK 7
JOHN BOOTH 4	WILLIAM AUSTIN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. GROUNDS.

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

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist, WILTON ROAD,
PIMLICO,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5
MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... 2	HERBERT LANGDON 6
MISS FREDA E. ORR 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	THOMAS LANGDON Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF UNION TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

†GEORGE HAWKINS Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 5
COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 2	ALFRED G. HILL 6
FREDERICK A. COLEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	*DAVID YOUNG Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. It is also the first peal in the method by all the band except the conductor and E. Barnett, junr.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On January 1st, 720 York Surprise: S. J. White 1, H. B. Gardner 2, A. C. Langford 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of York by all the band, and on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Treble	1	JACK E. HOBBS 5
† FRANK BRADLEY 2		WILLIAM A. JAMES 6
* TOM H. SNOOK 3		GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 7
† WILLIAM H. LLOYDE ... 4		FREDERICK A. SALTER ... Tenor

Composed by H. TUCKER.

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

* First peal. † First peal inside. ‡ First peal in the method. The ringers of 4th and tenor were elected members of the above association previous to starting.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

EDWARD C. MERRITT ... Treble	1	FRANK BENNETT 5
OLIVER SIFFETTS 2		JOHN DEARLOVE 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3		ALBERT D. STONE 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4		KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON-IN-THE-EAST, CITY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM J. KEMP ... Treble	1	WILLIAM PYE 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2		ALBERT W. COLES 6
* FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 3		HAROLD W. CLARK 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4		REDDEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

SOHAM, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ROBERT H. YOUNG ... Treble	1	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 2		WILFRID H. J. HOOTON ... 6
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 3		ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
CHARLES W. COOK 4		A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

Rung on the back eight. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells (which have recently been rehung by a local firm) since February 22nd, 1830, when a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by the old band of Soham Youths. The above peal was a birthday compliment to the son of the treble ringer.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* R. HEAZEL ... Treble	1	WILLIAM LEGGETT 5
ALBERT RAINBIRD 2		EDWIN D. BAKER 6
ERNEST FURBANK 3		GEORGE MILES 7
† HARRY TURNER 4		FRANK G. RINGE Tenor

Conducted by G. MILES.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The above is the first peal rung at the church by the service ringers.

CHARLBURY, OKON.—On Saturday, January 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): S. Shaylor 1, R. V. Hitchman 2, F. Widdowes 3, W. Busby 4, J. Keyte (conductor) 5, J. Lynes 6. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble and tenor. This touch was rung to celebrate the marriage the same afternoon of Mr. F. Kitchen to Miss Griffin.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PEASENHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 29, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK ROWELL ... Treble	1	WILLIAM HOWARD 4
CHARLES HOWARD 2		WALTER C. NICHOLS 5
HORACE PEPPER 3		WILLIAM C. NICHOLS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. NICHOLS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

* AUBREY LIVERMORE ... Treble	1	JOHN BURLES 4
† FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 2		GEORGE MORRAD 5
HARRY ARGENT 3		FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal 'inside' in seven methods, and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled to 'ring out' the old year.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	1	ARTHUR GILL 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLAIN ... 2		ALBERT NASH 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES 3		ARTHUR PANTHER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung for the watch-night service, also on the 23rd anniversary of A. Panther's wedding day.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

EDMUND C. CHASTY ... Treble	1	CHARLES GEARY 4
* T. HENRY HALES 2		* ROBERT H. WHOLEY 5
R. ALAN HICKTON 3		JOSEPH BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

* First peal by the ringers of 2nd and 5th.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 'spliced' extents: (1) Trowell, Duke of Norfolk, (2) College Exercise, Norbury, (3) Poynton, Old Oxford Modernised (4) Bocking, Willesden, (5) Grove Delight, Neasden, (6) College Bob IV., Wragby, (7) Overton, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston.

Tenor 9 cwt.

* ALFRED FROST ... Treble	1	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN... .. 4
† JOHN P. FIDLER 2		WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 3		JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN P. FIDLER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal as conductor.

HAMMERSMITH.—At the Church of St. Paul's, on New Year's Eve, for midnight service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, G. C. Hes 4, R. Mackrill 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, W. Brook 8.

HANDBELL PEAL.LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, January 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY1-2 | ERNEST S. BAILEY5-6

CHARLES F. BAILEY3-4 | EDGAR H. BAILEY7-8

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

Witness: MR. SELF.

SURPRISE METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In reference to Mr. Craven's reply, will you please allow me to trespass still further on your valuable space? Taking his last paragraph first, I think he has either misunderstood my question or misconstrued it. I will make it plainer, 'Why does he use 2nd's (an internal place) in Palatine and not 7th's?' Mr. Craven recently said that the treble's whole pull behind was a 'dead end.' If this is correct so must the 'whole pull' on the lead be dead. His question re London and Superlative is beside the point, and I was under the impression that the Double Norwich which he describes went by the name of Double Oxford. However, the information in regard to the Legitimate Methods Committee does away with the need for any further argument, and I thank for him it. If the majority of that committee decided as Mr. Craven states, then every one ought honourably to accept that decision.—Yours truly,

PLAIN RINGER.

5,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL IN EIGHT COURSES.

By ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

23456	M	In	5th's	W	H
52364	2	—	B	2	2
34625	2	—	—	2	2
65243	2	—	—	2	2
32546	2	—	—	1	1

Repeated. Calling 4th's, and In in first course instead of the bob B.

First rung at Ipswich on December 31st, 1923, conducted by George E. Symonds.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Cheltenham and District Branch was held at Tewkesbury on Saturday, when, by the kind invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Smith), the fine peal of ten at the Abbey were available, and were made good use of. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. D. Pennington), giving an interesting address. A move was then made to the Parish Room, where the Vicar had provided a bounteous tea.

The business meeting was held immediately afterwards, presided over by the branch chairman (Mr. J. F. Ballinger), and supported by the Rev. E. F. Smith, the Rev. A. D. Pennington, and about 50 members from Alderton, Ashchurch, Beckford, Leckhampton, Swindon, Dumbleton, Twining, Leigh, Prestbury, Tredington, Charlton Kings, London, and the local tower.

The Chairman gave a short resume of the year's work, and the Secretary read his report, stating that the past year had been a very successful one, thus proving the need for such an organisation in that the northern part of the diocese.

The statement of accounts was then passed, and it was decided to hold over a small balance. The following officers were unanimously elected: Chairman, Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton); representative, C. W. Dyson (Leigh); hon. secretary, W. Yeend (Swindon).

Mr. Pennington extended an offer for the next meeting, to be held at his church, and this was gladly accepted, the date to be some time in May.—Twelve new members were elected, including one life member.—Several letters of apology were read.

A motion was passed, and will be brought up at the general annual meeting, that Rule III. be altered to read: 'The annual general meeting of the association be held either in the Diocese of Gloucester or Bristol.'

A resolution conveying the best thanks of the branch was passed to Mr. Len Harrison for his great assistance given to the Alderton band.—On the proposition of Mr. W. Devereux, a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. E. F. Smith for conducting the service in the Abbey, for the use of the bells, and for the splendid tea.—The Vicar, in responding, said how very glad he was to welcome the branch to the Abbey, and trusted that they would pay another visit at no distant date.—Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Rev. A. D. Pennington for his every-ready support, the lady helpers, and also to the retiring chairman (Mr. J. F. Ballinger).—This concluded the business meeting, and the tower was again visited, the bells being kept going until 9 o'clock.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. W. T. Cockerill has very kindly examined the College Youths ancient peal book, and informs us that the first peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on January 19th, 1724, thus settling definitely the fact that to-morrow (Saturday) is the two hundredth anniversary. Mr. W. H. Fussell, in an article on another page, adds some interesting information on this subject.

A peal of 'Garthing's Trebles' was rung at St. Margaret's, Lynn, on January 20th, 1740. On January 20th, 1777, the Cumberland Youths scored a 6,240 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch.

One of the first peals of Stedman Triples 'in hand,' which, we believe, William Cooter claimed to be the first true peal, was rung on January 20th, 1854.

The first peal of Norwich Maximus was rung on Jan. 20th, 1817.

On January 21st, 1788, a peal of 6,600 Bob Maximus was rung on the bells of Great St. Mary's Church, Cambridge.

A peal described as 'Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Triples' was rung at Shifnal on January 23rd, 1844.

In the handbell peal of Doubles at Leicester on December 24th, there were six six-scores of Stedman, 16 of Plain Bob and 20 of Grandsire.

The peals at Gaywood and Dersingham were rung on Boxing Day, and not on December 27th, as recorded.

With reference to the inquiry as to the greatest number of peals rung by a lady within the first fifteen months of her first peal, the peals by Mrs. H. Baker, of Frittenden, were all on church bells. Has any lady done better than this in the tower?

A fitting compliment was paid to a veteran ringer at Carshalton, Surrey, last week, when a peal was rung to celebrate the 73rd birthday of Mr. C. W. Gordon, who learned to ring in this tower over fifty years ago, and is the only survivor of the band which rang at the opening of the bells in the neighbouring tower of Beddington in 1869. He has been a member of the Beddington band ever since. A birthday peal of Stedman Caters at this tower on January 5th was unfortunately lost after 1½ hours' ringing.

Members of the Hinckley District of the Midland Counties Association are asked to note that the annual meeting, announced for to-morrow (January 19th) is unavoidably postponed until the 26th.

A correspondent desires to know the date of the last peal rung at Shrawley Church, Worcestershire. Perhaps one of the ringers can supply the information.

FIRST PEAL BY THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In 'Belfry Gossip' in your last issue you mention that Thursday, Jan. 17th, is the 40th anniversary of the first peal by the Winchester Guild, and which was rung at Soberton, Hants. The first peal by members of the Winchester Guild was rung at St. Nicolas', Guildford, on December 27th, 1881, two years before the one you mention. It may be interesting at this date to recall the names of those taking part in the peal, copied from the peal board in St. Nicolas' belfry. The peal was Holt's six-part of Union Triples (5,040 changes), and was rung in three hours and twelve minutes: J. Haseman 1, H. Boxall, senr., 2, G. Sayer 3, H. Boxall, junr., 4, W. Marks 5, C. Boxall 6, S. Brooker 7, C. Dudley 8. Conducted by S. Brooker.—Faithfully yours,

EDWARD RADDON,

Hon. Secretary, Guildford District of the Winchester Guild.

[Our 'Belfry Gossip' paragraph last week should have added the words, 'in Hampshire,' to the record—a slight omission which makes all the difference. Mr. George Williams has also called attention to this slip, and points out the contrast between the peal ringing of those days and the present, as illustrated by the fact that over two years elapsed between the first and second peals of the Winchester Guild.—Ed. 'R.W.']

FALSE COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The peal of Cambridge Maximus, published in your issue of December 28th, is false, as the second and fourth courses repeat. I should have written before, but the error is so visible I thought the author would have discovered it and corrected it himself.—Yours, etc.,
W. PYE.

A FALSE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

Sir,—In the Kent County Association report for 1923, page 87, the figures of a peal of Grandsire Triples appear, described as a 'Variation of J. W. Moorhouse's five-part, rung at Wye on May 6th last.' This competition is false. The third bob in the second part and the four following leads repeating with the last course of the peal, which comes home with two Holt's Singles.

We, unfortunately, rang the same composition at Erith on January 7th, conducted by F. J. Cullum, junr., during the ringing of which its falseness was discovered.
E. BARNETT, Senr.

Bristol United Guilds' Annual Dinner.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING IN THE 'CITY OF BELLS.'

An extremely pleasant evening was spent by the company, numbering about 130, who attended the third annual dinner of the Bristol United Guilds, at the Grand Hotel, Bristol, on Saturday evening. These gatherings arose out of a suggestion that there should be in other corners of England some counterpart to the annual dinners held in London and Birmingham, and, so well have the ringers in the western city entered into the spirit of the undertaking, that the gathering already ranks among the principal social events of the Exercise. The Bristol ringers have united most whole-heartedly in carrying the project to a successful issue, and the visitors who were present last Saturday were impressed with the warmth of their reception and the cordiality displayed. Bristol is a veritable city of bells, and within a very limited radius has one peal of twelve, and three of ten, something like ten rings of eight and about half a dozen of six. A number of those peals were employed on Saturday afternoon, and touches in a variety of methods were enjoyed.

The gathering at the Grand Hotel sat down under the genial chairmanship of the Rev. T. C. Fowler, who is chairman of the United Guilds for the year. The guest of the evening was the Ven. Archdeacon of Swindon, others supporting the chairman being Mrs. and Miss Fowler, the Rev. M. Paterson (Vicar of St. Stephen's), Mr. C. Spurrier (churchwarden of St. Thomas's) and Mrs. Spurrier, the Rev. F. L. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Diocesan Guild), Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (Devizes), the Rev. E. J. Phillips (Vicar of Coal-pit Heath), Mr. D. A. Cameron (Oban), Mr. H. H. Wynn (Bristol), and Mr. H. T. Howell. Mr. F. G. Leaker was the vice-chairman, and the Bristol Societies represented were St. George's, St. Philip's, Clifton, St. James's, St. Thomas's, St. Michael's, St. Luke's, St. Stephen's, etc., many of the ringers being accompanied by their wives. Among those also present were the Rev. R. H. Whitford, the Rev. F. D. N. Wynne, the Rev. Percival Gay, Mrs. R. J. Wilkins (President of the Ladies' Guild), Mr. J. W. Jones (hon. secretary, Llandaff and Monmouth Association), Mr. A. Walker (Ringing Master, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. J. Thomas (representing Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London), Mr. S. R. Roper (Craydon Foundry), Mr. C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mr. J. B. Tyler (London), Mr. A. E. Norman (Birmingham), Mr. J. W. Pemberton (Erdington), Mr. C. J. Gardiner (Swindon), Messrs. A. Prince and T. F. King (Bath), and other ringers from Chew Magna, Mangotsfield, Doultling, Leigh-on-Mendip, Henbury, Olveston, Thornbury, Evercreech, Portishead, Brislington, Keynsham, etc. The excellent arrangements had been made by an enthusiastic committee, consisting of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Mr. P. C. Williams (hon. treasurer), Mr. Edgar Guise (hon. secretary), Miss E. Smith, and Messrs. W. A. Cave, L. Gowing, H. T. Howell and J. G. Jeffries (stewards), W. Braven, E. J. Brown, J. A. Burford, J. Gould, J. R. Jones, W. Stafford and H. Way. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. M. E. Thorold (vice-president of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association), the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master) and Mr. E. E. Burgess (hon. secretary, Bath and Wells Diocesan Association), Messrs. J. Hunt (Taunton), W. A. Lewis (Berkeley), W. Yeend (Cheltenham), G. Stacey (Minehead), L. Gowing and W. Knight (Bristol), and A. Wright (Painswick).

A PRESENTATION.

As soon as the loyal toast had been honoured, an interesting presentation was made. Mr. J. Gould had very generously provided a silver bell pendant for the chairman's chain of office, and a bell, which, he said, might be used 'to keep the meetings in order.' He had felt that the chain looked rather bare, and being impressed with the energetic way in which the committee set about making that gathering an annual affair, he had decided to present them with a pendant for the chain, which he asked the secretary to accept, together with the bell, for the use of the United Guilds (applause).

Both pendant and bell were inscribed with the words, 'Chairman, Bristol United Guilds of Change Ringers, founded 1921,' and were supplied by Mr. G. Stacey, of Minehead.

Mr. E. Guise accepted the gifts from Mr. Gould, and handed them on to the chairman, to hold as long as he held office.

The Chairman said he greatly appreciated Mr. Gould's kind thought, and desired to thank him on behalf of Bristol United Guilds. Proceeding, the Chairman said bells played a very great part in the life of the Christian, and he went on to enumerate the occasions upon which bells were employed to mark the events of human life. 'The bells,' he said, 'rejoiced with Christians when they rejoiced, and they sobbed with them in sorrow. He was very proud indeed to belong to Bristol United Guilds of Bell Ringers (applause).

Mr. W. A. Cave proposed the toast of 'The Church,' which, he said, they as ringers, loved. No one, he thought, could speak to this toast at the present time without referring to the bombshell recently

sprung upon them by the Archbishop of Canterbury in connection with the subject of reunion with Rome. Mr. Cave quoted at length from the sermon of a Bath clergyman, with whom he said he was in total agreement, in which the secret conference which had been going on was condemned as having for its avowed aim the undoing of the work of the Reformation. It would not be reunion with Rome, it would be the extinction of the Church of England by absorption. Proceeding, Mr. Cave said that during the last few years, the Church had made great strides with regard to organisation. Church Councils had been instituted, and it was to these they must look for the future strengthening of the church. He urged that the duties now discharged by the Vestry should be incorporated in those of the Parochial Councils.

The Archdeacon of Swindon, who replied to the toast, said that while it would be improper for him to pretend to stand champion for the Archbishop, he thought, perhaps, he ought not to be quite silent with regard to the criticism which had been launched by Mr. Cave. Once the idea had possessed people's minds that it would be well if all Christians were of one united body, it was obvious that anybody, who had the responsibility of carrying that idea to some conclusion, should explore every possible avenue, and it would be quite impossible to explore all the avenues if they left out of consideration and denied the right or propriety of the exploration of unity with the Latin Church. It was quite possible when these explorations had been made that they would find that the time of reunion was not yet, but he did not think they ought, as Churchmen, to assume that the Archbishop, or anyone else, had acted dishonestly or out of harmony with the necessities of the situation in saying that when all Christian bodies were being approached, that any particular one, for the purposes of inquiry and exploration, should be left out.

RINGERS AS CO-OPERATORS.

Continuing, the Archdeacon thanked the United Guilds for the honour they had done him in inviting him as the guest of the evening, and went on to speak of the ringer as a co-operator in the work of the Church, and as a contributor to the romance of life. Ringers, he said, made the Church heard as no one else could. From ancient times they had been the broadcasters of the invitation of the Church to the worship of Almighty God. The voice of the Church, as it was magnified by the ringer, made itself heard far beyond the range of the voice of the most stentorian clergyman, or the reach of the vocal skill of the choir. They (the clergy) regarded the ringers as splendid co-operators in the work of the Church, who acted as heralds of that great institution, which had no more loyal servants and no more faithful upholders than the ringers who occupied the English belfries. Turning to the position of ringers as contributors to the romance of English life, he said the sound of bells, stirred the imagination of the people in town and country, as probably nothing else did. Having passed in rapid review the place taken by bells in poetry, the Archdeacon said, so far as the clergy were concerned, they recognised how greatly the ringers helped them. He prayed that God's richest blessing would wait upon them and upon their work: might they each one: 'Ring out the false, ring in the true,' and for everyone of them 'Ring out the darkness of the land, ring in the Christ that is to be' (applause).

A CONTRAST.

Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, in an interesting speech, submitted 'The Gloucester and Bristol Association.' Having referred to historical and other associations between Bristol and his own town of Devizes, the speaker contrasted the position of ringers and ringing when he first became connected with it thirty years ago, and the present day. In 1893, he said, the various Guilds were in existence, but were not so much subdivided as they were to-day into smaller and more workable branches. He hoped this sub-division would go on until it was possible to hold a meeting once a year in every tower covered by a branch area. In 1893 secondary education was in its infancy: to-day, as one result of it, they had a wider field to choose from when selecting young fellows likely to make good change ringers. In 1893 one often came across bells, the 'go' of which was very bad, and belfries which were very dirty and untidy. To-day so much had been done in the way of reknanging and renewing bells that it was the exception rather than the rule to come across a bad ring. He could only recollect one among the many towers in which he rang last year. In 1893 they experienced one difficulty which they experienced to-day, when trying to progress in campanology, and that was the difficulty of the elder men without sufficient ambition or energy to study new methods, or even method ringing. That was a serious problem, because these old men were often of sterling character, although they acted as a drag on the wheel of progress. In 1893 he could remem-

ber a great stir being made by the appearance on the scene of a lady-ringer, Miss Alice White, of Basingstoke. To-day they had hundreds of lady ringers up and down the country. It was the ladies, very largely, they had to thank for beautifying and purifying the belfries and the improved manners and increased chivalry among the male ringers (applause). In 1893 the squire and the parsons, at least in the county parishes, still ruled local affairs. To-day the squire was not, the parson still is, but they found him often with two or three churches to look after instead of one, and in some instances with about the same numerical congregation in all three, that he formerly had in one. One sometimes wondered who would occupy the belfries thirty years hence, when many of them there that night had 'passed on.' What, for instance, would be the ladies' opinion of bell ringers at a time when, perhaps, they (the ladies) might be in a majority in the belfries? Would it be anything like the opinion of the school girl who wrote in an essay: 'Man is what woman has to marry. He smokes, drinks, swears and never goes to church. Both sprang from apes, but woman sprang farthest' (laughter). In conclusion, Mr. Heginbotham expressed his gratitude to those ringers in the city of Bristol and in Somerset, Wiltshire, and the Isle of Wight, who made his tour of inquiry into ringing conditions last year such a thoroughly enjoyable one.

(To be continued.)

THE FIRST PEAL OF CINQUES.

SOME FACTS ABOUT ST. BRIDE'S BELLS AND BENJAMIN ANNABLE.

The true date of the first Grandsire Cinques is Tuesday, January 19th, 1724; no time was given by the Ancient Society of College Youths in 20 of the first 21 peals booked up in Volume No. 1 of their Records, as it was not the custom to do so in those early days of peal ringing.

It is most interesting to note that Annable, who rang the second in this performance, conducted 17 of the first 21 peals referred to.

The ten bells were cast in 1710, and the trebles in 1719 by Rudhall, of Gloucester. Annable was born near this church in 1702 (died 1756), and it is very probable that he saw the ring of ten bells (as a boy eight years old) when they were landed from the Thames and hauled to the steeple of St. Bride's Church, thus becoming interested, at an early age, in an art in which he was so soon to become a Master.

Joining the College Youths in 1721, when only 19 years of age, he composed and conducted the second performance by the society, Grandsire Caters, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr only a month after the Cinques; and within a year following composed and conducted Bob Major, Royal and Maximus in succession at St. Bride's.

The trebles were given to the parish by the efforts of the College Youths and the London Scholars, who erected tablets in the belfry recording some of their achievements.

The latter society recorded a peal on St. Bride's bells in the year 1717, but the board was lost or destroyed during repairs in 1796.

W. H. FUSSELL.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The first meeting of the year for the South and West District was held with success at Chiswick on Saturday last. Several touches were rung before the service, which was conducted by the Rev. C. H. Sangster, with Miss Dora G. Feltham, a lady ringer from Hillingdon, at the organ.

Tea was served in the Church Hall by Mr. Thurley (churchwarden), with the Rev. C. H. Sangster in the chair, supported by Mr. T. Beadle (vice-president), the Ringing Master, and the hon. secretary, a muster of 37 sitting down to a substantial repast.

At the business which followed, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Isleworth in February, and Feltham was selected for the March meeting.

The usual vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the use of the bells and Parish Hall; to the Rev. C. H. Sangster for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting; to the organist, and all who helped to make the meeting a success. Handbell ringing was indulged in by several members afterwards.

Messrs. W. Welling, F. Middleton, A. Cross and R. Wood, four great enthusiasts, faced the boisterous winds and cycled from Old Windsor. They 'came in at the death,' although out of breath, and enjoyed a good tea. The tower was again visited, and methods up to Superlative and Cambridge were practised. Among the visitors were Mr. J. W. Moorhouse from Leeds, and Mr. W. Hart, of Brighton. Five lady ringers took part, viz., the Misses P. Moss, D. Feltham, G. Baker (Hillingdon), M. Chamberlain and C. Santen (Chiswick). Before the close the number of ringers present increased to 48, and a pleasant and enjoyable time was spent.

ROWLEY REGIS BELL FUND.

Previously acknowledged, £15 17s.: Worcestershire Association: Collection at Southern Branch meeting, Elmley Castle, per Mr. J. Hemming, 15s. Further funds are needed, and contributions may be sent to Mr. A. E. Parsons, Elma, Beauty Bank, Old Hill.

FINE-TONED PEAL OF 8 FOR BIRMINGHAM.

DEDICATION OF NEW RING AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

For some time past the peal of eight bells at Bishop Ryder's Church have been silent owing to their unsafe condition. The parish is a poor one, and it seemed almost a hopeless task to collect sufficient money to get the bells rehung, but through the munificence of an old parishioner, Councillor R. R. Gelling, the peal which were not a very musical octave have not only been rehung, but have also been recast. This highly gratifying result has really been brought about at the instigation of Mr. James George, the Ringing Master, who must be very proud of the outcome of his efforts to get a good peal of bells at this church.

The new peal was dedicated at the evening service on Sunday, Dec. 30th, by the Ven. Archdeacon Hopton, of Birmingham. The bells were rung round a few times during the service by James George 1, Albert T. Scrivens 2, Albert E. Norman 3, Thomas Russam 4, Percy O. Ladin 5, Oliver G. Norman 6, Albert Walker 7, Samuel Coley 8; and after the service, a well-struck 504 Stedman Triples was rung on them by the following band: Albert E. Norman 1, Thomas Russam 2, Albert T. Scrivens 3, James George (conductor) 4, John Neal 5, Oliver G. Norman 6, Albert Walker 7, Samuel Coley 8.

On Saturday, January 5th, the tower was open to visitors, and a goodly number of ringers attended from neighbouring places within a radius of 20 miles. The bells were kept going from 2.30 till 4.30, their tone and 'go' being greatly admired. Tea was kindly provided by the church authorities in the Schoolroom, when a party of 60 sat down. Afterwards, the Vicar (the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger) remarked how happy he was that the bells were now put in order, and that they had such a fine peal. He could hardly find words in which to thank Councillor Gelling for his magnificent gift to the church, and he felt sure they would be a great blessing to the parish.

Councillor Gelling, who was received with applause, on rising to reply, said that for some time past he had had it in mind to put up a memorial in memory of his uncle and aunt. The bells certainly had not entered his mind, but when Mr. George approached him and suggested that this would be an excellent memorial, and at the same time supply a great need in the parish, he decided to do it. He first agreed to have the bells rehung, but after they had been taken to the foundry at Loughborough and their defects in tone pointed out to him, he decided to do the job thoroughly, and have them melted up and recast (applause). In conclusion, he remarked how happy he was to be of service in this way, and hoped that his gift would prove a blessing to the church and parish (applause).

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, Presiding Ringing Master of the St. Martin's Guild, in a few well-chosen remarks, said how happy he was to be with them that afternoon. It took his mind back a long time, for by a strange coincidence it was just 50 years since he rang his first peal at Bishop Ryder's Church, and he wondered if he would have an opportunity of ringing another this year to celebrate it.

Mr. Thomas Russam also said that he had very happy recollections of Bishop Ryder's, he having attended the schools over fifty years ago, and rung his first peal on the bells 48 years ago.

Mr. James George, who has been Ringing Master at Bishop Ryder's Church for some years, said he had long wished for a good peal of bells at this church, and now that this wish was fulfilled he was very happy about it, and felt sure that in time a good band of ringers would be attached there (applause). He knew he could rely on the St. Martin's Guild giving him all the assistance possible (hear, hear).

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Councillor Gelling, and to all those responsible for the arrangements, was proposed by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, and was carried with applause. This concluded the proceedings. After a course of Stedman Cinques and some tunes had been rung on the handbells, a return was made to the tower for further ringing.

Great praise is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the splendid 'go' and 'tone' of the bells. The tenor, which is 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp, bears the following inscription:—

'To the Glory of God and in memory of George and Mary Stephens. These bells were recast and rehung by their nephew, Robert Raisbeck Gelling, 1923. Canon G. E. Badger, Vicar; James George, Ringing Master.'

THE PEAL AT ST. JAMES', BERMONDSEY.

'W. G.' writes: 'In your "Belfry Gossip" column you speak about trying to get the bells at St. James', Bermondsey, restored to proper ringing condition. I beg to inform you that the financial state of the parish is so bad that they cannot even supply us with a new set of ropes which we have been trying to get for the last year. The peal was rung on our own ropes. The ages of the tenor men were 18 and 21 respectively.'

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Christmas Eve, December 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Buxton 1, E. Roberts 2, G. Elliott 3, F. Richardson 4, T. Elliot 5, J. Richardson 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, R. G. Lewis 8. Arranged for J. Richardson, who was on a visit from London.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, January 15th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Dafters 1, T. A. Easterby 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Hurrell (Eltham) 4, J. Croder 5, H. James 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 504 Stedman Triples: B. J. Harding, senr., 1, F. A. Cluett 2, C. Groves 3, R. J. Stone 4, T. R. Taylor 5, W. Tate 6, E. J. Harding, junr., 7, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 8.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, January 13th, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: J. W. Collins 1, C. Bunting 2, W. W. Cousins 3, J. Rodwell, junr., 4, J. Rodwell, senr., 5, C. Cousins (conductor) 6.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, January 13th, for evening service, a non-conducted quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (ten variations): A. Turner (Milton) 1, F. Hopper (Northampton) 2, J. Wilfred Sharp (Towcester) 3, J. Townsend (Milton) 4, T. Tebbutt (Northampton) 5. First 'silent' quarter-peal by all.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Werburgh's Church, for evening service, in 26 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. F. Humphreys 1, B. T. Watts 2, R. C. Seager 3, R. Pike 4, A. G. Adams (conductor) 5, H. J. Watts 6. First 720 Kent by all.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sunday evening, on January 13th, for evensong, at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. Johnson 1, F. Green 2, G. Street 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Hendly 5, E. Collins 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Bradford 8. Rung by an entirely local band.

RETENDON, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Jan. 6th, for morning service, 216 Plain Bob was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for the late Rector, the Rev. Evans-Gwynne. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. Jay 1, F. May 2, W. May 3, R. Whetton 4, C. Jay 5, F. Jay (conductor) 6.

WEST EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 39 mins.: C. Edwards 1, E. J. Walsom 2, H. Folkard 3, W. H. Hollier 4, P. E. Clark 5, E. Harris 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, F. St. Palmer 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At St. Thomas' Church, on the Festival of the Epiphany, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 51 mins.: W. Johnson 1, W. Scott 2, H. Jennings 3, H. Phillips 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, W. Chambers 8. For evensong, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Chambers 1, W. Johnson 2, W. Scott 3, W. Upton 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, H. Jennings 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—At the Church of St. John, on Sunday evening, January 6th, a quarter-peal (1,260) of Grandsire in 48 mins.: R. McMillan 1, H. Roberts 2, F. J. Williams 3, J. V. Humphreys (1st as conductor) 4, Pierce Roberts 5, John Owen 6, H. Wakefield 7, E. Brown 8.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 6th, at the Parish Church of St. Mary, previous to evensong, 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, G. T. Croft 6, L. Fidler 7, W. J. Croft (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—The St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild. — On Sunday, Dec. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: G. J. Harman 1, C. Choct 2, John Lee 3, R. J. Green 4, H. G. Gowllett 5, E. C. Russell 6, J. Bullock (conductor) 7, J. S. Hawkins 8.

HEREFORD.—On Sunday, December 23rd, at the Cathedral, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 54 mins.: C. Powell 1, R. Trehearne 2, G. Giblin 3, W. H. Symonds 4, W. H. Williams (conductor) 5, C. Sparkes 6, A. E. Hurcombe 7, R. Powell 8. All the above members are regular service ringers at the Cathedral.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. W. Warrilow 1, J. Warrilow 2, A. H. Taylor (first quarter-peal inside) 3, G. Booth 4, W. H. Jones 5, F. V. Haggis 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, A. E. Garbett 8.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal 1,280 changes of Superlative Surprise Major: Canon W. W. C. Baker 1, G. Holey 2, A. V. Good 3, A. G. Matthews 4, C. E. King 5, F. Rawsey 6, J. B. Marks 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except the conductor, and first on the bells by a local band.

A MIXED DATE TOUCH

At Earls Colne, Essex, on Saturday, a date touch of 1,924 changes was rung in 1 hour and 8 mins., in seven methods, viz.: 224 Superlative, 224 Cambridge, 304 Double Norwich, 560 Bob Major, 96 Oxford Treble Bob, 96 Kent Treble Bob, and 420 Grandsire Triples. This was rung without interval between the methods, rounds occurring only once between each. The ringers are all local and regular Sunday Service ringers at this church. Mr. A. Saunders was present, and afterwards took part in 448 Superlative.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE NEW BELLS AT BRADFORD-ON-AVON.**

The first monthly meeting for 1924 of the Devizes branch was held at Christ Church, Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, January 5th, in order to welcome into the branch area the new peal of eight bells presented to the parish by General and Mrs. G. L. Palmer, the bells having been dedicated by the Dean of Salisbury on December 27th. Ringing commenced at 3 o'clock, and later the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Wyndham Noel). A complimentary tea was provided in the Christ Church Schools, to which 83 sat down. Among those present were General Palmer and his two grandsons, the Vicar (the Rev. Wyndham Noel) and the two churchwardens, the Rev. W. H. M. Clarke (Vicar of Holy Trinity), the Rev. J. F. Alexander (Vicar of South Wrexall), Mr. Cyril F. Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the firm that cast and hung the bells), and ringing representatives from 14 towers in the branch area, as well as from a considerable number of places outside the branch, including Midsomer Norton, Bath, Bristol, Newport (Mon.), Wyke Regis, Salisbury, Swindon, Frome, Twerton-on-Avon, Batheaston, and Swainswick.

After tea, the Vicar and churchwardens gave a very hearty welcome to all present.—The Branch Chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) said if that meeting might be taken as an omen, from the branch point of view, the year certainly looked like being a prosperous one.—Mr. S. J. Hector (Branch Ringing Master) spoke a few words on the bells. He considered the Christ Church parish had a beautiful peal of bells, perfect in every way, thanks to General and Mrs. Palmer, and to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. A peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on them two days before, in which he (Mr. Hector) took part, and he had no fault whatever to find with anything.

Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. secretary, Dorchester Branch, and Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport, also said a few words.

Mr. Johnston was heartily thanked for so kindly giving the tea, and in replying, expressed gratification at the remarks made concerning the work of his firm.

Twelve new members were elected (nine being from Christ Church), also several hon. members, including General Palmer. This concluded the meeting. The bells, which are of beautiful tone, were soon sending forth their music again. Some good touches of Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**SPECIAL MEETING AT COLESHILL.**

Saturday, January 5th, was a red-letter day in the history of ringing at Colehill, when upwards of 30 members of the Warwickshire Guild assembled at the invitation of the local society (and in the words of the Vicar) 'to give the new Trebles, in conjunction with the old six, a good shaking up.' The new bells had been dedicated on New Year's Eve at the midnight service, and on the augmented peal the entry of the New Year was welcomed by the local band. For the special meeting members were present from Allesley, Birmingham, Burton-on-Trent, Chittons Coton, Coventry, Derby, Erdington, Loughborough, Nuneaton, Solihull, Sutton Coldfield, Stoke, together with the local band, the party including several ladies.

Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with their usual skill, have made an excellent splice of the bells, and have hung the new trebles in ball bearings. The bells having been raised in peal, the opening touch was one of Stedman Triples, conducted by the district secretary, Mr. Bernard Wittchell. The band stood as follows: B. W. Wittchell 1, Miss Gladys Dodds 2, J. Oldham 3, T. W. Chapman 4, H. Argyle 5, A. Wilkerson 6, F. W. Clayton 7, J. F. Clarke 8. A large company assembled in the tower during this touch, and, shortly after, a disappointing incident occurred. The ringer of the 2nd in some Kent Treble Bob unfortunately missed the sally, with the result the stay broke, and the accident caused some delay in the ringing.

Tea was provided in the Assembly Room at the Swan Hotel, presided over by the Vicar (the Archdeacon of Aston), supported by Mr. Fifield, the donor of the bells, to whom the members are grateful for his kind hospitality.

The Vicar said how pleased he was to see so many present, and although he thought they had done all that was required in completing the octave, he learned from the secretary that the old six required rehanging.

Mr. Fifield endorsed the Vicar's remarks, and said he was pleased to do what he had done in giving the two trebles. He was an old ringer himself, and his son was now a ringer at the old church, which was always first in his thoughts. He was thankful God had prospered him, and he knew of no better way of showing his thankfulness, than giving something back in the form of the bells, to call the parishioners to His worship.

Mr. A. Roberts, Ringing Master, and Mr. A. Wilkerson, hon. general secretary, congratulated the village of Colehill on having a peal of eight, and hoped the day was not far distant when the parishioners generally would follow the example of Mr. Fifield and put the old six in peal ringing order worthy of the grand old church.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge and Bristol Surprise.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—Annual meeting, St. Andrew's, Holborn, Saturday, Jan. 19th. Ringing 4 p.m. Business meeting 6 p.m. Will members and friends please endeavour to attend?—W. Bottrill, Hon. Sec., 62, Thorpedale Road, Holloway, N.7.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southgate, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service at 5. Tea at 1s. each, at 5.30, to be followed by business meeting. The District Committee will meet in the Vestry at 4.15 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Wood Green, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short Service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. G. A. Stokes. Tea (1s.) at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Calne Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wootton Bassett on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (8) available 2 o'clock. Service 4.45. Meeting and tea at Angel Hotel 5.30. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome.—Rev. S. L. R. Sharp, Hon. Branch Sec., Calne, Wilts.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5. Meeting and tea at 6. The Bishop of Liverpool will give the address. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary. All ringers will be welcomed.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Radcliffe Parish Church on January 19th. An invitation is given to members to ring on the rehung and recast peal (by Taylor and Co.). Bells ready at 2 o'clock.—Wm. Emerson, 75, Knowles Street, Radcliffe, Manchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 19th, at St. George the Martyr, Southwark. Ringing from 4 p.m. Tea, with business meeting to follow, at the Parish House, Borough High Street, at 5.30 p.m., further ringing after. Will members make a special effort to attend this meeting? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Goodfellow, 9, Dorset Road, Ealing.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—Annual meeting, Saturday, January 19th, at St. Chad's. 2.30, Committee meeting in Vestry. 3.30, ringing in St. Chad's Tower, in the hands of the Tower Master. 5.0, Services in St. Aidan's Chapel, address by the Rev. A. C. Lawson,

M.A. 5.45, tea in St. Chad's Institute, followed by meeting.—Rev. F. Tennison, St. Alkmund's Vicarage, Shrewsbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—The first meeting under the new Guild will be held at Dallington, Northampton, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea if possible, 5 o'clock. Important business, to elect branch officers. Will all members make a special effort to attend?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The annual district meeting of this branch for election of officers for the ensuing year will be held at Hinckley on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available for ringing at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Buckland (6 bells), on Saturday, 19th January. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcomed.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 19th. Service 4.15, followed by tea and meeting.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Leicester, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells available from 3 until 7. Business meeting at Black Boy Hotel Club Room.—H. C. Norman, Sec.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Chudleigh, Jan. 19th. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. (Subscriptions now due.) The Exeter branch are also combining on this occasion for a 'fraternal,' and this ringers' festival will celebrate the opening of the peal of 8. Bells available noon. Bands outside the Guild in the Chudleigh district are invited.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, 19th January, at Stokesay. Bells (6), available 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Hon. Dist. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Dursley on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Benilton, Sutton, on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Radcliffe (recast ring of eight bells), on Saturday, January 19th. Bells ready early. Reports now ready. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Hon. Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

COLCHESTER.—The annual meeting of the North Essex Association will be held on Saturday, January 19th. The bells of St. Peter's (8 bells) will be available from 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., and by the kindness of the Vicar, Rev. E. Cardo, tea will be provided at 5 p.m.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting of the above Guild will be held at Harborne Parish Church (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea, in the Schoolroom, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, January 19th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. The Guild's service in Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow, at which a motion to alter the date of the annual meeting will be moved. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 61, Norman Avenue, Nuncaton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Frampton on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells (6) available from 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, Boston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at Wingham (8 bells) on Saturday, Jan. 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. — Gaussen). The bells have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, after hanging 40 years without being rung.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for Jan., 1924:—St. Clement Danes, Monday, 21st, 7.30 p.m.; Annual meeting February 9th.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem. 56, Hallford Street, Essex Road.

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 All Hallows, Lombard Street, on Jan. 22nd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on Jan. 31st; *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.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—A New Year's meeting will be held at Honiton on Thursday, Jan. 24th. Service, St. Paul's Church, 3.30. Tea, Church Room, 4 p.m., 1s. per head. Bells available 1 p.m. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., 9, Silver Street, Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cirencester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Cirencester on Thursday, Jan. 24th. Parish Church bells (13) open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30 at Parish Church. Tea 5 p.m., Viner's Restaurant, followed by business meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly notify me by Monday, the 21st? Watermoor bells open after meeting.—F. J. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., 67, Chester Street, Cirencester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, on Saturday, January 26th, and not on January 19th, as arranged. Bells available at 3. Ringers' Association Service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. A tea will be provided 1/- per head for those who notify me, not later than January 22nd. Subscriptions for 1924 can be paid at this meeting.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Owing to its importance, when report and balance sheet will be presented, and the election of branch officers will take place, it is hoped that as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, Jan. 26th. Bells ready 3.30. All ringers welcome.—H. Stansfield, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Evelyn Steel, Hon. Dis. Sec. pro tem.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Collins, High Street, 6 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Jan. 22nd.—A. Talbot, Dis. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea in North Street Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow.—E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Hull on Saturday, Jan. 26th. The peals at Holy Trinity (10), All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (6) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Divine service will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. T. Morton, 83, Blenheim Street, Hull, not later than first post Wednesday, Jan. 23rd. The annual report will be on sale at this meeting, price 1s., and all members are urged to purchase copies. For further details see circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford District.—A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. Eden, Hon. Sec., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, January 26th. Meet at Christ Church at 2.30. The bells of Christ Church (8), St. Peter's (6), and the Presbyterian Church, Hebburn (6)

will be available. Tea at the Ben Lomond Hotel at 5 o'clock. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. Brewis, 61, Howard Street, Jarrow, before the 23rd?—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held on Saturday, Jan. 26th, at SS. Philip and Jacob's, Bristol. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Business: Election of officers, fixing quarterly meetings, etc. Please notify me by Jan. 22nd.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Guilborough on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available at 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Meeting to follow to elect branch officers for the ensuing year. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Jan. 22nd?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Jan. 26th, when all ringers will be welcome. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Eight bells available early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the two six-bell towers of St. John and St. Peter's Roman Catholic Churches, Lytham, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), and Godmanchester (8). Service at St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea at Plum's Refreshment Rooms at 5, followed by business meeting. Will all who require tea write by January 21st, to Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton?

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Short service at 3, followed by the unveiling of a peal tablet by Canon Elsee. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. Those desiring tea must notify me not later than January 19th. All ringers and friends most cordially invited. Annual reports now ready.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Address by Archdeacon Conybeare, of Southwell Cathedral. Meeting in the Tower after service. Nominations for district officers to be sent in at once. Unveiling of peal board at St. Peter's at 5.30 by Ald. R. B. Chambers, President Midland Counties Asso-

ciation (recording first peal of London Surprise Major in Nottingham). To be followed by W. D. Croft memorial dinner at Albert Hotel, Derby Road, at 6.45 p.m.—F. Blood, Loc. Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Lewisham District at Dartford is postponed to Saturday, Feb. 9th. Further particulars later.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church on Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all who advise me of attending not later than Feb. 6th. The meeting will be held after tea.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

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 Messrs. W. Bottrill, Essery, F. W. Goodfellow, George, Hawkins, Mance, Matthews, P. W. Norton, Riley, Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, or J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8 o'clock. Ringing, Sunday mornings, Jan. 20th and 27th, 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock. Annual general meeting Wednesday, Jan. 30th, at 8 p.m. sharp.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—By kind permission of the Hon. Chaplain, a memorial tablet will be erected in St. Clement Danes for the members who fell in the Great War. Donations, which will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World,' may be sent to the Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

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PRESTBURY, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on December 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. The bells were half-muffled, as is the custom on Holy Innocents' Day: T. Compton 1, W. Hale 2, H. Newman 3, H. Halford 4, G. Walters 5, C. Tovey 6, J. J. Causon (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8.

ABBOT'S LEIGH.—On December 21st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Bennet 1, G. Chamberlain 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman (first of Oxford) 4, L. Moore (conductor) 5, E. Frampton 6. — On December 24th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Bennet 1, S. Bennet (first 720) 2, L. Moore (conductor) 3, J. Ackerman 4, E. Frampton 5, G. Chamberlain 6.

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From time to time some piece of information comes to hand which provides a striking example of what many bands up and down the country are doing, often out of the limelight which peal ringing brings. Serving the Church first, as all ringers should, and most do, it is a gratifying thought that in hundreds of churches the bells are rung for two services every Sunday throughout the year. It is this regular and conscientious discharge of duty which is the greatest factor in obtaining for ringers that recognition which they are now rapidly gaining for themselves from the Church authorities. There are some towers where the bells have never failed for years to play their part in connection with the Sunday services, the war period not excepted. A good deal of the future of ringing is, we believe, locked up with the fidelity of the ringers to their responsibilities on Sundays, for if ever the right to peal ringing is challenged from the outside, the weight of the Church's backing can only be invoked on behalf of this practice if ringers in their turn have been loyal in their service to the Church.

But beyond this, the desire of ringers to give of their best for service ringing is one of the greatest incentives not only to improved striking, but to advance in method ringing. A keen service ringer usually makes a reliable man for any other occasion, and, given the opportunity, will make headway in the art. Moreover, the man who is unpunctual or irregular in his service ringing is usually the unreliable one when peals are in question; he is the careless man at the rope end, or the missing individual when a band meets 'one short.' And this brings us to the records to which we specially wish to direct attention. A fortnight ago we gave details of the year's doings of the Leytonstone band, who rang during 1923 no fewer than 101 extents on six bells, in nearly forty methods. In this issue the records appear of two other six-bell bands, viz., the men at Norbury, Cheshire, whose prowess with spliced extents are too well known to need eulogy here, and the band at Anston, who, though less heard of, have to their credit a performance of which they may well be proud, having rung 60 720's during the year in no fewer than 54 different methods. That is a great achievement. In each case it has been the desire for good service ringing that has induced these bands to go forward as they have done, and a large proportion of these extents have been rung on Sundays. Of course, there are many other instances of bands who, in their respective ways, can show a record of consistent good work, but what we want to emphasise is that it is generally those who are keenest in their Sunday ringing who make the best progress, whether it is as individuals or as a band.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF ERIN CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lb.

GEORGE PICKERING Treble	JOHN FOREMAN 7
*ARTHUR PAYNE 2	*WILLIAM BASKILL 8
*MATTHEW ANDERSON 3	WILLIAM STORY 9
JOSEPH ROWELL 4	RICHARD THOMPSON 10
CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE 5	JOSEPH E. KEEN 11
WILLIAM H. BARBER 6	ERNEST E. FERRY Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of twelve bells. First peal of Erin Cinques by all the band, by the association, and on the bells. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. J. Newcombe, of Gosforth, whose death took place on Jan. 11th. William Lister Newcombe, F.R.I.B.A. Esq., and Mrs. Newcombe, were the donors of the two trebles to the above Cathedral to complete the peal of twelve, which were dedicated on Easter Sunday, 1914. The above band are all members of the Cathedral Guild, of which Mr. Newcombe is a vice-president.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Four Hours and Three Minutes.

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	*HARRY BROUGHTON 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9
ALBERT W. COLES 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
*HAROLD J. POOLE 5	REDHUN SANDERS 11
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINES.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, January 14, 1924, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERNS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	GEORGE TREW 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	WILLIAM C. HUNTER 7
EDGAR GUISE 3	FRANCIS T. JEWELL 8
GILBERT PEARCE 4	HENRY J. WAY 9
EDWIN J. BROWN 5	ISAAC LONG Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by A. E. REEVES.

Rung as a compliment to F. T. Jewell on completion of 40 years' membership of the St. James' Society.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Monday, January 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERNS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	*ROWLAND BARROW 6
ALFRED BALLARD 2	*ARTHUR CATTELL 7
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
GEORGE S. MORRIS 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by the late GEORGE CLEAL. Conducted by H. J. POOLK.

* First peal on ten bells. † 50th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the composer. The composition is now rung for the first time.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	ROBERT W. GRIMWOOD ... 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIES ... 8
WILLIAM HEWETT ... 4	ALBERT W. COLES ... 9
GEORGE R. PYE ... 5	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

MELTON MOWBRAY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPS, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Treble	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 6
JOHN OLDBAM ... 2	ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS ... 3	HARRY BROUGHTON ... 8
PERCY HARRISON ... 4	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 9
ERNEST BARTRAM, M.M. ... 5	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

Rung after the dedication of a peal tablet in the belfry, a gift to the ringers by Mrs. Blakeney, wife of the Rector.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BARNES ... Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 5
GEORGE H. SHUKER ... 2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... 6
SAMUEL GREENBALGH ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
BENJAMIN THORPE ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. POTTER.

Rung half-muffled for the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, and Mr. H. Chapman's grandchild.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 31, 1923, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

GEO. W. BRAME ... Treble	C. JENNINGS ... 5
A. J. ORGILL ... 2	W. A. PARSONS ... 6
M. BARKER ... 3	W. H. BUXTON ... 7
F. STONE ... 4	A. SHERWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by T. THURSTANS.

Conducted by W. A. PARSONS.

First peal as conductor, and first peal rung at this church by a full band of Sunday ringers since the bells were rehung.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, January 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CLARK ... Treble	HENRY WOODHOUSE ... 5
GIBSON JACKSON ... 2	GEORGE HALKSWORTH ... 6
MISS KATELEEN JACKSON ... 3	EDWARD J. CAWSE ... 7
REV. A. REYS JAMES ... 4	HAROLD WALKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD.

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd is only 15 years of age, and is to be congratulated on his performance. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples, the ringer of the 5th kindly making the band up.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES BELBY ... Treble	WILLIAM BAXTER ... 5
JESSE FRANCIS ... 2	CHARLES ANDREWS ... 6
WILLIAM LOUD ... 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 7
SIDNEY HILLIER ... 4	FRED HAYES ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

First peal on the new ring which has been put in by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. The tone and 'go' of the bells are excellent. The conductor's 100th peal.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. GROUNDS ... Treble	JOHN H. CARTSIDE ... 5
JOHN BOOTH ... 2	JOHN WATSON ... 6
JOHN BROWN ... 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
FRED RIGBY ... 4	GEORGE HEWITT ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	HERBERT KNIGHT ... 6
GEORGE HUGHES ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 7
WILLIAM FISHER ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in a Surprise method, and also his 100th peal for this society.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY

Rung on the 4th anniversary of the first peal of London on the bells.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5952 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 5
FRANK WARD ... 2	ARTHUR PANTHER ... 6
ALBERT NASH ... 3	ARTHUR GILL ... 7
THOMAS O'HARA ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 271). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

TENBY, PEMBROKESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, January 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: D. C. Williams (conductor) 1, T. Griffiths 2, *G. Jenkins 3, W. Jenkins 4, *J. John 5, *H. Jenkins 6, R. H. Jenkins 7, J. Williams 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor. * First quarter-peal.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ALFRED S. BAYLEY Treble	LEONARD G. HEWITT 5
ROBERT EVANS 2	WALTER LAGO 6
JOSEPH HANLEY 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
WILLIAM D. WASE 4	BERT RIXON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

The above ringers are a section of Coalbrookdale local band. The peal was especially arranged for the coming-of-age of Miss Dorothy Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Saunders.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, 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;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

WILLIAM A. BATTEN Treble	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 5
† ERNEST J. KING 2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 6
T. WILFRED TAFFENDER 3	JOSEPH MILNER 7
* STANLEY C. MOYE 4	FREDERICK W. CHORLEY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. KING.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

HAWLEY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

* SFR. R. B. HAMMOND, R.E. Treble	GILBERT BULL 5
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 2	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 6
MISS HILDA F. MILLS 3	WILLIAM J. PAICE 7
BARZILLAI HAWKINS 4	Q.-M.-S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by G. GILBERT, R.E.
* First peal. Rung in honour of the enthronement of the Bishop of Winchester.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

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

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 21½ cwt.

* FRANK W. BUCKLAND Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
* HARRY WINGROVE 2	† CECIL C. MAYNE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7
JAMES BLACKMORE 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by C. C. MAYNE.
* First peal of Major. † First peal as conductor.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—On January 1st, to ring in the New Year, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hall 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, T. Cann 4, H. Fellows 5, J. Wells 6. Also on Friday, January 4th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Hall 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, J. Wells 4, T. Cann 5, G. Gatward 6.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Monday, January 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

* JAMES R. JONES Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
* EDGAR GUISE 2	HENRY PRING 6
* EDWIN J. BROWN 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

* First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

* HERBERT G. HUMPHRIES Treble	* FRANK E. DARBY 5
REGINALD G. MARSHALL 2	JAMES E. COOPER 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 7
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY 4	DANIEL COOPER Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

Arranged and rung in honour of the 73rd birthday of Mr. Chas. W. Gordon, which took place the day before. * First peal of Grandsire.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Monday, January 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK'S 20-PART. No. 2. Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED H. HILLIER Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 5
WILLIAM STORY 2	JOHN FOREMAN 6
JOSEPH ROWELL 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER 7
ARTHUR PAYNE 4	ALBERT M. HALL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the composer.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	F. STEDMAN WHITE 5
OUTHERBERT G. WHITE 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 3	RICHARD WHITE 7
ARTHUR H. WHITE 4	FRED WHITE Tenor

Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* CHARLES BRIGGS Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
† G. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
E. HARRY STONELEY 4	FRANK PERVIN Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Bristol with inside bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the unveiling of the local war memorial; also as a token of respect to the memory of Mr. George Cleal, of St. Martin's, Leicester, who died suddenly on January 10th. First peal in the method on the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in E.

ALFRED L. BROWN Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD 5
THOMAS MILES 2	THOMAS A. SHROBB 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
THOMAS SELF 4	LEONARD BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled, after the funeral of the Rev. Rainbridge Bell, Vicar of the parish. * First peal.

HASLINGDEN, LANCs.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE ED. BARNES Treble	JOHN KAY 5
THOMAS COLLINGE 2	RICHARD WILSON 6
JOHN H. RISHTON 3	THOMAS ROLLERSON 7
JOSEPH GREENWOOD 4	JOHN WM. JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by T. COLLINGE.

* First peal. Ringers of 2nd and 7th are from St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, the rest belong to the local band. First peal in the tower since the rehanging of the bells.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. SOUTHWOOD ... Treble	ROBERT G. C. MANLEY ... 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD 2	ALFRED E. POOK 6
WILLIAM RICHARDSON 3	JOHN R. HAYMAN 7
FRED DIMOND 4	GEORGE RENDELL Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

Ringers of treble, 2nd and 3rd from Exeter: the rest local men.

WITLEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb. in F.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
MAURICE SMITHER 2	WILLIAM R. MEVILLE ... 6
RICHARD HAYES 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Four 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 SHEPHERD 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	GILBERT GUEST 6
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN. 7
WILLIAM GOODMAN 4	WILLIAM MEEK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. J. Goodman, senr.

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EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ERNEST V. BEADLE Treble	CHARLES J. TRICKER 5
MISS NORA SHORTER 2	ARTHUR HARDING 6
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 3	JOSEPH MILNER 7
JOHN HOWES 4	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. SPENCER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
THOMAS BUTLER 2	JOHN F. SHARP 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER 4	WILLIAM HIGGINSON Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer. Mr. J. F. Sharp was made a life member before starting.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	ROWLAND BARROW 5
WALTER WHITEHEAD 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WILLIAM THORLEY 7
ALBAN DISNEY 4	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

* First peal away from the tenor, and first attempt. † First peal in the method.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

EDWARD E. DODD Treble	ALFRED H. WINGH 5
ALFRED J. BULL 2	ARTHUR DEAN 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
ALWYN CHARMAN 4	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Conducted by J. H. WHITE.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. James Brett, one of the local ringers, on the occasion of his wedding, which took place at Kensington earlier in the day. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Brett for his hospitality after the peal.

BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 3 qr.

JOSEPH BROADLEY Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
SIDNEY SADLER 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
JAMES R. KEMP 3	ERNEST R. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by P. J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows' Church, on Sunday evening, Jan. 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Ellis 1, H. A. Barnett 2, A. Woodrow 3, S. W. Crabb 4, H. Strickland 5, E. A. Hull 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Palmore 8.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WOOLWICH, S.E.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. BATTEN ... Treble	HARRY WRIGHT... .. 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	WILLIAM ESSERY 6
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 4	RICHARD F. DEAL ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Major.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE J. HARMAN ... Treble	GEORGE A. CARD... .. 5
EDWARD WALLAGE 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 4	HENRY C. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung half-muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. Samuel E. Joyce, who was, when a youth, a chorister, and learnt to ring at this church.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt, 2 qr. 23 lb.

R. HOLDEN Treble	E. CUTSFORTH 5
A. HOLDEN 2	*H. JOHNSON 6
*S. SHUTTLEWORTH 3	W. PENNINGTON 7
J. E. MARKLAND 4	*J. W. KAY Tenor

Conducted by W. PENNINGTON.

* First peal. The ringer of 5th comes from Holy Trinity, and of 7th from Bolton Parish Church, the rest being the home company. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar.

FRESSINGFIELD.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WM. RICHES... .. Treble	*E. ETHERIDGE 5
ROBT. RICHES 2	J. RICHES 6
A. RICHES 3	W. RICHES... .. 7
J. ETHERIDGE 4	WM. STEGGALL ... Tenor

Composed by T. HURRY.

Conducted by W. STEGGALL.

* First peal. For calling see Hubbard, 3rd edition, page 73.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*FRANCIS MILES... .. Treble	*FREDERICK HARRIS ... 4
*JAMES ATTWOOD 2	ROBERT HARRIS... .. 5
*THOMAS HARRIS... .. 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. G. W. Webb (curate-in-charge of Bredons Norton) on his being ordained to the priesthood.

BOLTON-ON-SWALE, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

A COATES Treble	†W. COOKE 4
*F COOKE 2	A. HUNTER 5
†F. W. JOHNSON 3	R. B. ROBINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor; also first peal of Minor as conductor. First peal on the bells.

ASHCHURCH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, December 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*EDWARD COLE Treble	THOMAS HARRIS 4
JAMES ATTWOOD... .. 2	ROBERT HARRIS 5
FREDERICK HARRIS 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

* First peal and first attempt, and proposed a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. G. Wakeford, the genial conductor of the tower. First peal of Minor on the bells.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. H. Bishop.

STARSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

IN THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HERBERT G. FULCHER ... Treble	EDWARD LUBBOCK 4
*EDWIN BAILEY 2	GEORGE GOWER 5
ERNEST WHITING 3	RUSSELL RICHES Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

First peal on the bells. * First peal. First peal of Minor by all the band.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 six-scores each of Old Doubles, Canterbury, New Doubles, Chase, St. Simon's, Plain Bob and 18 six-scores of Grandsire, each six-score called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr.

*FRED REYNOLDS Treble	MATTHIAS HOBBS 3
†BASIL BUTLER 2	†FRANK FOX 4
†THOMAS BUTLER Tenor	

Conducted by THOMAS BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles in 7 methods. First peal in 7 methods on the bells.

SWINDON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, January 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's and 10 six-scores of Grandsire, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD A. E. COOK ... Treble	HUBERT WEBB 3
HARRY VOICE 2	ALFRED H. COOK 4

WALTER YEEND Tenor

Conducted by W. YEEND.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells by the local band. All are regular Sunday Service ringers.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, January 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. BULLOCK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON 1-2	THOMAS LANGDON 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3-4	JAMES BULLOCK 7-8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

Umpires: MR. AND MRS. DEAL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jean Bullock.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

AT 68, WHITE HORSE HILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 1-2	FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE 5-6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by F. GROOMBRIDGE.

Umpire: P. BRETT-SMITH.

* First peal as conductor.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough District of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, January 12th, and was fairly well attended by ringers from Stow, Brigg, Messingham, Bigby and Ordsall, in addition to the local company. The bells of the Parish Church were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the methods of Grandsire, St. Clement's, and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Little Bob, St. Clement's Double Norwich, Duffield and Superlative Surprise Major. Even-song was said at 4 p.m., and an excellent tea was afterwards provided in the Parish Church Institute. This was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. C. A. Greensmith presided in the place of the Vicar (Canon Standon), who was unavoidably absent. An apology of absence was received from Canon Hicks, of Messingham, also from Mr. E. Haigh, of Worksop.

The following new members were elected: Miss Hiley, Miss F. Mathews, Miss C. Howitt, Miss P. Baker and Miss D. Sutton, all of Gainsborough. One honorary member (Mr. W. E. Morris), of Gainsborough, was elected, and the election of Mr. C. A. Smythe, of Stow, was confirmed.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Canon Standon; secretary, Mr. H. Morgan; representative on the Northern Branch Committee, Mr. E. Dawber; Ringing Master, Mr. H. Morgan.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the Rev. C. A. Greensmith for presiding at the meeting, and Mr. and Mrs. T. Wheipon and family for the able way in which they had attended to the wants of those at the tea-table, were unanimously passed.

The Rev. C. A. Greensmith replied, and also asked the secretary to convey the goodwill and greeting of the meeting to Mr. F. S. W. Butler, secretary of the Northern Branch, who was unable to attend the meeting owing to illness.

A letter was read regarding a proposal made at the Kirton Lindsey meeting last year, with reference to the annual report of the Guild. It was resolved to leave the matter in the hands of the members of the Northern Branch Committee.

The following were the places selected for the district meetings during the ensuing year: Blyton, April 12th; Stow, May; Broughton, June; Haxey, July; Redbourne, August; Corringham, September; Brigg, October. The dates of all, with the exception of the first, were left to the discretion of the district secretary.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Those readers who do not receive their copy of 'The Ringing World' at the accustomed time this week must 'blame the strike.' The Doncaster and District Society has now 205 members, 20 new members having been elected during the year 1923, and four having died.

The centenary peal at Wrentham, Suffolk, to commemorate the one hundredth anniversary of the 7,030 of Doubles rung on January 3rd, 1824, was unfortunately lost. A peal in ten Minor methods was attempted, but came to grief first through the conductor's error, and a second time through one of the ringers starting on the wrong method, in a change from one to another. However, a peal in seven methods was rung on January 12th.

At Elmore, Gloucestershire, the bells have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who have installed a new iron frame. The bells now run on roller bearings, and the tenor has been recast, with about two cwt. of metal added. Mr. Churchwarden Meek defrayed the cost of the tenor in remembrance of his parents.

The Ladies' Guild has the honour of being the first with the subscriptions now due to the Central Council.

Mr. John Carter has now sufficiently recovered to be able to get about and perform small journeys with the aid of a stick. He is busy working on an improvement connected with the bells rung by his machine.

On February 25th, 1842, two long peals were rung. At Painswick 8,105 Stedman Caters was brought round, and at Stroud 8,081 Grandsire Caters. By a coincidence both turned out to be false.

A peal of 10,080 Double Norwich Major was rung in 5 hrs. 58 minutes at Appleton on January 28th, 1888, by the Oxford Guild. This was the prelude of a struggle for Double Norwich records, which culminated in the 17,104 at South Wigston in 1904.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus in London was rung by the College Youths at Cornhill on January 28th, 1911.

Henry Haley died at Bethnal Green on January 29th, 1886, aged 66 years.

We are asked to state that the meeting of the Western District of the Hereford County Association at King's Langley has been postponed to February 2nd, and the meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association to February 9th.

An attempt for a muffled peal in memory of the late Mr. G. Cleal was made at St. Martin's, Leicester, on Thursday last. It came to grief after two hours' excellent ringing.

DEATH OF MR. S. E. JOYCE.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' YOUNGEST MASTER.

After a long period of ill-health and suffering, patiently borne, Mr. Samuel E. Joyce, a member of St. Paul's Cathedral company, passed to his rest on January 9th, and the College Youths lose another of its most esteemed members, and St. Paul's band a valued and respected colleague.

Mr. Joyce, who was born on March 21st, 1868, learned to handle a bell at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, under the tuition of Mr. E. Wallace, who introduced him to some of the leading members of the Exercise at Bethnal Green. He became an apt pupil to Mr. James Pettit, and rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, on Feb. 10th, 1885, at St. Mary's, Stratford, E. On his 17th birthday he rang a peal of Stedman at the same church. In 1886 he rang his first peal of Stedman Cinques at Cripplegate, in which the late Sir Arthur Heywood also took part. Although a complete list of his peals is not available, Mr. Joyce rang in many fine performances at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, All Hallows', Barking; St. George's-in-the-East, St. Paul's, Shadwell; St. Dunstan's, Stepney and Cinques and Maximus at various city churches. In all he proved himself to be one of the greatest adepts at excellent striking. At St. Paul's Cathedral he took part in Treble Bob Maximus on Nov. 28th, 1896, and Stedman Cinques on Nov. 23rd, 1918. He also rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells with Messrs. Winney, Barkus and Wise.

In 1898 he migrated to South Africa, and shortly after his return, in 1900, he was elected a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band, and so continued up to the time of his illness.

At the age of 19, Mr. Joyce was elected Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, the youngest member to be elected to that office.

Like his tutor, Mr. James Pettit, Mr. Joyce was one of nature's gentlemen.

At the interment on January 12th. at Woodgrange Cemetery, Forest Gate, a course of Stedman Triples, preceded and followed by three threes of slow rounds, was rung by Messrs. H. Langdon, C. F. Winney, T. Langdon and E. G. Fenn. Messrs. Rushton and Grimwood were also present at the funeral. On January 15th, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung half-muffled at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, conducted by Mr. T. H. Taffender, and on the 19th, at St. Paul's Cathedral, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung to his memory by his sorrowing colleagues of the Cathedral band.

GEORGE CLEAL, OF LEICESTER. AN APPRECIATION.

A man's history is written in his deeds. He is not a plaything of Fate, although Shakespeare puts into the mouth of Hamlet: 'There's a divinity that shapes our ends, rough-hew them how we will.' Such a dictum is at best a philosophical survey when the tale of life is told. To some at times, it does seem more than co-incidental when, in the crises of nations, the hour and the man arrive simultaneously. Nevertheless, history records proof to the contrary. Witness the fall of great men, and the decadent Rome and the Empires of the East. Napoleon, as he viewed the horizon of Europe exclaimed: 'I go to my destiny.' He did, but not to the one he envisaged. Of a truth a man carves his own destiny, and his footprints are imperishable. Omar, the Persian, believed it:—

The moving finger writes, and having writ
Moves on. Not all your piety or wit
Can lure it back or cancel half a line,
Or all your tears wash out one word of it.

No. A man carves out the path he chooses to his destiny. He may use or misuse the talents with which he is endowed. He may turn to the right hand or to the left. Given the ability—and the opportunity—if he but endure to the end, he can rise and shine like a star in the firmament of his choice, and in so doing win a place in the hearts of his fellows and his memory will not fade. He is not the puppet of an inexorable predestination. If he were, it follows that whatever, is, is best, and thus no man need fear his fate at the hands of the Judge on the Day of the Great Assize.

In the world of ringing there are those who use their small talent to the best advantage. They are satisfied to play their part on the stage of life, and the lack of larger talent entails to them a greater perseverance. They pass on, and their name is Legion. There are others, who from the outset rise in the ranks, and find no difficulty in the solution of the hardest problems. Such a one we call a genius. To him, change ringing is an open book, and he turns from page to page, until 'Fini' puts an end to a brilliant life story. Such a one was George Cleal, who as was briefly announced last week, passed away on January 10th.

Born at Tewkesbury in 1861, we find him at the age of fifteen ringing the treble to his first peal at the famous Abbey. In that band was Mr. C. D. P. Davies—afterwards 'Reverend'—the wizard of Grandsire Triples. In the early eighties, ringing was at a low ebb in the Worcester district, and here the subject of our pen-picture found his opportunity. He got a few kindred spirits around him, and rang and called the first handbell peal in the county. Later, joining the College Youths in London, he rang in the company of the 'old timers,' most of whom have preceded him to the land of shadows. Stedman Triples was rung at Tottenham under the guidance of the grand old man of St. Paul's, the late James Pettit.

In 1888 George Cleal settled in Leicester, and from that date can be ascribed a large proportion of the ringing success in the city. Handbell ringing was his forte, and as we turn back the pages methinks we see him seated in the magic circle, attempting to call Holt's Original from an inside pair. His pale determined face comes up before me as in answer to a query, he says: 'Aye, I can call it—if we can ring it.' And call it he did in December, 1891, after many failures. Of that band, only his bosom friend, S. Cotton, remains.

From that time onward, many peals were rung 'in hand' and on tower bells, and in 1894 Stedman Triples on handbells was achieved. About that period there was a discussion in the 'Bell News' regarding the silent peal of Stedman rung in London in the fifties, and the idea grew that it was possible to add to that solitary, though supreme, achievement. February 13th, 1896, saw the consummation of those hopes before three umpires, while still another was added in 1898. The following year a peal of Stedman Caters (conducted) was rung. At that time no silent peal on ten bells had ever been accomplished, but the same band secured 5,010 in 2 hrs. 49 minutes on October 8th, 1900.

The way was now clear for the piece-de-resistance, viz., silent Stedman Cinques, which it may be said, still stands the only performance of its kind on record. Many half-peals were rung for practice, which extended over three years, but the hour arrived for the attempt in due course. On that occasion the peal should have been rung at the first attempt, but the ringer of the tenors (11, 12) now deceased, forgot himself at the last bob.

For three hours and twenty minutes each man had sat like a statue. Not by a look or the holding up of a blow would anyone give the slightest hint that we were in the homing course. Umpires had laid down their figures as a foregone conclusion, when Clink! Clink! and every man put down his pair of bells in consternation. No words were wasted in anger. George Cleal was not built that way. His face grew a shade paler, his lips more compressed as he pulled out his old pipe and coolly said, 'It's time I had a smoke.'

The peal was rung the following week, and stands to-day—a monument.

We turn another page. Leicester has possessed two rings of ten bells for a century and a half. That of St. Martin's, now the Pro-Cathedral, was for years held up by the church authorities as regards

peal ringing. No peal of 5,000 changes was rung during Queen Victoria's long reign. In the nineties George Cleal became attached to the tower, and speedily made his influence felt by gathering around him all the available material. In January, 1901, he took his colts out for their first peal to Stanford, where he called a peal of Grandsire Triples, one of his own compositions. Of that band, Mr. F. H. Dexter is the outstanding feature. The company grew and practised at St. Martin's, where on August 9th, 1902, at the delayed Coronation of Edward VII., the deceased called the first peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells, and this was followed on the centenary of Trafalgar with 5,010 Stedman Caters.

What the St. Martin's company has since achieved is common knowledge. To George Cleal belongs the credit of the pioneer—the one who 'blazed the trail' and made progress possible. He was the 'Father' of the band, and his progeny do him honour. To such men, numbers of peals count as nothing and self-advertisement finds no place. He would at all times obliterate himself for another's advancement, would either ring or stand out as best to him would seem. We would give his advice willingly to any who desired it, and the writer can bear witness.

Not for him the limelight or fulsome flattery—poor substitutes for ability. He believed that merit would always win through sooner or later. As a conductor he invariably chose a composition—when not his own—with something out of the ordinary. On one occasion, an odd-bob multiple bob and single peal of Stedman Triples was called at the first attempt, though the figures only left the composer's hands a few hours before the peal, and drew public admiration from Mr. John Carter by its intricacy.

In argument, his cold and logical reasoning was never disturbed, but he was never dogmatic. Next to ringing he loved a discussion that led to a conclusion.

Of late, when the 'knocking on the door' of his heart warned him that all was not well, he would sit quietly during the ringing, satisfied that his mantle had fallen on worthy shoulders. The end came with dramatic suddenness. Brought home from his employment, he passed away within a few hours.

And now the last scene of all. A bleak cemetery on a wintry day. The coffin covered with its floral emblems is borne to its resting-place in the lap of mother earth. The final prayers are uttered, and as the mourners stand aside, brother ringers take their stand around the grave and the sound of Grandsire Caters on handbells is heard, the last honours to one whose hands will hold them no more. Then the actors leave the stage, the curtain is rung down, and—'the rest is silence.'

I hold it truth with him who sings
To one clear harp in divers tones,
That one may rise on stepping stones
Of their dead selves to higher things.

W. W.

EDINBURGH SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Please allow me a small space of your valuable paper to reply to Mr. Craven on Edinburgh Surprise.

We wish to thank him for his congratulations. He states, however, that the method is not new, as we used Peterborough Surprise front work, and Bristol Surprise back work. We should like to know if Peterborough has been rung with a whole turn in it, also if Bristol Surprise has been rung with a triple snap in 7-8, and a three pull dodge in 5-6. Perhaps Mr. Craven will be kind enough to reply to these two questions and satisfy us on the subject.—Yours truly,

C. T. BAILEY,
on behalf of St. Margaret's Society, Leiston.

'EDINBURGH' ENTITLED TO ITS OWN NAME.

Dear Sir,—Does Mr. Craven intend people to take him seriously when he refers to 'Edinburgh'? If he does, why publish method No. 2?

I would remind him that it has equal right with Superlative to have a name of its own.

I would also remind him that the peals of Royal (14 courses) with 6th extent belong to me, they were all rung about thirty years ago for the first time. I note one was rung for the first Yorkshire Royal, another as Princess Mary, another (I presume) published this week, New Cambridge. I would also be obliged if he would cease claiming my 7,616 two-part Treble Bob.—Yours faithfully,

G. LINDOFF.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

The annual meeting of the above society was held on Tuesday, January 8th, when the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, Mr. F. William Tillet; Deputy Master, Mr. E. Hobart Smith; treasurer, Mr. Charles J. Sedgley; steward and steeplekeeper, Mr. Frederick J. Tillet; auditors, Messrs. R. H. Brundle and W. P. Garrett; secretary, Mr. George E. Symonds, 23, Chevallier Street, Ipswich.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS' ANNUAL DINNER.

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A DIFFERENT TYPE OF ORGANISATION WANTED.

Mr. Edgar Guise, the hon. secretary, responded to the toast of 'The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association,' proposed by Mr. Heginbotham. They had reached, he said, what might be called the second stage of their existence, when they wanted a different type of organisation to that which sufficed when the association was founded in 1887. The war stopped their efforts with regard to organisation, and they were compelled to carry on in haphazard way. Over three hundred members served in the war, and 20 per cent. of them lost their lives. This, of course, seriously depleted their ranks, but although their membership was now approximately 850, he did not think the welfare of the association was what it should be. He put this down to three things. The first was that they should get better support from the clergy than they did. They had some very kind honorary members, some associates and a few performing members among the clergy, but when they considered they had approximately 200 towers with peals of bells in the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol, he did not think the numbers were sufficient. Moreover, when they made an appeal for an affiliation fee of 2s. 6d., the highest income they received from that source was 24 10s., which represented less than forty towers. Their subscription fee had been 1s. 6d. per member from the inauguration of the association, and the committee had done all they could by way of economising in order that this subscription should not be increased. Another point was, he would like to see more members attending the annual meeting. The third point was that he thought they would make more progress from the ringing point of view if they dispensed with some of the branch meetings and held monthly meetings for combined practice, and thus got down to the spadework which was one of the objects of the association. He believed further sub-division of some of their districts was necessary. At any rate, the Bristol Branch, as at present constituted, was almost unworkable, and he thought they would benefit to a considerable extent by the division of that branch. In conclusion, Mr. Guise said he found the ringers in the Gloucester and Bristol Association were jolly good fellows; they had that reputation all over the country, and he hoped would always have it (applause).

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

The Rev. R. H. Whitford proposed 'Kindred Guilds,' and welcomed among them, members of the College Youths, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, Salisbury Guild, Bath and Wells Association, Surrey Association, Llandaff and Monmouth Association, the Ladies' Guild, and others. This idea of their ringing guilds, he said, spoke to them of a sort of great fraternity among men who were interested in the work of the Church. He had never worked in a parish where there were bells, but whenever he went into any tower he had always been most cordially welcomed. In a belfry, ringers spoke quite freely, and one often heard a perfectly frank opinion of what others thought of them (laughter). He hoped the power of the Guilds would continue to go out far and wide. There was a great deal to be done in regard to campanology in the West of England, and west of a line drawn from Bristol through Taunton to Exeter there was scope for great work.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards first responded, and referred to the days when the Rev. R. H. Whitford and he were at Cambridge together, and to the handbell peals in which they took part. Mr. Edwards dwelt upon the fraternal spirit which existed among change ringers throughout the kingdom, and to the way in which ringers in advanced methods were always ready to give up some of their time to ringing easier methods when they had among them visitors less advanced than themselves. It was a great pleasure and a great experience, especially to those who lived in rural districts, to be able to meet ringers in such centres as Bristol, both in the belfry and round the festive board.

Mr. J. W. Jones, who also replied, said he was only voicing the feelings of his own society and the other societies throughout the length and breadth of the land, when he said they looked up with pride and respect to the Gloucester and Bristol Association. He considered they were second to none. Only a short time ago they were delighted to read of a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Stephen's, non-conducted. An association that had eight members that could do that was in a very proud and high position, and when they remembered that they were not drawing men from the whole area of the association, but that everyone of the band belonged to the city of Bristol it added to the merit of the performance (applause). The county of Gloucester had long held a high position, and had a great reputation in ringing, for many of the great performances of the past had been accomplished at Painswick, in the days of William Estcourt. Whether it was in Painswick, or Gloucester or Bristol, there were no ringers who were more anxious to get a man on than the ringers of that association, or who would do more to enable a ringer to get his first peal or 'touch.' He knew many men who had come to Bristol or Gloucester for their first peal in a method, and he knew

of no body of men who offered better hospitality to ringers than the members of that association (applause).

The Rev. E. J. Phillips proposed 'The Press' in a facetious speech, the toast being acknowledged by the Editor of 'The Ringing World.' The concluding toast was that of 'The Artists,' which was submitted by Mr. Gould, who thanked the performers for their splendid entertainment.

A great feature of the evening was the musical programme, which, thanks largely to the efforts of Mr. W. S. Emery, provided a most lightful entertainment, the majority of those taking part being professional artistes. The songs of Miss Audrey Stinchcombe (medallist) and Miss Connie Morgan (triple gold medallist), and of Mr. Lloyd Williams and Mr. Herbert V. Spiller, were given in the most talented style, and, as with the splendid monologues and recitations contributed by Miss Dorothy Hill and Mr. W. D. Moncrieff, were loudly encored. 'Cello solos by the Rev. P. Gay were exquisitely played, and Mr. Marriott Edgar, a comedian from the Prince's Theatre, delighted the company with song and story; Mr. C. D. Heginbotham sang a topical song on the progress of the ringer, entitled 'Go on,' and a selection on handbells was given by Mr. E. J. Brown and four ladies. A course of Stedman Caters was also rung on handbells by Messrs. A. E. Norman, J. Thomas, A. Walker, E. J. Brown and W. A. Cave, but unfortunately time prevented the completion of the musical programme, and a song by Mrs. Frank Howell had to be omitted. The enjoyable proceedings came to an end at eleven o'clock, with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

DONCASTER & DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at St. George's, Doncaster, on Saturday last. Sixty members were present, and the towers represented were: Arksey, Adwick-le-Street, Barnsley, Gainsborough, Conisborough, Sprotborough, Thorne, Hatfield, Tickhill, Pontefract, Rawmarsh, Fishlake, Doncaster and Wortley. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble-Bob Major and Double Norwich Court Bob Major were rung. A short service was held in the Forman Chapel, the ringers' special form of service being used. An address was given by the President of the Society (the Ven. Archdeacon Sandford, M.A., Vicar of Doncaster). Taking as his text, 'Work your work betimes, and in His time He will give you your reward' (Ecclesiasticus ii. 30), the reverend gentleman preached an eloquent sermon. He welcomed the Society to St. George's, and said how pleased he was to be able to speak to the visitors. He spoke at length about the work of the ringers, and how the call of the bells went out, with a louder voice than anything else, to the whole of the 50,000 people who lived within hearing distance of the bells. Continuing, he referred to the difficulties of the art of change ringing, and said that although he had been a ringing member of the Yorkshire Association for the last forty years, he had never mastered the art, and had, therefore, a great admiration for all those who had. Just as education tended to bring out and develop that which is already in the mind, so the practice of the art of change ringing brought out and developed faculties and qualities which would otherwise remain undeveloped and dormant.

After the service, an excellent 'knife and fork' tea was partaken of in the Memorial Hall. The business meeting followed. Mr. G. Halksworth, vice-president, took the chair, and he was supported by Mr. H. Woodhouse (hon. treasurer), Mr. Harold Walker (hon. secretary), and Mr. C. D. Potter (hon. secretary of the Barnsley and District Society).

The secretary's annual report and balance sheet were passed as very satisfactory.—The hon. secretary was re-elected to serve another three years, and was heartily thanked for his past services.—Adwick-le-Street was selected as the next place of meeting in February.

The business having been satisfactorily disposed of, the proceedings concluded with an entertainment given by 'The Keynotes.' This party of talented artistes added further to their fine reputation as Doncaster's premier concert party. Their programme was packed with good things, in the way of music, mirth, melody, and burlesque. Solos were sung by Grace Bowerman (soprano) and Lawrie Harrison (baritone), and instrumental solos were given by Mabel Dewhirst (violinist) and Anne Harrison (pianist). The humour was supplied by Kathleen Jackson (comediennes), who is also well known among the towers of South Yorkshire as an expert campanologist, Billy Scofield (humorist), and Chris. Thornton (comedian).

The party was very well received, and encores were frequently demanded. The more serious items of the programme showed that the party has a taste for really good music, and the way in which the items were interpreted reflects great credit upon the performers.

Mr. H. Woodhouse proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the artistes for their splendid entertainment, and said that to attempt to pick out any one item from the programme for special mention was impossible, because they were all excellent, and left nothing to be desired.—Mr. Lawrie Harrison replied on behalf of 'The Keynotes' Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem—brought to a close a very pleasant meeting and social gathering, enjoyed alike by ringers and their wives.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.**HENRY JOHNSON'S RINGING PAPERS.**

The annual meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at the St. Martin's Hotel, City, on Tuesday, January 15th, the Presiding Ringing Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.) being in the chair. The bells of St. Martin's were available, and were made good use of for an hour and a half before the meeting, many members from outlying towers taking the opportunity of a pull on the twelve.

The Chairman mentioned that the Guild had lost an excellent member, and everyone a good comrade, by the death, at a comparatively early age, of Mr. James L. Wells. Mr. Wells had won and deserved the respect of every ringer with whom he came in contact. He was a splendid type of man, and no one ever had an ill-word to say of him. He had for many years been a member of the Sunday Service band at St. Martin's Church, and would be greatly missed. His wife pre-deceased him a few years ago, and it was greatly to his credit, the Chairman added, that he had made provision for his two children, and had left them so that with the kindness of his relatives they would be well looked after in the future.—All present stood up a few moments in silence as a last tribute of respect to his memory.

The election of officers then took place, and the President (the Lord Bishop of Birmingham) and Vice-Presidents having been re-elected en bloc, the Secretary (Mr. A. Paddon Smith) proposed the re-election of Mr. Alderman Pritchett as Presiding Ringing Master. He said it was unnecessary to eulogise the services of their chairman, they were well known to everyone, and he was certain they would not dream of proposing anyone else for that office so long as Mr. Pritchett would allow himself to be re-elected.—This was seconded by Mr. A. Walker, and carried with acclamation.

On rising to reply, the chairman received quite an ovation. He thanked the members for his re-election, but said that he must warn them that he was 69 years of age on January 8th last, and in addition to the weight of years, he still felt the effects of a recent accident which he had sustained during the frosty weather. However, his will to serve remained, and if they would accept him with all his shortcomings he would be proud to occupy the office for another year at any rate.

Mr. Albert Walker was unanimously re-elected as Deputy Ringing Master, and in thanking the members, took the opportunity of giving a short report of the Guild's activities during the past twelve months.

Messrs. Thomas Russam and Charles Dickens were re-elected trustees, and Mr. Jonathan Preston was elected as an auditor in place of the late Mr. J. L. Wells; the senior auditor, Mr. T. H. Reeves; and the honorary secretary being also re-elected.

The balance sheet for the year 1923 was duly adopted, and the Secretary reported that the dinner committee had been able to secure the Connaught Room at the Imperial Hotel for the Henry Johnson Dinner, which would be held on Saturday, March 1st next.

News was conveyed to the meeting by Mr. Walter Bryant that the oldest member of the Guild (in membership), Mr. John Buffery, was lying seriously ill, and the secretary was requested to write him a letter of sympathy on behalf of the members. Mr. John Carter is also still on the sick list, and the members wished their sympathy and best wishes conveyed to him.

The thanks of the Guild were expressed to Mr. Tom Russam for his efforts in obtaining certain old ringing books and papers from Mr. Henry Johnson, who had very kindly consented to these documents, many of which had been compiled and collected by his illustrious father, being handed over to the Guild, and to remain their property.

In addition to these books, etc., Mr. Russam had also been fortunate enough to secure a unique and valuable record of the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus ever rung, this being a 7,200 rung at St. Martin's in 1820. The unique wording of this record was noted in the 'Ringing World' of December 28th last.

As the Guild has now a very interesting and valuable collection of books and other property, it was considered advisable that a librarian should be appointed, to make a list or catalogue of the various items, and a willing and enthusiastic recruit to the ranks, in the person of Mr. W. T. Froggatt, was elected, and kindly consented to undertake this work.

The next business meeting will be held at Aston in April.

REV. MAITLAND KELLY STILL RINGING.

Although past the age of fourscore years, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who has done so much for ringing in Devon, is still keenly interested, and able to take his place at the rope end. On Thursday of last week at St. Mary's Church, Kelly, he took part in a 720 Bob Minor. This performance is one which was achieved only after much patient endeavour, and it was the first 720 by all except Mr. Kelly and the conductor. It was rung by John Boucher 1, Rev. Maitland Kelly 2, George Fitze 3, Henry Boucher 4, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 5, Abel Johns 6. All are members of the South-Western Branch of the Devon Guild.

RESTORATION OF HALWILL BELLS.**TRANSFORMATION IN A DEVON BELFRY.**

For four or five years the bells of Halwill Church, Devon, have lain neglected on the floor. Now, as the result of several efforts, realising between £400 and £500, they have been rehung.

The restoration entailed unhooking the bells, removing the old cage, floors, and the roof of the tower, and rebuilding of the tower walls in the bell chamber, which had been very badly cut away to get the bells in on one level. New oak floors have been put in, and a new lead flat roof placed on the tower. A new combination cage for six bells has been fixed in two tiers. The bottom one is for the two tenors, and is supported by three steel girders and an oak floor. The top tier, which is built for four bells, rests on the offsets of the tower walls, and is supported in the centre by a steel girder. The bells have been rehung with entirely new fittings of the newest type. The erection of the bell cage and the rehanging of the five bells have been carried out by Messrs. T. Doble and Son, of Taunton, to the satisfaction of the restoration committee. At the rededication service on January 3rd, at which many ringers were present, the 'go' of the bells was said to be excellent.

The dedication was performed by the Archdeacon of Plymouth (the Ven. E. F. Newman), who traced the use of bells in England for the purpose of calling people to worship from early times to the present day. He expressed regret at the falling into disuse of the passing bell, and pleaded for its reintroduction. 'I should like to feel that when I pass away the prayers of the village are being offered on my behalf,' he said.

Following the service, at which one of the hymns sung was that composed by the Rev. G. D. Melhuish, Rector of Ashwater, 'Ring the bells with gladness,' there was a luncheon, the Rector (the Rev. F. G. Powell) presiding.

The Rev. K. A. Lake, Vicar of Heavitree, a former Rector of Halwill, referred to the fact that it was 22 years ago that day that he first came to the parish. At that time the tower was full of rubbish, of which he had three cartloads removed. They had not, however, then contemplated any enterprise on such a scale as that which had been accomplished.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, president of the Devon Guild of Ringers, said the addition of a sixth bell to the existing peal of five was badly needed. He had seen many five-bell towers converted into six-bell towers during the past few years.

During the afternoon six scores of Grandsire were rung by members of the Devon Guild, and other ringers were present from Okehampton, Black Torrington, Germansweck, North Tamerton, Broadwoodwiger, Hatherleigh, Pyworthy, Thornbury, and Bratton Clovelly.

Prior to a festive evensong, at which the Rev. K. A. Lake officiated, there was a public tea.

Still further funds are needed to complete the restoration of the exterior of the tower.

DEATH OF A GLOUCESTERSHIRE OCTOGENARIAN.

The death of Mr. Mark Owen, of Stonehouse, one of Gloucestershire's oldest campanologists, took place at Sanfield House, Ebbey, the residence of his daughter, on Old Year's night. The deceased was 84 years of age, and was greatly respected by the ringers of a wide district around Stonehouse. He had been associated with Stonehouse for the past 66 years, and until quite recently was able to take his stand in the belfry, although having to walk two miles to do so. During his long life he had rung in many of the county towers, and on his 80th birthday took part in a peal of 5,040 changes of Woodchester.

The writer of these lines, having known the deceased for a great number of years, can pay tribute to his uprightness of character and his love of ringing, as well as his encouragement of young ringers.

The funeral took place at Stonehouse Parish Church on Saturday, January 5th, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Dawson). The deceased's favourite hymn, 'Jesu, Lover of my Soul,' was sung in the church. The interment took place in a grave only a few yards from the tower, the deceased being laid to rest with his wife, who died twenty years ago. Messrs. T. and W. Price, E. T. Freedy and F. Smith, four of his fellow-ringers, acted as bearers, and ringers were present from the following towers: Stonehouse, Painswick, Stroud, Woodchester, Horsley, Minchinhampton, Leonard Stanley and Haresfield. At the graveside, Messrs. T. Wright, W. Rylan, A. Wright and F. Cole rang a touch of 86 Grandsire Triples, this being one change for each year of deceased's life. The 'whole pull and stand' was then rung on the tower bells. With the assistance of another ringer, the five men who rang with deceased in his last 5,040, rang the first 120 changes immediately after the whole pull and stand had been completed. On Sunday the bells were again rung muffled.

DATE TOUCH.

At Mirfield Parish Church, on New Year's Day, a date touch of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,324 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 20 mins.: B. Robinson 1, W. Catton 2, T. Crawshaw 3, A. North 4, J. P. Lapham 5, H. Poppleton 6, F. Hainshaw 7, A. Robinson 8. Arranged and conducted by Albert North.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, January 20th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Fraser 2, W. J. Jeffries 3, E. J. Pannett 4, T. A. Easterby 5, J. Hurrell 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: L. Hoare 1, E. M. Elliott 2, G. Scaman 3, Rev. C. F. Ayerst 4, R. W. R. Picton 5, C. H. Horton 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. E. Oakley 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. C. F. Ayerst, who is leaving Watford for Hull.

RICKMANSWORTH. — For evensong, on Sunday, January 20th, 504 Stedman Triples: J. E. Jones 1, C. Lord 2, F. Protherough 3, G. Foster 4, A. Sheldrick 5, E. Hookham 6, J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor) 7, J. Good 8. Longest touch by a local band.

KIDLINGTON. — For midnight ringing, on Christmas morning, 12—1 a.m., 1,260 Stedman Triples: R. R. Payne 1, F. Webb 2, J. H. R. Freeborn 3, W. F. Judge 4, L. Tuffrey 5, W. Judge 6, J. Judge (first as conductor) 7, C. Bennett 8. All the ringers were born in Kidlington except F. Webb, who has lived over 40 years in the parish.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY. — At St. Nicholas' Church, after morning service, on Sunday, January 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, rung half-muffled in memory of the Rev. Bainbridge Bell and Mr. John Wratten, at one time Vicar and sidesman respectively of the above church, who died during the preceding week: Miss Clara Trapmore 1, W. Massey 2, G. F. Adley 3, F. Hawthorne 4, G. Higgs 5, W. Tilley 6. G. Higgs conducted the first five 120's, and G. Adley the remainder.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Andrew's Church, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: S. Meadows 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, G. Upshall 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Knott 1, S. Meadows 2, G. Upshall 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

BRISTOL.—On Sunday, January 13th, at St. Stephen's Church, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal: Rev. F. L. Edwards (Kington Magna) 1, Mrs. E. J. Wilkins 2, J. B. Tyler (London) 3, A. Walker (Birmingham, conductor) 4, J. Thomas (London) 5, J. S. Goldsmith (Woking) 6, J. Brown 7, W. Thomas 8, J. A. Burford 9, A. Norman (Birmingham) 10.

EBRINGTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 13th, for baptism service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,300 changes), in 47 mins.: — Drinkwater 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, E. Withers 3, L. Hawcutt 4, H. Baker 5, F. Emms 6.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Sunday evening, January 6th, at the Church of St. Margaret, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Burt 1, F. J. Lambert, junr., 2, F. J. Lambert, senr., 3, Reginald E. Lambert 4, Robert T. Lambert (conductor) 5, H. Parkes 6.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT. — On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Double Oxford Minor: A. Livermore 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6. First in the method by 1st and 2nd.—On Tuesday, January 8th, 720 Oxford Bob: C. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, J. Burles 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6. First attempt in the method by 1st and 2nd.—On Tuesday, January 15th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: C. Mitchell 1, F. M. Mitchell 2, H. Argent 3, L. Beckett 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad 6. The ringer of the treble had never previously struck a blow in Treble Bob.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, January 6th, in 49 mins., for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): F. W. Bailey 1, F. Johnson 2, W. H. Lloyd 3, G. West 4, R. Cobbin 5, F. Bradley 6, L. Chadburn 7, E. A. Salter 8, W. C. Hunt (conductor) 9, A. R. Leader 10.

ASSINGTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, January 6th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 and 240 Bob Minor: L. Othington 1, W. Lee 2, C. Smith 3, J. King 4, W. Stiff 5, C. Bower 6, D. Elliott (conductor) 7.—For afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. King 1, A. Saunders 2, F. Clayden 3, T. Read 4, W. Burgess 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—At All Saints' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, January 6th, 540 Stedman Triples: H. Carter 1, A. Pacey 2, A. Roe 3, W. Brewin 4, W. Humberstone 5, G. Deacon (longest length as conductor) 6, J. Carter 7, A. Ward 8.

BATH. — On Sunday, January 6th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Michael, Twerton-on-Avon, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original: A. Hudd 1, G. H. Harding (conductor) 2, Miss N. Williams 3, G. Temple 4, A. Prince 5, H. W. Brown 6, T. F. King 7, P. Young 8.

PULHAM.—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: W. H. Hollier 1, A. Cutmore 2, J. W. Driver 3, F. Norris 4, H. A. Folkard 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. F. Edwards 8. This was the 50th quarter-peal rung for Sunday Service in 1923 by W. H. Hollier, and his 143rd in three years.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Frindsbury, on Saturday, January 26th, and not on January 19th, as arranged. Bells available at 3. Ringers' Association Service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Subscriptions for 1924 can be paid at this meeting.—Fred. M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Earls Barton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.30. Owing to its importance, when report and balance sheet will be presented, and the election of branch officers will take place, it is hoped that as many as possible will attend.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The quarterly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, Jan. 26th. Bells ready 3.30. All ringers welcome.—H. Stansfield, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Elstow on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Evelyn Steel, Hon. Dis. Sec. pro tem.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Leominster on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells (10) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Collins, High Street, 6 p.m. — A. Talbot, Dis. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Castle Cary Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Divine service 4.15 p.m. Tea in North Street Schoolroom 5 p.m. Meeting to follow. —E. Creed, 6, West Park, Castle Cary.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Hull on Saturday, Jan. 26th. The peals at Holy Trinity (10), All Saints' (8) and St. Mary's (6) will be available for ringing throughout the day. Divine service will be held at Holy Trinity Church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. The annual report will be on sale at this meeting, price 1s., and all members are urged to purchase copies. For further details see circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. General Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Watford District. — A meeting will be held at Rickmansworth on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells open at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. Eden, Hon. Sec., 11, Pinner Road, Watford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, Jan. 26th. Bells from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Jarrow on Saturday, January 26th. Meet at Christ Church at 2.30. The bells of Christ Church (8), St. Peter's (6), and the Presbyterian Church, Hebburn (6) will be available. Tea at the Ben Lomond Hotel at 5 o'clock.—Geo. S. Taylor, Sec., 149, St. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Martock on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Eight bells available early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells available 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the two six-bell towers of St. John and St. Peter's Roman Catholic Churches, Lytham, on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Huntingdon on Saturday, January 26th. Bells, St. Mary's, Huntingdon (8), and Godmauchester (8). Service at St. Mary's, 4.15. Tea at Plum's Refreshment Rooms at 5, followed by business meeting.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Hoghton on Saturday, January 26th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Short service at 3, followed by the unveiling of a peal tablet by Canon Elsee. Tea at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. per head. All ringers and friends most cordially invited. Annual reports now ready.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2 p.m. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Address by Archdeacon Conybeare, of Southwell Cathedral. Meeting in the Tower after service. Nominations for district officers to be sent in at once. Unveiling of peal board at St. Peter's at 5.30 by Ald. R. B. Chambers, President Midland Counties Association (recording first peal of London Surprise Major in Nottingham). To be followed by W. D. Croft memorial dinner at Albert Hotel, Derby Road, at 6.45 p.m.—F. Blood, Loc. Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 26th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea in the Parish Room after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, January 22nd. Subscriptions are now due, and can be paid at the meeting or sent to the District Secretary.—W. Latter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Tarring on Saturday, Jan. 26th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

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.

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 Jan. 31st; *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.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, when all ringers will be welcome. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service at 4.30, followed by tea at 5 (1s. 6d. each), to those who notify Mr. F. C. Wilson, 54, Peashill Street, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, not later than Thursday, Jan. 31st.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The first monthly meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The bells at the Parish Church and the peal of 10 at the Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock. The business meeting will be held at the Foundry at 5.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers, and it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapstone Branch.—The first meeting will be held at Islip on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business: Election of branch officers. This being important, it is hoped all members will make an effort to attend.—J. Nickerson, Halford Street, Thrapstone.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at St. Giles' Church, Northampton, on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells ready 2.30. Service and tea after. Those who require tea notify me not later than Wednesday, Jan. 30th.—T. Tebbutt, Branch Secretary, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly advise me by Jan. 30th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Market Lavington on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m.; meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, at Bridgnorth. Bells of St. Leonard's (8), St. Mary's (6) available from 2 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea (6d. each) at Jones' Restaurant 4.45 prompt, followed by business meeting. Will all members make a special effort to attend this meeting?—W. Hayward, Dist. Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth, Salop.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton District.—The annual meeting of this branch will be held at Burton-on-Trent on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells available at St. Paul's, 3 p.m. Meeting 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. Sanders, Local Hon. Secretary, 154, Horninglow Road, Burton-on-Trent.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tyneside District.—A meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, February 2nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Members intending to be present please notify the under-mentioned not later than Thursday, January 31st.—J. E. Gofton, Dist. Sec., 25, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church on Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all who advise me of attending not later than Feb. 6th. The meeting will be held after tea.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MYTHOLMROYD PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.—On February 9th, the bells recently recast and augmented to 8 (tenor 14 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co., will be open to all ringers from 1.30 p.m. All are welcome. Will those requiring tea at a nominal charge notify before Thursday, February 7th?—A. Bottomley, 1, Albert Street, Mytholmroyd.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Horse Hotel. Will members intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 6th?—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service with address by the Vicar (Canon Savill), at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Hall, Lowfield Street. The Vicar is kindly providing tea, for those who send their names to me by Tuesday, February 5th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James' on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (provided by Canon Corfield) at St. Mary's Church Room, and meeting following. Will all those coming to tea let me know by the previous Tuesday? Wilton bells available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. only.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

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 Messrs. W. Bottrill, Essery, F. W. Goodfellow, George, Hawkins, Mance, Matthews, P. W. Norton, Riley, Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, or J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—By kind permission of the Hon. Chaplain, a memorial tablet will be erected in St. Clement Danes for the members who fell in the Great War. Donations, which will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World,' may be sent to the Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

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Canon Coleridge has been elected chairman of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild, in place of the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, who has resigned on account of advancing years.

STOKE POGES.—On Wednesday, January 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, *T. G. Hawkins 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, *E. C. Hartley 4, W. Bateman 5, *W. L. Gutteridge 6. Also 720 Plain Bob Minor: *E. C. Hartley 1, *W. L. Gutteridge 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, A. D. Barker (conductor) 4, *T. G. Hawkins 5, W. Bateman 6. * First 720 in the method and longest length.

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MR. BENJAMIN ANNABLE.*To the Editor.*

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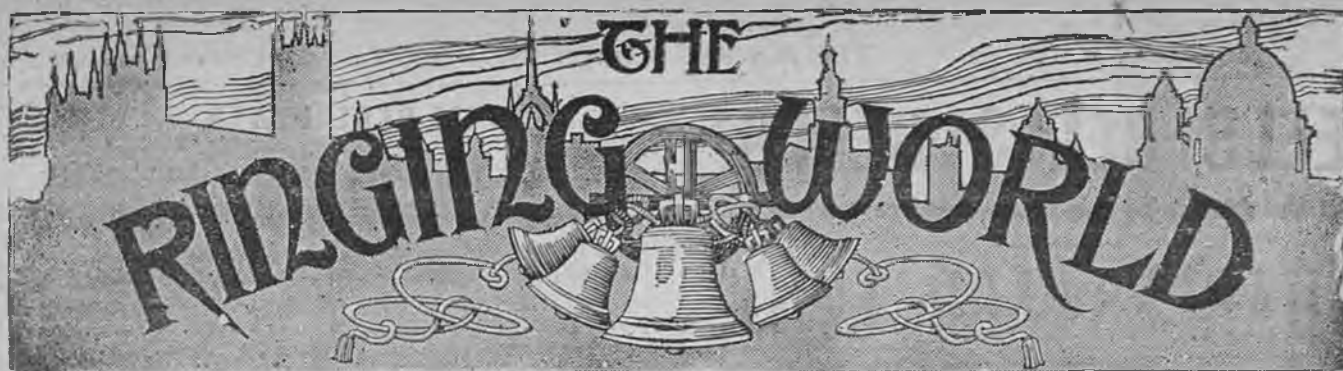
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RINGERS AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL

An announcement in another column reminds members of the Central Council that notice of any motion to be brought before the next Council meeting must be received by the Secretary not later than April 26th. We hope however, that the intimation will not be looked upon by the Exercise as concerning merely the members of the Council. The Council is the representative body of the ringers of this country, and if the fullest use is to be made of it, then the ringers themselves should see that the Council is provided with a business agenda which will not only open up topics of interest to the Exercise, but lead to the improvement and advancement of ringing.

This is a view which we have often urged, but it is really extraordinary how little of the Council's business is initiated through the associations which send representatives to the meetings. Although the majority of ringers agree that the existence of a body like the Central Council is essential to the interests of ringing, they do very little of themselves to help to increase the Council's usefulness. It is true that any decision which the Council may arrive at cannot have legislative effect, and that in that respect its resolutions lack authority, but ringers must from time to time come across little points in the theory or practice of ringing which are of general interest, and which it would be of advantage to ventilate or upon which it is desirable to get uniformity of action.

The Central Council is the body for this purpose, and much fuller use should be made of it than is now the rule. It is true that the machinery which exists for bringing the ordinary ringer into touch with the Council is of a very uncertain kind; indeed the only occasion when the members of some associations are asked to take any interest in the Council is once in three years, when the representatives have to be elected. A tightening up of the links between the ringers and the Council is badly needed, and will have to come before the rank and file of the Exercise can be expected to take much serious interest in the Council's affairs. One step in the right direction has been the action of some associations in making it part of their rules that the Council's decisions shall be accepted as binding. But up to the present only a small minority of the affiliated bodies have gone to this length, which is the very least step that can be taken before the Council can be treated as in a real sense the governing authority on ringing matters. We should much like to see ringers as a whole taking a far deeper and livelier interest in the affairs of the Council, and we think they would begin to do this if the associations, as we have often suggested, would sometimes deal with general ringing topics and pass them on to the Council for discussion, and for action, if necessary.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF St. CLEMENT DANES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6019 CHANGES;

GEORGE R. FARDON ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	WILSON RUSHTON 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. R. FARDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 22, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF St. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6024 CHANGES;

JOHN E. BIBBY ... Treble	SAM JONES, JUN. 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	EDWARD JENKINS 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF St. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
JOHN BURLS 2	CLR.-SGT. BENNETT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
CHARLES WINNER 4	FRANK BELSEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the CHURCH OF St. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JACK JUDGE ... Treble	JACK HONEY 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	WILLIAM JUDGE 6
MAURICE SMITH 3	GORDON CAUDWELL 7
LEONARD TUFFREY 4	† WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt.

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BRIDGEND, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HOPKIN JENKINS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
ALLEN C. JONES 2	ERNEST STITCH 6
RICHARD EVANS 3	DAVID R. JAMES 7
JOHN W. JONES 4	ALFRED W. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. H. PERRY

This peal was specially rung as a compliment to Richard Evans on his 60th birthday. He has been a faithful ringer at the above church for over 38 years. John W. Jones hails from Newport, and Ernest Stitch from Aberavon, the rest are local.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE NORTH MYMMS SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, January 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE SPENCER, JUN. ... 5
JOHN DAY 2	FREDRICK NASH 6
CHARLES COLLINS 3	WILLIAM NASH 7
CHARLES NASH 4	WILLIAM TYLER Tenor

Composed by W. SOYANSTALL. Conducted by WILLIAM NASH.

First peal by all except the conductor. First peal as conductor. This is also the first peal rung by an entirely local band at this church.

GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER HUGHES Treble	THOMAS ROGERS 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	THOMAS GILMOOR 6
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 3	JAMES R. GRIFFIN 7
JOHN COOKE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 207). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition contains the extent of the 5th and 6th each way in 5-6, and only one course without either the 5th or the 6th one way in 5-6. Mr. Hughes, the genial Ringing Master of Garston tower, has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, January 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM T. TOCKER 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	OWEN H. GILES Tenor

Composed by H. V. DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the conductor's first peal. Also the 40th anniversary of the Guild's first peal in Hampshire.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE DURLING Treble	FREDERICK TERRY 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	ROBERT BREIT-SMITH ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
EDMUND MOONTER 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

This peal was rung with clappers half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Dr. Wace, Dean of Canterbury, and a Vice-President of the Association.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*MISS FLORENCE A. DAVEY Treble	MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	THOMAS F. KING 6
THEODORE GRANT 3	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
CHARLES W. BELL 4	*DUNCAN MATBEWS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal, and members of the Corston band. Great praise must be accorded Miss Florence A. Davey for the excellent way she rang throughout the peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... Treble	HERBERT F. AUDSLEY ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
RICHARD F. DEAL 4	HENRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*HENRY CHANCE Treble	†WILLIAM RANFORD 5
*WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	*SIDNEY T. HOLT 6
*JOHN J. JEFFERIES 3	ERNEST GIBBS 7
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4	*CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by C. CAMM.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell, and also the first peal in the method on the bells.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL Treble	CHARLES CREASEY 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
TRAYTON BOOTH 3	WILLIAM H. HOAD 7
HARRY BAKER 4	*GEORGE KING Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt. Also the first occasion on which a lady has rung in a peal at Salehurst. Mr. and Mrs. Baker were elected non-resident life members of the association. The composition is No. 11 in the C.C. Collection, and contains 250 calls.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Treble	CHARLES CHILDS 5
MAURICE SMITHER 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
CHARLES BISH 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
JOHN P. PELLOE 4	THOMAS ATTWELL Tenor

Conducted by A. J. BARTLETT.

The ringer of the 4th is a son of the Rector, and was elected a member before starting. It was his first peal and first attempt.

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

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*PERCY JERVIS Treble	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JOHN HOLMAN 6
†EDWARD ROBBINS 3	†JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
†BERNARD DITCHER 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal in the method. First peal of Old Cambridge on the bells.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE F. GARRISON Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	CHARLES WEBB 6
THOMAS RUSSAM 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
ALBERT WALKER 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

100th peal as conductor.

ORMESBY.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK COOK Treble	*ROBERT LAUGHTON 5
*CYRIL JOHN POLLARD 2	REV. A. SIMPSON 6
*FREDERICK WILLIAM COOK ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
HENRY TAYLOR 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

HERBERT LANGDON Treble	JOHN H. B. HESSE 5
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
REV. CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
ERNEST WEATHERBY 4	RICHARD HAYES Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal in the method on the bells since they were recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

SYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEORGE WALKER Treble	*ARTHUR H. MANSFIELD ... 5
WILLIAM MOORE 2	*HERBERT HUMPHREYS ... 6
*THOMAS H. PAYNE 3	ERNEST F. PAYNE 7
*FRANK W. PAYNE 4	*WALTER WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MOORE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on eight bells to be rung by a Goscote Deanery band, and also the first by an entirely local band at Syston. All are regular Sunday Service ringers.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on New Year's Eve, December 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. W. 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, A. E. Garbett.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*FRANK CAVILL Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 5
SYDNEY WYATT 2	FRANK MILLARD 6
ALFRED WYATT 3	PERCY MERSON 7
*WILLIAM H. TARR 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal of Major.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 5
JAMES G. RUMSEY 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	*FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
*ALFRED G. HILL 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Major.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

C. STYLES Treble	S. MADDISON 5
J. T. BROWN 2	R. SMITH 6
*S. ANDREW 3	J. G. AMES 7
†G. SIMPSON 4	A. J. FARR Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by A. J. FARR.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lb.

*VICTOR E. KERRIDGE Treble	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT 7
†HARRY HALL 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY

* First peal of Double Norwich. † First peal of Double Norwich 'inside.' Arranged for CLR.-Sergt. J. Bennett, R.M., home on leave. The thanks of the band are due to Messrs. Kerridge and H. Hall for kindly standing in at the last moment.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN'S 100 PEALS.

Minor in 7 methods, 4; Grandsire Triples, 5; St. Clement's Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 6; Erin Triples, 1; Bob Major, 5; Little Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 33; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 16; Kent Treble Bob Major (including 7,104), 10; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Superlative Surprise Major, 9; Cambridge Surprise Major, 7; total, 100. Rung in 18 towers.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... Treble	LAWRENCE CHADBURN ... 5
* WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 2	FREDERICK S. PRICE ... 6
GEORGE WEST ... 3	WALTER C. HUNT ... 7
* FRANK BRADLEY ... 4	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Rung after meeting short for Caters. * First peal in the method.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

ELMORE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's, each called differently.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

ALFRED EDWIN ELLIS ... Treble	THOMAS LEACH ... 4
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 2	EDWIN SIMS ... 5
PHILIP J. POCKETT ... 3	* CECIL RAYMOND HEWER ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung. The ringers of the treble and tenor were proposed members of the above association previous to starting.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, January 6, 1924, 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, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY CHANCE ... Treble	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 4
WILLIAM NISLEY ... 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 11, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROWLAND LEWIS ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 4
CHARLES LAYTON ... 2	DAVID HORNE ... 5
GEOFFREY LEWIS ... 3	GEORGE JORDAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEOFFREY LEWIS.

This is the first peal on these bells for a number of years, owing to the war and the dilapidation of the tower.

COBHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 10 different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE F. ADLEY ... Treble	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE ... 4
† WILKINS MASLEY ... 2	* ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 5
GEORGE HIGGS ... 3	WILLIAM A. TILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. F. ADLEY.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First peal as conductor. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

A number of peal reports are unavoidably held over.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN LUNN ... Treble	JOSEPH LANDON ... 4
WILLIAM TILLEY ... 2	* JOHN H. RODEN ... 5
* WILLIAM NEAL ... 3	HORACE M. DAY ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 7 methods. Rung for the golden wedding of the parents of the treble ringer.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(SOUTHWOLD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Double Oxford.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN LARTER ... Treble	FREDERICK WADE ... 4
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 2	GEORGE LEE ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged as a centenary peal for the 7,080 of Doubles rung in this tower on January 3rd, 1824.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 14, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Luke.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* ALEC MUNDAY ... Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4
GERALD F. GRIFFIN ... 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... 5
RONALD BECK ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by GERALD F. GRIFFIN.

* First peal of Minor.

KILNDOWN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

* JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 4
GEORGE WAGHORN ... 2	JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... 5
FREDERICK FOREMAN ... 3	FRANK PATTENDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. E. Boorman to Miss N. Wickham. * First peal.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

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.

WALTER F. SERMONS ... Treble	* ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4
ERNEST G. HIBBENS ... 2	ROBERT G. KING ... 5
WILLIAM A. TACK ... 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

* First peal in seven methods, and elected a life member of the association at the time of the peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 5th hail from Cambridge, Shelford and Royston, respectively. The rest belong to the local band.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 14 six-score each of Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

SPR. R. E. F. HAMMOND, R.E. Treble	MISS HILDA F. MILLS ... 3
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS ... 2	*ERNEST V. BEAGLEY ... 4
C.-Q.-M.-S. GEO. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

First peal of Doubles by all. * First peal with a bob bell. Rung after meeting one short for Minor, the treble being left out.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,†

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES STREET ... Treble	*HENRY LUTHER... ... 4
GEORGE BRADIN ... 2	CHARLES GOLDRING... ... 5
*WILLIAM LANGRISH... ... 3	*ARTHUR SEARLE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GOLDRING.

* First peal.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALEC MUNDAY ... Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL ... 4
GERALD GRIFFIN... ... 2	THOMAS GRIFFIN... ... 5
RONALD BECK ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by GERALD GRIFFIN.

The ringers wish to put on record their appreciation of the kindness and hospitality of Mr. W. F. Webb, of Ubley.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

Tenor 10 cwt.

J. NESBITT ... Treble	E. GOULDSTONE ... 4
T. WYATT ... 2	*MRS. H. KNIGHT ... 5
L. MOOR ... 3	H. KNIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6120 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 W. AYRE.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

In Trinity College,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHVY (Trin.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (Queen's) 5-6
REV. E. B. JAMES (Caius) 3-4	E. G. BENSON (St. Cath.) 7-8

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At 65, Old Town, Clapham, S.W.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5026 CHANGES;

MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 1-2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 7-8
WILLIAM PYE ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS... ... 9-10
JOHN THOMAS ... 5-6	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 11-12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires: A. W. Coles and C. W. R. Grimwood.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 15, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAMES M. BAILEY ... 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3-4	CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7-8
EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 9-10	

Composed by EDWARD FRANCIS. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. S. Bailey. Witness: George Wilson.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 17, 1924, in Two Hours,

At the Vicarage,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 in C.

REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 1-2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 3-4
C. W. WOOLLEY... ... 5-6	

Conducted by C. W. WOOLLEY.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, December 19, 1923, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Nicholas Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 1-2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE 3-4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by R. BRETT-SMITH.

Umpire: James Ford. First 'in hand' as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY).

On Monday, January 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 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 ALFRED H. PULLING. Umpire: JOHN FOSTER.

* First peal of Stedman on handbells. † First peal in the method 'in hand' away from the 'tenors.'

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At 68, White Horse Hill,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor size 21 in E flat.

FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE... 1-2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5-6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3-4	CYRIL BRETT-SMITH ... 7-8

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9-10

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire: James Ford. Witness: Percy Brett Smith.

This peal has 7-8 in the titum position for 16 courses and at home for 11 courses. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Brett-Smith and Mr. W. Culley.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. WESTERN DIVISION.

A successful meeting of the Western Division was held at Tarring on Saturday last. Despite the rail strike, which no doubt kept some members away, the following towers were represented: Angmering, Hove, Brighton, Shoreham, Heene, Shipley, West Grinstead, and the local band. During the afternoon the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge, Carlisle and London Surprise Minor.

About 30 sat down to a substantial tea, provided by the Rector (the Rev. Charles Lee) in the Schoolroom. Afterwards the Rector, who presided, gave some interesting facts about the church and the bell foundry which existed in West Tarring some 300 years ago.

It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Horsham in March, if convenient.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for granting the use of the bells, and for providing the excellent tea; also to the ladies who had helped.

A short service was held in the church, and an address was given by the Rector, Major Hughes D'Aeth being at the organ.

The members then proceeded once more to the belfry.

Owing to the railway difficulties the meeting broke up earlier than usual, the members proceeding on their homeward journey at 7.30.

West Tarring, where the meeting was held, has a most interesting history. Thomas-a-Becket's palace is in the vicinity of the church, and there are some ancient fig gardens, some of the trees in which, are said to have been planted by the martyred Bishop. The church itself contains some remarkable mosaic work and other objects of interest.

DEATH OF MRS. GEORGE BOLLAND.

Our many readers who are personally acquainted with Mr. George Bolland, of Tong (Yorks), will hear with regret of the death of his wife on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Bolland was the daughter of Mr. Edwd. Webster (a former ringer at Tong for 48 years), and was married to Mr. Bolland in 1875. After an active and strenuous career as a farmer's wife, Mrs. Bolland, with her husband, had retired to enjoy the eventide in more leisurely pursuits.

The funeral at Tong on December 29th was attended by many of Mr. Bolland's ringing friends, the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Seymour, M.A.), and the Rev. C. C. Marshall, President of the Yorks Association, officiating.

A short touch upon the handbells at the graveside was rung by Messrs. Cotterell, Jos. Thackray, P. J. Johnson and W. Barton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire Districts Association was held at Smethwick Old Church, on Saturday, January 19th. The proceedings opened with a service in church, at which there was a good attendance, and a splendid address was given by the Rev. F. J. Boston. Tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon G. Astbury), was served in the Parish Room.

The business meeting followed, at which the Rev. F. J. Boston (curate) presided, supported by Messrs. A. E. Parsons, W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master), G. N. Cockin, T. J. Salter and A. J. Skelding (branch secretary). Representatives were present from Kidderminster, Selly Oak, King's Norton, Northfield, Stourbridge, Old Hill, Rowley Regis, Wollaston, Wordsley, Oldswinford and Smethwick.

The Chairman welcomed the association, on behalf of Canon Astbury, who was too ill to be present.

The Rowley Regis ringers gave the association a cordial invitation to hold their next meeting at Rowley Regis.

Mr. T. J. Salter proposed that the next meeting be held at Upper Arley, and the Rowley Regis ringers were asked if their kind invitation would stand for the September meeting. To this they agreed, and the best thanks of the meeting were given to them.

Several new members were elected, including the chairman as an honorary member.—Mr. A. E. Parsons proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Astbury for providing the tea and for the use of the bells; to the chairman for his splendid address and for presiding at the meeting; to the organist and to the ladies who had waited upon the party.—Mr. Cartwright seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and the Rev. F. J. Boston briefly replied.

Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung before the service, and after the meeting, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were rung.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS OF CHANGE RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Can you, or any of your readers, inform me if it is possible to obtain any good gramophone records of change ringing on tower bells? As a resident abroad, thousands of miles from the welcome sound of peal ringing, I should much like to possess such records, and shall, therefore, be very grateful for any information which will assist me towards doing so.—Yours, etc.,

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last farewell to an old comrade and friend, George Cleal, gentleman,' runs the footnote to a peal at St. Martin's, Leicester. Nothing more eloquently expressive has ever been added to a peal report.

Those who like fresh Severn salmon and green peas are requested to keep July 28th open, as on this evening the usual 'salmon and green pea' supper will take place at Lydney, with a charabanc drive through the Forest of Dean and a visit to several churches with rings of bells, on the day following. Those wishing to be present should advise Mr. J. W. Davies, 5, Railway Terrace, Lydney, or Mr. J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., at an early date.

Mr. Theodore E. Slater, who has an interesting collection of ringing matters, sends us the following extract of what he believes to be the first record of Double Norwich Major rung 'double-handed' on handbells: 'Yarmouth.—On Tuesday, Feb. 1st, 1848, a true and complete touch containing 1,680 changes of Double Norwich Court was rung upon handbells by the under-mentioned persons: Thomas Fox 1—2, Frederick Watering 3—4, James Brennan 5—6, Charles Payne 7—8. Conducted by Charles Payne.'

Mr. Slater adds that the next account that he has of the method being rung double-handed is on February 7th, 1885, when 336 of the method was rung by Zachariah Slater 1—2, Fred Paul Adams 3—4, Fredk. Pitstow (Saffron Walden) 5—6, Samuel Slater 7—8 and conductor, at John Slater's house, Glemsford. Mr. Slater believes the Cambridge University Guild were the next to ring the method double-handed. In 1879, with the help of the late Mr. Nathan Pitstow and Mr. Fred Pitstow, a 1,008 was rung at Glemsford, but six men took part in it.

On February 2nd, 1891, Harrison's 10,176 Kent Treble Bob was rung at Warnham, Sussex, in 5 hours 53 mins.

A peal of 10,032 Grandsire Major was rung at Walsall on Feb. 4th, 1861, in 6 hrs. 18 mins.

February 5th is the anniversary of two peals of over twelve thousand in length. In 1783, 12,672 Bob Major was rung at Bromley in 7 hrs. 48 mins. In 1888, 12,401 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 7 hrs. 26 mins.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on February 6th, 1835, and Feb. 6th is also the anniversary of the first peal of London Surprise on handbells, which was rung at Romford in 1904—just twenty years ago.

Cambridge University Guild was founded forty-five years ago next Monday.

We have 'Princess Mary' Surprise Royal, and now we learn from the report of a date touch rung at Calverley on Sunday that there is a 'Prince Albert' Major!

Congratulations and good wishes will go out to the veteran London ringer, Mr. Joseph Waghorn, senr., who celebrated his 81st birthday on Saturday by taking part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Barking.

It should have been stated, in connection with the report of the Bristol United Guilds' dinner, that Mr. Charles Reed, I.S.M., and Mrs. William Sowden kindly gave their services as accompanists. The Guild was fortunate in having the assistance of these two accomplished musicians. Mr. Reed is conductor of the Cecilian Choral Society, while Mrs. Sowden has been a consistently kind friend to the Guild at their socials and dinners.

The cause of the postponement of the meeting of the Ilchester Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association was a sudden and distressing case of illness close to the church. The meeting is further postponed to February 23rd.

Reports of the successful Devon Guild meeting at Chudleigh and the Middlesex Association meeting at Southgate are unavoidably held over until next week.

NEW PEAL AT TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE. DEDICATION OF RING OF EIGHT.

On Sunday morning, January 13th, the new peal of bells at Tettenhall, Staffs. were dedicated by the Bishop of Lichfield. The bells have been recast, the tenor being 14½ cwt., and the whole peal of eight weighing 57 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb. They have been hung in a new steel frame with the latest type of fittings by Messrs. Gillott and Johnston, of Croydon. They were rung at the dedication, and after the morning service by the local band, and visiting ringers from Wolverhampton, Birmingham, West Bromwich, Bradley, Coventry, etc., rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Major, etc. The 'go' and tone of the bells gave all the ringers the greatest satisfaction.

Tettenhall Church has now one of the nicest rings of eight, and the local ringers are to be congratulated on having such an octave, and should soon be ringing peals on them.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**A BRIDGE BETWEEN RINGERS AND BISHOP.**

A meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 19th. The towers represented were: Bootle, Walton, Grasseendale, Carston, Halewood, Farnworth, Woolton, Rainhill, Wigan, Halsall, Tuebrook and Liverpool, and visitors were present from Preston and Birkenhead. A short service was held, at which Canon Elsee and Archdeacon Howson read the lessons, and the Bishop gave a short address, on the subject of 'team work' among the members. The Bishop said he believed bells were first used not to call people to worship, but to frighten devils away. If that were true, it afforded an interesting and significant example of the way in which God would take something that man had provided from an unworthy or foolish motive, purify it of its superstition and fear, and hand it back to man to carry it on for worthier ends and in a nobler spirit. Bell ringing was, perhaps, the most perfect example of team work. Each ringer was required to sink himself into the corporate unity of the fellowship of which he formed a part, and to exercise humility and discipline as well as skill.

'I do not suppose,' continued Dr. David, 'there is anything we want more in the world to-day than good team work. All our troubles are due in the long run to some failure of men to work together. Somewhere in the chain is someone who asserts himself, who holds out for some treatment which he thinks he ought to get, and if he does not get it he does not care what happens to the work. That is the cause of our failure in industry and politics and in many other secular occupations. It is one of the hopes of the new age—a hope which is not yet extinguished—that little by little men will feel the folly of this failure. After all, success in this matter is in our power. We can steadily set our faces towards co-operation as the great method of public and social life, instead of competition.'

Fellowship, he added, was needed also in the Church. He had a great hope that slowly they might be working their way towards a state of things in which each group that went to make up the variety of the Church—using the word in its widest sense—would think not merely of its own rights and privileges, but of the piece of work it was given to do in the great work which God shared among all groups and individuals within His Church. He believed that, with the exception of some parts of America, it was in England alone that bells were rung round in full swing and regular changes. Was it too fanciful to hope from that that one of the things which England would teach the world was the great duty of team work, of labour in fellowship, and of co-operation instead of self-assertive competition?

At the business meeting, held in the Institute, Canon Elsee presided, supported by the Bishop and Archdeacon Howson. The chairman explained the chief business of the meeting was to appoint someone in church work to be a bridge between the ringers and Bishop. After some discussion, it was resolved that Archdeacon Howson be elected deacon.

It was also decided that the Bishop's attention be drawn to the fact that the bells of St. Peter's Church were now lying in the porch of St. Michael's, and asking his lordship to endeavour to induce the authorities to get them put in the tower for ringing.

The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Twelve, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Major.

RADCLIFFE'S RECAST BELLS.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at Radcliffe on Saturday, January 19th, at the invitation of the local company. Visitors were present from Hyde, Glossop, and the other neighbouring branches. The bells, recast by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are fitted with ball bearings, and are hung in a massive iron frame. The tone of them is everything that could be desired, and the smoothness of running reflects great credit on the founders, everyone being highly pleased with them. Touches were rung in various methods till five o'clock, when ringers and friends, to the number of seventy-four, partook of tea, kindly provided by the local ringers, and served up in capital style by their wives and friends.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. H. Makin (churchwarden), and supported by Mr. J. Anderton (churchwarden).—The Chairman, in a witty speech, gave a hearty welcome to the visitors. Having heard numerous opinions about the bells, he had no hesitation in saying that for their weight (tenor 15 cwt. in T) Radcliffe had one of the finest peals in the county, and he congratulated Mr. Pryce Taylor, who was present, on the manner in which their firm had carried out the contract.

A vote of sympathy with the widow and family of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook was passed, by the members standing in silence.

Pendlebury was selected for the next place of meeting on Saturday, Feb. 16th.—Mr. J. Howarth, of Worsley; Mr. Pryce Taylor, Mr. H. Makin and Mr. J. Anderton were elected to the association.

Votes of thanks to the church officials, to the local band for providing the tea, and to the ladies for waiting on the tables, were carried unanimously, and the tower was again visited.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.**SUCCESSFUL QUARTERLY MEETING AT CHILVERS COTON.**

After a lapse of nearly eight years, a quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Chilvers Coton on Saturday, Jan. 19th, and proved eminently successful. Nearly 40 members were present from Allesley, Bulkington, Coventry, Exhall, Higham, Nuncaton, Rugby, Stoke, together with the local band, who are now making rapid strides, especially the Vicar's daughter (Miss Gladys Dodds), to whom nothing came amiss, whether it was Grandsire Triples or London Surprise Major. This young lady has made wonderful progress during the past few months. Ringing started shortly after 3 p.m. on these splendid bells, which were kept going at intervals until 4.30 p.m., when the Guild's special service was held, the Vicar (Canon M. A. Dodds) officiating, and also giving an interesting and inspiring address. A very pleasing feature of the service, and one not always met with on these occasions, was that the Vicar's son, Mr. Norman Dodds, presided at the organ and efficiently accompanied the hymns and the chant to the special psalm, the Vicar being in the unique position of having a son that can play the organ and a daughter who can ring the bells.

After the service, the company adjourned to the Schoolroom, where they were entertained to tea by the Coton friends, the arrangements being in the capable hands of Mrs. E. Moreton, with the assistance of several ladies, including Mrs. F. Ashmore, Mrs. J. Morton and Miss Hill.

The business meeting followed, and in the unavoidable absence of the president, Canon Dodds occupied the chair, supported by the Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts).—Mr. F. E. Pervin moved: 'That in view of the financial year ending on December 31st instead of June 30th, as previously, it is desirable to alter the date of the annual meeting from July to April.'—Mr. F. Perrons seconded, and after some discussion, the motion was declared carried unanimously.

Southam was proposed for the next quarterly meeting, in April, and there being no other nomination, Southam was selected.

It was pointed out that the usual date would fall on the Saturday before Easter: it was, therefore, decided to hold the meeting on the following Saturday, viz., April 26th.

Two new non-resident and five ordinary ringing members were duly elected.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for officiating at the service and giving the address, was moved by Mr. H. Argyle, senr., in an interesting speech, and the motion was also extended to include the organist. The vote, which was seconded by Mr. H. O. White, was carried with acclamation.

The Ringing Master moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Coton friends for their generosity in providing tea, especially to Mrs. E. Moreton and the ladies who had given their assistance at the tables.—Canon Dodds seconded, and needless to say, this was also carried unanimously.

Before closing the meeting, Mr. E. Stone mentioned that the Bulkington bells were now undergoing restoration, and he was pleased to hear that an effort was being made to complete the octave. He thought the members present might like to contribute something towards that object.—The hon. secretary and Mr. F. J. Hinde, a Bulkington ringer, having spoken, it was suggested a collection be taken in the room, and this resulted in the sum of £2 being contributed.

After some admirable handbell ringing, the historic old tower, mentioned in some of George Eliot's works, was again visited, and ringing continued until 8 p.m., during which time the methods successfully brought round included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Duffield, London, Bristol, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

DEATH OF A STOKE-ON-TRENT RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Wm. Grice, which occurred suddenly, from heart disease, on Wednesday, January 16th, at his home, Garner Street, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent. The deceased, who was 69 years of age, had resided in the Potteries for many years, and had been one of the Stoke Parish Church ringers for about 10 years, having previously been a ringer at Long Eaton (Derbyshire). The Rector of Stoke conducted the funeral at Harts Hill Cemetery, on Monday, January 21st. There were a number of ringers present, and the following rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave: E. Landon (Stoke) 1—2, S. Churton (Stoke) 3—4, C. Morley (Newcastle-under-Lyme) 5—6, C. H. Page (Stoke) 7—8. Later the bells at Stoke Parish Church were rung half-muffled.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Bedford District was held at Elstow on Saturday last, when members were present from Bedford, Kempston, Biddenham, Clapham, Thurlough, Roxton, Sandy, Turvey, and the local company. Tea was served at the Red Lion Inn, after which the business meeting was held. Mr. W. Stapleton being in the chair.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Milton Ernest was chosen for the next meeting.—The arrangements were successfully carried out by Miss E. Steel.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**BELL RESTORATION FUND GRANTS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Midland Counties Association took place on Saturday, January 12th, at Ilkeston, when quite a large number of ringers gathered together from both sides of the Trent. Derby, Notts, Darley, Mansfield, Burton, Loughborough, and Leicester were all represented, as were many districts in the surrounding neighbourhood. The bells of the Parish Church, a merry ring of eight, with a tenor of 18 cwt., were kept going to most of the principal methods from Grandsire to London, and many learners had their opportunity for a fresh experience. Tea was provided in the Parish Room, when 50 showed their appreciation of the good things provided.

Previously to this, the committee had sat and transacted their business, chief of which was a grant to the bell restoration fund of Thurlaston, and a decision to substitute a dinner for a tea at the annual meeting, the details to be left to the Nottingham branch of the Association.

In the matter of future grants to bell funds, it was arranged that applications should be referred to the local branch concerned for their opinions thereon before the general committee make their decision.

The general meeting followed the tea, which was attended by the Rev. P. A. Sharpe (curate) and the churchwardens (Messrs. Cox and Simpson). In the absence of the President (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.), the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Mansfield, who is a ringing member, was voted to the chair.—The election of new members showed an addition of 28, viz., 4 honorary, 2 life, and 22 ringing members.

Messrs. W. Wallace and C. Draper were unanimously elected auditors for the accounts, which, the hon. treasurer hinted, were again in a flourishing condition.

A vote of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local society for their catering was carried with acclamation, and replied to by the Rev. P. A. Sharpe, who eulogised the association as a splendid piece of church work. This view was endorsed by the churchwardens, who said that they were pleased to be present at such a gathering.—On the vote of thanks being passed to the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, the Chairman expressed the wish of all present that the president would soon recover from his indisposition and be back among them again in his accustomed place.

The bells of the tower were again called into requisition after the meeting, and it was agreed that the Ilkeston meeting was an unqualified success, and that thanks were due to Messrs. Gobeys and company for the fact.

The annual meeting will take place at Nottingham on Easter Monday.

W. W.

LEICESTER DISTRICT MEETING.

The Leicester district of the Midland Counties Association held their annual meeting on Saturday, January 19th, at St. Saviour's Church, and good use was made of the bells during the afternoon. At the business meeting, Mr. J. Harris was elected to the chair.—The Chairman briefly outlined the career of the late vice-president, Mr. G. Cleal, and the meeting stood in silence as a last token of respect.—Two members were re-elected, and the general officers were nominated for re-election: Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P., president; Mr. W. Willson, hon. treasurer; Mr. A. C. Wright, hon. secretary.

Mr. J. A. Harris was elected local vice-president.—Mr. H. E. Norman said that owing to private business ties he would prefer not to stand for re-election. Mr. R. F. Elkington, George Street, Anstey, was, therefore, elected local hon. secretary.—Mr. J. E. Clarke and Mr. W. H. Clarke were elected on the local committee.

Mr. W. H. Clarke proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Norman for his services during the four years he had acted as hon. secretary, and this was carried.

A resolution was passed, suggesting that the dates of general meetings be fixed at the annual meeting at Easter, to enable local committees to fix their quarterly meetings previous to those dates, so that any local business could be more quickly dealt with by the general committee.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, and mine host for the use of the clubroom, concluded the business.

The 170 years' old cup handbells were then brought into use, and during the evening W. P. Whitehead ('Titch,' of Holt's Original fame), tapped a course of Major.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June 10th (Whit Tuesday) next, at Westminster. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 26th.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, together with the names and addresses of representatives, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**CATHEDRAL BELLS RINGING AGAIN.**

The annual meeting of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Chester Cathedral on Saturday, January 19th. The members attended evensong in the Cathedral, and then made their way to the recently restored refectory for tea, where they were met by the Lord Bishop (who presided over the tea-table), the Dean, and the Precentor. After an excellent repast had been partaken of, his lordship said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild members to the ancient Cathedral, and wished them every success in their excellent work as church officers. It afforded him much pleasure to hear the Cathedral bells rung again as they were intended to be rung (loud applause).

The business meeting was held in the parlour, when the chair was taken by the Very Rev. F. S. M. Bennett (Dean of Chester and chairman of the branch), supported by Mr. H. A. Heywood.

The arrangement of meetings for this year was announced, and a lengthy discussion on finance took place.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Cathedral authorities for their very kind and hospitable reception.

The eight bells (tenor 33 cwt.) were rung before service, and again in the evening, some fifty ringers being present. The occasion was somewhat unique, as, until a few weeks ago, this deep-toned ring have not been 'pealed' for some four years, owing to a large crack having appeared in one of the tower buttresses. However, this has now been repaired, and the bells will in future be rung as heretofore.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Frampton on Saturday, January 19th, and was well attended, considering the unfavourable condition of the weather earlier in the day. Ringers were present from Benington, Boston, Butterwick, Freiston, Kirton, Stickney, Wrangle, and the local tower of Frampton. Visitors were present from Spalding, Surfleet, and Pinchbeck, in the Elloe Deaneries Branch. A short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. McClelland), was held. At the conclusion of the service, a peal board was unveiled and dedicated by the Vicar. Tea was partaken of at the Church House, to which about 30 sat down.

The business meeting followed, the President (the Rev. J. R. Trotter) occupying the chair.—The president (the Rev. J. R. Trotter), vice-presidents, and the hon. secretary and treasurer (Mr. J. Phillips) were all unanimously re-elected. To the list of vice-presidents was added the name of the Rector of Stickney.

Stickney was unanimously selected as the place for the Spring meeting, which it was decided to hold in May owing to Easter falling late this year, and in order not to be too near the annual meeting of the Guild at Lincoln on Lincoln Fair Saturday.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for conducting the service and for the use of the bells concluded the business.

The tower was again visited, and various five and six-bell methods were rung.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DISTRICT OFFICERS.**

The annual meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association was held at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, on Saturday, Mr. H. Mance (the Master) presiding. The balance sheet was passed, and Mr. H. Mance was unanimously re-elected Master of the district for the ensuing year.—It was regretted that Mr. F. W. Goodfellow was desirous of relinquishing his position as honorary secretary. He was, however, asked to reconsider his resignation, but as he could not see his way to alter his decision, there was no alternative but to elect a successor.—Mr. Essery proposed Mr. Mitchell for the vacant position, which was seconded by Mr. W. Taffender, and carried.—Messrs. Wood and Essery were again re-elected honorary treasurer and steward respectively. — The usual hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring officers, who had carried out their duties so effectively during the past year, and this vote of appreciation was duly acknowledged by those concerned.

The members also desire to tender their most sincere and grateful thanks to the clergy for their assistance in placing the tower and meeting-room at their disposal.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

A quarterly meeting was held at Wood Green on Saturday week, when upwards of 40 members and friends attended. The bells were set going at 3 o'clock, and during the afternoon and evening touches in the standard methods were successfully rung. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. A. Stokes), who also gave a helpful address. A good tea was provided in the Institute by members of the local band and their wives.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for his address, and the use of the bells, etc., and to the ladies who helped at the tables.—The Vicar suitably responded.

Handbells were brought into use, when several courses of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles were brought round.

The next meeting is provisionally arranged to take place at Tipton on May 3rd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual general meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild was held at Wokingham on Saturday, January 12th. Proceedings commenced with a service in All Saints' Church, with a sermon by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Guild. There was a large attendance at the church. The Rector (the Rev. B. Long) officiated, and Mr. R. Benning was at the organ.

The service concluded, a move was made to the Church House for tea. The hall was well filled, and the arrangements were most capably managed by Mrs. F. Pigott, Mrs. Chapman, Miss Swainson, Mrs. Long, and a large number of lady helpers. Supt. Goddard, Mr. J. C. Hammond, and the Rev. B. M. Niblett assisted at the tables. The clergy present were the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild), the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (chairman, Sonning branch), Canon G. E. Coleridge (Rural Dean), Canon R. P. Newhouse, the Rev. P. H. Ditchfield, the Rev. B. Long, the Rev. B. M. Niblett; also there were present Mr. R. T. Hibbert (Guild sec.), Mr. F. Dentry (hon. secretary and treasurer, Sonning Deanery branch), and some 80 or 90 members of the Guild from all parts of the Deanery.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis in the chair.

The Rural Dean paid a graceful tribute of thanks to Mrs. Pigott and the ladies who had so kindly and efficiently undertaken the tea and the waiting at the tables. On his call, three hearty cheers were given to the ladies, Mrs. Pigott briefly responding.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. F. Dentry) presented the balance sheet. He said £15 ls. 4d. was the balance in hand, some £2 more than that of last year.—The balance sheet was adopted, with expressions of satisfaction.

The Hon. Secretary, before presenting his report, said he had received letters of apology for absence from the Rev. J. C. F. Wimberley (Hurst), the Rev. J. A. Anderson (Arborfield); also a very nice letter from their late and respected hon. secretary, the Rev. E. E. Broome, who wished to be kindly remembered to all (applause).—Mr. Dentry, on behalf of the Sonning Branch, heartily welcomed the new Guild treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright), present that night for the first time (applause).

The Guild all knew of his valuable work, and he was one of their trustees, and he thanked the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, their late Guild treasurer, who now found it advisable to retire after so many years, first as Guild secretary, then as Guild treasurer, knowing that his counsel and experience would be still at their service (applause).

The secretary's report related that good work had been done in the towers. If they kept the members interested, the peal list would grow bigger. Membership in 1923 stood at 173, a decrease of nine on the previous year; hon. members stood at about the same, and they welcomed the Rev. A. G. Parham (Easthampstead) as a new hon. member. The late Mr. W. Howard Palmer's decease removed a liberal subscriber to their funds. Ringing members showed a larger decrease than did the hon. members. But one peal appeared to have been rung during the year—at St. Paul's, Wokingham, in the early part of the year. The combined practices had shown great variation in attendances. The report concluded with a reference to the new Guild rules, and with thanks to the foremen of towers and the combined practice committee; the tea committee; and to the Rev. B. Long for his ready help and counsel in helping on the work of the Guild.—The report was adopted.

The election of officers followed, and the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis said the time had come for him to resign his position as their chairman. He was now simply a trustee, and he felt they should have a chairman who had been for years connected with the Guild, and who lived in their close neighbourhood, and who was a peal ringer. He proceeded to propose that the Rural Dean (Canon Coleridge) be their chairman.—Mr. Moth seconded, and the nomination was carried unanimously, the Rural Dean then, amidst applause, taking the chairman's seat, and saying he would do his best to help the Deanery Branch in every way.

The retiring chairman was heartily thanked for his kind services for so many years.—Mr. Hart Davis expressed his thanks, and wished the new chairman many years in the chair.

Mr. F. Dentry was cordially thanked for his services, and was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, on the proposition of Mr. Paice, seconded by Mr. Wright.

The foremen of towers were again re-elected to form the committee of the branch.—Messrs. J. Moth, G. J. Wright, J. Rance and W. J. Brooks, were re-elected as the branch representatives to the Guild General Committee. Messrs. J. Moth, J. White, W. J. Brooks, V. Darvill, J. Rance, W. J. Paice and J. Wadhams, were elected as committee for combined practices.

A discussion took place as to combined practices, some members urging that 6 o'clock to 9 p.m. was too late; others that many members could not leave their work for a 3 till 6 p.m. practice. Misses Walker and V. Robinson, Messrs. Moth, Paice, Rance, and others, took part in the debate, and the question was left for the committee concerned to arrange matters in the best advantage.

The Master of the Guild, in a brief address, referred to the new Guild rules, which were intended to make the younger and keener members feel more at home in the Guild.—The Master also referred to the heavy cost of printing the annual Guild report, and discussion ensued as to whether it were not better to charge for the report rather than make a present of it to each tower. Another way would be to print the peal list separately and charge for it.

Mr. Wright, Guild treasurer, expressed his pleasure at being present at that fine meeting, and spoke upon Guild finance. The Guild held nothing in hand but its war-time investments. He urged the endeavour to increase the number of honorary members.

Mr. Hibbert also spoke as to the heavy cost of printing the Guild report. One suggestion was that the band which rang a peal should pay a 'booking' fee.—Eventually a proposition by Mr. Moth, 'That the report, after this year, contain the peals and be sold at a price to the members of the Guild,' was carried nem. con. as a recommendation to the Guild Committee.—The Chairman made a strong appeal to members to take 'The Ringing World' as an incentive to further endeavour and by way of keeping in touch with the wider sphere of ringing matters.—Mr. Dentry, referring to the retirement of the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis from their chairmanship, suggested some permanent title of honour he accorded him, such as 'President' or Master of the Branch. Their new chairman, Canon Coleridge, was the Prime Minister of the ringing world, being President of the Central Council—the Ringers' Parliament.

Both in his sermon and in his address at the general meeting, the Master made feeling allusion to the recent decease of one of the older ringers, connected at one time with their Deanery, Mr. James Washbrook.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of this association was held at Barnsley on Saturday, January 12th, the following towers being represented: Badsoworth, Barnsley, Darfield, Ecclesfield, Horbury, Hoylandswaine, Ilkley, Wortley and Wath. The bells were ringing early in the afternoon in various methods, and a short service was held, followed by a brief address. As the Rector was not able to be present at this service the senior curate (the Rev. W. B. Chapman) officiated. At tea, in the Parish Room, about 36 ringers were present, and, in addition, several visitors, amongst the company being the Rev. J. R. King (Vicar of Hoylandswaine), the Rev. Woolley (curate of Wombourne), both ringers and members, Mr. Sutherland (churchwarden of St. Mary's), Mrs. Sunderland, and others.

After tea, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of the president (Mr. W. Reynier), seconded by Mr. W. Lewis, to the clergy and churchwardens, for the use of the bells and parish room, for the service, etc., and to Mrs. Hone, and the local ringers, for their assistance.—This was replied to by the Rev. F. E. Hone (Rector) and Mr. Sunderland (churchwarden), in very happy terms of appreciation and welcome, both speakers expressing good wishes for the prosperity of the association.

The business meeting followed, Mr. W. Reynier being in the chair. Several new members were elected. As the accounts for the past year were not quite complete they were referred to the next meeting.

A letter was read from Darfield Bell Restoration Committee asking for assistance for this object, as the bells needed urgent attention. This letter was sympathetically received, but it was thought by the majority that the object would be best served by direct application to each tower.

The officials for the ensuing year were next elected. Mr. W. Reynier, retiring president, was unanimously elected vice-president; Mr. Thickett (Horbury) was elected president; the treasurer (Mr. A. Panther) and the secretary, Mr. C. D. Potter, were re-elected.

Mr. Thickett proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring chairman, which was carried with acclamation. Sandal is the tower for the next meeting in February.

SILVER WEDDING PEAL AND PRESENTATION.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Shipley, Yorks, was rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. Thos. B. Kendall and Mrs. Kendall, who were married at Ecclesfield Church on December 26th, 1898. The ringers and a few other friends were entertained to tea at the Co-operative Cafe at Shipley by Mr. and Mrs. Kendall after the peal. After tea, Mr. McKell was asked to present to Mr. Kendall a travelling bag, and to Mrs. Kendall a shopping satchel and rose bowl on behalf of the churchwardens at Shipley, the ringers of the district, and a few friends. This Mr. McKell did in a short and happy speech, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Kendall good health on the remainder of life's journey, and expressing a hope that they would reach their golden wedding.—Mr. Kendall briefly responded, thanking all for their good wishes and kindness. A pleasant afternoon and evening were spent.

THE LATE MR. JAMES L. WELLS, BIRMINGHAM.

As briefly reported in a previous issue, the death occurred at his residence, Saltley, Birmingham, of Mr. James L. Wells, a prominent member of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, and one of the Sunday Service ringers at St. Martin's Church. Jim, as he was affectionately called, was born in Swindon 45 years ago, and on leaving school was apprenticed to coach body building, a trade he followed to the last. He was well known as an exceptionally fine workman.

It was at Swindon that he started change ringing, and he rang several peals with the Salisbury Guild, one of which at Chippenham, Wilts, he conducted. Later he went to reside in Loughborough, and rang peals with the Midlands Counties Association. In 1907 he migrated to Birmingham, and became a regular attendant at St. Martin's Guild meetings, serving as an officer of the Guild, with which he rang most of his peals on 8, 10 and 12 bells. As a ringer he was second to none in handling a light or heavy bell, and was a sure and safe man in a peal whatever the method. He sustained a heavy blow when his wife died from consumption, in 1914, leaving him with two young children. But his love of home served him well, for although he later fell a victim to the dread disease himself, he was able to give his children a good education, and to provide means for their future with his relatives at Swindon. Mr. Wells was buried by the side of his wife at Loughborough. Members of All Saints' company of ringers acted as bearers, and representatives of Swindon, Loughborough and Birmingham ringing companies were present. A muffled peal of Stedman Cinques was rung to his memory at Birmingham, after the funeral, and there was also muffled ringing at Loughborough in the evening. Mr. Wells was a member of the following societies: Salisbury Diocesan Guild; Midlands Counties Association; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Warwickshire Guild, and Staffordshire Archdeaconry Societies, and he rang about 60 peals, comprising Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, Treble Bob Royal and Maximus, Bob Major, Superlative Surprise Major, Handsworth Royal, Erin Cinques, Cambridge Surprise Major, Royal and Maximus. May he rest in peace. A. W.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

LUDLOW AND CHURCH STRETTON DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held at Stokesay on Saturday, January 19th. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and later the Guild service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. M. Winter), who had kindly made arrangements with the organist (Miss La Touche) to make the service as musical as possible, much to the enjoyment of the thirty members present. The Vicar's address was very appropriate and intently followed.

Tea was partaken of in the Old Schoolroom at Stokesay.—The Vicar presided, and before the business meeting read an interesting account of the bells of Moscow.

The report and balance sheet, duly audited by Mr. A. Chester, were read, and unanimously approved.

The Secretary then reviewed the progress made during the year 1923. He stated that five towers had joined the Guild, viz., Bitterley, Bromfield, Church Stretton, Tenbury and Wistanstow; that the hon. members had increased from 10 to 25; ringing members from 11 to 38; and probationers from 1 to 18. Five meetings had been held within 13 months. Each had been very successful, and this happy state of affairs was largely due to the whole-hearted support of the clergy, and to their encouragement and help in every possible way. A special programme had been prepared in September in regard to quarterly meetings and combined practices for the year 1924, and a copy handed to each tower secretary to be hung in the respective belfries for the members' guidance. It was noticed that ringing in the district had improved during the past year, and peals of Grandsire Doubles had been rung on three occasions, five Bromfield and six Stokesay members having obtained their first success in this respect. More pleasing still was the fact that methods other than Grandsire were now being attempted, and some good touches of Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Two probationers from Stokesay were duly elected, and on the proposition of Mr. Bott, seconded by Mr. Boughey, the following officers were re-elected: District Ringing Master (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson), Assistant Ringing Master (Mr. W. R. Nash); and district hon. secretary (Mr. P. Lane).

The members were pleased to see several visitors from other towers, who are always welcome at these meetings.

A vote of sympathy was passed (with the members standing) to the Diocesan Master (Mr. J. G. Buchanan) on the sad loss of his wife who had recently passed away.

The District Ringing Master thanked the Vicar for his cordial welcome, the organist for the delightful music, and the local ringers for having all in readiness.

The handbells were brought into use during the evening, and a good course of Grandsire Caters was rung by the following Bromfield ringers: M. W. Bott 1—2, A. R. Harrison 3—4, P. Lane 5—6, Geo. Randle 7—8, J. Hardwick 9—10.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, January 27th, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, 560 Double Norwich Major: F. W. Rogers 1, J. D. Harris 2, T. R. Taylor 3, H. Jennings (Ryde, I.O.W.) 4, W. Tate 5, E. J. Harding, junr., 6, R. J. Stone 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8.—On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, 420 Stedman Triples: Cpl. W. E. Snell 1, E. A. Cluett 2, C. Groves 3, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 4, T. R. Taylor 5, E. J. Harding, junr., 6, R. J. Stone 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. Arranged for treble ringer, who is attached to H.M.S. Resolution.—For evensong, 224 Cambridge Surprise Major.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Woodyatt 1, W. Page 2, S. Holt 3, W. C. Jones 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, W. Lewis 6. First 720 of Surprise as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Waugh), who took his last services on this day.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, January 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. S. Bacon 2, E. J. Pannett 3, J. Crowder 4, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 5, J. Dafters 6, E. R. Crowder 7, H. J. Norgate 8.

BRENTWOOD.—On Sunday, January 27th, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. G. Ringe 1, H. Turner 2, E. D. Baker 3, A. Rainbird 4, R. Ong (first quarter) 5, W. Loggett 6, G. Miles (conductor) 7, S. Carroll 8.

GREAT CHART, KENT.—On Sunday morning, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 46 mins., being 1,260 changes: W. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, J. Skinner 3, F. Hodges 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, D. Skinner (first quarter-peal) 6.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, on Sunday evening, January 27th, when a new vestry built as a memorial to the late Rector (the Rev. R. A. Kennaway) was dedicated. 720 Bob Minor was rung: W. Wilkinson (Great Addington) 1, J. W. Sharp (Towcester) 2, J. W. Haynes (Pattishall) 3, G. F. Lucas 4, A. Booth 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. Ringers of 4, 5 and 6 belong to Green's Norton.—After service, 360 Double Court: J. W. Haynes 1, G. F. Lucas 2, A. Booth 3, G. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6.

CALVERLEY.—For evening service, on Sunday, January 27th, a date touch of 1,924 changes of Prince Albert Major, in 1 hour and 5 mins.: Samuel Wheatley 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, W. Scrimshaw 4, Percy Wheatley 5, Wilfred Wheatley 6, E. Hudson 7, W. Lee 8.

HOOLE.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 880 Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: T. Davenport 1, D. Moore 2, J. Benyon (conductor) 3, T. Leach 4, J. Benyon, junr., 5. Rung muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Marrs.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—For Sunday evening service, on January 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 43 mins.: E. Weatherly 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. T. Scott 3, H. Hutton 4, R. Philpott 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except ringer of 4th and the conductor.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Edwards 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis 3, W. G. Cook 4, W. C. Cuss 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. H. Hayward 8.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, 629 Grandsire Caters: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. King 3, H. Lewis 4, W. G. Cook 5, W. H. Hayward 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, S. R. Hicks 8, H. C. Bond 9, R. W. Watts 10.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Nere (first quarter away from tenor) 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, H. Want (conductor) 3, R. Edwards 4, H. Baker 5, C. Tribe 6, W. Rutton 7, W. Bishop 8.

BATH.—On Sunday, Jan. 20th, at St. Michael's Church, Twerton, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: A. Hudd 1, G. Temple 2, Miss Norah G. Williams 3, R. Cousins 4, H. W. Brown 5, T. F. King 6, A. Prince (conductor) 7, B. C. Wright 8.

BROMSGROVE.—On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. J. Martin 1, H. F. Martin 2, J. Eades 3, T. Albott 4, Rev. R. Wilkinson (of Mansfield) 5, A. Moore 6, J. Mason (conductor) 7, A. Hingley 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's, on Sunday, January 13th three quarter-peals as a welcome to Miss Hawksworth, of Bradfield: Mr. Sparrow, of Suffolk; Mr. Moorhouse, of Leeds; also as a birthday compliment to Miss Moss, of Uxbridge, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) Kent Treble Bob Major: E. Lankester 1, Miss Moss 2, S. D. Breeze 3, A. Fulwell 4, H. Wincote 5, *W. Sparrow 6, J. W. Fruin 7, R. Fardon (conductor) 8.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. W. Coulson 1, *W. Sparrow 2, Miss Moss 3, S. D. Breeze 4, R. Fardon (conductor) 5, R. Holloway 6, J. W. Fruin 7, E. Easton 8.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss Hawksworth 1, W. Sparrow 2, S. D. Breeze 3, R. Fardon 4, R. Holloway (conductor) 5, C. Edwards 6, J. Moorhouse 7, E. Easton 8. * First in these methods.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The first monthly meeting of the year will be held at Loughborough on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. The bells at the Parish Church and the peal of 10 at the Foundry will be available from 3 o'clock. The business meeting will be held at the Foundry at 5.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers, and it is hoped as many as possible will attend.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Feb. 2nd, when all ringers will be welcome. Short service at 4.45 p.m. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Alton on Saturday, Feb. 2nd. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Accrington on Saturday, February 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m.; meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 2nd, at Bridgnorth. Bells of St. Leonard's (8), St. Mary's (6) available from 2 o'clock. Service at St. Mary's 4.15. Tea (6d. each) at Jones' Restaurant 4.45 prompt, followed by business meeting. Will all members make a special effort to attend this meeting?—W. Hayward, Dist. Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth, Salop.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Tyneside District.—A meeting will be held at Whitley Bay on Saturday, February 2nd. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m.—J. E. Gofton, Dis. Sec., 25, Ashbrooke, Monkseaton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for February: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, Feb. 3rd, 10 a.m.; Monday, 4th and 18th; Bishopsgate, 11th; all at 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

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, should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Feb. 5th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 7th and 21st; *St. Mary-

le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 12th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 14th; and St. Paul's Cathedral 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.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church on Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 6 p.m. for all who advise me of attending not later than Feb. 6th. The meeting will be held after tea.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MYTHOLMROYD PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.—On February 9th, the bells recently recast and augmented to 8 (tenor 14 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co., will be open to all ringers from 1.30 p.m. All are welcome. Will those requiring tea at a nominal charge notify before Thursday, February 7th?—A. Bottomley, 1, Albert Street, Mytholmroyd.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Horse Hotel. Will members intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Feb. 6th?—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service with address by the Vicar (Canon Savill), at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Hall, Lowfield Street. The Vicar is kindly providing tea, for those who send their names to me by Tuesday, February 5th. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James' on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (provided by Canon Corfield) at St. Mary's Church Room, and meeting following. Will all those coming to tea let me know by the previous Tuesday? Wilton bells available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. only.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moor-side, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and short business meet-

ing. — E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD OF BELL-RINGERS.—Hereford District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hereford on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells: St. Nicholas (6) 2.30 to 4.30, All Saints' (8) 2.30 to 4.45, Cathedral (10) 7 to 9 p.m. Service, All Saints' 4.45. Tea, Spread Eagle Hotel, 5.30 p.m., 6d. each to those notifying me not later than Feb. 5th.—C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome. — William Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch. — The quarterly meeting is to be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing from 3.30. Service at 5. Address by Vicar (Rev. C. Stewart Miller). Tea in the Parish Hall at 5.30. Bells of St. James', Poole, also available from 2 p.m.—C. A. Phillips.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available for ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, by ticket, at 5.30 p.m. at Express Dairy. Business meeting to follow.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the above association will be held at Hanley on Saturday, Feb. 9th. The tower will be open at 3 p.m. and tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Prescot on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Tea 6d. each. Members intending being present please write to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting is to be held at Sandal Magna Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready early. Tea moderate charge. Apply very early, W. Robinson, Back Bowman Street, Agbrigg Road, Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells open afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by February 12th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Northern district will be held on Saturday, February 16th, at Halstead. The bells of St. Andrew's will be available at 3 p.m. Further particulars later.—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by permission of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Relton (Vicar) and churchwardens, who will entertain members to tea free, visitors 1s. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 13th? —W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. T. K. Sopwith). Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Ringing from 6.30 till 8.30. The bells unfortunately are not available in the afternoon, but it is hoped to obtain another tower in the vicinity, of which notice will be given next week. — C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 16th. St. Mary's tower open from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Giles, 4 p.m. until the service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Members of Guild 1s. and non-members 2s. 6d., to all who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 13th. Entertainment free.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting. — Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Martock is postponed to Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Eight bells available early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

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 Messrs. W. Bottrill, Essery, F. W. Goodfellow, George, Hawkins, Mance, Matthews, P. W. Norton, Riley, Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, E. A. Young, Wood, or J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—By kind permission of the Hon. Chaplain, a memorial tablet will be erected in St. Clement Danes for the members who fell in the Great War. Donations, which will be acknowledged in 'The Ringing World,' may be sent to the Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, February 9th. Service at St. Cuthbert's Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at Wickenden's, High Street, to follow. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) available from 2 p.m.; Cathedral (10) after meeting. Ringers requiring tea notify me not later than Wednesday, February 6th.—W. Farley, Hon. Sec., 7, Mills Street, Wells.

A FUNERAL TOUCH.

At Beddington, Surrey, on Wednesday, January 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, after the funeral of Miss Collyer-Bristow, who had been a very good supporter of the ringers, and other bodies of the church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with half-muffled clappers, was rung in 53 mins.: F. J. Trappitt 1, A. Arnold 2, F. E. Darby 3, T. Talbot 4, A. J. Trappitt 5, D. Cooper 6, C. H. Kippin (conductor) 7, J. E. Cooper 8.

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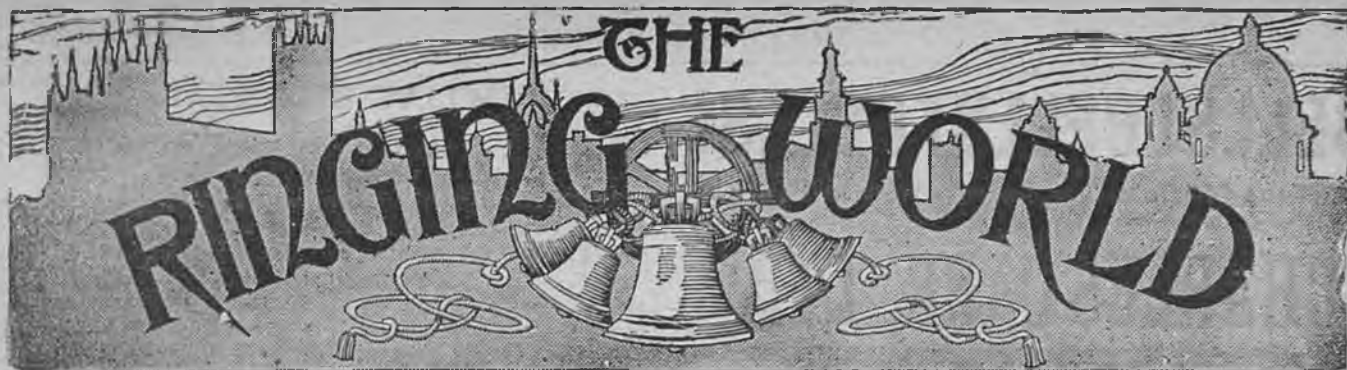
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THE DEVON GUILD.

Among the counties of England, ringers are apt to look upon Devon as one of the most backward from the change ringing standpoint, and, admittedly, with its lack of cross country travelling facilities, it is a considerable way behind some others that could be mentioned. But even in Devon things are altering. When a festival will bring together a gathering of close upon 220 ringers, as was the case at Chudleigh the other day, it is convincing proof that Devon has, at any rate, begun to move with the times. In the past, change ringing has flourished only in isolated spots in the county, Exeter and Plymouth being the two outstanding centres. Men of tireless energy, like the Rev. Maitland Kelly and Mr. E. Shepherd, have laboured for years in the interests of the art, just as William Banister and Acland Troyt sought to implant it. Although their efforts met with but scant reward for many years, there is evidence to-day that their work was not in vain, and with the impetus given by enthusiasts like Mr. W. J. Southwood, of Exeter, and the Rev. E. S. Powell, the general secretary of the Guild, change ringing is gaining a hold in 'glorious Devon' such as the old pioneers must almost have despaired to see. It is true that Devon has been noted for its good ringing, and that nowhere in the country could finer 'rising and falling' be heard than in some of its towers, but it has needed much perseverance and steadfast endeavour to induce the bands of round ringers to take up the art. Such a gathering as that at Chudleigh, which was attended by a large number of men who have as yet no close acquaintance with change ringing, is likely to have far-reaching effects. It clears away prejudice and opens up a new interest, and both ringers and the Guild are likely to benefit.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5016 CHANGES;

53 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb. in B.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	WILLIAM J. NEDDS 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	*JEFFREY R. GAMMON 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE A. CARD 9
*T. WILFRID TAFFENDER 4	FRANCIS E. DAWE 10
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TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6093 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
HENRY C. WHITE 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, SEN. 8
CUTHBERT G. WHITE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
*MISS VERA ROBINSON 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN.

* First peal of Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. J. C. Richards, for many years a churchwarden of this parish, who was interred at Stanford-in-the-Vale the previous day.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt. 5 lb. in C.

*JAMES LEES Treble	*JAMES W. TAYLOR 6
*JAMES COX 2	ROBERT GREENWOOD 7
BENJAMIN THORP 3	ALFRED WAITES 8
*HAROLD LAWTON 4	SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 9
*ELISHA GEARY 5	CHARLES H. MARSLAND Tenor

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First peal of Caters on the bells since they were recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. * First peal on ten bells; also first peal as conductor, and first attempt. All are ringers at the above church except Mr. Ben Thorpe, who hails from Ashton Parish Church. Messrs. Lawton and Geary were proposed members of the Lancashire Association before starting for the peal.

CARDIFF.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1924, 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.

FRANK J. BAILEY Treble	WILLIAM RICHARDS 6
SIDNEY DAWE 2	WILLIAM HEATH 7
GEORGE LARGE 3	ERNEST COOMBS 8
ALBERT J. PITMAN 4	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 9
JOHN DAVIES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

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NEWPORT, MON.—On Tuesday, January 1st, at the Church of St. Woolos, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Davies 1, W. Lewis 2, W. Phillips 3, C. Greedy 4, J. W. Jones 5, J. Butler (conductor) 6, C. Davies 7, T. Griffiths 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. E. Davies, who is leaving the neighbourhood for Carmarthen.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

MRS. E. WILKINS Treble	CHARLES H. GORDON 6
REV. R. H. WHITFORD 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
CHARLES H. TOMKINS 3	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 8
*CHARLES H. JENNINGS 4	ALFRED E. REEVES 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 5	JAMES R. JONES Tenor

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 6
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Tenor 15½ cwt.

HAROLD W. EMMETT Treble	JOHN HILL 5
STANLEY PICKUP 2	FRED KENDALL 6
JAMES S. LOMAS 3	HOWARTH HOLT 7
GEORGE BROWN 4	*VICTOR WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY PICKUP.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

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THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, January 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
GEORGE BENNETT 2	SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	ERNEST E. LANHAM Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HUBERT JONES Treble	HENRY DANIELS 5
FRANCIS T. WAITE 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
ARTHUR G. WAITE 3	JOSEPH A. WAITE 7
GEORGE BRUNSDON 4	THOMAS HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by J. A. WAITE.

Rung as a compliment to the captain of the Barnwood band, Mr. Alfred A. Waite, who has been a ringer there since January, 1863.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two 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
JOHN J. LEIGHTON 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON 7
MICHAEL F. HARRISON 4	*MATTHEW CRUDDAS Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

* First peal: Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mr. R. L. Patterson's wedding, and of the first peal on the bells, which was rung on January 20th, 1904.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

*MRS. A. CLARK Treble	*DANIEL COOPER 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	AMOS CLARK 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT.

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in the method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	RICHARD CONSTANT 5
*ROBERT J. TALL 2	JOSEPH CONSTANT 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 4	*ROBERT PERRIS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN HAYES 3	ARTHUR WATKIN 7
JOHN W. DAVIES 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 7
JAMES BOUGHTON 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE Tenor

Composed by W. HYDE INGLESANT.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

ERITH, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

T. WILFRED TAFFENDER Treble	ERNEST J. KING 5
*MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	GEORGE A. CARD 6
JEFFREY R. GAMMON 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Surprise.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER, JUN. ... Treble	REUBEN HALL 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 3	HARRY HOBBS 7
BENJAMIN GOUGH 4	JAMES T. GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung as a hearty 'send off' to the Rev. and Mrs. T. Bannister Jones previous to their taking up residence at Droitwich. Mr. Jones has been curate at the above church for seven years. Also rung on the eve of the conductor's birthday.

RYE, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 27 lb.

*MRS. H. BAKER Treble	*KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 5
†MISS ROSE THOMAS 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	†HARRY BAKER 7
GEORGE M. FARR 4	FRANK PATTENDEN ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS. Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major inside. ‡ First peal in the method. G. M. Farr was elected a member of the association.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. JACKSON ... Treble	EBENEZER ANDREWS 5
*JOSEPH WAGHORN, SEN. ... 2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 6
FREDERICK RUSSELL 3	ERNEST G. COTTIS 7
CALEB FENN 4	ALBERT C. HARDY ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. Waghorn, senr., on his 81st birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*KENNETH ELLIOTT Treble	WALTER WHITEHEAD 5
ARTHUR CATTELL 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
WILLIAM SHORLEY 3	ALBAN DISNEY 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on eight, and first attempt. The band wish to thank Mr. P. Taylor for granting permission to use the bells at the last minute.

BARTON-LE-CLEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*RICHARD KENDALL Treble	ALFRED KING 5
*ALBERT FLEET 2	EDMUND J. HOBES 6
†AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 3	*GEORGE W. HELEY 7
HORACE H. SMITH 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Surprise. † First peal of Superlative. First peal as conductor in the method. Also first Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a compliment to the Rector (the Rev. J. H. Spokes) on completing 25 years' faithful service in this parish. This event occurred last year, but the tower was then under repair, and this was the first opportunity of ringing a peal.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6
RAYMOND PHILPOT 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
HENRY HUTTON 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

PRITTLWELL, SOUTHEAST.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOSEPH BARRETT Treble	HENRY S. WILSON 5
*CHARLES P. CHALK 2	WILLIAM DUDLEY 6
*ERNEST FURBANK 3	*WILLIAM T. BACON 7
*LIONEL W. PAGE 4	WILLIAM H. JUDD ... Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN.

Conducted by H. S. WILSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to L. Page. * First peal in the method. First peal of Oxford on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, January 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT WALKER Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	ALBERT E. NORMAN 6
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	PERCY O. LAFLIN ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES GEORGE.

This is the first peal on these excellent bells, which have been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The 'go' and 'tone' are magnificent.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKE Treble	THEODORE GRANT 5
MISS NORA G. WILLIAMS ... 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 4	ARTHUR PRINCE ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	FREDERICK W. RUSHWORTH ... 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER G. NORMAN.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Hallows, Barking.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

CESIL V. EBBERSON Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ALBERT W. COLES 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
HAROLD W. CLARK 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung on the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
First peal in the method on the bells.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD Treble	WALTER CHARMAN 5
ALBERT FEIST 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
PERCY H. DOICK 3	JOHN COOK 7
JAMES BORDFIELD 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by A. J. BARTLETT.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, the Rev. Jacob Hood, a previous attempt having failed after 2 hrs. 40 mins. ringing.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*PERCY JERVIS Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
*BERNARD DITCHER 3	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
†JOHN HOLMAN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. † 200th peal. Rung as a compliment to the elder son of the Rector, the Rev. W. R. Hewson, on attaining his 21st birthday.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

ERNEST WEATHERBY Treble	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5
JOHN T. SCOTT 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung in honour of the visit of the Bishop of Winchester to Guildford to receive a civic welcome from the borough.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR E. HOODLESS Treble	RICHARD SMITH 5
JOHN T. BROWN 2	JOHN G. AMES 6
ARTHUR J. FARR 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH 7
GEORGE W. SIMPSON 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

Arranged and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble; also as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Harrison, of Barton-on-Umber.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 6
EDWARD HARRISON 3	JAMES SWINDLEY 7
ARTHUR NEWALL 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by R. SPERRING.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

SAMUEL BROWN Treble	ERNEST SIMPSON 5
*ARTHUR SMITH 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
JOHN MCKELL 3	WILLIAM E. ASH 7
GEORGE STEEL 4	FRANCIS BARKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FREDK. W. DIXON

* First peal in the method.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

FREDERICK C. CASE Treble	HERBERT C. EDWARDS 5
THOMAS E. ROBERTS 2	*THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 6
*EDWIN YATES 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 7
LEONARD A. SMITH 4	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Frederick C. Case.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different extents.

Tenor 13 cwt. 9 lb.

CHARLES W. ELSE Treble	LEWIS GADSBY 4
THOMAS KELLEY 2	JOSEPH NORTH 5
*GEORGE SCOTT 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

* Being his 50th peal.

BREADSALL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST PLANT Treble	PERCY TATE 4
EDWARD SUMMERSIDE 2	WILLIAM SLATER 5
GEORGE FREEBRY 3	WILLIAM CRITCHLEY Tenor

Conducted by G. FREEBRY.

First peal by all except the conductor, and rung at first attempt.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 9 cwt.

*HAROLD WILLETT Treble	JOHN CLARK 4
†WILLIAM FOWELL 2	ALFRED T. POULTON 5
JOHN J. BEVAN 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Morning Exercise, York Delight, York Minster, Sandal Exercise, Nelson's Delight and Snowdrop.

*GEORGE LORD Treble	ARTHUR PANTHER 4
HERBERT CHAMBERLIN ... 2	ARTHUR GILL 5
JOHN W. CHAMPION 3	ALBERT NASH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

* First peal, and proposed a member previous to starting. Rung to commemorate the birthday of the son of Mr. A. Gill.

SUTTON COURTNEY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 1040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten different callings, Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED E. BUTLER Treble	*ALAN H. CASTLE 4
JOHN NOBES 2	A. PERCY FLETCHER 5
FRANK W. BUNCE 3	T. FRANCIS HANKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

First peal on the bells. * First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Stevenage, the remainder belong to the local band.

OTLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, January 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ERNEST E. LANHAM Treble	*LESLIE G. BRETT 4
GEORGE BENNETT 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT 5
GEORGE PRYKE 3	CR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Conducted by CLER. -SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* First peal of Minor.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Wednesday, January 30, 1923, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES PHILIPS Treble	JOHN RODWELL 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	BERT GOGLE 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	FRED WIGMORE Tenor

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, who is leaving the parish.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. (1) Primrose Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford, (4) Fulbeck Bob, (5) Single and Double Oxford, (6) Single and Double Court, (7) Single and Double Bob.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FRANK SIMPSON Treble	WALTER A. DAY 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL 2	JOSEPH LONDON 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal. First peal in eleven methods by all the ringers, the regular Sunday Service band in this tower.

WARMINSTER, WILTS.—On Saturday, December 29th, at the Minster, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: E. H. White 1, F. Ashworth 2, J. Gard 3, J. Francis 4, — Fletcher 5, W. Baxter 6, P. Precey (conductor) 7, E. Marlow 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

CHARLES JENNINGS Treble	CHARLES W. COOK 4
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Ely Association, and by all the band. Also the first peal of Cambridge Surprise rung in the county by a band of resident members.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE BORT Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4
DONALD FINLAY 2	ALEXANDER RICHARDSON ... 5
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, January 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1—2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5—6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7—8

Composed by CHAS. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY

WISBECH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 28, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE INLAND REVENUE OFFICES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

†HORACE LEWIN 1—2	†LEONARD NEWMAN 4
*WALTER JARVIS 3	RALPH NARBOROUGH 5—6

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

† First 5,000. * First 5,000 on 'inside' bell.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, January 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
IN THE TOWER OF THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5030 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in B flat.

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JEFFREY R. GAMMON 9—10	

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Umpire: William A. Batten.

SERVICE RINGER FOR 57 YEARS.

On Sunday, February 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: S. Meadows 1, G. Upshall 2, H. Kemp 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. This was rung as a compliment to Mr. E. Clapshaw (ringer of the 5th), the respected captain of the band, on attaining his 79th birthday. Mr. Clapshaw has been a member of this band of ringers for 57 years, during which period he has been a regular service ringer. For evening service, 447 Grandsire Triples: H. Knott 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, H. Prior 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association was held on Saturday, January 26th, at St. Phillips's and Jacob's, Bristol. The bells were available during the afternoon, and good use was made of them. Service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. M. E. Thorold), vice-president of the association, officiating.

Tea was served in the Schoolroom, about 45 members being present. At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. E. J. Philips presided.

The hon. secretary (Mr. P. C. Williams) gave a brief report of the year's work, which showed that twelve meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 29. Winterbourne had had its bells rehung, and two honorary and seven performing members elected from the tower. In all 35 new members were added to the branch during the year.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £12 11s. 4d. on the year's working. This was considered very satisfactory, and was adopted.

The Rev. E. J. Philips congratulated the branch on the successful year, and also the committee on the success of the dinner. He added that, as it was difficult for him to attend some of the meetings he had a proposition to make, and that was that they should elect a new chairman, in Mr. J. Gould, of Henbury.—This was carried unanimously.—The secretary was again re-elected, and Mr. J. G. Jefferies, of Mangotsfield, was elected representative on the management committee.

Ten new members were elected, and the quarterly meetings fixed as follows: Filton and Horfield on Feb. 16th; Marchfield on May 3rd; Coalpit Heath in August; and Emmanuel, Clifton, in November, the dates being left for the secretary to fix. The next annual meeting is to be fixed at the November meeting. The Rev. Canon Wilson, of St. Nicholas, has kindly granted the use of his bells for a United Guilds' practice on the first Tuesday in the month.

Some discussion took place re the grouping of towers, to give the country districts more help, and it was left to the committee to arrange a scheme and bring it before the next meeting.

The Rev. T. C. Fowler proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. M. E. Thorold) for the use of the bells and officiating at the service; also to the organist and choir boys, and to the ladies for kindly looking after the tea (applause).—The Rev. M. E. Thorold, in replying, said it was a great pleasure to them to welcome the ringers to St. Philip's.

The bells were again rung until 9 p.m.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTHERN BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Grimsby District was held at Grimsby, on Saturday, January 26th, and was well attended, despite the railway strike. Members were present from Burton Stather, Bigby, and the local ringers of St. James' and St. Andrew's. Touches of Kent and Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung in the afternoon. Service in St. James' Church was conducted by the Rev. E. V. Clapton, M.A., Mr. H. Bushby, also a ringer, presiding at the organ. After service, the visiting ringers inspected the war memorial chapel, and were delighted at the lovely oak work, especially the lectern. Tea was served at the Church House, 23 members sitting down.—At the meeting which followed, the Rev. H. T. Parry was re-elected vice-president of the branch; Mr. H. Mingay was elected district secretary, Mr. W. H. Heyhoe resigning. Mr. C. Taylor was elected on the general committee; Mr. A. Hoodlass was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. R. S. Long, Deputy Master.—Four new members were elected, and the Vicar of Burton Stather as honorary member.

Places and dates of meetings for the ensuing year were arranged as follows: Ulceby, May 17th; Bigby, June 14th; Burton Stather, July 12th; Louth, August 9th; Barrow and Barton-on-Humber, October 25th.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Markham) for the use of the bells; also the Rev. E. V. Clapton for conducting the service, Mr. H. Rusby for presiding at the organ, and the caterer for providing such a good tea.

The Vice-President spoke of the resignation of Mr. W. H. Heyhoe, and said how sorry he was that he had retired. He had been a great help to himself and ringers at large, but he hoped that Mr. Heyhoe would still be amongst them for many years to come.—Mr. Heyhoe, in replying, said he was not so young as he used to be, and he thought a younger man with more energy would be better for the work.

Ringling took place again till service time. Burton Stather members, with some of the local ringers, afterwards made their way to St. Andrew's, where touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were greatly enjoyed. They are a rising band of young and old members, and are very anxious to master the art. After getting seated in their 'Rolls Royce' (ten of them) handbells came out, and so ended a very pleasant meeting.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In the 'Exeter Diocesan Gazette' some very pertinent remarks appear upon church bells in the diocese, urging the ringing of those that are now silent, and making an appeal for the carrying out of restorations by skilled firms instead of entrusting such work to incompetent persons, merely because the cost at the outset appears to be smaller.

This article is from the trenchant pen of the Rev. E. S. Powell, general hon. secretary of the Devon Guild, and it might serve a still wider purpose if it could be passed on to other diocesan journals.

Matters connected with the preservation and restoration of bells have been given some prominence recently in some of the diocesan official papers, and the more that can be done in this direction the better, for there is still much educational work to be done among clergy and church authorities.

Here's an offer! Don't all speak at once. At Prittlewell there is a set of bell ropes (spliced but quite sound) to be had for the asking. We know there are towers where new ropes cannot be obtained because the church has no funds. Here is an opportunity to obtain a set. The only cost will be the carriage. Applications should be sent to Mr. W. H. Judd, Alexandra Street, Southend-on-Sea.

Mr. Wooding Starmer, the well-known authority on bell music, commenced on Wednesday a series of six weekly lectures on the subject of bells, at the Medical Theatre of the University of Birmingham. These lectures are free.

Members of the North Wales Association propose to attempt a peal of 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major at Buckley, Flintshire, on Saturday, starting at 2.30 p.m.

The Ladies' Guild are holding their annual meeting this year at Bristol in July, and preliminary inquiries are already, we understand, being made. Needless to say, a warm welcome will be extended to all visitors.

The College Youths, on Feb. 9th, 1777, rang a peal of 5,232 Treble Bob Maximus at St. Bride's, Fleet Street.

The longest length of Treble Bob Major composed and rung up to that time was rung at Oldham on Feb. 12th, 1821. This was a 14,016, which occupied 7 hours 26 mins., and was composed by W. Eversfield.

On February 14th, 1731, a 7,018 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and Feb. 14th is also the anniversary of the greatest number of changes rung on twelve bells, viz., the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques at Painswick in 1920.

Bristol Youths, of 1791, rang their first peal—'Grandsire Trebles'—at All Saints' Church on Feb. 14th, 1791.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.

There is a suggestion afoot in Lancashire to erect a memorial to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook, and it is thought that, as he was so well known throughout the country, other associations might like to join in the proposal.

No definite scheme has yet been decided upon, but it is thought that a headstone at the grave would be a suitable form for the memorial to take. It could not well take the shape of a tablet in any church, as Mr. Washbrook did not attach himself to any particular tower, but went where he thought his services were most needed. His own parish does not possess a peal of bells.

FALSE COMPOSITION OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

THE 'PEALS' AT ERITH AND WYE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Having read Mr. E. Barnett's letter in your issue of the 18th Jan., I feel that a few sentences are necessary from me on the question of the false peal of Grandsire Triples attempted at Erith, and which false composition was rung at Wye, Kent, in 1922.

I must confess that the false composition, viz.: 'A variation of one of Mr. J. W. Moorhouse's five-part peals' would not have been rung at all had I not handed it on to Mr. H. Parkes, who called it at Wye. At the time I gave it to him, I had no idea of its falseness, neither had I any knowledge of its inaccuracy until I perused Mr. Barnett's letter.

I very much regret having handed over a false composition, and as I rendered assistance in compiling the figures, I beg of Messrs. Barnett, Cullum and Co., and the company who rang at Wye, to accept my sympathy and apology, and, at the same time, I feel that I can rely on their forgiving hearts.—Yours truly,

GEO. BILLENNESS.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. EFFORT TO BREAK DOWN ISOLATION.

By kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Segger) the first meeting of the Wellingborough branch of the newly-formed Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held at Earls Barton on Saturday, Jan. 26th, members being present from Finedon, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Wollaston, Easton Maudit, Bozeat, Castle Ashby, Wellingborough, Wilby, Northampton, Yardley-Hastings, Mears Ashby, Broughton, and Harlestone, with the local ringers. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening to various methods, including Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

A short service was held in the church, with its quaint old Saxon tower, conducted by the Vicar, who gave a very interesting address on words taken from Numbers xxix., in which he pointed out that all down the ages some means or other had always been used for calling people to prayer and worship, trumpets being mentioned many times in the Old Testament, and following these, cymbals were used. The bells of to-day were the lineal descendants of these instruments, and he hoped that all present at that gathering would realise their great responsibility in this work.

The party then adjourned to the Schoolroom, where, through the generosity of the Vicar, a splendid tea was provided, the 54 members present thoroughly appreciating the kindly hospitality.

The business meeting followed, and the Secretary (Mr. F. Barber) said how pleased he was to see so many present, not only because of the important business to be done, but also to greet the present Vicar of Earls Barton. He proposed that the Vicar be asked to take the chair at their meeting.—This was carried with acclamation, and the Vicar said he would do all he could to help forward the work of the Guild.

The Secretary referred to the tragically sudden death of the Vicar of Easton Maudit, who had been an hon. member of the Central Northants Association for many years.

The report and balance sheet for the past year were then presented and adopted, and were considered most satisfactory.

Before proceeding to the election of officers, the secretary gave a short survey of what took place at the general meeting, held at Wellingborough on January 5th, when it was decided to form the Diocesan Guild. He hoped all would do their best to support the Guild, and that Towcester and District, and Brackley I. Deanery, who complained of their isolation, would see their way to join. The very idea of the formation of this Guild was to break down this isolation and knit all in one great body of ringers for the Diocese of Peterborough.

The following officers were elected: President, Ven. Archdeacon Greaves; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Barber; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. G. Basford and W. Perkins.

It was decided to hold a special meeting at Wollaston on March 1st, and the next quarterly meeting at Bozeat on May 3rd.

The Vicar of Earls Barton was elected an hon. member, and seven ringing members were elected.—Apologies were received from Archdeacon Greaves, the Rev. J. F. Griffiths, Mr. Owen Parker, and Mr. F. Wilford, the Ringing Master of the Guild. Amongst those present were the Rev. C. F. Westacott and the Rev. D. C. McVarish.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his interesting address, also for his kindness in providing the tea.—Thanks were also expressed to the local ringers and their wives for kindly attending to the wants of those present.

Touces and selections on the handbells were then given by the Irthlingborough ringers, and this brought a most enjoyable and successful gathering to a close.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held at Alton on Saturday, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. R. S. Elvin). The peal of eight were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major. Tea was provided at the Mikado Restaurant. The Vicar was in the chair, being supported by Mr. E. P. Duffield, Mr. G. Pullinger (assistant general secretary), Mr. W. Andrews (captain, Winchester Cathedral), and members from North Stoneham, Winchester, Farnham, Bramley, Portsea, Ringwood, Reading, and the local hand.

Mr. Andrews moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for presiding at tea.—The Vicar, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome the members to Alton, on this or any other occasion, and he hoped they would come again.

Mr. G. Williams was unable to be present, he being away at Chichester.

The thanks of the district are due to Mr. Perry for having everything ready, also for his arrangements made for tea.

The next meeting will be held at Sheffield English on May 3rd, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT SECRETARY'S LONG SERVICE.

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge district was held at St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, on Saturday, January 26th, and was attended by members from Chiddingstone, Cowden, Edenbridge, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Leigh, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge, and the local members. The usual service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Lynden Potter), assisted by the Rev. H. Miller (curate). Mr. Archer (organist) presided at the organ, and the choir also was present, the service being very hearty throughout. The Association form of service was used, and the Vicar gave a short address.

The members then adjourned to the Parish Room, where an excellent tea was awaiting them, splendidly served by several ladies of the parish.

The general meeting followed, the Vicar presiding, supported by the Revs. H. Miller, F. L. Schriber (Vicar of Shipbourne), G. T. Weston (Vicar of Leigh), Mr. B. R. Collins (Vicar's warden), Mr. C. F. Catt (people's warden) was unavoidably prevented from attending.

The District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, in which he congratulated the members on the prosperity of the district. Four meetings had been held, and were all well attended. In enumerating the peals rung in the district, mention was made of two peals of Grandsire Triples rung at Marden. For the first time in the history of the district three lady ringers took part in the one rung on March 10th, and on May 19th they went one better with four lady ringers taking part, two of them being members of the district, viz., Miss D. Orlebar (Tunbridge Wells), who rang in both peals, and Miss E. Tomlinson (of Speldhurst). The hope was expressed that before long a peal would be rung in the district by a band consisting entirely of lady ringers.

The district secretary and representatives were re-elected, with the thanks of the members for past services.—The District Secretary, in replying, thanked the members for their renewed confidence, and mentioned that this was his 30th year of office.—Mr. F. White and Mr. G. Edwards also returned thanks for their re-election.

Six new members were elected, three being lady ringers.—It was decided that meetings should be held as follows: Spring meeting at Kildown; summer meeting at Benenden; autumn meeting at Chiddingstone; and the next annual meeting at Tonbridge.

The District Secretary announced with regret the loss, by death, of the Rev. H. Smith-Marriott, Rector of Horsmonden, who had been a life member for many years. He also reported that the peal of eight bells at Benenden had been rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and mentioned that Mr. W. H. Lambert (who has for many years been the sole member of the association at that tower) was, with the assistance of his sons, responsible for raising £30 towards the funds, by handbell ringing.

The usual votes of thanks to all who had rendered services for the successful meeting were passed, to which the Vicar replied, and the members repaired to the tower for further ringing.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Frindsbury on Saturday, January 26th, and in spite of the railway strike a good number attended. The association service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. S. Jose). One of the local ringers, Mr. E. A. G. Allen, officiating at the organ, and the choir boys, also attended to brighten the service. The Vicar gave an address, remarking on the work done by ringers of to-day, and comparing them with ringers of long ago. He spoke in glowing terms of the hand who called others to church, and then set the example by attending themselves.

Tea followed in the Parish Hall, at which 42 sat down, and for the business meeting the Vicar presided, supported by the district representatives (Messrs. W. Haigh and W. Spice), and the district secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell). The tower at Higham was brought into union; and one hon. member and sixteen practising members were elected.

On the proposition of the district secretary, and to promote an interest in the association in the Isle of Sheppey, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Queenborough on April 26th. In the event of that tower not being available Eastchurch is to be applied for.

Mr. W. H. Harper (Swanscombe) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, who, in responding, said how pleased he was to see the young members attending the meetings. That was what was wanted, as someone had to take the place of the 'grey heads' as they went.

Members attended from various towers in the district, and methods up to Superlative were rung during the day.

WILLIAM DOUBLEDAY CROFTS MEMORIAL DINNER. INTERESTING GATHERING AT NOTTINGHAM.

The William Doubleday Crofts memorial dinner—the second of the series—was held at the Albert Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday evening, January 26th, when a company of 81 members and friends of the Midland Counties Association sat down. Ald. R. B. Chambers, B.A., J.P., of Derby, president of the M.C.A., was to have presided, but was prevented from attending by indisposition, and the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson (curate of St. Peter's, Mansfield) was voted to the chair. He was supported by the following clergy and officers of the association: Messrs. A. Coppock, local vice-president; Archdeacon Conybeare, the Rev. H. P. Hale, Vicar of St. Peter's; Mr. W. Willson (Leicester), hon. treasurer of the association; Mr. Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), Councillor A. B. Moss (Chilwell), Messrs. W. E. White (Cotgrave), F. Blood (local hon. secretary), W. A. Jones (secretary, Dinner Committee), G. Goodship (Dinner Committee), the Rev. J. S. Galloway (Greasley), the Rev. P. A. Sharpe (curate of Ilkeston), Messrs. C. Draper, A. H. Ward, A. Braines (Derby), other visitors from Leicester, and a large number of the local district members. After dinner, the Chairman proposed the loyal toast. Letters of apology were read from the Bishop, Mr. Cyril Johnston (Croydon Bell Foundry), the esteemed president (Ald. R. B. Chambers), with whom a vote of condolence was passed, etc.

Mr. A. Coppock, in an interesting speech, said the object of the dinner was to keep fresh the memory of one of the most educated ringers of 150 years ago—Mr. William Doubleday Crofts, who was a ringer at St. Mary's Church during the 18th century—and also to have a sociable evening together once every year. He gave a short account of Mr. Crofts' work, which proved him to be a very remarkable ringer.

A course of Stedman Caters was then rung on handbells by A. H. Ward 1—2, E. G. Shepherd 3—4, Wm. Willson 5—6, A. Braines 7—8, C. Draper 9—10. — Councillor A. B. Moss proposed the toast of 'Church and State,' to which the Archdeacon responded in a characteristically forceful speech, in the course of which he congratulated the ringers upon their loyalty to the State and to the Church.

The Chairman then gave the toast of the Midland Counties Association, and greatly amused the company by his entertaining references to ringing and ringers.

RIVALRY BETWEEN LEICESTER AND NOTTINGHAM.

Mr. Wm. Willson, hon. treasurer of the association, replied, and spoke of the honour he felt in being invited to be amongst the Nottingham ringers that night, and of the good work the association was doing for the church and ringers in general. He also gave a short history of the friendly rivalry that used to exist between the Leicester and Nottingham ringers many years ago. He said there was a competition between those ringers as to who should ring a certain peal first for a peal of handbells, and it was pleasing to know that good old Nottingham won. The only regret was that these same handbells were now missing, but it was the hope of the Nottingham men to get them once more returned to their proper home. If this should come to the notice of the present owner it was hoped he would help the Nottingham men in their endeavour.

The bell founders' toast was given by the Rev. J. S. Galloway (Greasley), who, in a witty speech, said how much the Church and ringers owed to the bell founders.—Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, in replying, thanked the proposer for his words in praise of the bell founders, who, he said, always strived to do the best work for the Church and ringers.

A vote of thanks to the chairman and the artistes who provided the entertainment was unanimously passed.

The musical part of the programme was provided by the Welbeck Glee Quartette, the Ilkeston handbell band, and Mr. W. C. Hunt (saxophone), Mr. Walter Taylor acting as accompanist.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The 21st annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday, January 19th, and was an undoubted success. About 35 members attended, representing most of the towers in the district. During the afternoon a peal board, presented by Mr. G. Johnson, and recording his fiftieth peal, was unveiled by Mrs. Scutt, and dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scutt).

A service was held in the Church, Brother Capeling presiding at the organ, and the Vicar officiating.

Tea was served at the Swan Inn, the Vicar presiding. At the business meeting which followed, both the Master (Mr. C. W. Everett) and the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Balcomb) were unanimously re-elected.

The Hon. Secretary then read his annual report, which showed a very successful year's working, both in progress and finance. Eleven monthly meetings and the annual outing took place during the year, and were generally well attended. The outing was the most successful which had been held. On the financial side he showed a balance in hand of nearly £4 on the year's working, while the total membership was 86.

Several complimentary speeches were made and replied to, and then the members settled down to a very pleasant social.

'EDINBURGH SURPRISE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space to answer Mr. C. F. Bailey's questions and defend myself against Mr. Lindoff's accusations.

My objections to 'Edinburgh' were plainly stated, and are as follows: It is an unfortunate course to take, with the object of producing a new method, to select two perfect double methods and splice half of each together by introducing two sets of adjoining places in 1—2, which is degrading to both the methods employed. If Mr. Bailey is satisfied because the arrangement produces a whole pull at lead and a triple snap behind, I don't mind in the least. My reason for publishing No. 1 and 2 methods was to show that two methods can be connected without any detrimental effect. No. 1 is half Lancashire and half Yorkshire, and No. 2 half Bristol. I have several others which are like Bristol, clear of the blemish of adjoining place-making, which is my ideal.

Regarding Mr. Lindoff's allusion to a 5,040 Yorkshire Royal, that composition was by Mr. Sam Thomas. The 5,040 Princess Mary Royal I published was arranged from a peal of Superlative I have had for 29 years, and consists of four blocks of three hobs Wrong, each connected with two, making up courses with the 5th in 6th's place. Now I am surprised at Mr. Lindoff, even if he did produce this before me, making a claim for strict originality. Benjamin Annable might have done, but certainly nobody in our generation.

Regarding Mr. Lindoff's allusion to a 7,616 Treble Bob. This peal, along with five others, is undoubtedly mine. What I want to know is, when did it occur to Mr. Lindoff that they were his? I challenge him to give proof of date of his producing the same. I will do likewise, and I suggest, sir, that we each send our case to you, and that you act as judge. This is perfectly fair to both parties. Will Mr. Lindoff agree?—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.

At the Bristol United Guilds meeting, Mr. F. G. Leaker was elected chairman for the 1925 dinner, and in acknowledging the compliment, said he felt it was a great honour not only to himself, but to the St. Thomas' Guild.

Mr. William Knight was elected vice-chairman, and will in turn succeed the chairman for the following dinner in 1926.—It was unanimously resolved that Mr. Williams should be re-elected after his satisfactory balance sheet.

A silver bell is to be added to the chain of office each year bearing the chairman's name and year of office.

There is a probability that the interesting Bristol Union Youths jug may be on view at the next dinner.

A social is being arranged for the end of March, and this time it will be held on a Saturday (details will be announced in our notice columns shortly).

The retiring chairman stated that the 1924 dinner was a great success, and he felt highly honoured to have been chairman for that most successful occasion.

A Bristol United Guilds' peal has been arranged for February 21st, 1924, at St. Nicholas' Church.

PRESENTATION AT DEPTFORD.

MR. G. H. DAYNES' QUADRUPLE OFFICES.

On Wednesday evening, January 30th, a pleasant little ceremony took place in the belfry of St. Nicholas', Deptford, previous to an attempt for a peal, which unfortunately was unsuccessful.—Mr. R. D. Marshall, on behalf of the local ringers and a few friends from Surrey and London who were unable to be present, asked the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Pitman) and Mrs. Pitman to present to Mr. G. H. Daynes a solid gold bell pendant, a silver-mounted amber stemmed pipe, and a tobacco pouch. The pendant, which was beautifully engraved on the front 'The Kent County Association of Change Ringers' and on the back, 'Presented to Mr. G. H. Daynes, January, 1924, 14 years' service as tower keeper of St. Nicholas', Deptford.'

The Rev. T. W. Pitman, in a few brief words, remarked how much Mr. Daynes' services in the belfry and in the church were appreciated.—Mr. R. D. Marshall, in endorsing the Vicar's remarks, said how much Mr. Daynes was appreciated by all who came into contact with him, and he trusted Mr. Daynes would accept the small gifts in the spirit which they were given.

Mr. Daynes, in reply, said he had been taken completely by surprise. He thanked everybody for their kindness, but added that he did not know what he had done to deserve it.—Mrs. Daynes was also present. Mr. Daynes now holds four offices at the church, viz., captain of the ringers, tower keeper, churchwarden, and chorister.

The pendant was the work of Mr. G. Stacey, of Minehead, Somerset.

RINGERS' FESTIVAL AT CHUDLEIGH.**BIG DEVON GATHERING.**

Over 200 ringers from all parts of Devon, including a ladies' band from Exeter, joined in a ringers' festival at Chudleigh on Saturday, January 19th. The bells, which have been augmented to eight, were recently dedicated, and as no opportunity could then be given for ringers to try them, Mr. W. J. Southwood, secretary for the Devonshire Guild (Exeter branch), organised this festival, which proved a great success.

The bells were kept going from 2 o'clock to 9 p.m., and all expressed their admiration as the way Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, had carried out the work, both the 'go' and tone of the bells being perfect.

The towers represented were Chudleigh, Moretonhampstead, Paignton, Kenn, Christow, St. David's, St. Thomas's and St. Sidwell's, Exeter; Heavitree, Topsham, Littlehampston, Honiton Clys. Sowton, Bradninch, Whitestone, Kenton, Collaton St. Mary, Highweek, Ideford, Kingsteignton, Alphonston and Newton Abbot.

In the afternoon the quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon branch of the Devon Guild was held in the School, presided over by Mr. H. W. Wilkes (Dartmouth).—Mr. H. J. Hole (hon. sec.) presented a report, in which reference was made to the work done during the quarter, particularly at Collaton and Cockington.

Mr. Wilkes and Mr. Hole were re-elected chairman and hon. secretary respectively, and Stoke Gabriel was selected for the next meeting, which is to be held on May 3rd.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. W. J. Southwood, of Exeter, for his splendid efforts on behalf of the Mid-Devon branch, and Mr. Southwood, in replying, said he was pleased to do whatever he could to promote scientific bell ringing. He produced a plan of the many churches, of which Exeter is the centre, and suggested that by dividing the parishes into sections, one could help the other without having to go far away. Help could always be obtained from Exeter.

The ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. Cyril Johnston, head of the Croydon foundry, the Rev. G. H. Mallett, Vicar of Chudleigh, thanking him on behalf of all present. Mr. Johnston's health was accorded musical honours.

A concert was given in the Schoolroom to entertain the visitors whilst awaiting their turn to ring, and was very much appreciated, the following taking part: Miss Nancy Perry, Mrs. Cooper, Mr. Roland Durden, Major Weeks, and Mr. Holcombe. Mr. J. J. Hall, F.R.A.S., gave a chat on 'Chimes and Carillons.' Touches were also rung on handbells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.**

The bells at Southgate again proved an attraction, when on Saturday, January 19th, the above association met at that place for the annual meeting of the North and East District. In spite of the unsettled weather, well over 40 members attended and enjoyed some good ringing in various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Ten and Cambridge Royal. A service was held at 5.15 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peplow), and a very interesting address was given by the Rev. R. de G. Hampson. Tea was served at 'The Cherry Tree,' and was followed by the business meeting.

The balance sheet, which showed a credit on the year's working of £2 2s. 9d., was passed, subject to audit.

Eight new members were admitted, and the whole of the retiring officers were re-elected as follows: Master, Mr. G. B. Lucas; treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.; hon. secretary, Mr. C. T. Coles; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. W. J. Kemp; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth; representatives on Central Committee, Messrs. R. E. G. Geare, W. H. Oram, and S. Wade.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Saviour's, Waltham-slow, the exact date being left to the hon. secretary.

A discussion arose on a proposal made by Mr. J. Parker, that next year's district annual meeting should be held at Edmonton.—This was eventually agreed to, and the members are assured of a very pleasant meeting.

Hearty thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells; the Rev. R. de G. Hampson for his address at the service; the organist for his valuable assistance; and Mr. J. E. Miller and the local ringers for their usual cordial welcome.—The Rev. R. de G. Hampson made a brief but happy reply, and the business meeting then terminated.

Considerable use was afterwards made of the bells, some excellent ringing including a well-struck course of Middlesex Surprise Royal, which was described by several who heard this method for the first time as a very musical composition.

BELLS OF STEEL.

A meeting of the Eastern District of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held at Jarrow on Saturday, January 26th, and, although handicapped by the railway strike, there was a good attendance. After ringing at Christ Church (8 bells) several members proceeded by motor-bus to Hebburn Presbyterian Church. Here they were welcomed by one of the elders and three or four ringers, and after inspecting the beautiful church, the peal of six steel bells (tenor 19 cwt.) were rung in various methods. The local ringers were very interested in seeing scientific change ringing for the first time, and it is hoped that they will take it up.

After tea at the Ben Lomond Hotel, Jarrow, a short meeting was held. Mr. W. Story presided, and was supported by the Rev. E. M. Williams, Rector of Christ Church; the Rev. T. H. Lilburn, Vicar of St. Peter's; Mr. A. M. Hall, Mr. J. W. Parker, and others.—The Secretary read a letter from the district vice-president, Mr. R. Parkinson, regretting inability to attend, and a vote of thanks was passed to the clergy and also the minister and deacons of Hebburn Presbyterian Church.—The Rev. T. H. Lilburn replied in a very helpful speech.

The next meeting was arranged to be held at Sunderland on May 3rd.

HIGH WYCOMBE RINGERS.**WITHDRAWAL FROM OXFORD GUILD CONFIRMED.**

The annual meeting of the High Wycombe belfry was held at the Vicarage on Monday, January 28th. The Rev. F. M. Molyneux, M.B.E., presided over the meeting, 13 members being present, with the Rev. J. F. S. Glynn, B.A., and the Rev. L. B. Bell, M.A.

Among other business transacted was the confirmation of a previous resolution to withdraw the tower from affiliation with the Oxford Diocesan Guild as a protest against the continuity of the Guild's festival at Oxford.

The number of attendances at Sunday and practice ringing totalled 1,454.

The officers were all re-elected with thanks for their services, as follows: President, the Vicar; foreman, Mr. Ralph Coles; deputy, Mr. Edward Markham; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. George Twitcheen.

At the invitation of the president, a first-class supper was enjoyed, and after the meal the rest of the evening was spent in harmony, hearty thanks being accorded to the Vicar for his generosity.

BRAINTREE RINGER AND VERGER.**DEATH OF MR. L. W. WIFFEN.**

The Essex Association has lost a valued member by the death of Mr. Lewis William Wiffen, of Braintree, who for the past ten years has been verger at St. Michael's Church. The deceased, who was 65 years of age, had not had good health for a long time. He was taken suddenly ill on completing his work in church on Christmas Day, and passed away on January 18th. Conscientious and painstaking in the performance of his duties, he will be much missed by the worshippers at St. Michael's, among whom he was held in much esteem. His father, the late Mr. Walter William Wiffen, was verger before him for many years, and, like his son, was interested in bell ringing. Deceased had been a member of the Essex Association for 35 years, and was one of St. Michael's Guild of Ringers all the time he was in Braintree. His eldest son, Mr. Lewis Walter Wiffen, is the present Master of the Northern Division of the Essex Association; and another son, Mr. George Wiffen, is also a local ringer. A native of Stambourne, deceased was a blacksmith at Colne Engaine before coming to Braintree. He leaves a widow, four sons, and three daughters.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, January 23rd, the Vicar (the Rev. D. B. Barclay), assisted by the curate (the Rev. R. Williams), officiating. During the service at St. Michael's, the hymns, 'Rock of Ages' and 'Now the labourer's task is o'er,' were sung, and at the close the organist, Miss Williams, played a funeral march. The burial took place at the Cemetery. The mourners were the widow; Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wiffen and Messrs. George and Albert Wiffen, sons and daughter-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Green, Colchester, and Miss Wiffen, son-in-law and daughters; Mrs. Playle, sister; and Mr. G. Wiffen, Ilford, brother-in-law. Among those who attended were Messrs. G. T. Bartram, J.P., C.A.; C. H. Howard, J.P., Master of the Essex Association; W. H. Dyson, F. J. Weaver, M.A., J. F. Blanden, churchwardens. Floral tributes were received from the churchwardens and Church Council of St. Michael's, and the members of St. Michael's Guild of Ringers. As a mark of respect to the deceased the flag at the church was flown at half-mast. In the evening 768 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung upon the bells with the clappers half-muffled by the following members of the St. Michael's Guild: F. Webb 1, Miss E. Pottitt 2, W. J. Sadler 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, W. H. Dyson 5, H. E. Hammond 6, F. Ely 7, H. J. Collins 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, February 3rd, at the Parish Church, 720 of Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: L. Palmer 1, A. Markwell, junr. (first 720), 2, A. Parsons 3, S. Smedley, junr., 4, W. Palmer 5, F. Smith (conductor) 6, S. Smedley, senr., 7, H. Stow 8.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, February 3rd, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, 1440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, in 62 mins.: J. Watkin 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Mackrill 3, C. F. Mitchell 4, A. Newman 5, E. A. Reeve 6, H. H. Mance 7, W. Essery 8, F. Skevington 9, H. Mance (conductor) 10. First quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.

FALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: G. W. Stevens 1, A. H. Fulwell 2, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 3, Miss P. M. Moss 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, A. Harding 7, L. H. Page 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At Holy Trinity, Watermoor, on Sunday, February 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Groves' variation of Parker's 12-part: F. J. Lewis 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, H. C. Bond 4, W. H. Hayward 5, G. Dore 6, L. A. Wilson 7, H. Lewis 8. Also rung as a birthday compliment to H. Lewis and H. C. Bond.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, February 3rd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,284 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Watkinson (conductor) 1, Mrs. J. Garth (first quarter-peal) 2, J. C. Taylor 3, W. Godden 4, P. Downing 5, F. Cardwell 6, H. Taylor 7, J. Garth 8.

PINLEY, BERKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 900 Plain Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob: *Mrs. E. L. Murray 1, H. Tucker 2, J. Smith 3, *Miss E. A. Collins 4, *J. O. Lewendon 5, E. Tigwell (conductor) 6. * First spliced quarter-peal.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, February 3rd, 480 Stedman Doubles: L. Albrow 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, E. C. Hartley 4, W. L. Gutteridge 5, J. Shuker 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Baleman, mother of the steeple keeper.

DARLINGTON.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, January 27th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, *R. Park 2, F. Cooke 3, W. H. Porter 4, C. Todd 5, W. N. Park (first 720 of London as conductor) 6. * First 720 London Surprise Minor 'inside.'

ACKWORTH.—At St. Cuthbert's Church, for Matins, on Sunday, January 27th, 360 Bob Minor: Fred Linsay 1, Walter Beetham 2, W. Linsay 3, K. Macaulay 4, E. Lamprey (conductor) 5, W. Palmer (Badsworth) 6.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, for evening service, on January 27th, 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. T. Scrivens 1, T. Russam 2, J. George 3, T. H. Reeves 4, A. Walker (conductor) 5, M. J. Morris 6, J. Neal 7, A. E. Norman 8.

BLUNSDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Doubles: E. Ball 1, J. Vincent 2, Theo Portlock (age 12), longest length, 3, A. Bond 4, W. Truman 5, E. Portlock 6.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On January 27th, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: John Huxtable (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 1, J. R. Sandover (conductor) 2, R. J. Hebditch 3, T. Laver 4, C. G. Glass 5, A. Mitchell 6, W. S. Lethbridge 7, F. M. Rogers 8.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes: W. Symes (first in the method) 1, H. Harvey 2, S. Pool 3, J. Pool 4, W. White 5, G. White 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, F. Lewis 8.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Mundy 1, E. Dumper 2, G. Pullinger 3, G. Williams 4, W. G. Edwards 5, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 6, C. H. Giles 7, H. Lay (first 504) 8. — For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Mundy 1, G. Williams 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. T. Tucker 5, W. G. Edwards (conductor) 6, C. H. Giles 7, H. Lay 8.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, January 27th, for morning service, 640 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Ranford 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton 4, J. J. Jefferies 5, W. Lewis 6, S. T. Holt (conductor) 7, C. Camm 8.

SOUTH CERNEY, GLOS.—At All Hallows' Church, for morning service, on Sunday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: D. Wheeler 1, A. H. Painter (conductor) 2, J. S. Morgans 3, H. Gassor 4, S. R. Hicks 5, J. Gealer 6.—On January 27th, a date touch of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles and Bob Singles (1,924 changes), in 1 hr. 1 min.: J. S. Morgans 1, A. H. Painter 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, H. Gassor 4, S. R. Hicks 5, J. Gealer 6.

EXETER.—At St. David's, on January 20th, 1,036 Grandsire Triples: S. Milton 1, G. Carter 2, F. Gardner 3, J. Vanstone 4, J. Arbury 5, J. Oke 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, W. Bedford 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Sunday, January 20th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: *E. Lines 1, W. Latter 2, B. Collison 3, Miss D. Orlebar 4, W. Collison 5, *R. T. Lambert 6, F. White 7, S. H. Green (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

OXFORD.—At St. Ebbe's Church, for evening service, on January 15th, a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: F. H. H. Jefferies (first of Oxford) 1, W. H. R. Wilkins (conductor) 2, F. Wilkins 3, W. Harris 4, H. Tolley 5, F. Clinkard 6.

EXETER.—On the 'Thomas' peal of eight at the Cathedral, on Sunday, January 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Harris 1, J. Oke 2, J. Arbury 3, T. Bartlett 4, F. Gardner 5, W. Lethbridge (conductor) 6, F. J. Davey 7, S. Milton 8. Taken from Holt's Original.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, January 12th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Corfield 1, G. E. Lawrence 2, F. Triner (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, J. Walley 6.—On Sunday, January 19th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise: H. Wiberley 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, F. T. Dawson 5, J. Walley 6.—On Sunday, January 26th, 720 Violet: E. E. Johnson 1, N. Birch 2, C. Preston 3, F. Triner (conductor) 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, J. Walley 6. Also 360 Duke of York. Messrs. Birch and Preston hail from Bucknall.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Nottingham district was held at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, on Saturday, January 26th, about 60 ringers being present from Beeston, Breaston, Colgrave, Orston, Sawley, Greasley, Old Basford, South Normanton, Mansfield, Sutton-in-Ashfield, with visitors from Derby, Grantham, and other places. Touches in various methods were rung until 4.25, when the company adjourned to the grave of the late Mr. Wm. Doubleday Crofts, and the following rang a course of Grandsire Triples: W. E. White 1-2, A. H. Ward (Derby) 3-4, A. Coppock 5-6, E. C. Gobey (Ilkeston) 7-8. The ringers then attended a short service in the church, conducted by the Rev. B. Vaughan (curate). A short address was given by Archdeacon Conybeare. Mr. W. Taylor, of Greasley, presided at the organ.

The annual meeting followed, in the large vestry, kindly lent by Canon Fields.—Mr. A. Coppock presided, and the secretary presented his report on the year's working. This showed that the district had increased in all department. Hon. members had increased from 19 to 21; ringing members from 151 to 163; cash from £12 8s. 6d. to nearly £30. Thirty new ringing members joined, but owing to two towers and several other members lapsing the net increase was down to twelve members. It was pleasing to note, the Secretary added, that several old members had returned, and two new towers had become affiliated during the year. It was also a pleasure to report the first peal of London Surprise Major rung in Nottingham, and the band was congratulated upon its success. Three old members have passed away during the year, viz., Mr. W. Spencer (Bulwell), Mr. Bryan Dent (East Bridgford) and Mr. S. Wesley, who had rung 210 peals for the association, and had been head ringer and chorister at Lenton Parish Church for about 36 years.—The report was unanimously adopted. The following officers were re-elected: Vice-president, Mr. A. Coppock; secretary, Mr. F. Blood; committee, Mr. W. E. White, Mr. W. A. James.

Old Basford was chosen for the next meeting, on February 23rd.—Two old members rejoined (Messrs. A. Lambert and J. Oldham), and four new members, one from Breaston and three from Mansfield, were elected, as well as the Rev. J. S. Galloway (Vicar of Greasley) as an hon. member.—A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon Field for granting the use of the bells, and to the Rev. B. Vaughan for arranging and taking the service.

The next business was the unveiling of a peal board to record the first peal of London Surprise Major rung in the city, at St. Peter's Church, where the members had assembled. Ald. Chambers, B.A., J.P., the president of the M.C.A., was to have performed the ceremony, but owing to indisposition was unable to attend. Archdeacon Conybeare was, therefore, asked to take his place. Mr. A. Coppock, the conductor of the peal, and who had given the peal board, invited the Archdeacon to unveil and dedicate the board.—Archdeacon Conybeare congratulated those who rang in the peal, and after removing the covering from the board, offered up the dedicatory prayer. In place of the tower bells the handbells were brought into use, owing to the tower being so close to the business part of the city.—A vote of thanks to the donor of the board and to the Archdeacon was unanimously carried, and the members then adjourned to the Albert Hotel for the memorial dinner to the late Mr. W. D. Crofts.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 36th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, 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. 23rd. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. and Bishop Ryder's (a new ring of 8 by Taylor) from 3 to 4.15.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church on Feb. 9th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. The meeting will be held after tea.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MYTHOLMROYD PARISH CHURCH, YORKS.—On February 9th, the bells recently recast and augmented to 8 (tenor 14 cwt.) by John Taylor & Co., will be open to all ringers from 1.30 p.m. All are welcome.—A. Bottomley, 1, Albert Street, Mytholmroyd.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Pirbright on Saturday, February 9th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Subscriptions now due.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dist. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Widford on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at White Horse Hotel.—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. Taunton Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. James' on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea after service (provided by Canon Corfield) at St. Mary's Church Room, and meeting following. Wilton bells available from 2.30 to 4 p.m. only.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Moor-side, Oldham, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Dartford on Saturday, February 9th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service with address by the Vicar (Canon Savill), at 5 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, at the Church Hall, Lowfield Street. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Haslemere on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea arrangements will be made on the day. All ringers and friends welcome.—William Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—The quarterly meeting is to be held at St. John's, Surrey Road, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Ringing from 3.30. Service at 5. Address by Vicar (Rev. C. Stewart Miller). Tea in the Parish Hall at 5.30. Bells of St. James', Poole, also available from 2 p.m.—C. A. Phillips.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells available for ringing: St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3 to 4 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, 3 to 4.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Preacher: The Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge; immediately following the service the War Memorial tablet will be unveiled. Tea, by ticket, at the Express Dairy, 5.30. Business meeting, 6.45, Parish House, Clare Market, W.C.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Prescott on Saturday, Feb. 9th. Bells ready at 4. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting at 6. Tea 6d. each. Members intending being present please write to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, February 9th. Service at St. Cuthbert's Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting at Wickenden's, High Street, to follow. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) available from 2 p.m.; Cathedral (10) after meeting.—W. Farley, Hon. Sec., 7, Mills Street, Wells.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for February: St. Clement Danes, Monday, Feb. 18th; Bishopsgate, 11th; all at 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

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, should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on Feb. 21st; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, the 12th; St. Andrews, Holborn, on the 14th; and *St. Paul's Cathedral 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.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells open afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by February 12th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by permission of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Relton (Vicar) and churchwardens, who will entertain members to tea free, visitors 1s. Ringing from 3 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 13th?—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. T. K. Sopwith). Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Ringing from 6.30 till 8.30. The bells unfortunately are not available in the afternoon, but it is hoped to obtain another tower in the vicinity, of which notice will be given next week.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Northern District will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Feb. 16th. The bells of St. Andrew's will be available at 3 p.m., when all ringers are cordially invited. Service in the Church at 4.30, to be followed by tea at the White Hart. Will members intending to be present please let me know by Feb. 14th?—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above Association will be held at Filton and Horfield on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Filton bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, tea to follow. Horfield bells available from 6 p.m. A committee meeting as per rule (one of the branch rules) is called for Wednesday, Feb. 13th, at St. Thomas', City, Churchroom, 8 p.m.—Business re grouping of towers. Members requiring tea please notify me by Feb. 12th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea by invitation of Vicar at 5 o'clock—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at the White Lion, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. All are welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Wellsborough, on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) available from 2 to 5 p.m. Tea at 1/- at 5 p.m. As there is a K.C.A. meeting at 6.30, there will be no ringing at Wellsborough after tea.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—Annual meeting will be held at Mathon on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (6) 3 p.m. Tea after service at the Bakery.—Richard Thomas, Dist. Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upholland on Feb. 16th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—The next Cathedral Cinques practice will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16th, from 7 to 9 p.m. All twelve-bell ringers are urgently invited to attend.—E. S. Powell, Gen. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Secretary wishes to give notice that the quarterly meeting for Feb. 16th, at Saltsburn, has been unavoidably postponed to Saturday, March 1st. Further particulars will be given later.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Feb. 16th. The bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 16th. St. Mary's tower open from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Giles, 4 p.m. until the service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Members of Guild 1s. and non-members 2s. 6d., to all who let me know their intention of being present by Wednesday, Feb. 13th. Entertainment free.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Martock is postponed to Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Eight bells available early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

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 Messrs. W. Bottrill, Essery, F. W. Goodfellow, George, Hawkins, Mance, Matthews, P. W. Norton, Riley, Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, E. A. Young, Wood, or J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Feb. 19th. All ringers and friends welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM.—It has been arranged in future for the bells at the above Church to be available for practice on Monday evenings. The tower will be open from 7.30 to 9 p.m. The bells are also rung for Sunday services from 10.30 a.m. to 11 a.m., and from 6 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—James George, Ringing Master, 44, Cuckoo Road, Nechells, Birmingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—A monthly practice of the United Guild of the above branch will take place at St. Nicholas Church on the first Tuesday in every month at 7.30 p.m., commencing Tuesday, Feb. 5th.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells ready 7.30. Meeting 7. Subscriptions now due. Reports ready.—J. Hall, Branch Secretary, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

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OXFORD GUILD DISSENSION.

It must be a matter of regret to the majority of the members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild to read that the twelve-bell band at High Wycombe have confirmed their previous decision to withdraw from the organisation. The action that has been taken may be only the result of 'domestic' differences, but the principle is one of much wider importance. When the Wycombe Company first resolved upon severing their connection with the Guild, as a protest against the action of the general meeting in persisting in holding the annual festival at Oxford, we urged that the step was undemocratic, and, instead of having the desired effect, merely prevented the Wycombe band from bringing about, by constitutional methods, the change they so much desire. The secretary explained in our columns the efforts that had been made, without result, to influence the Guild in the direction of moving the venue of the festival, and he added that, these measures having failed, something more drastic had become necessary.

Well, 'drastic' action has been taken, but is it likely to succeed in its object? We think not. We believe that a much more effective method would have been a resolution at the next annual meeting calling for a referendum on the subject. Such a motion, in view of the known feeling, could not well have been refused, and a vote of the members throughout the Guild would have settled definitely this vexed question. But the Wycombe belfry, by its withdrawal from the Guild, has put itself out of court, and this, we think, is a great pity, both from the Guild's and Wycombe's point of view. It is regrettable, too, because it removes the one live twelve-bell company in the Guild, and also for the influence which the action may have on other companies in the same district.

We do not know what, if any, efforts have been made in the last few months to prevent the complete breach at Wycombe, but if, as seems to be the case from the letter of a correspondent in this issue, the whole district of East Berks and South Bucks, once the most active and probably the best organised branch of the Guild, has been neglected, the policy of 'drift' will soon lead to further dissatisfaction and dissensions. This is hardly characteristic of the Oxford Guild, and is perhaps indicative of the trouble that is under the surface in that part of the diocese. It cannot be too late, even yet, to save the situation in Buckinghamshire, but in this, as in other things, delays are dangerous. We still say we do not think the Wycombe branch exhausted every means of

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getting a full expression of feeling on the subject about which they feel aggrieved, but, unless there have been negotiations concerning which nothing has been made public, it can hardly be said that the Guild officials have handled the matter as one would have expected them to do. Moreover, the situation will not be improved by the lack of action by those responsible for the branch organisation, of which our correspondent complains. Perhaps the feeling which exists in the branch is not even now fully realised in other parts of the Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHARLES CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*WILLIAM WONNACOTT Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 6
†ALFRED T. WESTCOTT 2	WARREN S. HORN BROOK 7
*THOMAS MYERS 3	WILLIAM RICHARDS 8
*HAROLD ASHTON 4	ERNEST W. MARSH 9
*HARRY BURNER 5	JOSEPH WOODLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by W. S. HORN BROOK.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal on ten with bob bell. First peal on ten as conductor.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK ROBSON Treble	†WILLIAM AINSWORTH 6
ALFRED E. BACON 2	*WILLIAM ELLERINGTON 7
ROBERT STEPHENSON 3	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON 8
FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT 4	*THOMAS LANCASTER 9
THOMAS METCALFE 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal in the method. † First in any method, and first attempt for a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BATLEY, YORKS.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ENOCH WATSON Treble	GEORGE SCHOLEY 5
HARRY ROBINSON 2	WM. H. SENIOR 6
JOHN W. DEWS 3	TOM NORTH 7
WALTER IDLE 4	SAM GIBSON Tenor

Composed by the late FRED ROBINSON.

Conducted by S. GIBSON.

First peal rung on the bells since they were retuned and made into the full octave by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. It was also the first peal as conductor by Sam Gibson.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*RALPH PAYNE Treble	LEONARD TUFFREY 5
FRANK R. COOMBS 2	FREDERICK WEBB 6
JACK JUDGE 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
*EDGAR BENNETT 4	CYRIL BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method. All are members of the local band.

ALDBOURNE, WILTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5
ERNEST BISHOP 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 7
CANON G. F. COLERIDGE ... 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Arranged for Candlemas Day, that being the birthday of Mr. E. Bishop, all the band wishing him many more happy years and good peals. First peal on these beautiful bells since 1837. The band were entertained to tea by the Rev. and Mrs. P. Jasper, to whom all tender their sincere thanks.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*WALTER FISHER Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
PERCIVAL W. CAVE 2	CLAUDE S. BENWELL 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
†ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First Surprise peal. † First peal of Surprise on working bell. First peal of Surprise Major ever rung in Liverpool. Rung as a welcome to Mr. P. W. Cave, late of Bristol.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 4, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK RAINBIRD ... Treble	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 5
ALFRED PYE 2	ERNEST J. BULTER ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	HAROLD W. CLARK ... 7
GEORGE R. RYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21½ cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING ... Treble	A. G. HUNT 5
†GEORGE WARNER 2	HERBERT WAKELAM ... 6
FRED BIRKS 3	JOHN PERRY 7
THOMAS PERRY 4	*ERIC SPEAKE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
FRED F. RIGBY 3	PETER CROOK 7
EDWARD EDWARDS 4	GEORGE PINCOTT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by PETER CROOK.

First peal in the method by all the band. First in the method in the branch and on the bells. Rung for the wedding of W. Pennington's only daughter, which took place on the 2nd inst.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HAROLD V. COOPER ... Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
†CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 6
WILLIAM POTTER 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 4	WALTER MASTERS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on a bob bell. Rung as a wedding compliment to two of the local ringers, Mr. R. Gordon, who was married to Miss G. Morgan, and Mr. E. Lloyd married to Miss L. G. Malpass.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two 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 9½ cwt.

GEORGE TEMPLE Treble	CHARLES W. BELL 5
*MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 6
THEODORE GRANT 3	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE 4	THOMAS F. KING Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal in the method as conductor.

WOBURN, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in D.

AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... Treble	HORACE H. SMITH ... 5
*ALBERT FLEET 2	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 6
*CYRIL HERBERT 3	ERNEST HERBERT ... 7
*DOUGLAS H. HARRIS ... 4	EDMUND J. HOBBS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. J. HOBBS.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... Treble	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 5
GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... 2	*HARRY MILLER 6
JOHN ARMSTRONG 3	JOHN E. MILLER 7
*EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 4	SIDNEY WADE Tenor

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by S. WADE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in method as conductor, and by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peploe) and J. E. Miller, captain of the ringers.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

BERTIE O. SODEN Treble	ARTHUR MANNING ... 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	THOMAS LAW 6
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	SAMUEL BURDITT ... 7
ROBERT G. BLACK 4	HARRY BAXTER Tenor

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON. Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

The first peal rung for the Guild. First peal of Major on the bells, and first in the method by all except treble and second ringers. First attempt on eight as conductor. Rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the dedication of the two trebles, which occurred on the previous Sunday.

LONDON.—On January 28th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins., with 7 and 8 covering: R. E. G. Geare 2, W. H. Howe 3, G. Cowley 4, F. K. Putland (conductor) 5, W. Glover 6, G. Clifford 7, H. Francis 8.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON & WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED RIGBY Treble	JOHN BOOTH 5
*JAMES W. GROUNDS 2	*ERNEST BIRCHALL 6
*HARRY FRANCE 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
WILLIAM LANCASTER 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (360). Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

* First peal in method. First peal of Oxford Major as conductor.
First peal in method on the bells.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	HARRY ARGYLE 5
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2	WILLIAM T. COX 6
FREDERICK W. CLAYTON ... 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	*WILLIAM J. SIMMONDS ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight. Ringer of treble hails from Erdington, 2nd and 6th Stoke-in-Covertry, 4th, 5th and 7th Nuneaton, 3rd and tenor belong to the local company.

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

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*HERBERT E. ROBBINS ... Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
*WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	*CHARLES MASON 6
*BERNARD DITCHER 3	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal of New Cambridge. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Rumney, of New Mills, and the Rev. A. T. Beeston, who were married at Buxton on February 5th.

CRANBROOK, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

ARCHIBALD C. KAY Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 2	ERNEST W. POWELL 6
REGINALD C. LAMBERT ... 3	HENRY C. CASTLE 7
ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

ALLEN C. JONES Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 6
RICHARD EVANS 3	CHARLES GREEDY 7
ERNEST STITCH 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER 8

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by C. H. PERRY.

First peal in the method by all the band (except the ringer of the 2nd) in the county, and the association. J. W. Jones and C. Greedy hail from Newport; F. Chamberlain and S. R. Barker from Cardiff; E. Stitch from Aberavon; the rest are local men.

RHYL, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Six Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 10,400 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, of Bangor, President of the Association, and Mr. A. E. Peglar. First peal in method on the bells. Longest length by the association, and in Wales. The band wish to thank the Rector for granting permission at short notice, and Mr. Evans for having everything ready.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	*A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT ... 5
GEORGE S. MORRIS 2	DET. SERGT. H. G. JENNEY 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
HARRY BROUGHTON 4	HAROLD J. POOLE Tenor

Composed by A. C. WRIGHT. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* 100th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled for Richard Burton, an employee of Messrs. Taylor and Co., who died the previous day, following a distressing accident in the church at Whalley, Lancs.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST J. TRIMMER Treble	HAROLD W. CLARK 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	*REUBEN CHARGE 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LINDOFF'S TWENTY-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	JAMES POWELL 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	HARRY BAKER 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

This is the first occasion a lady rung a peal at Benenden.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SADDINGTON Treble	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	WILLIAM THORLEY 6
GEORGE FREEBRY 3	EDWARD READER 7
HARRY WHITTLE 4	CECIL CLARKE Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

The ringer of treble, 4th, 6th and 7th hail from Loughborough; 2nd and 5th from Leicester; 3rd from Derby. The tenor man is local, and was elected a member previous to starting. It was his first attempt for a peal.

CONSETT.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALBERT M. HALL Treble	WILLIAM H. BARBER 5
RICHARD OLIVER 2	*ROBERT SKELTON 6
*ALFRED S. HILLIER 3	*GEORGE H. WILKINSON 7
†FREDERICK SHERATON 4	*T. BRUCE HARGREAVES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

EDWARD JENKINS... .. Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
HENRY W. WILDE 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILLY.

* First peal in the method. G. Wilson has now rung every bell in the tower to a peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	*JACK BRANCH 5
JOHN AKEHURST... .. 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
*WESLEY PETTIFER 3	JOHN COOK 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	WILLIAM STANFORD Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by W. STANFORD.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

HORWICH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 5
*ARTHUR HAYWOOD 2	PETER CROOK 6
*FRED E. RIGBY 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 7
*JAMES BOLTON 4	WILLIAM PENNINGTON Tenor

Composed by W. ROYLE. Conducted by PETER CROOK.

* First peal in the method.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HAYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES E. LAWSON Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON... .. 6
WILLIAM E. ASH... .. 3	FRANCIS BARKER 7
ERNEST H. SIMPSON 4	HENRY SMITH Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Simpson, daughter of Mr. Ernest Simpson.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. in F sharp.

*FRANK REYNOLDS Treble	†JOHN YATES 5
*WILLIAM GOULD 2	GEORGE POWNALL 6
*ERNEST LEATHERBARROW... .. 3	*JAMES ORME 7
*WILLIAM HAMPSON 4	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.

First peal on the bells since they were recast and rebung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. * First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Also first peal of Major as conductor. All the ringers belong to the local company.

MONMOUTH, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, February 10, 1924, in Three Hours,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD NELMES Treble	WILLIAM BISHOP... .. 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 6
ERNEST MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
FRANK VOYCE 4	GEORGE WILKS Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BREDONS NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK SMITH Treble	THOMAS HARRIS 4
FRANCIS MILES 2	FREDRICK HARRIS 5
JAMES ATTWOOD 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD... .. Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

* First peal. First peal in two methods by all the band except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, February 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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 14½ cwt. in F.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	FREDERICK PECK 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2	WALTER KERRISON 5
FRANK FORD... .. 3	*JEPHTHAH JOLLY Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 8, 1923, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Violet, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

*HARRY BILLINGS Treble	ALICE PRESTON 4
ALICE WHEELDON 2	WILLIAM FRADLEY 5
*NIGEL BIRCH 3	CHARLES PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. PRESTON.

* First peal.

LONDON.—At St. Augustine's, Kilburn, on January 31st, 720 Bob Minor: F. Ladyman 1, G. Margetts 2, Mrs. E. M. Atkins 3, A. Gardner 4, F. Saxby 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6, W. Ball 7, H. Jones 8. First 720 of Minor by all except ringers of 3rd and 6th, and first on the bells.

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES

*THOMAS WITTS Treble	TOM PRICE 4
BASIL LATHAM 2	LESLIE BARRY 5
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	JOSEPH HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

* First peal of Doubles. First peal by the tenor ringer since 1839.
First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor size 16 in A.

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7-8

Composed by J. HUNT.

Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Size 18 in G.

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 of Stedman.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, February 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 17 in B flat.

FRANK E. PERVIN 1-2	THOMAS RUSSAM 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	*HERBERT C. SPENCER 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	†MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by G. F. SWANN.

* First peal on handbells. † 251st peal.

COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

*HARRY O. WHITE 1-2	FRANK E. PERVIN 5-6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4	HUBERT SUMMERS 7-8
JOHN TAYLOR 9-10	

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal of Caters, and first peal in the method 'in hand.'

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A good meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Pirbright on Saturday last, when, despite a damp day, members and friends were present from Bagshot, Camberley, Chertsey, Godalming, Worplesdon, and the local band. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and at the service the Rev. G. R. M. Eliwood (of Chertsey) assisted the Vicar, the Rev. A. Neild.

Tea was served at the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. One new member was elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for giving such an excellent address, and for presiding at the tea and meeting.—The Rev. A. Neild, in replying, said he hoped the next meeting at Pirbright would not be far off.—The tower was again visited, and various methods rung.

It is interesting to note that in Pirbright Churchyard the great explorer, Sir Henry M. Stanley, is buried, and a huge and rugged piece of rock marks his resting-place.

A LETTER FROM OVERSEAS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Once again I have to thank you for the regular sending of 'The Ringing World,' which always comes, even when other mail gets delayed. This must be a special dispensation of Providence for the benefit of 'exiled' ringers who have voluntarily severed themselves from the art they love so well. A great deal of Christmas mail was delayed this season at New York, and came in about Jan. 8th and 9th, but 'The Ringing World' came in as usual; indeed it rarely varies more than two or three days.

I have just been reading with astonishment the account of the peal in 35 spliced methods at Norbury, and cannot help regarding this as an extraordinary performance. Difficult methods require a lot of concentration to ring them successfully, but in the case of this latest record, one would think that some new mental attitude, akin to extreme alertness combined with concentration, is required, as a new method comes up so quickly that the ordinary dour effort of mental control over the sight and hearing that ringers possess would constantly change to a new phase.

Since I left England there has been a distinct rise in the standard of methods rung. What was confined to isolated spots seems to be pretty general all over the country. One can only hope that the standard of striking is also being maintained; it could scarcely be raised, anyway, in a great many places, although I have been in towers where they did not pay the attention to striking that should have been paid to it.

But the old school of ringers in the Norwich Association, such as rang the septuagenarian peal at Pulham, although few tried to get above Treble Bob, could ring what they knew until even the tenor on the slow seemed a virtue, so regular did they strike the bells.

John Brady, the old blind ringer at Debenham, who died in 1917, told me that when the 16,608 was rung there in 1892, he never missed a change of it, and the striking was so regular that after some hours the actual notes of the bells seem to fade in his brain, and became almost like a succession of dull knocks. He claimed that only the utmost unflinching spacing of the knocks could produce this, and remarked that it could be done on a piano if persisted in, the bell at the handstroke lead being the last to retain its note, on account of the open lead.

One can only hope that, even if the above effect is not exactly desirable, the efforts being made to ring more and more complicated methods, will yet leave time for the study of the true beauty of bells—regular striking. Notes without rhythm do not constitute music.

It seems hopeless to try to raise an interest for bells here. St. James' Cathedral were considering a war memorial, either of bells or in stone, and decided on the stone one. The organist, Dr. Ham, told me he used to be a secretary for a society of ringers somewhere in the West of England. He tried to get interest going for bells, but failed. 'They have nine large bells in the tower, eight of them fixed 'dead,' the tenor hung 'balanced,' on the clumsiest set of fittings I ever saw. She might be two tons in weight, the keynote is C. Not bad tone, cast in New York in 1865. Mr. C. F. White, who used to hang bells for Messrs. Warner, tells me that it is lucky the tenor is balanced, for they toll her by slowly rolling her upside down, and she stands on two iron brackets which wobble, even with this smooth movement. The brackets just stand on two beams, being about 6 feet high, so you can guess the result if this bell was hung at shoulder level. The wheel reminds me of one of those old water mill wheels in England, and is immense. It is made of planks.

One would think that a glance in this tower would convince the authorities that improvements could easily be made, but they are not considering it.

Mr. C. F. White, who has a set of 25 handbells, is keeping in touch with a few friends who live near enough to him to meet once a week. They practise tunes mainly, not much change ringing, I believe. For myself, I live too far away to go very often.

Wishing 'The Ringing World' every success, and the fraternity a happy New Year, I am, yours faithfully,
PETER LAFLIN.

47, Innes Avenue, Toronto.

BISHOP DEDICATES PEAL BOARD.

On Sunday, January 13th, Bishop Shaw visited Monks Rishborough, and, at a special service in the Parish Church, dedicated a peal tablet, recording the first peal rung on the fine old six bells in St. Dunstan's tower, viz., 5,040 changes of Bob Minor on June 2nd, 1923.

The tablet, a very neat one of English oak, with gold lettering, was the gift of a well known church lady, Miss Dore, formerly principal of the Abbey Schools, High Wycombe, and who, with the Bishop, was mainly the means of High Wycombe having its peal augmented to twelve.

The Bishop gave an address after the dedication, explaining the reason such tablets were placed in the belfries, as the result of the ringers' keenness in church work, and, therefore, giving their best in service to God.

Both before and after the ceremony, the bells were rung in Bob Doubles by the local band, assisted by J. W. Wilkins, of High Wycombe, who conducted; also G. Seymour, of Bledlow.

BRISTOL RINGER'S SILVER WEDDING.

Mr. R. J. Drew, a valued and earnest worker at Christ Church with St. Ewen's, Bristol, celebrated his silver wedding on January 22nd. For something approaching 20 years he has been in charge of the tower, which contains a peal of ten bells (tenor 20 cwt.), on which peals from Grandsire to London Surprise have been rung. In the belfry is a board recording a long peal of Grandsire Caters rung many years ago. In this tower, on Tuesday, the 22nd ult., the young band, with a few leading lights of other days, met to ring a touch (630 changes) of Grandsire Triples in honour of the event. The following took part: R. Gilbert 1, F. G. May 2, D. Barnard 3, F. J. Jewell 4, J. Davis 5, J. Richmond 6, G. T. Daltry (conductor) 7, W. Noble 8. Other ringing followed, giving the younger ringers a chance on the ten bells.

A very cordial invitation was extended to those who took part in the ringing to Mr. and Mrs. Drew's residence in Queen Square, where provision had been made to entertain the party, numbering about twenty, who sat down to an enjoyable collation. — Mr. Drew afterwards said how very pleased he was to have a few of his old friends with him that evening, together with the young men who were doing their best to carry on the ringing at Christ Church. He added that with all the failures and successes he had experienced he had no regrets in regard to his married life. His wife and himself had pulled together, and that day found them with their four children happy in the knowledge that things might have been a good deal worse for them.—Congratulations were extended to Mr. and Mrs. Drew on having reached their silver wedding day, and it was hoped that the next 25 years (if they were spared) would be as happy as those they had already experienced. Very hearty thanks were also offered to Mr. and Mrs. Drew for so kindly entertaining the party, Mr. J. Davis voicing the feelings of the ringers to the donor of the feast. He dwelt upon the fact that very cordial relations existed between Mr. Drew and himself and other workers of Christ Church, of which Mr. Drew was one of the most prominent.

The rest of the evening was spent in talking over old times, songs by members of the party, and selections by Miss Drew on the piano, while the host brought down the house very appropriately by singing his favourite, 'My Old Dutch.' The happy gathering broke up at midnight.

Many useful articles of silver have been presented to Mr. and Mrs. Drew by friends, who valued their work and friendship.

PATTISHALL'S VETERAN SEXTON.

At Pattishall Church, Northants, on Feb. 2nd, an attempt for a peal of Bob Minor was specially arranged as a birthday compliment to the sexton (Mr. T. Birch), but unfortunately came to grief, after two hours' good striking, owing to the treble casting the rope. The following members of the Towcester and District Association took part: G. Mansfield 1, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 2, J. W. Haynes 3, A. Booth 4, A. Mansfield 5, J. M. Gray 6. Several attempts recently made for a peal on these bells have come to grief owing to the bad going of the tenor. An oiling apparatus has now been fixed, and seems to be successful, for at the end of the two hours' ringing there were 'no complaints.'

Mr. Birch has been a ringer for about 62 years, and is also the oldest member of the Towcester Association. After the ringing, the band and several friends were very kindly entertained by Mr. G. E. Groom to an excellent meat tea at the 'Malt Shovel.'—Mr. Groom, in proposing the health of Mr. Birch, said, on behalf of the churchwardens, how proud they felt in having such an efficient sexton as Mr. Birch, for although he had attained his 78th birthday he was always punctual at the belfry for all services, and when there was no ringing he would do his bit by chiming four bells without any assistance. He hoped the time would soon come when a band of ringers would be formed in Pattishall, and get the lovely peal of bells going much oftener.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Groom for the excellent tea he had provided. Several courses of various Minor methods were rung on the handbells, and brought a very pleasant and enjoyable evening to a close.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The Midland district of the Ladies' Guild held their quarterly meeting at St. Peter's, Harbourn, on Saturday, January 19th. The attendance was not so good as usual, owing to the weather, and threatened railway strike, but members were present from Smethwick, Solihull, Evesham and Netherton. The ladies had some good practice with the local ringers and the gentlemen visitors.—There was no service owing to the Vicar (Canon Pettit) being away.

The local ringers entertained the visitors to tea. Mrs. H. Grovenor and other ladies had everything ready, and a most enjoyable time was spent. After tea the business meeting was held, at which Miss M. E. Tomlinson, of Kent, was elected member of the Guild, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. H. Grovenor and his fellow ringers for their kindness.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

From time to time the footnote to a peal reveals the return to the ranks of peal ringers of someone whose name has been absent for a long period. We wonder whether there has been a longer lapse of time between two peals by one man than in the case of Mr. Joseph Hawkes, who on Saturday rang a peal at Chalford, Gloucester, his last peal previously having been rung in 1889—thirty-five years ago!

The longest peal in Wales was rung on Saturday, when 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major was successfully brought round in 6 hrs. 5 mins., at Rhyl, by the North Wales Association. It had been intended to attempt the peal at Buckley, but serious illness near the church prevented this, and the Rector of Rhyl very kindly, at short notice, permitted the attempt to be made at his church.

In our leading article last week we mentioned the names of some of the men who have rendered so much faithful service in the cause of change ringing in Devon. There is another who should have been included, and that is Mr. W. H. Marsh, who has for many years carried on invaluable spudwork in the Plymouth district.

Last year the Lancashire Association had a total of 1,410 members, made up of 83 honorary life members, 18 honorary, 196 non-resident, and 1,113 performing members. Fifty-one members rang their first peal, and 165 their first in a fresh method.

On Shrove Tuesday, 1826, which was February 7th, an unusual performance was accomplished at Bingley, Yorks. 'Three touches of twelve twelve-scores each, without a breakdown or a false change,' making a total of 8,640 changes, was rung in 36 methods. For those days this was a remarkable achievement.

The last survivor of the band was James Lilley, who lived until 1879, having been a ringer at Bingley for 17 years, and afterwards at Shipley for over 40 years.

To-day is the 99th anniversary of a peal of 9,999 Grandsire Major rung at Oldham on February 15th, 1825.

A peal of 14,224 Bob Major was rung in 8 hours 45 mins. at Aston on February 16th, 1789, by St. Martin's Youths. Probably they thought at the time that it was the longest length in the method, and did not know of the 15,120 rung at Westham in 1737, or the 14,480 at Oldham in 1784. Presumably, however, they were not long in hearing of these greater lengths, for they secured the Bob Major laurels by ringing 15,369 in the year 1793. And that is still, we believe, the longest length in the method.

The twelve bells of Christ Church, Spitalfields, were destroyed by fire on February 17th, 1836. This provides one of the few cases in which a peal of 12, once installed, has been reduced in number. Spitalfields has had only eight bells ever since.

February 18th is the anniversary of a peal of 10,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal rung at Shoreditch by the College Youths in the year 1777.

It was on February 18th, 1822, that the Huddersfield company rang the first peal of 'New' Cambridge Surprise Major.

The Oxford University Guild was founded on February 20th, 1872.

On February 21st, 1874, 8,864 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne.

The first peal of Surprise Major in Liverpool was rung last week, Cambridge being the method. It was a matter of regret to the company that Messrs. Gilmour and Wilkinson, who were in previous attempts, were, for unavoidable reasons, unable to take part.

'EDINBURGH SURPRISE.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Craven's letter, we do not want to know about his No. 1 and No. 2 methods. We desire an answer to the two questions asked. If we are to believe that a triple snap is a whole turn, and that the back work of Edinburgh is Bristol, then London Surprise is only Bob Major, hunt and dodge.—Yours truly,

C. F. BAILEY.

A UNIQUE SERVICE.

A Change Ringers Association once enjoyed a unique church service. Such a one the ancient chancel had doubtless never echoed, nor had it seen its stalls so filled. The time was strictly limited, 12.30 till 1.

One voice impelled us to our knees, clanging the little iron gates behind us, leading us without an instant's pause for 30 minutes, then playing us out with an original carol based on the inscriptions of the priest's own parish bells. Hymns and collects clearly and swiftly followed each other. The address began with the prologue to Longfellow's Golden Legend, taking us to the spire of Strasburg Cathedral, in a night of storm, and Lucifer with the powers of the air trying to tear down the cross. The sounding bells, with angels in legions, repel the Outcast of Heaven and all his efforts. Lucifer cries 'Baffled, baffled, leave this labour unto Time, the great Destroyer.' Alas! Satan has found already a destroyer; he has banned the word God from the schools of France, and in fearful climax Moscow re-echoes the edicts of Paris.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. CHARLES JACKSON.

The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held on Saturday, January 26th, at Hull, the headquarters for the day being the fine old Church of the Holy Trinity. By an unfortunate coincidence, the national railway strike precluded many intending visitors from attending the meeting, the result being a very disappointing attendance numerically, but the proceedings were marked by an enthusiasm, which one would naturally expect, in a district that was for so long the scene of the labours of one to whom the association owed much in its early days, the late Mr. Charles Jackson.

The audit was held in the choir school immediately beside the church in the early afternoon, while enthusiasts in the neighbouring tower made liberal use of the splendid peal of ten bells, to the consternation of the stallholders in the adjoining market square. Divine service was held in Holy Trinity Church at 4 p.m., when an eloquent sermon was preached by the Rev. A. E. Smallwood, M.A., Vicar of All Saints', Hull.

Immediately prior to the service, an interesting ceremony took place in the tower of Holy Trinity, when the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), at the invitation of Mr. Mayfield, the senior churchwarden, unveiled a memorial board, placed there by the many friends of the late Mr. Charles Jackson. After the introductory prayers and prayers of dedication, the President paid an earnest tribute to the labours, on behalf of the Yorkshire Association, of the late Mr. Jackson, who was for many years a steward and trustee of the association, and who was largely responsible for the rapid spread of change ringing in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The association was under a great debt of gratitude to such men, and the speaker urged his hearers to emulate the example set them by Mr. Jackson, who during his lifetime was a most able and zealous ringer, and also a regular attendant and member at the church where he rang.

Speaking from the text, 'Come unto Me, and I will give you rest,' the preacher pointed out that ringers were engaged in work that gave a constant invitation to men to associate themselves with the work of our Saviour, for the uplifting of all mankind. Never was the need greater than it was to-day, to urge mankind to turn their minds from the sordid things of this world, and to devote their attention to spiritual and uplifting influences. Bells asked all mankind to be at peace with God, and God wanted to come to men in the Blessed Sacrament. In conclusion, the congregation were urged to do their best as ringers, and aspire to be at their best spiritually, in order to serve as an example to their brothers, who may be less familiar with the offices of the church.

PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

Tea was served in the adjoining choir school, when some 45 members took advantage of the hospitality of their Hull friends. At the business meeting, which followed in the same building, the president (the Rev. C. C. Marshall) occupied the chair, and was supported by the principal officers of the association. Letters of apology were received from the Rev. E. Drage and from Mr. G. B. Bolland.

The Rev. C. C. Marshall was unanimously re-elected as president of the association for the ensuing three years.

The adoption of the balance sheet was moved, in an interesting speech, by Mr. E. S. Field, seconded by Mr. F. W. Dale, while the report of the committee was adopted, on the motion of Mr. A. Sellars, and seconded by Mr. W. Johnson.

The President gave notice of motion, on behalf of the general committee, to delete Rule 8 and to alter Rule 2 to read: 'The subscription for each ringing member shall be 2/6 for the first year, and 2/- for each subsequent year, this subscription entitling such members to a free copy of the annual report for the current year. All life members who were members prior to and including 1885, shall be entitled to an annual report at a charge of 6d. per copy.'

Notice was also given to alter Rule 3 by the addition of the following clause: 'The committee shall also have power to appoint an hon. secretary for peals who shall have a seat on the committee, and retire annually.'

A vote of thanks to the various clergy and wardens for kindly granting the use of their bells for the day, and to the authorities of Holy Trinity for the arrangements for the annual service, was responded to by Mr. Mayfield, the senior warden of Holy Trinity Church, who assured the association of a hearty welcome when they decide to visit Hull again.

A vote of thanks to the local company for their kind arrangements, and to the ladies who waited at the tea tables, was responded to by Mr. J. Howell.

The secretary was instructed to send a letter of condolence to Mr. G. B. Bolland in his bereavement by the death of Mrs. Bolland. Great regret was expressed at Mr. Bolland being unable to be present owing to illness, and it is hoped that he may soon be restored to health again.

Train time brought a most enjoyable meeting to an end, leaving with the visitors memories of a most hearty welcome, and a desire to visit such pleasant quarters again at the earliest opportunity.

FATAL ACCIDENT IN A BELFRY.

BELL HANGER'S FALL AT WHALLEY.

While engaged in taking down the bells at the old Church at Whalley (Lancs), on Thursday of last week, Richard Burton, employed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, fell through the trap-door to the church floor, some 20 feet below. He sustained a fractured skull, and died on the following morning in Blackburn Infirmary. The deceased, who was 40 years of age, lived at 8, Warner Lane, Church Gate, Loughborough, and was unmarried.

The sad story of the accident was told at an inquest held by the Blackburn Coroner on Friday last, when evidence of identification was given by the deceased's sister, who said her brother went to work at Whalley on January 21st.

Thomas Dexter, said he and the deceased went to Whalley to take down the bells at the old parish church. To facilitate working they opened a trap-door in the ringing-room. They went in and out several times. When they descended from the belfry to the ringing-room to complete their work it was dark. They carried lighted candles.

When witness was reaching for his coat he heard a scratching noise, and, looking round, saw his companion disappearing through the trap-door. He fell 20 to 25 feet to the floor of the church.

Other evidence showed that the deceased sustained a fracture of the base of the skull. He was removed to Blackburn Infirmary, but died next morning.

Answering the Coroner, Mr. Dexter said there was a distance of 3½ feet between the wall and the edge of the trap-door. Deceased apparently forgot the door was open.

The Coroner, recording a verdict of 'Accidental death,' said it was a sad, unfortunate affair.

The bells were to go to Loughborough for restoration. Burton had been employed by Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the past 20 years, and this is the first fatal accident in the history of the firm.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED RING OF TEN FOR DARTFORD.

A quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Dartford on Saturday, February 9th, when about 50 ringers attended. The bells were available from 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise during the afternoon and evening.

The Association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Savill), who gave a very interesting and helpful address. One of the ringers, Mr. W. E. Pitman (Canterbury), presided at the organ.

The members adjourned to the Church Rooms, and an excellent tea, kindly supplied by the Rev. Canon Savill, was partaken of by about 40 members. Several ladies of the parish kindly superintended this function, at which the Vicar presided. After tea five members rang a course of Bob Royal on handbells.

The business meeting was then held, the Vicar presiding, supported by the district representatives (Messrs. W. J. Jeffries and I. Emery), and the district secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge).—Six new members were elected, and Beckenham was chosen as the place for the next meeting.

Mention of the serious illness of the wife of an old ringer (Mr. J. Law), of Lewisham, aroused expression of sympathy from the meeting, and on the proposition of the District Secretary, a collection was made, which resulted in the sum of £1 17s. being placed at the disposal of Mr. Law in his trouble.

Some discussion took place on the prospects of augmenting the ring of eight bells to one of ten, the intention to try to accomplish this being announced by the secretary of the local band (Mr. J. Wheedon).

The District Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, presiding at the meeting, and for his generosity in providing the tea; to the ladies who helped; and to the organist.—The Vicar suitably responded, and this concluded the meeting, the members returning to the tower for further ringing.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

TYNESIDE DISTRICT.

A successful meeting of Tyneside District was held at Whitley Bay on February 2nd, members attending from Darlington, Gosforth, Gateshead and Newcastle. After tea, served in the Parish Hall, the Vice-President (Mr. J. E. R. Keene) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the hall, and voiced the regret of himself and fellow-ringers at the departure of the Vicar from the parish, which takes place at the end of the month.

The motion having been carried with acclamation, the Vicar (the Rev. F. L. Cattel, B.D.) said no thanks were due to him, but rather to the ringers themselves who had conferred an honour on the parish by coming to ring the bells. He touched on the good feeling existing between himself and the local ringers, and expressed the hope that he would hear a peal some Saturday afternoon before he left.

Tea over, the ringers returned to the tower, when touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were brought round. Altogether nearly 4,000 changes were rung.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD'S BELLS. DEDICATION OF A NORTHAMPTONSHIRE RING.

A ring of five bells in the beautiful old Church of St. James, in the little Northamptonshire village of Grafton Underwood, were dedicated on Feb. 5th by the Bishop of Leicester (Dr. Norman Lang). The robed clergy in attendance were the Rector (the Rev. C. E. Hopkins), the Rev. A. H. D. McCheane (Minor Canon of St. Paul's Cathedral), who intoned the service, the Rev. R. C. Thurstfield (President of the Kettering branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild), and the Rev. F. H. Glaister. Immediately following the dedication a well-struck 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by M. Hobbs 1, G. Black 2, R. G. Black 3, C. W. Bird 4, C. Moore 5.

The Bishop preached an eloquent and very instructive sermon, relating to the history and uses of bells in the church from the earliest times. Mention was made of a bell at Cold Ashby, Northamptonshire, bearing the date 1517.

After service more ringing was heard, and for the evening service 360 Grandsire and 240 Bob Doubles, and 120 of Stedman Doubles by F. Wilford (Master of the Peterborough Guild) 1, M. Hobbs 2, C. W. Bird 3, R. W. Lawrence 4, R. G. Black 5.

The Rev. R. C. Thurstfield preached an excellent sermon, and in conclusion brought to the notice of the Rector and ringers of Grafton Underwood the good that might be done if they would associate themselves to the Kettering branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, who would do all they could to encourage and assist the local band to become efficient in change ringing.

The bells were an old peal of four, cast by Bagley in 1682, of which the tenor and treble have been recast, and the second and third quarter turned. A new treble has been added, and a frame provided for a sixth bell to be added at some future date. The whole peal has been rehung in an iron frame.

The weight of bells is: Treble 3 cwt.; 2nd 3 cwt. 3 qr.; 3rd, 4 cwt.; 4th, 4 cwt. 3 qr.; tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. They are a bright musical peal, and run on ball bearings. The work was very satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., Loughborough.

The total estimated cost is £325, and the people of Grafton Underwood are to be congratulated on the fact that practically the whole of the money has already been raised in the village. It shows the enthusiasm they have put into the work.

It is to be hoped that the ringers will show the same amount of enthusiasm so that very soon they will have a band who will be able to ring regularly for services and for practice.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

A very successful and enjoyable general meeting was held at St. Martin-in-the-Fields on Saturday. The bells were kept going in various methods up to six o'clock, after which followed a sumptuous tea provided by the Vicar.

The meeting was held in the Church Room, the Master (Mr. J. D. Matthews) presiding. The balance sheet showed the very satisfactory balance of £25 17s., an increase of £4 12s. 6d. over 1922.

During the year sixteen peals were rung, and 13 new members joined the society.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Master, J. D. Matthews; hon. secretary, J. W. Cornford; treasurer, B. Foskett; senior steward, C. Matthews; junior steward, T. Bevan; trustees, A. Hardy and F. Smith; Central Council representatives, Messrs. J. D. Matthews, J. Parker, F. Smith and J. W. Cornford.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality.

THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the forthcoming Empire Exhibition at Wembley, it is to be hoped that our bell founders will not be behindhand in exhibiting specimens of their art; if not by a complete ring, perhaps by a single bell, if only in miniature. There will be present many thousands of visitors from countries where bell ringing, as we know it, has never been heard of, and an exhibit would interest our Colonial friends in English bell ringing, which might in time bear fruit by increasing rings of bells in the Colonies. It is to be hoped that the various London Societies will draw up a list of practice nights at the principal towers in and around the city, so that visiting ringers from the provinces may avail themselves of what may be to many, a once in a lifetime chance, a pull in our great capital.—Yours faithfully,
E. JENKINS.

DEATH OF A NEWHEY RINGER.

In memory of Mr. Tom Smith, a ringer at St. Thomas's Church, Newhey, Lancashire, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells deeply muffled for evening service on Sunday, Feb. 3rd: L. Fielding 1, R. Thompson 2, J. Wood 3, J. Fitton (first quarter-peal) 4, J. Meadowcroft (conductor) 5, A. Cooper (first quarter-peal) 6, C. A. Smith 7, S. S. Fitton 8. Mr. Tom Smith died on January 29th, and was buried at St. James's Church, Milnrow, on Saturday, February 2nd.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Many members of the East Berks and South Bucks branch are asking what is happening to this once lively and energetic section of the Guild? For the last twelve months it seems to have gone to sleep or died. One doesn't seem to be able to get into touch with the secretary by letter. The committee has usually met before Christmas; up till now no meeting. Many towers were passive resisters in 1922; many others will follow suit if something is not done at once.—Yours faithfully,

A SUPPORTER OF THE GUILD.

LONG ASHTON RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has occurred of Mr. Harry Bridle, of Yanleigh Lane, Long Ashton, Bristol. The deceased had resided in Long Ashton for many years, and the knowledge that he had passed away, after a short illness, was a shock to many who knew him. He interested himself in the village life, being a member of the Village Club Committee, and was at one time on the committee of the Horticultural Society. For nine years he had been a sidesman at the church, while for 30 years he had been a ringer.

There was a large attendance at the funeral, at which the Vicar officiated, and the choir attended. Wreaths were sent by the Vicar and churchwardens, the ringers, village club, and cricket club.

The deceased had rung six peals for the Bath and Wells, and two or three for the Gloucester and Bristol Association.

After the funeral, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, the following taking part: Mrs. E. Wilkins, the Rev. R. H. Whitford, Messrs. Abraham, Cave, Green, Leaker (Bristol). King (Bath), in addition to the local men, six of whom also acted as bearers.

SUCCESS AT CONSETT.

Messrs. A. M. Hall, A. S. Hillier, and W. H. Barker, again visited Consett on February 9th, and came away fully pleased with the progress made by the ringers at Consett Church. There was no mistaking the determination of the local men, who had been making every effort to master the method of Grandsire Triples since the previous visit of the Newcastle Guild.

The peal rung on the 9th February at the second attempt, was accomplished, with few blemishes, in 3 hrs. 11 mins. The help of Mr. Fred Sheraton, of Chester-le-Street, was much appreciated. Although this was his first peal in the method, he is an experienced change ringer in other methods.

We are glad to hear of the praiseworthy efforts being made by the Rev. A. W. Lister, vice-president of the Western District, who is arranging a peal at St. Aidan's Church, Blackhill, shortly. He is rallying round him a very willing band of ringers, and, not being afraid to do his bit, we trust his efforts will meet with every success.

The indefatigable Mr. W. W. Sinclair, Ringing Master of St. Aidan's, Blackhill, whose opinions on ringing peals are greatly appreciated, was a listener at the Consett peal, and the company were glad to get his warm approval of their efforts.

Prior to the peal, the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. D. Fedden) gladly welcomed the band, and thanked the Newcastle Guild for their kindness in making the second journey to help his ringers to become masters in the art of change ringing.

The local band very kindly entertained the party to a good tea, which was greatly relished. Eventually the company broke up at 8.30, after a most enjoyable and successful day's outing.

MR. J. HOLMAN'S 200 PEALS.

Bob Major 7, Maximus 1; Grandsire Triples (including one on hand-bells) 13, Major 1, Caters 3; Forward Major 1; Kent Treble Bob Minor 1, Major 26, Royal 11, Maximus 6; Oxford Treble Bob Major 1, Royal 2; Stedman Triples 16, Caters 21, Cinques 18; Double Norwich C.B. Major 14, Caters 2; Rutland Surprise Major 1; Norfolk Surprise Major 5; Yorkshire Surprise Major 5, Royal 1; New Cambridge Surprise Major 3; Cambridge Surprise Major 2, Royal 1; Superlative Surprise Major 21; Bristol Surprise Major 3; London Surprise Major 14; total 200. Rung in 21 counties in England, Scotland and Wales, and in 86 different towers.

MR. A. C. WRIGHT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, rung 1 (conducted 1); Bob Minor, 1, —; Grandsire Triples, 7 (3); *St. Clement's Triples, 1 (1); Oxford Bob Triples, 2 (2); *St. Simon's Triples, 1 (1); Stedman Triples, 8, —; *Double Grandsire Triples, 1 (1); Bob Major, 9 (7); *Little Bob Major, 2 (2); Kent Treble Bob Major, 5 (2); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1, —; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 12 (5); Duffield Major, 1, —; Superlative Surprise Major, 19 (8); Norfolk Surprise Major, 2 (1); Cambridge Surprise Major, 5 —; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 1 (1); Yorkshire Surprise Major, 2, —; Bristol Surprise Major, 3, —; London Surprise Major, 4 —; Stedman Caters, 1, —; *Little Bob Royal, 1, —; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1, —; *Yorkshire Surprise Royal, 1, —; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 8, —; total, 100 (conducted 35). * First by all the band, and for the Association.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE BRANCH.

The annual meeting was held at Dursley on Saturday, January 26th. The attendance was not up to the average, owing no doubt to the very inclement weather. It was not possible to use Dursley bells, owing to a case of illness close to the church, but the bells of Upper Cam were at the disposal of the members.

Mr. Albert Burcombe (chairman) presided at the business meeting.

The report, presented by Mr. W. A. Lewis (hon. secretary), showed that during the year eleven meetings had been held, with an average attendance of fifteen. Five new members had been elected. In dealing with the balance sheet, the Secretary stated that many members had not paid their subscriptions. Had all subscriptions been paid, the financial position would have compared favourably with last year. At present they had a balance of £3 7s. 6d.

Mr. Burcombe was re-elected chairman.—In returning thanks, he said he would continue to do his best for the branch. He urged members to attend the meetings, the main object of which was to encourage change ringing in local towers. It was very disappointing when meetings were held at various towers to find local ringers conspicuous by their absence.

Mr. W. Dyer was elected vice-chairman, and Mr. H. W. Fussell as representative on the Management Committee.

The Hon. Secretary asked to be relieved of the secretarial duties. He had not, he pointed out, lost interest in the work, but he thought a change would be beneficial all round. As no volunteer for the vacancy was forthcoming, it was decided that Mr. Lewis should continue until the next meeting, at which it was hoped there would be a larger attendance.

Two new members were elected from Wotton-under-Edge, viz., Messrs. L. Hopkins and R. Bond.

It was agreed that the next two meetings should be held at Stone (February) and Coaley (March).

Hearty thanks were extended to the Rector (the Rev. Dr. C. C. Mills) for his kindness in providing tea, the members expressing sympathy with him in his indisposition.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Western District of the Hertford County Association was held at King's Langley on Feb. 12th, ringers attending from Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamstead, Tring, Bushey, Pinner, Ealing, Watford, Oxhey, St. Albans, and the local tower. The bells were utilised afternoon and evening for Grand-sire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative, several of the local band ringing their first course and touch of Stedman. Service was held at 4.45 p.m., when a very appropriate address was given by the Vicar, who took the text, 'Let your light so shine before men,' etc., and transposed it into 'Let your bells so sound before men,' etc.

Tea followed in the Church Room, kindly provided by the Vicar and the local ringers. With unanimous approval, the Vicar was asked to preside at the business meeting which followed, and at which four new members were elected, one each from Hemel Hempstead, Watford, King's Langley and S. Ealing.

Northchurch was chosen for the next place of meeting, on April 12th, but an extra meeting was fixed for Great Gaddesdon (a 5-bell tower) on March 15th.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donors of the tea, and the Vicar for the use of the bells, to which the Vicar suitably responded. The ladies also received grateful thanks for their attendance on the 'mere men' at tea.

After courses of Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major on the handbells, the company adjourned to the tower for further ringing.

GRAMOPHONE RECORDS OF CHANGE RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir, — For the benefit of Mr. J. M. Poyntz, of Hotel Royal, Bangkok, Siam, I should like to say that we here at Anston had three leads of changes on tower bells recorded, also the falling of the bells over 20 years ago. I cannot state at the moment if the records are still in existence, as it is years since I heard them.—Yours truly,

HY. STENTON.

South Anston, Sheffield.

MR. WILLIAM E BASON'S 100 PEALS.

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5040 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL. A TWO-PART PEAL BY HENRY W. WILDE.

23456 M W H

42356 — —
32654 — —
56423 — —
25463 — —
45362 — —
63254 — —
25634 — —
Repeated.

This is believed to be the first 5,040 in the method, in two equal parts, having the tenors together throughout.

First rung at Duffield on December 1st, 1923. Conducted by H. J. Poole.

DOUBLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In answer to 'Doubles Ringer's' letter which appeared in the issue of December 28th last, five more six-scores of Caters can be obtained by making the Single thus:—

12345	Original Doubles are called as follows:
21435	12345
12453	
14235	Bob 21435
41253	24153
	Bob 42135
14523	41253
15432	14235
51423	12453
15243	21543
51234	25134
15324	52314
Single 51342	53241
53142	Bob 35421
	34512
35412	43521
53421	45312
54312	
45321	

I do not know the name of the method, the figures of which you give.

Rose Cottage,

Milton, Northampton.

Five times repeated, a single being called at the half-way and end instead of bob. Any bell can be made to do plain hunting throughout.

JOHN A. TOWNSEND.

DEDICATION OF PEAL BOARD AT MELTON.

An interesting event took place at Melton Mowbray on a recent Saturday. Two years ago a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung on the bells to commemorate a royal visit to Melton in connection with the opening of the War Memorial Hospital. A board giving full details of the event has been placed in the belfry by the generosity of Mrs. Blakeney, wife of the Rector. In the absence of the Rector, through illness, the dedicatory prayers were said by the curate, who afterwards, at the request of Mrs. Blakeney, unveiled the board. The latter is a magnificent piece of work, and is quite worthy of the place it occupies in Leicestershire's finest church. On behalf of the ringers, Mr. R. H. Bartram heartily thanked the donor for her beautiful gift: Mr. F. H. Dexter seconding. A peal of Stedman Caters then followed, a special feature of which was the reappearance of Mr. J. Oldham as a peal ringer after twelve months' absence.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRAMLEY, SURREY. — On Saturday, January 26th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: C. Q. M.-S. G. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor), 1. Miss Nora Shorter (first 720 in the method) 2. Miss Bertha Mills 3. Miss Addie Fisher 4. Miss Kathleen Avenell 5. Miss Hilda F. Mills 6. Also 480 of Plain Bob and 240 of Canterbury Pleasure by same band.

EASTBOURNE. — On Thursday, January 31st, at St. Saviour's Church, for the dedication festival, 1,498 Double Norwich Major by members of St. Saviour's Guild: W. D. Smith 1, A. K. Gower 2, G. H. Howse 3, A. C. Pankhurst 4, J. Sharp 5, G. W. Stokes 6, B. Hobbs 7, E. Gower (conductor) 8.

BISHOP'S HULL, TAUNTON. — On Monday, Dec. 31st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes), 10 different callings: R. Greed 1. H. Pocock 2. W. Underhill 3. E. Elson 4. P. Merson (conductor) 5. P. Cavill 6. Longest length in the method by all except 5th and 6th.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WELLS.—On Sunday, Feb. 10th, in 45 mins., at St. Cuthbert's Church, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (composed by the late A. P. Wakley): W. E. Stiles 1, W. G. Mills 2, W. Farley (conductor) 3, F. Loxton 4, A. E. Mills 5, E. Lush 6, J. T. Dyke 7, H. G. Farley 8.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins.: F. Adams 1, J. Wilfred Sharp (Tower), conductor, 2, J. W. Haynes (Pattishall) 3, G. Howard 4, J. M. Gray (Green's Norton) 5. The ringer of the treble and fourth belong to the local band, and great credit is due to G. Howard for the able manner in which he rang his bell, this being his first quarter and first attempt.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, Feb. 10th, for evening service, 672 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.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Waller 1, R. Dale 2, S. Knight (Hoddesdon, Herts) 3, W. Short 4, P. H. Doick 5, J. Whitehead 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, E. Sturt 8.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Wilmot 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Rivers 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Crook (conductor) 7, P. Stratton 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints', on Sunday, Feb. 10th, eleven courses of Stedman Caters, for evening service: W. H. Hollier 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Cutmor 3, L. Page 4, G. C. Iles 5, H. Folkard 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, A. Dean 8, J. A. Trollope 9, G. F. Edwards 10.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: C. Cocks (Rushton, Leicestershire), first quarter-peal, 1, W. Franks (conductor) 2, Lester Franks (longest length with a bob bell) 3, R. Curtis 4, W. Eldridge 5, P. Carter 6, J. Sinden 7, G. Procter 8. Composed by H. Franks, London.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: W. G. Jackson 1, C. Fenn (conductor) 2, R. Fenn 3, E. Andrews 4, A. Neale 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, E. G. Cottes (first in the method) 7, A. C. Hardy 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, February 3rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Dafters (first quarter inside) 2, J. Crowder 3, E. J. Pannett 4, H. James 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Dafters 8. This was also rung as a birthday compliment to E. J. Pannett.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: P. W. Norton 1, H. Kilby 2, C. Ebberson 3, E. Lankester 4, B. Foskell 5, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 6, R. Kilby 7, G. M. Kilby 8.

EDGBASTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 38 mins.: A. Morgan 1, H. Withers 2, E. Rose 3, G. Pigott 4, R. Russell 5, H. Parkes 6. Each member of the five working bells participated in calling this.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for Matins, 720 Double Court: W. Wise 1, A. Booth 2, J. W. Sharp 3, G. Mansfield 4, A. Mansfield 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by 1st and 2nd, and first 720 in the method as conductor.

BATLEY, YORKS.—On Feb. 3rd, for morning service, a date touch of 1,924 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 1 hr. 12 mins.: E. Watson 1, H. Robinson 2, J. W. Dews 3, W. Idle 4, G. Scholey 5, W. F. Senior 6, T. North 7, S. Gibson (composer and conductor) 8.

NORTH COLLINGHAM, NOTTS.—On Sunday, January 27th, on the occasion of the dedication of the tower screen, for morning and evening services, two 720's Plain Bob: E. Priestley 1, J. H. Clayton 2, R. Thompson 3, Miss V. Birkett 4, Miss E. Webster 5, J. Wallhead (conductor) 6. First attempt for a 720.

NOTICES.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Stockport St. George on Saturday, Feb. 23rd.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 36th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, 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. 23rd. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. and Bishop Ryder's (a new ring of 8 by Taylor) from 3 to 4.15.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells open afternoon and evening. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The annual meeting will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by permission of the Rev. Dr. H. M. Relton (Vicar) and churchwardens, who will entertain members to tea free, visitors 1s. Ringing from 3 p.m.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, Chiswick.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ashford on Saturday, Feb. 16th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. T. K. Sopwith). Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Ringing from 6.30 till 8.30.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Northern District will be held at Halstead on Saturday, Feb. 16th. The bells of St. Andrew's will be available at 3 p.m., when all ringers are cordially invited. Service in the Church at 4.30, to be followed by tea at the White Hart.—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec., High Street, Braintree.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at the White Lion, 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. All are welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Dist. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Hailsham on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open at 2.30 p.m. Divine service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., followed by the business meeting.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The Secretary wishes to give notice that the quarterly meeting for Feb. 16th, at Saltsburn, has been unavoidably postponed to Saturday, March 1st. Further particulars will be given later.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Northill on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Upholland on Feb. 16th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Halsall.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Heighington on Saturday, Feb. 16th. The bells (6) will be available from 2 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Reading on Saturday, Feb. 16th. St. Mary's tower open from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.; St. Giles, 4 p.m. until the service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 6 p.m. Members of Guild 1s. and non-members 2s. 6d. Entertainment free.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Branch Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Bells ready 7.30. Meeting 7. Subscriptions now due. Reports ready. — J. Hall, Branch Secretary, 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Dunster Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Carhampton on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Village Hall at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Dunster bells will be available.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meeting for February: St. Clement Danes, Monday, Feb. 18th, at 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.1.

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, should be paid before February 29th. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames St., on Feb. 21st; and *St. Paul's Cathedral 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.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Martock is postponed to Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Eight bells available early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

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 Messrs. W. Bottrill, Essery, F. W. Goodfellow, George, Hawkins, Mance, Matthews, P. W. Norton, Riley, Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, E. A. Young, Wood, or J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road. St. Bride's, Fleet Street, open for ringing from 4 to 5.15 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please let me know by Feb. 19th. All ringers and friends welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Feb. 23rd. Bells ready during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church. Tea in Hunsdon House at 1s. per head. All members and friends will be made welcome. Kindly notify, if possible, intention of attending.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A meeting will be held at Alvaston on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — A meeting will be held at Adwick-le-Street on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before Feb. 20th. — Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Annual subscriptions now due.—L. Turner, 7, High Street, Kempston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District. — The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at Old Basford. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Those requiring tea please advise Mr. A. J. Hooton, 2, Bailey Street, Old Basford, Nottingham, by Thursday, Feb. 21st. — F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Feb. 23rd. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch. — A special meeting will be held at Grafton Underwood (5) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Service at 4.30, conducted by Rev. C. E. Hopkins (Rector). Tea at 5. Those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, Feb. 19th.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Stamford Road, Geddingdon.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5. — G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The first meeting of the new year will be held at Shireoaks on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Tea will be provided at Station Hotel, 5 p.m., for all those who notify Mr. F. Hargreaves, 4, Shireoaks, Worksop, not later than the 19th inst. Note: This is important.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Ecton on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.45. Will all those requiring tea notify me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th?—T. Tebbutt, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—Aylsham and Norwich Districts.—A meeting will be held at Aylsham on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Wm. B. Duncan and G. H. Cross, Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at All Souls' Church on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley on Saturday, March 1st. Service at 4 p.m. 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, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Denholme on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available for ringing after 2.30. Tenor 15 cwt. Tea will be provided in the School, at a charge of 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. V. Bairstow, 9, Jane Street, Denholme, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th. For further particulars see circular. — F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Winton on Saturday, March 1st. Committee meeting at 4, and tea at 5 o'clock at the Crown and Cannon Hotel. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, March 1st. Evensong at All Saints' at 5 p.m. Tea, in the All Saints' Church House, at 5.30, at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Notification to be made to Mr. A. Walker, 7, Southfield Avenue, Pontefract, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th. For further particulars see circular. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at Mr. G. R. Kemball's, 15, Milton Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Will all requiring tea kindly notify Mr. G. R. Peck, Eden Corner, Saltburn, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 27th? A business meeting will follow immediately after tea in the same room.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting following. Will all members wishing to be present please let me know not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Will conductors of peals in 1923 kindly send peal references and compositions, if new, to C. J. Sedgley, 14, Suffolk Road, Ipswich?

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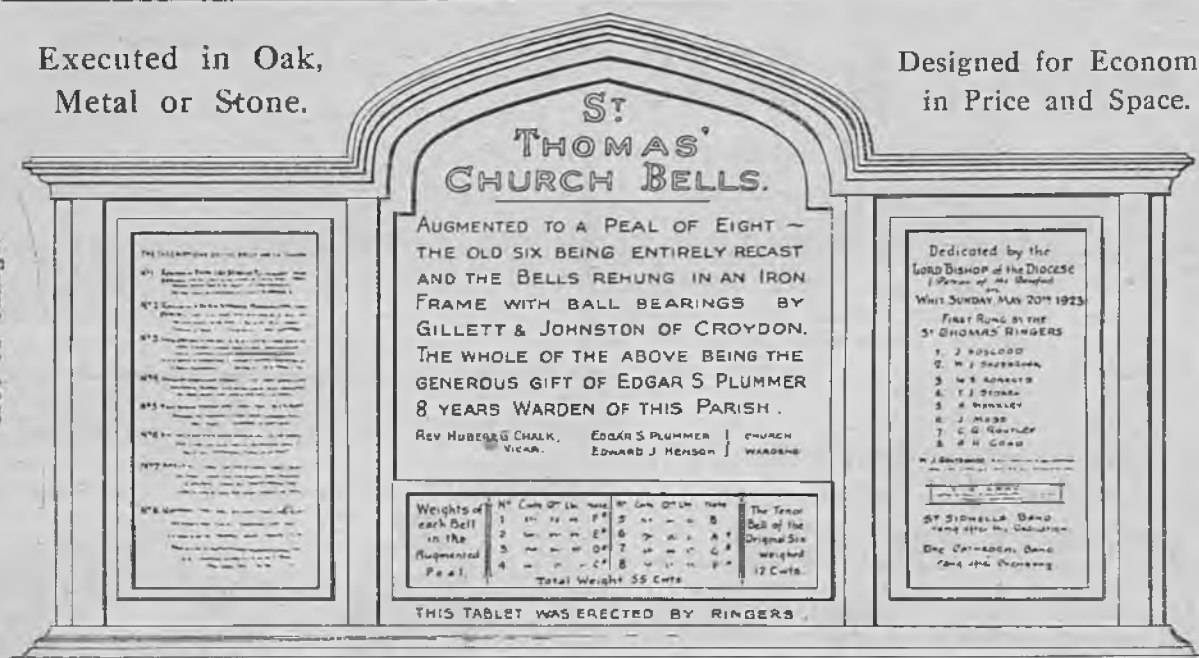
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ACCIDENTS IN THE BELFRY.

The story, which we published last week, of the sad fatality in the belfry at Whalley, where an employe of the Loughborough Foundry met his death by falling through the open hatchway in the ringing room to the floor of the church, will have been read with deep regret not only by those who knew the victim, Mr. Richard Burton, who for twenty years had been employed by Messrs. Taylor & Co., but by all connected with the Exercise. Happily, a fatality in connection with the restoration of bells is an exceedingly rare occurrence. We have no recollection of a previous one in recent years, and this is the first in the long history of the famous Loughborough firm. It does, however, go to prove a fact which is often overlooked, that there are risks and dangers in the bell-hanger's task. In this instance a moment's absent-mindedness cost the man his life.

The distressing accident is a reminder, too, of the risks which are sometimes run by ringers, and especially by those who make themselves responsible for looking after the bells. Oftentimes these risks are taken unnecessarily. It is no unusual thing for a steeplekeeper to grease the bells while they are up, and we have known men who have gone in the dark among raised bells to turn the clapper of one which has gone up the wrong way. To do either of these things is, to say the least, inviting trouble. To grope one's way in darkness over the narrow frame, with protruding bolts on which to trip, with yawning pits on either side, and bells ready to fly off from the stay at the least pull, is an extremely dangerous practice, and yet it is often done with immunity by ringers that they make light of it and laugh at the misgivings of the timorous. Some of the things which steeplekeepers will do among the bells is, to put it mildly, absolutely tempting Providence.

In view of the risks which are necessary, however, when something has to be done among the bells in an emergency, such as turning a clapper, or mending a rope near the wheel, it is only right that the ringers should be safeguarded as far as possible by the church authorities. Proper lighting facilities should be provided not only in the ringing chamber and on the staircases—many of which are so steep as to be dangerous and on which a false step might lead to a serious fall—but up among the bells themselves. In many belfries now electric light and gas is fitted, but it is astonishing in what a small proportion one finds any artificial light on the stairs, and in still fewer is the means of illumination carried right up to the bell chamber. And yet, as a simple safeguard to life and limb, this is one of the first necessities. Ringers have a right to demand this protection, but at the same time, we think there are many who take unnecessary risks among the bells.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

C. L. ROUTLEDGE Treble	J. W. PARKER 7
E. A. HERN 2	W. C. BASKILL 8
J. ROWELL 3	A. F. HILLIER 9
W. H. BARBER 4	R. THOMPSON 10
W. STORY 5	E. E. FERRY 11
J. FOREMAN 6	J. E. R. KEEN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of Mr. William Story's jubilee of service on the Newcastle Quayside.

CHELMSFORD.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours & Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 34½ cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS Treble	WILLIAM J. NODDS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	HARRY HEAD 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JOHN W. WOOD 9
LESLIE J. CLARK 4	ARTHUR HEAD 10
CYRIL PEASE 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
THOMAS LINCOLN 6	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Quickest peal on the bells.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5148 CHANGES;

ALFRED G. HANNIS Treble	WILLIAM HASTINGS 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	JOHN BALLINGER 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	EX-SRGT. J. WILLIAMS 10
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 5	FRANK COLE 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	CHARLES BARNFIELD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the record peal of Grandsire Cinques (13,001 changes) rung on February 14th, 1920; also to celebrate the 8,448 Stedman Cinques rung on February 16th, 1858.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT Treble	LOUIS HEAD 6
TOM SAUNDERS 2	CHARLES H. SONE 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 3	LEWIS NEWMAN 8
GEORGE KENWARD 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER 9
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

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Conducted by C. H. SONE.

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On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lb.

THOMAS HUGHES... ..Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
JOHN PERRY 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 7
EDGAR MARLOW 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 8
BERT HORTON 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
WILLIAM T. POWELL... .. 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

Arranged for E. V. Rodenhurst, of Hadnet, Salop, this being his first peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHWARK.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 50 cwt.

JOHN N. OXBORROW ... ..Treble	HARRY R. PASMORE 5
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
LOUIS ATTWATER 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7
THOMAS LANGDON 4	HENRY R. NEWTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. R. Newton, who has now rung the heaviest tenors yet turned in to Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

CLUN, SALOP.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(LUDLOW ARCHDEACONRY.)

(THE ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY OF CLUN.)

On Sunday, February 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*FRANCES ALBERT WATKINS Treble	ALFRED S. BAYLEY 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6
*JOHN W. HARDWICK... .. 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
WILLIAM D. WASE 4	WILLIAM MEAD ... ..Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

A complimentary peal for Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mead, of Clun, to celebrate their silver wedding day. They were married at Newent, Gloucester, on February 8th, 1899. * First peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*LIONEL J. CULLUM ... ..Treble	ALFRED G. HILLS 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6
CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ...Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN.

* First peal.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, BEDDINGTON.)

On Wednesday, February 13, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

*EDWARD TALBOT ... ..Treble	FRANK DARBY 5
ALFRED ARNOLD 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... .. 6
JAMES W. TRAPPITT... .. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. 7
THOMAS TALBOT 4	*THOMAS BOHANNON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES HENRY KIPPIN, JUN.

All are Sunday Service ringers at the above church. * First peal.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. HART ... ..Treble	FRANK BENNETT... .. 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
JOHN CAPP 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
CHARLES PALMER 4	KEITH HART... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, February 15, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GORDON WALMSLEY... ..Treble	ARTHUR CROSS 5
WILLIAM BURDEN 2	WILLIAM E. BUTLER... .. 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	WILLIAM C. PARKER 7
WILLIAM E. SEWELL 4	FREDERICK E. SMITH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

Rung to celebrate the 83rd birthday of the Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Clarke, K.C., donor of the church and bells. * First peal. † Proposed a member of the Association before starting.

WINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt.

CHARLES W. BRETT... ..Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN 5
*JACK WALTER 2	FRED G. BRETT 6
SIDNEY WALTER 3	FRED FAIRBEARD... .. 7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 4	HARRISON SMITH... ..Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells, and first peal on them since 1815. The bells have recently been rehung by Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being perfect. * First peal of Stedman. The band were kindly entertained to tea by the Rev. K. Gausson, to whom sincere thanks are tendered.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. in E.

GEORGE LAW ... ..Treble	*HERBERT ACOCK 5
†BASIL GUY 2	WILFRED G. COOKE 6
GEORGE J. WINTER 3	JOHN HOPE... .. 7
WILLIAM C. COSS 4	*JOSEPH SMITH ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples on a bob bell. First peal of Triples as conductor.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6136 CHANGES;

At the Church of St. Andrew,

Tenor 9 cwt.

CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... ..Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
*ARTHUR LINTOTT 2	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWIN BREEZE 7
JOHN WILKINSON 4	JAMES MARTIN ... ..Tenor

Composed by HERBERT H. TUCKER. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. Mr. E. Caunce has now rung the bells round in this tower to a peal, this being the fifth tower in which he has attained that object.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	*FRANK E. PERVIN 5
FRANK W. FERRENS 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
ABRAHAM WILNERSON 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. FERRENS.

* First peal in the method.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOHN W. DAVIES 3	ARTHUR NEWALL 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

TANFIELD.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*GEORGE WALL Treble	REV. A. W. LISTER 5
WILLIAM C. BENNETT 2	RICHARD THOMPSON 6
HENRY TYSON 3	ERNEST E. FERRY 7
JOHN W. SMITH 4	FREDERICK SHERATON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST E. FERRY.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob away from the treble. Rung to commemorate Mr. W. Story's 50 years' service on Newcastle Quay with the same firm, which was completed on Feb. 14th. The band wish him many more years of health and happiness.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LISCARD.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN COOKE Treble	THOMAS A. ROGERS 5
*WILLIAM DEAN 2	JAMES R. GRIFFIN 6
HAROLD ROGERS 3	HERBERT LUDKIN 7
†WILLIAM WOOSNAM 4	SYDNEY F. BARNES Tenor

Composed by FRED. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. R. GRIFFIN.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First attempt for a peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the genial hon. secretary of the Guild, Mr. E. W. Elwell, on attaining his majority. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. A. Woosnam for their generous hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHDIOCEANAL GUILD.
(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

*FRANK LYCETT Treble	GEORGE JONES 5
JOHN GRIFFITHS 2	DENIS J. BOUCHER 6
JAMES E. LILLEY 3	CHARLES PICKEN 7
REGINALD R. POLE 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY Tenor

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on Mr. J. Bradney's 75th birthday, the whole of the band being afterwards entertained to tea at the Star Hotel. Thanks and good wishes were extended to Mr. Bradney, who congratulated the band on the excellent striking.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Four Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE.

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 9120 CHANGES;
ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 6½ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 2	HENRY HARRISON 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 4	JAMES F. CLARKE Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The longest peal of 'Spliced' Major yet rung, and the extent in this variation with tenors together.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

LEONARD TOFFREY Treble	HARRY MILES 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	WALTER JUDGE 6
JACK HONEY 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

First in the method by all the band.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. JACKSON Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5
CALEB FENN 2	FRANK C. NEWMAN 6
GEORGE W. FAULKNER 3	*ERNEST G. COTTIS 7
EBENEZER ANDREWS 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

* First peal in the method on a working bell.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	*FRANK WARRINGTON 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ARTHUR KING 6
PERCY WEBB 3	ROBERT H. YOUNG 7
CHARLES W. COOK 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on eight bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKETT.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 5½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	TOM BARTRAM 4
HARRY SMITH 2	LEONARD WILLIAMS 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	HENRY STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by HENRY STAPLETON.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

SHELLEY, Near HUDDERSFIELD.

On Saturday, February 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Kent, Merchant's Return, Violet, Woodbine, New London Pleasure and Oxford.

ROBERT SYKES Treble	STANLEY RAMSDEN 4
JAMES BUXTON 2	ALBERT GOLDTHORPE 5
P. HAWTHORNTHWAITE 3	ANDREW HOYLE Tenor

Conducted by PERCY HAWTHORNTHWAITE.

This is the first attempt at a peal by Shelley Parish Church ringers.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven Spliced Extents (1) Poynton and Old Oxford, (2) Booking and Wilsden, (3) Trowel and Duke of Norfolk, (4) College Exercise and Norbury, (5) Grove Delight and Neasden, (6) College Bob IV. and Wragby, (7) London Scholars, Sandal Exercise and Kingston, Tenor 9 cwt.

W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... Treble	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN. ... 4
GEORGE HILL 2	WILLIAM FERNLEY 5
JOHN P. FIDLER 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FERNLEY.

* First peal as conductor. Arranged for Mr. Hill, of Hoyland-swaine, Penistone, and was his first peal in 15 methods. Also in honour of the marriage of the Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary of the branch) to Miss Romney, which took place at Buxton on Feb. 5th.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob, and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	CHARLES AYLETT 4
HARRY O. WHITE 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
HUBERT SUMMERS 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal of Minor as conductor.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

with different callings.

LEN JORDAN Treble	SAM COE 4
CHAS. H. WEBB 2	T. HARRY WRIGHT 5
CHAS. BELTON 3	JAMES PRESTON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. H. WRIGHT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor by T. H. Wright. Mr. Belton's previous peal on these bells was his first, and was rung 32 years ago.

AUDLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

PHILIP KELSALL Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
CHARLES PRESTON 2	WILLIAM WHEELDON 5
WILLIAM FRADLEY 3	JAMES WALLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This is believed to be the first peal on these bells, which have been in the tower since 1697. C. Preston, W. Wheelton and W. Fradley hail from Bucknall, P. Kelsall from Burslem, J. Walley and J. E. Wheelton from Norton-le-Moors. The band wish to thank the Audley ringers for kindly providing refreshments after the peal, and also the Vicar (Rev. W. Sykes) for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, February 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. F. MORTLOCK, SEN.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6000 CHANGES;

Being eight 720's and 240.

CHAS. MANN 1	F. FREDERICK MORTLOCK ... 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2-3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 5-6

Conducted by STEDMAN SYMONDS. Umpire: MAURICE T. SYMONDS

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	JOHN FOSTER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 7-8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

ENGLISH BELL-TUNING.

In the second of his course of lectures at Birmingham on 'Campanology,' given last week, Mr. Wooding Starmer said there was no place in the world where bells had been so well tuned during the last twenty-five years as in England. Nevertheless most of the existing old bells were very defective in tone, which was not to be wondered at considering the primitive methods of tuning.

Unfortunately, in England, principally through the requirements of change ringing, the bell shape had been shortened to afford easier ringing, thereby sending up the hum note and upsetting the bell's harmonic tones. The hum note should be a perfect octave below, and the nominal a perfect octave above the strike note. Tubular bells, he said, were simply a parody for bells. They did not give the proper presentation of the bell tone.

A TRANSFORMATION.

WHAT CAME OF JOINING THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD?

The following from the Hereford 'Diocesan Leaflet' illustrates the changes which ringing associations have effected in many of the belfries of the country. The writer says:—

It must be thirty or forty years ago that I went over to preach for a friend on a Sunday evening in December. We were having tea when a bell began to chime. 'Ah, they are to ring to-night,' my friend said. 'Do they often ring for service?' 'No, very seldom. But it is getting near Christmas and the men are thinking of the collection.' 'May I go and look at the bells.' 'Certainly, if you like. I have never been up the tower, I will call the clerk.' So I set off with the clerk to the church. We began to climb the steps. They were littered with sticks, so that I gladly followed St. Paul's advice—'See that ye walk circumspectly.' The belfry door was loose on its hinges and opened with difficulty. There was no carpet. The floor was covered with sticks and bird droppings. The ropes were knotted. Instead of a lamp, a candle was fastened by its own grease to a ledge. 'May I raise the treble?' 'Certainly.' 'What makes it go so hard?' 'Oh! it always goes a bit stiff.' 'Is it ever oiled?' 'Not that I know of.' 'May I see the bells?' With great difficulty I mounted the steps, climbing over old jackdaws' nests till I reached the bell chamber. On opening the door there was a wild rush of wings as birds of all sorts made their escape. The whole place was filthy with birds' dung. The bell frame was wedged to the walls. When I came down I found six ringers in dirty boots and working clothes. They rang very badly and paid a visit to a barrel of cider in the corner every few minutes. After service I asked the Vicar if he was satisfied with his ringers. 'No!' he answered. 'But what can I do?'

In 1886 the Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers was formed. It has helped to answer his question.

One day this year I went to stay with my old friend again. In the course of conversation he said, 'You must come and see our tower and belfry. It will surprise you.' And it did. Clean steps, belfry walls whitewashed, floor covered with matting, new ropes. A tablet on the wall recording a peal that had been rung, with room for further peals. I handled a bell, it went sweetly. Up above, the bells had been washed, the netting repaired, the frames made good. But what struck me most was the men themselves. They came into the belfry clean, well-dressed, ready to attend the service. They were steady, tidy, intelligent men, a credit to their parish and their church. They raised the bells with beautiful striking, rang some 120 changes, and after lowering the bells attended the service. I said to my friend, 'How did all this come about?' He said, 'We joined the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers. The Ringing Master is Mr. C. Edwards, Great Brampton, Madley. He gave us no peace till we had got things put in order. We got the bells and belfry put to rights. The congregation kindly pay the men's subscription to the Guild, 1/6 each. What we want now is more hon. members (subscription 5/), because then we know we have friends who take an interest in the Guild.'

G. W. T.

CAMBRIDGE.—At the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, on Thursday, February 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor on the back six (tenor 32 cwt.): A. T. Chenery 1, A. King 2, A. E. Austin 3, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 4, R. H. Young 5, T. R. Dennis 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June 10th (Whit Tuesday) next, at Westminster. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 26th.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, together with the names and addresses of representatives, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

EDINBURGH SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Craven objects to Edinburgh being called a new method, simply because it does not come up to his idea of perfection; or, in other words, 'He would have made a better job of it himself.' But I fail to see how better or worse affects the question. Take Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Union and St. Clements Triples, to say nothing of Double Oxford Bob and Double Norwich, or Cambridge and Superlative Major, and others too numerous to mention. How is it that each has a name of its own?

I have rung at least one peal on six bells, which Mr. Craven called, in which Oxford and Kent were counted two different methods. How does that fit in with his present attitude?

Regarding my 5040 Royal, did it never occur to Mr. Craven that what is original enough for himself and others to put their names to, when they thought they were first in the field with them, are original enough for me who has the prior claim?

The 7616's Treble Bob were published by me in 'The Ringing World' in a straightforward manner, together with a table showing how to obtain them. This was about eight years ago. They will also be found in the C.C. Collection. My authorship of them has never been questioned. A few months ago, it came to my knowledge that Mr. Craven was passing them round under his name, even though one gentleman pointed out to him that they had been previously published by me.

Now he wishes to toss me for them. Why not add the few coppers I have in my pocket! The claim would be just as good.

Possibly he wishes to clear the way for the publication of his 'Sottanstillisation' of Harrison's 8896, which is being passed round also.—Yours faithfully,

G. LINDOFF.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE E. TURNER.

On Saturday, February 9th, was laid to rest in Kersal Churchyard, near Manchester, the late Mr. G. E. Turner, for a number of years a ringer at Pendleton, and, previous to that, at Manchester Cathedral. He has rung 167 peals for the Lancashire Association, taking part in the first peal of Superlative Surprise and Cambridge Surprise rung in the county, also the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob for the association. He had also rung a few peals outside the county, so that his total was nearly 200.

The deceased joined the Lancashire Association in 1884, and there remains only about a dozen older members than he was. He was in his 62nd year, and had been ailing for some time, the end coming about four days after a 'stroke.'

Owing to short notice only a few ringers were present at the funeral. The handbells were rung round the grave, after the committal. The ringers afterwards adjourned to Pendleton, where a quarter-peal of Stedman was rung by S. Wood 1, G. H. Shaker 2, J. Lowe 3, W. E. Clark 4, S. Greenhalgh 5, W. H. Shaker 6, A. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, A. Trippier 8. Afterwards 448 Kent Treble Bob was rung, with Greenhalgh and R. Davies taking part, and S. Wood conducting.

LAVENHAM RINGERS' LOSS.

On Friday, January 18th, the funeral took place of Mrs. C. Symonds, wife of Mr. A. Symonds, of Lavenham, who passed peacefully away on Sunday, the 13th, at the age of 67 years. The service was held in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, the Rector (the Rev. Lenox-Conyngham) officiating.

The coffin was borne to the cemetery by Messrs. F. and W. R. J. Poulson, F. Parker and W. R. Faiers, four members of the Lavenham ringing company, of which Mr. A. Symonds has been captain and instructor for over 34 years. Deceased could rightly be called a 'mother of ringers,' as two sons, F. G. Symonds and Stedman H. Symonds, are well-known ringers, and another son, Snowdon, and two daughters, Minnie and Bell, are handbell ringers, whilst Maurice, a grandson, is also well versed in the art. Deceased, who leaves a sorrowing husband and six children to mourn their loss, was highly esteemed by many ringers in the district in which she lived.

At her death, the noted tenor, with muffled clapper, was tolled 51 whole pulls by W. R. J. Poulson.

On Friday evening there was rung, with deeply muffled clappers, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 4, F. Turner 2, F. Locks 3, F. A. Poulson 4, F. P. Mortlock 5, L. Poulson 6, W. R. Faiers 7, T. W. Garrard 8.

THE EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

SUGGESTED PEAL OF BELLS AT WEMBLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the letter published last week from Mr. E. Jenkins, in my opinion, if a handy ring of eight could be put up by one of our leading bell founders, and arrangements made for bands visiting the exhibition to enter their names on a fixture card so that they could ring a peal or touches occasionally, it would be the best means of educating the public in campanology and furthering interest in the art. I suggest that the ringers should stand where they and the bells could be seen ringing at the same time.

As bell ringing is a purely English art, I think the sentimental uses of the exhibition would be considerably enhanced by Mr. Jenkins' suggestion being adopted, and I am ready to subscribe two guineas towards the cost, if the undertaking is too big for any of our bell founders to put up for purely advertisement purposes.—Yours faithfully,

HARRY FAIRCLOUGH.

Master, Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers.
Brook House, Appleton Thorn.

THE PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. WASHBROOK.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I beg to make a suggestion with regard to the memorial to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook. I think the most fitting place for a memorial tablet would be in the parish where he was born and at the church where he began his ringing.

It would be extremely interesting to the Exercise, if the Central Council could compile a complete collection of his many and varied compositions, and if secretaries of associations and guilds would collaborate in getting together a complete record of his peals.—Yours faithfully,

W. BROWN.

AFTER TWENTY YEARS.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION RETURN TO PRESCOT.

A meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at Prescott on Saturday, February 9th, when members attended from Liverpool, Graesendale, Garston, Ramhill, Childwall, and the local company. A short service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. J. Lovett) gave an address. Tea was kindly provided in the Schoolroom, after which the business meeting was held, with the Vicar in the chair.

An appeal was made to the local ringers to join the association.

Bootle was chosen for the next place of meeting, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, it being pointed out that it was owing to complaints that no meetings had been held in Prescott for over twenty years.

In replying, the Vicar hoped that the association would visit Prescott again, as the complaints had been removed.

Methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

AXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, February 2nd, about 40 members being present, representing Banwell, Burnham-on-Sea, Churchill, Cheddar, Lympsham, Uphill, Kewstoke, Bridgewater, Taunton, Worle, Winscombe and Weston-super-Mare. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. H. M. Treen (curate), who gave an excellent address.

The tea and business meeting were held at Glass's Restaurant, Regent Street.—The president (the Rev. Prebendary Lambrick) opened the meeting by proposing a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Joseph Stobbins, who passed away almost suddenly the day before, the motion being carried by the members rising in their places.

Two new honorary members were elected, viz., the Rev. Prebendary Palmer, Vicar of Cheddar, and Mr. J. Glass, of Weston-super-Mare.—Four new performing members were elected, and Winscombe, Worle and Banwell were in turn proposed for next meeting. On being put to the vote Worle was selected.

The hon. secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £9 8s. 6d. in hand.—This was adopted, and all the officers were re-elected.

A discussion arose as to the proposal alteration of a rule, and a slight alteration was favoured.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rector (Prebendary Norton-Thompson) and the Rev. H. M. Treen for the use of the bells; the service, and for the excellent address which the latter had given.

The bells were rung, half-muffled, to Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, in token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Stobbins, who had been a member of this association, and captain of the Weston-super-Mare ringers for many years.

MR. WILLIAM STORY'S BUSINESS JUBILEE. NEWCASTLE RINGER'S LONG SERVICE.

The peal of Stedman Cinques recorded in this week's issue at Newcastle Cathedral was a celebration of Mr. William Story's 50th year of active service in the Quayside life of Newcastle-on-Tyne. The peal was specially composed by Mr. Joseph Parker, of Sunderland, 5,050 changes doubly commemorating the jubilee. The peal is generally in 6 course blocks, with the 6th 22 courses in 5th's place, and 16 courses in 6th's. The courses were rung 26 in the tittums position and 12 in the home, with an extended starting course to produce the required number.

Mr. Story entered the service of the Bedlington Coal Company on February 14th, 1874, and as the local papers describe it—'he was the best valentine they ever had,' for he has been with them ever since, and is now secretary and fitter to the firm.

Not many years will elapse till he celebrates his jubilee as a ringer, starting as he did, in 1880 at St. John's Church, Newcastle, being one of the pioneers of change ringing in this district, and having preserved his enthusiasm to this day. He has just finished three years as President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association, and still does his 'whack' in association visiting, missionary work and peal ringing.

His peal list is considerably over 250, ranging from Minor to Maximus, and the whole association is proud of his record, especially his confreres in the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.

The Yorkshire Association holds the record of two brothers acting as its president for a long number of years, but in the Durham and Newcastle Association it is nearly equalled; for Mr. Story's brother (Mr. Robert Spencer Story) held that position for 22 years, and Mr. W. Story for three, and if the members had had their own way he would have been elected for another long period, and thus capped the Yorkshire record. But he was more anxious for a younger man to carry on the good work, and with his usual firm and assured policy he stood down.

Time only, of course, can tell whether his policy is sound, but in his place the association is presided over by a young and enthusiastic president, and the association is 'going very strong.' The members of the 'Durham and Newcastle' wish Mr. Story long life and happiness, and trust that he will not only celebrate his jubilee in the belfry, but live to see a long and vigorous retirement from his business life, the jubilee of which has been so joyfully celebrated.

A peal was also rung at Tanfield on Saturday.

5120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE H. CROSS.

23456	1	3	4	5	6	7	9
34256	S	S		S		S	
62435	S		S		S		
32465	S						
24365	S	S		S		S	
43265	S	S		S		S	
52364			S		S		
25364	S	S		S		S	S
23564					S		
45326	S		S		S		
43526					S		
25346	S				S		
65342			S				
53642	S	S		S		S	
36542	S	S		S		S	
25643			S		S		
56243	S	S		S		S	
46253	S						
32456	S	S		S			
24356	S	S		S		S	

Repeat once. By omitting 2 singles at 1 braced in first part, the peal is reduced to 5,008. Contains the 6th 12 times each way, with all the 5—6's and 6—5's.

Every call is a single, and this is the first peal published in which every inside bell makes a single.

9,120 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. J. PITMAN (PORT TALBOT).

23456	M	Ox	W	H
63254		3	1	
54263		4		1
42356		2	1	
63542		4		
25346	1	5		1

Twice Repeated.

Has the 60 course-ends, and is the extent in this variation, i.e., with only one 'Oxford' in a course, called when tenors are due for slow work, thus keeping them out.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Ringers desiring to record some noteworthy performance in the belfry are frequently at a loss as to where they can obtain designs and estimates for peal boards. Messrs. Southwood, of Exeter, lay themselves out to cater for all requirements of this description, and can supply tablets for peal records or memorials in oak, metal or stone. Designs and prices are submitted free, and ringers will do well to send their inquiries to this firm when contemplating any form of tablet for the belfry.

A peal of Grandsire Cinques at Painswick on Saturday, composed and conducted by Mr. Albert Wright, the Master of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, which was founded in 1686, was in celebration of a double event. It commemorated the longest peal ever rung on twelve bells, the 13,001 Grandsire Cinques on February 14th, 1920, and the 8,448 Stedman Cinques on February 16th, 1858, both at this famous Gloucestershire church.

The conductor of Saturday's peal was also the composer and conductor of the thirteen thousand, and he forms an interesting link with the peal of 1858, for he is the son of the ringer of the 11th in the 8,448, and, in composing the commemoration peal, he finished with 48 changes.

Nine of the band that rang the 13,001 were in the peal on Saturday.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise was rung on February 22nd, 1901, at Brighton.

To-morrow is the centenary of a peal of '5,040 Grandsire Tripples' rung at St. Andrew's, Norwich.

To-morrow is also the anniversary of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on Feb. 23rd, 1783.

The 'Clavis' records that it was rung by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was 'deemed the greatest performance ever achieved in the Campanistean Art, as so intricate a method was never practised by any other set of men whatever; indeed the same people (except one) did ring a peal in this same method, and at the same place on Sunday, January 30th, 1780, they being then London Youths: but as this was rung with the tenors together it proved false on the new discoveries which happened about this time, and was the cause of their ringing another peal.'

The first peal of Double Norwich on handbells was rung by the Cambridge University Guild at Cambridge on Feb. 23rd, 1891.

On Feb. 25th, 1777, 10,080 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester, and the same length of Bob Major was rung on the following day at St. Mary's, Shrewsbury.

It was also on February 26th, 1777, that a peal of 5,040 Bob Royal was rung on handbells at Abingdon, Berks, and claimed to be the first peal rung 'double-handed.'

February 28th is the anniversary of 10,260 Grandsire Caters rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in 1778, and of 9,238 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham in 1881.

Henry Johnson was born on February 28th, 1809, and the whole Exercise will join in congratulations to Mr. Ted Horrex who, born on the last day of February, 1838, celebrates his 86th birthday next Thursday.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Major on the back eight at Southwark, the record of which we publish this week, is the heaviest 'job' that has been done in this method. Mr. H. R. Newton has now rung the tenor of the heaviest rings of bells on which Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major have been rung. He rang Southwark tenor (50 cwt.) to Superlative on February 27th, 1904 (before the bells were rehung), and Bow tenor (53 cwt.) to London Surprise on January 14th, 1910.

The paragraph in this column announcing bell ropes for disposal at Prittlewell resulted, we are told, in quite a lot of applications. Enough ropes were provided for two towers. Perhaps there are other bands who have discarded but still useful ropes, which could be disposed of upon similar terms, to do a good turn to some poor parish. If so, we shall be pleased to make the necessary announcement.

Some Sussex ringers have a dislike to putting footnotes to peals, but we think we are correct in saying that the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung at Brighton last week is the first in the county and by the Association, and adds yet another to the many Surprise methods of which have been rung in St. Peter's tower. In some cases the reluctance to blow one's own trumpet is a laudable thing, but there are times when, for the sake of historical record, some note to a peal is really desirable.

In the 'Lent Races,' lately concluded at Cambridge, Mr. J. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton, rowed 'bow' in the Jesus College First Boat, which retained its place at the Head of the River.

EARLY DAYS OF THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

INTERESTING FACTS FROM THE PAST.

By E. ALEX. YOUNG.

To-morrow the London County Association celebrates, by a dinner at 'The Bell,' Holborn, the tooth anniversary of the founding of the St. James' Society, under which name it was known until some 30 years ago. A centenary is a noteworthy 'milestone' in the history of any Society, and a few particulars of the earlier days of this ringing organisation will be interesting.

The lapse of a century seems to have cast a mist over what happened in 1824. Tradition, which as a rule is remarkably true, says that in that year members of the 'College Youths' and the 'Cumberland Youths' agreed to found an auxiliary society. It was to meet at St. James', Clerkenwell, and under the name of 'St. James' Youths' the members were to meet and ring peals together, which they could not otherwise do on account of the well-known rule, common to both of the older societies, viz., that members cannot belong to both.

There remained from these early days a Master's silver badge, with the date February, 1824. (It is unfortunately now lost.) There is also the copy peal book, the fly-leaf of which states that the society was re-established in 1827. There is nothing to tell us why. But it is interesting to observe that whilst no peals had been rung so far, No. 1, a peal of Grandsire Triples, was at once accomplished at St. Stephen's, Coleman Street. This was on April 2nd, 1827, conducted by W. Atherton, and followed by another in a few months, at the same place, conducted by Thomas Tolladay. From this time the society never looked back. Peals Nos. 11 and 12 were both rung on the same day in 1829, and both were conducted by Tolladay, who, indeed, rang in almost every peal from the first, until his death in 1843.

These peals possibly throw some light upon the early 'rift in the lute,' for it is noticeable that not one was rung at St. James' itself until 1831. But a peal was rung at Christ Church, Blackfriars, in March, 1829, and the early rule books state that the society shifted to Blackfriars after ringing 'many years' at St. James'.

If one may judge by the earliest remaining name book, which fortunately gives the addresses as well, it is quite possible to judge that in 1829-30 the 'headquarters' were at Blackfriars, when almost a dozen joined from that neighbourhood. The book referred to happens to have the earliest minute of the society, viz., 'May 17th, 1830. Unanimously agreed by all present that a vote of thanks be given to Mr. Tewson for his presenting the society with this book.' As Mr. Tewson's name comes almost last, it appears that the society mustered 55 members, the names being entered up in good 'copperplate,' and probably copied from the original first book, now lost.

These names are: J. Collinson, J. Platt, N. B. White, T. Welch, J. Mason, G. Williams, sen., W. Hollworthy, G. Williams, A. Cullaford, G. Smith, W. Adams, S. Thomas, Tysall, J. Ellis, Wornell, J. Coleman, T. Tolladay, S. Collins, W. Tolladay, E. Griffiths, T. Wilkie, W. Sawyer, T. Hunter, J. Garlon, T. Pollatt, C. Beakley, F. Matthew, G. Venning, W. Showell, J. Harper, E. Anstow, T. Manners, J. Jagers, H. Lane, W. Keeley, J. Bondyard, J. Menday, J. Marsden, C. Brown, W. Hill, F. Lansdell, E. Lansdell, P. Symondson, R. Best, W. Dunn, C. Clay, J. Bulgen, W. Graham, B. Tewson, Mills, S. Peaton.

An inspection of the name books of the two senior societies would show how far they joined together.

The next name book and that still in use was presented by Mr. Ebbells, secretary in 1837. It is boldly headed, 'Society of St. James' Youths.' The first pence and minute book remaining opens in 1838, C. Gorzee being Master, so that the early masters are unknown. Mr. Tolladay is now referred to as 'the Beadle.' Mr. G. Stockham, of St. Clements, appears in 1840, and in September, 1841, appears the entry 'first night at St. Clements.'

The subsequent history is still in the recollection of the older members.

E. ALEX. YOUNG.

AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In the issue of 'The Ringing World' for Feb. 8th, there appears amongst the Sunday Service touches the report of a quarter-peal rung at Pinley, Berks, consisting of 900 Plain Bob, and 360 Kent Treble Bob, with a footnote showing that three of the performers have now rung their 'First spliced quarter-peal.'

As the methods employed belong to two different classes, I cannot see where the splicing is effected: perhaps Mr. E. Tigwell will kindly publish the figures, and oblige.

T. B. MINOR.

THE CRITICISMS OF 'CRITICUS.'

SOME POINTS WORTH THINKING OVER.

Round the festive board to-morrow, members of 'The London County Association, late the St. James' Society,' will gather to celebrate the centenary of their organisation. Many of us who will not be present will join with those who are in wishing prosperity to the association on this auspicious occasion. In its first days, I believe, the St. James' Society was formed as a common meeting ground for College Youths and Cumberlands, whose code of rivalry prevented a man being a member of both societies at the same time—a rule still adhered to. In still earlier days, they were, I imagine, not even on speaking terms, but later, when some of the 'old uns' died off, and other men came upon the scene, they got the idea that the other fellows were not so bad after all, and that even in the rival society there were men worth ringing a peal with. So they put their heads together (metaphorically), and the St. James' Society was the result, and College Youths and Cumberlands dwelt happily together ever after in the neutral camp. At least, that is the idea I have always had about the St. James' Society.

In my view—but you, reader, must not attach too much importance to it, for I generally find myself in a minority, sometimes of one—I think it is a great pity that the old name was ever changed. 'The London County Association' may be a more resounding title, it may, to those who do not know the history, appear a more comprehensive name, but to me, who love old things and old traditions, it is not half so nice as 'The St. James' Society.' After all, what was the matter with this old title? The College Youths are no less important because they have retained a name which they took nearly three hundred years ago from College Hill; the Cumberlands are in no measure circumscribed by sticking to the name they adopted from the victor of Culloden. And the St. James' Society could have been as rich in members and spread their net as widely without adopting a territorial limit, even if it be that of the county of London. But despite the sub-title I fear that in time to come, the tradition of the old society will be lost.

I am always greatly pleased when I see some article in one of the influential daily papers throwing some light upon ringing, as an art and a science. But what a lot of rubbish gets printed from time to time! Fancy a 'captain of ringers' writing, in an article on safety in the belfry, such 'tosh' as this, when referring to the need for proper lighting: 'A nervous ringer may grasp the sally tightly in a futile effort to stop the swing, in which case he would be carried aloft, and probably killed, should his head strike the ceiling. It is obvious that at such a moment a good light should exist. In a bright light, one of his companions would be able to see clearly how to strike his hands off the rope, and so avert disaster.' If we are really to educate the public, it is a pity we cannot have a censor of articles on bells. I imagine the Editor of our own journal would be the man to run his blue pencil over this kind of stuff, before it is passed on for the consumption of the public.

It is very gratifying to read that something is to be done to provide a memorial to the late James W. Washbrook. He ranks among a very rare class in the Exercise; in fact, in some respects he was almost unique. I always looked upon Jim Washbrook as a 'national possession,' so far as ringing was concerned, for in his performances as a whole he could not be assigned to any society, while as a composer his work takes its place among the foremost in the land. Is it out of place, therefore, to suggest that the organisation of a memorial should be undertaken by the Central Council, as representing the whole body of ringers? They could bring together representatives of every ringing organisation, in a way which an individual association might find it difficult to do, and a memorial worthy of the man and the Exercise which he adorned would probably be forthcoming. I suppose the Council is hardly likely to act in a matter of this kind without a request, and here is a chance for the Lancashire Association, in whose area he spent the last years of his life.

Once again the old trouble has cropped up of the authorship of compositions and methods. The Secretary of the Council has given an invitation to members to send in notices of motion, and I hope some member will see that the agenda for Whitsun includes a resolution to establish what has been frequently urged in this paper, a reference file of all methods and compositions. To make a complete collection of the methods would not be a formidable task; to collect a file of all compositions would provide someone with considerable occupation. But without doubt both are seriously needed, or the labours of some of our pioneers will in time be lost in the claims of new authors, who, having no means of ascertaining what has been obtained before, will pass on to posterity their own work as original. And in this connection, why cannot the Council set up a kind of judicial committee to settle such points as Mr. Arthur Craven raised the other day? When two people claim the same thing, a committee to sift the facts could settle all questions of this kind to the satisfaction of the bulk of the Exercise.

CRITICUS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. HIGH WYCOMBE AND THE GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We have read with much interest your leading article of last week, in which you gave a judicial summing-up of the case—Wycombe Belfry and the Oxford Guild.

May we again reiterate, for the benefit of readers not cognisant of the whole facts, that for two years all constitutional methods, such as you advocate in your article, were tried, including a request for a referendum. These were 'turned down,' and from some quarters treated with ridicule.

We have no wish to dictate, but we feel that the resolutions from the largest and most important branch of the Guild should have received more sympathetic consideration.

To be brief: Let a rule be made: 'That the annual festival be held alternately in the three Archdeaconries,' and then, so far as the Wycombe company are concerned, we think we can promise a 'return to the fold.'—Yours truly,

GEORGE TWITCHEN,
Hon. Sec., Wycombe Belfry.

A COMPARISON.

Dear Sir,—Some few years ago I remember attending an annual general meeting of the Oxford Guild, when it was held at different places such as the Wycombe people wish to continue, and I should like to say the attendance was no greater than we get at our half-yearly branch meeting, consequently every one could have a ring if they so liked, but compare that with the number we get at Oxford, about 200, and the accommodation for ringing with High Wycombe, with one twelve bell tower. There is no comparison!

I should like to call your attention to the Rule XIII., which says: 'A general meeting shall be held . . . for united practice in change ringing.' How, then, can a town such as High Wycombe offer any facilities for united practice with only one twelve bell tower, for, perhaps, upwards of 200 members, and the majority of them six and eight bell men. The surrounding district of High Wycombe does not lend itself to easy access for travelling to outside towers.

In Oxford we have something like nine six-bell towers, one eight-bell, two ten-bell, and one twelve-bell tower, to say nothing of another seven towers within easy cycle distance of the town, motor buses also run to these villages. These seven towers range from six to ten bells, and are open for ringing. Please compare this with High Wycombe, always bearing in mind the words of Rule XIII. I have quoted.

The Guild is built up entirely of branches, these branches hold their annual meetings; also half-yearly meetings which the Master and Secretary invariably attend. These meetings, I contend, carry on the propaganda work quite as well as the festival meeting did when it travelled about.

Now, with regard to a referendum which I consider very unfair, because you will have a lot of members voting who have never been to an annual festival or who never intend to. If they want a say in the matter, then let them come to the annual festival, or if that is not possible then instruct the representatives of their branch how to vote.

If you see fit to publish this letter, and there should be any criticism, I wish it to be known that I shall not answer it, as I do not intend to get involved in a controversial subject.—Yours truly,

THIRTY YEARS A MEMBER.

ANOTHER SUGGESTION.

Sir,—May I be allowed to make a suggestion with reference to the difference of opinion, which, if allowed to go on, will do untold harm to the Guild. Each branch of the Guild has its representatives. A meeting of the branch should be called, and the question put to the vote. The branch representatives, irrespective of their own opinions on the subject, should vote on what their branch decides at the next committee meeting of the Guild. The committee would then have the true feeling of the Guild, and would recommend accordingly.—Yours truly,

E. M. THORP.

Bucklebury Vicarage, Reading.

READING BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Reading branch, which appears to be growing more enjoyable each year, was held at Reading on Saturday last. A ringers' meeting without ringing would be something of an anomaly, so, naturally, the proceedings commenced with an hour's 'pulling' at both St. Mary's and St. Giles' Churches, after which, a service was held at the latter. This was well attended, and an inspiring address was given by the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Rector of Crowthorne). The Canon, himself a ringer of wide reputation, and the popular President of the Central Council, traced the reasons for the ringing of bells, incidentally referring to three states of man—birth, marriage and death.

The party then betook themselves to the Central Café, where a substantial meat tea was served. When 'stand' was 'called' for

the grace after meat, 'every man was in perfect strength,' and quite ready for the work of the evening.

The business part of the programme was ably 'conducted' by Mr. W. Polc-Routh. There is no need to 'hunt' for a better chairman, and so the meeting thought, for he was unanimously elected chairman for the ensuing year, with Mr. A. W. Pike as vice-chairman, Mr. F. W. Hopgood secretary, and Messrs. Foster and Wiggins as auditors. Messrs. Appebee, Swain and MacMunn were elected to serve on the General Committee of the Guild.

The business concluded with reports from the various towers in the branch, and the 'band' of 88 then settled down to enjoy the excellent entertainment which had been arranged. Mrs. Woods most kindly acted as accompanist, and her efforts, which contributed in no small measure to the success of the musical programme, were greatly appreciated by those present.

The officers of the Guild present included the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), the secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) and the treasurer (Mr. A. J. Wright).

PLAIN BOB.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN DIVISION AT HALSTEAD.

A meeting of the Northern Division was held at Halstead on Saturday, February 16th, when 26 members were present from Maldon, Halstead, Earls Colne, Sible Hedingham, Black Notley, Great Yeldham, Wormingford, Greenstead Green, Stebbing, Dunmow, Braintree, and the Rev. R. Routh, Castle Camps. A short service was held in the Parish Church. The Vicar (Rev. H. J. Curling) gave an instructive address, taking for his text, 'Do all to the glory of God.'

Tea and meeting followed. Mr. C. E. Howard, J.P., Master of the association, presided, supported by the Vicar and Mr. W. H. Dyson (honorary district secretary). Seventeen new members were elected from Halstead (8), Yeldham (3), Earls Colne (1), Kelvedon (2), Feering (1) and Pentlow (2), and the Vicar joined as an honorary member.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Foxearth in June, and a bye-meeting at Stisted in April or May.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his excellent address, and to the organist and choir for their attendance.

The bells have been recently overhauled by Mr. Day, of Eye, and are now in excellent ringing order, and the newly-formed band are making good progress in the art.

Some excellent ringing was accomplished on the tower bells in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise and courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples on the handbells.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. SOUTHERN BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Grantham on Saturday, February 16th, when about 30 members and visitors attended, the towers represented being Surfleet, Bottesford, Folkingham, Lincoln, Hough-on-the-Hill, Nottingham, Worksop, Pinchbeck, Grantham. The bells, a good peal of 10 (tenor 37 cwt.), were rung to Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal and various Triple and Major methods. Tea was provided at the Globe Hotel, where about 25 partook of a splendid meal.

The business meeting followed, when the Guild Master (Rev. H. Law James) presided, supported by Rev. J. C. Sturton and Mr. S. Proctor (hon. secretary).

All the branch officers were re-elected, and a short discussion regarding the Guild War Memorial took place, the Chairman stating that he hoped it would be put in hand shortly.

The next meeting was fixed for Folkingham in April if the bells are ready by that time. A new treble is being added at this church to make a ring of six, and, if the work is not completed, the alternative place of Market Deeping was decided on.

The Honorary Secretary made an appeal to members to send notice of their intention to attend meetings, as, without an intimation, it was difficult to arrange tea. In this case six sent in names and about 30 attended.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Canon Hancock for use of bells, and to Rev. H. Law James for taking the chair. A welcome visitor was Mr. H. Haigh, of Worksop. The tower was visited after tea, and the bells kept going until nearly 9 p.m., when a very pleasant and successful meeting was brought to a close.

A most pleasing feature about this meeting was that all four branches of the Guild were represented.

WISBECH.—On Sunday, January 6th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: Horace Lewin (first 720, double-handed) 1—2, Ralph Narborough 3—4, Bert Gogle (conductor) 5—6.—On Thursday, January 10th, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: Edward Cook 1, Leonard Newman 2, Walter Jarvis 3, Horace Lewin 4, Ralph Narborough (conductor) 5—6. First 720 by ringers of 1st and 2nd.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FROCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 17th, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor: H. Fussell 1, C. East 2, G. Prout 3, A. Burcombe 4, Police-Sergt. G. W. Hastings 5, J. L. Smith (conductor) 6.

PUTNEY.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 17th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), by C. Charge, in 44 mins.: C. Moody 1, H. G. Owen (first in method) 2, S. Brown 3, E. Grindell (Debenham) 4, E. Cassell 5, H. G. Frampton 6, W. T. Elson 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8.

BARNES.—On Sunday, Feb. 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: *H. Rivers 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Cook 3, W. C. Stacey 4, C. Hunt 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, F. Crook 8. * First quarter-peal of Major.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, February 17th, at St. Edmund's Church, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: S. Mutton (first attempt for 720) 1, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 2, H. O. Mutton 3, H. Patrick 4, C. Moore 5.

GREAT BARDFIELD.—On Sunday, February 17th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Surprise: W. Richardson 1, J. Jennings 2, W. Piper 3, E. Townsend 4, A. Piper 5, F. Suckling (conductor) 6.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's Church, on Sunday evening, February 17th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 50 mins.: C. H. Lake 1, G. Lewis 2, Hy. Bower 3, J. Evinson 4, C. Harrison 5, R. Harrison (conductor) 6, J. A. Dixon 7, Hy. Hurst 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Hurst, mother of the ringer of the tenor.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On February 17th, at the Church of St. John the Baptist, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Smith 1, Miss P. Moss 2, Miss N. G. Williams 3, Miss D. G. Feltham 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, S. Honor 6, J. Bacon 7, H. Folkard 8, H. Chandler 9, W. Honor 10.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, February 17th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Turner 1, A. J. Skelding 2, Harold Amphlett 3, William Smith 4, B. Dunn 5, G. W. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, George Glazier 8.

BANBURY, OXFORD.—On Sunday, February 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes (by J. G. Shade, in 46 mins.: H. Impcy 1, R. R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, M. Smith (conductor) 4, Jack Judge 5, R. W. Burrows 6, W. F. Judge 7, R. Higham 8. Messrs. Jack Judge and W. F. Judge hail from Kidlington, the remainder belong to the local band.

SWANAGE.—On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 432 Double Norwich Court and Bob Major was rung by the following: C. Turner 1, R. S. Bastable 2, C. Tones 3, D. Hill Brown 4, R. Brown (Southampton) 5, G. F. Haysome 6, G. J. Williams 7, W. G. Bishop (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method by all except ringer of 5th. Also, for evensong, 224 Bob Major.

BERMONDSEY.—On Sunday, February 17th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), 4, 6, 8 covering, in 38 mins.: A. Chapman 1, F. H. Pailand (conductor) 2, F. W. Chapman 3, E. J. Triemer 4, J. Carmen 5, F. Mockford 6, C. H. Chapman 7, P. Ballard 8. Longest length by 1, 6 and 8.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, on Sunday, February 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: H. H. Mance 1, C. F. Mitchell 2, G. Watkin 3, E. A. Reeve 4, A. G. Newman 5, S. W. Holdaway 6, J. Gransbury 7, F. E. Darby 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Essery 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by the ringers of 6 and 8.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, February 10th, 560 Bob Major: H. Floyd 1, J. W. Lane 2, H. Gates 3, W. Floyd 4, P. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, R. S. Cook 7, H. Golding (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, January 27th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Gates 3, R. S. Cook 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, H. Golding (conductor) 7, J. Floyd 8.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 3rd, 480 Bob Minor.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, 704 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Niblett 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton 4, S. T. Holt (conductor) 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, C. Camm 8.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 10th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Mellin 1, A. Chalk 2, W. S. Butler 3, E. Bright 4, A. Evers 5, W. Butler (conductor) 6. Also 120 Cambridge Surprise and 120 New London.—For evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. S. Butler 1, E. Bright (conductor) 2, W. Mellin 3, W. Butler 4, A. Evers 5, H. Dorking 6. Also 360 New London.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, February 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Fraser 1, J. Crowder 2, H. James 3, Capt. W. Anderson, M.C. (Eltham) 4, E. B. Crowder 5, H. J. Norgate 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Hurrell 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday evening, February 10th, at All Hallows' Lombard Street, City, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal: F. G. Newman 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, A. Coles 4, W. Nudds 5, F. Pike 6, F. I. Hairs 7, J. E. Davis (conductor) 8, R. W. Grimwood 9, W. Hewett 10.—On December 18th, 1,291 Stedman Caters for evening service.

GRASLEY, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Feb. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holts' Original), 1,260 changes, in 37 mins.: A. Whistler 1, H. Bush 2, H. Williamson 3, W. Ratcliffe 4, H. Byfield 5, T. Store 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, E. C. Williamson 8. Quickest quarter-peal on the bells, and all are Sunday Service ringers.

NORTH NIBLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Hughes 1, J. Parker 2, P. Oakhill 3, A. Burcombe 4, Police-Sergt. G. W. Hastings 5, H. Fussell (conductor) 6. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Sunday, Jan. 27th, for evensong, 1,260 Kent Treble Bob, in 48 mins.: L. Shepherd 1, D. Ellingham 2, J. T. Kentish (conductor) 3, J. Shepherd 4, A. R. Laurence, junr., 5, D. Richardson (first quarter-peal) 6, A. Shepherd 7, A. Laurence, senr., 8.

ISLEWORTH.—For morning service, on Sunday, January 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Sheard 1, W. H. Liddbetter 2, T. Beadie 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, E. F. Cole 5, J. Milner 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Brooks 8.

SPALDING, Lincs.—On Thursday, January 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: C. Stiles 1, J. T. Brown 2, S. Maddison 3, A. J. Farr 4, S. Andrew 5, R. Smith 6, J. Ames (conductor) 7, G. W. Simpson 8. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of R. Mackman, who has been one of the band for 47 years.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday morning, January 20th, 672 Superlative Surprise: W. Morris 1, V. Tipton 2, H. Smale 3, J. Cordell 4, G. Dent 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8. Also 304 Double Norwich.

COLWALL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, January 20th, for evening service, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: R. Thomas 1, R. Lewis 2, W. Ranford 3, C. Bowers 4, C. Layton 5, E. Price 6, E. W. Turner (conductor) 7, *G. Jordan 8. * Longest length in the method. Also a course of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

STAFFORD.—On Sunday, January 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: R. W. Warrilow 1, J. J. Taylor 2, A. H. Taylor 3, G. Booth 4, W. G. Curtis 5, F. V. Haggis 6, W. H. Jones (conductor) 7, Z. Baker.

BOSBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Thursday, January 17th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: F. Hawkins 1, F. Stinton 2, J. Foster 3, F. Price 4, E. W. Turner (conductor) 5, E. Spencer. First 720 in the method.

LONDON.—St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild.—On Sunday, Jan. 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins. (composed by C. Charge): G. J. Harman 1, C. Choctet 2, J. Bullock 3, R. J. Green 4, H. G. Gowllett 5, J. R. Gammon 6, E. C. Russell (conductor) 7, J. S. Hawkins 8.

HILLINGDON.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on January 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: Miss G. Baker 1, *W. Ibbett 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, J. J. Pratt 4, Miss P. Moss (first of Caters as conductor) 5, P. Jones 6, J. Bacon 7, R. Carter 8, W. Honor 9, *J. H. Lucas 10. * First of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FULHAM.—For evening service, on Sunday, January 13th, 1,263 Stedman Caters: W. H. Hollier 1, W. H. Wood 2, L. H. Page 3, F. C. Norris 4, G. C. Iles 5, A. Outmore 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. A. Trollope 8, J. A. Moorhouse (Leeds) 9, H. A. Folkard 10.

SALEHURST.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, T. Booth 3, C. Creasey 4, E. Mills 5, G. Mills 6, T. Hoad (conductor) 7, G. King 8.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—For morning service, at St. Etheldreda's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,344 changes): L. Shepherd 1, D. Ellingham 2, R. Richardson 3, J. Dunham 4, A. R. Lawrence 5, D. Richardson 6, A. Shepherd (conductor) 7, G. Richardson 8.

LONDON.—St. Clement Youths.—At St. Clement Danes, Strand, for evening service, a quarter-peal from Holt's Original (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, W. Rushton (conductor) 2, Miss D. Bryant 3, Miss F. Orr 4, Robert Fardon 5, C. F. Winney 6, C. W. Roberts 7, E. Davies 8.

NOTICES.

APPLETON, BERKS.—The 106th anniversary of these bells will be commemorated on Saturday, March 1st, instead of Tuesday, the 4th.—R. White.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough District.—A special meeting will be held at Welford, on Saturday, March 1st. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Feb. 25th?—W. Bott, District Secretary.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association was held on February 9th at Hanley Parish Church. A short service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. H. A. Tamplin) gave an address on 'Good work.' A company, numbering 59, sat down to tea, at which the Rector presided, and there were also present the Rev. Beavan, Mr. Stanway (churchwarden) and Mr. S. Cardell (Ringing Master).

After tea, ringing certificates were presented to the following new members: Messrs. Millington, Corner, Sargeant and Eardley (Hanley), and Whitfield and Gater (Burslem).—A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells was proposed by Mr. Churton (Stoke), and seconded by Mr. Page (Stoke). The ladies were thanked by Mr. Whieldon (Milton) and Mr. Hurd (Burslem).

The ten bells were utilised during the day, and in the evening touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung: also rounds and call changes for those not yet initiated into the art and mystery of change ringing.

A 'COMING-OF-AGE' CELEBRATION.

Miss Dorothy Saunders, daughter of Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookdale, celebrated her 21st birthday on January 5th, and in honour of the event, a very fine peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the 'Dale' bells. Born not more than a hundred yards from the Coalbrookdale bells, her home has always been well within a quarter of a mile of the church, to which she has always been very much attached. Although she has never learnt the art of ringing, she has always been very popular with the local ringers and visitors. From a child she has been fond of art work, which accounts for the really fine collection of pictures which she has done from time to time, chiefly in water-colours and black and white. In the year 1921, at Coalbrookdale Secondary School, she passed the Oxford Senior Examination, and since then has entered the teaching profession. After the peal, the ringers were invited to Institution House, where they were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. W. Saunders to a substantial tea, the remainder of the evening being spent in harmony. In this also the Coalbrookdale ringers gave a good account of themselves. There were tunes on handbells, some first-class double-handed change ringing, piano and violin solos, songs, duets and recitations, and midnight arrived all too soon. Miss Saunders was the recipient of many congratulations and presents.

THE FALSE PEAL OF GRANDSIRE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. G. Billenness, according to his letter published in your issue of the 8th inst., must have misread Mr. Barnett's letter pointing out the falseness of J. W. Moorhouse's 5-part Variation, when he says 'attempted' at Erith. It was not until, unfortunately, the peal was rung that its falseness was discovered. —Yours faithfully,

F. J. CULLUM, Junr.

A FAREWELL.

At the Church of St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Tuesday, January 29th, a quarter-peal (1,357 changes) Stedman Caters: J. Wilkinson 1. G. R. Newton 2. W. Fisher 3. C. S. Benwell 4. A. Lintott 5. T. W. Gilmour 6. J. Martin (composer and conductor) 7. W. H. Rickett 8. E. Caunce 9. C. Packer 10. The above was rung as a farewell touch to Mr. C. Packer, who has left for Swansea.

MUFFLED BELLS.

At Perry Barr, Birmingham, on Saturday, January 12th, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cooper 1, E. Weston 2, R. C. Ingram 3, G. F. Swann 4, F. W. Rishworth 5, C. Davis 6, M. J. Morris (conductor) 7, H. Cook 8. Rung as a tribute of respect to the mother of Mr. G. T. Mitchison, the local captain.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Wednesday, January 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: T. Bettison 1, W. H. T. King 2, R. Huskinson 3, W. Allin, senr., 4, T. L. Bleaby 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method.

EXETER.—On Thursday, January 31st, at St. Thomas's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: E. Shepherd (conductor) 7, *T. J. Stokes 2, A. Monkley 3, E. W. Bilen 4, J. Arbury 5, *A. H. Goad 6, C. G. Routley 7, W. H. J. Bailey (first quarter-peal) 8. * First quarter on a bob bell.

LINCOLN.—At St. Peter-at-Gowt's Church, on Tuesday, January 22nd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: J. Waterson 1, R. Chester 2, R. H. Hurst (conductor) 3, H. Lowman 4, R. T. Sharpe 5, W. Bettles 6. Rung, half-muffled, as a token of esteem to the late Mr. Hancock, who for 40 years was a member of St. Peter's choir.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—On Tuesday, January 29th, 720 Bob Minor: F. G. Gleaves (Willingham) 1, G. Perkins (conductor) 2, B. Saunders 3, G. Ransom 4, H. Lavender 5, F. Warrington (Long Stanton) 6.—For morning service, on Sunday, February 3rd, 360 Bob Minor.

NOTICES.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 36th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, 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. 23rd. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30, and Bishop Ryder's (a new ring of 8 by Taylor) from 3 to 4.15.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

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 Messrs. W. Bottrill, Essery, F. W. Goodfellow, George, Hawkins, Mance, Matthews, P. W. Norton, Riley, Symonds, T. H. Taffender, T. W. Taffender, E. A. Young, Wood, or J. Bullock, Hon. Sec. pro tem., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road. St. Bride's, Fleet Street, open for ringing from 4 to 5.15 p.m.

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, should be paid before February 29th. Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 26th at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting at Martock is postponed to Saturday, February 23rd. Service at 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Eight bells available early.—F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoney Stanton on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Stockport St. George on Saturday, Feb. 23rd.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chertsey on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., and meeting to follow. All ringers and friends welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Fendene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Hunsdon on Feb. 23rd. Bells ready during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church. Tea in Hunsdon House at 1s. per head. All members and friends will be made welcome. Kindly notify, if possible, intention of attending.—W. H. Lawrence, Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting will be held at Alvaston on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (6) available from 2.30 to 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. Annual subscriptions now due.—L. Turner, 7, High Street, Kempston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting of the above district will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23rd at Old Basford. Tower open at 3 o'clock.—F. Blood, Local Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's Church, Blackpool, on Feb. 23rd. Bells ready 2.30. Business meeting 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Bournemouth, on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—G. Preston, 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—Aylsham and Norwich Districts.—A meeting will be held at Aylsham on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested.—Wm. B. Duncan and G. H. Cross, Dis. Secs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls' Church on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. Bells from 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley on Saturday, March 1st. Service at 4 p.m. 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, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Denholme on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available for ringing after 2.30. Tenor 15 cwt. Tea will be provided in the School at a charge of 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. to all who notify Mr. V. Bairstow, 9, Jane Street, Denholme, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Winton on Saturday, March 1st. Committee meeting at 4, and tea at 5 o'clock at the Crown and Cannon Hotel. Tea 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, March 1st. Evensong at All Saints' at 5 p.m. Tea, in the All Saints' Church House, at 5.30, at a charge of 1s. 9d. per head. Notification to be made to Mr. A. Walker, 7, Southfield Avenue, Pontefract, not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at Mr. G. R. Kemball's, 15, Milton Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Will all requiring tea kindly notify Mr. G. R. Peck, Eden Corner, Saltburn, not later than Wednesday, Feb. 27th? A business meeting will follow immediately after tea in the same room.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting following. Will all members wishing to be present please let me know not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th?—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30, address by the Rector, Rev. C. Stonehouse. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ye Olde Beverlie, provided by the Association, for all those members who notify me not later than Feb. 26th. The bells of the Cathedral will be available during the evening from 7-8.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Institute at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Feb. 26th. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, March 1st. Bells, St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6), St. James' (6), available at 3 o'clock. Service at St. John's, 4.40. Tea (complimentary) in St. John's Parish Room at 5. Meeting to follow. All ringers invited. Please write for tea, by Feb. 28th, to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, 1st March.—Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Taylor's Restaurant, New Bond Street. Bells of St. Michael (8) available at 6.45 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, 26th Feb.?—E. E. Emm, Evercreech, Somerset.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The meeting of the above Association for March will take place at Norton on March 1st, and not March 8th, as previously arranged. Commence 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 26, Clarence Street, Newcastle, Staffs.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolsover, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells ready at 3 o'clock or earlier if required. Tea at 4.45 in Church Hall, 1s. each only to those who notify Mr. J. Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, Bolsover, not later than Wednesday, February 27th. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year to be in my hands not later than Saturday, April 19th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoodleigh on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.45. Tea 1s., 5.15. Those desiring tea should inform me not later than Tuesday, Feb. 26th. By kind permission of Frank Shearman, Esq., ringers may go to and from the Church by way of the Court Drive.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Witleigh Vicarage, Tiverton, Devon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The postponed meeting at Huntingdon will be held on March 1st. Arrangements as before.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Dist. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Holbeach on Saturday, March 1st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. at The Chequers Hotel.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Alphington on Saturday, March 1st. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each, in the schoolroom. All ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: Alphington (8), St. Thomas (8), Ide (6), Kenn (6), Kenton (6).—J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above Branch will be held at Stony Stratford, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for those that notify me. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Blechley.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each to those who advise me by March 5th. Meeting to follow. The ten bells at St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 7.30 until 9 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1924 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. Canon Phelips, R.D. A tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than March 4th of their intention of being present.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Hinley Road, Dudley.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at Diss on Saturday afternoon, March 8th. By kind permission of the Rector, the bells will be available. Further particulars next week.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Lord Bishop of Coventry will (D.V.) dedicate the new bells at Bulkington on Saturday, March 15th, at 3.30 p.m. Members of the Guild are invited to be present. Further particulars later.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Secretary, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

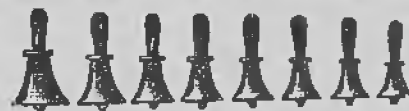
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The treasurer will be glad to receive from ringing and honorary members, for the year 1923-4, subscriptions now overdue, and, in some cases, those outstanding for previous years. He would respectfully remind local secretaries that subscriptions are usually payable at the annual meeting held in October, and should not be overlooked indefinitely.

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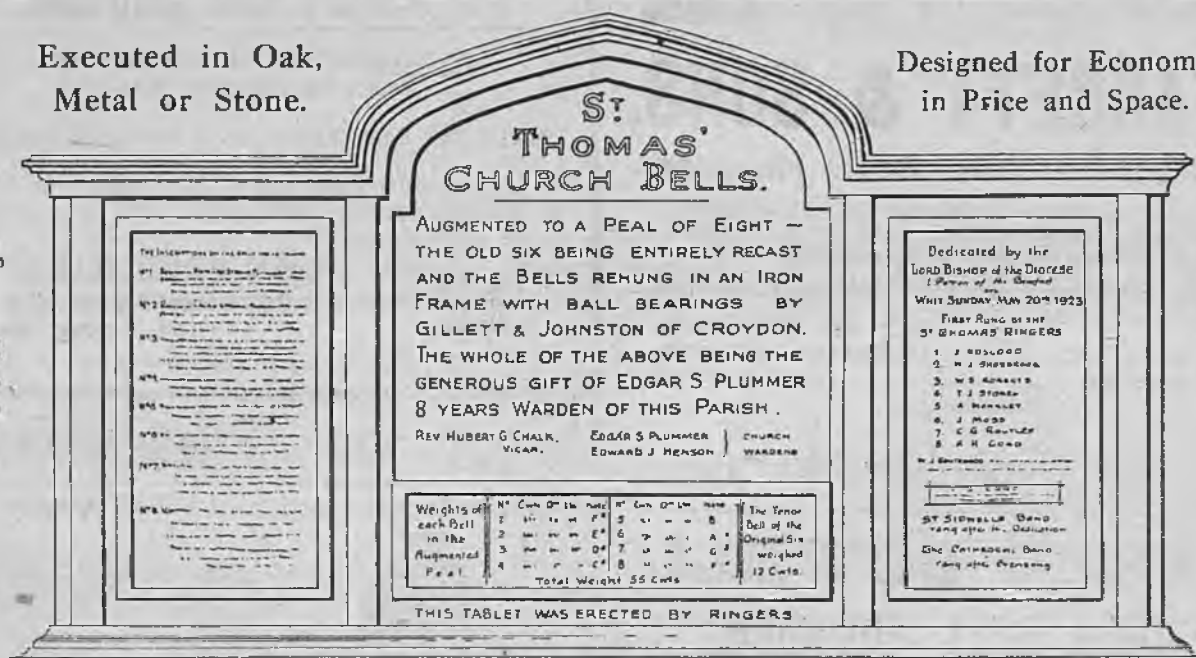
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As was natural in the circumstances, Saturday's proceedings provided a good deal of speechmaking, but the speeches were interesting because they were for the most part historical review or personal reminiscences, and therefore worth listening to. Speakers who have to rely upon generalities are not always welcome, but there is nothing so entertaining to a ringer as to listen to the tales of other days from those who have been in actual contact with past masters of the art, or to have passed on to him some bits of ringing history which have come down like a tradition and which help to make that 'atmosphere' in the Exercise which is so characteristic of it and yet so difficult to define.

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(BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.)

On Thursday, February 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

MRS. RAYMOND J. WILKINS Treble	* JOHN G. JEFFRIES 6
EDGAR GUISE 2	JAMES R. JONES 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
* STANLEY BADMAN 4	JOSEPH GOULD 9
* MISS ANNIE BROWN 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. The ringers belong respectively to St. Stephen's, St. James', St. Thomas', St. Nicholas', S. Philip's, Mangotsfield, St. Andrew, Bristol, E., Henbury, and St. Luke's.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	GILBERT PEARCE 6
EDGAR GUISE 2	WILLIAM C. HUNTER 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	ALFRED PEARCE 8
RICHARD CLARK 4	JAMES R. JONES 9
GEORGE TREW 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

A birthday compliment to Miss Peggy Guise, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

2 On Monday, February 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

8 AM

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

BROOKS' VARIATION.

WILFRED GRUNDY Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5
FREDERICK GRUNDY 2	THOMAS HOWARD 6
JAMES BOLTON 3	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 7
DANIEL HOWARD 4	ARTHUR BURTON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Grundy and Mr. F. Potter, of Walkden.

LLANBRADACH, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lb.

* JACK GWILYM Treble	GEORGE COOKE 5
ALBERT ADDICOTT 2	FRANK BOUCHER 6
† HAROLD CASELL 3	STANLEY VOZEY 7
ALBAN E. SLATTER 4	THOMAS LOVE Tenor

Conducted by A. ADDICOTT.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples inside. Treble, 3rd and 7th are local men, for whom this peal was arranged.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKINGHAMSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BERKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY WINGROVE Treble	JOHN EVANS 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	RICHARD BUCKLAND 7
WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

A complimentary peal for Sir William Carter (nine times Mayor of Windsor), a Bucks man, who was married at Beaconsfield, February 16th, 1872. Sir William and Lady Carter are honorary members of the branch. First peal of Major on the bells.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN HOYLE Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	EDWARD HULL 6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
ARTHUR DEAN 4	DAVID ANSCOMBE Tenor

Conducted by J. H. WHITE.

Rung as a jubilee peal for E. Hull, he having rung his first peal on February 10th, 1874, at Leatherhead.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
MISS GLADYS DODDS 2	ERNEST STONE 6
* WALTER MARTIN 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	FRANK BRASSINGTON Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

LEWIS W. WIFFEN Treble	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5
JAMES FLEURY 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
GEORGE WIFFEN 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	WILLIAM KEEBLE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells; also by G. Wiffen. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. D. R. Barclay, late Vicar, who was installed to the living of Hatfield Peverel during the time the peal was rung. It was also a birthday compliment to A. Saunders.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CECIL C. KAZER Treble	ARTHUR W. DIX 5
WALTER AYRE 2	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW 6
HAROLD G. CASHMERE 3	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD 7
HUBERT EDEN 4	* WILLIAM HODGETTS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HODGETTS.

* First peal in the method, and first peal in any method as conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
GEORGE R. JONES 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
* THOMAS R. BUTLER 3	† LEWIS J. EVANS 7
JOHN W. DAVIES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells, and made a life ringing member.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 5
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells. C. W. Bird hails from Kettering.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

* ALFRED G. CRANE Treble	HERBERT J. ELDRED 5
† ERNEST H. TUBB 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
ROBERT ROFFEY 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
† SYD CHILD 4	§ NORMAN A. TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by the late A. T. KING. Conducted by N. A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal on eight bells, and first attempt. ‡ First peal away from the tenor. § First peal of Bob Major as conductor. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. J. Eldred, of Barnet.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

* MISS GLADYS BROAD Treble	† REGINALD G. WILLIAMS 5
* MISS ALICE STOKES 2	JAMES NISBET 6
ERNEST GOLDSTONE 3	WILLIAM GILLINGHAM 7
* MISS DOROTHY WILLETT 4	ALBERT E. COLBOURN Tenor

Conducted by MISS ALICE STOKES.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Mabel C. N. Jukes and Mr. C. O. Grieves at the above-named church, both bride and bridegroom being members of the Portishead band. * First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours & Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKETT,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 6
*FREDERICK J. BURNETT 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
WILLIAM TATE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ... Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	HAROLD J. POOLE 6
GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Royal.

DRIFHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*LEONARD DRAKE Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON 5
JOHN PALFRAMAN 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
CHARLES E. LAWSON 3	WILLIAM E. ASH 7
JOSEPH BROADLEY 4	FRANCIS BARKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. W. DIXON.

* First peal.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

LEONARD E. LAST Treble	GEORGE MALYAN 5
RICHARD JENNER 2	HERBERT MARRELL 6
*ROBERT T. LAMBERT 3	WILLIAM LATTER 7
*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to William Latter. * 50th peal.

KIRTLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	WILLIAM JUDGE 5
GORDON CAUDWELL 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
LEONARD TUFFREY 3	JACK JUDGE 7
WILLIAM STONE 4	ALBERT E. LOCK Tenor

Conducted by JACK JUDGE.

First peal as conductor.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

GRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WALTER SMITH Treble	NATHAN PATMORE 5
BARNARD PATMORE 2	WILLIAM K. NORTH 6
SYDNEY CARTER 3	GEORGE H. CARTER 7
HENRY WALLACE 4	GEORGE T. CROFT Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by G. T. CROFT.

* First peal of Major, and first attempt. Ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th hail from Gt. Munden; 3rd and 7th from Little Munden; tenor from Hitchin; treble and 6th are local men.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

*FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	*JAMES BOUGHTON 6
WILLIAM ROSE 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
*ERNEST POPPY 4	ERNEST WHITING Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* Rang their first peal on February 24th, 1894.

MAIDENHEAD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, BOYNE HILL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ERNEST ELDRIDGE ... Treble	JESSE ELDRIDGE 5
WILLIAM WALKER 2	WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... 6
ALBERT WALKER 3	THOMAS GOODCHILD 7
*JAMES MARR 4	LEONARD W. COPSEY Tenor

Conducted by W. A. GARRAWAY.

* First peal. Also a birthday compliment to J. Marr and J. Eldridge; and a wedding compliment to Miss R. Jones, daughter of Mr. Jones, one of the parish ringers. First peal on the bells since they were rehung. All the ringers belong to the local company.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, STRANTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5536 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK ROBSON ... Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT ... 6
*WALTER N. ASHBY 3	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON 7
HENRY TAYLOR 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (Peal No. 220).

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the St. James' Society. Longest peal by the Association.

WITTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	
*ARTHUR MOORE Treble	JOSEPH ASHMOLE 5
HUGH YARWOOD 2	*REV. W. R. INGHAM 6
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 3	*ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
THOMAS WILKINSON 4	SAMUEL MOORE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

† First peal. ‡ First peal of Triples. * Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the daughter of the ringer of the fourth.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr.

CECIL DRAKE Treble	ALBERT PICKLES 5
THOMAS SENIOR 2	EDGAR WHITELEY 6
FRED HUTTON 3	VERNEY BAIRSTOW 7
JOE GREENWOOD 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by T. Lockwood.

Conducted by Wm. AMBLER.

First peal in the method for the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

IPSWICH.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CHARLES PARKER Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	GEORGE W. ABLITT 7
GEORGE BENNETT 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by the late Sir A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. B. JAMES' TEN-PART NO. 1.

DAVID ANSCOMBE Treble	GEORGE MARRINER 5
JOHN BEAMS 2	JOHN CRAWFORD 6
ARTHUR DEAN 3	ALFRED H. WINCH 7
THOMAS A. SHRUBB 4	*ARTHUR WOOD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

* First peal.

WINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PENNING'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HARRISON SMITH Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	LUTHER HONESS 7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	*JOHN PARRY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. Also first peal in the method on the bells since the re-hanging. The band desire to return hearty thanks to the Rev. K. Gausson and Mr. and Mrs. Honess for their kind hospitality.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELMLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire.

*SAM MOORE Treble	FREDERICK J. JOHNSON ... 4
†WILLIAM BENNETT 2	EDWARD MOORE 5
†RALPH HARRISS 3	FREDERICK ROLLS Tenor

Conducted by R. HARRISS.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells for 12 years. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving for Canada. Quarterly peal of the branch. The above are all Sunday Service ringers at Elmley Castle, except the ringer of the 4th.

BICKER, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1924, 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.

†FREDERICK PEARSON ... Treble	STANLEY E. BENNETT ... 4
FREDK. W. BENNETT, SEN. 2	REGINALD WOODS ... 5
*STANLEY WOODS ... 3	ALBERT H. BENNETT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. BENNETT.

Rung as a compliment to the wife of the ringer of the 2nd on her 60th birthday. † First attempt for a peal, and aged 14 years. * First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

COLD HIGHAM, NORTHANTS.
TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores with ten different callings.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb.

*JACK ROBERTS Treble	JAMES W. HAYNES 3
J. WILFRED SHARP 2	†GEORGE HOWARD 4
†JOHN M. GRAY 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SHARP.

* First peal. † First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble belongs to Cold Higham; 2nd Towcester; 3rd Pattishall; 4th Litchborough; 5th Green's Norton. This peal was specially arranged for two of the Litchborough band, but owing to one not turning up J. Roberts stood in to oblige, and the remainder of the band wish to thank him and congratulate him on his first peal.

TICEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JAMES WAGHORN, JUN. ... Treble	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... 4
ALBERT RELFE 2	GEORGE WAGHORN 5
JAMES WAGHORN, SEN. ... 3	FRANK PATTENDEN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

CHOLSEY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER Treble	*FREDERICK NAISH 4
JOHN BOWER 2	*WILLIAM HUTTON 5
*EDWARD V. NAISH 3	ERNEST TIGWELL, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TIGWELL, JUN.

* First peal of Minor by ringers of 3rd, 4th and 5th.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ALFRED BLOGG Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ... 4
†FRED BLACKLIDGE 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal 'inside.' First peal in seven methods by all except ringers of 5th and tenor. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rector's daughter, Miss Irene Holden, and Mr. Donald Bate, of Moston, Manchester, who leave for India on February 28th.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

In three methods, viz.: Eight six-scores of Old Doubles, 12 of Plain Bob, and Twenty-Two of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

*EDWARD BRADFIELD... .. Treble | †ALEC MUNDY 3
*EDWARD PAIN 2 | †JOHN SEYMOUR 4

GERALD F. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by GERALD F. GRIFFIN.

* First peal. † First peal with inside bell. The ringers are regular service ringers, and all under 18 years of age.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*EDWARD A. SNEATH... .. Treble | JOSEPH LONDON 4
*REGINALD S. OLDHAM 2 | GEORGE H. WELLS 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3 | HORACE M. DAY... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal. E. A. Sneath was proposed a life member, and R. S. Oldham, a performing member of the Southern Branch, before starting. Credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd, it being his first attempt for a peal.

HIGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. in B flat.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... .. Treble | GEORGE MORRAD 4
HARRY ARGENT 2 | *LESLIE BECKETT 5
JOHN BURLS 3 | FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on these bells. The band, who came from Milton-next-Gravesend, were kindly entertained to tea previous to the peal by Mrs. and the Rev. Matthew Merrikin, Vicar of Higham. Rung as a birthday compliment to Inspector G. Mitchell, of the Hove Borough Police, brother of the conductor, on the completion of his police service, and retiring on pension.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, February 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor, size 18 in G.

RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1—2 | GEORGE W. STEERE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4 | JOHN FOSTER 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING. Witness: Mrs. A. H. PULLING.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the North Farm,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

JAS. E. GOFTON 1—2 | THOS. T. GOFTON 7—8
JOS. A. GOFTON 3—4 | RICHARD A. GOFTON 9—10
R. ALDER GOFTON 5—6 | GEO. R. HOLMES 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, February 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor, size 14 in D.

*JOHN FOSTER 1—2 | WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3—4 | MRS. W. R. MELVILLE 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witness: Mrs. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire away from 7-8. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. R. and Dorothy Ayres, of Peterborough.

HADLEY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

At 12, HAYBRIDGE ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores in ten different callings as arranged in Snowdon's Book. Tenor, size 13 in E.

JOSEPH STANIER 1—2 | JAMES L. HAYWARD 3—4
WILLIAM A. FLETCHER 5—6

Conducted by W. A. FLETCHER.

Witness: WILLIAM SAUNDERS.

First peal 'in hand' for Messrs. Stanier and Fletcher. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. L. Hayward.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 24, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At 3, HOLLY TERRACE, STAPLEGROVE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

*FREDERICK G. SPARKS 1—2 | *WILLIAM H. COLES... .. 3—4
PERCY H. SPARKS 5—6

Conducted by PERCY H. SPARKS.

Umpire: JAMES HUNT.

Witnesses: PERCY S. MERSON and S. GEORGE COLES.

First peal on handbells by all, and first attempt. First peal on handbells by a band residing in the diocese. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Burnell, Adoborough, West Monkton. * First peal.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Bletsoe on Saturday. The meeting had been arranged to be held at Milton Ernest, but owing to a sudden death near the church, it had to be cancelled. It was regretted that there was not sufficient time to notify all the members of this, but a fair number turned up from Bedford, Kempston, Biddenham, Clapham, Tempsford, Cople, Turvey and Dunstable. Miss E. Steele was voted to the chair at the business meeting, at which one new member was elected, and Bromham chosen for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday, March 22nd.

The Rector was thanked for the use of the bells, and also the towerkeeper for having them ready.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the South and West District was held at Isleworth on Saturday, February 16th. Standard methods were practised before service and after the business meeting. The service was conducted by the Rev. W. J. Summerfield, assisted by the Rev. H. F. Smith, who gave an interesting address on bells.

After service, the Rev. Dr. H. M. Relton (Vicar) and the churchwardens entertained the members to tea, Mr. H. Edgeley presiding, supported by the Rev. H. F. Smith and Mr. T. Beadle (vice-president).

At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary read the report of the year, which has been a successful one. Twelve meetings had been held, with an average attendance of 40, while 30 ringing and two honorary members were elected during the year, and there was a balance of 17s. 5d. to the good.

All officers were re-elected for the ensuing year.

A vote was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kind hospitality, which was appreciated by all: to the Rev. W. J. Summerfield and the Rev. H. F. Smith, and the organist.

A vote of thanks was also given to Mr. T. Beadle, and to Messrs. J. A. Trollope and E. J. Walsom (auditors), and all the retiring officers.

This concluded the business, and the tower was again visited, when the bells were soon pealing forth London Surprise, etc.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. HEREFORD DISTRICT'S FINE PROGRESS.

The annual meeting of the Hereford district was held at Hereford on Saturday, February 9th. This meeting is becoming more popular year by year owing to the rapid strides that are now being made by the Guild. St. Nicholas' bells (6) and All Saints' (8) were available during the afternoon, and well-struck touches of Doubles and Minor were rung at St. Nicholas', and various Triples and Major methods at All Saints'. Service at All Saints' was attended by 72 ringers. The Guild form was used, and a short but inspiring address was given by the Rev. S. Easton, curate of All Saints'. Mr. S. T. Rackham (Gilwern) presided at the organ. Tea at the Spread Eagle Hotel resembled an annual meeting of the whole Guild, so many districts being represented. Mr. J. G. Buchanan (Master of the Guild) presided, supported by the Rev. G. W. Turner (general secretary), the Rev. S. Easton, the Rev. A. Middleton, Allensmore, the Rev. J. Dent, Holm Lacy, the District Secretary and Ringing Master (Mr. G. Edwards), Mr. A. Gwynne (assistant secretary), Mr. Walter Taylor (District Ringing Master). Towers represented were Cathedral, All Saints', St. Nicholas', Holmer, Burghill, Lugwardine, Wallington, Sutton, Stoke Edith, Tarrington, Hampton Bishop, Fawnhope, Mordiford, Holm Lacy, Ross, Kingstone, Allensmore, Madley, Llanelly, Bedwelty, Kington, Staunton-on-Arrow, Clifford, Much Dewchurch, Bodenham, and other towers.

The district area is covered by a radius of seven miles from the city, and practically every tower is now in union.—The District Secretary, after reading the minutes of the previous meeting, produced the balance sheet for the year, which showed the balance in hand from 1922 as £3 6s. 10d. Total receipts for the year 1923 were £27 12s., including the subscriptions of 34 honorary members (an increase of four), and 182 ringing members (an increase of 54). The expenses were £10 16s. 9d. Half of total receipts went to general fund, leaving a balance in hand of £5 15s. 11d.

Mr. Buchanan moved that the balance sheet be accepted, and Mr. J. J. Jones seconded.

Mr. Buchanan complimented the district upon its extraordinary progress in every way, both financially, and the excellent progress by its members, remarking that a few years ago such a position in the Hereford Guild was undreamt of.

The Secretary reported that the progress of the Hereford district was most gratifying to him and all concerned. It proved the result of their loyalty and perseverance.

Apologies were read from various clergy, who were unable to be present, with expressions of good wishes for the meeting and the welfare of the Guild.

Mr. C. Edwards was again unanimously re-elected district secretary. He consented to act in that capacity for another year, but, as he explained, they were all aware that in addition to being their secretary for the district he had also to fill the office of Ringing Master for the whole of the Guild. This involved a great amount of his time, and in addition he found the burden greater every year. He began to feel that he should be compelled to go much steadier in the future unless the Guild would come to his help, as he felt he could not go on riding a push 'bike' between three and four thousand miles every year. He hoped the matter would have the consideration of the members. The Hereford district was well looked after, but the other districts required his help a great deal oftener than it was possible for him to reach them.

Mr. A. Gwynne was re-elected assistant secretary, and Mr. Walter Taylor, District Ringing Master. Their re-election, and the election of Mr. Taysome as Assistant Master, was carried with applause.—Four new honorary members and seven ringing members were elected.

The quarterly meetings of the district are to be: Eaton Bishop first Saturday in May; Much Dewchurch, August; Burghill, November; and annual meeting at Hereford, February; combined practices, first Saturday in March, Stoke Edith; April, Bodenham.

Mr. J. G. Buchanan proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Edwards for the great work he had done on behalf of the Guild. He could only say it was a wonderful work.—The Rev. G. W. Turner seconded, paying Mr. Edwards a great tribute for what he had done and was doing for the Guild. It was largely through his great influence that had brought the Guild into such a prominent position, and not only were his services sought after amongst ringers, but he was a great help to the clergy in getting their bells put in order, and giving them such valuable advice.

Mr. H. Taylor proposed, Mr. J. Hyett seconded, a resolution that the question of providing Mr. Edwards with a motor-bicycle, so as to save him as much as possible, should be brought forward at the next committee meeting of the Guild.—The Rev. G. W. Turner expressed his approval by saying he had had the same idea in his mind for some time, and would see that it was on the agenda.—The motion was carried with applause.

The company then dispersed, some to their homes, and the energetic to the Cathedral tower, where some good practice was put in at Stedman and Grand sire Caters.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Followed by his father, a steeplejack, Thomas Kidney, aged 5, climbed 120ft. up the steeple of a Scarborough church. He then stood on an 18in. plank and watched his father at work.

We learn that the St. Martin's Guild has been fortunate enough to again secure the magnificent cedar-panelled Connaught Room of the Imperial Hotel for the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, which will be held to-morrow.

We also understand that the St. Martin's Quartette will be present, and the programme will be up to the high standard for which this admirable function has become famous throughout the Exercise.

Pushing a cycle up the steep gradients of the Herefordshire roads at all hours of the night after a day's work is not conducive to old age. Therefore, members of the Diocesan Guild are thinking of buying a small motor-cycle for their Ringing Master's use.

Strange thing about the lost badge of the old St. James's Society! No one knows where it went to, but didn't Mr. E. A. Young (who has presented a very handsome new emblem) rather give the game away when he said that when he saw the badge he was so interested in it that he 'devoured' it? Perhaps it was indigestion that gave him the dream he related to the amusement of the company last Saturday.

The restoration of the peal of ten at Leatherhead, Surrey, is well in hand. The frame is already in, and the bells will be ready in about a month.

The attention of our readers is directed to the advertisement for Peal Tablets on page 143 of this issue.

On Monday, February 25th, 1889, 35 years ago, was rung the longest peal in the method 10,272 Grandsire Major, at Rowley Regis, Staffs., in 6 hours 5 mins., conducted by John Carter.

Painswick Youths, who are among the 'centenarians'—in fact, they are travelling rapidly towards their third hundredth—put up two good performances on March 1st in the long ago. In 1734 they rang 8,064 Grandsire Caters, and exactly a year later brought off a 10,080 in the same method.

Thirty-five years ago to-morrow the Warnham (Sussex) band rang 13,440 Canterbury Pleasure Major. They were not satisfied with this, and not long after had a 'cut' at 20,160, but unfortunately this did not materialise, otherwise the Major record would not stand where it does to-day.

Ted Horrex, 86 yesterday, rang in a peal of 8,448 Kent Treble Bob Major at Bethnal Green, on March 3rd, 1866—fifty-eight years ago!

On March 5th, 1743, 6,720 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung in 4 hours 21 minutes at Harrietsham, Kent.

March 6th is the anniversary of a peal of 7,392 Kent Treble Bob Maximus rung in Oldham in 1832.

Our paragraph last week referring to a double-handed peal of Bob Royal at Abingdon in 1777, prompts a correspondent to raise the question whether this can be authentic, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Sheffield in 1811, having been claimed as the first handbell peal on record.

We should be glad to have any particulars of the Abingdon peal, if they are in existence. All the information we have is an extract from a journal of March 1st, 1777, which runs as follows:—

'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 rung by ye College Youths in London.'

In the first place it would be interesting to know what enterprising journal collected this information and published it within three days of the happenings in places so far apart as Leicester, Shrewsbury and Appleton. There were no railways or telegraphs, aeroplanes or wireless in those days!

Members of the Ladies' Guild attempted a peal of Stedman Triples at Old Windsor on Saturday week. After ringing about three-quarters of hour and getting out, they adjourned for tea, and then made another start, when they rang about an hour and a quarter. We wish them better luck next time.

Mr. James E. Groves has just completed the restoration of the bells at Preston-on-Stour, Gloucestershire, where a new iron frame has been installed and the bells hung in new fittings, including ball bearings.

The ring of ten at Lichfield Cathedral is also being overhauled by Mr. Groves.

The long and enthusiastic service of Mr. G. Stacey, of Minehead, as hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Association, was recognised on Saturday week, when presentations were made to him at the annual branch meeting.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. SUGGESTED SPLITTING UP OF DIVISIONS.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Hailsham on Saturday, February 16th. Altogether 16 towers were represented, viz.: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Eastbourne (All Saints' and St. Saviour's), Pevensey, Westham, Mayfield, Christ Church, St. Leonard's, Battle, Lewes, Hellingy, Chiddingly, Christ Church, Blacklands, Bexhill, Heathfield, together with the members of Hailsham band. Methods were practised from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major.

At the usual service, the Vicar (the Rev. J. Case), who is a ringer himself, gave an eloquent address. Tea was provided at the Crown Hotel, to which 45 members sat down. The business meeting was presided over by the Master of the Association (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman).

The following new ringing members were elected: Messrs. J. Bennett, R. Balcomb, F. Bryant, E. Curd, G. Farr, A. Frampton, G. Hodson, S. Irving, T. Lay, K. Pattenden, C. Price, W. Skinner, all of St. Mary's, Rye; and Mr. J. B. Pellow, unattached member, Eastbourne. The election of Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker, of Frittenden, Kent, as non-resident life members, was also confirmed.

The election of officers was then proceeded with. Mr. G. W. Stokes was re-elected as hon. secretary, and in thanking the company for his re-election, stated that the division had made very fair progress, and that the financial position had improved, the balance on the year's working being £17 8s. 9d. He had hoped to report better progress with regard to affiliated towers. At present only 18 out of 36 towers in the division were connected with the association. He considered that the division was too large to be properly worked, and suggested as a remedy that other branches should be created.

The retiring members of the committee, Messrs. G. H. Howse, W. Franks and A. R. Miles, were unanimously re-elected.—Mr. Howse, in reply, said he had noted the remarks of the hon. secretary with reference to opening up of fresh branches, and suggested 'that the matter be placed before the general committee at their next meeting.'—This was put to the meeting, and carried.

The place for the next meeting was then discussed.—Heathfield was proposed by Mr. Miles; Waldron by Mr. Hobden; and Salehurst by Mr. Kennett.—On being put to the vote, Heathfield was decided upon.

The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his excellent address at the service. He also thanked the organist for his services, and the local ringers for their welcome.

Mr. Blackman, the secretary of the local ringers, responded, and stated how pleased they had been to welcome the association that day.

The usual vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the meeting.

EPSOM RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Alfred Edward Bassett, who passed away on Sunday, February 17th, after a long illness, at the age of 70 years. Deceased had been a member of the Epsom Parish Church company for nearly 40 years, was a member of the Surrey Association and the Winchester Diocesan Guild, and had rung about 60 peals. His last peal was at Christ Church, Epsom, on January 8th, 1916 (muffled for soldiers fallen in the war). A muffled peal which is recorded elsewhere was rung on the Parish Church bells, Epsom, on the occasion of the funeral.

5,024 BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR.

By A. C. WRIGHT.

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35264	1	—	2	1
24653	2	—	2	2
26543	1	—	2	2
54263	1	—	2	1
43265	2	—	1	2
56234	2	—	2	1
64235	2	—	1	2
53246	2	—	2	1
36245	2	—	1	2
35642	—	—	1	1
54326	—	—	—	—
23456	1	—	2	2

Contains 2nd 4,287 changes continuously in 1—2—3—4, and 4,656 changes in that position.

Rung at Loughborough on February 9th, 1924, conducted by H. J. Poole.

CENTENARY OF LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ONE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. INTERESTING SPEECHES AND A PRESENTATION.

The one hundredth anniversary of the foundation of the St. James's Society, now the London County Association, was celebrated in London on Saturday by a dinner at the Old Bell Restaurant, Holborn. The gathering numbered about 90, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, representatives of the two other old London Societies, the College Youths and Royal Cumberlands, together with members of many provincial societies being present to support the members of the association. In the afternoon there was ringing at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, and when the company gathered round the festive board, they were presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), and joined by the Rector of Bow (the Rev. S. Gordon Ponsonby), who supported the chairman, and the Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes, and chaplain of the society), who occupied the vice-chair, and who was accompanied by Mrs. Pennington Bickford. Among those at the head of the table were Mrs. Taffender, Mr. F. E. Dawe, Mr. C. F. Winney, Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master of the Royal Cumberland Youths), Mr. J. Carter, Mr. W. H. Fussell (Slough), and Mr. W. A. Cave (Bristol). The vice-chairman was supported by Mr. E. A. Young (one of the trustees of the society, and hon. secretary of the Central Council), Mrs. Young, Mr. J. George (trustee), Mr. J. Bullock (hon. secretary), etc. There were numerous ladies in the company.

LONDON'S DORMANT BELLS.

After an excellent dinner, the Master first submitted the loyal toast, and then proposed 'The Church.' In doing so he referred to the condition of many of the London towers. There were a large number of peals of bells, he said, lying dormant, not merely in the city, but also in South London. Some had not been rung for many years. When they approached the authorities, asking them to put the bells and bellfries in order, they were usually met with the reply there were no funds to do it with. Suggestions had been made for the co-operation of the London ringing societies, but he did not know if anything could be done. Church authorities looked after the fabric, and they attended to the organ, but they forgot the bells. Moreover, they seldom saw much of the clergy in the west end of the church. The same applied very largely to the wardens. One warden he spoke to told him he knew nothing about the tower, and had never been in it. That was one of the places where the bells were out of order. Perhaps if they could keep 'digging' at the authorities they might get something done, and perhaps the associations might approach people who had money to do something to help in the matter (applause).

The toast, having been cordially honoured, was responded to by the Rector of Bow, who remarked that the first connection between those who ministered in holy things and bells went back to the days when the priests in the temple had a string of bells around their garments. He was very glad he had not to carry the twelve bells of Bow around the bottom of his cassock (laughter). Having traced the early history of bells, he referred to the occasions when they were associated with our private and public life. Bells, he said, were heralds of peace, and he hoped the bells might bring peace to the distracted Continent to-day. He was sure the ringers were doing their best in their own way, by the harmony created in their own towers and the good fellowship which existed between themselves, to bring peace, for peace in the world must depend upon peace between individuals, and upon the friendly relationship that existed among them all (applause).

A course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by Messrs. J. D. Matthews, C. F. Winney, E. J. King, J. R. Gammon, T. W. Taffender and W. A. Cave.

THE FIRST RINGERS' GUILD.

The Rev. W. Pennington Bickford submitted the toast of 'The London County Association.' They had to go back a long way in history, he said, to find the first ringing Guild. He believed it was in the time of Edward the Confessor. There was a ringing guild in existence then, and he should not be surprised if the ringers at that time were not laymen at all, but the clergy. There was an order in the church that the ringing should be done by the priests, and that they alone were to ring for the services. Thus they found that in the early days the clergy had a lot to do with ringing. He was very pleased to hear what the Master had said about the desirability of seeing the clergy more often in the west end of the church. If the clergy knew more about ringing and the ringers more about the clergy there would be a better relationship in the towers (hear, hear). If the clergy were seen more often in the west end of the church, the ringers would be found more often in the east end (hear, hear). Proceeding, the speaker said that about the year 1603 they heard of ringers being called by a different name. They were called Scholars, and various societies sprang up with the name of Scholars. There were the Scholars of Cheapside, a ringing Guild founded in the year

1603. Following that there were other scholars at Gloucester, Cambridge, Warwick, and other places. Coming down to 1715 they had the Union of Scholars, which existed for about 50 years. Then they had the London Scholars, and out of that one of the great London Societies was evolved. Before that, however, their oldest London ringing society, the Ancient Society of College Youths, was founded, in the year 1637, and took its name from the fact that their headquarters were at St. Martin's in the City, on College Hill. He believed the London Scholars were founded about 1702, and out of that grew the Royal Cumberland Youths. The London Scholars were ringing at Shoreditch when the Duke of Cumberland returned from a campaign. He heard the bells ringing, and he so appreciated them that he permitted the society to take the title of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and he presented them with a beautiful chain of office and medallion, which the society had to this day, and which the Master ought to



THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION'S NEW BADGE.

On the back of the badge is the following inscription: 'The centre star is a close reproduction of the original badge of the St. James's Society, which was unfortunately lost about 1898. It is incorporated in this new Master's badge, designed and presented to the London County Association of Change Ringers by Mr. E. Alexr. Young, on the occasion of the Centennial Celebration, February, 1924.'

It was made by Messrs. Chapple and Mantell, of New Bond St. W.

have been wearing that night (laughter and applause). Coming next to 1824, they reached the beginning of the St. James's Society. No one seemed to know much about its origin except that they had a record that it was formed in 1824 at St. James's, Clerkenwell. But there seemed to have been some trouble at St. James's; whether it was the fault of the ringers, or the fault of the rector, or the fault of the bells, he could not say, but there was not much ringing after 1824, until they came to 1827. The St. James's Society was then re-established, and the society rang some peals at different places, but not at St. James's, Clerkenwell. The first record he had of St. James's, Clerkenwell, was in 1831, but on looking at one of the tablets in his own tower that morning, he found they rang a peal there in 1829. About that year the society moved to Christ Church, Blackfriars, where they rang for some years. They removed their headquarters to St. Clement Danes in 1841, and had remained there ever since (hear, hear). They formed themselves into a territorial society, and called it the London County Association in 1903, and in 1911 they took another step and formed themselves into districts. In 1913, Mr. Taffender was elected Master of the Association, and in that same year, he (the speaker) found himself compelled to stop the ringing of

St. Clement Danes bells, because the frame was unsafe. Then the war broke out, and it was not until the year 1918 that he was able to undertake the restoration of the bells. With the help of a lot of friends in the neighbourhood he got the necessary funds together in about three months. The bells were put into a new frame, and on Peace Day, the bells were set going by Queen Alexandra, and their Master was one of those who took part on that historic occasion. In closing, the Vice-Chairman referred to the peal rung in 1843 at St. Clements in memory of Tolladay, who was buried at St. Clements; also to the fact that the peal was made into ten in 1844, and that on Easter Monday, 1845, the St. James's Society rang the first peal on the ten bells. He hoped the bells would be rung by the society for many years to come (applause), and especially when their old friend, Mr. Winney, brought his bride to St. Clement Danes (loud laughter). He was sure there would be great competition to get into the band on that historic occasion (laughter and applause).

A NEW BADGE.

An interesting presentation was made to the society at this stage. Mr. E. A. Young had designed and had made a handsome silver badge of office, to be worn by the Master. Mr. Young said he first went to St. Clement Danes in the '80's, and he never thought then that he would ever become a ringer. But on one of his visits he was asked to become a member of that society, and to this day he was glad that he joined. It was not long before they elected him secretary. In those days the Master wore a fine badge, which was dated 1824. Being an architect and fond of archaeology, he devoured that badge. That badge was one of the first things which the Society possessed, and so was the hammer which the chairman was using that night. Bob Haworth, who was a staunch supporter of the society, had told him that the hammer was in use when he joined, and when he was rapped down as duly elected it was by that hammer in the year 1839 or 1840. In the course of time they had the misfortune to lose the badge. They often wondered where it had gone, and if anyone had it in his pocket now they would be glad to know where it was (laughter). It was his great pleasure to hand to the Master another badge to take the place of the one that was lost (applause). He had designed it himself, and as far as he could remember the central star was of the same size and treated in the same way as in the original. He thought it was appropriate that they should have a bell in the design, and as they had been connected with St. Clement's for nearly the whole century, he thought they should also have an anchor. In panels were the initials of the two old London Societies, and there were also the dates 1824-1924, and the fine rolling title of the 'London County Association of Change Ringers' in big letters. The old ribbon was a red one, but he thought they would forgive him for not putting red alone on the new badge. The College Youths' ribbon was blue and the Cumberlands' red. He had united the colours, and provided a ribbon of blue and red, blue for the College Youths, and red for the Cumberlands; might they ever unite in supporting the London County Association, and might the members of the London County Association ever support the older societies, because he felt that in them all they had the three premier London Societies (applause).

Mr. Young then fastened the badge round the neck of the Master, amid loud applause. He remarked that he knew Mr. Taffender would wear it with dignity, because his heart was in the society. The badge would carry him back to the men who had gone before, and be an incentive to carry on the traditions of those old days (applause).

The Master, in responding to the toast, and thanking Mr. Young for his handsome gift to the society, said his only regret was that Mr. R. A. Daniel was unable to be present that evening. Some of the older members would remember how Mr. Daniel worked to get their society into a better organised condition, and to establish them as a territorial body. A good deal of jealousy had existed with regard to them, and while they remained as a link between the two old societies, they were doing the work of an association in London. In such circumstances they felt they could not exist under the name of the St. James's Society, which was connected with a church where there was very little ringing done, and where the bells were out of order. So they renamed themselves, and where, 25 years ago, they used to have little meetings of eight or nine members, they now met in dozens. He hoped that gathering, large as it was, would be the smallest of its kind. He hoped it would increase and bring together many more London and provincial ringers in the heart of the Empire. Mr. Young's offer of a badge came as a great surprise to them at their annual meeting. Some twenty years ago Mr. Daniel was keen on getting a new badge, but the matter did not mature. This gift was one of the finest things that had ever been done for the association; it certainly placed them on a higher pedestal, and he thanked Mr. Young very heartily for it (applause).

The Vice-Chairman said it would be an appropriate act on their part to remember those ringers who fell in the war, and to whom they erected a monument in the tower of St. Clement Danes a fortnight ago. Seventeen of their members fell in the war, and he asked those present to stand and drink a silent toast to the memory of these men.

The company rose and drank the toast in silence.

A BIG SCHEME.

Mr. F. E. Dawe submitted 'The Ancient Society of College Youths, the Royal Cumberland Youths and Kindred Societies.' He referred to some of the wonderful old men of the past, notably Johnson, Hailey and Cox. He went on to say that the College Youths, in their existence of nearly 300 years had achieved some marvellous peals, and they continued to do so, for last Whitsun Monday they rang that marvellous long peal of Stedman Cinques, a peal which would never have been dreamed of forty years ago. With regard to the betterment of belfries, they had largely to thank the kindly influence of some of their clergy. Some of their best ringers were clergymen, but they also had clergymen whose ringing was very much like their writing—almost unintelligible (laughter). They also had another class of clergyman, who did not know much about ringing, or even about bells. He once met a clergyman who did not know how many bells were in his tower, although he knew there were several (laughter). About twenty years ago, he (the speaker) became acquainted with the then Rector of Bow, and he brought forward a pet project of his. He had a scheme, which he knew could be carried out, to raise £3,000 to bring about a drastic change at Bow, Chapside, to make it the finest belfry in the world. He put his scheme in a letter, which was written with a great deal of trouble, and contained a lot of particulars. It was brought before the then Vestry and considered, but he never had such a dose of 'cold water' in his life (laughter). They would have nothing to do with the scheme. A short time ago he met the present Rector, who was interested in their branch of church work, and wanted to hear as much as he could about ringers and about bells. He was delighted he (the Rev. S. G. Ponsonby) was with them that night, because he (the speaker) was going to take the opportunity of re-writing that letter (applause). He knew that in Mr. Gordon Ponsonby they had a good friend at court (applause). In conclusion, Mr. Dawe paid high compliment to Mr. Challis Winney, to the Master of the Cumberland Youths, and to Mr. Fussell, whose names he coupled with the toast.

(To be continued.)

ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.
FAMOUS NORWICH PEAL TO BE REHUNG.

The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, are to be rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. A sitting of the Norwich Consistory Court was held last week, when Mr. Chancellor North had before him the application for the granting of the necessary faculty.

The Vicar and the churchwardens propose to rehang the bells and to repair or replace, as may be necessary, the framework. The cost will be defrayed by Mrs. Clark, in memory of her father, Mr. A. R. Chamberlin, who was for many years a churchwarden of the parish, and who did repairs to the bells some forty years ago.

Mr. J. A. Beattie, one of the churchwardens, said the work would be done by a large and experienced firm, Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough.

The Chancellor: As you know, the rehousing of bells is a thing which has to be carefully watched because of the tower?

Mr. Beattie: There is a special committee on which an architect, Mr. John Burton, is serving. There are thirteen bells. The frame is of timber, and it is proposed that the bells should be removed and the frame examined carefully by an outside expert. If in good, sound condition the frame will be retained; if not, the question will be considered of replacing it with an iron frame.

The Chancellor: You have to be careful to see that the frame is not attached to the walls of the tower.

Mr. Beattie: That has been considered.

The Chancellor: The matter will come up again at the next Court in about a month's time. If there is no effective opposition a faculty will be granted.

Mr. Beattie: In order to meet the wishes of the donor we should like the work to be completed before St. Peter's Day, June 29th.

The Chancellor: Surely there is plenty of time.

Mr. Beattie: But the bells have to be taken to Loughborough, and there is a great deal of work to be done. They are heavy bells. We have taken the opinion of the firm on the subject, and they say they ought to begin at once.

The Chancellor: You say you have a committee on which Mr. John Burton sits?

Mr. Beattie: Yes, and we have had a full Church Council, who are alive to the great necessity of seeing that there is nothing done that can injure the tower. We are proud of our tower and bells.

The Chancellor: Everyone in Norwich is. I grant special leave for the work to begin, subject to the understanding that if effective opposition is made at the next Court you will place things in statu.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, January 19th, a 'spiced' 720, Sandal, London Scholars and Kingston: J. Fernley, senr. (conductor) 1, A. Marshall 2, W. Fernley 3, *A. Frost 4, W. Wilde 5, W. Wolstencroft 6. * First extent in the methods.

RINGER'S JUBILEE PEAL.

LEATHERHEAD VETERAN'S CELEBRATION.

On Saturday, February 16th, five of the Leatherhead company, assisted by two friends from Ashted and one from Dorking, rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Christ Church, Epsom. This was arranged for Mr. Edward Hull, Leatherhead's oldest ringer, to commemorate the jubilee of his first peal which was rung at Leatherhead on February 10th, 1874. The old gentleman rang with confidence throughout the peal, and was heartily congratulated at its conclusion.



MR. EDWARD HULL.

It would have been more satisfactory to have rung the peal at Leatherhead, but that, of course, was impossible, as the bells are at present in the hands of the bell hangers.

Mr. Hull is the only active ringer remaining of that peal band of 1874. In fact, there is only one other survivor, Mr. T. Graizer, who has been bedridden for several years.

Appended is an extract from 'Church Bells' of Feb. 21st, 1874:— 'Change ringing at Leatherhead, Surrey.—On Tuesday, Feb. 16th, seven members of the Leatherhead Society of Change Ringers, assisted by W. Sayer, of Ashted, rang at their Parish Church, Mr. J. Holt's ten-part of Grandsire Triples, in 2 hrs. and 59 minutes. The ringers were stationed in the following order: E. Hull (his first peal) 1, H. T. Lipscombe (his first peal, 16 years of age) 2, T. Graizer 3, W. Marks 4, W. Sayer (his first peal) 5, T. Gadd 6, S. Brooker 7, W. Templeman (his first peal) 8. Conducted by S. Brooker.'

Mr. Hull was born in October, 1855, at Leatherhead, and has been connected with the Parish Church nearly all his life. As a boy he was a chorister, and he started ringing in 1872, ringing his first peal in 1874. Later in 1874 he went to Andover, and remained there till 1878, when he returned to Leatherhead, where he has resided ever since. There was no change ringing at Andover in those days, so he did no more peal ringing until he returned to Leatherhead.

He has kept no list of peals, but he has rung 36 for the Surrey Association, and probably as many more for the Winchester Guild, and other independent societies. He is now the 'father' of the ringers at Leatherhead, and in his time has done a good deal of spade-work in teaching youngsters to ring. Unfortunately, like many other older men, he has given a lot of time and trouble with very little result. He is a coachsmith by trade, and is still working. He is not to be considered an 'old' man, as he only lost his mother about a month ago.

WEDDING OF PORTISHEAD RINGERS.

The marriage took place at Portishead Parish Church, on Saturday last, of Miss Mabel C. N. Jukes, youngest daughter of the Rev. H. W. and Mrs. Jukes, of Portishead Rectory, to Mr. Charles O. Grieves, younger son of Dr. J. P. and the late Mrs. Grieves, of Portishead. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. S. Briggs (brother-in-law of the bride), assisted by the Rev. W. N. Kempe.

The wedding was of particular interest to the Portishead ringers, as the bride and bridegroom were members of the local company. Miss Jukes commenced ringing in 1914, and was a regular Sunday ringer until December, 1922. She has rung two peals of Grandsire Triples for the Ladies' Guild, both taking place in her own tower. She did valuable work during the war as a member of the V.A.D. at Portishead and Exeter Hospitals.

Mr. Grieves also served in the war, when he lost his left arm. He commenced ringing in 1921, and has been most regular in his attendances in the belfry, also acting as secretary to the band for the past two years.

Among the very numerous presents was a silver bell inkpot from the Portishead ringers, and a peal was rung by the local band to celebrate the event.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHISWICK.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, February 17th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. S. Palmer 1, E. J. Walsom 2, A. Brookland 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, J. W. Kelley 5, W. Lidbetter 6, A. Dean 7, W. Dalton 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 720 Norwich Surprise: Rev. F. R. Bonsey 1, G. Lee 2, E. Bailey, senr., 3, A. J. L. Naunton 4, E. Bailey, junr., 5, E. W. Naunton 6.—For evening service, 360 and 240 Oxford Treble Bob.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, February 17th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss Hawsworth (first in the method) 1, W. Sparrow 2, S. D. Breeze 3, R. Holloway 4, H. Wincoate 5, E. W. Coulson 6, J. W. Fruin 7, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Sparrow 1, H. Wincoate 2, S. D. Breeze 3, J. W. Fruin 4, Robt. Holloway (conductor) 5, Miss Hawsworth 6, E. W. Coulson 7, W. Atkinson 8.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday, February 17th, for evensong, at the Cathedral, 540 Grandsire Caters: E. Bishop 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, W. C. Lampard 3, R. Paine 4, J. W. Elkins 5, E. Cook 6, F. Cox 7, C. Russell 8, W. Andrews 9, G. Noice 10.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—For service, on February 17th, 600 Bob Minor: H. Saunders 1, F. Warrington 2, E. Wakeling (longest length) 3, G. Perkins 4, H. Lavender 5, J. Perkins (conductor) 6.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 24th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 45 mins., for morning service: G. W. Stevens 1, H. A. Harding 2, J. E. Churchill 3, *A. J. Moore 4, J. H. Hunnisett 5, A. M. Stacey 6, H. J. Hunnisett 7, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of Major 'inside.' Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 44 mins.: *Miss G. Baker 1, H. A. Harding 2, H. J. Hunnisett 3, A. J. Moore 4, A. M. Stacey 5, A. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8. * First quarter-peal of Major, and hails from Hillingdon, Middlesex.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal: W. E. Garrard 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, H. Dras 3, G. W. Frayne 4, P. L. Miles 5, W. E. Judd 6, C. W. Roberts 7, J. Gransbury 8, H. G. Miles 9, R. F. Deal (conductor) 10.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: *W. Fletcher 1, R. Turner 2, *F. Bolt 3, H. Wingrove 4, C. C. Mayne 5, J. Batting 6, J. Blackmore 7, R. Buckland (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method. First quarter-peal in the method since the war by the local band.

WORCESTER.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Feb. 24th, for morning service, 864 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Niblett 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies 7, C. Camm (conductor) 8.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Feb. 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: H. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, F. Hodges 3, A. Mills 4, F. Good (conductor) 5.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 44 mins., by the local band at evening service: G. N. Cockin 1, Elijah White 2, E. Brettle 3, V. White 4, W. Coley 5, W. H. Webb 6, A. Hackett (conductor) 7, M. Hackett 8. This was rung as a compliment to Mr. Elijah White, who has been a ringer at Halesowen Parish Church for the past 49 years, and is now retiring at the age of 79 years.

HONINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, December 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with ten different callings, in 46 mins.: C. Matthews 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, W. Adams 3, S. Arthur 4, G. Hands 5, W. Keck 6. **SHR**

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Sunday morning, Dec. 30th, in 24 mins., 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Livermore 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, G. Morrad 4, L. Beckett 5, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. John-the-Baptist's, on Sunday, Dec. 30th, 784 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: V. Butler 1, W. M. Cross 2, J. Wright 3, H. E. Little (longest length in the method) 4, W. G. Cross 5, F. Dainty 6, T. Vaughan 7, F. Cooke (conductor) 8.

WILTON, TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, December 30th, for evening service, in 28 mins., 120 of each of the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise: W. Hayward 1, S. Wyatt, junr., 2, A. Wyatt 3, W. Coles 4, A. Hayward 5, G. Coles (conductor) 6.

EAST RETFORD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, December 30th, for morning service, 1,260 Bob Royal, in 50 mins.: F. Hind 1, H. Smedley 2, F. Kaye 3, P. Woodward 4, L. Barlow 5, J. Hurst 6, G. Hurst 7, F. Brackenbury 8, H. Blagg 9, J. Segar (conductor) 10. First quarter-peal of Royal by all.

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ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The 36th Annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at the Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, 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. The bells of St. Martin's (12) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock, the Cathedral (10) from 4 to 5.30. and Bishop Ryder's (a new ring of 8 by Taylor) from 3 to 4.15.—A. Paddon Smith, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The pre-Lent meeting will be held at Winton on Saturday, March 1st. Committee meeting at 4, and tea at 5 o'clock at the Crown and Cannon Hotel. Tea 1s. 6d. per head.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting will be held at Denholme on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available for ringing after 2.30. Tenor 15 cwt. Tea will be provided in the School at a charge of 1s. 6d. each, at 5 p.m. For further particulars see circular.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Late the St. James' Society.)—Meetings for March, 1924: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 2nd, 10 a.m.; Monday, 3rd, 17th and 31st, 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 10th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral, on March 4th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 6th and 20th; * St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 11th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 13th; and * St. Paul's Cathedral, 25th. All at 7.30 p.m. * Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32 Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Saltburn on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available throughout the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at Mr. G. R. Kembell's, 15, Milton Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. A business meeting will follow immediately after tea in the same room.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4.30, address by the Rector, Rev. C. Stonehouse. Tea at 5 o'clock at Ye Olde Beverlie. The bells of the Cathedral will be available during the evening from 7—8.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dist. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Pontefract on Saturday, March 1st. Evensong at All Saints' at 5 p.m. Tea, in the All Saints' Church House, at 5.30, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. For further particulars see circular.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A bye-meeting will be held at East Farleigh on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30. Business meeting following.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Curdridge on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Parish Institute at 5.30 p.m., followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bathwick, on Saturday, 1st March.—Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. at Taylor's Restaurant, New Bond Street. Bells of St. Michael (8) available at 6.45 p.m.—E. E. Emm, Evercreech, Somerset.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Stoodleigh on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (6) available 2.30. Committee meeting 4. Service 4.45. Tea 1s., 5.15. By kind permission of Frank Shearman, Esq., ringers may go to and from the Church by way of the Court Drive.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton, Devon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The postponed meeting at Huntingdon will be held on March 1st. Arrangements as before.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Dist. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at Holbeach on Saturday, March 1st. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15 p.m. at The Chequers Hotel.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at Alphington on Saturday, March 1st. Service, 4.30 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m., 1s. each, in the schoolroom. All ringers welcome. The following towers will be open: Alphington (8), St. Thomas (8), Ide (6), Kenn (6), Kenton (6).—J. C. Oke, Asst. Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above Branch will be held at Stony Stratford, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Tea will be provided for those that notify me. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Blechley.

NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—A General meeting of the Guild will be held at Diss on Saturday afternoon, March 8th. By kind permission of the Rector the bells will be available. Tea at the King's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock followed by the General Business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each to those who advise me by March 5th. Meeting to follow. The ten bells at St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 7.30 until 9 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1924 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. Canon Phelips, R.D. A tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than March 4th of their intention of being present.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Broughton, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, March 8th, at Wisbech. Bells ready from 2 o'clock. Arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting of the Branch will be held at Runcorn, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Lancashire friends particularly invited.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Gladwick, Oldham, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ulverston, on March 8th, at 5 p.m. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting is to be held at South Kirby on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided for those applying to Mr. A. R. Harrison, 4, East View, Mill Lane, South Kirby, Pontefract.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle on March 8th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A Monthly meeting will be held at Ugglescote on Saturday, March 8th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Meeting 5 o'clock. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 15th. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. Shall be glad to know at the earliest those requiring tea.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The Lord Bishop of Coventry will (D.V.) dedicate the new bells at Bulkington on Saturday, March 15th, at 3.30 p.m. Members of the Guild are invited to be present. Further particulars later.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Secretary, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Beverley on Easter Monday, April 21st. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 21st. Nominations for President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary for ensuing year, and for four representatives on Central Council for next three years should reach me one month before the above date.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The treasurer will be glad to receive from ringing and honorary members, for the year 1923—4, subscriptions now overdue, and, in some cases, those outstanding for previous years. He would respectfully remind local secretaries that subscriptions are usually payable at the annual meeting held in October, and should not be overlooked indefinitely.

BROOKFIELD CHURCH, GORTON, WATCH COMPETITION.—Watch stopped 3 hours 51 minutes 6 seconds. Won by Miss H. Bateson, 57, Bankfield Street, Bolton, out of books sent to St. Saviour's Church, Bolton. The Gorton Band thank all ringers who assisted in making the effort successful.

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DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday last a successful meeting of the Doncaster and District Society was held at Adwick-le-Street. Between 20 and 30 ringers were present from Doncaster, Conisborough, Sprotborough, Tickhill, Sandell, Horbury, Thorne and Arksey. The bells of the Parish Church were rung at intervals during the afternoon and evening, the methods including Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The visitors sat down to tea in the Institute, the Rev. M. T. Saunderson presiding. At the business meeting, four new members were elected, including Mr. R. Thickett, President of the Barnsley and District Society.—Arksey was chosen as the next place of meeting.

DEATH OF A CHEDISTON RINGER.

The death took place on February 14th, at Chediston, of Mr. William Warren, after a long illness, patiently borne. Deceased was 47 years of age, and was a member of the Halesworth and Chediston Ringers' Society. The following half-muffled touches were rung on the church bells of the Halesworth District as a last token of respect: On Monday evening of last week, at Halesworth Church, 504 and 546 Grandsire Triples: W. G. Baker and L. Hammond 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, W. Kerrison 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.—On Tuesday evening, at Chediston Church, 720 and 216 Bob Minor, and 240 Grandsire Doubles: J. Nunn and S. Cady 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, E. Hall 3, L. Hammond 4, T. Crane 5, F. Peck 6. This was followed by the 'whole pull and stand.'

On Sunday afternoon, before Divine service, various touches were rung on the six bells at Wissett Church by the newly-formed local band.

Mr. Warren was laid to rest in Wissett Churchyard on Tuesday afternoon of last week, the funeral being attended by members of the Halesworth and Chediston and Wissett companies. Of a quiet and unassuming nature, he was much respected by all his comrades.

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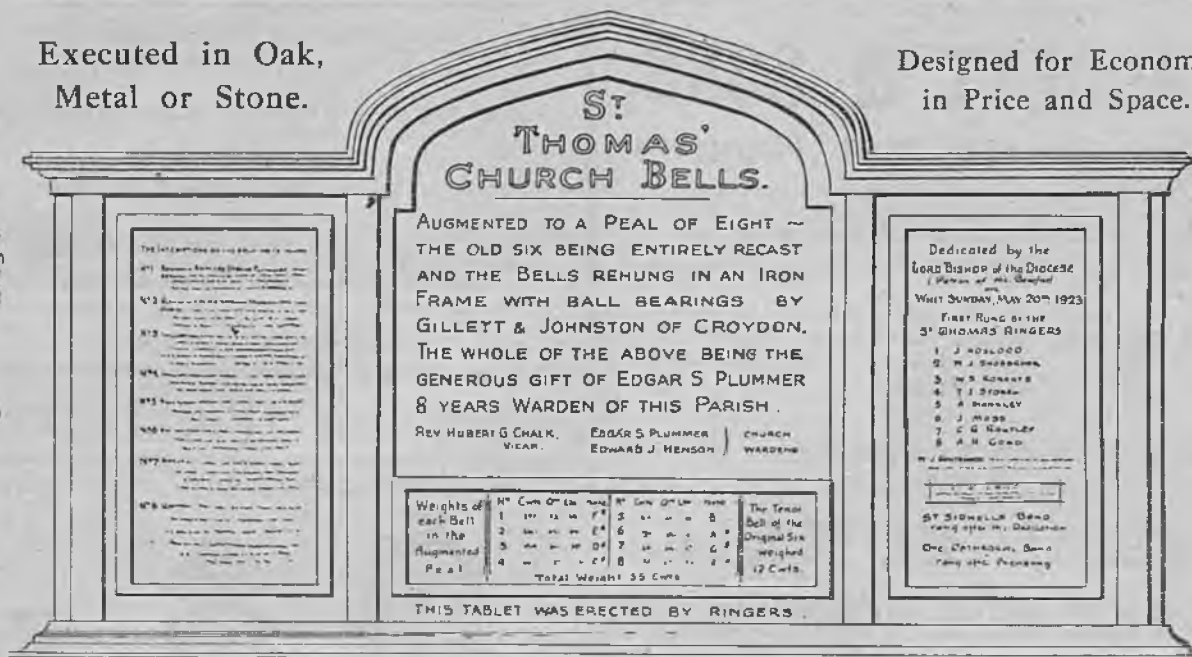
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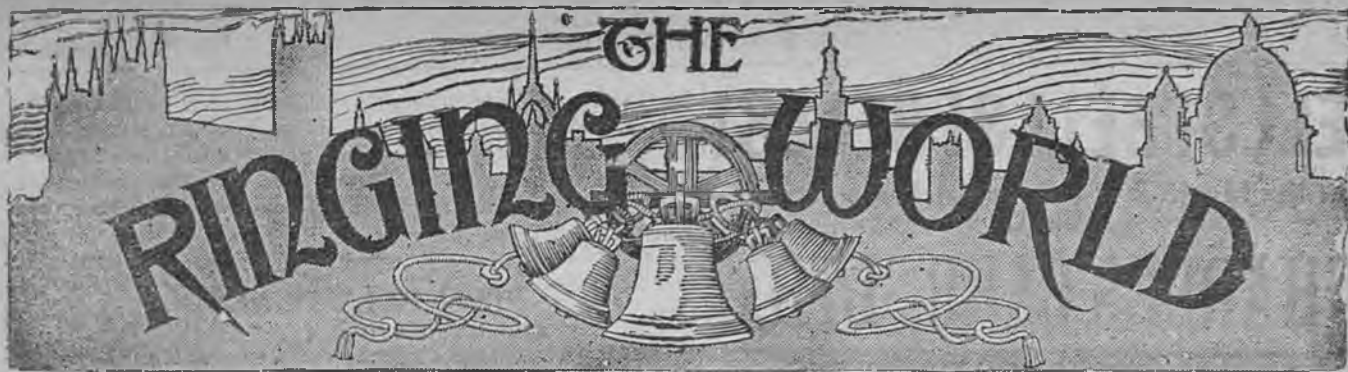
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Another Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner has come and gone, and the gathering which took place in Birmingham on Saturday will leave many pleasant memories with those who were privileged to be present. It is astonishing to find what an attraction this event proves year after year to ringers all over the country, for it draws visitors from the four corners of the kingdom. The reason is to be found not in one factor alone. Henry Johnson, to borrow the expression used recently by a correspondent concerning the late Mr. Washbrook, was, from a ringing point of view, a national possession, and his memory is cherished not merely by the fast diminishing circle of ringers who knew him in the flesh, but by men throughout the Exercise who realise not only his sterling qualities, but the services he rendered to the art in days when men, if they would gain knowledge, had to dig and delve for themselves in the virgin mysteries. No one was more diligent than Henry Johnson, no one more ready to impart to others the results of his labours. He did a great work for ringing, and this annual gathering is a periodical reminder to the present, as it will be to coming generations, of what the Exercise owes to him.

But it cannot be said that ringers would assemble every year in such large numbers and from such distances for the purpose only of honouring the memory of one of the greatest figures that ever adorned the art. A wonderful spirit manifests itself in this annual event, and the welcome which visitors receive on this occasion in Birmingham makes it a social gathering unexcelled in the ringing year. It is largely this which makes the dinner and the other proceedings which go with it such a great attraction. Birmingham is, as it has been for nearly a century and a half, one of the principal centres of ringing in the country. It has great traditions, traditions which Johnson did much to maintain and to pass on to succeeding generations. It has also produced other famous men in ringing, but there has never been a time, perhaps, when the midland city has been able to boast of so many ringers of such high capabilities as the present generation has produced. Harmony of feeling, keenness and skill are combined to place Birmingham without question in the very forefront of ringing, and in the hands of men of this type the future is safe. It is the position which Birmingham holds in the Exercise that adds to the prestige and importance of the Johnson gathering, and we think it may be fairly said that it was the example of this gathering and that of the College Youths in London which very largely induced Bristol,

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AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

ROBERT W. WATTS Treble	WILFRED H. HAYWARD 6
FRANCIS W. BOND 2	SIDNEY R. HICKS 7
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	H. CHARLES BOND 8
WILFRED G. COOK 4	LOUIS A. WILSON 9
WILLIAM C. COSS 5	JOHN HAYWARD Tenor

Composed by EDGAR GUISE. Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lord Apsley, D.S.O., M.C., M.P., eldest son of Earl and Countess Bathurst, of Cirencester, and Miss Viola Meeking, of Stockbridge, Hants, which took place at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, on the above date.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN CATER, 5011 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 2 lb. in E.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 2	FRANK BENNETT 7
ALBERT HARMAN 3	EDWARD RADDON 8
MRS. C. HAZELDEN 4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5	EDWARD G. HEATH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First attempt for a peal of Steedman Cater.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

ROBERT A. FARDON Treble	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
FRANK E. DARBY 2	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 8
ALFRED H. WINCH 4	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 9
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 5	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

Rung as an 18th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
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On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER Treble	JOHN R. MACKMAN 5
ROBERT A. FARDON 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
* WILLIAM E. JUDD 3	HARRY KILBY 7
WILLIAM HENLEY 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

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A birthday peal for Mr. W. H. Hollier. * First peal in the method.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Church of All Saints, on January 21st, a quarter-peal of Steedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: G. Day (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Forbes 2, F. Greedy 3, T. Ford 4, F. Chapman 5, C. Greedy (conductor) 6, J. W. Jones 7, W. Ridout 8.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Monday, February 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, February 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK WADE Treble	FREDERICK E. TYLER 5
EDGAR GUISE 2	JOHN G. JEFFRIES 6
HENRY J. WAY 3	HENRY T. HOWELL 7
*GEORGE TREW 4	ISAAC LONG Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal of Major.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	GEORGE DURLING 5
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH 6
WALTER SMITH 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT 4	ISAAC EMERY Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT.

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Sepulchre,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6066 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

FRANK ROLLINGS Treble	BERTIE O. SODEN 5
THOMAS LAW 2	*FRED. HOPPER 6
WILLIAM ROGERS 3	FRED. WILFORD 7
MAURICE SMITH 4	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and also on the bells. First peal in the method for the Guild.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY Treble	THOMAS F. KING 5
RONALD G. BECK 2	CHARLES ANDREWS 6
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
ARTHUR PRINCE 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the 2nd had not previously struck a blow in Major.

CAERPHILLY. — At St. Martin's Church, on Tuesday, February 5th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): P. Jones 1, H. Broughton 2, W. Williams (first quarter-peal) 3, W. Pike 4, W. Dare 5, A. Addicott 6, F. Boucher (conductor) 7, G. Martin 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to one of the sidesmen of the church.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5
JOSEPH LOWE 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 3	JOHN POTTER 7
GEORGE POWNALL 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

PERCIVAL W. CAVE Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
*CLAUDE S. BENWELL 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
*ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by FRED PITSTOW.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method; also first Surprise peal on the bells.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANOSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BUTTON Treble	ERNEST E. LANEAM 5
GEORGE FRYKE 2	GEORGE BENNETT 6
GEORGE WHITING 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
†LESLIE G. BRETT 4	JOHN GOOCH Tenor

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

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

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS E. E. HARDCASTLE Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH 5
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
MISS FRED A. ORR 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 4	WILLIAM H. JOINER Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. W. R. Grimwood.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*ERNEST W. NOY Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
ERNEST E. OXENHAM 2	WILLIAM H. DAYNES 6
JOHN S. MORTON 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HENRY W. KIRTON Treble	*STANLEY E. EDWARDS 5
*LESLIE THRIFT 2	*CYRIL C. PEASE 6
LESLIE J. CLARK 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
*GEORGE WIFFEN 4	WILLIAM PEASE Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL C. PEASE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. First peal as conductor.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

MRS. RICHARD F. DEAL ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 2	ISAAC G. SHADE ... 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. ... 3	RICHARD F. DEAL ... 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 4	HARRY SIMMONS ... Tenor

Non-conducted.

Umpire: JOHN WHEADON.

First non-conducted peal of Stedman in the county, by the association, and in which a lady has taken part.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ALFRED BALLARD ... Treble	*ROWLAND BARROW ... 5
THOMAS H. BENT ... 2	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 6
ARTHUR CATTELL ... 3	LAURIE JACKSON ... 7
ERNEST MORRIS ... 4	†GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS.

* First of Major. † 50th peal, also first as conductor, never having called a bob in the method before; age 16. Rung on the occasion of the installation of the Lord Bishop of Peterborough as Dean of Leicester, which took place on this date at St. Martin's, Leicester.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Temple, or Holy Cross Church.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 22 cwt.

EDGAR GUISE ... Treble	EDWIN JOHN BROWN ... 5
*RICHARD TAYLOR ... 2	HENRY PRING ... 6
WILLIAM ABRAHAM ... 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 4	ARTHUR DUBBIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman. First in the method on the bells. The last peal on these bells was rung on February 7th, 1895.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of St. Aiden, Stranton.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN H. BALMFORTH ... Treble	†WALTER N. ASHBY ... 5
JOHN D. BALMFORTH ... 2	FRED. P. HOWGROFT ... 6
†FREDERICK ROBSON ... 3	JOHN LOWREY ... 7
ALFRED E. BACON ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Major.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

EDWARD A. RIDGWAY ... Treble	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 5
*EDWIN SHARRATT ... 2	EDGAR SHARRATT ... 6
SAMUEL CARDELL ... 3	JOHN RIDER ... 7
CHARLES H. PAGE ... 4	*GEORGE E. FLANT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN RIDER.

First peal of Stedman on the bells. * First peal. First peal as conductor. S. Cardell hails from Hanley; C. H. Page from Stoke, and A. Crawley from Crewe.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE. — On Thursday, January 17th, for evensong, in 30 mins., 720 Grandsire Doubles: E. H. Kynaston 1, E. Kynaston 2, W. B. Kynaston 3, R. Edwards 4, R. T. Evans (conductor) 5, T. Marshall 6.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 8 cwt. 6 qr. 3 lb. in A flat.

CHARLES W. PARKER ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
REV. W. C. PEARSON ... 2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 6
HARRY R. ROPER ... 3	ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 7
*PERCY K. PARKER ... 4	JAMES ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

* First peal in the method. The Vicar's first 'six-score' of Bob Doubles was rung on March 3rd, 1878.

FAIRFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

GEORGE LAW ... Treble	WILFRED G. COOK ... 5
BASIL GUY ... 2	*JOHN C. ACOCK ... 6
WILLIAM C. COSS ... 3	JOHN HOPE ... 7
GEORGE J. WINTER ... 4	JOSEPH SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

* First peal. First peal of Triples on the bells conducted by a Fairford ringer.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. George.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

RICKS PAINE ... Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT ... 5
CHARLES WINNER ... 2	CHARLES NORRIS ... 6
FRANK BELSEY ... 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON ... 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells. The above are all members of Rochester Cathedral Society.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 22½ cwt. in E.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD ... 5
PERCY H. DOICK ... 2	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 6
JAMES BURDFIELD ... 3	ALFRED H. POLLING ... 7
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... 4	JOHN COOK ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

The above company represents eight different towers.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 2, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Parish Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

LEONARD NELMES ... Treble	FRANK VOYCE ... 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 2	WILLIAM BISHOP ... 6
ERNEST MATTHEWS ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 4	GEORGE WILKS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

HENRY HUTTON Treble	*RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5
*ERNEST WEATHERBY 2	*WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
*JOHN T. SCOTT 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
*GEORGE W. STEERE 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Weatherby, who was leaving Guildford for Canada on March 6th. The company would like to associate with this peal the names of Mr. J. Foster, who rang the previous week 2 hrs. 45 mins., and Mr. G. Burdock, whose health will not allow him to ring peals. The peal was also a birthday compliment to Tom Hutton, son of the treble ringer.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 each of College Single 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 peal on the bells since the recasting of the 2nd by Mears and Stainbank.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5030 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

ALFRED E. BUTLER Treble	ALLAN H. CASTLE 4
JOHN NOBES 2	T. FRANCIS HANKS 5
DANIEL H. WOODLEY 3	A. PERCY FLETCHER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN NOBES.

First peal on the bells.

MORTIMER, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM FORD Treble	STANLEY C. DAVIS 4
GEORGE PARSONS 2	ARTHUR LOVEJOY 5
WALTER LEWINGTON 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

First peal on the bells.

BIGBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr. 8 lb.

HAROLD RUSHBY Treble	CHARLES W. TAYLOR 4
GEORGE BLANCHARD 2	WALTER GODDARD 5
*STEPHEN BROMFIELD 3	HERBERT J. MINGAY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT J. MINGAY.

Ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor hail from Grimsby; 5th from Barton-on-Humber, 2nd belongs to the local band. * First peal in three methods. The band wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. H. T. Parry) for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for having everything ready.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, March 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES Treble	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLEY 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE ST. OSWALD'S SOCIETY.

On Thursday, February 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT LLORAN HOUSE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

†REGINALD KYNASTON ... 1—2	†WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 3—4
*E. HARVEY KYNASTON ... 5—6	

Conducted by WILLIAM B. KYNASTON. Witness: T. MARSHALL.

* First peal of Doubles, also on handbells. † First peal 'double-handed.' ‡ First peal on an 'inside' pair, and first as conductor.

BOSTON GUILD, MASSACHUSETTS.

MUFFLED RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It gives me great pleasure to have something to write about for the information of your numerous readers and our many friends.

As the world knows, our late President, Woodrow Wilson, died and was buried on February 6th, in Washington (district of Columbia), in the State of Virginia. The Boston Guild of Change Ringers met at the Church of the Advent, Boston, and rang two 120 Grandsire Doubles, with Mrs. M. A. Shurtleff taking part, and also a 720 Plain Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled, except the tenor, which was open one side: Alex. Matthews 1, P. J. Alfrey 2, Wm. Bashford 3, Joseph Goodhead 4, Richard Newton 5, Anthony (Tony) R. Price (conductor) 6. Mr. Price hails from King's Lynn, England, and is a recent addition to our band, which has been made weak through removals.

The Boston Guild wish to record as their mite towards the ringing records that were no doubt rung all over the British Empire wherever change ringing is known, the above 720 of Bob Minor to the memory of the greatest change ringer on tower bells that was ever known, James W. Washbrook, of Manchester, England, who was a very pleasant, good-natured, helpful 'father' to hundreds of learners in the art. To conductors his advice and opinions were always free and clear, and to the point. He will be missed.

We also rang the bells half-muffled at Perkins' Institute for the Blind, Watertown, Mass., U.S.A., on Sunday, Feb. 10th, in his memory. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with Mrs. M. A. Shurtleff and Mr. Warren S. Sturges, of Groton School, taking part. Wishing the best of luck to 'The Ringing World,' to yourself, and my old friends in and around Manchester.—Yours very sincerely,

RICHARD NEWTON (late of Manchester).

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY DISTRICT.

A monthly meeting of the Derby district was held at Alvaston on Saturday, February 23rd, about 20 members being present from All Saints', St. Luke's, St. Andrew's, and St. Alkmund's Churches, Derby, and members of the local company, also the treasurer of the association, Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester.

The majority were young ringers anxious to gain further knowledge in the art of change ringing, and, aided by a few of the older members, they should keep up the traditions of the Midland Counties Association.

Touches were rung in various methods, and on the whole the striking was very good. This was the first monthly meeting held in the district for several years, and it is hoped to carry them on, but to be a success it is very desirable that they should be well attended.

The next meeting was fixed for March 29th, at Ashbourne, if the bells can be obtained.—A vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar (the Rev. W. Webb) for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for their support.

THE CENTENARY OF LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Continued from page 139.)

Mr. C. F. Winney, on behalf of the Ancient Society of College Youths, first responded. He remarked that he joined the St. James's Society in 1879, and he rang in a peal at St. Clement Danes for the bi-centenary of the peal of eight bells. He was proud to be a College Youth, and he was also proud to see the Master of the London County Association wearing such a lovely silver badge. He remembered the old one, but, unfortunately, when they changed their headquarters, it got lost in transit (laughter). Mr. Dawe had referred to men like Johnson, Cox and Haley, but they had such men to-day. They had one of them with them that evening, Mr. John Carter (applause), who was one of the cleverest and most original men the Exercise had ever known (applause).

Mr. J. D. Matthews next replied. He said he would like on behalf of his own society, the Royal Cumberland Youths, and, if he might, on behalf of the College Youths, to welcome the London County Association into the ranks of the centenarians (applause). The College Youths and Cumberlands had been the only two in London until that day, but they were pleased to see the London County Association join their ranks. They would not catch the two older societies, who had too long a start (laughter), but they had reached what he might call their 'majority.' They had the representative of another centenarian society with them that evening in Mr. Cave, of the St. Stephen's Guild, Bristol. He sometimes spent some of his leisure in looking through the old ringing papers, and it was surprising to notice the advance in ringing in the last 40 years, or even 30 or 25 years. A quarter of a century ago Surprise ringing was unknown in Bristol, but since then they had rung most of the methods worth mentioning, up to Cambridge Surprise Maximus. It showed what a different class of men were coming into the ringing world. The outstanding men in days gone by were exceptions. Where they found them in ones in the time of Johnson, Haley and Cox, they could find scores to-day of similar ability. They did not, however, stand out so much, because there were so many of them.

Mr. W. H. Fussell responded for the Provincial Societies, and first paid a compliment to the Ladies' Guild. They had, he said, no territory and no church as headquarters, they could not even claim a parson (laughter). They were scattered up and down the country, silent, persevering members of the Church of England, in their simple hobby doing a great work among the ladies of the country, and forming the nucleus of little bands. The associations appreciated the work they did. He regretted the Master of the College Youths, who was also secretary of the Oxford Guild, could not be present that night, but he was carrying on a great work. They, however, had with them that evening members of the Essex Association, the Kent Association, the Sussex Association, the Gloucester and Bristol Association, the Winchester Guild, and other societies. Proceeding, Mr. Fussell referred to the ringers overseas, in South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Toronto, Vancouver and Boston. There was to be an Imperial Exhibition this year, and it had been suggested that among the exhibits there should be a peal of bells. He thought this was very desirable. There was no doubt bells would take their share in future centuries in the work of the church abroad. In the mushroom cities which had sprung up in the Colonies, they had not got towers of sufficient stability to carry peals of bells, but in time to come these buildings would be replaced by English-like solid towers, and then would be the time when English bells would be rung in the Colonies, as they were in this country to-day. They remembered the ringers overseas that night, and sent them their greetings and kind regards. There were ringers in Auckland, and he would like to mention one who died and was buried there. He was the first man to ring a peal in the four corners of Great Britain—William Greenleaf, who rang a peal in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales before anyone else. He lies buried in Auckland, and he (Mr. Fussell) regretted that there were no bells to ring over him. Continuing, Mr. Fussell said that society might almost be called the Tolladay Society. Tolladay, although first and foremost a College Youth, largely built up that society, and while carrying on a boat building business, rang many peals in the Thames-side towers. William Atherton, who called the first peal for that society, was a Cumberland, and only rang two peals for the St. James's Society, because he had all his work cut out to keep the Cumberlands in the high position they had attained. Of the two, however, Tolladay was the man they most associated with the St. James's Society. He died in 1864, very shortly after ringing his last peal at Waterloo. He was a loss to the Exercise, for he was an affable and good man, with a great deal of tact in dealing with a young band. Mr. Fussell also referred to the two other societies, not previously mentioned, the Junior College Youths and the Junior Cumberlands, who eventually became merged in the seniors, and said the foundation of the St. James's Society was a splendid idea, to enable members of the rival societies to ring together. He hoped the traditions of the past would long be upheld, and that success would attend the future of the London County Association (applause).

The Master read messages sending good wishes to the gathering from the Lavenham ringers and Mr. F. C. Lambert.

Mr. E. A. Young proposed 'The Visitors,' and Mr. W. A. Cave responded, remarking that it was always a great delight to him to meet and ring with London ringers.

During the evening, Mr. J. Bullock sang three excellent songs, and tunes on handbells by Messrs. Truss, Hawkins and Green were so highly appreciated that there was a double encore. A most enjoyable evening concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

BENEDICTION OF THE BELLS.

SOMERSET VILLAGE CEREMONY.

The interesting ceremony of blessing the bells was performed at Huish Champflower, Somerset, on Sunday, Feb. 17th, when the Benediction was pronounced upon the rehung five bells in St. Peter's tower. Eventually, a treble, given by Miss Shaw, is to be added, but owing to the illness of the donor, and also to the inability through illness of the Bishop of Taunton to be present, the placing of this bell in the company of the others is deferred to a later date. As the Bishop intimated on a previous occasion, when he was at Huish Champflower, he would like to have the privilege of being the first to ring the new bell.

The service took place in the afternoon, and the church was full to overflowing. About 50 ringers were present from Huish Champflower, Wiveliscombe, Minehead, Milverton, Fitzhead, Chipstable, Skilgate, Clatworthy, Kingsbrompton, and Huntsham. Mr. G. Stacey (hon. secretary of the Dunster Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers) and Mr. W. Hoyle (Ringing Master of the branch), from Minehead, were among those present.

The Rev. P. W. P. Hancock (Rector) conducted the service, and an address was given by P. R. Maynard.

The Benediction collects for the rehung bells were said by the Rector, and the congregation then stood for a few moments while the local ringers rang a short peal, and demonstrated the harmony of the bells which had been for so long silent.

After the service the visiting ringers were entertained to tea by the Rector. The local ringers and their wives waited on the guests, and after tea Mr. Stacey, on behalf of the visitors, expressed their appreciation of the Rector's kindness in providing tea, also of Mr. and Mrs. Baker in lending the room, and of the local ringers and their wives who had waited upon them.

During the evening the bells were rung by mixed bands, and although there was some little disappointment that the peal of six was not ready yet for them to try their hand upon, they were very pleased with the trial of the five that have been rehung.

The bells which at present form a peal of five, but will soon be augmented to six, are of various dates and founders. The treble is by Bilbie, of Culmington, 1790; the 2nd by Pannell, Culmington, 1820; 3rd by Norton, Exeter, undated, but about 1540; 4th and 5th by Bailey, Bridgwater, 1763, the tenor being 11 cwt. The frame, which is of stout, locally grown English oak, was made and fixed by Mr. Jack Tont, a local carpenter, on five heavy steel joists, these having been covered with concrete to prevent rust. The bells have been turned, tuned, fitted with new headstock, wheels, ball bearings, huffered clappers, and hung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, Mr. J. Tyler having been in charge of the work, and, needless to say, everything done has given the greatest satisfaction.

THE LEANING TOWER OF BRISTOL.

In connection with the peal rung at Temple Church, Bristol, it is interesting to note that it is nearly 30 years since any peal was rung or attempted there, and Mr. Pring, who rang in Saturday's peal, was in the previous one, in 1895.

The tower of Temple Church leans. It is some 6ft. out of perpendicular, and it is on record that at least one ringer would not take part in a quarter-peal there when he saw the tower. 'I don't like the look of that, I'm off,' he said, and away he went. But another 'Alf' turned up and took his place.

NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23rd, a district meeting of the above Guild was held at Aylsham, some twenty members attending from Aylsham, Fakenham, North Elmham, North Walsham, Hoxingham, Norwich and Reepham. During the afternoon and evening the following methods were rung: Bob Major and Royal, Treble Bob Major and Royal, Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Superlative. At the conclusion everybody agreed that, in spite of the bad weather, a very enjoyable meeting had been held.

SWANMORE, HANTS.—At St. Barnabas' Church, on Wednesday, February 20th, for practice, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Allen (first 720 Treble Bob) 1. R. Linter (first 720) 2. A. Millard 3. E. Jacobs 4. H. Ainsley (first 720) 5. W. Linter (conductor) 6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO RULES.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Curdridge on Saturday last, when 40 ringers were present. Altogether 15 towers were represented, viz.: Alverstoke, Bishop's Waltham, Bishopstoke, Curdridge, Fareham, Gosport, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ringwood, Southampton, Swanmore, Shedfield, Wickham and Winchester. Among those present were Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), and the Rev. E. Bankes James (Seaford Park).

A service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. W. Slater) conducting the service, and also addressing the members. Tea was provided in the Parish Institute, where a highly substantial repast was served. The tower was again visited until 7 p.m., at which hour the business meeting was held in the belfry. The following new members were elected: Messrs. F. Pritchard, S. Bath, E. Groundsell, W. Linter, A. Marsh and L. Davis, all of Bishops Waltham.

The following alterations to certain rules, as suggested by the Central Committee, were then placed before the members:—

- (1) That Rule VI. be altered to read: That a general meeting of the Guild shall be held each year on a Saturday, and that it be held every third year in Winchester, and that the places for the next two annual meetings shall be decided at that meeting.
- (2) That the words: 'Peal Recorder and Hon. Auditor' be inserted in Rule VI., after the word 'Secretary.'
- (3) That the second section of Rule X. be deleted.
- (4) That the words: 'or Ringing Press' be inserted in Rule XV. after the words 'Recorder of Peals.'
- (5) That Rule XVII. be deleted.
- (6) To decide what 'Due Notice' shall mean as in Rule XVIII.

It was proposed by Mr. C. J. Fray, and seconded by Mr. W. Knight, that these proposed alterations be adopted, the members present showing unanimous approval.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Privett on May 31st, due notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Mears for kindly arranging the tea and having everything in readiness, concluded the business meeting.

Altogether it proved to be a very enjoyable and well-attended meeting. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Double Norwich Major, Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise.

EDINBURGH SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Lindoff is right when he states that I object to 'Edinburgh' being termed a new method. It is certainly new to those persons who have not seen it before. I have known it quite a long time, and Mr. Geo. Lewis, of Sheffield, presented it to me last May or June, asking my opinion of it, which I gave him candidly. Now, I ask what would he be likely to say if I was to tell an opposite tale in the present case. That is precisely my position in regard to 'Edinburgh' Surprise. I have said what I think, and I have nothing more to add.

Regarding the 5,040 Surprise Royal, I can only reply as follows: When I constructed the 14 necessary courses I selected quite the most simple arrangement I could imagine, for the very reason that I knew there was nothing original in so short a span. I was under the impression that Yorkshire Royal and Princess Mary Royal were the first two Surprise methods rung on ten bells that would allow the 6th the full extent home, so Mr. Lindoff, if he has produced these self same figures, must have applied them to a plain method, in which case my figures would be repeated with a single called mid-way and end. Mr. Lindoff would have a prior claim to me if this is the case.

Regarding the two-part extent of Treble Bob Major, 7,616 two peals, and others ranging down to 5,056, I produced them in August, 1899. I also sent them to the late Tom Lockwood for inclusion in C.C. Collection. We also rang the 5,056 at Mansfield on June 15th, 1901. I arranged my table of course ends from the natural course ends of Tom Lockwood's 7,488. I can quite understand Mr. Lindoff talking about tossing me for them, and adding the few coppers in his pocket. I should not agree if he were to add the gold and silver.

The last paragraph in Mr. Lindoff's letter does him no credit, and can do me no harm, when I inform your readers that I possess two 29 course peals of 8,896, and that I produced them in 1900, while exploring the possibility of an even greater length. They are both distinct compositions compared with Wm. Harrison's peal, but does it appear as though I was anxious to publish them when I have already had them 24 years? Mr. Lindoff would do well to reorganise his secret service department, as it has been misleading him.

I am heartily sorry that my comments on 'Edinburgh' have so upset my old colleague: had I thought what would have come of it I should have wished that someone else would have undertaken the task.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Stannington, near Sheffield, Feb. 24th, 1924.

JOHN TAYLOR & Co.,

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We understand an important bell augmentation is likely shortly to take place in Manchester.

A great improvement has just been effected in the belfry of St. Martin's, Birmingham, where the rough walls round the upper part of the ringing chamber have been encased with woodwork, painted white and varnished. It puts a finish to what was already a well-appointed belfry.

The meeting of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Guild at Runcorn to-morrow has been cancelled.

Shrove Tuesday seems to have been a favourite day with Nottingham ringers in W. D. Croft's time for peals, and one of these pre-lent performances was a 7,040 Oxford Treble Bob on Shrove Tuesday morning, 15th February, 1774. The time was 5 hours, 1 minute, and the peal was called by W. D. Crofts.

Congratulations to the band of the Kent County Association, who, at Dartford on Saturday, rang a 'non-conducted' peal of Stedman Triples. The noteworthiness of the performance is enhanced by the fact that one of the ringers was a lady, the first to take part in a non-conducted peal. Not only is great credit due to Mrs. Deal for the excellent way she rang through the peal, but merit is added to her achievement by the fact that she has never yet called a bob in the method.

The peal of Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Leicester (recorded elsewhere), is the first in the method on the new bells. The only previous peal of Bob Major at this church was Annable's 5,040, called by Thos. Gibson on April 4th, 1807, 'the parties being all wool-combers.'

On March 7th, 1819, 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Great Baddow, and still stands as the record in the method for Essex.

At Norwich, on March 8th, 1737, a peal of 12,603 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Peter Maucroft, Norwich, in 8 hrs. 15 mins.

A 10,047 Stedman Caters was rung at Aston on the same day in 1859.

One hundred and forty years ago next Monday the College Youths rang a 7,008 Oxford Treble Box Maximus at Southwark.

This was twenty-six years after the first peal of Oxford Treble Twelve, rung by the same society on the same bells on March 12th, 1758.

The Bedfordshire Association was founded on March 13th, 1882.

On Tuesday, March 7th, 1843, at St. Peter's Church, Sheffield, 'a true and complete peal of Hudson's New Light, containing 5,600 changes,' in 3 hours and 46 mins. It was composed and conducted by William Hudson, senr., and is recorded as the first peal in this method ever rung. This method is now called Spliced Treble Bob.

A gentleman wishes to thank the ladies at the Aldershot meeting last Saturday who so kindly provided him with cakes for his Sunday tea.

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Bath on Saturday. The bells of St. Mary's, Bathwick, were available at 3 p.m., and the members enjoyed a good pull, through the kindness of Mr. F. Rich (the local secretary), who came with some of his colleagues to help with the heavy bells.

A beautiful service was conducted by the Rector of Bathwick, the Rev. H. F. Napier, Mrs. Napier kindly presiding at the organ.

Tea was served at Taylor's Restaurant, and was followed by a business meeting, Mrs. Edwards, of Portishead, presiding.

It was notified that the next quarterly meeting was to be abandoned owing to the general meeting of the Guild being held in Bristol this summer.

It was proposed to hold a practice at Coalpit Heath in May, and the annual meeting at Evercreech in September.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Rev. H. F. Napier and Mrs. Napier, the Rev. G. C. Williamson for the use of the bells of St. Michael's, and the Bath ringers for their great help.

The members then visited St. Michael's tower, where touches in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung till 8.30 p.m., when a very happy meeting was brought to a close.

'AN EXPLANATION.

Mr. E. Tigwell writes, in reply to the inquiry by 'T.B. Minor,' that the description applied to the quarter-peal rung at Purley, Berks, was sent through a misunderstanding on the part of the ringer who forwarded the report. Instead of the footnote reading 'first spliced quarter-peal,' it should have read 'first quarter-peal in two methods.'

The Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner.

BIG GATHERING AT BIRMINGHAM.

A company, numbering over 160, assembled on Saturday at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, on the occasion of the 36th annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, held under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. The event again proved most enjoyable, and drew together visitors from many parts of the country as well as a representative gathering from in and around Birmingham. During the afternoon there was ringing at St. Martin's, the Cathedral, and Bishop Ryder's Church, and at each tower, despite the wintry conditions which prevailed, a considerable number of ringers enjoyed touches. In the regrettable absence of the Rector of Birmingham (Canon E. Grose Hodge), who was the victim of an attack of influenza, Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the Presiding Ringing Master of the Guild, occupied the chair at the dinner. Among those also present were Messrs. J. J. Kendall and F. W. Blake (churchwardens of St. Martin's), Councillor C. H. Clutterbuck, Canon Badger (Vicar of Bishop Ryder's), Councillor Gilling (donor of the bells of Bishop Ryder's), the Rev. F. Li. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), Lieut.-Col. the Rev. F. J. Cheverton (Rowley Regis), Mr. A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary) and Mrs. Smith, Mr. A. Walker (Deputy Ringing Master) and Mrs. Walker, Mr. T. Russam (vice-president) and Mrs. Russam, Messrs. W. Kent and J. H. Shepherd (vice-presidents), C. Dickens (trustee), J. Preston and T. H. Reeves (auditors), Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), H. Mason (Clent), A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), W. H. Fussell (Slough), Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), Mrs. Wilkins (Bristol), president of the Ladies' Guild, Mr. P. J. Johnson (Leeds), hon. secretary, Yorkshire Association; Mr. J. Rowbotham (London), Mr. and Mrs. A. Trippier (Manchester), Messrs. S. F. Palmer and W. Bugar (Sheffield), Mr. and Mrs. F. Smallwood and Mr. J. Paget (Derby), Messrs. F. Perchus and O. J. Hunt (Coventry), T. Salter (Kidderminster), W. Walmsley (Macclesfield), W. Knight and J. Burford (Bristol), W. Griffin (Walsall), H. Broughton (Leicester), S. R. Roper (Croydon Foundry), A. Coppock (Nottingham), W. H. J. Hooton (Nuneaton), Chandler and Fenton (Rugby), W. Saunders (Coalbrookdale), T. King (Bath), W. Mead (Clun), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Groves, Mr. J. George, Mr. J. Oldham (Loughborough), Mr. Elijah White, who has been for fifty years a service ringer at Halesowen, etc.

After an excellent dinner, a lengthy programme of speeches and music was entered upon, and the large company spent a happy evening. Apologies for absence were received from Mr. A. A. Hughes (London), detained by illness at home; Mr. John Carter, who was too unwell to attend; Mr. E. Woodhall (West Bromwich), Mr. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), and the Vicar and churchwardens of Aston. Mr. W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, sent a telegram of good wishes.

CAUSE FOR THOUGHT AND REFLECTION.

The toast of 'The King' having been honoured, Mr. A. E. Parsons submitted 'The Church and State.' He referred to the changing times through which we are passing, and said that with regard to the Church there was cause for solemn thought and reflection. What was happening? They read that the dignitaries of the Church were countenancing conversations with the Church of Rome on the question of re-union. He would like to ask how those authorities could square their present attitude with their allegiance to the 39 articles of the Church of England, particularly the 22nd. They had a few persons in the Church who were doubting the authority of God's word, and even cutting out what they did not choose to read in their churches. Was that compatible with their allegiance to Article 4? These were things that made the laity think, and no doubt the laity would speak if these things went on (hear, hear). If some of our forefathers were to come back now, he added, they would wonder if they were entering the right buildings or not. Instead of listening to services which were creating a spiritual atmosphere, some of the places were almost compatible with a fancy dress ball at the East end. He sincerely hoped the Church dignitaries would pause before they took such drastic steps as those which they were at present contemplating. He also hoped with all his heart they would never get back to pre-reformation days, which were really unthinkable.

The Rev. F. Li. Edwards, who first responded, said they lived in days in which the Church had need of the loyal support of the country at large, and when not only the whole nation but the Empire stood very greatly in need of the consolidating and elevating support of the Church. Those leaders of politics in the world who set their minds entirely upon projects of material aggrandisement and material prosperity had had their fling during the greater part of the last ten years, and no one could claim that they were to be congratulated upon the result. It appeared to him that the only way to find material peace and prosperity was by laying greater insistence on

spiritual principles for which the Church stood. One of the Bishops had been advocating a separation of the Church and State in this country. Whether or not beneficial results would ensue from such a revolution in their position was a matter no one could foresee, but one thing was quite certain, that it would introduce a serious breach in the historic continuity of the relations of the sacred and secular aspects of our national life.

Lieut.-Colonel the Rev. F. J. Cheverton also responded to the toast, remarking that he had sometimes been almost glad that the ladies burnt down Rowley Regis Church. The re-building had been a great joy to him, because it had brought him into touch with that splendid fellowship which was personified in that gathering. But for that event he would not have had the opportunity of coming into touch with many whom he could already call friends, and the equally splendid spirit of fellowship which he had discovered (applause). He thought it was appropriate that in this toast the Church should come before the State, because the Church came into existence long before the State. Before the State came into existence, the Church stood not only for the religious faith of the land, but for something more than that. It stood for the whole life of the land; it stood for art; it stood, doubtless, for bell ringing; it stood for education, and it stood for the drama; in fact, it stood for the sum of national life. But as the national life developed, more particularly in the last two or three centuries, it became incumbent on the Church to pass on some of its duties. He admitted that it was partly forced upon them by the fact that the Church, in a way, failed to rise to its noble opportunity and occasion, and that a decadence set in, but a great deal of the work of the State was originally the work of the Church, and they should not forget the splendid legacy she had passed on to them. Dealing with the attitude of the Church to the State and the State to the Church, the speaker said they were passing from the days when the State showed hostility to the Church, such as they saw in the Welsh Disestablishment Bill. Social progress was being built up on Christian foundations, and the politicians to-day recognised that in dealing with human affairs they could not go beyond the moral conscience of the people. They looked to the Church to uplift the moral tone and moral standards of the people so that they could then come in and legislate up to the outlook of the people. He believed that if the Prime Minister (Mr. MacDonald) were there that night he would tell them, as representing the Church, that they need no longer look askance at each other, but that they were to go hand in hand, and that the more they had the welfare of the nation at heart the more they would help each other on. He was an optimist, and he believed they had great days before them, and had nothing to despair about in the Church or in the State.

HENRY JOHNSON AND HIS CONTEMPORARIES.

Mr. W. H. Fussell was entrusted with the toast of 'The Memory of the late Henry Johnson.' He said he was not that evening going to praise him as a man, straightforward and honest, as a very able conductor, or to speak about the qualities or musical properties which he had placed in a column of figures, because he felt that other speakers in the past, who were more in touch with him in his lifetime, had already done so in a very able manner. His (the speaker's) first visit to Birmingham in the year 1883 was a successful one, for he rang a peal at St. Chad's, and it was after they came from the belfry on that occasion that he first met Mr. Johnson. The portrait on their programme that night was an excellent one, and depicted Mr. Johnson as he was about the time referred to, when he was about 74 years of age. He had the privilege of meeting him twice after that. As most of them knew, Henry Johnson was born on February 28th, 1829, and his death occurred in 1890, when he was 61 years of age. He took unto himself two wives, and he had a family of eight children, and although he died in 1890, Henry Johnson lived to-day (hear, hear). Mr. Johnson's ringing days were spent in company with Cooper and Day, Roberts, Macdonald and Hopkins, all good men, who no doubt encouraged him to follow out the practice of his forefathers, and he did that to no mean extent. Hopkins was a close friend of Johnson, and bequeathed to him a little peal book which had since been handed to the custody of St. Martin's Guild. Hopkins was born in 1800, and died in 1862. He defended Johnson on several matters when he was attacked by his competitors in the field of composition: for instance, in a controversy over Stedman Triples and a controversy with Lates over Bob Triples. Another who was a friend of Johnson was Joseph Riley, of Gloucester. He was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and was also very proud of the old St. Martin's Society, coming to Birmingham and conducting several peals for it. Riley's peal book had also come into the possession of that society. Johnson called his first peal as conductor in 1832. This was Grandsire Triples at Aston,

and it happened to be his 23rd birthday, but the peal was rung with the muffles on as a mourning peal for Joshua Short. In 1841 he called his first peal of Stedman Caters at Aston, and in 1846 the famous peal of Stedman Triples for the second time. He also called a peal at St. Martin's for the famous John Cox, of London, who came to Birmingham on a visit, and it would have been very interesting could they know what was said between these two about certain facts in ringing. In 1846, he rang two peals in three days, which was a most unusual thing in those days, and in 1848 he rang in 12 peals in a year, which was a wonderful performance, although in these days a band will go on tour and ring as many in a week. In 1851 an interesting event occurred. That society made up seven men, who visited the Great Exhibition in Hyde Park, and then met three members of the Royal Cumberland Youths at St. Clement Danes, where they rang a peal of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Henry Haley. The year 1873 was noted for the visit of Charles Hattersley, of Sheffield, to Birmingham, and was the beginning of some interesting exchanges between the two men, both through the post and by personal interviews on more than one occasion. Johnson's immediate predecessors in the realm of conducting in Birmingham were Elijah Roberts, the peal tapper, who afterwards committed suicide, John Lates, Henry Cooper, Joe Powell and Thomas Day. These men handed on the traditions, Johnson took them up, and in his turn left a great tradition to those who came after him. It was in Johnson's day that Stedman was started in earnest, and became in the Birmingham district the most popular method; indeed, the reputation of St. Martin's Guild for Stedman to-day might be traced back to the days of Johnson, and from 1830 the name of Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, became a household word in many a ringer's home, long before any ringing papers were issued. What ringing news there was, was published in 'Bell's Life' and 'The Era,' and in these papers appeared many matters of great interest in which Johnson's name figured. He frequently took up some challenge to assert what Birmingham had done, and to show that others claims had already been superseded. Birmingham, said the speaker, seemed to have been favoured in getting news from the old stage coaches. Being the centre of England, a number of through coaches from all parts came into the town. Elijah Roberts was himself on a coach, and doubtless Birmingham ringers knew what was going on elsewhere sooner than anyone else. Henry Johnson at the time of his death had two sons, both of whom were living to-day, and both of whom became ringers. One was with them that night (applause). Continuing, the speaker said the present harmonious relations among ringers in Birmingham did not always exist. Forty years ago there were several societies, and all had their own ideas of what was right and proper. There was the Union Society of St. Martin's and St. Philip's, the Helt Society of Aston, the Birmingham and District Association, founded by John Carter, and others, some of whom he saw present that night. Each body was jealous of its position and achievements, but there was a happy spirit of brotherhood existing among the ringers of Birmingham to-day. Henry Johnson lived to a ripe old age, and he must have been proud of the position of matters when he breathed his last, leaving behind him a wonderful record in the way of conducting and a collection of compositions in several methods that may be found to-day in the modern works on change ringing. In 1888 a new Guild was formed for Birmingham in which the old societies united, and eventually became St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. He hoped they would continue to prosper, and to carry on their work as Churchmen. They had met that night as the result of the birth of Henry Johnson, to honour, as a Guild, a fine old English gentleman.

The toast was drunk in solemn silence, and then followed a perfect touch of three leads of Treble Bob on 14 handbells, by seven members of St. Martin's Guild, an exhibition of ringing, which, the Chairman pointed out, could not be heard anywhere else in the world. It was rung by T. Russam, A. Walker, P. O. Ladin, G. F. Swann, J. E. Groves, A. E. Norman and M. J. Morris. The completion of the touch was greeted with tremendous applause.

A REVIEW.

The Chairman next said he was both proud and happy in being once more with them and having the honour of proposing 'Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild.' He invited them, as was his custom, to first pay a passing thought to those who had passed away from them during the year. The hand of death had dealt lightly with the Guild in 1923, for they had lost only one Birmingham and one country member. The Birmingham member, as they all knew, was Mr. James L. Wells, a most valued and valuable member, one of the Sunday band of St. Martin's, whose heart and soul was in ringing, and whose ringing was looked upon by him as a solemn duty in connection with that Church. They mourned him. The other was perhaps the most famous ringer of his time, certainly the most accomplished ringer that ever lived, so far as both the composition of peals and the actual ringing of them was concerned. He referred to Mr. James W. Washbrook. No man rang peals more rapidly than he did, and on more than one occasion he rang two bells himself in the same peal. His fame as a virtuoso in ringing could never be sur-

passed. Continuing, the speaker said they had also, fortunately, a small sick list comprising dear old friends. There was Mr. Rock Small, from whom he had received a letter saying he was afraid he would never be able to leave his house again, and would be extremely pleased if old friends passing that way would call upon him. Then there was Mr. John Carter. They deeply deplored his absence and his illness, and they hoped he would be spared for many years yet. There was Mr. John Buffery, whose illness they all regretted. It was fifty years ago since he came to see him (the speaker) at Oxford, and mistook the extra strong ale for soda water (laughter), with the result that they were unable to ring at Magdalen College in the afternoon as they had intended to do (laughter). They were all sorry that Mr. Buffery was absent from that gathering, and hoped he would recover from his illness to some extent (hear, hear). Looking round, he was very glad to see nearly all the old faces present among them again, men that he used to ring with 30, 40, and even 50 years ago. Joe Johnson, a son of the famous Henry Johnson, who had never missed one of those gatherings, was with them again, and there was also Mr. Tom Russam, with his good lady, Mr. William Kent, Mr. Bernard Witchell, and the three brothers Dickens, all of them connected with the Guild for many years, and he hoped would still be long connected with it (applause). Proceeding, the Chairman said St. Martin's Guild had not done badly during the past year. They had rung 26 tower bell peals and 13 peals on handbells, which was three more than the previous year, although it did not come up to the record number of the year before, which was about 45. Out of the tower bell peals, nine were peals on twelve bells at St. Martin's Church, and the remarkable part of it was that to ring those nine peals they made only nine attempts (applause). The most noteworthy of the peals was that to celebrate Mr. James George's 70th birthday. It was noteworthy for the occasion on which it was rung, and also for the fact that had it not been for Mr. George's birthday it would have been rung for Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker's silver wedding. Mr. Walker very generously gave way to Mr. George, and they could only hope that as a recompense a splendid peal would be rung for the golden wedding (applause). Another reason that prevented a silver wedding peal being rung was that Mr. Wells died, and the next opportunity for ringing a peal was devoted to ringing a muffled peal in his memory. During the past year an attempt had been made to revive Cambridge Maximus. A course was rung the other evening, and it was hoped that during the coming year another peal might be rung. He would like the clergy present, added the Chairman, to know that the members of the Guild rang regularly every Sunday morning at St. Martin's Church for service, and also gave their services once a month at the Cathedral, and occasionally at other churches in the city. They were a most devoted band of ringers, and were deeply sensible of the dignity and importance of their position as church bell ringers. They were honoured that night by the presence of the Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church and his churchwarden, Councillor Gilling. They heartily congratulated them upon the rehanging of the bells at that church, the bells being the generous gift of Councillor Gilling. They were a very beautiful peal, and a great addition to the ringing facilities in the city. In concluding, Alderman Pritchett said he would like to thank his deputy, Mr. Walker, for his great services to the Guild during the past year, for his services as conductor and for his services as organiser, with Mr. Smith, of the most successful social gatherings which they had held from time to time. Mr. Walker also had attended ringing dinners in London, Sheffield and Bristol as the representative of that Guild. He had difficulty in finding words properly to express their acknowledgments to Mr. Paddon Smith for all he had done for the Guild as hon. secretary. He believed he had said at least twelve times that he had excelled himself. A man could not excel himself more than twelve times (laughter), and he had reached perfection many years ago. He did not know what they would do without him. Mr. Smith sometimes complained of the burden of his office. He (the speaker) could only assure him that their gratitude was as deep and sincere as his labours were strenuous and burdensome, and that must be his reward (applause).

The toast was heartily received, and Mr. Smith's health was drunk with rousing musical honours.

(To be continued.)

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT TAUNTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The handbell peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Taunton on February 24th ult. was P. H. Sparks' first peal as conductor; in fact, he had only rung one peal (Grandsire Doubles) before. The peal was the result of these three young ringers' perseverance, and they are to be congratulated on their very good performance.

An error, through me, was inserted in the footnote, which stated that it was the first peal on handbells by a resident band in the diocese. This is not correct, two peals having been rung previously, one at Carhampton on April 22nd, 1914, and one at Midsomer Norton on December 5th, 1914. With sincere apologies to both these bands,—Yours faithfully,

J. HUNT.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. PRESENTATION TO DUNSTER DEANERY SECRETARY.

At the annual meeting of the Dunster Deanery Branch of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, on Saturday week, the long services rendered by Mr. G. Stacey, of Minehead, as hon. secretary of the branch, were recognised by a presentation. The meeting was largely attended by ringers from Stogumber, St. Audries, Dulverton, Minehead, Old Cleve, Selworthy, Porlock, Timberscombe, Dunster, Wooton Courtenay, Chipstable, Monksilver, St. Decuman's and Carhampton, and there were also visiting ringers from Swindon and Milverton. The Association's form of service was conducted by the Rev. T. S. Dawson, Vicar of Carhampton, and President of the Association, and an address was given by Preb. A. C. Harman (Rector of Old Cleve). Tea was served in the Village Hall, the Vicar presiding. Afterwards the Rev. H. G. McTaggart expressed the thanks of the members to the ladies who, under Mrs. Dawson, had served the tea, and to the organist.

At the business meeting, Mr. Stacey presented a report on the year's working of the branch, which showed that it had been a successful year. Although they had not recorded any peal ringing, the progress of change ringing had been marked, especially at Timberscombe, Wooton Courtenay, Porlock, Old Cleve, and Carhampton, and those bands were to be congratulated. Four meetings had been held, which had been well attended. The balance sheet showed a balance of £1 13s. 8d. in hand, after sending £6 16s. 4d. to the general secretary. Eighteen working members and two honorary members had been added, this making the working members 127, and five unattached, and eight honorary members, but not all were paid up.

The Rev. T. S. Dawson was re-elected chairman, and Mr. Stacey hon. secretary. Mr. W. Hoyle (Minehead) was re-elected Ringing Master, and Mr. H. A. Phillips (Timberscombe) was re-appointed to the Central Committee. The following new members were elected: Rev. W. J. Ludlow (Dulverton), Messrs. P. Bond, F. Norman, W. Newbery and W. H. James.

Prebendary Reeder, at the request of the chairman, then made the presentation to Mr. Stacey, the gifts consisting of a fitted attache case and two pairs of gauntlet gloves for motor cycling, one for summer, and the other for winter. Prebendary Reeder said he thought that the clergy owed a great debt of gratitude to all the ringers who helped them so much in their work. Perhaps nothing had improved the whole tone of ringing and the atmosphere of the bellfries more than the formation of ringing associations. They had certainly worked a wonderful change. One remembered stories of the old days when things which were far from satisfactory went on in some of the bellfries, but that state of things had altogether come to an end now. A very high ideal was now aimed at, and in most cases reached, in the majority of bellfries throughout the land, and this, he thought, was owing very largely to the result of the working of the associations all over the country. No association was any good, however, unless there was a mainspring driving it and working it, and, of course, in every case the mainspring was the secretary and treasurer. The president did something—he was always a figurehead—but the bulk of the work was done by the secretary, and, therefore, the association generally and also the clergy owed a very great debt of gratitude to the secretaries for the work they did. When he (the speaker) came to that deanery, Mr. Stacey was filling, and filling excellently, the office of secretary, but he (the speaker) had heard a little bit about the history of the association in earlier days still. He was told that it flourished, and then, owing probably to slackness on somebody's part, it got into rather low water and became ineffective. Then Mr. Tomkins, of Williton, was elected secretary, and he (Mr. Reeder) was told he did yeoman service and raised the association to a very high pitch. Then, twenty-one years ago, the association most wisely elected in Mr. Tomkins' place Mr. Geo. Stacey, and he had not only carried on the work which Mr. Tomkins began, but continued to raise the association to the state of efficiency which it occupied at present. His twenty-one years had been years of great activity. He had never lost his zeal, his energy, or his tact, and it showed what a very wonderful man Mr. Stacey was. He was tactful and courageous, because he did not mind speaking out his mind. He did not mince matters in the least, and that was a very valuable quality in a secretary who had brought the association up to that pitch. The members of the association had recognised the truth of everything that he (Mr. Reeder) had said with regard to Mr. Stacey's work; they appreciated what he had done, and valued his services, and it had come into the minds of some of them to give him a tangible proof of the respect in which they held him and of their esteem for the work he had done, and he (the speaker) had been asked to come there that afternoon to make a presentation to Mr. Stacey, to which they had all contributed.

Mr. Stacey, who was taken by surprise, remarked, in returning thanks, that he had heard of things being kept dark before (laughter), and if ever anyone was surprised it was himself (laughter). He could not think what they had been about in never letting him know that they wanted to give him something. It was very good of them

all, and he was most grateful to all the members who had contributed towards these beautiful presents, which he did not deserve—(Voices: Yes, you do). He would treasure them up and always remember when he looked at these gifts the happy days that they had spent together. Again he thanked them all very much indeed for their kindness (warm applause).

The Chairman said there was still a balance in hand, and suggested that Mr. Stacey would like to have something which he could hang up in his home to serve as a reminder of their appreciation of him, and he read the following draft of an address which it was resolved to have illuminated and framed: 'The Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—We, members of the above deanery, desire to express our appreciation of the very efficient and valuable services of Mr. George Stacey as hon. secretary to the deanery for the past 22 years, and ask him to accept the accompanying gift as a token of our esteem and respect.'

The names of the towers and of the honorary and unattached members subscribing will be added.

A letter paying a warm tribute to Mr. Stacey's work was read from the Rev. G. L. Fitzmaurice, of Brompton Ralph, formerly President of the Association, and votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Farmer, of Carhampton, for organising the presentation, and to the Vicar of Carhampton for the use of the church and bells, and his hospitality in providing tea; and to Preb. Harman for his address at the service.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Dulverton.

During the day ringing took place at Carhampton, and also at Dunster.

ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch was held at Martock on Saturday, February 23rd, the following towers being represented: Ilminster, Langport, Stoke-under-Ham, Yeovil and Martock. There were also present Mr. G. Stacey and Mr. W. Hoyle, of Minehead, secretary and Ringing Master respectively of Dunster Deanery Branch. The Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock, and President of the Branch, conducted the service, and gave an excellent address.

The annual meeting was held after tea in the Church House, the president being in the chair.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Farrant) read a report of the year's work and a financial statement, which were adopted by the meeting.

The officers were re-elected as follows: The Rev. G. W. Saunders, president; Mr. F. Farrant, secretary; Mr. D. G. Taylor, Ringing Master.

The Hon. Secretary asked that Mr. J. E. Baker, of Yeovil, should take his place as the representative of the branch on the general committee, and this was agreed to.

One new member was elected, and East Coker chosen for the next meeting.

Mrs. Grimshaw, as usual, had provided an excellent tea, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded her and her helpers, Mrs. A. E. Warner and Mrs. F. Farrant. Miss Hayne was thanked for playing the organ at the service.

The Secretary referred to the presence of Mr. Stacey, who had been 21 years secretary of the Dunster Deanery Branch, and congratulated him on the fact that his long service had recently been recognised by his branch with some valuable presents.—Mr. D. G. Taylor added a few words of praise for the good work done by Mr. Stacey in the interest of change ringing.—Mr. Stacey suitably replied, and took the opportunity of thanking the Vicar for his address.

The bells were made good use of during the day, the methods rung being Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob.

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD RINGER'S 50 PEALS.

Only two months after his sixteenth birthday, George Stedman Morris, of Leicester, has completed his first fifty peals, which range from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major and New Cambridge Royal, and include one long length, a 9,120 of Treble Bob. The following is the list of this promising young ringer's peals: Grandsire Doubles (on handbells), 1; Grandsire Triples, 4; Grandsire Caters, 3; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Stedman Triples, 4; Stedman Caters, 3; Bob Major (conducted 1), 4; Forward Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Spliced Treble Bob Major (including 9,120 record), 2; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Bristol Surprise Major, 5; London Surprise Major, 4; New Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; total, 50.

TEN METHODS IN DATE TOUCH.

At Watlington, Yorkshire, on Saturday, February 16th, a date touch of Minor (1,924 changes) was rung in 69 mins., comprising 15 Forward, 108 Bob Minor, 240 each of Ebor, Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, Tulip, Sandal Exercise, Rochester and Burton Treble Bob, and 120 College Exercise: W. Bramham 1, H. Chamberlin 2, A. Panther 3, G. Lord 4, A. Gill 5, A. Nash (conductor) 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's, on Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 53 mins.: J. Tukey (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major) 1, H. Bower 2, T. Sarel 3, J. Evinson 4, G. Lewis (conductor) 5, R. Harrison 6, J. Dixon 7, C. Harrison 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on Sunday, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), for morning service: A. Smith 1, J. J. Pratt 2, Miss P. M. Moss (conductor) 3, P. Jones 4, J. Bacon 5, R. Carter 6, W. Honor 7, F. Smith 8.—Also for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes), in 50 mins.: A. Smith 1, Miss D. G. Fellham 2, Miss G. Baker 3, Miss P. M. Moss 4, W. C. Ibbett 5, J. J. Pratt 6, F. W. Goodfellow (first quarter-peal as conductor on ten bells) 7, H. A. Folkard 8, W. Honor 9, J. Bacon 10.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, March 2nd, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 minutes: S. Meadows 1, H. Prior 2, H. Kemp 3, G. Upsball 4, E. Clapham 5, T. Uphall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—At the Abbey Church, on March 2nd, 336 and 168 Grandsire Triples: C. Worley (first in method) 1, F. Woodwards 2, H. Cobb 3, R. Davis 4, E. Naish 5, F. Naish (conductor) 6, W. Hutton 7, G. Spicer 8.—Also 168, with G. Nicholls ringing the treble.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, February 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), by J. Reeves: J. Chester 1, S. Richardson 2, W. Hector 3, E. S. Cotton 4, Frank Wallington 5, W. Wallington 6, Fred Wallington 7, C. A. Manning (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major ever rung by an entirely local band at Market Harborough.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, February 24th, after ringing for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples on handbells: F. S. Price 1—2, W. A. Jones 3—4, E. C. Shepherd (conductor) 5—6. *P. Price 7—8. * First quarter-peal on handbells.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, 576 London Surprise Major: W. Clifford, junr. 1, W. Clifford, senr., 2, F. S. Price 3, W. A. Jones 4, J. C. Dicken 5, A. Lowe 6, E. C. Shepherd 7, P. Price (conductor) 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar, who was in the belfry when the touch was commenced.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, for service, 1,260 Grandsire Triple, in 45 mins.: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Bryon 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, J. Layde 8. This is the first quarter by all except ringers of 6th and 7th.

SALEHURST.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, Feb. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 46 mins.: J. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, T. Hoad 3, T. Booth 4, W. Hoad (conductor) 5, G. Mills 6, E. Mills 7, G. King 8.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, February 24th, 480 Stedman Doubles: E. C. Hartley 1, T. G. Hawkins 2, J. Shuker 3, W. L. Gutteridge 4, A. D. Barker (conductor) 5, Mrs. A. D. Barker 6.—Also 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with H. C. Albrow and W. Bateman.

FAVERSHAM, KENT.—On Sunday evening, February 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: T. Harman 1, T. E. Eades 2, G. Culver 3, H. Baker 4, S. R. Garner 5, S. Fox 6, E. Trenchell (conductor) 7, C. A. Reynolds 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 3rd and 8th.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, Feb. 17th, for morning service, at St. Edmund's Church, 840 changes of Stedman Triples: W. Gammage 1, J. Townsend 2, L. Bennett 3, J. Moitherell 4, J. Mackay 5, H. Marlow 6, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 7, B. Soden 8. The longest touch in the method by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

REDENHALL, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, February 17th, for morning service, 704 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Borrett 1, W. Barrett 2, W. Mobbs 3, F. Smith 4, G. Gower 5, C. Clarke 6, R. Riches 7, T. Adcock 8.

EXETER.—Previous to the evening service, on Sunday, February 10th, at the Exeter Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 56 mins.: J. Hosgood 1, F. J. Davey (conductor) 2, E. W. Biffen 3, T. J. Stokes 4, G. C. Glass 5, W. S. Lethbridge 6, E. Routley 7, A. H. Goad 8. Composition taken from 'the Clavis.'

MISTLEY, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, for morning service: G. F. Honeywood 1, J. Souler 2, C. Hall 3, A. Fuller 4, G. Moss 5, W. Honeywood (conductor) 6.

PRELUDE TO A RECITAL.

At Barking, Essex, on Thursday, February 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: A. C. Hardy 1, C. Fenn (conductor) 2, F. Russell 3, A. J. Neale 4, E. H. King 5, G. W. Faulkner 6, E. G. Cottis 7, H. Holgate 8. Composed by J. Carter. This quarter-peal was rung before a recital on the organ, harp, and handbells, which was given in aid of the organ fund, Madame Annie Hughes playing the handbells.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SHIREOAKS.

A very successful meeting of the North Notts Association was held at Shireoaks on Saturday week. The village derived its name from the ancient oak that stood for many centuries on the spot where the three counties of Notts, Yorks and Derbyshire converge. A fine thriving oak occupies the site of the original tree, which is not remembered by any person now living. The constabulary, which comprises about 800 acres of land, is the property of the Duke of Newcastle, who is also lord of the manor.

The London and North-Eastern Railway, the Chesterfield Canal and River Ryton each intersect the chapelry. Here are some extensive coal mines, which were commenced in June, 1859. They now reach a depth of 515 yards, and almost all the inhabitants of the village are employed here. It was at this most interesting little spot, where the peal of six bells was installed by Taylor in the church of St. Luke (built by the Duke of Newcastle in 1863), that 32 members of the association assembled for their first meeting of the year. The ringers came from Anston, Barlborough, Ordsall, Tickhill, East and West Retford, Blyth, Shireoaks and Worksop, and included two ladies. The organist of the Priory Church, Worksop (Mr. S. Mayes) was also present. Touches in the following methods were brought round: Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Violet, Killmarsh, Arnold's Victory, Cambridge and London Surprise, the only little drawback being that the treble bells require the attention of a bell hanger.

Tea was served in excellent style by Host and Hostess Loose, and presided over by Mr. F. Hargreaves, of Shireoaks, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, who sent a letter of apology.

The next meeting will be held at North Cottingham, near Newark, on Easter Monday, where a new peal of six bells has recently been installed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

The meeting concluded with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman, the host and hostess, and to the Vicar of Shireoaks for the use of the bells.—Mr. Hargreaves briefly replied, giving a hearty welcome to all who had attended the meeting.

Further ringing took place, and the bells were lowered in peal at 8.20 p.m. H. H.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Western District was held at Chertsey on Saturday, February 23rd, when members attended from Thames Ditton, Walton, East Molesey, Holy Trinity, Guildford, Old Windsor, Mitcham, Weybridge, and the local company. The bells were raised shortly after 3 p.m., and various methods were rung during the afternoon.

At the business which followed tea, nine new members were elected, and Hersham was chosen for the next meeting.

A suggestion was made that the district should hold an all-day meeting on Whit-Monday, visiting, if possible, the following towers: Witley, Chiddingfold and Haslemere, the necessary arrangements being left to the secretary.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for the churchroom where the tea was held, also to the steeple-keeper for having everything in readiness.

The tower was again visited, further ringing taking place until 8.30 p.m.

A JOINT MEETING.

A combined meeting of the Kent County Association and the Romney Marsh Guild was held at Ashford. In addition, arrangements had been made for ringing in the afternoon at Willesborough, but owing to two weddings and a funeral very little ringing could be done there. Service was held in the Parish Church, Ashford, the Vicar (the Rev. T. K. Sopwith) officiating, and Mr. W. E. Pitman (Mus. Bac.) presiding at the organ. Afterwards about 30 sat down to tea, the Vicar presiding.

A short business meeting was held, when the secretary gave his report of the past year, which showed the district to be in a progressive state, both numerically and financially.

A bye-meeting was proposed to be held at Headcorn in April. The Romney Marsh Guild resolved to hold their next meeting at Benenden on March 22nd.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to Mr. W. E. Pitman was passed, and the tower was again visited, some good touches being brought round in the four standard methods.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Monday, Feb. 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Blee 1, T. Langdon 2, J. G. Nash 3, H. Blee 4, C. H. Ross (conductor) 5.

WARMELY, BRISTOL.—On Saturday, March 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob: *C. Harding 1, C. Harnell 2, A. Maggs 3, G. Wiltshire 4, T. James 5, J. G. Jefferies (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Treble Bob.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM NEWELL. 'FATHER' OF READING RINGERS.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Newell, of Reading, one of the oldest ringers in the country. Mr. Newell was 85 years of age, having been born on November 8th, 1838. He had been connected with ringing for over 70 years, and in his day had taught a large number of beginners. He passed away on Thursday of last week.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

The golden wedding took place on March 2nd of Mr. Samuel Coley, and Mrs. Coley, of Birmingham, and they were the recipients of many good wishes. Mr. Coley has been a service ringer at Bishop Ryder's Church for many years, and special touches were rung at this church and at Birmingham Cathedral on Sunday in celebration of the event.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. STOCKPORT BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Stockport Branch was held at Stockport (St. George) on Saturday, Feb. 23rd. The day, happily, was a glorious one, and tempted out some who are wont to hibernate, and, needless to say, as a result the attendance was good. Service in church was conducted by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and addressed by the Ven. Archdeacon Thorpe on 'Christian religion and public worship.' It is well known, he said, that the music of the bells is often heard, but seldom heeded by many, yet it never fails to find some hearts which it exhilarates and some which it softens. The Archdeacon brought his homily to a close by an anecdote on the softening of one man's heart.

Through the pressure of work, Archdeacon Thorpe was unable to be present at the festive board, but heartily welcomed the visitors, and hoped they would enjoy the good things spread before them. His hopes were fulfilled.

At the business meeting, the Branch Chairman (Mr. J. H. Jackson) expressed, on behalf of the members, hearty congratulations to the Rev. A. T. Beeston upon his recent marriage.—The remarks were endorsed by many present.—On rising to reply, the 'benedict' appeared to be in a dilemma, for, never having been married before, he did not know what to say. However, he managed to get through it with no little jocularity.

The hon. secretary presented his report for the past year. Generally speaking, he said, there was an absence of such a measure of interest and activity as would be naturally expected from such a large branch; and, except in an isolated case, the quality of the performances was low, as was also the membership. Five meetings had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 45. This, to a certain point, was encouraging, but could be improved upon. After all financial claims had been met there was a balance on the right side, some £3 less than the preceding year. It was regretted that there are a number of subscriptions outstanding, and it is hoped these will soon be forthcoming.

After the adoption of the report, the election of officers was proceeded with. Mr. J. H. Jackson (Disley) was unanimously re-elected to the chair. The Rev. A. T. Beeston requested to be relieved of the hon. secretaryship, but said he would remain hon. treasurer. Mr. J. P. Fidler (Hazel Grove) was appointed hon. secretary to the branch. All the other officers were re-elected.

After much discussion, it was decided to fix the place and date of the next four meetings, the same to be printed on a card, subject to a confirmation appearing in 'The Ringing World' previous to each meeting.

There was also much discussion regarding the printing of the Guild's annual report.—Mr. E. W. Elwell (hon. secretary to the Guild) being present at this meeting, summarised the feelings of the committee on this matter, and also stated that, where a tower was in union with the Guild, the Parochial Church Council of that church was to be asked to give an affiliation fee to the Guild. This was a practical suggestion, and one which it is hoped church councillors would support. It is understood that the scheme has the approval of the Lord Bishop of Chester, and he has promised, through the medium of the 'Diocesan Gazette,' to make mention of the importance of the Guild having a sound financial footing.

Following the election of four new members, the usual votes of thanks concluded the meeting, and further ringing took place.

A MEMORIAL PEAL BOARD.

In the fine old Church of Frampton, Lincs, a board was dedicated on Saturday week recording a peal of Bob Minor rung on June 23rd, 1923, with the bells half-muffled, after the funeral of Mr. H. Taylor, who had been a ringer for 20 years, and had been conductor in the tower for ten years. The board, of English oak, with gold lettering, was the gift of the late Mr. Taylor's two sisters, and was dedicated by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. MacClelland).

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The Grappenhall Branch meeting of the Chester Guild, which was to be held at Runcorn on Saturday, March 8th, has been cancelled.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., Frodsham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Late the St. James' Society.)—Meetings for March, 1924: St. Clement Danes, Mondays, 17th and 31st, 7.30 p.m. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 10th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, March 20th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, 11th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, 13th; and *St. Paul's Cathedral, 25th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—A General meeting of the Guild will be held at Diss on Saturday afternoon, March 8th. By kind permission of the Rectors of Diss and Palgrave, the bells of both parishes will be available. Tea at the King's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock, followed by the General Business meeting.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30. Meeting to follow. The ten bells at St. Mary's Church will be open for ringing from 7.30 until 9 p.m. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1924 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church 4.30, which will be conducted by the President, the Rev. Canon Phelps, R.D.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Padiham on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mark's, Gladwick, Oldham, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Broughton, on Saturday, March 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Ulverston, on March 8th, at 5 p.m. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bootle on March 8th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, Sec., 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A Monthly meeting will be held at Ugglescote on Saturday, March 8th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Meeting 5 o'clock. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

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

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 15th. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. Shall be glad to know at the earliest those requiring tea.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Almondsbury on Saturday, March 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock, service 4.30, tea to follow. Please notify by March 10th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on March 15th. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., meeting after. All ringers will be welcome.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) available at 3, tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — Members and others are reminded of the re-opening after restoration of the bells at Bulkington on Saturday, March 15th, at 3.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly send word to Mr. Ashley, jun., builder, etc., Bulkington, not later than Wednesday, March 12th?—A. Wilkerson, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Carisbrooke (8) on Saturday, March 15th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please inform me by the 12th inst.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 22nd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5, followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, March 18th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—A General meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Beverley on Easter Monday, April 21st. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The Annual General meeting will be at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 21st. Nominations for President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary for ensuing year, and for four representatives on Central Council for next three years should reach me one month before the above date.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

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HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Monday, Feb. 11th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: H. Blee 1, J. G. Nash 2, H. E. Day 3, T. Langdon 4, M. Fenson 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

WORCESTER. — On Monday, Feb. 18th, at the Church of St. Helen, 1,184 Bristol Surprise Major: W. Niblett 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies (conductor) 7, C. Camm 8.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKS. — On January 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with tenor covering: Miss Doris Maison 1, A. Ruston 2, H. Gibson 3, W. Barker 4, F. Davison 5, J. R. Barton (conductor) 6, T. Cole 7. 1st 720 in the method by ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th and tenor, and 1st in the method by the local band. Also for evening service on Sunday, January 27th, 720 Kent, with treble leading and tenor covering: J. R. Fryers 1, H. Ferguson 2, A. Ruston 3, H. Gibson 4, W. Barber 5, F. Davison 6, J. R. Barton (conductor) 7, T. Cole 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Cole, and also to Mr. and Mrs. J. Fryers on the 27th anniversary of their wedding day.



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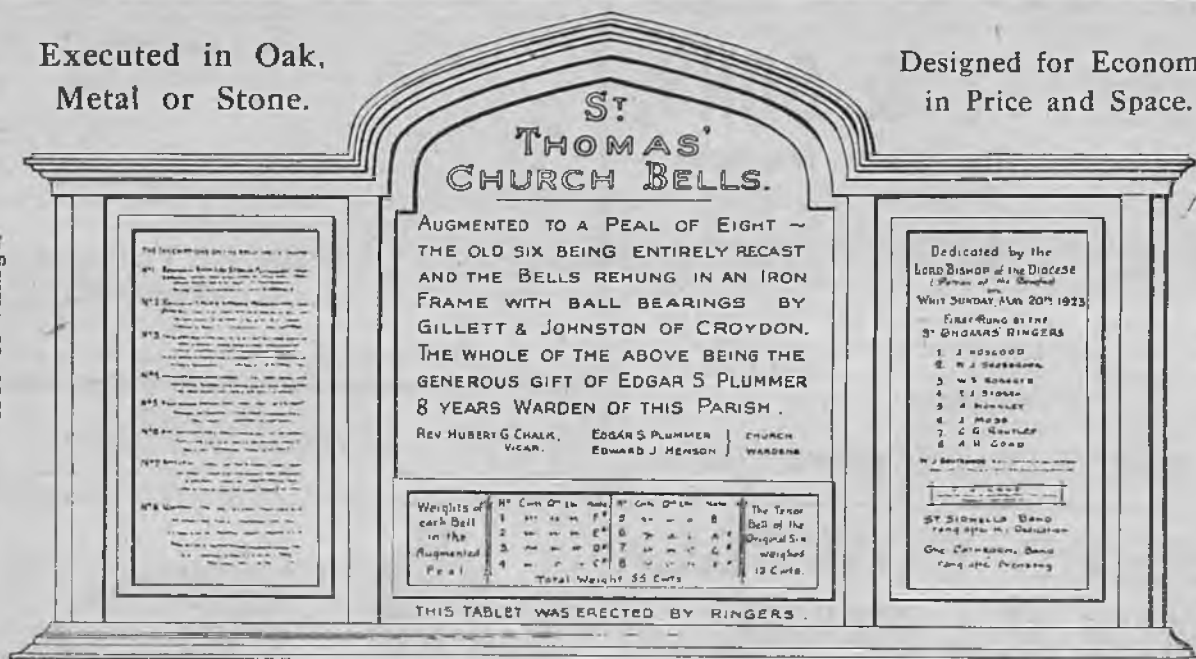
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NAMES THAT MUST BE CHANGED.

A move from outside the Central Council is being made in regard to the absurd nomenclature now employed in some sections of the Minor methods. The company at St. John the Baptist's Church, Leytonstone, one of the most accomplished six-bell bands in the country, has passed a resolution, which we publish on another page, urging Minor ringers to get this matter brought up and dealt with at the next Council meeting by bringing pressure to bear upon the representatives of their respective Associations. Our views upon the ridiculous names given by the Council's Committee to certain of the methods in the Collection are well known to, and are, we believe, very widely shared by our readers. The Committee's report, when it came before the meeting last year, was challenged upon the question whether the Committee had any authority to change existing names, and when the threat was made that the Committee would resign unless their report was adopted, the opposition subsided, and the portion of the report under which horticultural names were incorporated into a mathematical science, was accepted almost without protest.

The point is sometimes overlooked that a Committee's decisions are always subservient to the will of the Council, but with a pistol held at its head the Council at Salisbury, in effect, reversed the positions. Into the renaming of some of the old methods, which is really a matter of technical and historical detail, there is no need for us here to enter. But the giving of titles to hitherto unnamed methods involved only the exercise of common sense.

Efforts in these days should be directed to elevating the art, not only in our own eyes, but in the opinion of the public. We pride ourselves on the improvement in the status of ringers and ringing, and we ought at all costs to avoid anything that is likely to make us ludicrous in the eyes of intelligent men. Sooner or later the Council will have to eliminate the absurd names which now burden the art, and the sooner the better. The action of the Leytonstone ringers is a step towards bringing the question to a head, if only other six-bell companies will give the resolution their support. There is yet time to ensure that the subject is reopened at Whitsun by a notice placed on the Council agenda calling for a revision of the names, and in the interests of the Exercise we hope that floral nomenclature, and some of the other grotesque titles, will thereafter be a thing of the past. Although it is to Minor methods that these names have been given, it is by no means a question affecting six-bell ringers only. It is a matter of principle affecting the whole Exercise, but it

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must be borne in mind that nothing can be done at the next Council meeting unless proper notice is given, and we hope the Leytonstone Company, who are the first to move in the matter, will ensure that a properly framed resolution is placed upon the agenda for the London meeting.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE, CITY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt. in B.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
FRANCIS E. DAWE 2	*COL.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 8
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	GEORGE A. CARD 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 10
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 6	*HENRY C. TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*JOHN GEORGE Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6
†ARTHUR PAYNE 2	JAMES E. SCOTT 7
*ERNEST GOSDEN 3	†ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 8
JOSEPH W. PARKER 4	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 9
WILLIAM H. BARBER 5	†ALBERT M. HALL Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Conducted by W. H. BARBER.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on ten bells. Great credit is due to the ringers of the treble and third (aged 15 and 14 respectively), as it was their first attempt to ring Stedman Caters. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Holmes) for granting permission to ring through a service.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF LEICESTER SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 6
HERBERT W. NEEDHAM ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	DET.-SGT. H. G. JENNEY 8
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal in the method, and first attempt.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5187 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	FRED HOPPER 7
*HARRY BAXTER 3	GEORGE BASFORD 8
FRED WILFORD 4	FRED W. SAWFOOT 9
THOMAS LAW 5	TOM TREBUTT Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by W. ROGERS.

* First peal on ten bells. This peal is in the inverted titturns throughout. Rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the 9th. Ringers of 1st, 4th, 7th and tenor hail from Northampton; 2nd from Barton Scaggrave; 3rd from Broughton; 5th from Weston Favel; 8th from Finedon; 6th and 9th are local men.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, February 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE HARRIS Treble	EDWIN J. STRINGER 3
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	CHARLES WATMAN 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the Rev. Maternus Spitz, on his silver 'jubilee,' he having been ordained in the above church February 25th, 1899.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' COMPOSITION.

*FRANCIS T. WAITE Treble	EDWARD EVANS 5
GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
GEORGE CONDLICK 3	*JOSEPH A. WAITE 7
*ARTHUR G. WAITE 4	ARTHUR SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. G. Condlack's 50th peal of Stedman.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
HARRY HOLDEN 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE 3	ROBERT MATHEWS 7
JOHN BASS 4	WALTER MASTERS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. PERKINS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to Mr. Alfred E. Whatmore, who was interred at this church, February 26th. He was for 43 years a local ringer, and a member of the association from its formation.

ERITH, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM A. BATTEN Treble	ERNEST J. KING 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 6
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
GEORGE A. CARD 4	WILLIAM E. J. HEWSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WILTON ROAD, FIMLICO.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. PASMORE Treble	PERCY E. CLARK 5
ALFRED B. PECK 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD 6
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
HENRY R. NEWTON 4	ARTHUR H. GAMBLE Tenor

Conducted by H. R. NEWTON.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST W. NOY Treble	ALFRED G. HILL 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
CLER. SGT. JAMES BENNETT 4	GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

EDGAR H. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

PERRY BARR.

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

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ALBERT E. NORMAN Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
GEORGE MITCHISON 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TRESLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WALTER BARRETT 5
WALTER MOBES 2	ERNEST LINCOLN 6
CHARLES CUTTING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES CLARKE 4	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BLAKENHALL, WOLVERHAMPTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	EDGAR MARLOW 5
JOHN BASS 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Conducted by S. GROVE.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt.

RICHARD E. WILSON Treble	ALBERT H. SAYER 5
GEORGE WILLSHIRE 2	ALBERT E. JARMAN 6
BEN REDD 3	WILLIAM J. JARMAN 7
FRED HILTON 4	JOHN JARMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLSHIRE.

Messrs. Jarman hail from St. Lawrence, and Fred Hilton from Broadstairs.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6496 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY TAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM BROADLEY 5
*JOHN W. DOWSON 2	REV. ALBERT SIMPSON 6
ALFRED E. BACON 3	WALTER N. ASHBY 7
THOMAS METCALFE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal in any method, and first attempt for a peal. This composition, now rung for the first time, is the shortest yet composed, containing the sixty course ends.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
At Christ Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
GILBERT H. HARDING 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
CHARLES J. GARDINER 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. J. Hector, for whom it was the first peal in the method with a bob bell.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM F. U. JOHNSON... Treble	ERNEST J. WHITFIELD ... 5
*FREDERICK H. GREEN ... 2	FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... 6
EDWARD T. F. HENDLEY... 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 7
*MISS GERTRUDE D. BROWN 4	*ERNEST F. BRADFORD ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. CHEATER.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band, the bells dating from 1763. The ringer of the treble was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. & qr. 26 lb. in G.

D. C. WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O. Treble	FREDERICK H. ROGERS ... 5
REGINALD BROWN 2	OWEN H. GILES 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Miss Doris Tucker, daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FRANK REYNOLDS Treble	GEORGE POWNALL 5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
EDWARD JENKINS 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by W. WILSON. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on this most musical ring. Composition No. 223, C.C.C., Section III.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.—On Saturday, Feb. 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), in 56 mins.: G. Winsor 1, T. Beaumont 2, J. Haigh 3, R. Paine 4, C. Norris 5, F. Belsey 6, W. Easter 7, W. Haigh (conductor) 8, W. J. Walker 9, A. Haylor 10.

CHUDLEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(St. Sidwell's Branch, Exeter.)
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	EDMUND SARGENT 5
WILLIAM HOWE 2	JAMES MOSS... .. 6
ALFRED MONKLEY 3	GEORGE BETTS 7
THOMAS BARTLETT 4	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells; great credit is due to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on the restoration of this ring; the 'go' is excellent.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM MOOREY Treble	CHARLES CHILDS 5
*JOHN A. COLES... .. 2	CHARLES BISH 6
WILLIAM HOOKER 3	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
VICTOR H. SMITH 4	WILLIAM G. MILLS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN.

* First peal. Rung by an entirely local company. This peal was a birthday compliment to Mr. Clissold, who has been a regular Sunday Service ringer at the above church for 46 years.

SEVENOAKS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*FRED. G. LAMBERT, SEN. Treble	HERBERT F. MARKWELL ... 5
*BERNARD COLLISON 2	FREDERICK WHITE 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
WILLIAM LATIER 4	KEITH HART... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First in the method. Relieved to be the first in the method on the bells. It was intended to ring Superlative, but owing to the sudden indisposition of Mr. William Collison his place was taken by his son, and the method was altered to Double Norwich.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES GOLDRING Treble	HORACE TOLETT... .. 4
MAJOR HUGHES D'AETH... 2	CHARLES STREET 5
*GEORGE BRADEN 3	EDMUND LINDUP... .. Tenor

Conducted by E. LINDUP.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a complimentary peal to Major Hughes D'Aeth.
BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED W. RANDELL Treble	HARRY BAXTER 3
MISS MAUDE CLARKE 2	MATTHIAS HOBBS 4
ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

This peal was rung as a compliment to the conductor, whose birthday was on February 29th.

LAUNTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 5 lb.

* RICHARD CASTLE Treble	FREDERICK SHARPE 4
HARRY TOLLEY 2	† LEONARD TUFFREY 5
† JACK JUDGE 3	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First of Minor as conductor.

LIMPSFIELD CHART, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

On Monday, March 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* JAMES KNIGHT Treble	† THOMAS FIRMAGER 4
CHARLES W. CLINCH 2	EDWARD E. TIDY 5
PERCIVAL C. TIDY 3	LEONARD A. TIDY Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD A. TIDY.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Hylton H. F. Tidy, a member of the local band.

WOOTTON COURTENAY.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM MIDDLETON Treble	SAMUEL BAKER 4
NORMAN BALL 2	WALTER CONIBERE 5
THOMAS COURT, JUN. 3	ALFRED COURT Tenor

Conducted by WALTER CONIBERE.

First peal by all the band, who are all members of the tower.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called ten different ways.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALEC MUNDAY Treble	GERALD F. GRIFFIN 4
RONALD BECK 2	* THOMAS SNELL 5
* REGINALD BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by RONALD BECK.

* First peal.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS Treble	* SAMUEL ROYLE 4
† GEORGE VERNON 2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT 5
* HARRY PARKER 3	ALBERT BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by J. H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor. The ringers of 3rd, 4th and tenor hail from Davenham, treble from Warrington; 2nd and 5th belong to the local band.

WITHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven complete 720's each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM S. BUTLER Treble	ERNEST BRIGHT 4
WILLIAM KEEBLE 2	ANDREW EVERS 5
WILLIAM BUTLER 3	HENRY DORKING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First Surprise peal on the bells, and by all except ringers of 2nd and 4th. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Bright.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Royal Grammar School,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18 in G.

† RAYMOND PHILPOTT 1-2	* GEORGE W. STEERE 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	† JOHN FOSTER 7-8
† WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 9-10	

Composed by E. FRANCIS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. MELVILLE AND MRS. PULLING.

† First peal on 10. * First peal of Royal away from the tenors. † First peal on 10 in hand, and first of Royal. First peal of Royal by the above society. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. H. Dobbie, of Teddington, an old member of the Holy Trinity Society.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

At the Residence of Major J. H. B. HESSE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor, size 18 in G.

WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 1-2	RAYMOND PHILPOTT 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7-8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire: T. MACK.

Witness: R. HAYES.

A previous attempt in the afternoon was lost, after one hour. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Jessie Melville.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	* LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5-6
WILLIAM KEEBLE 3-4	† GEORGE WIFFEN 7-8

Composed by FREDERICK PISTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal away from 1-2. † First peal on handbells.

BRIERLEY HILL RINGER'S DEATH.

The band at Brierley Hill, Staffs, have lost a devoted member and valued colleague by the death of Mr. Alfred Whatmore, which occurred at his home on the 20th ult., after an illness of about a week at the age of 73 years. The deceased was a native of Brierley Hill. He had been in business as a fruiterer, etc., in High Street for many years. In his early life he became a chorister at the Parish Church, where he served two years under the late Rev. Franklin some 60 years ago. From that time he had been connected with the church as a chorister and bell ringer until his death. He was elected on the first committee of the Worcestershire and Adjoining Districts' Association, by which body he was held in high esteem. Deceased was not a keen peal ringer, having rung only nine in all, but he did a great deal of valuable work in training young ringers. The funeral took place on Tuesday week at the Parish Church, Rev. H. W. Jones, R.D. (Rector), officiating. The Rev. T. N. Hulme and Canon M. S. Newland, R.D., Vicar of St. Thomas's, Stourbridge, also attended the service, which was choral. The hymn, 'Abide with me,' was sung, the choir chanted the 90th Psalm, the organist, Mr. T. Williams, played the 'Dead March,' and hymn, 'On the resurrection morning,' concluded the service inside the church. The bearers were bell ringers—Messrs. W. Potter, W. Masters, H. Holden, J. Lloyd, W. Shuter, and T. Williams. Two plain courses of Grandsire Doubles were rung at the graveside: E. Perks 1-2, J. Bass 3-4, J. Lloyd 5-6. Beautiful floral tributes were sent, including one from the bell ringers at the Parish Church. After the service (owing to illness near the church), the ringers journeyed to Wellaston Church, and, by kind permission of the Vicar, several touches were rung on the bells (half-muffled), including 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Holden 1, W. Potter 2, T. Williams 3, J. Bass 4, J. Lloyd 5, C. E. Perkins (conductor) 6.—720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. E. Perkins 1, W. Potter 2, J. Bass 3, R. Mathews (conductor) 4, W. Bratherton 5, J. Lloyd 6.—720 London Surprise Minor: W. Bratherton 1, H. Cooper 2, J. Bass 3, W. Cooper 4, R. Mathews 5, J. Lloyd 6.

THE JOHNSON COMMEMORATION DINNER

(Continued from page 154.)

The toast of 'Continued Prosperity to St. Martin's Guild,' which Alderman J. S. Pritchett, the chairman, proposed, was responded to by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, the hon. secretary, who told several stories which put the company into a merry mood. In thanking the members for having drunk his health so heartily in connection with the toast of their ancient Guild, he said it was the fifteenth and not the twelfth time, as their chairman had remarked. It was the only recompense he wanted, and when one saw a room full of happy people such as that, what other recompense could he want? The most excellent relations existed throughout the Guild, and at St. Martin's they were particularly happy. Their Rector was deeply sorry he could not be with them that night. He would not have missed that gathering for worlds could he have helped it, but he was unfortunately in bed with influenza. He had written a letter in which he said that he considered that dinner to be one of the most important gatherings of Churchmen held in Birmingham. That was rather a nice compliment to pay them. They had both churchwardens with them that night. They were both very grey, but none of it whatever was due to worry with the ringers (laughter). The Guild was the only organisation connected with the churches in Birmingham, that never had to go to the churchwardens to ask for funds to carry on. They subscribed to their own funds, and carried on their own work entirely independent of offertories and subscriptions from outside; indeed, they subscribed to other funds for which appeals were made (hear, hear). He was not saying this to blow their own trumpet, but it was useful, with clergy in the room, that they should know what ringers could do and did do (applause). If the loyalty and enthusiasm of the members of the Guild continued in the future as in the past they would be able to hand on the traditions of the Guild not only in as good a condition as they were handed to them, but even better. He would like to think that years hence their successors would look back to these days and thank them for carrying on (applause).

Rising again, Mr. Paddon Smith submitted the toast of 'The Visitors' in a happy speech of welcome, and this was responded to by Mr. Percy Johnson, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association. He felt, he said, that one was doing honour, not merely to the great names that had been associated with Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, but doing honour to one's own society by coming there to pay one's tribute to men who had been second to none in the whole history of change ringing. On behalf of the visitors, and of his own society in particular, he offered the sincerest fraternal greetings to the Guild. Long might it flourish. He also hoped that those whose names one became so familiar with, who were members of St. Martin's Guild, might long enjoy their prowess and add lustre to the traditions that had been passed down to them by bygone generations of ringers. It was a great pleasure to the visitors to be able to add their little tribute to the honour of the men who had gone before, and he hoped they might be able to come for many years to enjoy the company they were so pleased to meet at that gathering (applause).

Mr. Albert Walker proposed the toast of 'The Ringing World.' He recalled the previous papers that had dealt with ringing matters, including 'Bell's Life,' 'Church Bells,' 'Bell News,' 'Campanology,' and 'The Bell Ringer,' all of which were now extinct. Ringers, he said, ought to be very grateful that they still had a paper published in their interests. They had to depend on 'The Ringing World' for all their news, and they only had to imagine what it would be like without a paper devoted to ringing to realise the value which 'The Ringing World' was to the Exercise. When other papers dealt with ringing news it was generally inaccurate or misleading, and ringers would be 'lost' without a paper of their own. He, therefore, appealed to all ringers to do all they could to support 'The Ringing World,' and to extend its circulation by getting more subscribers. He congratulated the Editor upon the way he conducted the paper, and coupled his name with the toast.

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, who responded, referred to the increasing notice which bells and ringing were now receiving in the daily and county press of the country, and remarked that this notice might have a great influence on the general public. It was, therefore, necessary that the Press should be educated on the right lines, from the ringers' point of view, and there seemed to be scope for much good work in this direction by the Central Council.

Councillor Clutterbuck proposed 'The Health of the Chairman,' and alluded to the fine work which Alderman Pritchett was doing on the City Council of Birmingham, as well as in many other capacities.

Alderman Pritchett, in responding, said he only occupied that position on account of the absence of the Rector, who they all hoped would have a speedy recovery. Continuing, the Chairman said he could not expect to be present at that gathering many more times, but as long as he was able he should come (applause). There was no gathering in the whole year—and he attended a good many—where he felt more thoroughly happy than he did at the annual

Henry Johnson Dinner (applause). It was extremely pleasant to see his old friends round him, and he trusted they would meet on many similar occasions. He wished them all happiness and prosperity in 1924 (applause).

This concluded the speech-making, and the proceedings concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

The musical programme was mainly sustained by the St. Martin's Quartette (Messrs. Hale, Chapman, Bayliss and Gorman), who were most heartily thanked for their gratuitous services by the chairman. Their concerted pieces were 'Here's life and health to England's King,' 'All things love thee,' and 'There's music in the air,' and the admirable way in which these pieces were sung, coupled with the fine blending of the voices, provided a great treat. Members of the quartette also contributed individual items. Mr. Leonard Chapman sang 'Nirvana,' Mr. William Hale 'The Open Road,' and Mr. William Gorman 'The Admiral's Broom,' all of which were greatly appreciated. In addition, Mr. Albert Cockpock, of Nottingham, gave a splendid rendering of the baritone solo, 'Maire, my girl,' for which he was warmly applauded. Mr. E. J. Woodhall was the accompanist. Tunes on handbells were rung by parties of the St. Martin's Guild, and the enjoyable evening passed all too quickly.

A number of visitors stayed over the week-end in Birmingham, and rang at St. Martin's, the Cathedral, Bishop Ryder's and St. Chad's, on Sunday.

On Tuesday, at St. Martin's, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, specially arranged for the Rev. F. L. Edwards, was rung by H. Spencer 1, A. E. Norman 2, T. Russam 3, Rev. F. L. Edwards 4, P. O. Laffin 5, M. J. Morris 6, G. Walker 7, J. Pemberton 8, A. P. Smith 9, G. F. Yendall 10, A. Walker (conductor) 11, J. Neal 12.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT AT PONTEFRAC.

The annual meeting of the Eastern District was held at Pontefract on Saturday, March 1st, but was only poorly attended, the wintry conditions which prevailed keeping many members away. The peal of eight at All Saints' Church was made good use of during the afternoon, by kind consent of the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Shipley, M.A.), while the fine peal of ten at the Parish Church of St. Giles was available for an hour after tea, by courtesy of the Vicar of Pontefract (the Rev. J. Young, M.A.).

A shortened form of evensong was held in All Saints' Church, the sermon being preached by the Rev. A. G. Shipley, who took his text from Acts i. 25, 'That ye may take part in this ministry.' The reverend gentleman said the office of a ringer was a high one, and a necessary one, and their lives should correspond to the nobility of the bells. The bells of his parish would always be at the service of the association, and he was glad to see the ringers come that afternoon to renew friendships and spend a happy time. He enlisted the sympathy of ringers with that parish, which had recently been under great trial. There was, however, hope for a brighter future.

Tea was afterwards provided by a local ringer, Mr. Bernard Moody, at his cafe, and some 24 members sat down, representing Bailsworth, Kingston-on-Hull, Selby, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Tadcaster, Thorne, Wortley, York, and the local towers.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar of Pontefract being in the chair. Letters of apology for absence were received from Mr. A. E. West (vice-president) and Mr. H. Fairlam (Ringing Master), also a fraternal message from Mr. C. D. Porter, hon. secretary of the Barnsley and District Society.

A kind invitation was received from Sherburn-in-Elmet, to hold the next quarterly meeting there in June, and this was gratefully accepted.

The retiring officials, Mr. A. E. West (Sutton-on-Hull), vice-president, and the three committeemen, Messrs. G. T. Miller (Hull), W. Gibson (Beverley) and J. Drake (Goole) were unanimously re-elected.

Six new members were made from All Saints', Pontefract, Messrs. P. Dyson, G. Dyson, W. Tate, R. Ponsoby, V. Applegate, and R. Atkinson.

Votes of thanks to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar of All Saints' for his excellent address at the service, was responded to by the Vicar of Pontefract, who is also a ringer and a member of the association. He said the vote was superfluous, as they were only too glad to have ringers, and considered it a duty to help the association in every possible way.—The local company was also thanked for their excellent arrangements, Mr. A. Walker, senior, replying on their behalf.

This concluded the business, and members adjourned to the two towers for further ringing, thus bringing to a close another delightful and happy meeting.

TAUNTON.—At St. George's (Wilton), on March 3rd, 720 York Surprise Minor: W. Coles 1, A. Wyatt 2, A. W. Hayward 3, G. Coles 4, P. Merson 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all. Rung as a compliment, on her 11th birthday, to the daughter of J. Hunt.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

An instructive and enjoyable district meeting was held on Saturday, March 1st, at Fulbeck. It had been arranged to take place at Leadenham, but unfortunately the bells were not available owing to illness near the church. Ringers were present from Lincoln, Branston, Leadenham, and the local company. During the afternoon and evening, touches in the following methods were rung: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman Doubles, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Upon arriving for tea, a pleasant surprise awaited the visitors, for several members from Great Hale and Heckington, who were having a tour, had found the tearoom, and were busy attending to 'the inner man.'

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. G. Chester, of Lincoln. Three new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting, to be held at Ruskington, on June 21st.

The usual vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, to the local ringers for the necessary arrangements, and to the caterers for providing tea, was passed.

Further ringing then took place, and brought to a close another enjoyable meeting.

GRAMOPHONE BELL RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to a recent query, I beg to say that a record of the plain course of Bob Minor on the bells at Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancashire, was taken on a wax barrel about 1900.

To ascertain if the full plain course could be taken on one record we first timed the machine whilst it travelled across the barrel, then rang a plain course, taking the exact time occupied, after which it was found that the above was possible.

Two impressions were taken, the first in the bell chamber, which did not prove a success, owing, I believe, to the noise being too great. The second impression was taken the same night, and the machine placed in the clock chamber about twelve feet below the bells. This impression proved a success, and the record was used several times at concerts given at the Church School and other places locally.

The gramophone was owned by Mr. Robert Sharples, one time a ringer at the above-mentioned church.

I do not know what became of the gramophone or record, as Mr. Sharples sold the gramophone shortly afterwards.—Faithfully yours,
JOHN BENTLEY.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting was held on Saturday, March 1st, at Winlaton. Owing to a funeral no ringing was indulged in until 3.30, after which hour the bells were kept going in various methods until tea was served at the Crown and Cannon Hotel at 5 o'clock, when 19 sat down.

A committee meeting had previously been held, presided over by the president (Mr. C. Todd). There was very little business to dispose of.

Mr. Hall brought forward a scheme for 'roping in' more honorary members, and so help the funds of the association. After discussion and a few alterations, it was decided to go on with the scheme. A circular is to be printed, and sent out to likely 'victims.'

At the business meeting five new members from Heighington, seven from Whickham, and one from St. Ignatius, Sunderland, who was elected in the belfry previous to starting for a peal, came up for confirmation, and four new honorary members were also elected (17 in all).

The association is glad to welcome the Winlaton band back to the fold.

A course of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major on handbells brought a very successful meeting to a close. An adjournment was then made to the tower for more ringing.

The towers of Newcastle Cathedral; St. John's and St. George's, Gosforth; Gateshead, St. Ignatius, Sunderland; Winlaton, Tanfield and Whitley Bay were represented.
E. F.

DEATH OF MRS. MARKHAM.

Many of the old friends of the late Sir Arthur Heywood will regret to hear of the death of his eldest daughter, Mrs. Markham, which occurred at Manchester on February 25th, after a short illness.

The funeral took place at Denstone, Staffordshire, on Feb. 29th.

Mrs. Markham (better known to ringers as Miss Muriel Heywood) was for many years a member of the Midland Counties Association. Thirty years ago she was an accomplished handbell ringer, and used to take part in ringing touches of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, along with her father and two younger sisters.

This is the second death among the late Sir Arthur's children, his youngest son, Capt. Arthur Percival Heywood, after being severely wounded, died in France, Sept. 28th, 1918.
H. W. W.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'The Ringing World' completed thirteen years of publication with our last issue.

A new Surprise Royal method was rung on Saturday at St. Martin's, Leicester, and has been named by the ringers after their own city. The figures appear on another page.

The first peal at St. Martin-in-the-Fields was rung on March 14th, 1727, by the London Scholars. This was a peal of 6,006 Grandsire Cinques. On the following day the College Youths had access to the bells, and rang a yet longer peal, viz., 6,314 Grandsire Cinques.

At Christ Church, Bristol, a 10,133 Grandsire Caters was rung in 5 hrs. 54 mins., on March 14th, 1837.

Thirty years ago to-morrow a peal of 6,720 Bob Major was brought round on handbells at Norwich.

On March 16th, 1778, a 6,240 Treble Bob Maximus was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.

On the same day, in 1767, 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Debenham in 6 hrs. 1 min.

The first peal of Violet Treble Bob Major was accomplished at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on March 16th, 1865.

A peal of Duffield Maximus was rung for the first time on March 17th, 1891, at St. Martin's, Birmingham.

Before starting for the peal at Bow Church, Cheapside, on Saturday last, a nice Gothic tablet was erected in the ringing chamber, the gift of Mr. Frank Dawe, recording the peal of Stedman Cinques accomplished on December 8th last.

At the finish of the peal there last Saturday, the rope of the 9th became 'unmended' whilst the bell was being lowered. Truly a close shave.

The ring of six at Much Dewchurch, Hereford, is being rehung in new fittings and ball bearings by Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, who is also adding a treble bell at Wellington, Hereford.

Ringers seeking employment in the building or motor trades should communicate with Mr. A. Trippier, The Glen, Eccles, Manchester.

THE NOMENCLATURE OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am directed to inform you of the following resolution, which was passed at the annual general meeting of the St. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone, on the 3rd March, 1924:—

That members of this association feel that steps should be taken by six-bell bands, to enforce a decision regarding the Nomenclature of Legitimate Minor Methods, at the coming meeting of the Central Council, and that the secretaries of those associations to which its members belong, be asked to place before their next meetings the following, viz.: To the effect that steps be taken by the C.C. representatives of such associations to do all in their power to enforce a sensible decision in this matter, and strongly to oppose the shelving of the question for another year. Also that the Editor of 'The Ringing World' be asked to publish this resolution, in the hope of co-operative action by other six-bell companies who may be interested.

Yours faithfully,

GEO. DAWSON,
Hon. Secretary.

DEVON GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held on Saturday, March 1st, at Alphington. An enjoyable service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rev. B. C. Bennett (Rector), who prior to the service gave an interesting outline of the many historical parts of the church. The tea and meeting were subsequently held in the Institute. Among those present were Mr. E. Shepherd (chairman of the branch), Mr. W. J. Southwood (hon. secretary and treasurer), Mr. J. C. Oke (assistant secretary), the Rev. E. V. Cox, the Rector, and 66 members, representing the following bands: St. Sidwell's, St. David's, Heavitree, Thorverton, Topsham, Newton St. Cyres, Littleham, Withycombe Raleigh, Sowton, Christow, Alphington, and Kenn. Sympathetic reference was made to the death of the Rev. F. Jones (Rector of St. Sidwell's).

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Christow on Saturday, September 20th. Eight new members were elected, including one honorary member. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, the verger, and the ladies for presiding at the tea tables. Courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on the handbells by Messrs. W. Drake, F. J. Davey, E. Shepherd, and G. Betts.

After the meeting a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the bells at St. Thomas's: W. J. Southwood 1. E. Shepherd 2. W. Drake 3. J. C. Oke 4. A. Monkley 5. E. Sargent 6. W. Richardson 7. J. Harris 8.

THE LATE MR. WILLIAM NEWELL.

CLOSE OF A LONG RINGING CAREER.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Mr. William Newell, of Reading, 'father' of the Reading ringers, passed away on Thursday, February 28th.

Mr. Newell was born in the little village of Brightwell, and came from the home of his father, a blacksmith, to seek fortune in Reading when still a boy. He was engaged by a former well-known licensed victualler, the late Mr. Henry Russell, of Broad Street, and after a few years he became confidential clerk to Mr. Gosling, of the Britannia Brewery, on Caversham Road. Later he went to the Mitre, West Street, where, for a quarter of a century, he prospered as brewer and licensee, retiring into private life about 27 years ago.

It was as a musician, vocalist, and campanologist that he found his wider sphere. He was a 'puller and hauler' of bells as a boy in his native village, and so far as the Reading district is concerned, it may be said that pulling and hauling comprised the whole of the local campanological exercise before Mr. Newell assisted to impart the intricacies of the art to the ringers. With the aid of such experts from Oxford as the late Charles Hounslow he introduced ringing on a higher plane, and from that time—about 1868—Mr. Newell worked as an enthusiastic teacher of campanology until a few months ago.

As an amateur musician Mr. Newell was also extremely competent and popular. He joined the old 'Reading Saxhorn Band,' which played in the Forbury during the middle years of the last century. Gifted with a pleasant tenor voice, he joined the choir of St. Mary's, Castle Street, Reading, being a chorister for 45 years. Latterly he had attended Greyfriars' Church.

Being appointed to the captaincy of St. Mary's belfry, Mr. Newell held the post for a number of years, retiring in 1870. He then organised, in imitation of the once famous 'Poland Street Hand Bell Ringers,' known throughout Europe, a band of vocalists and campanologists who enjoyed considerable popularity in Reading and the district around. They took the title of 'The Royal Berks Handbell Ringers.' Some years later he was offered the post of towerwarden of St. Laurence's, and being unable to resist the fascination of that rich peal of ten, he reverted to his first love, and remained there as conductor and teacher for 44 years.

Unfortunately there is no record of the peals which Mr. Newell rang, but he had scored a considerable number. As a lad he took part in muffled ringing for the death of the great Duke of Wellington.

A widow and a son, the Rev. E. Newell, Baptist pastor of St. Austell, Cornwall, are left to mourn their loss. An elder son, Mr. Will Newell, junr., died twenty years ago while engaged in mission work in Peru.

There was a large congregation at Greyfriars' Church, Reading, on Monday afternoon of last week, when the funeral took place. Many local ringers attended, and the three clergymen who officiated, were Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne), President of the Central Council; the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.C. (Caversham), Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild; and the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis (Caversham), formerly hon. secretary and treasurer of the Oxford Guild. There were many beautiful wreaths, including a magnificent floral bell, which lay upon the coffin in the church—a token of love from the family. The hymn, 'The sands of time are sinking fast' was sung, Mr. S. E. Marsh at the organ playing 'O rest in the Lord' at the close. The interment was at the cemetery.

The chief mourners were Mrs. W. Newell (widow), the Rev. Ernest J. S. Newell (son), Mrs. W. H. Newell (daughter-in-law), Miss Grace H. Newell, Miss Ruth Newell (grand-daughters), Mrs. Poore (sister), Mrs. G. Bullock (sisters-in-law), Goring, Mrs. Ernest Bullock, Mr. S. Bullock, Mrs. H. Smallbone, Goring, Mrs. Hewett, Mr. George Hamblin (brother-in-law), Plumstead, Mrs. Taylor (niece), Wallington, Mrs. Pearson (niece), Herne Hill, Miss Winter (Streatham), Mr. and Mrs. W. Butler (Wallingford), Mr. W. Phillips (Brockham), Mrs. Napper (Didcot), and Mrs. Slyfield (Bracknell). Among the many wreaths were tributes from St. Laurence ringers, and the Reading Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

At the conclusion of the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by four of the deceased's old ringing friends, Messrs. H. Egby, F. W. Hopgood, R. T. Hight and J. R. Mackman, and in the evening St. Laurence's bells were rung to muffled touches.

Mr. Newell had a number of interesting experiences during his long campanological career, some of which furnished the material for many a good story. Here is one: One Sunday night, many years ago, the parish clerk of St. Laurence's, Mr. George Foxell, found a black bag in a cupboard under the tower. Handled, it rattled mysteriously. At this time there was fear of dynamite plots. The parish clerk suspected the bag of harbouring an infernal machine, and told the Vicar, then the Rev. J. M. Guilding. Neither dared touch it, so called in a policeman. He refused to take risks and held solemn council with a colleague. They favoured leaving the bag where it had been found. 'Don't do that!' begged the

Vicar, 'it may blow up the church.' Eventually they picked it up with a broom handle and gingerly bore the rattling thing to the police office. The officer-in-charge would not have it opened indoors, so it was removed to the yard. With a long iron bar the bag was forced open, and lo! out rolled a jangling set of handbells. They were Mr. Newell's.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June 10th (Whit Tuesday) next, at Westminster. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 28th.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, together with the names and addresses of representatives, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WALTHAMSTOW.

A meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, and although the attendance was not up to the usual average in point of numbers, the quality of the ringing in no way suffered; some excellent touches in methods ranging from Grandsire Triples to London and Bristol Surprise Major being rung.

It was intended to hold a service at 5 p.m., but the Vicar asked to be excused owing to extreme pressure of work. He, however, found a few spare minutes during tea-time to give the ringers present a welcome to Walthamstow. After a very nice tea had been disposed of, a short business meeting was held, at which ten new members were elected.

It was announced that the annual general meeting of the association was to be held at Fulham on Saturday, April 26th, whilst St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, was chosen for the next meeting of the district on the second or third Saturday in May.

The hearty thanks of the members were given to the Rev. G. H. Siddans for the use of the bells; to Mr. Bignell and friends for preparing such an excellent tea; and to Mr. H. A. Edwards for arrangements made.

Afterwards some good touches of Stedman Caters, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Royal were rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on a now famous peal of bells, which are a credit to the towerkeeper, 'Jimmy' Adams, who is never happier than when he is looking after their welfare. It has been said that if all towerkeepers were of his kind, bell hangers would go 'broke,' and we can quite believe it.

SURPRISE ROYAL COMPOSITIONS.

TREBLE BOB 14-IN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Whilst I am not fully competent to judge the claims put forward by Mr. Craven and Mr. Lindoff regarding the 14 courses of Surprise Royal, containing the 6th the extent at home, I would like to point out that the reports of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild for the years 1902-3 and 1903-4 contain the figures of three compositions of New Cambridge Surprise Royal containing the qualities mentioned, and which are all stated to have been composed by Mr. Lindoff. All three compositions were rung at the Church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge. I enclose the figures of these peals, with the dates on which they were rung.

One is always glad to notice anything done out of the ordinary, and the three leads of Treble Bob 14 rung on handbells at Birmingham recently undoubtedly deserved all the applause it got. But the chairman was in error in saying that such a performance could not be heard anywhere else in the world. As a matter of fact, a similar touch was rung last year by seven members of the Middlesex Association at 53a. Old Town, Clapham, S.W.—Yours faithfully,

C. T. COLES.

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LEICESTER SURPRISE ROYAL.By **FREDERICK H. DEXTER.**

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Rung at St. Martin's, Leicester, March 8th, 1924, conducted by Harold J. Poole.

DEATH OF MR. J. FAULKNER, NETHERTON.

The death occurred on February 27th, of Mr. Joseph Faulkner, of Netherton, for the past four years leader of the band at St. Andrew's Church, and for many years well known and highly respected throughout the Exercise in the Midlands. The deceased, who was 55 years of age, was a member of the Worcestershire Association and Staffordshire Association. His loss will be greatly felt. Mr. Faulkner was a native of Witney (Oxon), where his mother still lives at the age of 96 years. Deceased leaves a widow and two sons to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place on Sunday week, and a large number of ringers attended to pay their last tribute of respect. At the graveside a course of Grand sire Triples was rung by J. Screen, J. Jaggar, A. Rowley and R. Hall, and afterwards muffled touches were rung on the bells of the Parish Church, where deceased, in addition to being a ringer, was also a sidesman.

LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Aldershot on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing commenced soon after three o'clock, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 4.30, when the service was held. The Rev. W. Drury gave a very interesting address on the Minarets of the East. Tea was served in the Vicarage Room, where the Vicar (the Rev. E. Garth Ireland) welcomed the visitors.

The business meeting was then held, and Miss Wise, of Old Woking, was elected a member, and Worplesdon chosen for the next meeting, in June.

The following towers were represented: Aldershot, Chertsey, Farnham, Guildford, Reading, Sandhurst, Shore and Worplesdon.

REV. H. A. COCKEY'S WIDOW.**DEATH AT BATHEASTON.**

Ringers in the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol, and in Essex, will regret to learn of the death, which took place on Monday week at Batheaston of Mrs. Frances Anne Cockey, widow of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, formerly Vicar of St. Anne's, Oldland, Bristol. Mrs. Cockey was the fourth daughter of the late Canon Henry Nicholson Ellacombe, who for more than 50 years was Vicar of Bitton, Bristol. After her husband's death at Christmas, 1916, she went to reside at Batheaston. Last summer she was taken ill and never fully recovered from a serious operation which followed. Mrs. Cockey leaves three sons and one daughter. The eldest son, Mr. Charles Cockey, is a District Commissioner on the Gold Coast, and arrived home on leave about a month ago. Another son, Mr. Leonard Cockey, is at the Air Force Staff College at Andover, and the two younger children, Miss Freda and Mr. Geoffrey Cockey, lived with their mother.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern Division was held at Baldock on Saturday, Feb. 16th. Ringers were present from Barley, Cambridge, Hatfield, Hitchin, Graveley, Kington, Little Mundesley, Royston, and the Baldock band. A short impressive service in the Chapel was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. W. Alington), who gave an instructive address on 'Inscriptions on bells.'

Tea was followed by the meeting, at which the Rector was heartily voted to the chair.

The Rector was unanimously elected an honorary member, and seven ordinary members were also elected. Knebworth was selected for the summer meeting, to be held in June.

On the proposition of Mr. W. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. J. Cawdell, a hearty vote of thanks was given the Rector for presiding, and further thanks from the secretary for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for presiding at the organ.—The party then returned to the church for further practice.

Baldock possesses a fine 14th century spacious church of flint and Portland stone; it stands on the site of a former church, with a lofty embattled western tower, with spire containing eight musical bells; some of them are ancient. The second and third are dated 1650, the first and fourth 1685, and the fifth 1742, the latter being recast in 1898.

The peal boards contain the names of some eminent ringers, including the Revs. Coleridge, Wigram and Robinson. There is a remarkably fine rood screen dating from 1480, extending across the whole width of the nave and aisles. The chancel and chapels are in the Perpendicular style.

F. R. B.

PRESENTATION AT LLANDAFF CATHEDRAL.

In the belfry at Llandaff Cathedral on February 12th, a presentation was made to Mr. John H. Aldridge (late captain and secretary) of an association certificate, suitably framed and inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. J. H. Aldridge by the members of the Llandaff Cathedral Bell Ringers as a mark of appreciation of his 27 years' service, and to record his appointment of vergier to the Cathedral and his Mastership of the Llandaff and Monmouth Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, 12th January, 1924.'

Mr. Sidney Dawe, in presenting the gift, expressed the gratitude of the ringers to Mr. Aldridge for his valuable services, and said that although his duties entailed his resignation as a member of the band, a cordial invitation to the tower was extended to him whenever he has time at his disposal.

Mr. J. W. Jones (Newport), the association secretary, spoke of the sterling qualities of Mr. Aldridge as a ringer, and said it gave him great pleasure to attend that evening.

Mr. Aldridge, in acknowledging the gift, thanked the ringers for their kindness, and said he would certainly avail himself of the invitation to the tower. His happy associations with the ringers would live in his memory.

The visitors included Mr. Fred Chamberlain and Mr. G. Large, of St. John's, Cardiff. Touches of Bob Royal and Stedman were indulged in, and an enjoyable evening was spent.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. BIG MEETING AT DEVIZES.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Devizes on Saturday, March 1st. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James's were available for ringing during the afternoon and evening. The usual Guild service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. A. H. T. Clarke). A hountiful tea was provided in St. John's Parish Room, to which 74 sat down. The tea was kindly given by the late hon. secretary and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. H. Brownlee-West, as this date, March 1st, was the eve of the 57th anniversary of their wedding day. Among those present at the service and tea were Mr. H. Brownlee-West and Miss West (to the regret of everyone present, Mrs. Brownlee-West was unable to attend, owing to a slight attack of bronchitis), Rev. A. H. T. Clarke, Rev. Canon F. Phipps, Rev. H. C. B. Lethbridge, Rev. R. S. B. Proby (Rector of Hilpertion), Mr. J. J. Slade (churchwarden, St. John's), Mr. H. H. Baker (organist, St. John's), and ringing representatives from Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon (Christ Church and Holy Trinity), Warminster, Bratton, Erlestoke, Market Lavington, Hilpertion, Patney, Rowde, Erchfont, Keevil, Bromham, Holt, Midsomer Norton, Croydon, Devizes (St. John's, St. Mary's and St. James's), Southbroom.

After tea, the Branch Chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) gave the ringers a hearty welcome to Devizes. Mr. Heginbotham briefly spoke of the position the branch held in the Salisbury Guild, and attributed much of this success achieved to the solid groundwork laid by Mr. Brownlee-West during the nine years he was branch secretary.

One new life ringing member and five ringing members were elected, and the next three meetings were fixed as follows: At Steeple Ashton in April; West Lavington in May; and Warminster in June.

The Rev. R. S. B. Proby, of Hilpertion, having made a few interesting remarks, Mr. S. J. Hector, Ringing Master, gave the younger ringers some useful advice.

Mr. Brownlee-West thanked those present for their good wishes for Mrs. Brownlee-West and himself, and assured them all it was a very great pleasure to him to see them again.—The Rector of Devizes made an amusing speech, and the hearty singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a very pleasant meeting to a close.

The ringers then returned to the towers for more ringing. Touches of Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Doubles, Little Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung during the afternoon and evening.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH AND ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Stony Stratford on March 1st, when a fairly representative gathering attended, representing the following towers: Bletchley, Beachampton, Calverton, Penny Stratford, Newport Pagnell, Old Bladwell, Shenley, and the local ringers. After service, tea was provided in the Parish Room by the Rector (the Rev. H. Last). The usual business meeting followed.—The Secretary (Mr. W. Sear) said he thought it would be an opportune time to discuss the question of the annual festival being held at Oxford every year. He said he regretted to see the somewhat drastic measures that had been taken in the other part of the county, together with the controversy that was existing, which was not good for the future welfare of the Oxford Guild. He hoped that some amicable settlement would be arrived at satisfactory to all members. He wished to be quite open on the matter, but he thought they had to review the position from how the North Bucks Branch looked upon the place of meeting for the annual festival. To reach Oxford meant travelling a distance of about 30 miles, which distance would not be exceeded by many other parts of the Guild. If, however, it was decided to take the annual festival to South Bucks or Bucks travelling difficulties would deprive them of the privilege of attending each year. In putting forward the proposition that the festival still be held at Oxford, it was not a selfish proposal, but one that he thought was a right one, to enable North Bucks to keep in touch with the Oxford Guild each year instead of possibly only one year in three.

A vote was taken, and it was unanimously decided to support the motion that the annual festival be held at Oxford.

The usual votes of thanks were expressed to those who had made the necessary arrangements, and suitably responded to.

A further visit to the tower brought an enjoyable meeting to a close. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Double Norwich.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Stephen's, Hackington, Canterbury, on Saturday, March 1st. This meeting is becoming more popular every year, owing to the rapid strides in change ringing which are being made by the different hands in the district, and the interest which is being shown by the clergy of various parishes, who are beginning to recognise ringers as a most important body of church workers. The bells of St. Stephen's were available throughout the afternoon and evening, and the Cathedral from 7 until 8 o'clock, well struck touches of Grandsire Stedman, Treble Bob and Bob Major being rung. At Divine service the Association form was used, and an address given by the Rector (the Rev. C. Stonehouse), his subject being 'Bell ringers as church workers, and their responsibilities as such.' Mr. Basil Cockersell presided at the organ.

Tea was held in the Church Room, provided by Mr. F. Wilson. The Rector presided, supported by the hon. general secretary (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore), Mr. C. Sanderson (churchwarden), the district secretary (Mr. E. G. Buesden), and representatives (Messrs. Brett and Millway), also Miss R. Thomas, of Mersham. Towers represented were Canterbury, Dover, Lyminge, Elham, Littlebourne, Wickhambreux, Wingham, St. Nicholas-at-Wade, St. Lawrence, Folkestone, Brabourne and Mersham.

Mr. E. G. Buesden was again re-elected district secretary, on the proposition of Mr. Castle (Elham), seconded by Mr. E. Highwood. Mr. C. Millway and Mr. C. Brett were re-elected representatives.—Meetings were arranged as follows: Summer meeting, in June, Wingham; July, St. Nicholas-at-Wade; autumn, St. Lawrence; annual (1925), Canterbury.

The following towers were added to the association list: Wingham, Chillham, Lyminge and St. Nicholas-at-Wade. The following hon. members were accepted: The Rev. George Kennedy Allen Bell, the new Dean of Canterbury; Rev. H. E. Trimner (St. Nicholas'), and Mr. C. J. Elgar (Wingham). Four members of Birchington, 14 of St. Nicholas-at-Wade, three of Goodnestone, one of Wingham and two from Lyminge, were elected full members of the association.

Mr. Millway proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and a hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to Mr. B. Cockersell, who so ably presided at the organ.

25,920 SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By A. J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT.

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The calls are Oxford 'Plains' and Oxford Bobs.

This composition is obtained from two original sets of courses.

GREAT STAUGHTON, HUNTS.—On Monday, March 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Franklin 1, J. Mathews 2, E. Smith 3, F. W. Lack 4, T. H. Townsend (conductor) 5, J. Leafley 6. Rung as a token of respect, after the funeral of Mr. Charles William Pearson, who was Vicar's warden and a church worker in the parish for a good many years.

OVER, CAMBS.—On Monday, February 18th, 720 Bob Minor: L. Ginn 1, C. Robinson 2, F. Warrington 3, W. R. Wayman 4, A. Ginn (conductor) 5, H. Dring 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. G. Gleaves 1, F. Ginn 2, F. Warrington 3, G. E. Crisp 4, H. Dring 5, A. Ginn (conductor) 6.

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HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, on March 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Smith 1, J. J. Pratt 2, Miss G. Baker 3, W. Ibbett 4, P. Jones 5, Miss P. Loss (conductor) 6, J. Bacon 7, R. Carter 8, W. Honor 9, J. H. Lucas 10.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 9th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, E. H. Kynaston (longest length inside) 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. T. Hughes 5, R. T. Evans (conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, G. Beaton 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes, composed by H. W. Wilde), in 46 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, J. Hughes 3, H. T. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, R. T. Evans (conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Sunday, March 9th, for evening service, at the Abbey Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: C. Worley (first quarter and first attempt) 1, F. Woodwards 2, H. Cobb 3, R. Davis 4, E. Naish (first quarter and first attempt) 5, F. Naish (conductor, first attempt at quarter-peal) 6, W. Hutton 7, C. Spicer 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, March 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Dafters (Lee) 1, F. Fraser (Eltham) 2, H. James (Lee) 3, W. Nevard (Great Bentley) 4, S. A. Mason (Farningham) 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Dafters (Lee) 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Monday, March 3rd, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Clarke 1, H. E. Tomkins 2, E. Gates 3, E. C. Lambert 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, W. Bonham 6, H. C. Edwards (conductor) 7, W. Clarke 8. First quarter-peal by treble and 2nd ringers, and first as conductor.

CHIPPING CAMPDEN, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for afternoon service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 55 mins.: G. Brotherhood 1, T. Whatcott 2, C. Withers 3, W. Large (conductor) 4, H. Withers 5, E. Withers 6. This is the first quarter by all except ringers of 4th and 6th.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evensong, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Chambers 1, W. Scott 2, A. Cullaway 3, W. Scott, junr., 4, H. Barton (conductor) 5, W. Upton 6.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, March 2nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Shuker (1st 720 in any method) 1, Mrs. A. D. Barker 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, T. G. Hawkins 4, E. C. Hartley 5, W. L. Guttridge 6.

APPLETON, BERKS.—For morning service, on Sunday, March 2nd, 1,269 Grandsire Caters, in 44 mins.: W. Holfield 1, H. White 2, Miss S. Davis 3, R. T. Hibbert 4, G. Holfield, senr., 5, W. Hibbert 6, S. F. White 7, G. Holfield, junr. (conductor), 8, R. White 9, F. White 10.—For afternoon service 603 Stedman Caters and a short touch of Grandsire Caters: H. White 1, G. Holfield, junr., 2, Miss S. Davis 3, A. H. White 4, G. Holfield, senr., 5, R. White 6, W. Hibbert 7, C. G. White 8, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 9, W. Holfield 10. The visitors thank the Appleton band sincerely for all kindnesses shown during the week-end.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: F. Case 1, H. Hurst 2, H. Ridgway 3, L. Smith 4, T. Roberts (conductor) 5. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Lawson, wife of the Rector (the Rev. F. E. Lawson).

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: T. Taylor 1, W. D. Peart 2, A. S. Loach 3, F. C. Bendall 4, W. C. Revnolds 5, E. Pagett 6, A. Mills (conductor) 7, S. Loach 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): E. Heath 1, W. Chivers (first quarter on an inside bell) 2, C. Hazelden 3, Mrs. C. Hazelden 4, W. Loader 5, G. Petter 6, G. J. Nicolls 7, E. Raddon (composer) 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10. After service, 503 Grandsire Caters: E. Heath 1, W. Chivers 2, E. Etheridge 3, E. Raddon 4, W. Loader 5, G. Petter 6, S. Radford 7, G. Tomsett 8, C. Hazelden (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Mayor and Corporation to the church.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evensong, 496 Bob Major: E. Mundy 1, E. Dumper 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, G. Williams 6, W. T. Tucker (conductor) 7, O. H. Giles 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, March 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, E. J. Pannett 2, H. James 3, J. Hurrell 4, J. Mason (Farningham) 5, H. J. Norgate 6, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 7, J. Dafters 8.

HENLEY-ON-THAMES.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. E. White 1, T. Appleby 2, J. Butler 3, S. C. Coventry 4, H. Hatto 5, R. Bushnell 6, W. Annleby (conductor) 7, C. Bushnell 8. First quarter-peal by the local band.

TERRINGTON ST. JOHN, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, at the Parish Church, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: J. W. Collins 1, C. Bunting 2, W. W. Cousins 3, J. W. Rodwell 4, J. R. Rodwell 5, C. Cousins (conductor) 6. This was the last 720 rung at this church before the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. Hutchons) left for Southsea with Marrow.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—For evensong, on Feb. 24th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Foster 1, J. T. Scott 2, E. Weatherby 3, H. Hutton 4, R. Philpott 5, W. R. Melville 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Feb. 10th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Markwell, senr., 1, S. Smedley, senr., 2, S. Smedley, junr., 3, J. Knott (first 720 in any method) 4, A. E. Parsons 5, W. T. Palmer (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Feb. 17th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: L. G. Palmer 1, W. T. Palmer 2, F. E. Parsons 3, F. S. Parsons (first 720 in any method) 4, S. Smedley, junr., 5, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 6, S. Smedley, senr., 7, J. Knott 8.—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering: L. G. Palmer 1, A. E. Parsons 2, F. Wostenholme 3, S. Smedley, junr., 4, F. E. Parsons 5, W. T. Palmer (conductor) 6, S. Smedley, senr., 7, H. Stow 8. First 720 in any method by the ringer of the 3rd, who makes the 4th to ring his first 720 in this tower during the month, all having been taught to handle a bell within the last ten months; great credit being due to them.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, Feb. 3rd, at St. Ebba Church, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Harris 1, F. Wilkins 2, G. Stace 3, H. Tolley 4, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 5, F. Clinhard 6.—Also on Sunday, Feb. 10th, 720 College Single: W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 1, W. Harris 2, G. Stace 3, F. Clinhard 4, H. Tolley 5, F. Wilkins 6.

EDENBRIDGE.—For evening service, on Sunday, January 27th, 1,260 Stedman Triples: J. W. Steddy 1, J. Heasman 2, H. Leigh 3, E. Collison 4, A. Belton 5, E. H. Leigh 6, G. Edwards (conductor), Penhurst 7, E. J. Jenner 8.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.—Recently, for evening service, a course of 252 and 504 Bob Triples: R. Hancot 1, T. Davis 2, J. Goldy 3, F. Clayton (conductor) 4, C. Davis 5, C. Dale 6, J. Fifield 7, W. Simmonds 8. This is the first touch in the method by all except the conductor, and first attempt on eight bells by all except ringers of 3, 4 and 6. Also 252 with J. Simmonds treble; rest as before.

NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on Saturday, May 10th. The augmented peal of the Parish Church will be available. Members are particularly requested to attend this meeting. Proposed alteration to Rule III received. Any further alterations or suggestions should reach me on or before April 12th, 1924.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

PARISH CHURCH, COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—Bellringers' Sermons—On Sunday, March 23, special sermons will be preached—in the morning by the Rev. C. S. Jackson, Rector of Willey, in the evening by the Rev. W. A. Warner, Rector of Broseley. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Matins 11 a.m., Evensong 6.30. There will be a musical service in the afternoon at 3 in which the following will take part: The Broseley Quartette Party, Miss Elsie Broome (contralto), Miss Malcolm (violinist), local handbell ringers, the choir and Mr. Wallace Wall (organist). The offertories will be given to the ringers who receive no other remuneration for their services. Donations will be gratefully received by the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe (Vicar), the Churchwardens or Mr. William Saunders.

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Lewes, the county town of Sussex, contains some very ancient churches, in which are to be found several pre-Reformation bells. Probably the oldest bell of all, however, of which the town can boast, is not now hung in a church, and has found a home in the market tower. This bell, known locally as 'Old Gabriel,' has a long history, and hangs in lonely state, rung only on 'great' occasions, the last being the declaration of peace and the marriage of Princess Mary. But formerly this ancient bell hung in the tower of the vanished Church of S. Nicholas, which was situated on the north side of the High Street. This was subsequent to the year 1319. The church fell into so dilapidated a condition that it was popularly known as the 'Broken Church'; but it remained in existence until 1761. The bell occupied the upper part of the tower; the lower part was used as a blacksmith's shop.

In the Town Book of 1690 is an entry which states that an agreement was entered into with Thomas Barrett, of Lewes, 'an eminent clock maker,' by which he was to have twenty shillings for mending the clock 'to be paid to him as soon as he hath mended him Also he is to have four pounds paid to him yearly for ringing the bell at four in the morning and eight at night.' From this it is to be gathered that 'Old Gabriel' was used as the curfew bell of Lewes.

Little or nothing is known of the history of the bell for another hundred years, but in 1760 it announced the death of George II. After that date it was silent until 1791, when a public subscription was opened for the purpose of erecting a tower in which to place the old clock and bell. In less than a month the sum of £500 was received, of which amount Mr. William Plummer, of Gilstone Park, Hertfordshire (the first M.P. for Lewes), subscribed £300, and the Hon. Henry Pelham, M.P. (Lewes), and Mr. Thomas Kemp (the founder of Kemp Town, Brighton) each £100.

About the same time (September, 1791) Lord Hampden, of Glynde, conveyed a plot of land to the town of Lewes for the purposes of a market and to provide a site for the tower in which the clock and town bell were to be housed. In the following April complaint was made that the tower could not be completed on account of the difficulty in obtaining bricks, the kilns for ten miles round Lewes being occupied in providing bricks for other buildings in the town and neighbourhood. The difficulty was overcome in a few months, and in October, 1792, Old Gabriel was safely hung in the new tower, where he soon after proudly proclaimed his own exaltation and excellence in tones not to be equalled by any bells of more modern foundries.

Until the rehanging no record seems to have been made of the weight of the bell. Before it was placed in its new home the weight was taken and found to be 17 cwt. 3 quarters 2½ lb. Its value, from the silver it contained, says a chronicler, was estimated at two shillings the pound.

For some reason not known the old town clock was not re-erected in the tower, as was originally intended, but was sold with the old market house and the public whipping post for £23. The loss of the old timekeeper of Lewes was deplored by the inhabitants of the town, who declared that the new clock was 'not of sufficient use, even to tell the hour of the day, for Old Gabriel is so closely environed that at some points he can scarcely be heard beyond the eaves of the neighbouring garrets.'

Little is known of the history of the 'Broken Church' of St. Nicholas, the tower of which was Old Gabriel's original home, but in the 34th year of Elizabeth (1592) the Queen granted among other hereditaments in Sussex (and other counties) to William Tipper and Robert Dawe, of London, gentlemen, to hold of the manor of East Greenwich in free and common socage 'All that the late chapel or church of S. Nicholas decayed and ruined, commonly called the "Broken Church," now converted into a tenement situate and lying in the town of Lewes in the county of Sussex, at the annual rent of 8d.' 'Old Gabriel's' historian in the Sussex Archaeological Society's 'Collection,' adds that the constables of the borough appear to have had possession of this site before the grant to Tipper and Dawe, for in the Town Book in 1571 it is stated that 'this year the Constables and Fellowships leased for twenty-one years a piece of waste ground with the walls of the "Broken Church" at the yearly rent of three shillings and fourpence towards the defrayment of the town charges. After the year 1592 the "Broken Church" seems to have been held by the borough officials.'

Lewes possesses one peal of ringable bells, the ten at Southover, and it is interesting to note that there is to-day prominently connected with them a Robert Dawe.

NOTICES.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — (Late the St. James' Society.)—Meetings for March, 1924: St. Clement Danes, Mondays, 17th and 31st, 7.30 p.m. —J. Bullock, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, March 20th; and *St. Paul's Cathedral, 25th. 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. Nicholas', Newchurch in Rossendale, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions are due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 15th. Ringing from 3.15 p.m. Shall be glad to know at the earliest those requiring tea.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Christ Church, Barlow Moor, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on March 15th at St. Paul's, Hammersmith Broadway. Tower open for ringing from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m., meeting after. All ringers will be welcome.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 15th. Bells (6) available at 3, tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, District Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — Members and others are reminded of the re-opening after restoration of the bells at Bulkington on Saturday, March 15th, at 3.30 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at Carisbrooke (8) on Saturday, March 15th. Bells from 2.30. Service 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Upton, 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Maries, Sheffield, on Saturday, March 15th. Bells 2 to 7. Business meeting in the Commercial Room at the Talbot Hotel, Arundel Street (two minutes from church), 7.30. Business very important.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Framlingham District.—A practice meeting will be held at Laxfield on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. Hall, Dis. Sec., College Road, Framlingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 22nd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5, followed by business meeting. Those intending to be present should notify the undersigned not later than Tuesday, March 18th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Tenbury on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m., service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, Dis. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday, March 22nd, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Benenden on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—Nomination meeting.—The next meeting will be held at Armley, Christ Church, on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—The next social will be held at Saturday, March 22nd. Ringing, St. Mary Redcliffe, 3.30 p.m. Tea at St. Thomas' Church Room 5 p.m. Social and dance to follow. Historical documents of St. Thomas' on view, by kind permission. Everyone invited.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Horsham on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at the Queen's Head, at 5 o'clock. Those intending being present kindly advise me not later than March 18th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

TIVERTON.—The bells of St. Peter's, after being recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter at the 11 o'clock service on March 23rd, and there will be a ringing festival on Easter Monday. Particulars later.—Richard Grater.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday, March 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to those who send word to me by March 24th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells from 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Annual outing.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, March 29th. Ringing at Trowel from 2 to 3 p.m. At 3 p.m. prompt those present will commence a tour of the Stanton Hill Iron Works and the new Huime Pipe Plant, by the kindness of the officials; then on to Stanton-by-Dale for tea at 5.30. Stanton bells will be open from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please send their names to Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than Thursday, March 27th?—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 21st. Nominations for President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary for ensuing year, and for four representatives on Central Council for next three years should reach me one month before the above date.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

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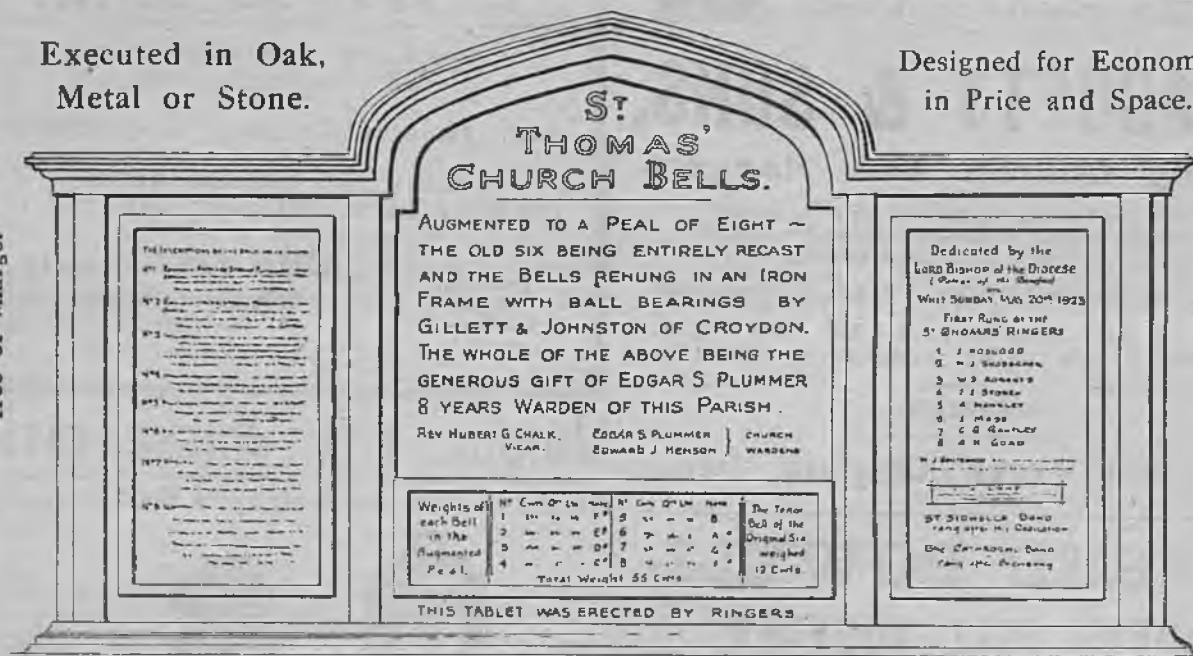
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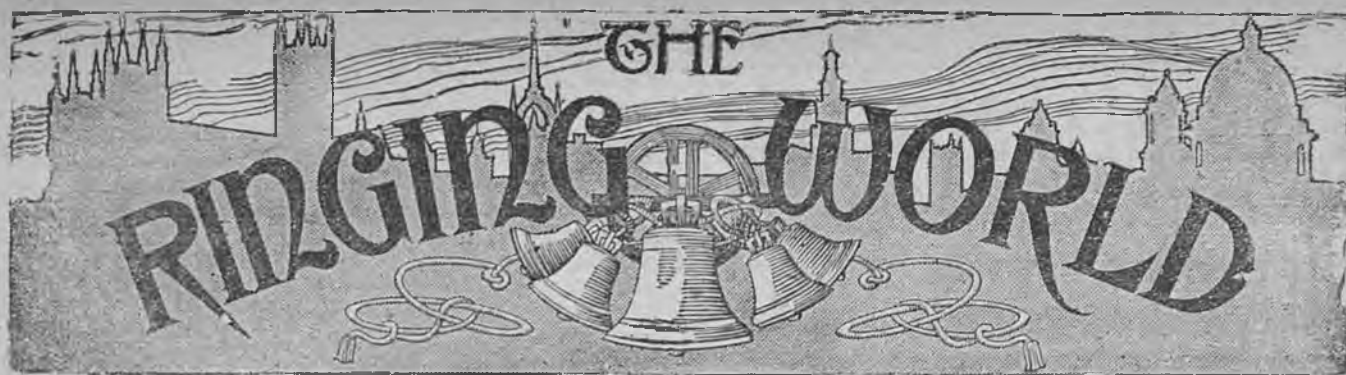
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The 'Clavis,' in which was published the methods of London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, stopped in the section on Royal methods at Oxford Treble Bob, with the remark, 'we here take leave of changes on ten bells entirely, as no practitioner can expect us to launch into so much extravagance as to give cramp for Surprise peals on so great a number, there being so very little probability of their being practised.' Authors who could invent a method like Superlative would no doubt have had the ability to provide ten-bell extensions, indeed they refer to rules by which they may be produced from Minor, but it is quite certain that in those days the actual practice of ten-bell Surprise methods was looked upon as beyond the capability of ringers.

When Shipway came on the scene he produced, 'for the speculation of the curious,' Superlative Surprise Royal, and included it in his 'Art of Ringing.' But he had a greater foresight as to the future of ringing than had the authors of the 'Clavis' for he added, 'if at any time there should be found a set of ingenious men, bold enough to attempt such difficult methods on ten or twelve bells, I have no doubt that they would be enabled to produce, if desired, more than is here inserted.' Shipway's prophecy very soon came true, for what he put forward as a possibility in 1816 became a reality within six years, for Cambridge Royal was rung in 1822.

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average ability to be accounted 'safe' when taking part in a peal of Surprise Royal, and it is not easy to get a whole band of men up to this level. At the same time, we think there might be a wider practice of ten-bell Surprise methods than at present obtains, and the example of bands like that at Leicester will, we hope, be emulated in many ten-bell towers.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Treble	† WILLIAM C. IBBETT ... 6
MISS NORAH S. WILLIAMS 2	† JOHN L. BAKER ... 7
* MISS GRACE BAKER ... 3	† RICHARD CARTER ... 8
† MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 4	† WILLIAM HONOR ... 9
JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 5	PERCY E. JONES ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by J. J. PRATT.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal of Caters inside.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 35 cwt. 4 lb.

* HAROLD LAWTON ... Treble	* SAMUEL M. BUTTERWORTH 6
* JAMES LEES ... 2	ROBERT GREENWOOD ... 7
ISAAC SCHOFIELD ... 3	* CHARLES E. PLATT ... 8
* HERBERT BARLOW ... 4	* CHARLES H. MARSLAND ... 9
W. W. VOLSTENCROFT ... 5	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed by the late JAMES WOOD. Conducted by ROBERT GREENWOOD.

* First peal of Royal. First peal of Royal as conductor. First peal of Royal on the bells since they were recast and rehanged by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The ringer of the 3rd belongs to Glodwick: 4th and 8th to Moorside; 5th to Ashton (St. Peter's); tenor to Ashton Parish Church. The rest belong to the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to James Lees.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt. in G.

* CECIL S. WALLWORK ... Treble	HERBERT ALLRED ... 5
JAMES BOLTON ... 2	HARRY ALLRED ... 6
ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... 3	JOHN POTTER ... 7
ROBERT ALLRED, JUN. ... 4	JOHN HAMPEON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

This peal was rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of the late James Allred, who was a ringer and conductor at the above church 45 years; also as a mark of respect to the Rev. John Lund, M.A., who retired 3½ years ago, after a service of 36 years as Vicar of the parish, and died on the above date at Milnthorpe.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	* ALBERT J. HUGHES ... 5½
* HARRY F. HOLDING ... 2	JOHN W. DAVIES ... 6½
GEORGE R. JONES ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
JAMES SWINDLEY ... 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

PERCY MERSON Treble	ARTHUR R. THORNE 5
WILLIAM H. TARR 2	*SAMUEL J. EVERY 6
ALFRED WYATT 3	JAMES HUNT 7
HENRY BOSLEY 4	EBENEZER PRIDDLE Tenor

Conducted by PERCY MERSON.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Triples as conductor.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

THOMAS METCALFE Treble	WILLIAM AINSWORTH 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	†GEORGE CORNER 6
*GEORGE P. KEMBALL 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
WALTER N. ASHBY 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 1. Tenor 15½ cwt.	
THOMAS HAMMOND Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	CLAUDE S. BENWELL 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	THOMAS W. GILMOUR Tenor

Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

Specially arranged and rung in honour of the diamond wedding anniversary of the parents of Mr J. Martin, an esteemed member of this tower.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK A. COLEY Treble	JOHN S. MORTON 5
WILLIAM J. WHEADON 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
RICHARD SMITH 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	*THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
*JOHN W. DAVIES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* Fiftieth peal. † First peal in the method.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Three Hours,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	CHARLES MASON 6
JOHN HOLMAN 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
BERNARD DITCHER 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF SPICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ILKESTON VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

*EDWARD WHITEHEAD Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK 5
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	†FRED COTTON 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 4	*ARTHUR CATTELL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

This composition is now rung for the first time. * First peal of Spiced Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

ARTHUR CATTELL Treble	ALBERT COPPOCK 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JOHN SADDINGTON 6
EDWARD C. GOBEY 3	EDWARD READER 7
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

This composition is now rung for the first time, and contains 5-6 the extent in 5-6, with the 2nd never in 6th's. The conductor is presumed to be the first to compose and conduct a peal of Surprise at the age of 16 years.

BICESTER, OXON.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb.

HARRY MILES Treble	FRANCIS TAYLOR 5
*FREDERICK SHARPE 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
WILLIAM JUDGE 3	†LEONARD TUFFREY 7
*CYRIL BENNETT 4	WILLIAM FRYCE Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TUFFREY.

* First in the method away from the tenor. † First in the method as conductor.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERIC W. CROFIS Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 5
WILLIAM LATTER 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6
BERNARD COLLISON 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 7
GEORGE THOMPSON 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN. After meeting short for Double Norwich. * First peal and first attempt.

NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. — On Thursday, March 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Houghton 1, J. Hemming (conductor) 2, H. Middleton, junr., 3, H. Middleton, senr., 4, A. Hughes 5, H. Hall 6. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 3rd, 5th and 6th.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JOHN HAIGH... ..Treble	FRANK BELSEY 5
RICKS PAINE 2	CHARLES NORRIS... .. 6
THOMAS BEAUMONT 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER... .. 7
CHARLES WINNER 4	WILLIAM HAIGH ... ..Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.
First peal in the method by all except ringers of 7 and 8.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

JOHN LEE ... ..Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
MISS NORAH SHORTER 2	JOSEPH MILNER 6
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 3	ALBERT BECKENSALE... .. 7
CHARLES J. TRICKER 4	GEORGE SPENCER ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.
Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PETHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Oxford, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford
Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr.

PERCY CROUCH ... ..Treble	WILLIAM THOMPSON 4
RICHARD FRENCH 2	WILLIAM GOLDFINCH... .. 5
REGINALD MAILE 3	ERNEST SLINGSBY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST SLINGSBY.

This is the first peal on the new bells, the church having been destroyed by fire in 1922. First peal in four methods by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. All the ringers are from Sturry.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE KENWARD ... ..Treble	THOMAS JELL 4
CHARLES MILLARD 2	CHARLES TUMBER 5
WILLIAM SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 11, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON...Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS 4
JOHN BASS 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER... .. 5
HAROLD V. COOPER... .. 3	WILLIAM GIBBS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on six bells, and first attempt. This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of Mr. W. H. Foster, of Apley, who passed away on the day following his golden wedding, and whose generous support to the Church of St. James so worthily followed that of his late father, Mr. W. O. Foster, who endowed and built the Church, Church Schools, School House, and Vicarage, and also provided the peal of six bells.

WINCHESTER.

On Saturday, March 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAURICE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's differently called. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr.

*ARCHIE GOULDING ... ..Treble	CHARLES RUSSELL 4
RICHARD PAINE 2	*FREDERICK COX... .. 5
HENRY COOK 3	GEORGE VOICE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE VOICE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, to which the treble was added in memory of D. G. Alexander, son of the churchwarden, who died for his country, October, 1918.

MADELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of York, London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise,
Duke of York, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 16½ cwt.

PHILIP KELSALL ... ..Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
CHARLES PRESTON 2	WILLIAM WHEELDON 5
WILLIAM FRADLEY 3	JAMES WALLEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob in seven different methods on the bells. Messrs. C. Preston, W. Wheelton and W. Fradley are from Bucknall; P. Kelsall from Burslem; J. Walley and J. E. Wheelton from Norton-le-Moors. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for making the necessary alterations in the ropes.

TWYNING, TEWKESBURY.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores each called differently in the following methods: Plain
Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and St. Dunstan's.
Tenor 11 cwt.

H. E. PAGE ... ..Treble	G. BOULTON 4
F. C. GRIFFITHS... .. 2	A. F. DARKE... .. 5
W. WILLIAMS 3	W. J. BROWN ... ..Tenor

Conducted by F. C. GRIFFITHS.

GRAFTON UNDERWOOD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New Doubles, St. Simon's, Canterbury, Chase,
Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr.

GEORGE BLACK ... ..Treble	ROBERT G. BLACK 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	HARRY BAXTER 4
THOMAS BUTLER ... ..Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung, with the addition of a new treble. Rung as a birthday peal for the ringer of the third.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.

(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT 22, WHARF ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

REGINALD KYNASTON ... 1—2	†THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 3—4
*ROBERT T. EVANS 5—6	

Conducted by T. R. BUTLER. Umpire: THOMAS BUTLER, SEN.

* First peal 'in hand.' † First peal 'in hand' as conductor. First peal on handbells in the district.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At 61, NEW PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS ... 5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3—4 | EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 7—8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: G. S. MORRIS, who ticked off all course ends as rung.

Witness: MR. S. POOLE.

First peal of Triples 'in hand' by all.

CLAPHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At 63, OLD TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5013 CHANGES;

JOHN THOMAS ... 1—2 | WILLIAM PYE ... 7—8
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 3—4 | FRANK I. HAIRS ... 9—10
GEORGE R. PYE ... 5—6 | WILLIAM H. HEWITT ... 11—12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires: A. W. COLES AND C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18.

FRANK CLAYDON ... 1—2 | WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5—6
GEORGE W. MOSS ... 3—4 | ARTHUR SANDERS ... 7—8

Composed by FREDERICK PITSTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Witness: WALTER ARNOLD.

First peal on handbells by G. W. Moss since Oct. 14th, 1908.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. PERRY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

*T. PERRY ... 1—2 | J. PERRY ... 3—4
†E. F. MITCHELL ... 5—6

Conducted by J. PERRY.

Umpire: J. W. PERRY.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on handbells.
Rung as a compliment to Mrs. J. T. Perry, mother of the brothers
Perry, also to Miss F. E. Perry, daughter of T. Perry, whose birth-
days occurred on this date.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June 10th
(Whit Tuesday) next, at Westminster. Full particulars of the meet-
ing will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be
sent before April 26th.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due,
together with the names and addresses of representatives, and should
be sent to the honorary secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155,
Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Tuesday evening,
March 11th, in 25 minutes, 720 York Surprise: Fred A. Mitchell 1,
H. Argent 2, Fred M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, J. Burles 4, L. Beckett
5, G. Morrad 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, and on
the bells.

WASHINGTON, LINCOLN.—On Tuesday evening, March
11th, at St. John's Church, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire
Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect
for the late Mr. Samuel Oglesby, steward of Canwick, who died on
March 7th: H. Marcon 1, H. Knott 2, H. Leslie Pask 3, H. Lowman
4, T. D. Clark 5, W. Clark 6, J. Hutton (conductor) 7, J. W. Ash 8.

PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR.

By ARTHUR CRAVEN.

12345678
21436587
12346857
21438675
24183657
42816375
42183657
24816375
42861735
24687153
26481735
62847153
26487153
62845731
68254713
86527431
68254731
86527413
85672431
58764213
85674123
58761432
57864123
75681432
57618342
75163824
75618342
57163824
51736842
15378624
51738264
15372846

15738264

Bob 13578264

The first peal in this method was rung at Belsaver, Derbyshire, on
Saturday, March 15th, by members of the Midland Counties Associa-
tion, conducted by John Flint.

5,120 by A. KNIGHTS.

23456	B	M	W	H	Continued	B	M	W	H
45236	—	—	—	—	65324	—	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—	—	36524	—	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—	53624	—	—	—	—
32654	—	—	—	—	53246	—	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—	24536	—	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—	43526	—	—	—	—
64523	—	—	—	—	62534	—	—	—	—
64235	—	—	—	—	56234	—	—	—	—
26435	—	—	—	—	25634	—	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—	25346	—	—	—	—
42356	—	—	—	—	34256	—	—	—	—
					23456	—	—	—	—

4th and 6th the extent in 5-6.

5,088 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

By YORK GREEN.

23456	M	B	W	H
52364		x		2
65243	2		2	2
25463			2	1
64523			2	2
36245	x		2	2
26435			2	1
46325			2	1
43265			1	2
25634	1		1	2
26354			1	2
53624			2	2
53246	2		2	1
52436			1	2
64326			1	2
23458			2	2

This composition is without the 2nd before the tenor at any one
lead; and was first rung on December 26th, 1922, at the Church of
St. Andrew-the-Great, Cambridge, conducted by W. H. J. Hootor

THE CRITICISMS OF CRITICUS.

OUR CONTRIBUTOR DISCUSSES A VARIETY OF TOPICS.

At last someone seems to be trying to get a move on, but I am not quite sure which way they are going to move, or how far they propose to move. With all my doubts, however, I read with pleasure that the Leytonstone ringers want to get something done about the Minor method names, and I assume that, having taken the initiative they will see that the subject is properly brought before the Central Council. As their resolution speaks of enforcing a 'sensible decision,' I imagine I am right in supposing that they want to get rid of the 'nonsense' from method nomenclature. Personally I should have liked to see their resolution a little more definitely worded, for—horrible thought—suppose they don't mean what I and others, think they mean! But, there, what else can they have in mind except those charming titles like *Geranium Treble Bob*, *Easter Sunday Morning Pleasure* and *Turkish Delight*? For the two latter, I am aware, the Council's Committee are not the sponsors, but they are the 'fathers' of something equally ridiculous, and as the pointed leading article in last week's issue, commented, these are names that must be changed.

But why did the Leytonstone Association make their appeal only to six-bell bands. In my opinion, which may not count for much, the whole Exercise ought to be up in arms against this style of thing. Everyone realised that 'Wait and see,' as applied to a very select method was only the author's little joke, and the name disappeared when the first peal was rung, but some of those Minor methods, by the art of propagation, can be grown into Major plants, which by intensive culture might reach Royal dimensions even if they do not touch the Maximus of development; and when this is possible—well, eight, ten and twelve bell ringers are equally concerned with the subject, for have we not seen in the past how desperately earnest our experts are to fix the name of the infant upon a method throughout all the stages of its extension? Had it not been for the attitude the committee took up last year many people would almost have imagined they were trying to introduce a spirit of humour into their task of finding titles for the unnamed. But they were serious, dead serious, and in equally serious vein this subject has got to be tackled at the first opportunity.

The suggestion that a peal of bells should be provided at the British Empire Exhibition, in order to interest overseas visitors in these instruments, and incidentally, I suppose, in the art of ringing, is quite a good one, but surely the suggestion has come rather late in the day. Moreover, I imagine, that even if a peal could be erected, there would be few facilities for ringing on them. I have no knowledge as to whether either of our firms of founders is to be represented by an exhibit, but to put up a peal in ringable condition would now be almost out of the question. Such a scheme would have needed planning long ago. If it were to be of use, from a campanological point of view, arrangements would have been necessary for a daily display of ringing, but, facing the thing squarely, one has to admit that the likelihood of the exhibition authorities permitting this, except perhaps to the extent of a very few minutes, is most unlikely. To think that any Tom, Dick or Harry and his band would have access to the bells is out of all question. But discussion of the possibility of ringable bells at the Wembley Exhibition is, I fancy, quite useless at this time of day. One can recall, however, that a ring of bells (hung in a wooden staging for chiming only) was used at the Festival of Empire at the Crystal Palace in 1911, and an octave, with frame and fittings complete, figured in the great exhibition in London in 1881. If I remember aright the former bells are now at Oatlands Church, Surrey, and the latter were purchased for some country church in Sussex.

Having been an occasional visitor to the tower of St. Peter's, Brighton—and how many hundreds of ringers have found their way to this splendidly appointed belfry, I wonder?—I was interested to read of the peal of Yorkshire Surprise Major rung a week or two ago, and the 'Belfry Gossip' note in connection therewith. The panels which adorn the walls in St. Peter's, contain records of many 'firsts in the method' in the county, and some commemorating the 'first ever.' Bristol Surprise was rung there for the first time, and, I fancy, Gloucester, Norfolk and Oxford Surprise, as well as one, which never seems to be heard of in these days, and, of which, I believe, Henry Dains was the proud author, Champion Surprise. I have been told that about two courses of this—or was it three?—made a peal. But maybe my informant was pulling my leg! Perhaps it was the wearying length of the course that caused weariness to the ringers, and so the method has slipped into the limbo of forgotten things. But those who remember ringing matters of twenty-five to thirty years ago will recall the great achievements by St. Peter's Society, for those were the days when a peal in a new method was really a memorable performance.

The competition among ringers in London for the use of the twelve-bell towers has always been pretty keen, but things must almost have reached a climax when we hear of one tower booked up for twelve months ahead! There are eight rings of twelve in London, but the facilities at six of them are now greatly curtailed. Peals at

St. Paul's Cathedral are few and far between; indeed, an average of one peal in about eight or ten years seems to be the limit, although, of course, there are other attempts, but in any case the bells are the sacred preserve of the Ancient Society. St. Bride's, Fleet Street, is a 'closed' tower so far as peals are concerned, and I think it may be said that, temporarily at any rate, Cornhill is the same. St. Martin's and Shoreditch appear to be available only very occasionally, and then 'for Cumberlanis only,' while Cripplegate, which used to offer opportunities for all and sundry, within reason, seems now to be 'on the shelf.' Bow and Southwark are all that remain, and I trust that the scramble for these bells between the active London Societies may not end in 'putting up the shutters.' Peals were overdone at Cornhill—and the inevitable happened. Sympathetic as the authorities at Cheapside and Southwark may be, there is danger in too much peal ringing in towers such as these, although it is, perhaps, useless to counsel restraint.

Two hundred years ago two peals in a couple of days at St. Martin-in-the-Fields may have been quite all right, but two peals in a month on any one of these big rings of bells in the heart of a great city may, in this twentieth century, eventually bring down a ban on the whole category of peal ringing. Individual bands may be quite reasonable in their demands, but it is the concentrated energies of several societies which cause the trouble. And then there is another phase. With practically only two twelve bell towers available, there is poor chance for anyone, outside the specially favoured companies, getting a twelve-bell peal in London, and if we go on at this rate we may expect Southwark and Bow to be booked up to eternity by the select circles who have the ear of the authorities. The end is hardly likely to be to the general advantage of ringing. What I would suggest is that the authorities should refuse to receive applications for the bells more than three months ahead, and that when received should be dealt with with due regard to the use of the bells which the society has previously had.

Prittlewell ringers set an excellent example the other day in giving away to needy towers two sets of disused but serviceable ropes. I have not yet seen any response to the hint thrown out in the column of 'Belfry Gossip' that other bands with superfluous ropes might follow the example of the Prittlewell men. As a rule, bell ropes are generally pretty well (this is not a pun, so save your half-bricks and mated eggs for someone else, please, gentle reader) worn out by the time they are discarded, for ropes are often one of the last things which church authorities seem to think are needed in the belfry. However, there are some towers more fortunately placed and ropes are forthcoming upon demand. It may be that the action taken by Prittlewell had not occurred to these other happy bands, but doubtless they will bear it in mind in future.

I have not held up the example of Prittlewell for nothing. I am proposing to apply for the next set of ropes that is to be given away, if, in the meantime, I am successful in finding some tower which has a peal of bells to dispose of, merely for the cost of carriage. I know a parish church, where the belfry equipment consists of one bell (cracked), and if any wealthy place is thinking of disposing of its present ring of bells in order to provide a new one, this little parish will be glad to receive them, and no inquiries will be made as to whether they are Simpson tuned or otherwise. I hardly expect to be embarrassed with offers, but if any are forthcoming—well, a letter addressed to me, c/o the Editor, is certain to reach me. And, by-the-by, if someone will turn out their old bells, I know of another tower where it might be possible to turn out some of the old Bills, if anybody wants them. For forty years they have rung the 'old ten,' and they 'don't want any of this 'ere other scientific stuff.' 'Old ten's always been rung in this tower, an' it's good enough for we,' they say. Now who wants a ready-made band in exchange for some ready-made bells?

CRITICUS.

5,040 CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am very sorry I sent you a false peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, which you published last December. I now enclose one which is really true, and altogether a better peal in construction.

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62534	—	—	
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42356	—	—	
34256	—	—	
23456	—	—	

* Call tenor 5th's B 7th's H.

Yours truly,

GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

HONI SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE.

'PEPPERY' ACKNOWLEDGES HIS COAT OF ARMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I must ask you to accept my thanks, nay, I should say, almost futile efforts to express my gratitude, to you for the trouble you have taken in forwarding to me the package from the 'College of Herald's' containing my apparently numerous heraldic devices, coats of arms, etc. I really was touched to see with what tender solicitude and meticulous care my, unfortunately unknown, admirer had executed this glorious work of art. When I did point out to Goode Mistress Peppery that only an artist of merit, used only to truly great work, had been engaged on this, which was, no doubt, his triumph, I was abased when ye goode Dame did opine that great work was his forte, such as painting the stripes in bacon or the wrinkles on pantomime elephants. But, there, 'twas ever thus. This virtue, like all others, must be its own reward. So I hastened to assure her that he has one consolation, if such it be—he has the unstinted thanks and praise of the recipient of his munificence, and I did adjure ye best of that ilk:—

An ye love me, beste of Spouses, call me early on the day;
Saint Maturin would pull my wishbone at his feast down Hillsborough way.

First—Potage au rusty anchors; Entrees garnie de five tone peals,
Poisson? Whelks au Peppers Roti; joint a slice of good cow heel.
Washed well down with vin de nut brown, then we'll know how sublime it feels,

To be entertained by witty Maturin with epigrams on rubber heels.
Shall I want my silken doublet? No, nor yet a velvet snod;
Trim my sackcloth robe with cockles, see to it my staff's well shod,
Caparison my noble charger!! No—unchain my rubber bus;
Pilgrims travel meek and lowly and Hallam folk don't like a fuss,
To what Saint do I pay homage? No—'tis not Saint Barleycorn;
Tho' I might just quaff one horn of bitter, as guerdon of a pilgrim worn,

And I'll not want Granfer's hautboy for music on the festal morn;
I'll play 'the Deil amang the Cutlers' on my little inkfille horn,

Friar Pistor'll shrive me—he loves such music;

I've made my will and spiked my guns;

Bequeathed to thee, O patient Editor,

Is all that's left: when morning comes

You'll find shipwrecked 'neath Maturin's table,

My merrie thought amid the crumbs.

Your grateful Thane, 'PEPPERY.'

A RIDDLE.

The following quaint verses, headed 'A Riddle,' appear in the peal book of John New, who was an active ringer in Surrey a hundred years ago:—

Bred in the Womb of Mother Earth,
Unseen by Mortal Eyes,
All nature ripens to the birth
And then I upwards rise.

I take a Run, on Earth below,
Can Stand, yet have no feet;
I take a Round you cannot go
And then I mount my height.

When tow'ring aloft I fly,
And beat the gentle air;
Protected from th' inclement sky,
Yet all its storms can bear.

When Mortals are involv'd in Ills
I Sing with mournful voice;
If Mirth their Hearts with Gladness fills
I celebrate their joys.

I like the glorious sun above,
Who rounds the Globe with light,
In Motion circular do move,
Have beams, tho' not so bright.

I headstrong and unruly Grow,
If left into my Will,
Which often proves my Overthrow
And sometimes other's Skill.

I, like the Moon in Clouded Air,
Around i' the dark do ran;
Like her, my Movements regular,
Like her, am given to change.

And as the lark, with warbling throat
Ascends upon the Wing,
So I lift up my Cheerful Note,
And as I Mount, I Sing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

It has now been finally arranged for the Central Council to have the use of the historic Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey for its meeting on Whit Tuesday next.

Mr. E. Alexr. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, has been incapacitated for nearly a month, suffering from bronchitis, following influenza. We are glad to be able to state, however, that he has now much improved.

There is a quaint footnote to a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung by the Union Youths of Newport, Isle of Wight, on March 20th, 1774, viz.: 'The first ever rung in the Isle of Wight. In this peal there is a repeat, though it runs the extent.'

Any ringers, especially handbell ringers, who are in or near Toronto, Canada, are invited to get into touch with Mr. C. F. White, Birch Cliff, P.O., near Toronto.

It is hoped, in a few weeks, to rehang the five bells at Tackley, Oxfordshire, and add a new treble.

Mr. C. Sharples, hon. secretary of the Fylde Branch of the Lancashire Association, will be pleased to arrange peal attempts in the Blackpool district for visitors during the Easter holidays. Mr. Sharples' address is 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

One hundred and ninety years to-morrow a peal of 6,876 Grandsire Caters was rung at New College, Oxford, where on March 27th, 1815, 10,008 in the same method was rung.

The Royal Cumberland Youths rung a peal of 7,104 Treble Bob Maximus in 5 hrs. 30 mins. at Southwark on March 22nd, 1802.

On March 23rd, 1837, Elijah Roberts 'tapped' his famous peal of 19,440.

A peal of 6,048 Albion Surprise was rung at Liversedge on March 24th, 1837.

A record which stood for 130 years was set up on March 27th, 1784, when the Royal Cumberland Youths rang 12,000 Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch. This peal was not unsurpassed until the year 1914, when a band at Ashton-under-Lyne rang a longer length by 2,000 changes.

The rivalry which existed between the Cumberland Youths and College Youths, in those far-off days, is exemplified by the following lines, written by one John Tichborne, and preserved in the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum:

'Come ringers all, and view this church, within the steeple-door,
Twelve thousand Oxford Treble Bob was rung in eighty-four,
In hours nine and minutes five, the Cumberlands did compleat,
And on the twenty-seventh day of March the College Youths they beat.

Success unto the Cumberlands wherever they do go,
That they may always have success to beat their haughty foe!

Another interesting anniversary that occurs on March 27th is that of the first peal of Superlative Surprise Royal, which, composed by Joseph Tebbs, of Leeds, was rung at Wakefield, Yorks, in 1826, 'nobly conducted by Mr. William Woodhead.'

The peal at Wyrardisbury, Bucks, on Feb. 23rd was R. A. Fardon's first peal of Double Norwich, and not W. E. Judd's. The ringer of the 5th was James R. Mackman.

His many friends throughout the Exerciss will learn with regret that Mr. William Rock Small, of Tipton, the 'Black Country' veteran, is seriously ill. Mr. Small has reached the advanced age of 84 years.

'Real Double Twelve In' was a method which the College Youths practised a good deal a hundred and forty years ago. In fact, they rang two peals in three days in 1784. The first of these was 5,160 at St. Bride's on March 24th, and 6,048 at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on March 26th. The peal at St. Bride's is recorded as 'the first true peal ever rung in the above method on any number of bells.'

An old and respected member of the Lancashire Association has passed away, in the person of Mr. James Allred, of Tyldesley. For 45 years he gave faithful service at the Parish Church as ringer and conductor.

Members of the Devon Guild will learn with regret of the illness of Mr. Harry Payne, of Huntsham, and will wish him a speedy recovery. Mr. Payne was one of the first members of the Guild, and did a lot of spadework with Colonel Troyte.

Mr. E. C. Gobey writes to point out that the Ilkeston Variation of Spliced Treble Bob is not the same as Hudson's 'New Light.'

At the meeting of the Canterbury District of the Kent Association the vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, etc., was proposed by Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., and not by Mr. Millway, as mentioned in the report. Mr. F. G. Brett was elected district representative.

Mr. A. Symonds desires to return heartfelt thanks for all the kind expressions of sympathy shown him in his recent bereavement.

ST. PETER MANCROFT BELLS.

RESTORATION OF FAMOUS PEAL.

The accompanying picture shows the removal of the bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, which are to undergo rehanging by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The restoration of an historic ring is always a noteworthy event, and is of especial interest in the case of this fine old Norwich peal. The photograph was taken last week by Mr. G. P. Burton. In the foreground are the 9th (marked with a cross) and 10th bells, while the 11th is seen in the background beyond and beneath the suspended tenor. The smaller bell to the right of the 11th is the 5th of the ring of 12.



REMOVING THE BELLS FROM THE TOWER.

The bells of St. Peter Mancroft have a wonderful history, and a remarkable interest for ringers. It was here that the first true peal of Triples was rung on May 2nd, 1715.

Here was rung by the ringers call'd Norwich Scholars that most incomparable Peal called Grandsire Bob Triples, it being the 3d whole Peal that they have rung, but the first whole peal that ever was rung to the truth by any ringers whatever.

This was followed by the first peal of Grandsire Triples, in and the first peal of Stedman Triples on October 25th, 1731. During this time there were eight bells in the steeple. Originally, in the fifteenth century there were five, increased to six in 1602, by a treble cast by William Brend, a Norwich Bell Founder. In 1675-6 they were made into an octave.

'In 1736 this ring was made a peal of ten by an addition of two bells subscrib'd for by Gentlemen in ye Parish,' says an old record,

and in the following year, on March 8th to be exact, a peal of Grandsire Calers was rung '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; an to Remove all doubt of the truth of the performance several ingenious Ringers were abroad the whole time with proper rules to prove if certainty of ye same. Thus was this great peal perfectly completed, to the entire satisfaction, surprise and amazement of thousands of hearers in the space of 8 hours 15 minutes. The number of changes were 12,600, rung by nine men belonging to the steeple; the tenor singly by a young ringer 8,000, then a second rang her to the end of the peal. The persons names and the bells they rung were as follows: Tho Melchior treble, Wm. Pettingall 2, John Gardiner 3, Tho Barrett 4, Robert Crane 5, Wm. Porter 6, Tho Blofield 7, Edwd. Crane 8, Christ. Booty 9, James Jerom, Robt. Liddaman tenor.'

Nearly forty years later it was decided to replace the old bells by a new peal of twelve, and the present ring was the result, the tenor having been recast in 1814. On March 16th, 1778, a peal of 6,240 Treble Bob Maximus, in 5 hrs. 22 mins., and among subsequent famous peals was a peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus in 1817, and 7,126 Stedman Cinques in 5 hrs. 17 mins. In this latter peal, conducted by James Truman, Charles Middleton and Henry Hubbard, took part.

Samuel Thurston, who did so much to make and maintain Norwich as one of the chief centres of ringing, had died three years before, and his memorial is to be seen on the wall to the left of the accompanying photograph. The memorial is inscribed as follows:—

THIS STONE IS ERECTED
TO THE MEMORY OF

MR. SAMUEL THURSTON,

MANY YEARS AN EMINENT RINGER OF THIS PARISH IN
COMMEMORATION OF HIS GREAT ABILITIES AND PER-
SEVERANCE IN ADVANCING THE ART OF RINGING. HE

HAVING PERFORMED AND CONDUCTED MANY OF
THE MOST INTRICATE PEALS EXTANT.

HE SUDDENLY DEPARTED THIS LIFE

MUCH REGRETTED BY THE EXERCISE AT LARGE

ON THE 9TH OF JANUARY, 1841,

IN THE 52ND YEAR OF HIS AGE.

Samuel Thurston was born in Norwich in 1789, and rang his first peal (Bob Major) at St. Giles', in 1813. He joined the St. Peter Mancroft Society in 1814. In 1817 he rang in a peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus, and in 1825 was presented with a silver gilt jewel by the 'United Ringers of St. Peter Mancroft for his eminent services in composing the peal of Norwich Court Twelve-In, and ringing the tenor in Superior Style.' Thurston conducted the first peal of London Surprise Major ever rung. This was at St. Andrew's, Norwich, in the year 1835.

SURPRISE ROYAL COMPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of the compositions sent you, per Mr. C. T. Coles, composed by Mr. Lindoff, I would like to say that the peals of Princess Mary and New Cambridge, rung at St. Martin's last year, and reported as having been composed by Mr. Craven, should have been published as being composed by Mr. Lindoff, unless, of course, Mr. Craven can claim publication earlier than 1903, as the compositions we ran are the same as those given by Mr. Coles. Will the hon. secretary Midland Counties Association kindly note? — Yours truly,

J. H. DEXTER.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

FORTHCOMING SIX-BELL CONTEST.

The monthly meeting was held at South Kirby on Saturday, Mar. 8th. Ringers were present from Barnsley, Crofton, Badsworth, Hoylandswaine, Horbury, Darfield, Royston, Felkirk, Sandal, Wath, Wragby, together with members of the local band. The bells were ringing early in the afternoon in many Minor methods, with good results. As tea-time approached batches of eight in number adjourned to the Rose and Crown, when Host and Hostess Tait provided for all in turn and good style. They also placed rooms apart for the meeting, singing and handbell ringing. Mr. Thickett (president) occupied the chair at the business meeting, and expressed great pleasure in having such a good number round him.

The chief items for discussion were the forthcoming cup contest for six-bell Ringers at Hoylandswaine; this event is likely to be very interesting. Six companies have entered, and several more are probable, while several names of repute were given as likely judges, etc. Darfield bells, it was mentioned, are soon to come under the hands of a reputed firm for restoration.

Crofton was selected for the next place of meeting, which will be jointly held with the Doncaster and District Association on the second Saturday in April.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, churchwardens, and local ringers.

THE BELLS OF ST. MARGARET, LYNN.

By J. R. Jerram.

The number of bells at St. Margaret's, Lynn, previous in 1663 is uncertain; but Mr. L'Estrange, in his Church Bells of Norfolk, 1874, says: 'Mackerell tells us that the great bell was called the Margaret, and was for her curious sound one of the finest, and might be heard (the wind favouring, as I have been assur'd) full ten miles distant. Others has likewise their distinct names, as the Trinity, the St. Thomas, &c., so christened, I suppose, as was usual before the Reformation. But the biggest and least of these was purposely broken, and with some addition cast into others, to make a Ring of Eight, which was effected in the year 1663, as they remain to this day.'

He also tells us that the 4th bell was new cast in 1627 by Draper, of Thetford, yet in 1673 the two great bells were called the Margaret and Thomas, as appears from the churchwardens' account for that year.

In 1766 these bells were recast into a new peal of eight by Lester and Pack, of the Whitechapel Foundry, who also recast the bells of St. Nicholas into a peal of eight at the same time.

The present peal at St. Margaret's consists of ten bells, tenor 55½ in diameter, 30 cwt. The two trebles are 'Jubilee' bells, added in 1887 to Lester and Pack's peal of eight. The inscriptions are as follows:—

- Treble.* ALBERT. THIS BELL WAS GIVEN BY ME, EMMA RODWELL BURKITT, MAYORESS, IN HONOUR OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE, JUNE 20, 1887. R. DALE, VICAR; WILLIAM BURKITT, CHARLES AYRE, CHURCHWARDENS; MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON.
- Second.* VICTORIA. THIS BELL WAS GIVEN BY ME, WILLIAM BURKITT, MAYOR, IN HONOUR OF QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE, JUNE 20, 1887. (Names of vicar, churchwardens, and founders, as on the treble.)
- Third.* PEACE AND GOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD. LESTER & PACK, OF LONDON, FECIT, 1766.
- Fourth.* MUSIC IS MEDICINE TO THE MIND. LESTER & PACK, OF LONDON, FECIT, 1766.
- Fifth.* OUR VOICES SHALL WITH JOYFUL SOUND MAKE HILLS AND VALLEYS ECHO ROUND. LESTER & PACK, OF LONDON, FECIT, 1766.
- Sixth.* LESTER & PACK, OF LONDON, FECIT, 1766.
- Seventh.* HONOUR BOTH TO GOD AND KING OUR VOICES SHALL IN CONSORT RING. LESTER & PACK, OF LONDON, FECIT, 1766.
- Eight.* YE RINGERS ALL THAT PRIZE YOUR HEALTH AND HAPPINESS, BE SOBER, MERRY, WISE, AND YOU'LL THE SAME POSSESS. RECAST, E. G. A. WINTER, VICAR; W. BURKITT, C. M. AYRE, CHURCHWARDENS; MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1893.
- Ninth.* RICHARD MARSHALL AND CHARLES CRUSOE, CHURCHWARDENS, THOS. OSBORN, FOUNDER, DOWNHAM, NORFOLK, 1800.
- Tenor.* JOHN MATHER LEET, CH: WARDEN, LESTER & PACK, OF LONDON, FECIT, 1766.

The following is a copy of the tablets in the belfry:

Jany ye 20, 1740, there was rang ye

5 Thousand and Forty Changes of GARTHING'S TREBLES, in 3 Hours and 40 minutes by Ringers of ye Steeple, named:

JN. ATKIN ... ..	... Treble	JOS. RAVEN ... ..	... Fifth
JN. STREET ... ..	... Second	WM. MOORE ... ..	... Sixth
WM. AIMORE ... ..	... Third	ANT. BERRY ... ..	... Seventh
JN. PARKINGS ... ..	... Fourth	CHAS. HILL ... ..	... Tenor

HORBURY, YORKS.—At SS. Peter and Leonard, for evening service, on March 9th, 768 Double Norwich Major: W. H. Mitchell 1, G. Hunt 2, G. F. Pickles 3, J. Smith 4, G. Barstow 5, H. Rowley (conductor) 6, G. W. Pickles 7, R. Thickett 8.

Feb. 23rd, 1770, was rung in this Steeple a compleat

Peal of 5040 BOB MAJOR,

by the undermentioned persons:

ROBT. FIELD ... ..	... Treble	JNO. RAVEN ... ..	... Fifth
JNO. PARKINSON ... ..	... Second	NATH. WILLIAMSON ... ..	... Sixth
WHO CALL'D THE PEAL.			
THOS. KILLINGBANK ... ..	... Third	THOS. CRANE ... ..	... Seventh
JNO. BELL ... ..	... Fourth	JNO. SQUIRES ... ..	... Tenor

Nov. 5th, 1796, was rung a compleat

Peal of 6000 Changes of BOB MAJOR

in 4 Hours and 10 Minutes by the ringers of this Steeple, viz.,

WILLM. RUSSELL ... ..	... Treble	WILLM. JACKAMAN ... ..	... Fifth
JOHN BELL ... ..	... Second	HENRY SMITH ... ..	... Sixth
JOHN BODHAM ... ..	... Third	EDWD. BODHAM ... ..	... Seventh
WHO CALL'D THE PEAL.			
BENJN. SEAMAN ... ..	... Fourth	THOS. BALLS, JUN. ... ..	... Tenor

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

SOME OF ITS INCONSISTENCIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest your leading article of March 14th, and agree with every line of it. Our Parliament is by no means consistent in its work. The naming of the six bell methods, bad as it was, is only one of the points that will have to be rectified as soon as possible. At least half the methods published had been named years ago, and many are still rung under their original titles. The board recording the 15,120 in Wath tower bears names of 21 methods, some of which have been renamed. That board is proof of publication or copyright. Other boards were in existence at Horbury and other Yorkshire towers more than fifty years ago. I have a manuscript book thirty years old, with about 150 six-bell methods in it, all of which had been rung and named.

Then there is the question of Treble Bob composition to be gone into thoroughly. Some years ago the Council, I believe, decided that peals of Kent with 6th's place bobs were not to be countenanced, and at least one large association decided not to publish these peals in their report on that account. Now we have peals of Treble Bob as a regular thing in which two kinds of calls are made. Call them spliced if you like, the result is the same. If you ring Kent with 6th's place bobs it is out of court, but if you call it Kent and Norwich spliced you can do it with impunity. Kent, rung with what are known as 'treble extremes,' viz., with treble, making 6th's and dodging 5-6 down, while bells behind treble dodge, is out of court, and cannot be thought of in the best circles, but if you ring Plain Bob and let the treble do the 'extreme' trick each lead in 4th's, you can call it Little Bob and put it in court and be proud of it.

The Council, through their committee, gave us gracious permission to scramble for these collection of six-bell methods and rename them as we liked. Had we chosen to take a broader view of this privilege, and taken a dislike to the name of Stedman, and someone had published a peal of it as St. Benet's Triples or 'The Cambridge Principle,' who was to say us nay? It is admitted that the Council's committees have done a marvellous amount of very tedious work in their scant leisure moments, and that it is an honorary position, but all the honour goes to those who have the honour to carry out to the last jot the duties for which they allowed themselves to be elected. No one should allow himself to be elected on the Council unless he intends to carry out the duties, and a member elected on a committee should do his utmost to fulfil his duties, or retire. The Exercise has long ago passed the happy childhood in which it played at ringing when the idea of a Council was first conceived. It is now a serious proposition; and its affairs must receive serious and businesslike treatment if it is to be the respected and prominent branch of church work that it is our aim to make it. It is oftentimes said that the Church has need of all her sons; the Exercise needs hers as well, and the sons she should give to the Council should be those who intend to hand it on letter perfect as a going concern. Let us wash out chaos, leave out the door slamming, and write up 'Business only meant.'—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

BELL RINGERS' SERMONS.

The Coalbrookdale Ringers' sermons, which, as will be seen from a notice elsewhere, are to be delivered next Sunday, have been preached annually for nearly thirty years. The offertories throughout the day are devoted to the ringers' funds, and are in place of the old custom of 'passing round the hat' at Christmas. The parish enters warmly into the events of the day, when there are special preachers, and in the afternoon a musical service. Visiting ringers will be welcome.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. SOUTHERN DISTRICT

A meeting of the Southern District was held at Hurworth-on-Tees on Saturday last, and was very successful; the bells (tenor 17½ cwt.) being kept going throughout the afternoon and evening to London and Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Bob Minor, and Stedman Doubles. Tea was followed by the meeting, presided over by the district vice-president (Mr. G. W. Park), and Shildon was decided upon for the next meeting on a date to be arranged between the President and the District Secretary (Mr. A. Hunter).

Sympathetic reference was made to the untimely death of Mr. Pullinson, a ringer at Bishop Auckland, and, on the motion of Mr. W. Kingdon, it was resolved to write a letter of condolence to his widow, in her loss.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Faber) for the use of the bells concluded the business, and a return was made to the tower.

This is the third meeting of this district to be held this year, the two previous being at Stockton-on-Tees on January 2nd, and at Heighington on February 16th, both of which were well attended, about 20 members taking part at Stockton in Stedman Triples and Caters, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Kent Major, and 16 members at Heighington taking part in London and Cambridge Surprise Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

A general meeting of the Guild was held at Diss on Saturday afternoon, March 8th. By kind permission of the Rectors, the ring of eight at St. Mary's Church, Diss, and the ring of eight at St. Peter's Church, Palgrave, were placed at the disposal of the members during the afternoon and evening, and some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major were brought round. Tea was served at the King's Head Hotel, and was followed by the general business meeting, at which in the absence of the President (the Dean of Norwich), the Rev. R. L. Whytehead (Rector of Diss) presided.

The chairman was supported by Mr. S. Wilson, Mr. S. G. Hind, the general secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman), Messrs. W. Ireland, G. H. Cross, G. T. Peggall (district secretaries), and representatives from Diss, Dickleburgh, Fakenham, Great Yarmouth, Norwich, Palgrave, Laxfield, Thornham Magna, Stoke Ash, Wymondham.

The secretary submitted nominations for election, including those for confirmation, four new honorary members, viz., the Rev. J. Pole Simeon, Rector of Fakenham; the Rev. Ralph Layard Whytehead, Rector of Diss; Dr. Arthur H. Vaughan, of Diss; Mr. Sidney George Hind, of Diss; and four new performing members, viz.: Bertie William Marsh (North Elmham), Bertie E. Bassingthwaite, and Cecil G. Kerrison (Wymondham), Albert Boast (Wissett).

It was resolved that the Bank Holiday general meetings of the Guild be held as follows: Easter Monday at King's Lynn; Whit Monday at Lowestoft; August Bank Holiday at North Elmham.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. R. L. Whytehead for presiding, and for the use of the bells of the Parish Church of Diss, and also to the Rev. B. M. Downton for the use of the bells of the Parish Church of Palgrave. — The Rector kindly acknowledged the vote, and expressed the pleasure he had had in presiding over the proceedings.

This brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close, the whole proceedings being of a very genial character.

THE FALSE PEAL AT ERITH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I carefully perused Mr. P. J. Cullum's, junr.'s letter in your issue of the 22nd ultimo, relative to the above, and I have also looked up Mr. Barnett's letter published by you in the previous month.

It is quite evident that I was in error when I described the above as an 'attempt' only at Erith, as Mr. Barnett certainly uses words to the effect that the company assembled at Erith rang the false composition. I thank Mr. Cullum for pointing this out to me, and in replying to him, it gives me again an opportunity of expressing my apology, with even greater emphasis than in my first letter, to the parties who rang the false composition at Erith and Wye, and the figures of which I had not the slightest idea contained any repetition.

Although I cannot be regarded as the sole producer of the composition, yet I alone should tender this public apology, owing to the fact that I happened to be the only person who could make public property of what proved to be a false variation.

To employ a business phrase, 'I have met my liability' by apologising, and I now await the usual method of acknowledgment, viz.: 'Received with thanks,' from representatives on behalf of both aggrieved parties.—Yours truly,

GEO. BILLENNESS.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the above Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday week, the weather being all that could be desired. The ten bells were available during the afternoon, and the service was conducted by the President of the Guild, the Rev. Canon A. H. Phelps, R.D. (Vicar of Dudley), who also gave an eloquent and interesting address. At the close of the service an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where a bountiful tea was in readiness, Mrs. Phelps, Mrs. H. Watson and Miss Bagott kindly presiding at the tables, at which upwards of seventy members sat down, representing the following towers in union with the Guild: Bilston, Bradley, Coseley, Dudley, Sedgley, Tipton, Old Hill, Smethwick, Rowley Regis, Kingswinford, West Bromwich, Netherton, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Birmingham, etc. The business meeting followed, at which the chair was taken by the Rev. A. H. Phelps, who gave a right cordial welcome to the members to Dudley on behalf of himself, the churchwardens, and the Parochial Church Council. Apologies for inability to be present were announced from Messrs. J. W. Naylor, H. Watson (churchwardens), J. Bayliss, W. A. Pugh, H. W. Wilde, H. Mason, and others.

The Hon. Secretary, before reading his annual report, referred in very feeling terms to the loss the Guild had sustained by the death of Mr. Councillor Herbert Wilkes, who had been an honorary member and vice-president for a great number of years. He was a strong and devoted churchman, and Christian gentleman. The secretary also referred to the death of Mr. A. E. Whatmore, of the Brierley Hill band, and Mr. Joseph Faulkner, of the Netherton band.—A vote of sympathy and condolence to their respective families was passed, by the members standing in silence; also to the Brierley Hill and Netherton bands for the great loss they had sustained by the death of their former ringing comrades.

The Hon. Secretary presented a report which showed an improvement in the work of the Guild during the past year. One outstanding feature was the joining of the Guild by the Rowley Regis and Kingswinford bands. An increase of new membership on the previous year was noticed. Both the honorary and performing members kept up to the average, and there was a balance in hand from all sources of £6 2s. 11d. A donation of £2 2s. had been given to the Dudley Parish Church Renovation Fund, and 10s. 6d. to the Rowley Regis Belfry Fund.

The election of officers then took place, including president, the Rev. Canon Phelps; vice-presidents, the Rev. C. H. Barker, Vicar of Swindon, near Dudley, Messrs. C. E. Lloyd (M.P. for Dudley), F. R. McDowell, J. W. Naylor, H. Watson (wardens), J. McDougall Tait, Harry Mason and Arthur Spittle, Mr. J. P. Bill being elected to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Councillor Herbert Wilkes. Mr. John Goodman, junr. (Dudley), was elected Ringing Master, and the hon. secretary, Mr. Herbert Sheppard, was unanimously re-elected. Mr. S. J. Hughes was elected treasurer, and representative on the Central Council. Messrs. F. Evans and T. H. Justice were appointed auditors.

On the proposition of the secretary, it was decided to ask for the usual permission to hold the next meeting at the beautiful country village of Penn, near Wolverhampton, the date and arrangements to be left with the secretary.

Several new members were added to the roll.

At the close of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Arthur Spittle, seconded by Mr. B. Gough, was passed to the president for his warm welcome, also for his kindness in conducting the service in church and for his eloquent address; also for the use of the tower and bells, to Mr. J. P. Bill, the secretary of the managers, for the use of the Schoolroom for the tea and meeting, to the ladies for presiding at the tables, and those who had prepared and served the tea and looked after the comfort of those present. It is also desired to offer sincere thanks to the donors of the tea, the funds for which were provided by subscriptions collected by the hon. secretary from members of the Dudley Parish Church, who are all staunch supporters of the Guild.

Votes of thanks were also passed to the officers for their past services, and the President briefly replied on behalf of all concerned, mentioning how sorry he was that the organ had gone wrong during the last week, and regretting that the bells were in such a bad state. They were, however, having the serious attention of the Parochial Council, and something would have to be done in the matter. He then closed, what was declared one of the best and successful meetings during the past few years, with prayer.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Loughborough District was held at Hugglescote on Saturday, March 8th. The church, though modern, possesses a magnificent tower with a beautiful peal of eight bells. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Minor, were rung by members from various parts, including Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Shepshed, Loughborough, and the local tower.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Whitwick on Saturday, April 26th.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples, in 20 mins.: R. Kynaston 1, J. Hughes 2, T. Butler 3, R. T. Evans (conductor) 4, E. Jones 5, H. T. Hughes 6, R. Edwards 7, T. Marshall 8. T. Butler hails from Ellesmere.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—On March 16th, for Matins, at the Parish Church, 240 Grandsire, 240 Plain Bob and 120 St. Simon's Doubles: G. Mansfield 1, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 2, A. Booth 3, J. M. Gray 4, A. Mansfield 5.—For evensong, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: R. A. Hornsby 1, J. W. Haynes 2, A. Mansfield 3, J. M. Gray 4, A. Booth 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: G. W. Sayell (first quarter-peal) 1, J. A. Howard 2, E. Jones 3, W. E. Oakley 4, W. Norris 5, F. Edwards 6, E. M. Elliott (first quarter as conductor) 7, W. Hewitt 8.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—At the Abbey Church, for evening service, on March 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Worley 1, H. Cobb 2, C. Exon 3, R. Davis 4, E. Naish 5, F. Naish (conductor) 6, W. Hutton 7, C. Spicer 8.

EGHAM.—On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Worsfold 1, H. J. Chaffey 2, M. Norman 3, E. Butler 4, F. Nye (conductor) 5, S. Armstrong 6, J. B. Hessey 7, W. Perrey 8. First quarter by ringers 1st, 6th, 8th. The Rev. Tranter paid a visit to the belfry, and thanked the members for attending.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, on Sunday, March 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: H. W. Mance 1, G. Watkin 2, W. J. Dean 3, C. F. Mitchell 4, H. H. Mance 5, E. A. Reeve 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, W. Essery 8. First attempt for a quarter in any method by ringer of treble, who is 14 years of age.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. Tilley 1, Miss K. Jutson 2, Miss K. More 3, Miss A. Dale (first 720 as conductor) 4, W. Waldron 5, J. Jutson 6.

ERITH.—On Sunday evening, March 9th, at St. John-the-Baptist's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: L. Cullum 1, F. Axtell 2, W. Axtell 3, F. J. Cullum 4, E. Hott 5, H. Holden 6, J. Morton (conductor) 7, O. Robinson 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, March 9th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Davies 1, G. Davies 2, F. J. Brookes 3, K. Salter 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Woodberry 6, H. Martin, Birkenhead (conductor) 7, J. Bennett 8.—For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. J. Salter 1, G. Davies 2, J. Davies 3, K. Salter (conductor) 4, E. Higgs 5, J. Woodberry 6, E. J. Brookes 7, H. Martin 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bennett, the respected towerkeeper, at this church.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, March 9th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. Roberts 1, C. Read 2, F. Case 3, D. Chexfield 4, L. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, A. J. Green (conductor) 7, G. Green 8. Longest length of Stedman by the local band.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew's, on Sunday, March 9th, for evensong, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: J. W. Sharp 1, J. W. Haynes (first 720 in the method) 2, G. F. Lucas 3, A. Booth 4, Geo. Mansfield 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6. Ringer of treble hails from Towcester; 2nd from Pattishall; the remainder are local.

PRITTLEWELL, SOUTHEND.—On Sunday, March 9th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 49 mins.: L. H. Page 1, G. A. Bacon 2, G. P. Chalk 3, J. Barrett 4, W. Dudley 5, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 6, S. Cordon 7, L. Stilwell 8, W. H. Judd 9, W. Bacon 10.

NEWHALL.—At St. John's Church, for evensong, on March 9th, 720 Bob Minor: S. Jones 1, H. Hough 2, H. Hurdman (conductor) 3, J. Hough 4, H. Brealey 5, H. Cotton (first 720) 6.

DERBY.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, March 9th, for evening service, at St. Alkmund's Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Waterfield 1, W. Slater, junr., 2, J. Haywood 3, C. Draper 4, E. Summerside 5, W. Slater, senr., 6, Geo. Freebury (conductor) 7, W. Critchley 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 9th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. Wincote 1, Miss Hawsworth (first of Stedman) 2, R. Fardon (conductor) 3, S. D. Breeze 4, W. Sparrow 5, R. Holloway 6, J. W. Fruin 7, W. Atkinson 8.

GRANTHAM.—On Sunday, March 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: F. Proctor J, D. Overton 2, H. Proctor 3, A. Parker 4, E. Nidd 5, S. Proctor (conductor) 6, W. G. Thorpe 7, T. H. Hall 8.

SOUTHWELL.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday evening, March 9th, for service, 700 Grandsire Triples: H. F. Clulow 1, T. Foster 2, J. P. Beeson 3, G. E. Padgett 4, F. Pickard 5, J. F. Milner 6, A. J. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, E. Foster 8. Rung to celebrate the birthday of H. F. Clulow, the number of lead ends corresponding with his age.

LONDON.—At All Hallows', Lombard Street, City, on Sunday, March 9th, for evening service, 4 courses London Surprise Major: W. Nudds 1, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 2, F. Hairs 3, E. F. Pike 4, R. W. Grimwood 5, W. Hewett (conductor) 6, J. E. Davis 7, R. Sanders 8. Also two courses of Bristol, W. Nudds ringing the 5th.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, March 9th, 420 Minor, in six methods: Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: J. Shuker 1, T. G. Hawkins 2, Mrs. A. D. Barker 3, E. O. Hartley 4, A. D. Barker (conductor) 5, W. L. Gutteridge 6.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, March 9th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Chapman 1, R. Norman 2, R. Scott 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Cross 5, A. Andrews 6, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 7, J. Carter 8. First touch of Stedman Triples as conductor.

SWANAGE.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sunday, March 9th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Turner 1, R. S. Bastable 2, C. Tones 3, D. Hill Brown 4, G. F. Haysome 5, W. J. Bastable (longest touch) 6, G. J. Williams 7, W. G. Bishop (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—St. Andrew's, Holborn, Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 18th, for evening service, 1,344 Bob Major, in 51 mins.: G. Harman 1, C. Chooet 2, J. Lee 3, R. Green 4, H. Gowllett 5, J. Hawkins 6, E. Russell 7, J. Bullock (conductor) 8.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN DIVISION AGAINST INCREASED SUBSCRIPTIONS.

The annual meeting of the Southern Division was held at the Church of St. Marie, Sheffield, on Saturday last. The bells were open from 2 to 7 p.m., and a good number of ringers visited the tower during the afternoon and evening.

The business meeting was held at the Talbot Hotel, and, the room previously engaged being not quite large enough, the billiard-rooms was kindly placed at the disposal of the association—an offer which was very much appreciated. Between 30 and 40 members and friends were present, the towers represented being the Cathedral, All Saints', St. Marie's, Handsworth, Rannoor, Bolsterstone, Wath, Arksey, Doncaster, Wortley, Ecclesfield, and Rotherham, also out-county members from Norton and Staveley.

The vice-president (Mr. F. Willey) presided.—Mr. F. Mortimer, of Ecclesfield, and Mr. H. Mortimore, of Rawmarsh, were elected members of the association.

An invitation was given to hold the next meeting at Ecclesfield on June 21st, and this was accepted.

Mr. F. Willey was re-elected vice-president for the next three years, as were also the retiring committee: Messrs. J. H. Charlesworth (Bolsterstone), G. Clark (Arksey) and G. Lewis (Ecclesfield). The last named is also on the general committee.

The proposal from the annual meeting at Hull, re increase of subscriptions, was very keenly criticised, the feeling being that such a course would result in a great number of members lapsing from the association, and the secretary was instructed to write all towers in the Southern Division and get their opinion on the matter. The meeting itself was entirely against any increase, it being felt that the present subscription of 1/6 was quite enough in comparison with other associations, and as much as many could afford to pay.

Votes of thanks to the St. Marie's company for the excellent arrangements made were heartily carried, and acknowledged by Mr. C. Harrison of that company.

BOOKS ON RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I should be obliged if any of your readers would let me know if it is possible to procure copies of the following books on bell ringing; if so, at what prices?

Stedman's Tintinnalogia	...	A.D. 1668
Stedman's Campanologia	...	1677
Campanologia by J. D. and C. M.	...	A.D. 1702
Ditto Second Edition	...	1705
Ditto Third	...	1733
Ditto Fourth (1st gives Cambridge Surprise Minor)	...	1753
Ditto Fifth (Monk's Edition (1st gives Cambridge Surprise Major)	...	1766
Clavis Campanologia, by Jones, Reeves and Blakemore	...	1788
Ditto, Second Edition	...	1796
Shipway's Work	...	1816
Hubbard's Work	...	1845
And subsequently 1854, 1864, 1868, & 1875.	...	
Thackrah's Work	...	1852
Sottanastall's Work	...	1867
Bannister's Work	...	1874
Heywood's 'Duffield'	...	1888

I should be glad to know if all, or any, of the above can be purchased.—Yours truly,
G. M. GREEN.
15, Park Road, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells.

HALESOWEN RINGER'S RETIREMENT.

There was an interesting gathering at Halesowen (Worcester) recently, when Mr. Elijah White, who has just retired from the local band after 49 years' service, received a present of a wallet containing over £28 subscribed for by residents in the parish. The Rector (the Rev. H. C. A. Colville) presided, and the large company present included many prominent parishioners, Messrs. G. N. Cockin, M. Hackett and W. Webb, and others of the local band, and Mr. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), and Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master of the Northern Branch, Worcestershire Association).

The Rector said that was a pleasant and yet, in a sense, a sad meeting, because they were saying 'good-bye' to active service of one who had been a great worker and helper in the parish. Mr. White was not content to be a bell ringer only; he also had long associations with the Sunday School and choir, and they all wished him long life and happiness in his retirement.

After other tributes had been paid to Mr. White, Mrs. Hornfray (a well-known lady worker in the parish) handed to Mr. White the wallet, and in doing so thanked him for all he had done, and the example he had set, and said the parishioners hoped he would be spared to them for many years to come (applause).

Mr. White, in some well-chosen words, suitably responded.

Heartily thanks were voted to the organisers; also to the Halesowen handbell ringers, who gave selections during the evening.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**NORTHERN DIVISION.**

By kind permission of Archdeacon Lindsey a quarterly meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Saltburn on Saturday, March 1st. The attendance was adversely affected by the wintry weather, and only the immediate towers of Thornaby, Middlesboro', Skelton and Scarborough were represented. The visiting ringers, however, made good use of the fine peal of eight bells, and during the afternoon and evening several touches of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Sedman Triples and Double Norwich were enjoyed. In the absence of the vice-chairman, the Rev. E. Drage, M.A., Mr. J. H. Blakiston, of Middlesboro', presided at the business meeting. —Regret was expressed at the unavoidable absence of the secretary and the Pickering ringers. A week of continued snowstorms made it impossible to travel by road from Pickering to Saltburn, and the train service was equally inconvenient.

At the invitation of the Scarborough band it was decided to hold the annual meeting at St. Mary's Church, Scarborough, on Saturday, June 21st. This is an ideal arrangement for a summer meeting, and the Northern committee of the Yorkshire Association trust that many towers will make a note of this date, and wherever possible try to fix up their annual ringing excursion to Scarborough for the occasion. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Archdeacon Lindsey for his kindness to the ringers, as well as for his helpful and inspiring address, and to Mr. Peck and the local ringers for the genial hospitality extended to the visiting ringers.

GRAMOPHONE BELL RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Reverting to the correspondence in relation to the above, the writer would like to point out that he took a record on a wax cylinder in or about the year 1895, on an Edison phonograph, very much to the fore at that time. A touch could not be accomplished, so a course of Bob Minor was tried, and apparently with success.

I fear, however, your correspondent is under a misapprehension when he states 'a gramophone record' in or about the year he mentions. The process of taking a record on a gramophone was not in existence, and I do not think it is possible to-day, it being generally recognised that to take a record on a gramophone is a secret process. I believe the Columbia firm manufactured the phonograph under licence in the year above mentioned.

I still hold that record, and I believe, in the absence of bruises and scratches it might still be of interest to 'listen in,' and when a phonograph is available I shall have the pleasure of producing the record (a course of Bob Minor on bells which will be nameless for the time being) at some ringers' meeting. At the time of reproducing the record it met with appreciation, and a record was taken of handbell ringing. This, and the foregoing, have received compliments from noted ringers in the years now past. It is generally acknowledged that gramophones have had none other than flat discs.

When the cobwebs, etc., have made their departure, I hope to report its behaviour through the medium of your useful journal. Meanwhile, I shall remain a youth as in EIGHTEEN NINETY-FIVE.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral, March 25th, at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Framlingham District.—A practice meeting will be held at Laxfield on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.—J. Hall, Dis. Sec., College Road, Framlingham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Coaley on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea, by invitation, at 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The annual meeting will be held at East Grinstead on Saturday, March 22nd. Tower open 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5, followed by business meeting.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow and Church Stretton District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Tenbury on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m., service 4.30. Tea and-business meeting to follow. — P. Lane, Dis. Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Sapcote on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BRISTOL UNITED GUILDS.—The next social will be held at Saturday, March 22nd. Ringing, St. Mary Redcliffe, 3.30 p.m. Tea at St. Thomas' Church Room 5 p.m. Social and dance to follow. Historical documents of St. Thomas' on view, by kind permission. Everyone invited.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Bromham on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The annual meeting of this division will be held at Horsham on Saturday, March 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Tea, at the Queen's Head, at 5 o'clock.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

TIVERTON.—The bells of St. Peter's, after being recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Exeter at the 11 o'clock service on March 23rd, and there will be a ringing festival on Easter Monday. Particulars later.—Richard Grater.

PARISH CHURCH, COALBROOKDALE, SALOP.—Bellringers' Sermons.—On Sunday, March 23, special sermons will be preached—in the morning by the Rev. C. S. Jackson, Rector of Willey, in the evening by the Rev. W. A. Warner, Rector of Broseley. Holy Communion 8 a.m., Matins 11 a.m., Evensong 6.30. There will be a musical service in the afternoon at 3 in which the following will take part: The Broseley Quartette Party, Miss Elsie Broome (contralto), Miss Malcolm (violinist), local handbell ringers, the choir and Mr. Wallace Wall (organist). The offertories will be given to the ringers who receive no other remuneration for their services. Donations will be gratefully received by the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe (Vicar), the Churchwardens or Mr. William Saunders.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday, March 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each to those who send word to me by March 24th.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells from 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Annual outing.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, March 29th. Ringing at Trowel from 2 to 3 p.m. At 3 p.m. prompt those present will commence a tour of the Stanton Hill Iron Works and the new Huime Pipe Plant, by the kindness of the officials; then on to Stanton-by-Dale for tea at 5.30. Stanton bells will be open from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m. Will those requiring tea please send their names to Mr. E. C. Gobey, 23, Shaw Street, Ilkeston, not later than Thursday, March 27th?—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ashbourne on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Members make their own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Local Hon. Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Merrow and Clandon on Saturday, March 29th. Merrow bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service in Merrow Church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Clandon bells available during the evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' Baillie Road, Guildford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Barton Sea-grave (5) on Saturday, March 29th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, March 25th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on March 29th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 26th. The annual subscription is now due, and tower secretaries are asked to collect the same from their members and to forward the total to me as early as possible.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton (6 bells) on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Creton on Saturday, March 29th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by the 27th?—W. Bott, Hon. Dist. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for April: Bishopsgate, Monday, 7th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 6th, 10 a.m., Monday, 14th, 6.30 p.m., Monday, 28th, 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting to follow.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual General Committee Meeting.—This meeting will be held in Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3.15 p.m. Notice of motion should reach general secretary at least ten days before that date.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The Annual General meeting will be at Nottingham on Easter Monday, April 21st. Nominations for President, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary for ensuing year, and for four representatives on Central Council for next three years should reach me one month before the above date.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire.

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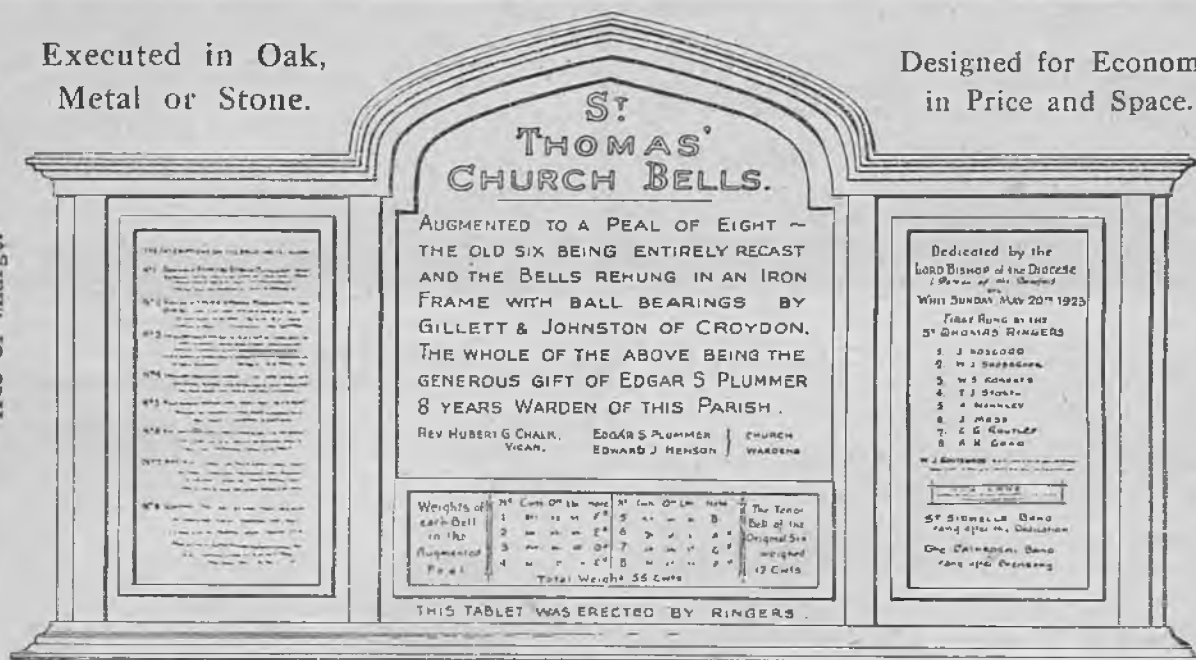
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NOMENCLATURE—PAST AND FUTURE.

It will be seen from a letter which we publish this week that the Leytonstone Association are determined to see that something is done at the forthcoming Central Council meeting to bring about, if possible, an alteration in the inappropriate names that have been applied to Minor methods by the Analysis Committee. They submit for the consideration of the Exercise, and particularly those Associations which they have directly approached, alternative suggestions with a view to action when the Council meet at Whitsun. What actual course is taken, depends upon the views of the members, but, put broadly, the desire is to rid methods of names which make the art of ringing look ludicrous in the eyes of the public—names which merely perpetuate and emphasize a type of nomenclature which has often in the past led to the finger of ridicule being pointed at ringers and ringing.

The course pursued by the Leytonstone company, by proffering alternative resolutions, may serve to stir up discussion; but we hope that before the agenda of the Council is closed, some very definite resolution will be framed and entered. This resolution, we think, ought not merely to cover the revision of the names now existing, but should lay down some guidance for the future. In dealing with existing names, it has to be remembered that it is not only the floral titles to which exception is taken. There are numerous others which, in the interests of common sense, ought to be changed. In our view there ought to be no hesitation in wiping out at the same time some of the old names, which, although we may have got accustomed to them by usage, are none the less absurd. Perhaps this is asking too much, for it would strike at some of the old established titles, but we must remember that the twentieth century has put ringing on a totally different plane to that which it occupied fifty years ago. As to the future, the Council could well lay down a rule not to recognise names of methods unless they came within certain categories, which categories could always be enlarged in the future if the times and the necessities demanded it.

When last year the committee's report came up for confirmation, there was a misconception, for it was declared carried before members, who wished to discuss it, realised what had happened. The President, however, allowed a discussion to take place. This turned at once on the Committee's action in renaming methods already named, and, having led to a deadlock, a motion to proceed to the next business was carried by a small majority. In this way those who wished to challenge the other phase of the Committee's action, that of introducing appropriate new

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titles, were elbowed out, and the question which is now being raised was never adequately put before the Council. That it will have to be dealt with is certain, and out of the alternative proposals now made by the Leytonstone Association we hope some resolution will emerge which will meet with general approval.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5035 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

BENJAMIN FOSKETT Treble	THOMAS NEWMAN 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 8
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 9
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 10
ARTHUR N. HARDY 5	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 11
JOHN SPARROW 6	FRANK SMITH Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS Treble	EDGAR C. RUSSELL 6
EVERED J. WALSOM 2	JESSE B. TYLER 7
HERBERT LANGDON 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD 8
HARRY A. FOLKARD 4	JAMES BULLOCK 9
PERCY E. CLARK 5	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

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FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*JOHN SUMMERFIELD Treble	HENRY C. COLLYER 5
†CYRIL VALENTINE 2	WILLIAM BIBBY 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
JOHN M. BIBBY 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by G. H. RANGLES.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' First as conductor.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(WARNHAM BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN STANFORD Treble	JACK BRANCH 5
JOHN COOK 2	PETER CHARMAN 6
GEORGE WOODMAN 3	WILLIAM STANFORD 7
WESLEY FETTERER 4	WALTER CHARMAN Tenor

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First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON-IN-THE-EAST, IDOL LANE, CITY.
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	JAMES E. COOPER 5
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
*FRANK E. DARBY 3	†ROBERT A. FARDON 7
AMOS W. CLARK 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.
* First peal of Major in the method by all the band. * First peal of Major. † 25th peal.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGAN.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

JOHN HALLETT Treble	WILLIAM KATHRO 5
IVOR MITCHELL 2	SIDNEY RIDGWAY 6
EDRIS MITCHELL 3	ARTHUR BURGESS 7
JOHN DARCH 4	*CHARLES WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HALLETT.

* First peal. This peal was arranged especially for the ringers of 5th, 7th and tenor. The ringers of the 5th and tenor were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DURLING Treble	JOHN LYDDIARD 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
ROBERT BRETT SMITH 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 4	ISAAC EMERY Tenor

Composed by ISAAC G. SHADE. Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	THOMAS LANGDON 5
EDWARD WALLAGE 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
WILSON RUSHTON 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4	HUGH HILLS Tenor

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

CECIL KAZER Treble	ARTHUR W. DIX 5
MADRICE F. R. HIBBERT 2	WILLIAM G. WHITEHEAD ... 6
HAROLD G. CASHMORE 3	WILLIAM HODGETTS 7
HUBERT EDEN 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by H. G. CASHMORE.

First peal as conductor. Mr. Hibbert's 50th Surprise peal.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 16th, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob (1,280 changes), in 47 mins.: Sergt. F. Porter 1, P.C. Schleuter 2, ex-P.C. Walker 3, P.C. Shipp 4, P.C. Digby 5, Sergt. Boltrill (conductor) 6, P.C. Walters 7, P.C. Brett 8.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

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CECIL V. EBBERTSON 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal in the method. Ernest Morris is of Leicester.

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	CHARLES MASON 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
GEORGE LEWIS 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
BERNARD DITCHER 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HECTOR G. BIRD Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 5
BERNARD W. WITCHELL 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WILLIAM H. BALL 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 7
WILLIAM BROWN 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

Mr. S. Grove's 400th peal. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. R. E. Eaton for having everything in readiness.

NEW MILLS, DERBYSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr.

*WILLIAM FERNLEY Treble	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	FRED HOLT 6
*JOHN P. FIDLER 3	TOM WILDE 7
*WILLIAM JACKSON 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

The quarterly peal for the branch. * First peal in the method.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

WILLIAM T. POWELL Treble	EDGAR MARLOW 5
CHARLES R. LILLEY 2	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	THOMAS J. ELTON 7
BERT HORTON 4	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

C. R. Lilley belongs to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. B. Gough, Coslecy. The band desire to tender their best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. C. Wallater for their hospitality after the peal.

BEBBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER 7
JAMES H. RIDING 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Joseph Aliffe for making the arrangements.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*MISS FLORENCE SAUNDERS Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ... 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
MRS. KATE HOLBROOK ... 3	BENJAMIN GODGH 7
WILLIAM A. COOPER ... 4	† CYRIL WINWOOD Tenor

Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

* First peal in the method. † Elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ben Gough.

HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

F. CARDWELL Treble	J. GARTH 5
MISS E. HOPKIN 2	H. TAYLOR 6
J. C. TAYLOR 3	W. GODDEN 7
H. WILSON 4	F. WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in method by all except conductor. All are members of local company.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(Late the St. James' Society.)

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary, Rotherhithe, S.E.,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*WILLIAM A. BATTEN... Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	*ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
ERNEST J. KING 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt for a peal of Surprise.

TETTENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR BENNETT Treble	GEORGE H. TUDOR 5
† HARRY DALTON 2	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 6
ROBERT PICKERING 3	BENJAMIN DALTON 7
HARRY A. FARLOW 4	*EDWARD GENNA Tenor

Conducted by R. PICKERING.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal with a bob bell. This is the first peal on the bells, recently recast and rehung by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, of Croydon.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	GEORGE BENNETT 5
GEORGE PRYKE 2	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 6
LESLIE G. BRETT 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	JOHN GOOCH Tenor

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST HUNT Treble	WILLIAM LITTLE 5
*JOSEPH BLOW 2	HORACE GOODENOUGH ... 6
JOHN MALYAN 3	HARRY HOLICK 7
THOMAS HULL 4	*WILLIAM NASH Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by GEORGE MALYAN.

* First peal in the method.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
*SYDNEY A. JOHNSON ... 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WILLIAM THORLEY ... 7
WALTER WHITEHEAD ... 4	HARRY KIRBY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Triples 'inside,' and first attempt.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Leonard,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb. in A.

*FREDERICK E. COLLINS ... Treble	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS ... 6
OWEN H. GILES 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7
*RICHARD PAINE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich; also first peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

ROBERT A. FARDON Treble	DANIEL COOPER 5
*FRANK E. DARBY 2	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 6
† JAMES E. COOPER 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by C. H. KIPPIN, JUN.

Rung after an attempt for Double Norwich, time being limited.
* First peal of Major in the method. † 25th peal.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD... .. 5
JOHN C. NEWMAN 2	*JOSEPH ELLIOTT 6
*WALTER ARNOLD 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 7
FRANK CLAYDON 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers as a mark of respect to the late Mr. James Newman, for many years conductor of the local company, who was interred in St. Martin's Cemetery the previous Thursday.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE FREEBREY Treble	A. CONINGSBY WRIGHT 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	HARRY BROUGHTON 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Bristol in Derby. Rung for the festival of St. Alkmund.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*PERCY K. PARKER Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING 2	JAMES DURRANT 6
CHARLES W. PARKER 3	GEORGE A. FLEMING 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4	CHARLES WOODCOCK Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal in the method. The peal was a birthday compliment to P. K. Parker.

SIX BELL PEALS

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ST. DUNSTAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*JOSEPH HAWKES Treble	FRANK COLE 4
†ALICK A. COOK 2	THOMAS PRICE 5
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	†THOMAS FEWSTER Tenor

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal since 1889. ‡ First peal.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

JOHN LEWIN Treble	FRANK LEWIN 4
*MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD 2	BERNARD J. SADDINGTON... .. 5
JOSEPH SADDINGTON 3	†ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal. † First peal of Bob Minor, and first as conductor on six bells.

BEDWAS, MON.—On Tuesday, March 18th. 720 Grandsire Doubles, for Confirmation service: A. J. Hurford 1, W. Birt 2, A. Martin 3, A. E. Slater 4, G. Martin (conductor) 5, Rees Ridout 6.—On Thursday evening, March 20th, 360 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of Mr. J. Williams, who was buried earlier in the day: A. J. Hurford 1, A. Martin 2, W. Hurford 3, A. E. Slater 4, G. Martin (conductor) 5, Rees Ridout 6.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-One 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	RAYMOND PHILPOT 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	GEORGE PETTER 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Four Minutes.

AT 90, BLACKMAN LANE,

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

JAMES R. KEMP 1—2	WILLIAM BARTON 5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3—4	JOHN AMELER 7—8

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attested by STANLEY ROBINSON.

Mr. George Robinson witnessed the first half of the peal.

COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 15 in C.

FRANK E. PERVIN 1—2	W. H. J. HOOTON 5—6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3—4	HARRY O. WHITE 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

First peal of Major 'in hand' by all except the conductor.

MR. SAMUEL GROVE'S 400 PEALS.

On Saturday, Mr. Samuel Grove completed his 400 peals. These include peals from Grandsire Doubles to London Surprise Major, and the record lengths of Superlative Surprise and Double Oxford Major. The following is the list:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Seven Methods of Minor	1	
Grandsire Doubles	1	
Grandsire Triples	19	3
Grandsire Caters	7	
Stedman Triples	98	42
Stedman Caters	18	1
Stedman Cinques	58	2
Erin Cinques	1	
Oxford Bob Triples	1	
Oxford Bob Major	1	
†Double Oxford Major	3	1
Double Oxford Royal	1	
Double Norwich Major	29	2
Double Yorkshire Major	2	
Bob Minor	1	
Bob Major	5	1
Bob Royal	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	15	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	5	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	
Forward Royal	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	37	6
Cambridge Surprise Royal	4	
*Superlative Surprise Major	27	4
Bristol Surprise Major	13	4
London Surprise Major	47	12
Total	400	81

* Includes 9,728 (record). † Includes 10,176 (record).

SAMUEL THURSTON.

HISTORY OF CELEBRATED NORWICH RINGER.

Our reference last week to the bells of St. Peter Mancroft and Samuel Thurston, has brought from Mr. T. E. Slater, of Glensford, Suffolk, a copy of an article, compiled by the late Mr. Samuel Slater, upon this famous old Norwich ringer, and some points from this biography will, we are sure, be of interest to our readers.

'This great and illustrious person,' says the article, 'was the son of a Mr. Frank Thurston. He was born at Norwich in the parish of St. Martin-at-Oak, on February 19th, 1789, and was baptised on the 27th of the same month. He was brought up to the trade of a stonemason; and for many years was the mason employed at Norwich Cathedral. We may regard him as being during his lifetime the very bone and sinew of ringing in connection with the Society of Norwich Scholars. At what time he commenced to ring I do not know, but the first mention of his name in connection with the Art is on Saturday, July 1st, 1809, when he tapped upon the handbells belonging to the Norwich Scholars at the New Theatre, in Norwich, plain courses of Bob Triples, Bob Major, Bob Major Reverse, Double Bob Major, and Grandsire Bob Caters. This was at the time considered the greatest performance ever completed by one person in the world.

'On October 22nd, 1809, Mr. Thurston rang his first peal, viz.: 5,040 of Bob Major, at St. Giles's, Norwich. This was conducted by Mr. Jeffry Kelf, and was in fact the first peal by the whole of the band. The record goes on to state that Mr. Chesnutt, who was then conductor of the Norwich Scholars, had composed a new peal, and it was called "The Royal Jubilee," and was rung on the following Wednesday evening by the St. Peter's company, that being the Jubilee day of George III., but what this new peal was I have never been able to discover. Soon after this peal was rung, Mr. Thurston took unto himself a wife, as the following record from the marriage-register of the church of St. Martin-at-Palace shows: "Samuel Thurston, bachelor, to Marianne Coleman, spinster, both of this parish, married January 14th, 1810." The Norwich Scholars once had a John Coleman among them, who died in 1835. Perhaps it was one of his family that Thurston married. The house in which Thurston lived is (in 1897) still standing, being nearly opposite the east end of the church of St. Martin-at-Palace, the second house to the north of The Cupid and Bow public-house.

'Thurston's second peal—a 6,000 of Bob Major—was rung at Bungay in Suffolk, with the Bungay company. We gather that he had not yet become a member of the Norwich Scholars, although he had been elected into the College Youths in 1813. By this time Thurston had become such an accomplished ringer that he, in the local papers, challenged Mr. Chesnutt (the then leader of the St. Peter Mancroft company) to ring with him for £100! This led to a controversy in the papers. After all, I don't think this challenge was accepted, various suggestions were made by the parties, but a satisfactory settlement could not be attained. Soon after this, however, Thurston became a Norwich Scholar, as on Friday, April 29th, 1814, I find his name recorded as one of St. Peter's company. On this it states "that he struck on his musical peal of eight bells at The Eight Ringers, in Norwich, three full courses of Bob Major, with the 6th, 7th and 8th making bobs, and containing 336 musical changes, which he nobly brought round in 14 minutes, being the greatest performance in the Art in the British Dominions."

'Thurston's first peal with the Norwich Scholars was when they visited Suffolk to attend the grand opening of the Helmingham bells in 1816, when on the third day of the opening they rang the first peal on the new bells—5,376 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, with 6ths place bobs: the Norwich Scholars for several years practised that method with 6ths place bobs, and had previously rung a long length at home on that plan. After this Helmingham peal, Mr. Thurston seems to have been the most noted man that Norwich had had, as it was he that composed, and rang St. Peter's tenor to, the very remarkable peal of Norwich Court Bob Maximus, for the prowess of which the Norwich Scholars presented him with an elegant silver-gilt jewel, having annexed to it this inscription:—

"Presented to Mr. S. Thurston, July 4th, 1825, by the United Ringers of St. Peter Mancroft, for his eminent Services in Composing the peal of Norwich Court Twelve In, and ringing the tenor in a Superior Style."

'Thurston's next peal was 5,264 of Bob Major at Aylsham, and is the first peal in which he figured as conductor; and in the same year and on the same bells he rang his next peal—Bob Triples (Holt's 6-part). This was followed up by seven 720's of Bob Minor, at Loddon, in 1818, each being called differently. About the year 1819 we find him officiating as a bell hanger, and having hung the bells at Blofield and Westead, and I believe also at Paston and Weston.

'A very interesting painting of Samuel Thurston is or was in the possession of a daughter of his, a Mrs. Finlaw, of Macclesfield. The painting illustrates Mr. Thurston standing in the belfry with a rope in one hand and a MS. in the other, the latter

being inscribed—"The Art of Change Ringing." It was presented to Thurston by the St. Peter Mancroft Society "for his valuable aid in Composing, Ringing, and Conducting a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, the first ever rung double-handed." This was rung on February 22nd, 1822. Thurston made a stone tablet for this performance, and placed it in St. Peter's belfry. The presentation of the portrait took place on Saturday, August 3rd, in the same year. The address written underneath it is dated 1822, and I believe the painting is in a cork frame. Mrs. Finlaw has said that her father used to take ringers to his house to instruct them on the handbells: and for some time before he died, while bedridden, and his house being conveniently situated for the purpose, he could hear most of the ringing which took place by sitting up in bed and using an ear-horn.

'In 1823 Thurston rang 5-6, with six other ringers, in a peal of Bob Major at an inn in the parish of St. George's Colegate; this he followed up by ringing the tenor to Reeve's 6,400 of Oxford Treble Bob Major at Hingham; his next peal was a 5,088 in the same method, at St. Andrew's, Norwich, being the first peal on the bells.

'Among other peals which followed were Reeve's extent of Treble Bob with the tenors together—8,448 changes—at St. Michael Coslany, and the record states "that the band after the peal was rung were agreeably surprised by an excellent dinner being provided for them by one of the churchwardens, at The Barleycorn, where they spent the evening with much conviviality." His next performance was a half-peal of Stedman Triples, composed by the late J. P. Powell, Esq., of which the following is the record: "On Monday, January 3rd, 1825, was rung by eight youths called Norwich Scholars on St. Andrew's musical peal of eight bells, as a first attempt, 2,520 changes, or half-peal, of Stedman Triples, with only two bobs together. This beautiful peal had long been the study of the most scientific ringers, but without success, till the persevering industry and consummate skill of J. P. Powell, Esq., of Thanet, Kent, brought it to perfection, and it is allowed by the best judges in the Art to be the most ingenious peal for the number of changes in Stedman Triples that was ever composed. The peal was conducted by Mr. Samuel Thurston, of this city, and rung by the following persons: William Mann, treble; George Homes, 2; Frederick Watring, 3; John Hornegold, 4; Joshua Hurry, 5; Thomas Hurry, 6; Samuel Thurston, 7; John Coleman, tenor."

'His next peal was the first peal rung in hand by four of the Norwich Scholars. This was considered a grand performance, and was witnessed by three of the same society. His next was Reeve's peal from "The Clavis," rung at Bungay on the Saturday morning after the bells had been tuned by Mr. Benjamin Oldring, of Kelsale, who rang the treble, and so far as I know this was the only peal he (Mr. Oldring) ever rang. The next was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal in which the tenor of St. Peter Mancroft was rung by Thomas Hurry, this being the first time it was rung single-handed in a peal.

'In the year 1829 Thurston left Norwich for London, but he returned to Norwich the following year, and remained with the Norwich Scholars until the time of his death. Three peals were rung with the Ancient Society of College Youths, of which Thurston was elected a member in the year 1813, and as he had not rung any peals with this society until 1829, we gather that he was at work there at the time of ringing these peals, as they were all rung in a period of about six weeks. His next noteworthy performance is the ringing of a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples. This was rung on handbells by four of the Norwich Scholars, was composed and conducted by Thurston, and no doubt was the same quarter-peal that he called in the year 1822, and later four of the Norwich Scholars rang the celebrated half-peal of Stedman Triples, by J. P. Powell, Esq. This was at the time considered an unparalleled feat in handbell ringing, being the first half-peal that was rung two in hand in this method. Thurston made a stone tablet to record this feat, and placed it in the belfry of St. Peter Mancroft, where it still remains. His next peal stood for many years as the greatest length rung in the method of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. This was a grand performance, and was composed and conducted by Thurston. His next performance was a long touch of Stedman Cinques in an attempt for a peal in that method at St. Peter Mancroft, when the Norwich Scholars rang 4,885 changes, the bells being brought home a course too soon owing to some error on the part of Thurston, who was conducting. Then followed a peal of Oxford Treble Bob, one of Henry Hubbard's compositions, concluded by the composer, and containing the 120 course-rnds, being the first with these properties ever rung in the city of Norwich.

'Next was a peal of Double Oxford Bob Major, the composition of Wm. Shipway. It was conducted by Thurston, and was the first peal ever rung in this method and the longest for a great many years after. Then came the first peal that was rung upon the new ring of bells at Diss. A tablet in the steeple records this peal, on which the conductor, Mr. Thurston, is described as "that eminent great bell ringer of Norwich." One of Thurston's greatest peals followed, viz., Superlative Surprise—5,376 changes—an abridgment of Mr. Wm. Shipway's 30-course peal, and was in fact the first ever accomplished in Norwich. The record there states that the extreme intricacy of this composition is such as places it at the highest point of practical at-

tainment in the extensive science of ringing. Moreover this celebrated peal was rung at the first attempt, and in a superior style. These circumstances add much to the credit of the company, having a tendency to show the highest degree of perfection they have attained in this Art.

Then came London Surprise—the top of the tree—being the first peal in the method ever rung in England. The record is interesting, as it runs thus: "We had the pleasure of hearing from our scientific ringers 5,280 changes of that intricate composition London Surprise. This peal has been attempted by many of the most learned of the Science, but relinquished on account of its complexity; but in the hands of our Norwich ringers that obstacle soon vanished, and in 3 hrs. 25 mins. a perfect peal was completed, thus showing what perseverance, combined industry and knowledge can obtain. The peal was conducted by Mr. Samuel Thurston." Thurston rang only three peals after this, the last being Sledman Triples, which he conducted.

Thurston, who was about 5ft. 8in. in height, and a very stout man, said to weigh 17 stones, died suddenly, on January 9th, 1841, at the age of 52 years. An obituary notice at the time stated: "Mr. Samuel Thurston was for more than 30 years one of St. Peter Mancroft ringers. As a practical ringer and theorist combined, the art has lost one of its brightest ornaments, but though dead, the tablets erected in different parishes throughout the city and county will yet live to record his fame as a ringer, and those who best knew him can testify that the best ringers our city can boast of are indebted to this great artist in the profession for the knowledge they possess in the art of ringing, Norwich being able to compete with any band of ringers in the United Kingdom."

SAMUEL THURSTON'S PEALS.

1	Oct. 22	1809	Bob Major	...	5040	3.7	S. Giles Norwich
2	Aug. 1	1812	Bob Major	...	6000	3.40	Bungay, Suffolk
3	June 12	1816	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5376	3.28	Helmingham
4	Jan. 20	1817	Nor. Ct. B. Mx.	...	5016	4.2	S. Peter Mancroft
5	April 28	1817	Bob Major	...	5264	3.12	Aylsham
6	Oct. 25	1817	Bob Triples	...	5040	3.1	Aylsham
7	Jan. 29	1817	Seven 720s B. M.	...	5040	3.15	Loddon, Norfolk
8	Oct. 21	1820	Bob Major	...	5040	3.10	S. Michael Norwich
19	Dec. 28	1822	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5120	2.59	Kenninghall
10	Oct. 21	1823	Bob Major (H)	...	5040	2.55	S. George Colegate
11	Nov. 22	1823	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	6400	4.3	Hingham
12	Dec. 5	1823	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5088	3.10	S. Andrew Norwich
13	Feb. 23	1824	Grandsire Triples	...	5040	3.10	S. Andrew Norwich

14	Mar. 23	1824	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5280	3.5	Aylsham
15	Nov. 18	1824	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	8448	5.17	S. Michael Coslany
16	Aug. 24	1826	Ox. T. B. Maj (H)	...	5088	2.45	Norwich
17	Nov. 11	1826	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5600	3.34	Bungay, Suffolk
18	Feb. 13	1827	Ox. T. B. Royal	...	5040	3.52	S. Peter Mancroft
29	April 13	1827	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5088	3.18	S. Peter Thetford
20	May 19	1827	Dbl. Nor. Ct. Mj.	...	5376	3.16	S. Giles Norwich
21	Oct. 29	1827	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	6880	3.47	Alburgh
22	Nov. 2	1827	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5024	3.9	S. Michael Coslany
23	June 20	1829	Ox. T. B. Maj. (H)	...	5280	2.45	Croftwick
24	Oct. 23	1829	Grandsire Triples	...	5040	2.54	S. Mary Abbots
25	Oct. 25	1829	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5120	3.2	S. Mary Isleworth
26	Dec. 17	1829	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5120	3.32	S. Clement Danes
27	Jan. 17	1831	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5440	3.23	S. Michael Coslany
28	Nov. 1	1831	Dbl. Nor. Ct. Mj.	...	6160	3.35	S. Michael Coslany
39	Mar. 10	1832	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	6720	3.53	S. Giles Norwich
30	July 26	1832	Dbl. Ox. Major	...	6000	3.27	S. Giles Norwich
31	Jan. 6	1834	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5120	3.11	Diss, Norfolk
32	Feb. 6	1835	Suprlat. Surprise	...	5376	3.15	S. Giles Norwich
33	Nov. 17	1835	London Surprise	...	5280	3.25	S. Andrew Norwich
34	Nov. 16	1837	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	7360	4.44	S. Andrew Norwich
35	Jan. 13	1838	Ox. T. B. Maj.	...	5280	3.30	Redenhall
6	Mar. 25	1839	Stedman Triples	...	5040	2.55	S. Giles Norwich

* Conducted by Thurston.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Southern District of the London County Association was held on Saturday, March 15th, at St. Paul's, Hammersmith. There was some good ringing done, and touches varying from Grandsire Triples and Plain Bob Major to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were brought round; Stedman, as usual, being the favourite.

A service was held, and after tea Mr. H. Mance (District Master) presided over the business meeting, and suggested a few towers in the South-west District, where meetings might be held. This resulted in an invitation from Mr. J. Herbert, who thought there would be no difficulty in securing Putney for the next meeting, if it were applied for.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. G. N. Walsh) for allowing the use of the tower and the bells, and to Mr. R. Mackrill for his assistance.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting arranged in the Western District of Hertfordshire for April 12th has been postponed until after Easter.

The committee of the Hereford Diocesan Guild have unanimously resolved to provide a motor-cycle for the Ringing Master, Mr. C. Edwards, to help him in his efforts to reach outlying towers where his assistance will be of great value. The Hereford Guild is the first to make such a provision for one of its officers.

The first peal by Kent men only was rung at Wye on March 29th, 1736. This was a peal of Grandsire Triples. The old peal tablet, in giving the names of the ringers, records that it was 'ye first set that ever rang it in the county, without the assistance of Londoners or others.'

Two men rang the tenor to this peal, but two and a half years later another peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Wye, by eight men, but the band there must have changed considerably, as only two of those who took part in the first peal were in the second.

On April 1st, 1777, the College Youths rang a 6,000 Treble Bob Maximus at St. Saviour's, Southwark, in 4 hrs. 58 mins.

One of the first long peals of Treble Bob with the tenors parted was rung at St. Michael's, Coslany, Norwich, on April 1st, 1727, and some well-known Norwich names appear in connection with it.

The tablet records that '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 hrs. 28 mins. on the 1st day of April, Anno 1727. There was no change alike or bell out of course. Performed by Richard Barnham 1, Thomas Melchior 2, John Harvey 3, John Webster 4, Thomas Gardiner 5, Thomas Barret 6, Edward Crane 7, Robert Crane tenor.'

Despite the statement that 'there was no change alike,' Snowden, in his 'History of Treble Bob,' expresses doubt whether the peal was true, unless the composition was, as suggested by Hubbard, the peal with sixth's place bobs at the part-ends, and given in Shipway's work.

In the peal at Hillington, recorded last week, the name of the ringer of the 7th was John L. Bacon. The initials of the finger of the 2nd are N. G.

The peal rung at Winchester on March 8th should be credited to the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

The peal at Pulford, on March 15th, was John W. Davies' 50th peal, Edward Harrison's 60th peal, and Thomas R. Butler's first peal in the method.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on June 10th (Whit Tuesday) next, at Westminster. Full particulars of the meeting will be published later. Notice of any proposed motion should be sent before April 26th.

Secretaries please note that the annual subscription is now due, together with the names and addresses of representatives, and should be sent to the honorary secretary, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, of 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.8.

The following Associations have paid: Ladies, Dudley and District, Llandaff and Monmouth, Norfolk, Suffolk, Salop, Winchester, Hertford County, Kent County, London County, Salisbury.

Attention of members of the various committees is invited to the Standing Order of the Council that they should get into touch with their Convenor or Chairman, or appoint one, in order to prepare a report in due time for presentation at the Council's Annual Meeting.

AN INTERESTING CENTENARY.

On Monday of last week a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by the College Youths at St. Mary's, Whitechapel, to celebrate the centenary of a peal rung by the society at the same church on March 16th, 1824.

There is a board in the tower recording the old peal as follows:—

ST. MARY, WHITECHAPEL, E.

*On Tuesday, March 16th, 1824, was rung by members of the
COLLEGE YOUTHS,*

**A true and excellent peal of STEDMAN'S TRIPPLES,
containing 5,040 CHANGES,**

In Two Hours Fifty-Eight Minutes,

Performed by:—

JOHN COOPER	...	...	...	...	Treble
WILLIAM MAKEE	...	...	...	...	2
JAMES STICKBURY	...	...	...	...	3
JOHN STRATFORD	...	...	...	...	4
JOSEPH LUBBOCK	...	...	...	...	5
FRANCES MATHEW	...	...	...	...	6
GEORGE COLE	...	...	...	...	7
HENRY SMITH	...	...	...	...	Tenor

Called by MR. G. COLE.

SPLICING OF ODD-BELL METHODS.

A NEW DEPARTURE FOR TRIPLES, CATERS & CINQUES

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

Observant readers who scan the peal columns of 'The Ringing World' will be aware of a remarkable fact, viz., that there are but two methods on odd numbers. Certainly other methods exist, but the weekly record shows that for practical purposes only Grandsire and Stedman are recognised.

Let anyone who does not believe this keep an eye on the peals of Cinques, Caters and Triples in future, and it will be seen that the appearance of any other method is so rare as to prove the statement. Perhaps once in three or four months some unorthodox band shocks the Exercise by ringing one of Court Bob, or it may be Erin, or even the despised Plain Bob Triples, and one wonders if it is the beginning of a new era. But no, it is only a breakaway in a misguided interval, and the band invariably returns to the well-worn path.

This slavish following in the rut leads one to wonder as to the cause. Why do bands who can ring Grandsire fight shy of the other published plain methods? Are they afraid of losing a peal or two? Again, do bands that ring Stedman well, think plain methods beneath their talents? If so, are they anxious for something more interesting and more difficult to ring, or is their ambition limited to scoring peals in one method?

These questions, in a different form, have been put before, and the answers have done little to show the reason for this odd state of things. One can imagine ringers of Stedman saying, give us something better, and we will ring it. But what is something better?

Taking Triples first, all the possible legitimate plain methods are in the Central Council's publication, and it may be taken as true that all the regular systems to be obtained have appeared in the Press at some time or other. If, then, there is a desire for something more than Grandsire and Stedman, it is clear that these do not satisfy the need. What is there left to put forward that will lend variation to the ringing on odd numbers? If it is added interest, coupled with greater difficulty that is needed, it is to be found in three methods, Stedman, Erin and Quick-six, in combination. Quick-six Triples, it will be remembered, was described in 'The Ringing World' of September 8th, 1922.

Its drawback is a monotonous front work, which consists of a long succession of thirds and lead, and this detracts from the interest of the method. However, by combining Stedman and Erin, or Erin and Quick-six, an unlimited number of remarkable extents of Triples can be obtained. There are spliced peals of Erin and Stedman to be obtained, with triple changes throughout, by means of Stedman bobs only, and never two together. These are difficult to conduct and to ring, and if this difficulty is too great for ringers to surmount, then spliced Erin and Quick-six may be rung by simpler means than calling changes of method.

It is not my intention to give any figures or peals for Triples, as unless there is a call for such it is useless to fill the pages of 'The Ringing World' with matter which interests for the moment and is then forgotten. Moreover, figures convey very little at a glance, and it is better, therefore, to show certain forms of spliced sixes by skeleton diagrams. Each of the two which follow represents a block of Erin and Quick-six arranged in such a way that it is perfectly symmetrical. As a matter of fact it may be regarded and learnt as a method, and would be quite regular if the division heads and ends were in proper coursing order.

The blocks contain 210 rows, and the work is shown in the diagrams in the next column.

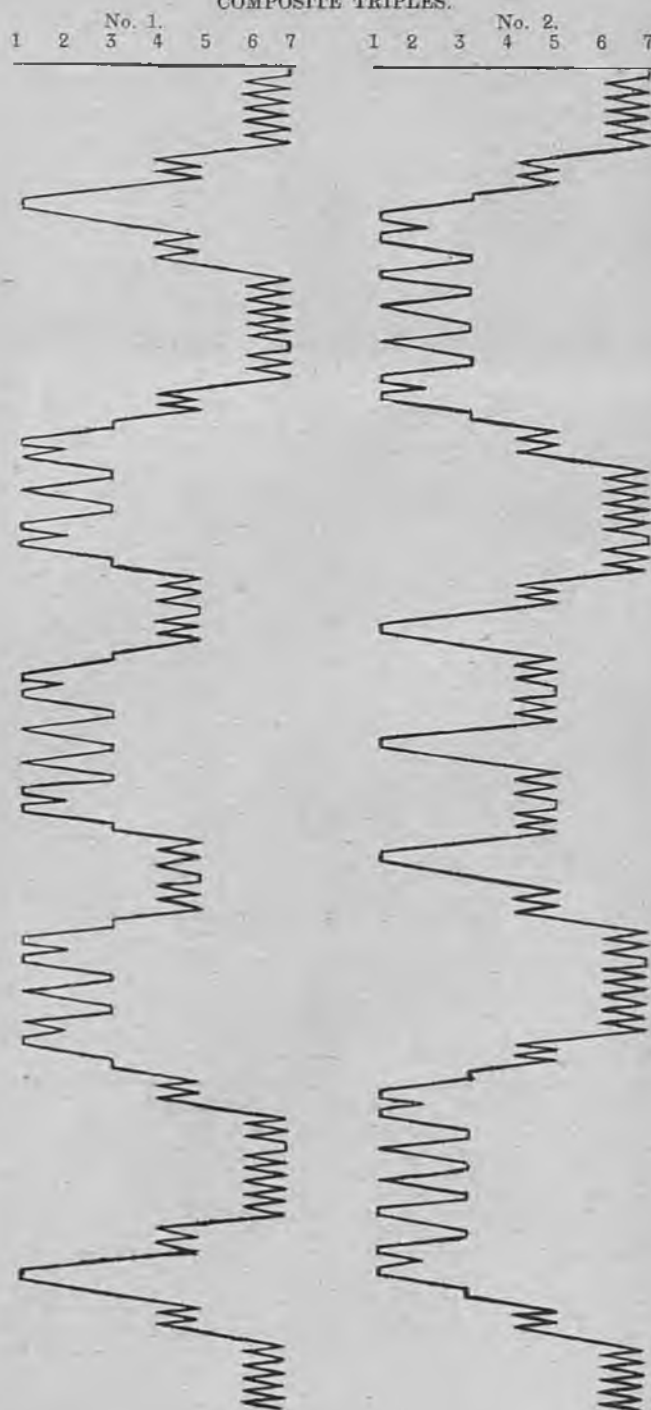
These diagrams certainly look tempting, but the writer claims no credit for the interesting work they contain. They exist as true blocks and are discovered; it is for ringers to say whether they are worth ringing or not. There are some who will delight in pricking out the 210 changes from the diagrams, and in finding the 24 true blocks of each which comprise the extent. These blocks may be joined, first by varying the nature of a six and adding a bob; or, secondly, by ordinary Stedman Singles, or by both combined. All these have the effect of altering the work of every bell, and enormously increase the difficulty of calling and ringing, and to such an extent that the purpose in view, of ringing by method, is lost.

The simpler way is to use Holt's Singles as in Quick-six Triples, which give a direct shunt from block to block, and give remarkably simple peals in eight parts. The writer has no love for this form of call, but it is the only direct shunt, and if by its means Triples can be made more varied and interesting, the Exercise is justified in using it. Should any band or bands desire, after trying the course, to attempt a peal, the figures can be published or sent direct.

Coming to Caters and Cinques, there are not the difficulties in getting new methods which are met with in Triples, and if the Exercise showed any desire to break away from the thrall of Stedman and Grandsire, composers would soon provide the means.

Let ringers come forward and state briefly and clearly what they

COMPOSITE TRIPLES.



want. Are they content with the present odd condition of things, or do they desire to practise something different? This would help to clear away the composers' difficulty of not knowing what will meet the popular desire.

To give something fresh in Caters and Cinques, peals of spliced Erin and Stedman are chosen. These are obtained by changing the method only, and contain no calls whatever. It will be noticed that the peal of Cinques is brought home at backstroke, for to bring it round at hand would need a single, and the object of the peals is to have the double dodging undisturbed throughout. Peals can be obtained with the Tittum position to the last course, if desired.

The two compositions will be found on the next page, and should any ambitious band attempt to ring either, the writer wishes them success.

5,021 SPLICED ERIN AND STEDMAN CATERS.

The peal is obtained by using 4 different Blocks, as follows:—
Starting Course. Turning Course. The Peal.

Erin.	A. 123456789	Erin	B. 263145978	123456789	A
	241638597		812537489	542163	4 D
	462819375		156728394	314526	
	684927153	Stedman	157869243	251346	
	896745231		581974632	435216	
Stedman	897563412		589413726	254613	
	958371624		845392167	165243	
Erin	539182746		843256971	426153	
	315294867		428637519	512463	
	123456976	Erin	264781395	425361	2 C
			672149853	354162	
		Stedman	671925438	615342	2 D
			796513284	431652	
		Erin	957368142	614253	C
			539874621	521643	2 D
		Stedman	538492716	462513	
			345281967	524316	C
		Erin	423156879	132546	4 D
				453126	
				215436	
Erin	C. 123456978	Erin	D. 123456978	341256	2 C
	241637589		241637589	632451	
	462718395		462718395	543621	
	674829153	Stedman	467829153	264531	3 D
Stedman	678945231		684975231	356241	
	796583412		689543712	263145	C
	795361824		856391427	423156879	B
	937152648		855162974	134652	4 C
	931274586		518237649	641253	
	329418785		512784396	216354	
	324896157		175429863	362451	
	283645971		174958238	546321	2 D
	286537419		791643582	234561	
	852761394		796318425	542163	4 C
	857129643		937862154	125364	
	518974236		958275641	351462	
	519483762		329584716	413265	
	145396827	Erin	253491867	621435	2 D
Erin	431652978		542136978	342615	2 C
				623514	
				536412	
				143562	D
				531264	4 C
				215463	
				452361	
				324165	

Round in 5 changes.

If the last six is rung as a quick six the number will be 5,019.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. ROBERT BUCKLEY, OF MILNROW.

The death has occurred at Milnrow, Lancs, of Mr. Robert Buckley, one of the ringers at St. James's Parish Church for over half a century. Mr. Buckley had not been in good health for some time, but he was only confined to bed for about a fortnight, and passed away on March 12th, at the age of 71 years. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, Mr. Buckley was well known and highly respected in the district. He completed 50 years' service as a bell ringer at St. James's, Milnrow, along with Mr. John Fitton, about twelve months ago. A Conservative in politics, he was made a life member of the Milnrow Conservative Club about two years ago, and for over 20 years he was the treasurer of the Milnrow branch of the Rochdale District Conservative Sick and Burial Society. He leaves a widow, three sons, and two daughters to mourn their loss.

The funeral took place on Monday week, at St. James's Church. A service was conducted at the house by the Rev. E. Elliot (the Vicar), who also officiated in the church and at the graveside. In addition to the family mourners there were among those present Councillors R. S. Schofield and G. J. Ashworth and Mr. J. W. Lord (churchwardens) and Mr. J. E. Hirst, representing St. James's Church, Milnrow; Mr. F. Stook, representing the Milnrow branch of the Rochdale District Conservative Sick and Burial Society; and Mr. J. Roys, representing the Milnrow Conservative Club. The following ringers at St. James's Church acted as bearers: Messrs. J. Fitton, J. H. C. Massey, C. Bennett, S. Dunn, A. Buckley, J. Butterworth, J. Shaw, S. Hamer, and W. Staff. After the interment, and again in the evening, the bells were rung with muffled clappers. Many beautiful floral tributes were sent, amongst them being a wreath from 'The bell ringers at St. James's Church, Milnrow.'

An attempt for a muffled peal on Saturday came to grief, after two hours' ringing.

5,082 SPLICED ERIN AND STEDMAN CINQUES.

The peal is produced from 4 Blocks, as follows:—

Erin	A. 12345678e90	Erin	C. 1234567890e	The Peal. 5,082. 1234567890e	
	2416385970e		241638507e9	542136	A
	462819305e7		4628103e597	125634	3 B
Stedman	6849201e375		68402e19375	651432	
	69408e27153		806e4927153	416235	
	690e4785231	Stedman	0e896745231	321465	A
	9e870543812		0e978563412	413562	B
	9e756301428	Erin	e7059381624	41356278e90	C
	e5937162084		75e30192846	534261	4 B
	e5319278640		5371e204968	245163	
	51e23894706		315274e6089	152364	
	5128e430967		12345678e90	321465	3 A
	185420e6379			642315	
	18405627e93			134625	
	8016475923e			263145	B
	806719435e2			132546	4 A
	0789631e425			453126	
	07938e62154			215436	
	730e9285641			341256	
Erin	73e20594816			524316	3 B
	3275e401968			345612	
	253471e6089			653214	
	54213678e90			236415	A
Erin	B. 12345678e90	Erin	D. 25134678e90	143265	4 B
	2416385970e		5326184970e	231564	
	462819305e7		365829104e7	512463	
	6849201e375		6839502e174	425361	
Stedman	68904e27153		89603e57241	354162	3 A
	806e9745231		908e6734512	615342	
	80e76593412	Stedman	90e78461325	431652	
	0785e361924		0794e182653	435216	B
	075381e2649	Erin	740192e5836	123456	4 A
	73015284e96		41720593e68	542136	
	7312045986e	Stedman	4125730698e	314526	
	327419065e8		154326780e9	251346	
	3249761e085		1536482e790	—	
	29364e78150		56183e49207	3145267890e	D
	296e3845701	Erin	685e1930472	251346	3 A
	9e286530417		8e695017324	435216	
	9e852061374		e806752143	123456	
	e5908127643	Stedman	e9078264531	—	
	e5019784236		97e20482615	—	
	e5170493862	Erin	7294e301856	—	
	5174e306928		247391e5068	—	
	145376e2089		43217596e80	—	
Erin	43165278e90		3145267890e	—	

RINGING AT HEREFORD.

At All Saints' Church, Hereford, on Feb. 28th, 840 Bob Major: W. H. Symonds 1, A. Gwynne 2, G. W. Taysom 3, W. C. Jones 4, W. E. Williams 5, T. Taysom 6, A. Rushton (first attempt at Major) 7, C. Edwards (conductor) 8. Also 252 Stedman Triples and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major by the same band.

On March 6th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. Edwards (conductor) 1, A. Gwynne 2, G. W. Taysom 3, W. C. Jones 4, T. Taysom 5, F. Arrowsmith 6, A. Rushton 7, Walter Tayler 8. This is the longest length in the method on the bells, and the longest length Treble Bob Major in the city. By the same band, 168 Stedman, conducted by W. Tayler.

On Saturday, March 15th, after the Central Committee meeting, various touches by members of the committee, comprising Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, and a course of Double Norwich was rung by W. C. Jones 1, G. W. Taysom 2, C. Edwards 3, A. Talbot 4, W. E. Williams 5, T. Taysom 6, A. Rushton 7, Walter Tayler 8. First course in method by all except 3 and 4. First course in county by all resident members.

On March 20th, touches of Stedman and Erin Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, and a course of Double Norwich by all Hereford district men.

ILLNESS OF MR. C. W. P. CLIFTON.

We regret to state that Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, of Seoror Street, Lincoln, has had a long and serious illness. He went to bed with septic rheumatism on December 22nd, and was not able to get out of bed until March 12th. He hopes to be able to get out of doors in a week or so, and has arranged to go to the Royal Bath Hospital at Harrogate early in April for a month, after which he intends to go to the convalescent home at Redditch for three or four weeks. His many friends will wish him an early and complete recovery.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS. ALTERNATIVE PROPOSITIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is with diffidence that we trespass upon your space, but the gentle rebuke administered in your leading article, which the framing of our resolution merited, together with correspondence we have received, has urged upon us the necessity of altering our views.

Originally we had thought that our resolution as it stood, would have caused discussion, and that proper resolutions would have been framed by associations, the sense of which it was for them to decide. It seems, however, that this is wrong, and we now ask you kindly to give publicity to our request to secretaries of the following associations, to whom our original resolution was sent, that alternative propositions as under be placed before their next meetings for criticism, viz.: College Youths, Cumberlands, Essex, Middlesex, Hertford, London County, Norfolk and Suffolk:—

1. That the Central Council appoint a committee with power to delete certain names, and substitute others of towns or towers where there is a peal of six bells, the finding of the committee to be guaranteed, and a revised list of names published as 'Official' as soon as possible.
2. That the C.C. delete certain names, the numbers of the methods be published in 'The Ringing World'; extents to be rung and methods named between that date and another (to be fixed as late as is practicable in 1925). A gentleman to be appointed to receive and collate names, order of precedence to be observed—first of the date of ringing and then of notification received; names allocated to be published monthly, with a time limit after publication for dispute of claims. Methods unnamed by the date fixed in 1925 to revert to their present names.
3. That the C.C. abolish all names, and the methods officially be known by numbers only—there being no reason why, in time, 'Fourteen Surprise' should not as easily be recognised as 'London Surprise.'

It is very probable that the above propositions will meet with adverse and diverse comment; this we cannot help, and it is with diffidence that we put them forward. Nevertheless, it is certain that reluctance to lead the way will do no good, and the official apathy that has met criticism during the past year in no way helps.

We are not clear as to whether the C.C. made the names absolute at the last meeting, being unable to reconcile this fact (if it be so) with the action of the Rev. A. T. Beeston and the Norbury band of July last year. Also there is discrepancy between the list of names published and that of the Surprise Methods published previously, particularly the names of Canterbury No. 3, and Alnwick No. 2, which apparently has no bearing upon disputed claims.

Why does not a prominent official of the C.C. come forward, and state in the Press, definitely and officially, what is the position of this list of names, and thus give individuals an opportunity of thinking out the matter for themselves?

We appeal to giants of the pen (and rope) like 'W. W.', 'Once a Beginner', 'Criticus', 'Peppery', and others, to ventilate opinions upon the matter, and to stir the lethargy of individuals, Associations, and C.C. Representatives, in the endeavour to settle this question. If, after discussion, alternative propositions are placed before the meeting, the C.C. must vote one way or another, and we are quite prepared loyally to abide by any decision made.

In the meantime we do ask six-bell men in particular to kick, and kick hard, at every conceivable opportunity, to obtain satisfaction on a point which concerns them most particularly, but which, as pointed out by you, Sir, is a matter of general principle.—Yours faithfully,

GEO. DAWSON.

St. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone.
143, Norman Road, Leytonstone.

A BROOM WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did read with interest the 'Criticisms of Criticus' in this week's 'Ringing World', and though I agree with him, and also the Leytonstone band, that the names of Minor methods must be revised, I can't help taking up the cudgels on the Central Council's Committee's behalf in one respect. I should never vote to change the names of the two methods, 'Trinity Sunday' and 'Easter Sunday.' Those names were given to those methods because they were rung for great church festivals, and are, in my opinion, fitting names for good methods.

All Abbey names are good, so are Cathedral names, and the names of Bishopies, but Castles, in my opinion, are not the names to apply to what are really pieces of music used in what is a part of Divine worship, especially when we think of the part some Castles have played antagonistic to our Church. As to market garden names—well, use the broom, Sir.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I thank Mr. Coles for his contribution on this subject, which settles the matter completely as far as I am concerned. Mr. Lindon has the prior claim, and as Mr. Dexter points out, 'Association Secretaries, please note!'

This does not affect the composition used in the first peal of Yorkshire Surprise Royal at Chesterfield, January, 1821. This composition was by Sam Thomas, and is distinct with similar variations.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Stamington.

ANCIENT BELL TO BE PRESERVED.

EASEBOURNE'S VALUABLE POSSESSION.

The restoration of the bells of the old Parish Church of St. Mary, Easebourne, Sussex, is being undertaken. At the recent Church Meeting some interesting information was given as to the church bells, the most ancient being the second with the legend 'Te Deum laudamus,' cast about 1440 A.D., by Roger Landon, of Wokingham, and No. 4 'Sancta Anna ora pro nobis,' cast at Reading by John White about 1530.

The bell founders who had been consulted wished to recast the small one, owing to its bad tone, but the opinion of archaeological experts is that it is far too valuable historically to be altered in any way. This would mean an additional cost of about £90 to replace the ancient bell in the peal with a new one, the old bell being kept for use singly at week-day services.

The treasurer, it was reported, had received payments and promises amounting to about £180. When this sum has nearly doubled the Church Council will be justified in proceeding with the work on the tower and bells, a generous offer by Major Pearson having been made which will double the amount again.

There are five bells in the tower, and in addition to the two bells above mentioned, there are two other bells by the Chertsey Founder, William Eldridge, cast in 1677.

William took over the Chertsey Foundry from his brother Bryan, who, in his will, said, 'I give and bequeath unto my loving brother, William Eldridge, of Chertsey, aforesaid, Bell-founder, all my working tools, implements, and utensils thereunto belonging, with my furnices.'

THE SIXTY COURSE ENDS OF TREBLE BOB.

A REMINISCENCE OF JASPER SNOWDON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Allow me to congratulate Mr. Arthur Craven on his further reduction of the length of Treble Bob Major containing the 60 course ends; and, having nothing better to do at the moment I would like to give you a little reminiscence of the first reduction of this length from Reeve's 6,720, which had stood for a considerable time.

Having called a 5,024 at Gargrave on the morning of July 1st, 1882, Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon made it known that he wanted a band for that day fortnight for a peal he had just received from Mr. N. J. Pitlow, viz., a 6,624, containing the 60 course ends.

We agreed to meet at a given time at Keighley on the 15th, and the band included one of those 'happy-go-lucky' fellows who have the knack of making everyone happy about them, and against whom nobody can take offence, Mr. Ben Lightfoot, of Bingley.

We all got to Keighley in good time, but it was over three-quarters of an hour after the time agreed upon for a start, when Ben showed up in the belfry, all smiles as usual.

Mr. Snowdon addressed him somewhat vigorously with 'Nay, Ben, where have you been? Why, you were here hours ago—you were here before I was.'

By the time Mr. Snowdon had finished his question, Ben had completed his reply, 'Naa, I gat three-quarters a pund o' mait, an' I bin an' hed it fried.'

The peal went without incident, except that the 7th man so tightened up his braces that one of 'em broke the skin of his shoulder, and was stuck in it. Enjoyable, no doubt. Then, approaching the end, one of the band called the conductor's attention to the time, saying, 'I must catch the train at such a time.'

'Oh, I'm sorry,' said Mr. Snowdon, 'I'm afraid it means losing the peal.' Whether the conductor looked round or no I cannot say, but we others of the same belfry protested loudly, 'No, no, no. Go on.'

We reached land in 3 hrs. 48 mins.—then a stampede. Boots unlaced, collar and tie in one's fist, and a 'seemly display' down the main street to the station, a good quarter-mile off, and caught the train.

Again congratulating Mr. Craven.—Yours truly,
Gargrave.

J. McKELL.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,234 changes), in 48 mins., at the Church of St. Nicholas: W. Davies 1, C. S. Benwell 2, W. Fisher 3, T. C. Larkey (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 4, E. Bounphrey 5, J. Wilkinson 6, J. Martin 7, T. W. Gilmour 8, P. W. Cave (conductor) 9, E. Caunce 10. All the above are regular Sunday Service ringers at St. Nicholas.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, March 23rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. C. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

KENSINGTON.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,263 Stedman Caters: E. G. Locke (first quarter of Stedman) 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, J. Gransbury 3, A. Congreve-Pridgeon 4, A. Dyas 5, P. L. Miles 6, E. C. Russell 7, A. V. Selby 8, H. G. Miles 9, C. W. Roberts 10.

HESTON.—At St. Leonard's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, March 23rd, 1,260 Stedman Triples (by W. A. Cave): S. Rose (first quarter of Stedman) 1, C. S. Bird 2, W. Lewis 3, H. C. Chandler 4, C. J. Edwards 5, E. R. Gladman 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, A. Lewis 8.

LEIGH, GLOS.—At the Church of St. Catherine's, on Sunday evening, March 16th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Collins 1, A. Hannis 2, W. Poulton 3, C. Coldrick 4, G. Watts 5, C. Dyson (conductor) 6.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, March 16th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 45 mins., for morning service: A. C. Humphries (first quarter-peal) 1, H. A. Harding 2, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 3, A. J. Moore 4, J. H. Hunnisset 5, J. E. Churchill 6, A. H. Fulwell 7, A. Harding 8.

CROYDON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), in 50 mins.: C. Dean (conductor) 1, D. Wright 2, T. Bloxham 3, W. Bulpit 4, F. Larbey 5, B. N. Newson 6, T. Bannister 7, C. A. Austin 8, S. R. Roper 9, E. Denham 10.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, Mar. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Smith (Thatcham) 1, C. Poole 2, A. W. J. Bird (Thatcham) 3, E. Smith 4, P. C. Lovelock 5, S. Quintin 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evensong, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, City, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 58 mins.: A. J. Neale 1, Mrs. R. F. Deal 2, T. W. Taffender 3, E. J. King 4, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 5, F. W. Rogers 6, J. D. Harris 7, A. E. Darnell 8, W. J. Nudds 9, J. R. Gammon 10, E. D. Smith 11, R. F. Deal 12. The ringers of the 6th and 7th hail from Portsmouth.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 1,316 Grandsire Triples, taken from the first part of Holt's Original: A. Parsons 1, A. V. Bond (Swindon) 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, W. Clayton (Northleach) 4, W. H. Hayward 5, W. C. Cuss 6, J. C. Acock (Northleach) 7, W. G. Cook 8.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday March 16th, 1,140 Minor in seven methods (120 Plain Bob, 180 Oxford Bob, 180 Double Oxford, 60 Double Court, 120 Oxford Treble Bob, 360 Kent Treble Bob, 120 Cambridge Surprise: J. Shuker 1, T. G. Hawkins 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, E. C. Hartley 5, W. L. Guttridge 6. Longest length of Minor, and first in seven methods by all the band. The age of the ringer of treble 15 years, and of the ringers of 2nd, 5th and 6th, 16 years.

PAINSWICK.—On Sunday, March 16th, in 44 mins., at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): T. Wright 1, A. Wright (composer and conductor) 2, J. Watkins 3, G. Goulding 4, W. Ryland 5, W. Ireland 6, F. Cole 7, C. Barnfield 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: B. D. Buttress 1, C. Cook 2, J. Giddens 3, C. E. Patter 4, A. Page 5, F. Warrington 6, G. Bridge (cover) 7. Also rung as a compliment to the ringer of the 5th on his 21st birthday.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, March 11th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Cinques (1,278 changes), in 59 mins.: S. Rowbottom 1, Cissie Thorp 2, B. Thorp (conductor) 3, J. Cox 4, W. Brammer 5, F. Althorp 6, G. Gorringer 7, W. W. Wolsencroft 8, J. Mellor 9, A. Adams 10, S. Booth 11, T. Jackson 12. First quarter-peal of Cinques by the ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th.

STAFFORD.—On Sunday, Feb. 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. E. Garbett (first quarter-peal away from tenor) 1, J. Warrilow 2, A. H. Taylor 3, G. Booth 4, W. H. Jones 5, F. V. Haggis 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, Z. Baker 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At the Church of Bishop Ryder, on Sunday, January 6th, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes), of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 44 mins., for evening service: A. T. Scrivens 1, P. O. Laffin 2, A. Withers 3, W. Ball 4, J. Wright 5, C. H. Webb 6, H. Withers (composer and conductor) 7, A. George 8. First quarter-peal on the bells.

LADY RINGER AT MELBOURNE.

TOUCHES AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

At St. Paul's Cathedral, Melbourne, Australia, on Sunday evening, Feb. 2nd, Mrs. Lumley, formerly of Twyford, Berkshire, took part in two touches of 168 and 336 of Grandsire Triples, conducted respectively by J. Guest and F. Boughton. Mrs. Lumley is the first and only lady ringer to ring at St. Paul's. To show she was not a 'stranger' in a 'strange land,' the names and former addresses of her fellow ringers may be of interest: S. Wilkinson (Notts) 1, W. Preston (Kent) 2, Mrs. Lumley (Berks) 3, A. Fitzgerald (Melbourne) 4, J. Murray (Melbourne) 5, J. Guest (Stafford) 6, F. Boughton (Worcestershire) 7, J. Spencer (Leicestershire) 8.

BULKINGTON BELLS DEDICATED.

PROVISION FOR EXTENSION TO EIGHT.

The Lord Bishop of Coventry, on Saturday week, dedicated the bells at Bulkington, Warwickshire, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. have added two new trebles, and recast two of the old four. In addition they have installed a new frame, with pits for two more bells to complete the octave at some future date. The work has been carried out in the most admirable manner. A crowded congregation attended the dedication ceremony, and the Bishop gave an inspiring address.

The Church authorities had invited the Warwickshire Guild to attend, and so well was the invitation accepted that upwards of 50 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening. They came from Allesley, Aunsey, Berkswell, Birmingham, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Croft, Exhall, Leicester, Loughborough, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke Shilton and Wolvey.

The local ringers very creditably rang the rounds immediately after the dedication, and at the conclusion of the service the first touch on the bells was a 216 Plain Bob Minor by the following: T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton) 1, O. J. Hunt (Coventry) 2, W. J. Smith (Coventry) 3, J. B. Fenton (Rugby) 4, A. Roberts (Stoke), conductor, S. A. Wilkerson (Nuneaton) 6.

The ringers were entertained to tea in the Schoolroom, during which the Bishop looked in and made a few kindly remarks. After tea the company again visited the church for more ringing, a large company of villagers watching the operations, the methods including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, London and Cambridge Surprise. The falling of the bells in peal brought a very successful gathering to a close, and one that will be long remembered by the inhabitants.

RINGER'S WEDDING.

At Chiswick Parish Church, on Saturday, March 1st after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Bob Major, as a compliment to Mr. W. T. J. Dalton, captain of the local band, whose wedding took place that day, 1,260 Stedman Triples (by C. Charge) was rung: F. Goddard 1, G. Harbour 2, W. H. Wood 3, J. Herbert 4, J. A. Trollope 5, F. Goodfellow 6, W. H. Hollies (conductor) 7, F. J. Fruin 8. The ringers were afterwards entertained to tea at the Parish Hall by the bride and bridegroom, and the best wishes of the band were extended to them.

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By W. HYDE INGLESANT.

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ADVICE WANTED.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—About three years ago two new bells were placed in the church tower to make a peal of eight. These two bells are almost inaudible in the ringing chamber, which is on the ground floor. Could any ringer let me know what can be done so that these bells can be heard in the ringing chamber? The two trebles are hung above the old six. I should be very pleased to get information, as the Church Council are willing to have something done.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. E. PATER.

Fulbourn, Cambs.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Bromham on Saturday, March 22nd, the members present representing many towers. After tea, the business meeting was presided over by Miss E. Steele. —A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. Mortimer for kindly supplying tea, was passed.

It was decided to hold the next meeting in May, notice of which will appear in this journal.

Messrs. Taylor and Co. are to be congratulated on the excellent 'go' of the bells, which are one of the finest peals of six in the kingdom. The set of new ropes (by Nicoll) also added to the comfort of ringing, and contributed to the excellent striking which was attained.

BIGGLESWADE DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, March 15th, ringers being present from Everton, Sandy, Roxton, Northill, Tempsford, Kempston, Dunstable, Great Staughton, Cambridge, and the local company. Tea was provided at 'Ye Old Sun,' and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar (the Rev. H. P. Higham) presiding.

After some discussion it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Everton on April 12th.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the local company for having them ready, was accorded, and the Vicar replied.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going to some good touches of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Woodbine and Plain Bob.

FINE WILTSHIRE PEAL.

On Sunday, March 16th, at the Church of St. Mary, Purton, Wilts, for evening service, 720 Grandshire Doubles: E. Hoare 1, Herbert Flewelling 2, Harold Flewelling 3, L. A. Wilson (cond.), 4, Maurice Tuck 5, Charles Curtis 6. This is the first change ringing on these beautiful bells which have just been rehung with all modern improvements, a treble added, and all tuned on the Simpson principle. The 'go' and tone does great credit to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

Purton now possesses one of the finest peals of six in Wilts. The tenor is by Rudhall (21 cwt. in D). The fifth has been greatly improved by tuning, the only thing lacking is the other two bells to complete the octave, but it is hoped these will be added at some future date.

YOUTHFUL RINGERS.

At Aldershot, on Sunday, March 9th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: C. Denyer (aged 12), first quarter, 1, Miss B. M. Mills 2, Miss H. F. Mills 3, Miss N. Denyer (aged 14), first quarter, inside, 4, W. Denyer 5, Alb. Croucher 6, C.Q.M.S. Gilbert, R.E. (conductor) 7, Spr. R. H. B. Hammond, R.E., 8.

'A BELL RINGER WANTED.'

Under this heading, the following paragraph appeared in the 'West Herts Post' last week: 'An announcement of interest appeared in the "Ringing World" recently. The announcement was for a good change ringer to join a promising young band in the vicinity of Rickmansworth. Bell ringers have opportunities of travelling about the country, giving peals at various churches, and, among their own fraternity, bell ringers may rise to positions of eminence. Incidentally, the names of bell ringers frequently go down to posterity by reason of the tablets erected in church belfries to commemorate the ringing of a long peal.'

BICESTER.—On Monday, February 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandshire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of Mr. H. Tubb, a great benefactor to the town: J. Evans 1, H. Hatfield 2, W. Scarrott 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale 5, E. A. Clifton 6, F. Hims (conductor) 7, T. Clifton 8.—Also for evening service, March 9th, 728 in the same method: H. Hatfield 1, E. Hims (conductor) 2—3, W. Scarrott 4, B. Cox 5, E. A. Clifton 6, F. Neale 7, T. Clifton 8.

NOTICES.

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at Low Moor on Saturday, March 29th. Draw for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec., 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 29th. Bells from 5 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. Business: Annual outing.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above association will be held on Saturday, March 29th. Ringing at Trowel from 2 to 3 p.m. At 3 p.m. prompt those present will commence a tour of the Stanton Hill Iron Works and the new Huime Pipe Plant, by the kindness of the officials; then on to Stanton-by-Dale for tea at 5.30. Stanton bells will be open from 2.30 to 8.30 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Ashbourne on Saturday, March 29th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Members make their own arrangements for tea. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Local Hon. Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Merrow and Clandon on Saturday, March 29th. Merrow bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service in Merrow Church at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Clandon bells available during the evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 'Hillcrest,' Baillie Road, Guildford.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Barton Sea-grave (5) on Saturday, March 29th. Usual arrangements.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Stamford Road, Geddington.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on March 29th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 26th. The annual subscription is now due, and tower secretaries are asked to collect the same from their members and to forward the total to me as early as possible.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poulton (6 bells) on Saturday, March 29th. Bells ready 3 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Secretary, 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A monthly meeting will be held at Creaton on Saturday, March 29th. Usual arrangements.—W. Bott, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at

Southwark Cathedral, on April 1st and 29th; St. Magnus, on the 3rd; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 8th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on April 5th at the church of All Saints, Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the above association will be held at Leek on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by a committee meeting at 6.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Todmorden Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for April: Bishopsgate, Monday, 7th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 6th, 10 a.m., Monday, 14th, *6.30 p.m., Monday, 28th, 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting to follow.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual General Committee Meeting.—This meeting will be held in Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3.15 p.m. Notice of motion should reach general secretary at least ten days before that date.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green, near Heston, on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual, but kindly let me know by the 8th those intending to be present.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT AND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint monthly meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, April 12th. A hearty invitation is offered to members of each association. As Crofton is a rural district, application for tea tickets must be made before April 10th to Mr. Stead, Churchwarden, Crofton, near Wakefield.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

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ALDERBURGH-ON-SEA, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, March 11th, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, 720 London Surprise: E. Hambling 1, J. Pilgrim 2, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 3, F. J. Smith 4, L. W. Bale 5, R. Pilgrim 6. First 720 of London Surprise Minor by all the band. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise: R. Pilgrim 1, J. Pilgrim 2, L. W. Bale 3, E. Hambling 4, N. R. Bailey (conductor) 5, F. J. Smith 6. *First 720 in a Surprise Method 'inside.'

SWANMORE.—On Tuesday, March 4th, for practice, 720 College Single Minor: W. Allen 1, E. Jacobs, junr. (first in the method) 2, A. Millard 3, E. Jacobs, senr. 4, H. Ainsley 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6.—On Wednesday, March 12th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Ainsley 1, T. Silvester (first in the method) 2, W. Linter 3, E. Jacobs 4, A. Millard 5, Roy Linter (first in the method as conductor) 6.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

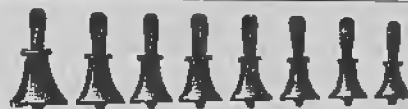
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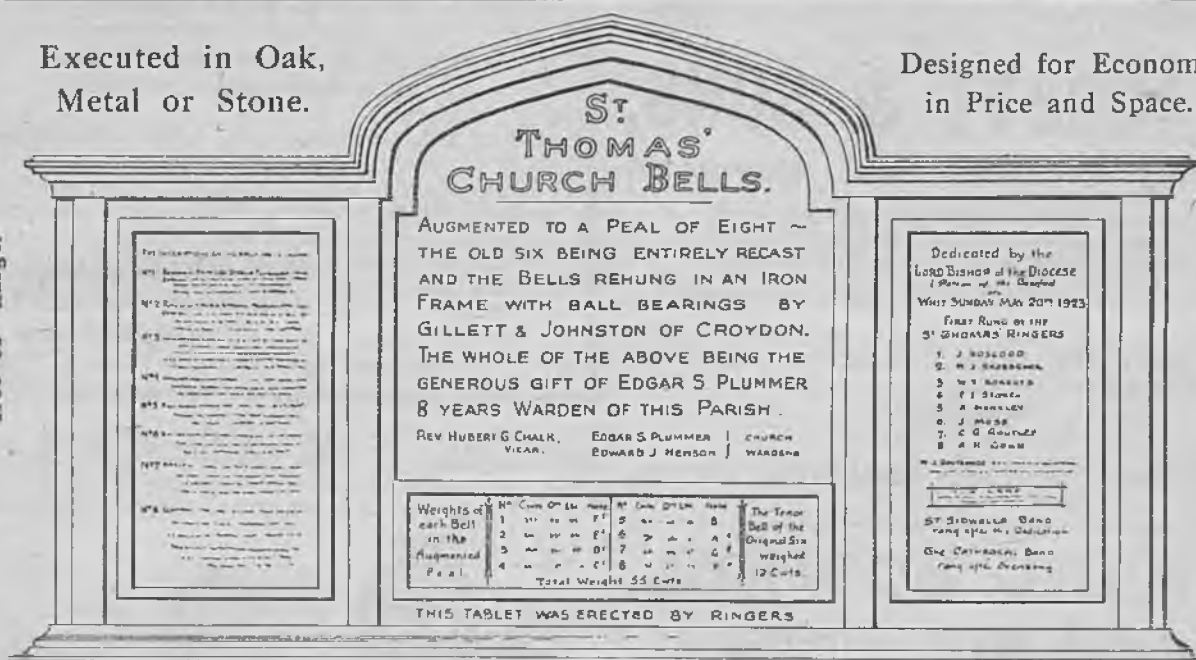
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Spliced methods have added a good deal of interest to ringing for those who have taken up this advanced practice. It has not yet been very generally adopted, but those enterprising bands who have by this means added the spice of variety—and intricacy—to their ringing, have found it a fascinating pastime. Hitherto, however, spliced method ringing has been largely confined to Minor, chiefly because investigation has been among the six-bell methods. It is true that spliced Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major is now rung fairly frequently, and that one or two peals have been rung in which Plain Bob, Double Bob and Little Bob have been united, but these, we believe, are the limits which have been reached outside the scope of Minor.

Mr. Joseph W. Parker's article in our last issue, however, is an entirely new departure, and is, as far as we are aware, the first successful attempt to unite odd bell methods, which from their nature are extremely difficult to treat in this manner. Mr. Parker's 'discoveries'—as he prefers to term them—open up a new vista of progress in the science. Even a casual glance at the diagrams which we printed reveals what a marked advance has been achieved beyond the customary 'rut,' and we learn that combinations of Stedman and Erin, or Erin and Quick-six, provide 'an unlimited number of remarkable extents of Triples.' These composite Triples provide a new outlet for the enterprise of ringers who are capable of ringing Stedman, and will also prove a test for the capacity of the best among the Exercise. If there is any drawback to the methods which Mr. Parker published with his article, it is in the length of their course, but we doubt if this is really worth consideration; for they do not reach quite to the length of a course of Treble Bob Major.

We believe there are a considerable number of Stedman ringers who will welcome the development which Mr. Parker has introduced to the Exercise, and who will be glad to break into the new ground which he has provided. And in commending this new form of odd-bell ringing to the study of our readers, we cannot conclude without a reference to the genius of the man who has brought this thing within the realm of 'practical politics.' In his modesty Mr. Parker claims no credit for the interesting work which these composite methods contain. It may be literally true that Mr. Parker only 'discovered' the combinations which he has constructed into true peals, but the patient and persevering investigation which must have been necessary before a perfect 5040 of Triples was

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obtained is only equalled by the skill with which order and symmetry have been evolved out of what to the ordinary man would have appeared utter chaos. It may be that the Exercise will not quickly take to this new development in odd bell ringing, although we believe it will make an appeal to those enterprising spirits who, in the past, have been restricted by the limitations which bound them, but whether Composite Triples is rung or not, ringers with an understanding of the difficulties involved in the task, will acknowledge the skill which the 'discoverer' has shown in reaching 'a new land.'

TEN BELL PEALS.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 27 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

WILLIAM NEWTON, SEN. ... Treble	* THOMAS HENCHER ... 6
* WILLIAM L. NEWTON ... 2	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7
JAMES W. NEWTON, JUN. ... 3	THOMAS LANCASTER ... 8
ALFRED E. BACON ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... 9
REV. ALBERT SIMPSON ... 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Three generations of the Newton family took part in the peal. Mr. W. Newton, the grandfather, has been connected with the church and belfry for over 50 years. The ringers congratulate them upon this event, and hope the family may have the pleasure of continuing their connection with the church and belfry for many years to come.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 6000 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED PEARCE ... Treble	WILLIAM HUNTER ... 6
EDGAR GUISE ... 2	FREDERICK WADE ... 7
* WILLIAM H. PARKER ... 3	† JOHN G. JEFFERIES ... 8
FREDERICK TYLER ... 4	GEORGE TREW ... 9
GILBERT PEARCE ... 5	ISAAC LONG ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal, † First of Royal. This peal was arranged as a wedding and birthday compliment to R. Marsh and T. James respectively. Difficulties prevented a peal being rung at Mangotsfield, where they both belong, on that day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	* ALFRED G. HILL ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	HERBERT E. ADELEY ... 7
* FREDERICK A. COLBY ... 4	COL. SGT. JAMES BENNETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

MRS. H. BAKER ... Treble	HARRY GOODWIN ... 5
HARRY BAKER ... 2	* FRANK TERRY ... 6
GEORGE BELL ... 3	CHARLES H. SONE ... 7
GEORGE NEWMAN ... 4	LEWIS NEWMAN ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal of Major.

STAND, WHITEFIELD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANK BERRY Treble	ARTHUR RIDYARD 5
WILLIAM BERRY 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
FRED GRUNDY 3	MARK MORRIS 7
GEORGE H. SHUKER 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

M. Morris was elected a member of the Lancashire Association before starting, and thanks are due to him for standing in, when the band had met short for Kent Treble Bob Major.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH, BROOKFIELD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	ROBERT DAVIES 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
FREDERICK PAGE 3	ALLEN F. BAILEY 7
HARRY CHAPMAN 4	THOMAS JONES Tenor

Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
*THOMAS BUTLER 2	*THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
EDWARD HARRISON 3	*LEWIS J. EVANS 7
JOHN HAYES 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GUILDFORD SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
*ALFRED KEEBLE 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
EDGAR H. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
*GEORGE BAILEY 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Guildford Surprise. Rung as a birthday compliment to Agnes M. Bailey, daughter of the conductor.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HARRY GREENWOOD Treble	*WILLIAM HORAN 5
MRS. WILLIAM CRABTREE 2	*FRANK FIELDEN 6
MISS ROSE A. BELL 3	HERBERT DAVENPORT 7
JOHN NASH 4	WILLIAM CRABTREE Tenor

Composed by C. H. MATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. CRABTREE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal on the bells by lady ringers. Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer upon attaining his 50th birthday, also rung on the wedding anniversaries of the ringers of the 4th and 6th. The band desire to tender their best thanks to Mr. and Mrs. H. Greenwood for their hospitality after the peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th belong to Cross Stone, the 7th and tenor to Todmorden Parish Church, and the rest to the local band.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PADLINUS,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal in the method by all the band, except the ringers of 5th and 8th.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER FARROW Treble	BEN. S. THOMPSON 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 6
EDWIN R. GOATE 3	†FREDERICK A. FINCH ... 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WIFFEN Treble	CYRIL PEASE 5
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
JAMES FLEETY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and Miss Saunders, eldest daughter of the tenor ringer.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GOODSELL Treble	THOMAS HOAD 5
HARRY BAKER 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
KENNETH PATTENDEN 3	*TRAYTON BOOTH 7
†FRANK PATTENDEN 4	WILLIAM H. HOAD Tenor

Composed by JOHN HOWES. Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal of Major 'inside.' † Elected a non-resident life member. Mr. W. H. Hoad has now rung all the bells in the tower to a peal. Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Chichester, and after a Confirmation service.

BRADFORD-ON-AVON, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

SAMUEL J. HECTOR Treble	WILLIAM R. BAXTER 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
SIDNEY HILLIER 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
HORACE TAYLOR 4	FRED HAYES Tenor

Conducted by W. FARLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Master David Hanbury-Tracey, grandson of the donor of the bells. The ringers were entertained to tea at the Castle Hotel, after the peal, by the kindness of General Palmer.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON & WIGAN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWARD CONHEAD Treble	JOHN BOOTH... .. 5
FRED RIGBY 2	JAMES W. GROUNDS 6
WILLIAM LANCASTER 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
† FRED BLACKLIDGE 4	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by W. SHARPLES.
* First peal of Major 'inside.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Booth.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	FREDERICK F. MORTLOCK 5
FRANK A. TURNER 2	LAURENCE POULSON 6
FREDERICK L. LEES 3	FREDERICK A. POULSON 7
ARTHUR SYMONDS 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
First peal in the method by the 3rd and 6th ringers.

STAFFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

JOHN J. TAYLOR... .. Treble	† WILLIAM G. CURTIS... .. 5
JOHN WARRLOW 2	JAMES L. HAYWARD... .. 6
* JOSEPH L. STANIER 3	ALFRED FALLON 7
WILLIAM A. FLETCHER 4	THOMAS PERRY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED FALLON.
* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy and respect to the late Mr. Frank James, of Penkridge, the Staffordshire centenarian; also the Rev. W. E. O. Stevens, Vicar of Marsden, Stafford, who was accidentally killed by a motor.

NORTHLEACH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

GEORGE LAW Treble	HERBERT ACOCK 5
GEORGE J. WINTER 2	JOHN C. ACOCK 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	JOHN HOPE... .. 7
* WILLIAM CLAYTON 4	† WALTER PEACHEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.
* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Ringers of 4th and 6th are local men.

SOWTON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(JUBILEE PEAL.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	FRED HUCKEY 5
* WILLIAM REEKS 2	WILLIAM HOWE... .. 6
JOHN OKE 3	GEORGE BETTS 7
* ROBERT STAMP 4	* CHARLES SANDFORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.
* First peal. Ringers of treble, 3rd and 6th are from Exeter, 5th from Ottery St. Mary, the rest belong to the local band. On the completion of the peal the Rector congratulated the ringers and entertained them to tea. Rung on the 4th anniversary of the induction of the Rector.

GARSTON, LANCASHIRE.
ANTIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

BRO. ARTHUR JACKSON ...	Kirkdale Lodge	No. 1756	... Treble
BRO. GEORGE HUNT ...	Dominion Lodge	No. 4289	... 2
BRO. CLAUDE I. DAVIES ...	Lancastrian Lodge	No. 3631	... 3
BRO. JOHN R. TAYLOR ...	Coppull Lodge	No. 4232	... 4
BRO. JAMES R. GRIFFIN ...	Emulation Lodge	No. 1505	... 5
BRO. WILLIAM TAYLOR ...	Coppull Lodge	No. 4232	... 6
BRO. JOHN WILKINSON ...	Mariners Lodge	No. 249	... 7
BRO. JOSEPH E. SYKES ...	Kilwinning Lodge	No. 5	... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.
Rung to welcome Dr. David as Bishop of Liverpool.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

* FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... Treble	WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
CHARLES WATERMAN 2	HENRY T. WILSON 6
JOHN BURLES 3	GEORGE MORRAD 7
† JOSEPH BARRETT 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRED M. MITCHELL.
* First peal of Major, and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Mitchell. The ringer of the 4th was elected a non-resident life member of the above association before starting for the peal.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

* THOMAS W. GRICE Treble	HARRY N. WAY... .. 5
LEWIS NEWMAN... .. 2	JAMES W. LEONARD... .. 6
CHARLES H. SONE 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
GEORGE POUND 4	* WILLIAM J. DAY Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

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

* CYRIL WINWOOD Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
† SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 3	† ALFRED ROWLEY 7
REUBEN HALL 4	WILLIAM A. COOPER Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES. Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal of Major. † 50th peal. † 99th peal.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

HARRY BROUGHTON Treble	* CHARLES H. WEBB 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE 6
GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7
FRANK W. PERRINS 4	* SAMUEL COE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD (No. 6).
Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the occasion of the visit of Canon James to the village after an absence of 47 years.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, March 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	ROBERT A. FARDON ... 5
HENRY A. FOLKARD ... 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 6
*J. EDWARD CHURCHILL ... 3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 7
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 4	ARTHUR HARDING ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* First peal of Major.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, March 30, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST E. GRIMES ... Treble	WALTER RUFFLES ... 5
*EDWARD G. GRINDLELL ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
LESLIE G. BRETT ... 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

* First peal in the method 'inside.'

SIX BELL PEALS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4
JOHN BURLS ... 2	GEORGE MORRAD ... 5
HARRY ARGENT ... 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal of Cambridge Minor by all, and on the bells. Quickest peal on the bells. Mr. John H. Cheesman has now rung peals of Cambridge from Minor to Maximus. Specially rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Milton, the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A., president of the band.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

CHARLES NUNN ... Treble	WILLIAM ROSE ... 4
EDWARD YOUNGS ... 2	FREDERICK HAYWARD ... 5
ALPHAUS BERRY ... 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. Nunn on his 70th birthday. It was the 100th peal upon the six bells.

ST. MARY CRAY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR,

Consisting of three 720's College Single, and four 720's Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

JIM HURRELL ... Treble	RALPH BEARD ... 4
FRANK GORRINGE ... 2	*EDMUND CROWTHER ... 5
ISAAC EMERY ... 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT BRETT-SMITH.

Rung on the occasion of the Induction of the Rev. Ernest Cannon, M.A., by the Bishop of Rochester and Archdeacon Tait, which took place on the previous day. * First peal.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford, Kent, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

*LEONARD WILLIAMS ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 2	*EDWARD FROSSELL ... 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

DAVID READ ... Treble	FRANK RUFFLES ... 4
WILLIAM G. BROWN ... 2	PERCY POTTER ... 5
WALTER RUFFLES ... 3	HARRY HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HALL.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clements, Double Court and Single Court.

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY ... Treble	HORACE M. DAY ... 4
REGINALD S. OLDBAM ... 2	JOSEPH LONDON ... 5
WILLIAM NEAL ... 3	GEORGE H. WELLS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. L. F. Pigott. * First peal in seven methods by ringers of the 2nd. Also his first extents of Treble Bob.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6.	Tenor G 18.
R. ALDER GOFION ... 1-2	THOMAS GOFION ... 5-6
JOSEPH GOFION ... 3-4	JAMES E. GOFION ... 7-8

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFION.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARTIN'S COLLEGIATE CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	ERNEST MORRIS ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 3-4	*GEORGE STEDMAN MORRIS ... 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE. Umpire: EDWARD WHITEHEAD.

* First of Triples 'in hand.'

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,]

AT THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.	Tenor, size 18 in G.
JOHN FOSTER ... 1-2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3-4	GEORGE FETTER ... 7-8

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the North Farm,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor G 18.

JAMES E. GOFTON 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3-4	R. ALDER GOFTON 7-8
RICHARD A. GOFTON 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.
 Rung as a birthday compliment to J. E. Gofton.

PUDSEY SURPRISE.

METHOD PRACTISED AT LEICESTER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With regard to the peal of Pudsey Surprise Major rung at Bolsover on March 15th, we rang several touches of Major and two courses of Royal in this method at St. Martin's, Leicester, in 1921, and for want of a name we called it 'Loughborough,' but dropped it in preference to Princess Mary. Mr. J. Carter ultimately published it in 1922, I think, in 'The Ringing World.' Although we do not wish to claim authorship ourselves, who were undoubtedly the first to ring it, we do claim that the one who first published the method has the right to claim it as his. Therefore, this method should have been published as belonging to Mr. Carter. We also hold that the company who rang the first 5,000 of it have the right to name it as they wish, in spite of the fact that it had been rung three years ago as Loughborough, but unfortunately we never published it. The fact of it having accidentally turned out to be the reverse of Yorkshire does not alter the case at all.—Yours truly,

F. H. DEXTER.

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Arthur Craven will kindly look in 'The Ringing World' of December 28th, 1919, he will see Pudsey Surprise, No. 23.

I may add that I composed some peals to be rung in Birmingham at that time.—Yours truly,

JOHN CARTER.

5274 STEDMAN CATERS.

By E. HIMS.

A composition of Stedman Caters off the beaten track is the following:—

231456 4 15 16

456123*

432561 — — S

436251 — —

425361 — —

426531 — —

453261 — —

456321 — —

412365 — — —

416235 — —

423165 — —

426315 — —

451362 — — —

456132 — —

413562 — —

416352 — —

435162 — —

436512 — —

421563 — — —

426153 — —

415263 — —

416523 — —

452163 — —

456213 — —

431265 — — —

436125 — —

Last 24 courses repeated, adding calls in last course, 14, S17, 20, 21. Contains 4, 6, 8, 10 in the middle, and 6th behind the 9th every alternate course in the titmums throughout.

* Produced by S4, 6, 7, 10, 13, 14.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CLASHING OF DIVISIONAL MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex County Association was held at East Grinstead on Saturday week. The tower was opened at 2.30, when over forty were present, and, after a brief inspection of the bells and tower, ringing commenced. At 4.15 the Vicar (the Rev. W. W. Youard) entered the ringing chamber to dedicate a tablet placed on the wall to record the ringing of a peal of

Grandsire Triples on November 10th, 1923, being the first peal rung on the bells by the local branch since 1843. The following is the inscription:—

'This stone commemorates the ringing of a peal of Grandsire Triples by the local band on November 10th, 1923, in 3 hrs. 25 mins.: T. M. Potter 1, G. Hewitt 2, H. Coomber 3, J. Wren 4, G. F. Tizzard 5, N. E. Hope 6, T. Tullett 7, S. W. Chesson 8. Conducted by Jos. Wren, W. W. Youard, Vicar. Previous peal by local band, December 21st, 1843.'

Afterwards the Vicar conducted a short service in church, and gave a very interesting address, a collection being taken for the benevolent fund.

The company then proceeded to tea, which had been provided in a very generous manner, and at which the Vicar presided, supported by the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman).

The business meeting followed, the Vicar being in the chair. The following new members were elected: H. Burton, S. Ford, E. Piper and O. Wood (Seaford); C. Stephenson (Cuckfield); P. Dadsweil (Buxted); H. J. Stoner (Balcombe), and E. J. Oliver (Coleman's Hatch). B. Collison (Tunbridge Wells) and G. Tomsett (Guildford) were also elected non-resident members.

The election of the following was confirmed: G. Faulkner (Barking, Essex), Cyril Pease (Chelmsford), W. J. Kemp (Clifton), J. E. Davis (Walworth), F. M. Mitchell (Gravesend), W. Richardson (Long Eaton, Derbyshire), A. E. Sharman (Dunstable, Beds), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex), C. C. Mayne (Boaconsfield, Bucks), W. Mead (Clun, Salop), J. C. Truss (Marlow, Bucks). All these visited the county last autumn, and it is hoped they have pleasant memories of the time spent in Sussex.

The divisional hon. secretary (Mr. A. D. Stone) and committee of advice were re-elected, and Messrs. O. Sippotts (Crawley), J. A. Hart (Cuckfield) and J. Wren (East Grinstead) were elected as the representatives of the division on the general committee.

The secretary then made a brief statement as to the work of the division, which received the approval of the members. The work of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at East Grinstead has given every satisfaction to the local branch, and to those who attended this meeting. The secretary of the Seaford branch sent the following report on the work carried out there by the same firm: 'Everything has been done most satisfactorily up to the present. The bells were recast, and 7 cwt. of metal added, making the tenor 13½ cwt. The bells are hung with iron heddstocks and self-aligning ball bearings in a splendid oak frame. . . . The 'go' of the bells is splendid, and in the key of F are very musical.'

The next meeting of the division will be held at this tower.

Attention was next called to the fact that this meeting and that of the Western Division had been fixed for the same day, and, after very outspoken criticism, the following resolution was passed: 'That this meeting strongly recommends the association to revert to the original pre-war plan of drawing up a programme of meetings for the year, in a businesslike manner, to prevent clashing.'

It was then proposed by the Master, and seconded by Mr. E. C. Merritt, 'that the secretary inscribe on the minutes a recognition of the loss sustained by the association in general, and the Central Division in particular, by the death of Mr. A. D. Mills, for over 20 years captain of the Crawley branch, and of Mr. F. Hounsell, who combined the offices of captain and secretary during the greater part of the last 40 years at Cuckfield. This being agreed to, the meeting closed, after the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address at the service, and for his kindness in providing tea.

The belfry was again visited until 8 o'clock, when the bells were lowered in peal, Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, London and Bristol being rung.

The towers represented were: Balcombe, Brighton (St. Peter's), Crawley, East Grinstead, Henfield, Hurstpierpoint and Lindfield. Messrs. White, Green and Latter, of Tunbridge Wells, was also present, as was Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Swindon.

All the local arrangements for this meeting were most satisfactorily carried out by the East Grinstead branch, to whom thanks are tendered. Further meetings of the Division will be held as follows: Seaford (June), Balcombe (August), and Hurstpierpoint (October).

WESTERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of this division was held at Horsham on Saturday, March 22nd, 26 members and friends being present from the following towers: Billingshurst, Pulborough, Slinfold, Heene, West Tarring, Kirdford, Guildford, Shere, Warnham, Warminglid and Portsmouth, as well as members of the local band.

The standard methods were practised till five o'clock, when 'high tea' was partaken of at the Queen's Head Hotel.

At the business meeting, with Major Hughes D'Aeth presiding, the following new members were elected: Messrs. W. Sapp, E. Sapp, and F. Ford, of Kirdford; W. S. Ayling, Pulborough; L. Borer, West Tarring; S. Paice, Horsham; Wm. Hooper, Warnham; P. Wood, W. J. Wicks, Wm. Stemp, C. Cheal, J. Feist, F. Skinner, and T. Newman, of Billingshurst.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Mr. A. W. Groves, divisional secretary; Messrs. Deick, Lindup and Challen,

representatives on the general committee; Messrs. Charman, Burdfield and Burtenshaw, committees of advice.

Felpham was chosen for the next quarterly meeting.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Major Hughes D'Aeth for presiding; to the Vicar of Horsham for granting the use of the bells; and to Mr. S. Paice for making the necessary arrangements, brought the meeting to a close.

VARIETY IN RINGING. METHODS WORTH CONSIDERATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with pleasure I read in last week's issue the remarks of Mr. J. W. Parker, anent the lack of variety in peals of Triples. It is, I think, a matter which can well be ventilated. Undoubtedly Stedman is the 'Queen' of Triple methods, but it is not all bands who can attain to this, particularly in isolated towers, where the company have to depend almost entirely on their local and often limited resources; consequently their efforts are confined to Grandsire ringing.

I see no reason why this should be. There are other methods well worth their consideration. Oxford Bob is interesting, and not at all difficult. A choice of any of the compositions of Mr. J. Carter in the method would bring out the beauties of Union.

Court Bob Triples, with its quick working and beautiful music, is well worth ringing in any tower. I feel certain that no band who took this up would have any regrets. The many compositions of Mr. J. J. Parker in all of these methods give a wide range of choice, and no company who added them to their repertoire need be despised.

The same remarks might, in some cases, apply to Major ringing. I, for one, fully realise the difficulties an isolated company have to contend with. It is (however ambitious one may feel) almost an impossibility to attain to the higher flights, so the attention is perhaps confined to Bob Major.

May I recommend to any such a trial of College Single? They would, I am sure, find their efforts well rewarded. It is a method interesting to ring, and its musical qualities leave nothing to be desired.—Yours faithfully,

Warnham, Sussex.

WAL. CHARMAN.

LINCOLN.—On Thursday, March 13th, at the Cathedral, 672 London Surprise Major: 1. Vickers 1, H. L. Pask 2, H. Marcon 3, C. McGuinness 4, G. Flintham 5, S. Wolfe 6, J. Walden 7, J. A. Freeman (conductor) 8.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

VETERAN CLERGYMAN RENEWS ACQUAINTANCE WITH BELFRY.

The first quarterly meeting for the year 1924 of the Ludlow and Church Stretton District was held at Tenbury on March 22nd, the scheduled date, March 15th, having been altered to avoid clashing with the Central Committee meeting arranged for that day at Hereford.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. E. F. Winnington Ingram), the Rev. G. Sylvester conducted the Guild service, and also delivered an appropriate address. The ringers were delighted to find his enthusiasm for ringing was still very keen, for, despite the fact that he had passed the age of threescore years and ten, he ascended the steep stairway to the belfry, and rang the third up in peal, although he had not handled a bell for some 20 years. At that period he was a member of the Surrey Association.

The welcome on this occasion was equally as cordial as in December, 1922. The Vicar once again most generously provided tea. Mrs. Bernard Ashley and her daughter very kindly assisted at the tables, having previously made perfect arrangements in regard to demand and supply. Mr. Miles also favoured the Guild with his welcome service at the organ.

The business meeting was about to commence, when the Vicar unexpectedly arrived from Stourbridge, and was warmly greeted by the assembled company, amongst whom were the following: Rev. and Mrs. Sylvester, Mr. Miles, Mr. J. P. Hyett, of Hay (who journeyed upwards of 90 miles to attend), and the District Ringing Master (the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson), together with ringers from Berrington, Bitterley, Bromfield, Ludlow, and St. Mary's, Tenbury.

The district secretary (Mr. P. Lane) read the report, and a letter from the Master of the Guild (Mr. J. G. Buchanan, of Hereford), was also read.

The Rev. Sylvester was unanimously elected as hon. member.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to all who had helped to make the day such an enjoyable one.

Practice in Grandsire and Bob Doubles was freely indulged in during the afternoon and evening, and for the service a well-struck 720 Bob Minor was rung by the following: M. W. Bott 1, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor) 2, P. Lane 3, Geo. Randle 4, A. R. Harrison 5, J. P. Hyett 6.

Twenty-two members managed to pack themselves into the belfry, which is a very small one.

JOHN TAYLOR & Co., LOUGHBOROUGH.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'A new peal of eight bells by Pack and Chapman, of White Chappel, London, and hung by Samuel Turner their Bellhanger,' was opened at Uppingham, Rutland, on March 25th, 1773. The opening peal (Holt's Ten Part) was rung on the bells on the same day by Nottingham ringers, conducted by William Doubleday Crofts.

Twenty-five years ago yesterday, members of the Kent County Association rang 15,072 Double Norwich at Erith, in 9 hrs. 24 mins.

The first known peal of Treble Bob Royal was rung on April 7th, 1741, by the Eastern Scholars, at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, London. It was a 5,600 in the Oxford Variation. Some doubt was cast upon the truth of the peal by the following satirical lines, which were given on a tablet erected to record a 5,000 in the same method rung in the following May on the same bells by the College Youths:—

'When merit's justly due, a
Little praise then serveth;
A good peal needs no frame,
A bad one none deserveth.'

Mr. Jasper Snowdon in his 'History of Treble Bob,' inclines to the opinion that the Eastern Scholars' peal was perhaps a 'bad' one rather than a false one.

The longest peal on record, the 40,320 Bob Major at Leeds, Kent, rung by thirteen men, was commenced on April 7th, 1761, and completed on April 8th.

On April 7th, 1801, a peal of 5,220 Court Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch.

April 8th is the anniversary of the 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major rung at Knebworth, Herts, in 7 hrs. 18 mins., in the year 1912, by the Hertford County Association.

During the contest in connection with the Halifax and District Association at Lowmoor on Saturday, it was stated that Mr. John Garforth, of Dewsbury, had passed away on the previous day. At the subsequent meeting a vote of condolence was passed with his family, but, happily, the rumour of his death was unfounded, although Mr. Garforth is very ill.

We notice that the Yorkshire Association is to hold a meeting at Beverley on Easter Monday. As a reminder to our readers this will provide a great chance for ringers in general to visit this historical town with its two fine old churches and two magnificent peals of ten, both by Taylor. To have a pull at both churches and then take a walk on the Westwood and listen to the bells is something to be remembered, especially if 'Great John,' the Bourdon bell, of 7 tons, is being rung at the same time as the peal at the Minster. Beverley is an ideal place for a week-end, having a good motor service to the outlying districts.

It is pleasing to record another peal by a band of Freemasons. This was rung at Garston, under the auspices of the Lancashire Association, on Saturday. The first Masons' peal was rung at St. Clement Dances by the College Youths.

Two peals in one day were a great rarity 170 years ago, but John Holt took part in a peal of 5,800 Double Bob Major and a peal of 5,040 of Bob Major at Hillingdon, Middlesex, on April 9th, 1751.

SAMUEL THURSTON.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It was with interest and pleasure that I read the article on the late Samuel Thurston, which appeared this week in 'The Ringing World.' I cannot, however, understand how it was reported that Mr. Thurston was bedridden for some time before his death. It has always been explained to me that this famous ringer died suddenly on a Sunday morning, after partaking of a heavy supper, consisting of eels, at a public-house somewhere in the neighbourhood of St. Michael at Coslany. The suddenness of Mr. Thurston's death will be understood when I state that on the morning he died a parishioner called at his house, requesting that the 'passing' bell might be rung for a relation that had died the previous night, only to be informed that Thurston was dead himself.

In your issue of 'The Ringing World,' dated 22nd May, 1914, appeared a copy of a painting which was supposed to have been of Samuel Thurston. This was, I believe, forwarded to you by Mr. G. P. Burton, both he and I are of the opinion now that this is really a painting of a Norwich musician.

I have in my possession a copy (photograph) of the painting of Thurston standing in the belfry at St. Peter Mancroft, with a rope in one hand and a MS. in the other, the latter inscribed 'The Art of Ringing Made Easy.' I am under the impression I am the only one to have such a copy in Norwich.—Yours sincerely, GEO. H. CROSS.

[There is not much doubt that Thurston died suddenly, and the statement that he was able to hear the bells by means of an ear-horn while lying bedridden would seem to be a contradiction, although this appears in the biographical details from which we took our extracts.—Ed. 'R.W.']

THE FIRST PEAL OF TREBLE TEN.

The anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Royal, which occurs next week, makes interesting two of the peal boards hung in the steeple of St. Sepulchre's Church, Snow Hill, London, where the Eastern Scholars achieved this first performance.



ST. SEPULCHRE'S CHURCH, SNOW HILL.

SOCIETY OF EASTERN SCHOLARS.

On Tuesday, April 7th, 1741, was rung in this Steeple
A Compleat Peal of Five Thousand Two Hundred
OXFORD TRIPLE BOB, 10th.

The performers:

JOSEPH DICKENSON Treble	WILLIAM ROMAN... .. 6th
JOHN SHARPE 2nd	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 7th
WILLIAM SIMMS 3rd	THOMAS BENNET... .. 8th
WILLIAM LOVELL 4th	P. MAINWARING (call'd bobs) 9th
JOHN BLAKE... .. 5th	R. WINDLESBOROUGH... .. Tenor

This is the first compleat peal of 5,000 Oxford Triple Bob ten in that was ever rung, and complicated in 3 hrs. 57 mins.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 30th, 1741, the above Society rang

5000 Changes of UNION BOB ROYAL

in 3 hours 46 minutes.

SAMUEL LEE Treble	JOSEPH GRIFFITHS 6th
JABEZ STEPHENSON 2nd	RICHARD SPICER 7th
JOHN DEARMOR 3rd	SAMUEL JEACOCKE 8th
WILLIAM RICHARD 4th	ROBERT MOBBS 9th
BENJAMIN ANNABLE 5th	JOHN TREVELL 10th

When merit's justly due a little praise than serveth,
A good peal needs no fame, a bad one none deserveth.

Probably the first 'ring' of bells which hung in St. Sepulchre's tower comprised six bells brought from St. Bartholomew's Priory at the Dissolution. They were cast by Thomas Bullesdon early in the sixteenth century.

There were 'ten tuneable bells, which made a pleasant harmony when rung in peal,' in the tower in the year 1708; but these appear to have been recast into the present peal of ten in 1739 by Samuel Knight, of the Holborn foundry, and several of them were later recast at different times at Whitechapel. The ninth bears the inscription: 'Samuel Knight cast us all and Robert Catlin made the frame and hung us all, 1739.'

The tenor at this church used to be rung on the day condemned prisoners at Newgate were executed, a bequest for the purpose have been left in 1605 by one Robert Dowe.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday last a meeting of the Nottingham district was held at Trowel and Stanton-by-Dale. Arrangements had been made to meet at Trowel at 2 p.m., and the Vicar (the Rev. Guest Williams) kindly allowed an hour's ringing on this unique peal of six. The bells are frightfully out of tune, but nevertheless the ringing was enjoyed by those present, if only for the novelty of hearing them. At 3 p.m. about 40 ringers and friends paid an extremely interesting visit to the Stanton Iron Works, Mr. John Branson, an official, kindly conducting the party through the various departments. The visitors were much interested in all they saw, from the large engine rooms and furnaces, where the molten iron ore was being transferred from the furnace to the sanded beds to be cast into large blocks of pig iron, to the departments where the metal was melted and cast into pipes of various sizes and lengths, and also tested to stand pressure, etc. Then the party inspected the recently added plant called the Hume Pipe Plant, from which is made a new form of concrete pipe of all sizes and lengths. The visitors spent about two hours in the works, and the tour was greatly enjoyed by all. The works are among the largest of the kind in this country.

The party then made their way to Stanton-by-Dale to the music of this musical ring of six bells, and to enjoy a bounteous tea which had been arranged for by Messrs. George and Gobey, of Ilkeston. By this time the number had increased to between 40 and 50 ringers and friends.

Mr. Albert Coppock, vice-president, presided, supported by Messrs. F. Blood (local hon. secretary), W. E. White and W. A. Janes (committee), the Rev. C. J. Sturton (Vicar of Orston), Mrs. Coppock, Mrs. E. C. Gobey and Miss Ida Thompson, etc., and representatives from the following towers: Beeston, Bulwell, Basford, Breaston, Cotgrave, Ilkeston, Daybrook, Southwell Cathedral, Greasley, St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Nottingham. A bountiful tea had been provided by the host of the Chequers Inn, to which full justice was done, and thoroughly enjoyed, after the busy afternoon.

The business meeting which followed was presided over by the vice-president.

One ringing member was elected from Greasley, and the Rev. A. P. Sharpe, of Ilkeston, as an hon. member. Mr. Sharpe is a very warm friend of the ringers.

The Vice-President proposed, and Mr. W. C. Hunt seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to Messrs. J. F. George and E. C. Gobey, and Mr. Branson, for arranging the tour of the works, and for tea.—This being put to the meeting, was unanimously carried, Mr. Gobey replying.

Mr. W. E. White next proposed a vote of thanks to the two Vicars for kindly placing the towers at the service of the ringers during the afternoon and evening, and expressed regret that neither of those gentlemen was present with the party at tea.—Mr. W. Taylor seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The place of the next meeting was then discussed.—Long Eaton was proposed by Mr. Hale, and Southwell by Mr. W. White. On being put to the meeting, Southwell received 19 votes and Long Eaton five. Southwell was, therefore, selected, and the meeting will be held on May 3rd.

This concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned to the tower, the bells being kept going in various methods until 8.30 p.m.

NOMENCLATURE OF MINOR METHODS. A SUGGESTED 'NOTICE OF MOTION.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—Is it not probable that, in their desire to ensure that something shall be done to secure a desirable change in the names of some of the Minor methods, the Leytonstone Association will confuse the issue by submitting alternative suggestions to a number of associations in order to ascertain their views? This course, it seems to me, is most likely to lead to divergent opinions, with the result that the framing of any resolution to put before the Central Council will be a most difficult matter. Moreover, there is little time, before the notice of motion must be sent in to the secretary, for ascertaining the views of others. What I should like to suggest to the Leytonstone Association, if they will not deem me impertinent for so doing, is that they should find a member of the Council—and no one could do it better than the Master of their own association, if he could find time to attend the meeting in London—who would hand in a notice of motion in the following terms: 'To call attention to the nomenclature employed in the Central Council's Collection of Minor methods, and to move a resolution.' This would ensure the subject getting on to the agenda, without for the moment committing the proposer to the terms of his ultimate motion, and would give more time to collect the views of other associations, and frame the resolution. It should not be overlooked that notice of motion has to be given before April 26th.

I should like to add that I agree with much that has been written in your columns with regard to the names given to some of these methods. I would suggest that only 'geographical' names should be applied. This would retain the counties, cities, towns, villages and lakes within the category, but get rid of such titles as those chosen from the garden. I realise the difficulties which would be met with, if the change went beyond the names bestowed by the Analysis Committee, but I do not know that these are insuperable. Some of those who object to altering the old names, have the idea that it would involve, in principle, an attack upon the ancient titles of Grandsire, Bob, Stedman, and the like. But I would submit that these names are in no way affected by the suggestion. They are in the same class as 'Treble Bob,' and it is only the prefix, which describes the variety of Treble Bob or Delight, or Exercise, that it is sought to change.

But if there is among ringers a general desire to retain old titles, a change of names given to methods prior to the Central Council's Committee's report need not be stressed. If we cannot alter the nomenclature of the past, let us, however, concentrate our attention on preventing lapses into absurdity in the present and the future.

The Analysis Committee at no time sought the opinion of ringers as to the type of name they should give to methods, and they can hardly claim that they had a mandate to do exactly as they pleased without criticism from the Council. During the months which have elapsed since their report was submitted, I dare say reflection has shown that their choice was not in every case a happy one, and I anticipate that, when next the Council meet, they will be ready to reconsider the whole question.—Yours truly,

H. WALLIS.

A SUGGESTED CLASSIFICATION OF NAMES.

Dear Sir,—As an old member of the Leytonstone band, may I offer a word in support of their appeal to the Exercise to revise the names of the Minor methods.

Seeing that ringing is so closely connected with church work, I would suggest that a good plan would be as follows:—

- (a) That Surprise methods be named after our Cathedral cities.
- (b) That Treble Bob methods be named after the old Abbeys.
- (c) That Plain methods be named after minsters or noted churches.

Where methods already bear a name appropriate to the above classification that name be retained.

There should be no difficulty in securing the three signatures of delegates, and to frame a motion on this or similar lines in time for the next conference.

I trust the idea may materialise.—Yours truly,

T. HERVEY BEAMS.

'THE BLACKSMITH'S MAGAT.'

Dear Sir,—I have read in your issues of recent date the various discussions on 'Names,' and can't resist just weighing up the 'for and against' of the case. After all, what's in a name? Were Goode Mistress Peppery consulted I have no doubt she would declare, after reading the evidence, that it appeared to be the makings of a 'just clarse scrap' among the many Campanians who hold opinions as to what a name should be. On paper it is merely a row of ornate hieroglyphics or something that looks as though a spider had run wet-foot over the manuscript; that all depends on the calligraphy of the gentleman addressing our good Editor. In grammar it is, I believe, a noun, as to whether it is proper, common or abstract, depends entirely on the point of view of the—shall we be grammatical, and call him the 'first person or person speaking'? He, of course, is liable, like public opinion, to change his mind. Names of great per-

sons have fallen into disfavour. A certain city in Russia, once Petrograd, changed to Petersburg, and has been Leningrad. During the late war streets in English towns had their names changed, and, dare I whisper it? our royal family is now known as Windsor not Wettin. Names of methods may do the same. It will be impossible to suit the palate of the whole Exercise. The euphoniaics will have their line of argument, the sentimentalists theirs, the patriots have views on the subject, the clerical party have a voice in the matter. An argument was recently advanced against Lancashire on the score of euphony, the patriots had their say, and won. A certain method was called Immanuel, and a certain cleric advanced an argument against it, though I believe more than one good soul has gone to his rest with that name, and I never remember hearing that his mother had been rebuked by the parson for voicing that name at the hapless infant's baptism. I believe that after a person has once received a name a lot of legal formalities have to be gone through before that name can be changed, however foolish that name may appear, and most names have good reasons for their bestowal. And it is not the province of any committee to take away any name once it has the seal of 'copyright.' I have before me as I write a vellum book once the property of and written by one Thos. Old, in the years 1720—1784. It contains a score of methods on five bells, and after the methods Evening Contentment and the Blacksmith's Magat appears the entry: 'On Sunday, Jan. ye 4th, 1734, the bells were raised, lowered and fished (P) and sundry six-scores rung by the following'—then follow the names. Those names would furnish material for a first-class argument as to their fitness, not to mention ridicule from the Press and uninitiated B.P.; and what name has caused more ridicule in the Press than Grandsire Triples? But when all is said, the right to call one's offspring what you like is undeniable.

We have a new name now before us: Pudsey to wit; what will the euphoniaics say to that? Pudsey is a very thriving town between Leeds and Bradford (the Yorkshire, Leeds and Bradford, if you please, Mr. Editor, some folk are sticklers for precision). It stands on a hill (Pudsey, not precision) and commands a fine view of the countryside, and its really fine tower contains a ring of eight bells. Local wit says that a certain worthy habitant of tender heart did put his pig on the wall to see the band go by. There is no doubt that sentiment was the prime factor in deciding on 'Pudsey' as the name of a good method. Local wit (of sorts) and euphony were not thought of. And were there a ring of six in a certain little village on the Island of Anglesey, hard by the Menai Bridge, the ringers there would have a perfect right in law to call a method by the name of that village. Whether or not the Editor would welcome many pearls of it I dare not surmise. But in a nutshell, our Council had no right to sanction the bestowal of new names on methods already named, and they were ill advised to bestow greengrocery titles, but in all our arguments we must bear in mind that a name is only a symbol whereby one is known among one's fellows. 'Tis merely that which differentiates the one from the other.—Yours truly,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

NUMBERS OBJECTED TO.

Sir,—I quite agree with Mr. George Dawson in most of his arguments, but I must take exception to one, viz., that all names be abolished, and that methods be known by numbers only. It might answer in time, but, like the Scot, 'I hae me doots.' There are plenty of good names that can be used, either after counties or cities. All others I would sweep away, including Trinity Sunday and Easter Sunday. What is wanted is a system of naming that can be understood even by a

SIMPLE SIMON.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at St. Nicholas', Newchurch, on Saturday, March 15th. Ringing commenced at 3.30, and was kept going until 9 o'clock with the exception of a small break for tea and meeting. The Rector of Newchurch kindly provided a 'hot pot,' which was thoroughly enjoyed, and for which he was most heartily thanked.

Five new members were admitted to the association. The touches rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Bob Major, Bob Minor, Kent, Oxford, Stedman and Double Norwich.

A vote of thanks to the church officers and to the ringers brought the meeting to a close.

Every tower in the branch was represented, besides Church Kirk and Burnley.

A RINGER FOR FORTY YEARS.

For over forty years a ringer at St. Mary's Church, Shaw, Newbury, Berks, Mr. J. Owen has recently passed away, and on Saturday evening, March 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 48 mins., was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect: T. Curtis (Beeson) 1, C. Poole (Newbury) 2, E. Crocker (Newbury) 3, S. Quintin (Newbury) 4, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5.

BISHOP AND BULKINGTON BELLS.

A COVENTRY COMMENT.

It is refreshing after some of the extraordinary effusions relating to bells and ringing which appear in the newspapers, to read an informed and reasoned article such as that which appeared in 'The Coventry Standard' on March 22nd. The occasion for the comment was the address of the Bishop of Coventry given at the dedication of the bells at Bulkington, Warwickshire, to which we referred in our last issue. The Bishop's address was an inspiring one, and we take the liberty of reproducing here the 'Coventry Standard's' leading article on the subject.

We are very pleased to be able to report fully the admirable address which was given by the Lord Bishop of Coventry on the occasion of the dedication of the reconstructed peal of bells in Bulkington Church tower. The parishioners of Bulkington have worked hard and given generously for this object, and its completion—as far as present proposals go—is a matter upon which they are to be profoundly congratulated. One of the points made by the Bishop had relation to the continuity of the bells. Out of remote ages the present bells of Bulkington have come. There are some, possibly many, older bells than these; but they suffice as an illustration. Out of the ages which are past their music has descended to the villagers—a goodly heritage; into the ages which are come their music has been projected by the restoration as it were. Doubtless the thought occurred to some on Saturday, in the inimitable language of the poet, "And so 'twill be when we are gone. These tuneful bells will still ring on." It was an affecting point. His Lordship also dwelt on the common love of the people for bells, and the cosmopolitan character of the appeal of bells. "Around our systematic life," he said, "the bells play their part. They ring on our wedding day; they ring as our soul passes across the river to the undiscovered country; they ring here to the young when we lay our weary bodies in the dust, leaving them behind while our souls seek a fresh tent from the hand of God. In all the great moments of life, at the wedding, at the funeral of father, of mother, and of child, now filled with joy, now deep in sympathy, we hear our bells; but most of all we hear them as they speak to us of the worship of God."

His lordship, too, made some grateful references to the ringers of the bells and to bell ringers in general. He spoke of them as Christian helpers, and reminded his hearers that Bunyan himself was a ringer. There is much to be thankful for to-day in the fact that bell ringing is done more in the spirit of Bunyan himself than in the graceless spirit of so many of his contemporaries—those who gave him occasion for heart-searching in respect of his own connection with this immediate matter—and of many of the ringers of former generations. They, chiefly, were with the Church, but not of it; they sought the gratification of exhibiting their own skill and indulging in a pleasurable occupation; the thought that they were Christian helpers was a stranger to the multitude of them. Associations like the Warwickshire Guild of Bell Ringers have been responsible for much of the change. They are essentially reverent institutions; they recognise the inherent character of the work which their members do, and insist on the cultivation of a proper spirit for the doing of it. And the attitude of the clergy towards the belfry and its occupants—from Bishops downwards—has had much to do with the change, too. Dr. Yeatman-Biggs, while he was our Diocesan, spoke highly of the work of the Warwickshire Guild, and illustrated the new attitude of the clergy. "Anyone who was as old as he was," he said, "could remember how the belfry was the place where many things happened that were not seemly. It was a hidden place, where things could go on which could not go on in the open. The bell ringers were often chosen from by no means the best of men, and it used to be a kind of idea that the bell ringer did not go to church. But if bell ringers called people to church and then did not go and worship God themselves they could not be said to practise what they preached, and they would not command the same amount of respect as the men who called and then went. The Warwickshire Guild of Bell Ringers was supposed to help the ringers to live up to the standard which they proclaimed. There was no body of men that he had more sympathy for in his Diocese than that large body of men doing God's work in His Church, many of them for no money at all, but simply because they wanted to do something for Him." The present Bishop advanced a point beyond this. What Dr. Yeatman-Biggs saw in part he sees more fully—he recognises the advance which has been made in right directions even within the few years which intervene between the time of the utterances of Dr. Yeatman-Biggs and his own time—that is to-day.

Many of the clergy, as we have said, take a much greater interest in this phase of Church work. When the Rev. A. R. F. Hyslop was Rector of Stoke he suggested a movement in his own parish which might well be taken, both there and in other parishes, too. He was desirous of forming a Guild of Bell Ringers, for the uplifting of the occupation itself and of those who take part in it. Mr. Hyslop in this, as in some other matters, solicited the help of our correspondent, "Spectator in Warwickshire," who knows something of the art of ringing, and he wrote, after speaking of the fascination

of the pursuit: "The boys and girls who may join the Rector's Band of Ringers at Stoke will find it so, I am sure; they will find it an occupation which will not only bring them infinite pleasure, but will teach them—if they are willing to be taught—habits of punctuality and instant precision which will be of great service in their walk of life, whatever it may be. A boy or a girl without a due sense of the value of precision will never make a bell ringer; if he or she have the quality in embryo, as it were, ringing will cultivate and encourage the growth of it, and if its lessons be truly learnt the learner's part in life will be played with a greater sense of the responsibility of the individual, not only to his immediate co-workers, but to the whole of the community." Membership of such a Guild is, as it were, the stone flung into the water, or as the radiator for wireless; it has ever-widening circles. We hope that all Churchpeople will read the Bishop's address, and that at all churches with bells the spirit of it will be fully active, and that the suggestion of Mr. Hyslop for Stoke will yet be adopted there, and at Bulkington, and that it will spread to other parishes. The little Guilds would be branches of the greater Guilds, and thus the good work would be increased and extended."

DEVON GUILD'S JUBILEE.

The Devon Guild has just celebrated its jubilee, for it was on March 21st, 1874, at a meeting in St. Paul's Schoolroom, Exeter, that the Guild was formed. Mr. W. J. Southwood, the present hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch, was one of those present at the meeting.

St. Sidwell's band, Exeter, visited Thorverton, Devon, on Saturday, March 22nd, and attempted a peal of Stedman Triples to celebrate the jubilee, but the peal came to grief after ringing 2,500 changes.

A jubilee peal was, however, rung at Sowton.

WIGAN BRANCH OF THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' draw the attention of the chief officials of the Lancashire Association to the demise of the above branch. The secretary resigned over a month ago, and apparently no successor has been appointed, or is in contemplation.

It seems to me that this youngest of our branches never got really on its feet, though, no doubt, the odds against it were very great. There is a large area in the Wigan, Ormskirk and Southport districts where change ringing is at a very low ebb, and where 'The Ringing World' is practically unknown. It would need a really good secretary and some equally good friends to work this district up, and perhaps headquarters will now take up the matter.—Yours faithfully,

Walton-le-Dale.

E. R. MARTIN.

RINGING ROYAL FOR 'THREE GENERATIONS.'

Long peals are in the air, and he would be a bold man who could ring the extent of Royal; but the writer got the following notice on the 22nd: "Joe, you have got to be at Stockton on the 25th, at 6 p.m., to ring Kent Royal for three generations!!" Having lungs as big as a blacksmith's bellows he went, but was pleased to discover that the peal was really an event of importance in local ringing circles; and though a record—not a long peal—an event which seldom occurs in the great ringing centres, and is almost unknown in the Northland. It was specially arranged to enable Mr. William Newton, the genial custodian of Stockton bells, to ring a 'Three Generation' peal with his son and grandson, and (keep it dark!) he told the writer to keep in training, as he had a great-grandson coming along. The peal was a great success, in spite of the fact that some thrifty churchgoer thought that too much electricity was being used, and switched off the lights on two occasions, "just for economy's sake"? But there are such things as memories and coursing orders, and all's well that ends as well as the last course of a peal like that. Congratulations to the three generations, especially the sprightly 70-year-old veteran; congratulations to the second ringer on his first of Treble Ten; congratulations to Alf. Bacon, for it was his 'fifty' (not out); and congratulations to Tom Hensher on scoring his first Treble Ten, after attempts covering a period of 25 years. It was the first of Royal in Stockton tower for 15 years, and we hope to help Mr. Newton with the Four Generation job.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STINCHCOMBE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 30th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: E. Whittard 1, H. W. Fussell (conductor) 2, G. Prout 3, A. Burcombe 4, Police-Sergt. G. W. Hastings 5, J. L. Smith 6.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): A. Burcombe, junr. (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Burcombe, senr. (conductor) 2, H. W. Fussell 3, E. Hayward 4, Police-Sergt. G. W. Hastings 5, F. Hawkins 6. Rung for morning service, and as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble.

ASHFORD, KENT. On Sunday, March 30th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, (1,260 changes): T. Tabrett 1, Miss Thomas 2, H. C. Castle 3, A. C. Kay 4, P. Page 5, C. W. Everett (conductor) 6, E. Powell 7, H. Parkes 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, March 30th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 640 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. W. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. W. Melbourne 4, H. E. Hammond 5, F. Ely 6, G. Lindridge 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

ERTH.—On Sunday evening, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, at the Parish Church, in 47 mins.: L. Cullum 1, W. Axtell 2, F. Axtell 3, F. J. Cullum, senr., 4, E. Hoft 5, J. Morton (conductor) 6, A. Morton 7, O. Robinson 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 23rd, a quarter-peal Grandsire Triples: E. Easton 1, R. H. Boddington 2, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 3, S. D. Breeze 4, R. Holloway 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, J. W. Fruin 7, W. Atkinson 8.—On Thursday, March 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Robt. Fardon 1, S. D. Breeze 2, Miss P. Moss (conductor) 3, F. Goodfellow 4, W. Sparrow 5, Miss Hawksworth 6, J. W. Fruin 7, W. Atkinson 8. Rung for J. W. Fruin's birthday.

NEWCHURCH, ROSSENDALE.—On Sunday evening, March 23rd, at St. Nicholas' Church, 630 Grandsire Triples was rung in 22 mins.: J. Taylor 1, J. H. Haydock (Ramsbottom) 2, S. Lord 3, L. Taylor 4, O. Eastwood 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Ormerod 8.

ROCK FERRY.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, March 23rd, for evensong, in 24 mins., 720 Bob Minor: F. Banton 1, P. Amos 2, R. Fitzsimmons 3, W. Dean 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor ever rung on the bells by a local band.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for morning service, 1,344 Grandsire Triples, in 56 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, R. T. Evans (conductor) 3, J. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, H. T. Hughes 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

GREEN'S NORTON.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Oxford Bob Minor, in 44 mins.: A. Mausfield 1, J. W. Haynes (first quarter in the method) 2, J. M. Gray 3, A. Booth 4, G. F. Lucas 5, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. H. Lloyd 1, F. Bradley 2, G. W. West 3, H. R. Cobbin 4, L. Chadburn 5, F. A. Salter 6, F. W. Bailey (conductor) 7, A. R. Leader 8. First quarter of Stedman by ringers of 2nd and 3rd. Also first quarter in the method as conductor.

TONBRIDGE.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Aylward 1, L. E. Last 2, C. Cooke 3, J. Medhurst 4, J. R. Denton 5, H. Harrington 6, W. Steed 7, Jas. Draper 8.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.—For afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 23rd, 480 Bob Minor and 240 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. Peck 3, T. Crane 4, W. Kerrison 5, A. H. Took 6.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: E. Walker 1, W. H. Newell 2, H. Floyd 3, H. Gates 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, H. Golding (conductor) 7, J. Floyd, junr., 8.

EDGBASTON.—At the Old Church, on March 16th, in 25 mins., 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Withers 1, A. Morgan 2, E. Rose 3, G. Pigott 4, R. Russell 5, W. Cartwright (conductor) 6.—On March 30th, in 25 mins., 720 Kent Treble Bob: R. Russell 1, A. Morgan 2, J. Withers, junr., 3, G. Gigott 4, H. Withers (conductor) 5, J. Withers, senr., 6.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. H. Humphrey 1, P. S. Thompson 2, Miss Humbercrofts 3, E. Jennings 4, A. Hobden 5, H. Rann 6, A. Reid (conductor) 7, W. Jenner 8.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, March 16th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Allin, junr., 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, F. R. Partridge (first away in treble) 3, R. Huskinson 4, W. Jack 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Allin, junr., 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, R. Huskinson 3, C. J. Partridge 4, W. Jack 5, G. Allin (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled.—Also, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: R. Partridge 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, R. Huskinson 3, C. J. Partridge 4, W. Jack 5, G. Allin (conductor) 6.

A RINGERS' 'STRIKE.'

DISPUTE WITH VICAR AT WINSHILL.

It was reported on Saturday that the ringers at Winshill, Burton-on-Trent, had resigned as a protest against the Vicar's refusal to allow them to ring muffled for two parishioners who have passed away.

Worshippers on Sunday were summoned to church as usual, however, for the Vicar, the Rev. A. H. Price, after meeting with many refusals, secured volunteers.

The dispute between the Vicar and the bell ringers has been in progress for six months. It arose from the Vicar's refusal to allow a muffled peal to be rung when a popular parishioner, who attended another church, and whose family are Nonconformist, died.

Later, the Vicar declined to allow a mourning peal for a man who had been a member of the choir for 30 years, but had recently severed his connection with it.

The men say that they resent these refusals, and are dissatisfied about the withdrawal of their old privilege to ring wedding or mourning peals for members of their families.

The strikers say they would rather do the work voluntarily (their pay is £15 a year between eight) than have to ask frequently for the Vicar's permission to ring the bells.

The Vicar declines to make a statement for publication, but it is understood that he regrets the attitude of the ringers in seeking powers to ring the bells without his permission, as the bells are his property for the time being.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Guildford District was held at Merrow and Clandon, on Saturday last, the attendance being very good. The bells were available from 3 p.m., and touches in various Minor and Doubles methods were brought round. A service was held in Merrow Church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Polliser David), who also gave an excellent address. The Guild form of service was used, and Miss Margaret Simmonds presided at the organ.

A capital tea was provided at the Village Hall, presided over by the Rector. After tea a short business meeting was held, at which one new member was elected.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the church and bells, and for conducting the service, and to Miss M. Simmonds for so kindly acting as organist.

After some touches on handbells by Mr. and Mrs. Hazelden, Messrs. Radford and Melville, and Major J. H. B. Hesse, the members dispersed, some to again visit Merrow belfry, but the majority wended their way to Clandon to ring on the fine peal of six there.

A district meeting was also held recently at Haslemere, where Messrs. Taylor and Co. have lately installed a beautiful peal of eight bells which were available during afternoon and evening. The Rector (the Rev. W. Wragge) conducted the service, assisted by the Rev. O. S. Walford. A short address was given by the Rector. After tea a short business meeting was held, the Rev. O. S. Walford presiding.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. C. Hazelden) gave a summary of the ringing performances during the quarter.

Four probationers, two full members, one honorary and one compounding member were elected.

Several touches on handbells were brought round, after which some of the members returned to the tower, where further ringing was indulged in, the ringers expressing themselves highly pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells.

THE FALSE PEAL AT WYE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of the company who rang the false peal at Wye, I wish to thank Mr. G. Billenness for his apology for giving me the figures of the same.

I think it a pity that it turned out false, as three of the band should have had their first peal on that day, one of whom has now not rung one, and it was also my first as conductor. For my part I now consider the matter closed.—Yours truly, HARRY PARKES.

THORVERTON.—On Tuesday, March 25th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., as a welcome to the Vicar (the Rev. — Shaw), who had returned from a nursing home: J. H. Gill 1, W. Lethbridge 2, F. J. Milford 3, H. Pook 4, H. Corry 5, J. Ridler 6, F. J. Davey (conductor) 7, R. B. Ford 8.

CHICHESTER.—On Tuesday, March 25th, 1,344 Grandsire Triples, at the Cathedral, in 55 mins.: T. Dick 1, W. Falconer 2, J. H. Blake 3, P. Page 4, G. Marshall 5, W. Ticehurst (longest length as conductor) 6, M. Heffers 7, F. Arthur 8. This touch was arranged for Mr. P. Page, a visitor from Ashford, Kent.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637. — Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral, on April 25th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 8th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 10th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Swindon Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. — H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District. — A meeting will be held on April 5th at the church of All Saints, Fulham. Tower open from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. All ringers will be welcomed. — C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — A meeting of the above association will be held at Leek on Saturday, April 5th. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m., followed by a committee meeting at 6.30 p.m. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Devizes Branch. — The monthly meeting will be held at Steeple Ashton on Saturday, April 5th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. — F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, April 5th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. — William Horan, Branch Secretary, 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Meetings for April: Bishopsgate, Monday, 7th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 6th, 10 a.m., Monday, 14th, *6.30 p.m., Monday, 28th, 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting to follow. — J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Annual General Committee Meeting. — This meeting will be held in Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3.15 p.m. — R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — South and West District. — A meeting will be held at Norwood Green, near Heston, on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual, but kindly let me know by the 8th those intending to be present. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch. — A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

BARNSELY & DISTRICT AND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS. — A joint monthly meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, April 12th. A hearty invitation is offered to members of each association. As Crofton is a rural district, application for tea tickets must be made before April 10th to Mr. Stead, Churchwarden, Crofton, near Wakefield. — C. D. Potter, Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD. — Northampton Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Milton on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. This meeting is at the invitation of the Rector, and tea will be provided to all those who notify Mr. J. Townsend, Rose Cottage, Milton, not later than Wednesday, April 9th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch will be held at Winterbourne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify me by April 7th. — P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery. — The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 12th, at Midsomer Norton. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringers desiring tea should inform me. — J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Leicester District. — A meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30 p.m. — R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec., 2, George Street, Anstey, near Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good meeting is requested. — W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch. — A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Pleasley on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. Number to be sent to Mr. T. Brookes, 5, Crow Yard, Pleasley Hill, Mansfield, by Wednesday, April 16th. Meeting afterwards. — H. G. Fretwell, Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Beverley on Easter Monday, April 21st. The peal of ten at St. Mary's will be available for ringing from 12 noon, while the famous ten at Beverley Minster will be available throughout the day. All applications for tea (for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made) must reach Mr. W. Gibson, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than first post, Tuesday, April 15th. Further details on circulars. — P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting at the Abbey House, Bury, on Easter Monday. 11.30, Service in the Cathedral, with sermon by the Bishop. 12, Committee meeting. 12.30, General meeting. 1.30, Dinner at the 'Golden Fleece,' at 3s., if sufficient names are sent me by April 14th. 4.30, Tea, by kind invitation of Archdeacon Farmiloe, free to all sending me their names.—H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church, 4.30. Tea, Corbin House, at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Members free. Meeting, Church Room, 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Robin Hood's Bay on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available for ringing all day. A short service will be held at 12 o'clock noon, conducted by the Rev. H. Robson, M.A., Vicar of Robin Hood's Bay. Dinner will be provided at the Victoria Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 3s. Those intending to be at dinner must notify the secretary not later than Tuesday, April 15th, or will not be provided for.—J. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—St. Peter's Church, Tiverton.—Ringers' Festival, Easter Monday, April 21st. The belfry will be open from 11 a.m. Ringers' service 3 p.m. Tea from 3.30 in the Church House, price 1s. each. All ringers will be welcome. Those wishing to ring and requiring tea must send in their names to Mr. Richard Grater, 14, Park Street, Tiverton, before Tuesday, April 16th. P.S.—Please will bands intending to be present state the time of their arrival at Tiverton?

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's the Great (8) and the Church of our Lady (8). Service at Great St. Mary's at 12. Address by the Rev. H. B. Woolley. Luncheon, followed by the business meeting and election of officers, at 1 p.m. Notices of motion to be sent to the secretary, who will be glad if district secretaries will let him know how many members from their branches may be expected.—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 21st, at Nottingham. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) and St. Peter's (10) from 10 to 11.45 a.m. The committee will meet at 11.15 a.m. in the large vestry at St. Mary's Church. There will be a service at 12 noon (prompt) in St. Mary's Church. The address will be by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Mansfield. A luncheon has been arranged for ticket-holders at 12.45 p.m. at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road. Tickets: Members 2s., non-members 2s. 9d. each, to be ordered not later than the 17th April from Mr. F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. The general meeting of members will be held at the Albert Hotel at 1.45 p.m. The towers of St. Mary's, St. Peter's and Basford will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. There will be a smoking concert at the Albert Hotel at 7 p.m. Artistes: The Welbeck Quartette and others.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Dean, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Wednesday, April 16th? Subscriptions for 1924 are now due.—A. J. Trappitt, Dis. Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m., Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 5.30, followed by business meeting. All those wishing to be present please let me know not later than the 22nd.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

MORETON CORBET.—The opening of the peal of 6 bells, which has been recast and rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co., will take place on Wednesday, April 9th, at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—E. C. Pigot, Rector.

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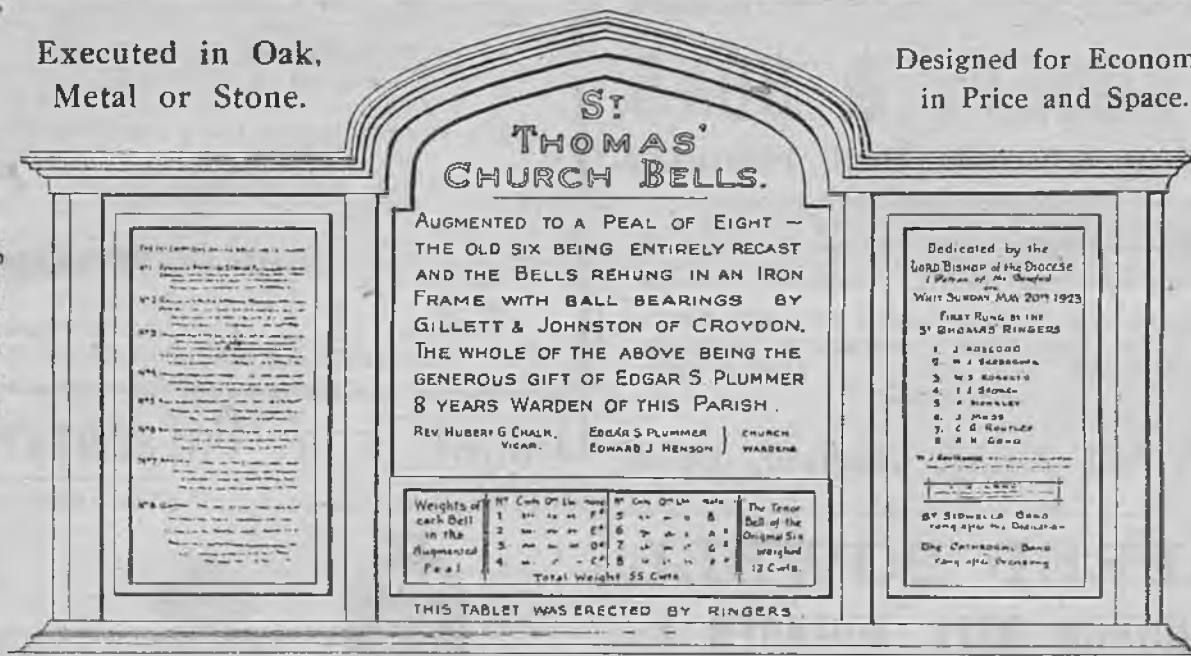
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WORK FOR THE COUNCIL.

While efforts are to be made to induce the Central Council to revise some of the names given to methods, we hope that at the forthcoming meeting something will also be done with regard to another matter to which we have frequently alluded, viz., the setting up of a register of peals and methods. The necessity for a file of the former is constantly present with composers who desire to claim only truly original compositions, and the importance of a register of methods is frequently being demonstrated. Only last week there was another instance brought to light. A method, the authorship of which was honestly claimed by a well-known composer, proved to have been previously worked out by another author and actually practised three years ago. Now, no one will blame Mr. Arthur Craven. He has done a tremendous amount of 'exploration' in regard to methods, and his discovery (or would it be more correct to say construction?) of Pudsey was only one of the many methods which he has obtained in perfectly independent investigation. But this does not give him the right to the method, unless it happens that his figures were of prior date to Mr. John Carter's, and only then, we presume, if they had been published or rung. The question of what constitutes 'publication' is one which is open to debate, although we are not aware that it occurs in connection with Pudsey. But Mr. Carter's claim to prior authorship does certainly emphasise once more the real need that exists for the Council to establish a reference list of all available methods. They should take as the nucleus the figures of all methods that have been rung, and then let authors submit their hitherto unpublished methods so that they may be classified and tabulated. When this is being done, any rival claims to a method could be settled by proof of date of composition, and the Council would then have the basis of a register which would be added to as the years go on, and which would remain for ever as proof of what had been obtained. All future claims would have to stand or fall upon priority of registry when once the file of existing methods had been set up. This is a work which the Council could and should take in hand at once: it would add to their sphere of usefulness and provide for the library an invaluable work of reference.

What applies to methods, applies equally to peal compositions, although it must be admitted that the multiplicity of the latter would make the task of compilation a good deal greater than that involved in dealing with the methods. But a register of peal compositions is none the less necessary, and the longer it is left the more

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formidable will the undertaking become. It is necessary in order that composers may know whether their work is original, and in order that those who take up this phase of the art in the future may not rob the composers of the past of the fruits of their work. We hope the Council will realise not only the importance of this particular piece of work, but also that the time to set about it is now.

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

ERNEST J. TRIMMER Treble	† FRANCIS W. CHAPMAN 5
JAMES BOLLOCK 2	* JACK CARMAN 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	† CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

SOUTHAMPTON.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM LINTER Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	REV. E. BANKES JAMES 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	REGINALD BROWN 7
* ROY LINTER 4	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. This peal was rung after meeting short for an attempt for London.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

* HORACE FLOYD Treble	JAMES FLOYD, SEN. 5
† ALFRED J. ROGERS 2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 6
HERBERT GATES 3	WALTER AYRE 7
REGINALD S. COOK 4	HENRY GOLDING Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by HENRY GOLDING.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. First peal as conductor.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK RAINBIRD Treble	EDWARD SMITH 5
ERNEST J. BUTLER 2	ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 6
LEONARD A. PYE 3	GEORGE DAWSON 7
JOSEPH ELLIOTT 4	GEORGE R. PYE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* FRANK WALKER Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 3	HERBERT H. AUDSLEY 7
CLR.-SGT. J. BENNETT 4	* HERBERT COUNTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal, and first attempt.

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

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN HOLMAN 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	* JESSE J. MOSS 6
* GEORGE LEWIS 3	* JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
* BERNARD DITCHER 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalen,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
ALFRED SMITH 2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 7
JAMES BOUGHTON 4	FREDERICK J. ROOPE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

STANDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(WIGAN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANNABLE'S THREE-PART.	Tenor 12½ cwt.
JOHN BOOTH Treble	WILLIAM AUSTIN 5
* RICHARD DARBYSHIRE 2	JOSEPH GRAY 6
THOMAS GROUNDS 3	ERNEST BIRCHALL 7
† ALFRED MORGAN 4	JAMES GROUNDS 8

Conducted by JAS. GROUNDS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung by the local band.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ALFRED H. FLETCHER Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	HENRY W. WILDE 6
SANDEL BAKER 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
WALTER GRINSELL 4	ARTHUR GRAINGER Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

This peal was rung in honour of the 87th birthday of Mr. E. Nicholls, for many years headmaster of Coseley Parish Church Schools, and was accomplished by eight of his 'old boys,' all of whom were educated in these day schools by him, Mr. Wilde making a special journey from Pulford, Cheshire, to ring for the occasion.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At Bishop Ryder's Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN CARTER'S SIX-PART.	Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.
* GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
RICHARD C. INGRAM 2	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 6
JAMES GEORGE 3	WILLIAM DAVIES 7
EDWARD LARGE 4	SAMUEL COLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT T. SCRIVENS.

Rung half-muffled, on the first anniversary, to the memory of the donor of this recast peal of bells, Mrs. Mary Stephens, whose death occurred on April 2nd, 1923, the donor being aunt to Councillor R. E. Gelling, to whom sincere thanks are due for financially carrying out this grand restoration. First peal in the method on the bells.
* First peal, and first attempt. G. E. Large, E. Large and S. Coley were elected members before starting. R. C. Ingram and F. W. Rishworth are from Perry Barr; W. Davies from Aston; the other five belong to the Sunday Service ringing band of this tower.

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PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH,

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

HERBERT LUDKIN Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
WALTER J. BATTLE 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ISLINGTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Treble	HENRY R. NEWTON 5
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	JAMES BULLOCK 6
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
HAROLD N. PITSTOW 4	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

First peal in method on bells.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT...Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 5
HECTOR G. BIRD... .. 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
WILLIAM GIBBS 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER 4	MATTHEW HACKETT Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

EYNSFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWIN F. PIKE Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH ... 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
*THOMAS I. KNIGHT 4	EDMUND MOONTER Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal of Stedman.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

TOM SAUNDERS Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
DAVID HODGKIN 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
LEWIS NEWMAN 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ...Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	*THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes

At ST. MARIE'S (R.C.) CHURCH, NORFOLK ROW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb. in D.

CHARLES LAKE Treble	JOHN THORPE 5
WALTER STUBBLEY 2	THOS. WM. CHOWN 6
HARRY BOWER 3	ROBERT HARRISON 7
JAMES EVINSON 4	COLIN HARRISON... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by COLIN HARRISON

Rung as an expression of welcome to the Rev. Canon Dolan upon his return from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. First peal in the method as conductor. The composition has the full combination of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Three Hours,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

*JOHN E. BEAMS Treble	WILLIAM COOK 5
THOMAS MILES 2	JOHN BEAMS... .. 6
GEORGE SAYER 3	JOHN HOYLE 7
GEORGE COOK 4	DAVID ANSCOMBE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

* First peal. Rung on the fiftieth anniversary of the first peal on the bells.

WELLS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 28 cwt.	
WILLIAM ROSEWELL Treble	WILLIAM BAXTER 5
RONALD BECK 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE... .. 6
STANLEY CARTER 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
SAMUEL J. HECTOR 4	REGINALD BECK Tenor

Conducted by W. FARLEY.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

LEIGH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*ALBERT STUBBINGS Treble	†HARRY SEAL 3
*BERNARD PANKHURST ... 2	†GEORGE EDWARDS 4
†PERCY G. DENTON Tenor	

Conducted by P. G. DENTON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Doubles. First peal on the bells, and first attempt. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to Miss Passingham, a member of the local band. These bells were recast and rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in the year 1861

RICKMANSWORTH. — On March 22nd, after an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Seeley (conductor) 1, C. H. Horton 2, H. Eden 3, J. Foster 4, J. E. Jones 5, H. Hookham 6, W. G. Whitehead 7, J. H. R. Freeborn 8.—On Sunday, March 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by seven local ringers and C. H. Horton (conductor) was brought to an end in the last course at 6.35 p.m.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Saturday, April 5th, at the Church of St. Peter, 720 London Surprise Minor: S. J. White 1, H. B. Gardner 2, J. D. Buckingham 3, C. J. Mann 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, F. Chalk 6.—720 of York Surprise: W. Keeble (conductor) 1, H. B. Gardner 2, A. C. Langford 3, J. D. Buckingham 4, G. H. Neville 5, F. Chalk 6.—Also 720 Beverley Surprise: J. D. Buckingham 1, A. C. Langford 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, F. Chalk 6. First 720 of Beverley on the bells, and by all the hand.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, March 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

*ARNOLD BARLEY Treble	MISS L. M. MOBBS 4
WALTER GODDARD 2	*JOHN BRAY... .. 5
HAROLD EASTOE 3	ARTHUR HOODLESS Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a thanksgiving for the safe recovery, after a very serious illness, of the Rev. W. E. Varah, Vicar of this parish, and as a birthday compliment to the son of the ringer of the 2nd, and the conductor. The ringer of the 5th hails from Burton-on-Stather.

STONEHOUSE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

LESLIE BARRY Treble	THOMAS BALDWIN 4
CHARLES EAST 2	THOMAS PRICE 5
ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 3	FRANK COLE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANCIS J. SANDERS Treble	ARTHUR HOLMAN 4
GEORGE ELLIS 2	OLIVER SIPPES 5
ALFRED BOLL 3	HUGH R. THORPE Tenor

Conducted by HUGH R. THORPE.

Rung for the quarterly peal for the branch. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. H. Beaumont.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

CHARLES JENNINGS Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	ROBERT HOWARD... .. 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON Tenor

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

The ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 5th belong to Barley, Herts; treble and 2nd to the local company; the conductor is a member of the Cambridge University Guild. The ringer of the 3rd was elected a life member of the association previous to the peal.

LAXFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

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 16½ cwt. in F.

EDWARD HAMBLING Treble	WILLIAM J. G. BROWN 4
JOHN HALL 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 5
WALTER RUFFLES 3	HARRY HALL Tenor

Conducted by NORMAN R. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the treble ringer, this being his first peal, and first attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor G 18.

RICHARD A. GOFTON 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 7-8
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3-4	JAMES E. GOFTON 9-10
R. ALDER GOFTON 5-6	GEORGE R. HOLMES 11-12

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5085 CHANGES;

Tenor D 14.

R. ALDER GOFTON 1-2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4	*WILLIAM L. GOFTON 7-8

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First peal of Major on handbells, and first peal in the method.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes.

AT 61, NEW PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	*EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD... 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	GEORGE S. MORRIS 7-8

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE. Witness: MR. S. POOLE.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on a working pair.

HEVINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE PHEASANT COCK INN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

WILLIAM ROUGHT 1-2	GEORGE H. CROSS 5-6
ALBERT ROUGHT... .. 3-4	WALTER C. MEDLER 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Umpires: MESSRS. JACOB MOY AND JOHN MOY.

For composition see 'Bell News,' February 11th, 1911, calling first part W. M. S.H. for 1st course, which produces 3rd course-end.

PUDSEY SURPRISE

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me space in your valuable columns in which to reply to Mr. Carter on the above subject. I was not aware that Mr. Carter had published these same figures in your columns in December, 1919, the reason being that during the war period, and up to 1920, I was in no way connected with ringing matters, nor did I see a ringing paper for months at a time, or I should have made known my present information.

I composed Yorkshire Surprise in 1893, and published it in 'Bell News,' I think, in September, 1899. I gave my special choice to the Yorkshire variation simply because the bells turn up in Bob Major order both in front and behind; in fact, they are coursing in proper order in front when the treble leaves 3-4 up until she returns to 3-4 down, whilst in the reverse the coursing order is broken when the treble is in 5-6 up and down.

Now, in 1920 I set to work to improve both variations on ten bells, with the result that Princess Mary Royal evolved from the Pudsey variation, and one I have not published came from the Yorkshire variation, with an opposite result, Princess Mary having an unbroken Bob Major coursing order in front and behind, while its sister has it broken in front for one dodge. If Mr. Dexter cares to examine this without bias, or cares to write to me on the matter, he will soon be satisfied that I do not find reverse variations by chance. — Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—For the induction service of the Rev. Heather to the living of Suckley, on Friday, March 28th, 1924. Grandsire Doubles: W. Lewis 1, J. Humphries 2, Mr. Davis 3, G. Lewis (conductor) 4, R. Lewis 5, W. Ranford 6.

INDISTINCT BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Patten's quest for information in your issue of Mar. 28th, pages 142 and 142 of 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging,' by the late Sir Arthur Heywood, give him all he wants to know. In case he does not possess a copy of that book, I append the extract.

I attended a meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Association at Cheltenham soon after their augmentation to twelve, and noticed that it had been applied to the two trebles there, and I could hear them beautifully.—Yours,

E. BARNETT, Junr.

The extract from Sir Arthur Heywood's book is as follows: 'It often happens that the sound of the lighter bells of a "ring" is drowned in the ringing chamber by the more sonorous voices of the heavy ones, more especially is this the case when small bells are "hoisted" above the big ones. This defect may be overcome by fixing wooden spouts, about three inches square, from the ceiling of the ringing chamber to the bells that are indistinctly heard. The top of the spout should open into a sound-gatherer (i.e., an open box) as near as possible to the upturned mouth of the bell when set. A slide may be arranged either at the top or bottom of the spout to reduce the opening as desired, and thus control the volume of sound sent down the tube. A superior plan to this is a funnel-shaped galvanised iron bowl inverted close over the upturned bell it is desired to hear, a separate bowl being used for each badly-heard bell; a 3 or 4-inch tube, opening into the bowl above, is curved round and brought down through the ringing chamber ceiling. . . . Zinc, as a material for these bowls and tubes, is easier to work, lighter, and may be made to occupy less room; but is not so durable as galvanised iron.'

A reply to the inquiry was sent direct to Mr. Patten by Major J. H. B. Hesse.

SPliced QUICK SIX AND ERIN TRIPLES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I sincerely congratulate Mr. Parker on his able article on Spliced Triples, and I trust this method of splicing will be taken up by the Exercise.

The two courses he has published are splendid examples of symmetry, and should be found extremely interesting to ring. For the information of those who may wish to ring Quick Six Triples at any time, I shall be glad if you will publish the following example of Quick Six Triples spliced with Erin and a peal of same.

This plan will go a little way towards relieving the monotony of the long slow work in this method, and in this peal there are no pairs of bobs and no singles as in the original form.—Yours faithfully,

A. J. PITMAN.

Quick Six Triples. Division Spliced.

1234567	1234567	5,040 Quick Six Spliced.
2135476	2135476	
2314567	2314567	1234567 1 2 4
3241657	3241657	
3426175	2346175	3452617 x x
4321657	2431657	
4236175	4236175	5264137 x x
2431657	4321657	
2346175	3426175	4531267 x x
3264715	4362715	
3627451	3467251	3125647 x x
6324715	3642715	
6237451	6347251	Repeat five times, omitting
2654715	6432715	
2367451	4637251	the second division splice in
3276541	6473521	
3275614	7645312	3rd and 6th's parts.
7326541	7643521	
7235614	7485312	The crosses indicate the spliced
2736541	4763521	divisions.
2375814	4675312	
3257164	6457132	
3521746	6641723	
5327164	5847132	
5231746	5461723	
2537164	4567132	
2351746	4651723	
3215476	6415273	
3124567	6142537	
1326476	1645273	
3152746	6154723	
Repeat six times.		

VIOLET!

'IRENÆUS PISTOR' PLAYFULLY REVIEWS CURRENT TOPICS.

Well, I do declare! every time Gea. Five's errand lad brings my 'Ringing World' from the G.P.O., I bust the wrapper, and I take a bit of a glance at its contents. At times it 'mecks' me 'air stand on end, sometimes I am shocked. 'Erinstance, awhile ago we had a bit of gambling going on, and 'nobody said nowt,' even when they saw Arthur Lindoff and Gabriel Craven playin' 'pitch and toss' like good 'uns, till the 'COLES' came on the scene. He stopped the bit of a scrap when he tipped up those three bags in front of their doors. And to tell the truth it was a 'Surprise' to Gabriel Craven, but he acted just like a gentleman, when he sez, 'Here, Arthur Lindoff, teck 'em, and no more tossin', 'cos I've lost.' Now when a man goes off like that, it settles the 'argifyin', but Gabriel Craven still sticks to it that 'Tom Sammas' packed that 't'other bag of Yorkshire Royal. P'raps he did, I don't know, but I'm glad they didn't get 'pinched' for tossin'.

And then there is another old chum of mine—'Old Crit.' There's no accounting for him at times—he goes off 'so funny.' Just fancy the effrontery of him. Now I never dreamed of him starting 'Cadging,' and just imagine he wants nowt—No, no, I means he wants 'summet for nowt.' Only a peal of bells. Fancy the cheek of him—'he might get 'em'?'—?—? And he might not, because he might be locked up for taking over a medicancy business, I 'ope not.

An' then I see my old stick er peppermint's on a bit of a pilgrimage (so am I), and do yer know I kept wondering where on earth he had gotten to. Now it's clear as a pikestaff. It's the Bunions family that's put the stumbling-block in his path, and hindered this happy-go-lucky pilgrim in his progress.' Um! And when he gets to the Cutler's Feast he must be careful and not stain the Yorkshire puddin' with that black fluid which is contained within his inkhorn. However, if he has the misfortune to stain that toothsome delicacy with ink—don't worry—'cos HE's got an' excellent preparation to remove inkstains from suety dumplings, and what applies in the case of the dumpling will apply in the case of the puddin's. You just take a rubber an' erase 'em!

And now, Mister Editor, I'm not grumblin', but there's a bit of miss-print in my copy. You know where the Pilgrim sez—'Friar Pistor'll SH—VE me'—now I keep open door to oblige such Gents (specially Pilgrims), but if that missin' letter is the vowel A—it's off! I'm 'avin' nowt to do with shavin'. No, I'm running no risks. I don't wish to incite 'the beste of spouses' to send a half brick wizzin' through my winder, even if I only got a bit of a rap on the 'ed wif the soft end of half a brick. It would mean a few more stitches, and I consider my own Missis, she's got sewin' enough—an' I can't shave a 'NITE.' Axe Bill Barber! But supposin' that missin' letter turned out to be two wot's missin'—a consonant an' a vowel—it would then be SHRIVE. Yesterday I could 'ave obliged him, but he tarried so long by the wayside, till the ashes from our kitchen grate reached right up the 'chimney,' an' my Missis insisted on their removal. What could I do but fetch the 'weel-barrer' in and remove the obstruction? Aye, I am sorry he didn't come soon enough. I've got sufficient to keep sprinkling on his merry pate, till—till, ah! sufficient to berry him—of course, I couldn't have done that! No, I haven't the 'art to do such a dastardly action on my old friend. And that's that! Sir Sammiwell, you're shriven, say 5,040 aves per day.

And then there is George Dawson appealin' to giants like 'W. W.', 'Crit.', 'O. A. BEE,' and 'Peppery,' but he never said anything about 'Arry. Now, that's wot I call slightin' our 'Arry. If he's not as big and giant-like (Crosswise) as any of those other giants, well, there must be summet wrong wif my vision. He didn't axe 'Arry, but he won't be wrath. He's alright, is 'Arry. But George Wots-is-Name wanted to know from all the Giants (except 'Arry) what their views were on the—the—(now I've run agen it)—the Nomenclature of Methods—'crickey, I never thought I could get round that one—but I sed it quick.' No, no, I never dream of dabbling with nomenclature, I'm not eddicated big enough. I should get 'mixed' or pulverised to fine powder like 'Hudson's Dry Soap'—no splicing for me—No, I'm not going to dabble with splicing any more, I've been spliced once, and do you know? every time I cast one glance at Violet, my superfluous rib gives me such a clip across my dial. BIFF! I've had both me I's dotted an' blacked down to me elbows, just for saying 'Violet' once. Eh, our Nancy, she's awful jealous.

And then I've read where littler fellows than Giants have advanced good counsel and advice to our M.P.s. Take the Editor's excellent leaders, for example, it's my opinion that they (the leading articles) have 'Hit' everybody who have one grain of what's called common-sense, from Little Bob, the probationer, to Big 'Arry, of Manchester, who's an' old hand. Then O. A. B. suggests 'a Broom'—that's alright to clear away 'the rubbish'—but in face of the old adage about new brooms, pah! 'twould be useless. What's actually wanted is a good clean 'swine' from our Billy's halberd—battelaxes are far too short in the handle, The halberd would be more effective,

'twould scalp Violet, an' 'twould chop her off at the ankles. Of course, that would allow sufficient for turning up again at the bottom and top, so that she could stand up for Re-christening. But apart from Violet. Yes, and we have got a 'Labour Government,' and we want more houses and yet more houses, but that's not the question, our M.P.s only get £2000 per annum for their services, and we, the electorate, must consider that, and instruct our own representative M.P.s how to vote (beg pardon), I mean whether to vote for or against the retention of the daft, sloppy, flippy, floppy appellations which are holding the Exercise up to ridicule, and causing the fraternity to be the laughing-stock of the general public at large. I don't blame the C.C. for the naming, but sympathise with them. They are in what some people call a 'tangle,' but if they would only insist on a mandate from their own constituencies, and act on the instructions, we should soon see and hear whether the names be retained or swept away.

Assuming that the names are dropped, without some hard and fixed rule is made, the trouble will not be ended. Those remaining will cause lots of trouble. I have not the remotest idea what would be the most suitable lines to work upon if the re-christening does come about. Selecting suitable names for my children was a real trouble to me, but, I'll just confide in you stringpullers, now I have got a real large family of girls, all one height, weight, colour and age. How I overcame the difficulty, was to name 'em all alike—that settled it!—and there's not one called Violet, or even Princess Mary. A final word with our Premier.

To the 'Rt. Hon.' (Ramsey) Coleridge: Might I bring to the notice of your Right Honourableness, that one Mr. Ellis is out of employment, and p'raps you know? He's a giant of the rope. He's your man. Set him on, then the end of Violet will be swift, inglorious, and fatal! (Our Nancy always said Violet would end her career at the end of a rope). There is no necessity for any judge's summing-up as a preliminary to the final scene, and don't don the Black Cap, but with gusto say to Ellis, 'ere, chappie, just do your duty, and swing this 'ere Violet and all such. off the face of the earth.'

IRENÆUS.

CIRENCESTER.—On Thursday, March 6th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,256 changes), composed by J. George: F. W. Bond 1. J. King 2. F. J. Lewis 3. F. Edwards (first quarter inside) 4. W. G. Cook 5. W. H. Hayward 6. W. C. Cuss 7. H. Lewis 8. H. C. Bond (conductor) 9. J. Hayward 10. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Mr. William Chester, Master of the Abbey, Cirencester.

COMMEMORATIVE TITLES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I suggest that the following names be considered:—Waterford, Dundee, and Wrexham, to commemorate the first peals accomplished in Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Peal ringing will not always be confined to the British Isles, and the following Colonial towers may be so remembered: Vancouver, Woodstock, Melbourne, where the first peals in Canada, Africa and Australia, respectively, were achieved.

As a compliment to our American cousins, Philadelphia is a good title—the town where the first peal in the United States of America was scored.—Yours truly, W. H. F.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION. THE FINAL REPORT.

The last annual report of the Central Northants Association has just been issued. The report of the hon. secretary deals with the formation of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild, in which the Central Northants Association is now absorbed, and adds, 'the formation of Guild has brought about the recognition of the true position of ringers as Church officials. It is hoped that, with its wider sphere of influence, the members may become an increased source of strength to the Church.'

During the year 44 peals were scored, the same number as in the previous twelve months. Fourteen ringers rang their first peal, and 13 were awarded the association's certificate for having rung their first peal 'inside.' There were at the close of the year 61 towers in union with the association, with a total membership of 459 (an increase of nine on the year), made up of 42 honorary and 417 ringing members. The total receipts were £47 18s. 3d., and the balance on the year's working was £8 1s. 5½d. The Belfry Repairs Fund received £4 3s. 11½d., and after making grants to Desborough and Doddington of three guineas each, there is a sum of £32 19s. 8½d. remaining in the fund. Regret is expressed at the resignation of Mr. S. J. Lawrence as secretary of the Northampton District, and recognition of his valuable assistance and efficient service is placed on record, while thanks are accorded to the clergy for their interest in the association.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on April 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 27 mins.—J. Alderton 1, G. Taylor 2, G. Thompson 3, A. Alderton 4, F. Chaplin 5, A. H. Palmer (conductor) 6.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A happy tribute by 'old boys' to their former headmaster was proffered on Saturday, when at Gosley Church, Staffs, eight old scholars of the Church Schools of that parish rang a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the 87th birthday of Mr. E. Nicholls. Mr. H. W. Wilde travelled all the way from Pulford, Cheshire, to take part, and to him fell the privilege of calling the peal.

No fewer than four anniversaries of the many 'long' peals, rung in the month of April, occur within the next week. The peal of 13,265 Grandsire Caters at Appleton in 1888 was rung on April 11th. This was by the Oxford Guild, and occupied 8 hrs. 5 mins.

The great peal at Loughborough, 18,027 Stedman Caters, in 12 hrs. 18 mins. by the Midland Counties Association, was rung on April 12th, 1909. and the 13th April, 1914, the record of 14,900 Kent Treble Bob Royal was rung in 9 hrs. 24 mins. by the Lancashire Association at Ashton-under-Lyne. Moreover, the 17th of the month is the thirteenth anniversary of the 12,240 Kent Treble Bob Maximus rung at the same tower, in 8 hrs. 35 mins.

In the year 1729, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins., at Kettering. Later on, on April 12th, 1731, another peal was rung, and the reason for it was recorded on a tablet in the belfry.

'Since it was asserted our first performance could not be rung in less than 3 hrs. and a half, for an experiment, and before skilled judges, on ye 12th of April, 1731, ye whole peal of 5,040 was completed at 30 changes each minute, in 2 hours and 48 minutes by the persons underwritten.' Then follow the names of the ringers, which were identical with those of the earlier peal, except for the tenorman.

A peal of 5,600 College Exercise Major was rung at Bletchingley on April 11th, 1789. On April 15th, 1813, a peal of 6,272 Treble Bob, with 6th's place bobs, was rung at St. Giles', Norwich.

The first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, then described as 'New' Treble Bob, was rung at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on April 17th, 1820. This was a 7,200, rung in 5 hrs. 8 mins., and at the time, was the record length of Treble Twelve.

The first peal of Cumberland Exercise Major was rung at Birstall, Yorks, on April 16th, 1838.

A peal of 'Norwich Court Bob Ten In' was rung for the first time on April 17th, 1769, at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. '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 though from that time it has been annually practised, 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 complete 5,040 that ever was rung in the known world.'

The old six bells at Penistone, Yorks (tenor 18 cwt.), are to be recast, relung in an iron frame with latest fittings, and augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

Old 'Shropshire Bill' lives at the Dale,
Near a noble peal of eight good bells;
When he was ailing, we all prayed with hope,
Ho would soon be pulling at the end of the rope,
Again, and yet again.

The Ladies' Guild, at their next festival, hope to see Mr. Merrett, of Brighton, present, and to hear his famous recitation.

There is rumour of a twelve-bell 'Ringing Week' in the Birmingham district some time during the coming autumn.

A recent portrait of Mr. J. E. Sykes, of Middlesbrough, is in circulation, which shows him wearing the regalia of a Deputy Master of the English Fraternity of Bell Ringers. His peals in the four quarters of Great Britain have been achieved in less time than anyone previously.

Nine members of the St. George's Society from the remote little 'City of Clun' were present at the Johnson Dinner in Birmingham, and they constituted a London Surprise Major team.

The Parochial Church Council of the town of Slough are presenting Mr. G. T. Leader (retiring steeplekeeper) with a gold watch, as a keepsake in recognition of his voluntary work for many years. He rang in a peal for the first time at the funeral of Mr. Saml. Elliman in 1884, and the last time for Mr. James Elliman, who was buried at Slough on March 26th, 1924.

It is not generally known, writes a correspondent, that during the disturbances of last year in the City of Dublin, the well-known composer, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, was nearly placed 'out of course.' When seeing to the tower bells he was taken for a sniper, and a clapper he had just removed from one of the bells was hit by a well-aimed bullet.

A HOME OF SUSSEX RINGING.

EARLY PERFORMANCES AT WARNHAM AND SOME OF THE STALWARTS.

The peals of College Exercise Major and Oxford Treble Bob rung recently at Warnham, will recall pleasant memories to many ringers of days spent in this pretty little Sussex village, where the bells could be rung to the heart's content. For in Warnham everyone is interested in the bells, and one remembers the days when the parishioners were as keen as the ringers for the success of a peal. Five-and-twenty years ago a peal before breakfast was not unknown, and the bells have also come round from a five thousand in the very late hours of the night. Two peals in a day have been rung here several times, and on one occasion no objection was raised to a band attempting four peals in the day. But this was only in keeping with the spirit of the villagers who were proud of their ringers' achievement when they scored a thirteen thousand, and were sad when a subsequent attempt for twenty thousand came to grief. Verily may Warnham be termed one of the homes of Sussex ringing.

The beautiful church dates back to the 12th century. The rather low tower used to contain five bells, till, at a restoration in 1842, a new treble was added, making a musical ring of six, though being of different types the striking qualities were not all that could be

Lucas family, and, welcome news, the bells were to be made into an octave. This became an accomplished fact, and needless to say, with an enthusiastic band of young ringers, and every opportunity, no time was wasted.

PEAL ENTHUSIASTS.

The first peal, one of Oxford Bob Triples, was rung on June 28th, quickly followed by one of Court Bob Triples, the first ever rung in the method. Peals of Grandsire, Union, Plain Bob and Canterbury Triples followed in rapid succession. Early in 1887 the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Major for the association was brought round, followed immediately by the first of Plain Bob Major. The close of the year 1888 found the company winners of the challenge trophy of the association, with a record of 23 peals in eight methods, including among them the first peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major, Canterbury Pleasure Major and Place Triples.

At the beginning of 1889 College Single Major was added to the list of 'First Peals,' and aspirations being turned to long lengths, 6,720 of Bob Major was reeled off, followed on March 1st by the record peal of 13,440 of Canterbury Major in 7 hrs. 45 mins., by the following: George Woodman 1, Walter Charman 2, Thomas Andrews 3, Harry Cook 4, William Short 5, Felix Knight 6, Henry Burstow 7, Henry Chandler (conductor) 8. Upwards of 30 peals were brought round during that year.



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

wished. Ringing, however, held its own in those early days, and the writer well remembers the old parish clerk (who did duty for 50 years), commenting on the abilities of different ringers, and extolling the merits of 'Grandsire' and 'Oxford Single Bob.'

No records of any achievements, either written or traditional, exist until the year 1867, when a peal board in the belfry states, a peal of Oxford Bob Minor (5,040 changes) was rung, conducted by Henry Burstow, of Horsham, one of the pioneers of Sussex change ringing, who was then coming into prominence in the district.

Change ringing followed its regular groove for some years, the monthly ringing Sunday, when visitors from neighbouring towers used to meet being always looked forward to with interest. About the year 1880, a number of young recruits took up the fascinating exercise, and under the tuition of 'Old Harry' made rapid progress.

The year 1882 saw the preferment of the Rev. R. Bowcott (a name remembered by many ringers) to the living, and his coming to the parish resulted in a further fillip to ringing matters. Under his kindly interest, things were for the first time placed on an organised basis, naturally with good results.

The formation of the Sussex County Association in 1885 found in the Warnham band enthusiastic supporters, and Warnham was one of the original towers affiliated (vide the sketch of the church on the association certificate). The year 1886 ushered in another event, the thorough restoration of the church, through the munificence of the

The following year saw another first peal, Double Oxford Bob Major being added to the list, and in February, 1891, Harrison's 10,176 Kent Treble Bob was successfully brought round in 5 hrs. 53 mins.

With every opportunity, and the villagers taking a great interest, peals in various methods continued of frequent occurrence. One, perhaps, is well worth recording. A 'century' peal of Double Norwich, one of the first of its kind, on Feb. 6th, 1897. We give the names of these stalwarts, the majority of whom are still on the active list: Thomas Andrews 1, George Williams 2, Isaac G. Shade 3, Frank Bennett 4, Walter Charman 5, Frederick Rice 6, John Whiting 7, Henry Chandler 8.

The year 1897 (Diamond Jubilee) saw another important event, the whole peal being placed in the hands of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who so admirably carried out the work of recasting and rehanging that the tower now holds one of the best rings (at the weight) in the county.

Among others who have done yeoman service in the village tower may be mentioned: G. Charman, Thos. Hogsflesh, W. Hooker, J. Branch, W. Pelling, J. Cook, W. Stanford, most of whom are still to be found at the rope end in various towers, while other well-known names on the records in the cosy belfry include: J. Parker, E. Jordan, H. Dains, Keith Hart, J. S. Goldsmith, H. R. Newton, J. Rice, W. H. Fussell, and, of course, the evergreen 'globe trotter,' James George, who scored his first peal of Treble Bob on Warnham bells.

A hearty welcome and a rope has always been accorded any visitor. May it always be so.

THE FOUNDER OF THE FIRST WARNHAM BELLS.

As indicated above, the present bells at Warnham are a new peal, but the original five were cast by William Eldridge, of the Chertsey foundry, and were inscribed: 'GVLIELMVS ELDRIDGE me fecit, 1704,' with other initials, probably of the Rector and Churchwardens of that date. In 1842 one of this ring was recast, and an additional bell added by Messrs. Thomas Mears.

William Eldridge was probably the son of the William Eldridge mentioned in a recent issue as the founder of some of the bells at Easbourne, Sussex, for although the father lived until the year 1716, having reached the advanced age of 82, it is assumed that William, the younger, had taken over the foundry at a much earlier date. There is, however, nothing by which bells cast by the son can be distinguished from those of the father.

The story of the Eldridges as bell founders in those far-off days is an interesting one. The first of whom there is any trace is Thomas Eldridge, who in 1565 was carrying on a foundry at Wokingham, in Berkshire. No bells of his remain, but parish archives at Bray and Winkfield reveal him as a founder. Richard Eldridge, presumably his son and successor, was also of Wokingham, and numerous examples of his work, bearing dates extending from 1592 to 1623, are still in existence. This Richard Eldridge for at least twelve or thirteen years carried on a branch establishment at Horsham, from which Warnham is distant some three miles, and which in those days was a country town of some importance, with its court and its prison. The Horsham churchwarden's accounts show an annual payment by Richard Eldridge of 10s. for the rent of the 'Bell Howse,' from 1610 to 1622. Bells were cast at Horsham as early as 1593, but it is improbable that Eldridge was there in those days, and it is more than likely that he purchased this branch business from some earlier founder.

From the fact that his initials appear on no bells later than 1623, it is concluded that Richard Eldridge died in that year. Bryan Eldridge (the elder of that name) succeeded him. He was associated with his father in the business, and his name appears on bells cast before Richard's death, the earliest, at Ifield, Sussex, being dated 1618, and cast probably at Horsham. The indifference shown in those days to the spelling of names is illustrated in this instance, for Richard spelt his name 'Eldrig,' while Bryan spelt his 'Eldredge.' For some years he put his name in full on the bells he cast, but from 1631 to the end of his life he only used his initials, and the motto, 'Gloria Deo in Excelsis.'

It was Bryan Eldridge, in all probability, who transferred the seat of business from Wokingham to the hamlet-side town of Chertsey, in Surrey—the distance between the places being about fifteen miles. He probably set up his furnaces in Chertsey about the year 1619. The site cannot now be identified, but his house stood in Guildford Street. Bryan died in 1640. In his will he bequeathed to Brian, his eldest son, the 'Bell howse situate in Chirtsey with all my workinge tooles,' out of which Brian the younger had to give his sister Kathrine 'fortie pounds' and his mother a rent of three pounds per annum. This member of the family seems to have had a large business in spite of the troublous times in which he lived, and in 1648 cast an entire ring of five bells for Lingfield—an unusual thing in the days of the Civil War. This Bryan Eldridge (for thus he spelt his name) died at the end of the year 1661.

The foundry business was willed to his 'loving brother, William Eldridge,' who lived to the year 1716, but whether it was he or his son William that cast the Warnham bells cannot be satisfactorily settled. It seems probable that the foundry at Chertsey was given up in 1714; perhaps driven out of the field by the London foundries owned by Phelps and Samuel Knight. William Eldridge, the younger, migrated to West Drayton, in Middlesex, where his name appeared on some bells, which he recast, as churchwarden and bell founder. He died there in 1731.

His sister, Barbara, married a Richard Swain, and Mr. J. C. L. Stahlschmidt, in his 'Church Bells of Surrey,' says it is highly probable that Barbara was the ancestress (probably grandmother) of Thomas Swain, who succeeded Robert Catlin in the Holborn Bell Foundry. Robert Catlin, who took over this foundry on the death of Samuel Knight, was a prominent member of the College Youths. He was associated with Benjamin Annable, and among the peals in which he took part were the first recorded peal of Grandshire Cinques, which was rung at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, in 1724, and a peal of 6.3.14 in the same method (called by Annable) at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, in 1727, on the day after the London Scholars rang the first peal on the bells.

EAST CROMPTON.—At St. James' Church, on Tuesday, April 1st, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), in 44 mins., consisting of 36 Plain Bob, 504 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Violet Treble Bob: G. Wild 1, S. Wareham 2, J. Ogden 3, H. Oates 4, C. Howarth 5, J. Butterworth (conductor) 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Whitehead, it being their silver wedding day.

THE WEIGHTS OF THE MANCROFT BELLS. COMMUNICATED BY G. P. BURTON.

The bells of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, having been recently removed to the Loughborough foundry, the opportunity has occurred of taking exact weights of the individual bells. The weight of any bell he knows is always a matter of interest to the ringer, and there is added interest in the case of an historic ring, like that of Mancroft, particularly so in view of the controversy of long standing as to the weight of the tenor. Originally given as 41 cwt., that weight was accepted, without question, until 1896, when on the publication on 5th September of that year, in the 'Bell News' of a peal of Treble Bob Royal (rung on the bells on the 27th August) the weight was given as 43 cwt., a footnote appended stating that:—

'The weight of the tenor has always been recorded as 41 cwt., but letters written by the founder (the late Mr. Thos. Mears) to the churchwardens, have just come to light, in one of which, the above figures (43 cwt.) are quoted as the correct weight.'

In the columns of the 'Bell News' about that time, doubt was cast on this 'discovery,' and in the correspondence which ensued, reference was made to a story told of Thomas Hurry, who, having weighed the bell when it arrived in 1814, had declared the founder's weight incorrect. This anecdote was, without much thought, quoted to bolster up the claim for the enhanced weight, although it is evident that his (Hurry's) complaint could only have been on the score of lack of metal. It now transpires Hurry was perfectly right. But from 1896 onwards, the Mancroft tenor has been spoken of as a 43 cwt. bell.

On being shown some years ago those churchwardens' lotters in question, which are in the script of the period, and had become somewhat indistinct, I recollect expressing a doubt as to the reading of the figure taken as '3.' However that may be, the actual weight is now revealed as given below, and thus the tenor becomes once more a 41 cwt. bell.

The first (left hand) column gives the weights of the bells as they are now found to be; the second (right hand) column shows the previously-accepted figures (L'Estrange's 'Church Bells of Norfolk,' p. 185):—

	1924.		Previously given as		Din.
	c.	lbs.	c.	lbs. inches.	
Tenor	40	77	41	4	62
11th	28	43	28	58	55
10th	21	76	21	90	50
9th	19	32	19	55	48
8th	14	10	14	18	43
7th	11	52	11	63	40
*6th	9	69	9	103	37
5th	8	108	8	5	35
4th	7	82	7	92	33
*3rd	6	79	*6	104	31
2nd	6	48	6	71	30
*Treble	6	80	*6	89	30

It will be observed on comparing these two sets of figures, that for all practical purposes, the previously-accepted weights (ignoring the change as regards the tenor), are sufficiently near the mark. The discrepancy—an all-round diminution constant from treble to tenor—may perhaps be accounted for by the inaccuracy of the scales used, or by the inadequacy of the weighing arrangements of that day. It should also be borne in mind that since 1775, three* of the bells—the treble, third and sixth—have lost their canons, a fact which allows for at least some part of the observed difference.

Putting down these weights as above, compels attention to the clumsiness of the usual notation of 'hundredweights, quarters and pounds,' so persistently applied to bell-weights, with its unnecessary three denominations. We boldly acclaim our art as a science, and scientific change ringing is nowadays de rigueur, yet when other sciences have advanced to decimal measures, we are, as regards weights, employing the most unscientific terms. Possibly a future Central Council may find time to decree a reformation in the notation of bell-weights; meanwhile, may I plead that hundredweights, and pounds alone (as given in the above tables) without the quarters are not only amply sufficient terms, but afford a saving in time and an increase of clarity.

AN OLD LEADER.

At St. Thomas', Northaw, on March 29th, 1,440 Bob Minor was rung in 60 minutes, with the bell half-muffled, to the memory of Mr. W. Tucker, of Chewton Mendip, who was leader of this band from 1886 to 1905: J. Parker and G. Stevens 1, C. Parker 2, R. Stiles 3, I. Bryant 4, J. Roberts 5, B. McKie 6. Conducted by R. Stiles and B. McKie.

WISBECH.—On Wednesday, April 2nd, for Lenten service, 720 P.B. Minor on the back six: C. Butler (1st 720) 1, A. Cosway 2, W. Jarvis (1st 720 on inside bell) 3, J. Philips 4, R. Narborough 5, Bert Gogle (conductor) 6.

THE NAMING OF METHODS. "OPTIVO COGNOMINE."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I make no excuse for what I am about to write on the subject of Nomenclature on this occasion; excuses are merely crutches, they make a bad pair of legs to keep anything upright on. What's in a name after all? I never expected that the heading I have used would come in handy at such an early date, but there it is—such as it is, and I again thank the kind donor for this benison with all my heart; for myself, I don't believe that, unaided, I could have thought of one half as fitting.

The Exercise seems to have lost sight of one of its real aims—progress, in this petty argument about the fitness of names. Are 'names' the only thing of import to the existence of our art? No one ever questions the conductor's name or its absurdity, or otherwise, when he has called a 720 of 'Pickled walnut and beetroot spliced,' but the name of the method gets fought over like a well-garnished hambone by a pack of hounds. If Jabez Looseemall calls a peal of 'Spliced Ynysybwl, Llynypia, Llancatach, and Machynylleth Surprise,' how many of your readers would quibble because the name of the bob caller was out of euphonious coursing order with the names of the methods, but the names of methods are squabbled over by the euphonics, the patriots, and—Uncle Tom Cobley, and all.

I contend, sir, that we are spending our time and your space by outlining rules whereby names should be apportioned to a series of figures when it would be more to the advancement of our art were we to cut out piffle, make ourselves less of a laughing-stock in the eyes of our detractors and get on with real work. What about appointing a real historian to look after things a bit? He would have a real job. What about a 'Registrar of Births' for compositions? He would need to be busy to pull things up to date in his department. If the name apportioned to a certain set of figures is of more import to posterity than the right of ownership of a set of good compositions, then it is time we left off calling ringing an art and called it a game, on a par with table tennis.

Where names are concerned we must not lose sight of the fact that there are such things as 'in law' and 'in equity,' if no man has a right to bestow a name on a method (or a piece of music) for a period longer than that which it suits the whim of the general public to know it by that name; wherein is either the law of copyright or equity in operation? It is a fact that old six-bell methods have been renamed by the permission and invitation of our Council: now what guarantee have we that a future generation of councillors will not wash out the 'brain cudgelling' we have done in renaming these methods, and give our grandsons—nay, our sons: so short is memory—the right to rename what grandpa had the impudence to arrogate to himself the right to rename? The time for the tabling of motions for our Council to consider is fast approaching, and I have not yet heard any suggestions of motions which will be of real benefit to the Exercise or even cause a public, which looks on us as harmless though noisy doddlers, with bees in our bonnets (I have let us down lightly, sir), to think that we are really serious in our aims, and that our claim to call ringing a science has a solid basis.

I suppose that, as usual, after the Council has sat we shall have the customary crop of grumblers who cannot see the use of the Council, or what good they have done, except waste their time on a series of names. How can they do good work for the Exercise if they are not supplied with some to do? So let your readers get busy thinking 'thinks' not cognominology; leave numbers to convicts and submarines, and things best out of sight; leave quarrels over names to stable lads and their Derby winners; put up real beneficial work for the Council to hand down to posterity, and let them rest assured that we shall call new methods what 'we' like when we ring them. We have been out of leading strings for long years, and we shall expect the names we give our methods to adhere to them with the tenacity of whelks to their anchors! Even as we resent the changing of names given to their methods by our forbears, so shall we expect the same consideration from our posterity. What's in a name? Not much spending power anyhow, nor much good if the holder is useless. Clothes don't make the man, the name won't make the method. Mine hasn't made me, though I append it, when of good cheer, for safety's sake.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

Better of two evils to choose neither;
Better not break than to have to mend,
Better say nothing than nothing to the purpose.
Better take a lesson from what is round the 3rd bell at Rilston 'pepper box'; then we shall be too busy to trouble about names:

'Unconstant fickle men who love through every scene to range;
Their own example to improve have taught us bells to change,
First this; then that; then t'other leads, the fourth then holds the sway.

Then him the fifth succeeds and all come into play.
Thus so at court men thrust about, all eager in the chase;
Tussle by turning t'other out and step in to his place.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, April 6th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, R. Park 2, W. H. Porter 3, W. N. Park 4, F. Cooke 5, G. W. Park 6.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grand-sire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by the Rev. E. V. Carpenter: F. J. Lewis 1, W. C. Guss (conductor) 2, W. G. Cook 3, H. Gassor 4, H. C. Bond 5, W. H. Hayward 6, G. Dore 7, F. Edwards 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Judge 1, F. Webb 2, W. F. Judge 3, L. Tuffrey 4, E. Bennett 5, J. Franklin 6, W. Stone 7, C. Bennett 8. This touch was unperformed.

BERMONDSEY.—At St. James' Church, on Sunday, April 6th, for evensong, 1,317 changes of Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: F. G. Newman 1, W. H. Hewett (conductor) 2, E. J. Trimmer 3, E. F. Pike 4, F. W. Chapman 5, J. E. Davis 6, A. W. Coles 7, C. H. Chapman 8, C. W. R. Grimwood 9, W. Glover 10.

CROYDON.—At St. John-the-Baptist's Church, on Sunday, March 30th, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Ely, 538 Stedman Triples: W. States 1, Mrs. A. Clark 2, J. Rumble 3, H. J. Skelt 4, Daniel Cooper 5, J. Cooper 6, A. W. Clark (conductor) 7, J. Talbot 8.

PENARTH.—Llandaff and Monmouth Association. — On Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: H. Burcombe 1, F. Bartlett 2, S. Dawe 3, E. Carter 4, E. Coombes (first 720) 5, W. Bolton (conductor) 6. Also 240: J. Vaughan 1, D. Thomas 2, W. Bolton 3, E. Coombes 4, E. Carter 5, S. Dawe (conductor) 6.

LINTON, KENT.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for evening service, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): H. Baker 1, D. Hodgkin 2, Mrs. Baker 3, G. Pound 4, B. Baker 5, J. Head 6, C. H. Sone (conductor) 7, L. Newman 8.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Owing to Good Friday falling in next week, the 'Ringing World' will go to press a day earlier than usual, and will be published on Thursday.

All matter, including Notices, intended for publication, must reach us by Monday next, and to assist us in coping with the pressure which the Easter ringing and meetings will impose on our space, we hope conductors of peals rung up to Sunday next will forward their reports in time for next week's issue.

NOTICES.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Swindon, Wilts, on Saturday, May 10th. Further details later.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

SWINDON PARISH CHURCH GUILD.—The new peal of 10 bells will be available on Easter Monday, April 21st, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the convenience of ringers in the neighbouring towns and villages who are not affiliated with the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. As the annual meeting of this Association will be held at Swindon, on Saturday, May 10th, it is suggested that members should defer their visit until then. Individuals and bands proposing to attend on Easter Monday should send their names to R. W. Hyner, 94, Bath Road, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Bray Church, near Maidenhead. Bells will be open at 12 noon. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5. Will all who wish to come kindly inform the foreman? —J. N. Beale, 46, Boyne Valley Road, Maidenhead.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—The address of Mr. W. E. Pitman, is now 9, St. Margaret's Street, Canterbury.

A DOUBTFUL PEAL.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—On Saturday, the 29th ult., eight ringers, including myself, members of the Middlesex County Association, attempted a peal of Bob Major at the Church of St. Mary, South Ealing, and, taking into consideration the indifferent 'go' of this peal of bells, the ringing was good. We were successful in ringing the number of changes, but there did occur during the progress of the peal a certain blunder (explained below), which in my opinion should have made this peal void. At the conclusion, I protested strongly against the recognition of the same, and was met by one of the band with a tactless threat.

Eventually, I had a chat with the conductor, and he agreed that I was quite justified in making my protest, and said he would not 'do anything else in the matter.' This I took as final, and I was satisfied. To-day, I have discovered that the report has been sent to you for publication—not by the conductor—and in view of this, I send you this protest.

The composition we rang, concluded with three 'Homes,' the last call being a 'Single,' and the blunder occurred at the first of these calls. The change which should, of course, have been 14325678 distinctly came as 12345678. This appears almost incredible, as the bells were out of course, and in their correct positions previous to the call. The explanation is, the ringer of the 2nd, either by a pure mistake, or by dropping his bell, struck before the 2nd and 4th. What induced the ringer of the 4th to allow the 3rd to strike before him is still mystery, but I am convinced, and can honestly say that rounds were struck for this change. The error was duly rectified, and the peal brought round to the correct number of changes.

It is, of course, quite reasonable to suggest that in a peal of Triples, practically every misblow causes a repetition, but the problem is, 'Can this matter in question be admitted as a casual mistake?' I do not think it can. Although one cannot lay down any hard and fast rule, I do think it is really deplorable that a ringer has allowed this peal to be sent for publication.

I shall be very obliged if some reader would give me his views in reply, as the admittance of this is only extending the scope for similes.—Yours faithfully,

ROBT. FARDON.

[Through the sender of the report giving the date as 'Sunday, March 29th,' it was published as 'Sunday, March 30th.'—Ed. 'R.W.']

LAVERNHAM.—On Saturday, March 22nd, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: F. Turner 1, M. Symonds 2, F. Leeks 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, F. Mortlock 5, F. Poulson 6, A. Symonds 7, W. E. J. Poulson 8. First touch of Cambridge in this tower by a local company.—On Sunday, March 23rd, or morning service, 576 Superlative Surprise: A. Symonds 1, M. Symonds 2, F. Leeks 3, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 4, F. Mortlock 5, F. Turner 6, W. R. J. Poulson 7, F. Poulson 8.—For evening service, 1,216 Kent Treble Bob: S. H. Symonds 1, M. Symonds 2, A. Symonds 3, V. R. Johnson (Glensford) 4, F. Poulson 5, F. Turner 6, W. R. J. Poulson 7, T. E. Slater (Glensford) 8.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral, on April 29th; *St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 22nd; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 28th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual General Committee Meeting.—This meeting will be held in Chapter House, Christ Church, Oxford, on Saturday, April 12th, at 3.15 p.m.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec., Warren House, St. Peter's Avenue, Caversham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Norwood Green, near Heston, on Saturday, April 12th. Ringing at 3 p.m. Tea will be arranged as usual.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Colne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

BARNESLEY & DISTRICT AND DONCASTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.—A joint monthly meeting will be held at Crofton, near Wakefield, on Saturday, April 12th. A hearty invitation is offered to members of each association.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch will be held at Winterbourne on Saturday, April 12th. Bells open at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, April 12th, at Midsomer Norton. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringers desiring tea should inform me.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Syston on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Business meeting 5.30 p.m.—R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec., 2, George Street, Anstey, near Leicester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tarleton on Saturday, April 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. A good meeting is requested.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting at the Abbey House, Bury, on Easter Monday. 11.30, Service in the Cathedral, with sermon by the Bishop. 12, Committee meeting. 12.30, General meeting. 1.30, Dinner at the 'Golden Fleece,' at 3s., if sufficient names are sent me by April 14th. 4.30, Tea, by kind invitation of Archdeacon Farmiloe, free to all sending me their names.—H. Drake, Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Pleasley on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. Number to be sent to Mr. T. Brookes, 5, Crow Yard, Pleasley Hill, Mansfield, by Wednesday, April 16th. Meeting afterwards.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Beverley on Easter Monday, April 21st. The peal of ten at St. Mary's will be available for ringing from 12 noon, while the famous ten at Beverley Minster will be available throughout the day. All applications for tea (for which a charge of 1s. 6d. per head will be made) must reach Mr. W. Gibson, Long Lane, Beverley, not later than first post, Tuesday, April 15th. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church, 4.30. Tea, Corbin House, at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Members free. Meeting, Church Room, 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Robin Hood's Bay on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available for ringing all day. A short service will be held at 12 o'clock noon, conducted by the Rev. H. Robson, M.A., Vicar of Robin Hood's Bay. Dinner will be provided at the Victoria Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 3s. Those intending to be at dinner must notify the secretary not later than Tuesday, April 15th, or will not be provided for.—J. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—St. Peter's Church, Tiverton.—Ringers' Festival, Easter Monday, April 21st. The belfry will be open from 11 a.m. Ringers' service 3 p.m. Tea from 3.30 in the Church House, price 1s. each. All ringers will be welcome. Those wishing to ring and requiring tea must send in their names to Mr. Richard Grater, 14, Park Street, Tiverton, before Tuesday, April 16th. P.S.—Please will bands intending to be present state the time of their arrival at Tiverton?

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's the Great (8), the Church of our Lady (8) and Old Chesterton (6). Service at Great St. Mary's at 12. Address by the Rev. H. B. Woolley. Luncheon, followed by the business meeting and election of officers, at 1 p.m. Notices of motion to be sent to the secretary, who will be glad if district secretaries will let him know how many members from their branches may be expected.—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 21st, at Nottingham. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) and St. Peter's (10) from 10 to 11.45 a.m. The committee will meet at 11.15 a.m. in the large vestry at St. Mary's Church. There will be a service at 12 noon (prompt) in St. Mary's Church. The address will be by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Mansfield. A luncheon has been arranged for ticket-holders at 12.45 p.m. at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road. Tickets: Members 2s., non-members 2s. 6d. each, to be ordered not later than the 17th April from Mr. F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. The general meeting of members will be held at the Albert Hotel at 1.45 p.m. The towers of St. Mary's, St. Peter's and Basford will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. There will be a smoking concert at the Albert Hotel at 7 p.m. Artistes: The Welbeck Quartette and others.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Will those requiring tea please inform Mr. A. Dean, Church Walk, Leatherhead, not later than Wednesday, April 16th? Subscriptions for 1924 are now due.—A. J. Trappitt, Dis. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—A meeting will be held at Glossop Parish Church on Easter Monday, April 21st, when by kind permission the bells will be available from 2.30. Trains from London Road Station, 1.20 and 2.35 p.m. Fare 1/6. A good muster is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The Cathedral bells available at 2 p.m., St. Peter's, 3 p.m. (owing to a wedding), St. Michael's and St. Stephen's any time by arrangement. Service at the Cathedral, 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. A. F. Robson, Vicar of Hemel Hempstead, followed immediately by tea and annual meeting at the Abbey Inst. Kindly inform the secretary if you are coming, so that he can make ample tea arrangements.—G. W. Cartmel, 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth on Easter Monday. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. (business important). Tea (1/- each) at 4.30. Notification to be made to Mr. J. Garth, 205, Main Road, Handsworth, not later than Thursday, April 17th. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year to reach me by April 19th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at King's Lynn on Easter Monday, April 21st. The bells of St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas, and also St. Faith's, Gaywood, will be available. Luncheon at the Globe Hotel, at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting, which will be held in the Archdeacon's Court of St. Nicholas Church, at 2.30 p.m. Those intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the Secretary on or before April 17th. Tickets 2/6 per head, non-members 3/-.—Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. for all those who notify me before Wednesday, April 16th. Bells available: Cathedral (12), 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (6). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Severn Stoke, Worcester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, North Collingham, Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells (6), recently recast and rehung, ready at 10 a.m. Cheap return tickets will be issued from Sheffield and Doncaster and intermediate stations. Trains leave Retford 9.50 and 11.58 to Carlton-on-Trent, and return 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m., Ferry across Trent, the bus will meet train and take you thither. Meat tea will be provided at 4.30 p.m., at 1/6 per head for all those who notify G. H. Clayton, Grange Farm, North Collingham, Newark, not later than April 16th (please note this is important). Collingham South (5 bells) will probably be available. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 21st. The bells of St. Paul's (10), will be available from 10 a.m. St. Peter de Merton (6), after the meeting. Service in St. Paul's at 12.30, to be followed by luncheon, and the annual business meeting for the election of officers, etc. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the North Eastern Division of the Essex Association will be held at Langham on April 25th (Saturday after Easter). Service at 4.30. Tea following at the Gun Inn, Dedham. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by April 22nd?—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Owing to Queenborough bells not being available, the half-yearly meeting will be held at Hartlip on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5 p.m., conducted by the vicar of Hartlip. Tea will be provided at a small charge per head for all those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 23rd. Half-rail fares up to 2/- will be paid to members.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. E. P. Gough, Vicar of Nicholas, Chiswick. Tea and meeting to follow. A charge of 1/- will be made for tea, and it is essential that members requiring same should advise either of the undersigned not later than Tuesday, April 22nd. Important business includes election of officers and Central Council representatives. Ringing arrangements as follows:—Fulham (10) from 3.15 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Putney (8) from 3.15 to 4.45 and 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m., Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 5.30, followed by business meeting. All those wishing to be present please let me know not later than the 22nd.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m.—Jos. White.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Amporn on Saturday, 26th April. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45; 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than 19th April.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 26th. Evening at the Cathedral at 4.30. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.30, at 1/9 per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 22nd. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln. Please note that failure to comply with this request causes considerable inconvenience to those arranging the tea.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (meat), 1/3 per head, at the Greyhound Hotel. Business meeting to follow. As I have to guarantee the number for tea, only those who send their names to me by Wednesday, the 23rd, the latest, can be catered for. I should also like to receive all outstanding subscriptions at, or before, this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

GLOSSOP PARISH CHURCH.—The opening of the peal of bells recast by Gillett & Johnston will take place on May 17th. Particulars later.—E. Malkin, Hon. Sec.

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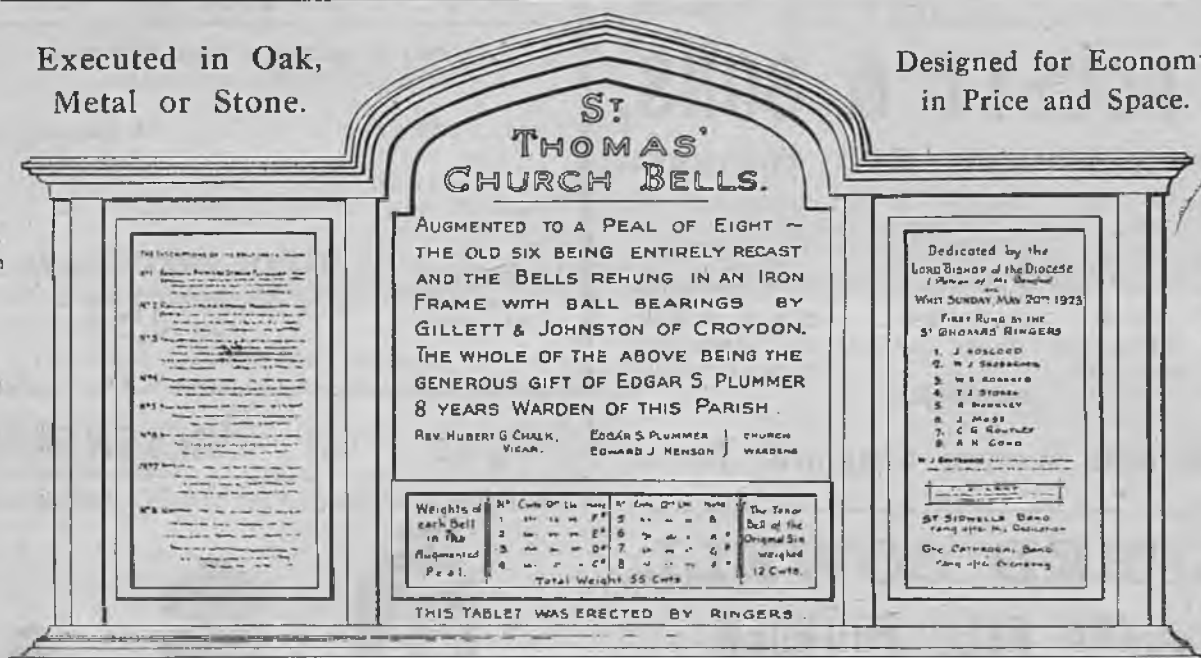
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PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

In his recent article on odd-bell methods, Mr. J. W. Parker commented upon the striking lack of variety exhibited in the ringing of peals of Triples, Caters and Cinques. To a large extent this is admittedly due, in the case of Triples at any rate, to the paucity of actual methods, and Mr. Parker pointed a way to obtaining something new which would be at least as interesting and difficult as anything which has hitherto been practised. The performance last week of the first peal of Edmonton Bob Major is a reminder that there is an equal absence of variety in the peals of Major rung in plain methods. Glance through our columns week by week, and there is seldom any peal in a Plain Major method outside Plain Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob. It is strange that this should be so, for there is a far wider range in Major methods than there is among the 'legitimate' methods of Triples, yet the fact remains. What the actual figures were for 1923 we shall know when the Analysis is published, but going back to the previous year, what do we find? There were 142 peals of Double Norwich, 113 peals of Plain Bob, and for the rest — two peals of College Single and two peals of Little Bob! These figures are a striking evidence of the limitations which ringers set for themselves. These limits do not exist in reality, for there is plenty of scope in Major.

Edmonton Bob Major was one of a group of methods which we published in these columns ten years ago, founded upon combinations of Plain Bob and Court Bob, but probably the war caused the opportunities which they presented to be lost sight of. They are methods well worth ringing, and easily within the capabilities of any man who can ring Double Norwich. They afford an excellent jumping-off place for any band which desires to get away from the beaten track, and, in view of the figures we have quoted above, there is no question that the ringers of Plain Major need getting out of the rut. Many hands have the desire to make progress, but, finding Surprise ringing a little too big a jump from Double Norwich, or simple Treble Bob, content themselves with the 'standard' methods, because they imagine there is nothing else to ring. The idea is, of course, entirely wrong, and we sometimes think this word 'standard' as applied to methods, ought to be scrapped. It is certainly out of date in its present accepted use. Shortly we hope to see produced the Central Council's collection of Plain Major methods, which for various reasons has been delayed. This should give a big fillip to plain method ringing. Meantime, we can commend the methods like College Single and Edmonton Bob Major to those who have a real desire to break from present narrow limits.

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On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Four Hours and Six Minutes.

At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 7
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 2	HENRY R. NEWTON 8
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 9
ERNEST FENN 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 10
LOUIS ATTWATER 5	HERBERT LANGDON 11
HENRY G. MILES 6	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by ALFRED B. PECK.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. T. Cockerill, hon. secretary of the above society.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes

At THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	G. HAYDN THORPE 7
*GEORGE HOLLIS 2	†COLIN HARRISON 8
GEORGE HOLMES 3	*HARRY NAYLOR 9
JOHN THORPE 4	†FRANK WARD 10
WILLIAM BURGAR 5	†A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Treble Bob Maximus.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes.

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 7
JOHN SPARROW 2	HARRY SEAR 8
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	GEORGE A. CARD 9
REGINALD BROUGH 4	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	WALTER AVRE 11
WALTER SEAR 6	JOHN W. CORNFORD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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On Tuesday, April 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

E. TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

*A. E. BAMFORD Treble	*G. W. GREENWOOD 5
†W. LUCAS 2	J. H. KERSHAW 6
J. HOGGARD 3	G. E. YATES 7
*J. R. BARLOW 4	S. HODGKINSON Tenor

Conducted by J. H. KERSHAW.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon T. R. Sale, M.A.

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At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*HERBERT SADDINGTON ... Treble	HARRY MEADOWS ... 5
ARTHUR BELLAMY ... 2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ... 6
LEONARD J. WYMAN ... 3	*JAMES HUDSON ... 7
JOHN R. MAIN ... 4	*BERNARD J. SADDINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. 50th peal by L. Wyman. Arranged and rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. H. Meadows, and a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Lines, steeplekeeper, who was unable to take part owing to illness. After the peal the ringers were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. H. Meadows, who received the best wishes of the band, and also of their many friends in the district.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	JAMES P. HYETT ... 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... 2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 6
WILLIAM C. JONES ... 3	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 7
THOMAS H. TAYSON ... 4	EDGAR R. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

The conductor's 150th peal. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. Thomas William Walwyn Trimmer, for nearly 50 years Vicar of Clifford, an honorary member of the above Guild since its inception in 1886, and a vice-president since 1915. He was a round ringer himself, and Grandsire Triples was the method he loved to listen to.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF EDMONTON BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBESON ... 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.

This is the first peal ever rung in the method.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED BACON ... Treble	THOMAS LANCASTER ... 5
FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT ... 2	THOMAS HENSHER ... 6
REV. A. SIMPSON ... 3	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON ... 7
CYRIL J. POLLARD ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*RALPH JACKSON ... Treble	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... 5
THOMAS LANCASTER ... 2	THOMAS METCALFE ... 6
ALFRED BACON ... 3	WILLIAM J. JACKSON ... 7
GEORGE WINDSOR ... 4	WALTER ASHEY ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. DAVIS. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in any method.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

JOHN W. FAITHFOLL ... Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
*OWEN H. GILES ... 2	REGINALD BROWN ... 6
GEORGE PULLINGER ... 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... 7
WALTER G. ROWE ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Surprise away from the Treble.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	JOHN SADDINGTON ... 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 2	MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... 7
WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Composed by W. HYDE INGLESANT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Rung on the 15th anniversary of the 18,027 Stedman Caters at the Parish Church, in which the composer of this peal took part. The composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the 6th the extent 'right.'

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 2	MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... 6
ARTHUR CATTELL ... 3	ALBERT H. WARD ... 7
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	L. WILLIAM JACQUES ... Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Watkin, late of Painswick, who is now residing in Leicester.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*SAMUEL WARNE ... Treble	GEORGE WIFFEN ... 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... 2	*WALTER ARNOLD ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... 7
*ROBERT FLEETY ... 4	JAMES FLEETY ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by JAMES FLEETY.

First peal as conductor. * First in the method.

WEST HARTLEPOOL, DURHAM.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Aidan,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. BALMFORTH ... Treble	ROBERT WEBSTER ... 5
JOHN D. BALMFORTH ... 2	FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT ... 6
*ROBERT DOBSON ... 3	JOHN LOWERY ... 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in any method. Rung in honour of the 60th birthday of John D. Balmforth. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Balmforth for his kindness in entertaining the Vicar, curate, wardens, and friends, together with the peal band, to a bountiful spread after the peal.

CROWLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. Treble	*WILLIAM RANFORD 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	JOHN J. JEFFRIES 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	CHARLES CAMM... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of Triples on the bells. * 150th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. R. G. Knowles and Wm. Short.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINGS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT... .. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

STAFFORD.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt. 11 lb.

*RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... Treble	JOHN WARRILOW 5
FREDERICK V. HAGGIS ... 2	WILLIAM H. JONES 6
†ARTHUR H. TAYLOR 3	JOHN J. TAYLOR 7
GEORGE BOOTH 4	WILLIAM G. CURTIS ... Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells half-muffled by Sunday Service ringers, as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. E. Lloyd, J.P., for many years churchwarden of the above church. The ages of the treble and third ringers are 15 and 14 years, respectively.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BOLTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwts.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	†FRED ABBOTT 5
GEORGE POWNALL 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6
*JAMES BOLTON 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW... 4	TITUS BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

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

PENKRIDGE, STAFFORD.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

W. J. BASTONE Treble	ALBERT G. HUNT... .. 5
ROBERT PICKERING 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 6
THOMAS PERRY 3	JOHN PERRY... .. 7
FRED. BIRKS... .. 4	EDMUND WESTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. G. F. Hill, who had been a member of the choir at the above church for over 40 years, and whose body was interred that day. Also in memory of the late Mr. F. James, whose body was interred at Penkridge on March 27th, an attempt for a half-muffled peal on that date failing after one hour and twenty minutes' ringing.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	HARRY F. HOLDING 5
JOHN HAYES... .. 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM CATHERALL, SEN. 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
EDWARD HARRISON 4	JAMES H. RIDING... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
Arranged for Mr. Catherall, of Wrexham.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*EDWARD SUMMERSIDE ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
FRANK SMALLWOOD 2	*PERCY TATE 6
WILLIAM H. POYSER 3	GEORGE FREEBRY 7
CYRIL J. JENNINGS 4	JOHN FLOWERS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE FREEBRY.
* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor. First peal of Bob Major on the bells.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 33.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb. in F.

ALBERT HARMAN... .. Treble	HERBERT J. SKELT 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	GEORGE F. HOAD 6
MRS. A. W. CLARK 3	AMOS W. CLARK 7
JOHN BEAMS... .. 4	CHARLES READ Tenor

Conducted by AMOS W. CLARK.

The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Masters (churchwarden) for his kind hospitality in providing tea after the peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE J. HARMAN Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 6
JAMES SCHOLES 3	EDWARD D. SMITH 7
WILLIAM BERRY 4	HENRY C. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... Treble	JAMES BURDFIELD 5
WALTER CHARMAN 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
PETER CHARMAN... .. 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
JOHN COOK 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

CHERITON, KENT.—On April 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Slingsby (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, F. Castle 2, S. Baker 3, F. Verney 4, G. Webb 5, A. Castle (conductor) 6.

LYMINGE, KENT.—On Saturday, April 5th, 720 Kent Treble Bob, 7-8 covering: G. Webb 1, F. Castle 2, S. Baker 3, F. Verney 4, A. Tanton 5, A. Castle (conductor) 6, — Hobden 7, A. Webb 8. 1st 720 Treble Bob by 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SANDY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM E. HOLDEN... .. Treble	JOHN T. NEWINGTON... .. 4
HAROLD J. HAZELL 2	CHARLES J. BALL 5
TOM BARTRAM 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by PEARL INSKIP.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

* REGINALD TICKNER Treble	CHARLES SLYFIELD 4
MISS KATHLEEN AVENELL 2	SAMUEL PETTER 5
† CLAUDE HEATHER 3	HENRY A. BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by S. PETTER.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. Rung after a Confirmation service, at which the Bishop of Guildford officiated.

LILLESALL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores ten different callings. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY WHALLEY Treble	LOUIS P. GRIFFITHS... .. 4
* ERNEST FOX 2	WILLIAM FLETCHER... .. 5
ROBERT ERIC MILLAR 3	* CHARLES BARLOW Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

BETLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

PHILIP KELSALL Treble	JOHN E. WHELDON 4
CHARLES PRESTON 2	WILLIAM WHELDON 5
THOMAS HILDITCH 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHELDON.

This is the first peal ever rung on these bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. B. Mildred) for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for having everything in readiness.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720s. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qrs.

FRANCIS G. GLEAVES Treble	FRANK WARRINGTON 4
* FRED. GINN 2	* ARTHUR GINN 5
* BERRY WAYMAN 3	HUBERT DRING Tenor

Conducted by A. GINN.

First peal of Treble Bob by all except ringer of 4th. * First peal. First attempt for a peal by the conductor. Ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th were elected members of the association in the tower.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Monday, March 24th, 240 each York, London and Wells Surprise: W. Corfield 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. PERRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 12 different callings.

FRANK BLEWITT 1	JOHN PERRY 3-4
PERCY BILL 2	JOHN W. PERRY 5-6

Conducted by J. PERRY.

Umpire: T. PERRY.

First peal by all except the conductor, and believed to be the first peal of Stedman Doubles for the society. An attempt was made for this peal on the previous Monday to celebrate the 22nd anniversary of T. Perry's wedding, but was lost in the 21st six-score.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor G-18.

JAMES E. GOFTON 1-2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4	GEORGE R. HOLMES 7-8
R. ALDER GOFTON 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, April 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

IN THE CATHEDRAL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 size. B flat.

THOMAS RUSSAM... .. 1-2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 7-8
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	ALBERT E. NORMAN 9-10
ALBERT WALKER... .. 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

Referees: Geo. F. Swann and Percy O. Ladin.

Arranged for Percy J. Johnson, Leeds, Yorks. It was his first peal on twelve bells, and only attempt. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Percy O. Ladin and Mr. Albert E. Norman.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5th, about fifty representative members of the Stoke-on-Trent Archidiaconal Association visited Leek for their monthly gathering, and were hospitably entertained in Britannia Street Schools by the ringers of the Parish Church. The towers represented included Stoke-on-Trent, Burslem, Hanley, Bucknall, Uttoxeter, Crewe, Macclesfield, Walkden (Lancashire), Norton, Audley, Newcastle, Kingsley, Brownedge, etc.

The ringers assembled about 3.30, and were received by Mr. E. A. Ridgway (conductor) and other members of the local band, and the bells were promptly raised. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent and Oxford Major, Double Norwich and London Surprise followed with varying success, and the spacious character of the Leek ringing chamber was much admired. At 5.30 the whole company adjourned to the schools, where the wives of the ringers had prepared a substantial tea, for which the tower performances had secured good appetites, and the feast was thoroughly appreciated.

The Vicar, the Rev. R. M. Thompson, presided, and said how pleased he was to meet the ringers. They had, he said, to perform several duties, not the least of which was to call the people to church, though various excuses were made for staying away. There was no need for him to say much to them, but he heartily welcomed them to Leek, and hoped they would soon pay another visit. He had a duty to perform in presenting a Ringers' Certificate to Mr. Burrows, an Uttoxeter ringer, and he congratulated him on reaching proficiency. He himself had spent many happy hours in Uttoxeter when he was at Denstone College, and they had a beautiful old church. —The certificate was handed to Mr. Burrows amid hearty applause.

Mr. Churton (Stoke) proposed a vote of thanks to the Leek ringers and their wives for the excellent entertainment they had provided. He said it was always a pleasure to the society to come to Leek, and he was glad to find the young men were making progress with London Surprise and the more difficult methods. At Leek they had the right men and the right leader to get on, and they continued to progress.

Mr. Wheeldon seconded, and Mr. Hilditch (Burslem) supported. — Mr. G. Plant responded, and said they were always glad to meet their friends, and the ladies helped them very willingly.

The ringers then returned to the tower, and the bells were kept going merrily until nine o'clock.

PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

AN INTERESTING GROUP.

The peal of Edmonton Bob Major which was rung at Willesden on Tuesday of last week is one of a group of fifteen Major methods, the construction of which was explained in an article by Mr. J. A. Trollope, which appeared in our columns on September 4th, 1914. They provide an interesting variation in the direction of plain method ringing. In the article referred to Mr. Trollope explained that the methods of this group were, in construction, the simplest that can be had with the treble as a plain hunt bell. They are based upon the four following methods:—

Reverse	Double Court	Reverse Double
Bob Major.	Bob Major.	C.B. Major.
12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587
24163857	24163857	24163857
42618375	42618375	42618375
46281735	46281735	46281357
64827153	64827153	64823175
68472513	68472513	64823715
86745231	86745231	64827351
87654321	68472531	68472531
78563412	86745213	86745213
7583412	87654123	68475123
57381624	78561432	86741532
53718264	75816342	87614523
35172846	57183624	78165432
31527488	51738264	71856342
13254768	15372846	17583624
13527486	13527486	15738264

Bob Major is constructed by making second's place when the treble leads, and the effect is to put the treble, which had been coursing between 3 and 2, between 5 and 3.

Reverse Bob Major is constructed by making seventh's when the treble is behind, and that has exactly the same effect and brings up exactly the same rows as Bob Major.

Double Court Bob Major is constructed by the bell that is coursing in front of the treble making 4th's and 3rd's, and then hunting up after her, and this has the same effect on the coursing order as 2nd's place in Bob Major, it puts the treble from between 3 and 2 to between 5 and 3. The second pair of places in the second half of the lead puts the treble from between 5 and 3 to between 7 and 5.

The places in 5-6 in Reverse Double Court Bob have the same effect as the places in 3-4 in Double Court Bob.

Thus there are six distinct operations, each of which puts the treble one position forward in coursing order; 1, 2nd's place in Bob Major; 2, 7th's of Reverse Bob Major; 3, 4th's and 3rd's of Double Court; 4, 3rd's and 4th's of Double Court; 5, 6th's and 5th's of Reverse Double Court; 6, 5th's and 6th's of Reverse Double Court. To preserve the symmetry of the method, if you use 3, you must also use 4; and if you use 5 you must also use 6.

Appended are all the possible combinations of the methods:—

A	Bob Major.
A + B	Double Bob Major.
A + B + C	
A + B + C + D	
A + B + D	
A + C	
A + C + D	Reddish Bob Major.
A + D	Edmonton Bob Major.
B	Reverse Bob Major.
B + C	
B + C + D	
B + D	
C	
C + D	Double Court Bob Major.
D	Double Norwich C.B. Major.
	Reverse Double Court Major.

Here are fifteen excellent Major methods. Some are better than others, but all are worth ringing. The following is a lead of the method and the composition of the peal of 5008 rung at Willesden; bobs and singles being the same as in Bob Major:—

EDMONTON BOB MAJOR.

	23456	M	B	W	R	42536	M	W	R
12345678	34256	—	—	—	2	65234	—	1	
21436587	53246	—	—	—	3	39254	—	3	
24163857	52436	—	—	—	2	53264	—	3	
42618375	42635	—	—	—		52634	—	2	
46281357	56234	—	—	—	1	Repeat the last			
64823175	35264	—	—	—	3	nine courses produces			
68283715	63254	—	—	—		62435			
68472531	82534	—	—	—	2				
86745213	45236	—	—	—	1	54236	—	1	
88475123	32456	—	—	—	S	35246	—	3	
86741532	43256	—	—	—	1	24356	—	1	
87614523	42536	—	—	—	2	2456	—	S	
78165432									
71856342									
17583624									
17856342									

NEW RING OF SIX FOR BEDFORDSHIRE.

TEMPSFORD BELLS AUGMENTED.

The village of Tempsford, Beds, is now in possession of an excellent peal of six bells, which although somewhat light, the tenor being only 9 cwt. 1 qr., are of splendid tone. Originally there were in the tower of St. Peter's Church five bells, a mixed lot of varying dates, and chiefly notable for the fact that they contained examples of the work of Newcome and Miles Gray. Newcome's bell was the old 4th, and he cast it in 1614. The treble and third were cast by Miles Gray. Another bell, the 2nd, was the work of Richard Chandler in 1703.

The augmentation to six, by the addition of a new treble, has accompanied a complete restoration of the ring, which are now hung in a new steel and iron frame with all new fittings. To turn the bells into a musical peal it was found necessary to recast the Miles Gray bells, as well as the tenor, while the other old bells have been tuned. The work was admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the bells, which have a total weight of 30 cwt. 64 lb., were dedicated during morning service on Sunday week.

The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of St. Albans, who also preached. The bells were rung, after the dedicatory prayers, by H. L. Harlow 1, C. J. Ball 2, Miss Evelyn Steel 3, W. E. Holden 4, T. Bartram 5, G. Wells 6. These ringers also brought round 360 Bob Minor (conducted by H. L. Harlow) immediately after the service. Ringing was continued during the afternoon, and for evening service 720 Bob Minor was rung.

Appended are the notes and inscriptions of the bells:—

Treble Note F	A.M.D.G. 1924.
2 Note E flat	Miles Graie, 1656. Recast Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1924; E. Ladds, Clerk.
3 Note D flat	Richard Chandler made me 1703.
4 Note C	Miles Graie, 1656. Recast Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1924.
5 Note B flat	Newcom made me 1614.
Tenor Note A flat	T. Mears of London, fecit 1829. Recast Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1924.

PUDSEY SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Craven will see, if he looks again at my letter, it says: 'The fact of it having accidentally turned out to be the reverse of Yorkshire.' Mr. Craven was not accused of accidentally finding it so. My knowledge of construction is sufficient for even myself, 'one of the garden variety,' to get the reverse of a method without accidents or even outside information. Even so, I thank Mr. Craven for his offer, further there can be no question of bias.

Some years ago, I produced what to me seemed a very good Surprise Royal method with the idea of getting our band to ring it. They would not have it, for the reason that it would not go to Major. My attempts on the subject produced from this Royal a method that would go on eight and even numbers upward. The band practised this on eight and ten bells. Later Mr. Craven published the method our band had rejected. Its name was 'Princess Mary,' and, such is human nature, 'Pudsey' or 'Loughborough,' as we called it, was thrown overboard in favour of the lady. In this case Pudsey accidentally turned out to be the reverse of Yorkshire, for the reverse at that time was not looked for. It was simply an attempt to get a Major and Maximus out of what has now been rung as Princess Mary. If Pudsey does not belong to Mr. Carter, who claims the Princess?—Yours truly,

Leicester.

F. H. DEXTER.

SIX-BELL METHOD NAMES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the naming of six-bell methods, I have seen several comments on 'Easter' and 'Trinity Sunday' Delights. If all the other methods had names as fitting as these, they would have saved a lot of correspondence.

Easter and Trinity Delights have been rung regularly every year for nearly 30 years by the Anston company. Trinity Delight was thought of, written out, and the first 720 rung on Trinity Sunday. What name would be more suitable? It is No. 15 Treble Bob in the C.C. Collection. The claim to this method was made as soon as the C.C. Collection came into print. My opinion is, let those who ring the methods first give them a suitable name without interference from those who do not ring them. From a six-bell ringer, who has been for over 40 years a

CHANGE RINGER.

North Anston.

SWINDON PARISH CHURCH BELLS DEDICATED A NEW PEAL OF TEN.

The Lord Bishop of Bristol on Friday last dedicated the new peal of ten bells (tenor 22 cwt. in E flat), at Swindon Parish Church.

The whole of the work of taking out the old frame and eight bells, and fitting a new frame with ten bells, was done by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. As the old frame was not demolished until after Christmas, 1923, the firm is to be highly commended for completing the new peal in such a short time.

A crowded congregation attended the dedication service, and the Bishop, in his address, congratulated the parishioners on such a splendid addition to the church.

At the conclusion of the service, and after rounds had been rung, the first touch on the bells was a 324 of Grandsire Caters rung by the following local ringers: H. W. Bishop 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, H. A. Hearl 7, C. J. Gardner 8, E. Bishop (conductor) 9, J. H. Shepherd 10.

On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 237 Stedman Caters was rung by J. H. Shepherd (conductor) 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, C. J. Gardner 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, H. A. Hearl 7, W. G. Lancaster 8, E. Bishop 9, H. W. Bishop 10.

Mr. E. Bishop, the Master of the tower, was secretary to the Bell Fund, and by his wonderful energy the scheme has been a great success. The following bells were given:—

Treble by Mrs. Brown to commemorate the 50 years' service as parish clerk (1883 to 1923) of her father, William Dean.

The second by Mr. H. W. Thomas in memory of his son, Pte. W. H. Thomas, Hon. Artillery Co., who was killed in action in France in 1917.

The third by the children of the parish.

The seventh by Major and Mrs. F. P. Goddard.

The eighth by Mr. S. V. Rolleston in memory of his father and mother.

The ninth by the Freemasons of Swindon and the Province of Wiltshire in memory of Brother Dr. J. Campbell Maclean.

The tenor by the ringers of the tower.

A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers outside the area of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to visit the tower on Easter Monday from 2 p.m.

CLAPHAM, BEDFORDSHIRE.—On Friday, March 21st. 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cooner 1, H. Smith 2, W. Witlock 3, R. Shimmans 4, L. Williams (first 720 as conductor) 5, F. Lowe (first 720) 6.

FOUR SURPRISE METHODS.

By E. A. RIDGWAY.

12345678	12345678	12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587	21436587	21436587
12463857	12463857	12463857	12463857
21438675	21438675	21438675	21438675
24136857	24136857	24136857	24136857
62418375	62418375	42318675	42816375
42183657	62143857	24138657	42183657
24816375	26418375	42316875	24816375
42681357	24361857	24361857	42681735
24683175	42683175	42638175	24687153
24681357	42681357	42361857	42681735
24683175	24683175	24638175	24687153
24683715	42683715	42683715	42687513
42687351	46287351	46287351	42687531
46283715	64823715	64827315	64827513
64827351	64827351	46283751	64827531
68472531	68472531	64827351	64827531
68745213	46287315	46283715	87654213
64823751	64823751	64823751	73562431
68427315	68427315	68427315	75864213
86472135	86472135	86472135	57684123
68421753	68421753	68741253	75861432
68427135	68427135	86741253	57864123
86421753	86421753	68741253	75681432
84612735	84612735	68714235	57618342
48167253	86172453	86172453	75163824
48612735	68712435	68712435	75618342
84167253	86174253	86174253	57163824
81462735	81672435	81672435	51736842
17586432	18674253	18764253	15378624
71856342	81674523	81674523	51738284
17583624	18765432	18765432	15372846

17856342	18674523	18674523	15738284
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False course-end False course-ends False course-ends. False course-end.

24365	24365	24365	24365
32546	32546	32546	
46253	46253	46253	

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day (April 18th) is the 30th anniversary of the 13,440 Double Norwich Major rung in 8 hours 15 minutes at Romford by the Royal Cumberland Youths.

April 18th is also the anniversary of one of the earliest long lengths of Grandsire Caters, a peal of 12,006 having been rung in 7 hours 55 minutes at Painswick in 1737. But in those days there were no ringing papers and no 'wireless,' and the Painswick men must have been unaware that less than six weeks before a peal of 12,603 had been rung at Norwich.

It was at Appleton on April 11th, 1888, that this Norwich peal was beaten by a 13,265, and then on April 22nd, 1889, a band met at Cheltenham and set up the present record for the method of 15,227 in 9 hours 43 minutes.

There were some prominent names among that band, few of whom now survive. The ringers were F. Musty, G. H. Phillott, S. Reeves, H. Roberts, F. E. Ward, C. H. Hattersley, J. Plant, W. T. Pates (conductor), T. Reynolds and A. W. Humphris.

By a coincidence the same day, April 22nd, is the anniversary of the record length of Stedman Caters, the 21,363 at Appleton, in 12 hours 25 minutes in 1922.

A peal of 8,000 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Redenhall in 5 hours 9 minutes on April 23rd, 1828, and on April 24th, 1896, 10,400 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Shipley, Yorks.

Ringers should note that there are now twelve bells at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge, the cracked 7th having been recast, and replaced early this year. The Ely meeting on Easter Monday, writes a correspondent, will afford a good opportunity for twelve bell experts, including our old friend, 'Bob Major,' to delight the inhabitants with some good twelve-bell touches.

The Hon. Secretary of the Yorkshire Association had a pleasant experience at Birmingham last week, when, attempting a peal of Stedman Cinques on handbells for the first time, he rang 3-4 to his first twelve bell peal.

The peal at Bishop Ryder's Church, reported last week, was rung in 3 hrs. 2 mins. The donor of the bells was Mr. R. R. Gelling, not Mr. R. E. Gelling, as printed in the report.

Ringers will regret to hear that Mr. Reginald D. Marshall, of Deptford, London, has been ill for several weeks, and is now in hospital. He has to go under an operation for gastric ulcers, and will not in any circumstances do any peal ringing for some months.

TWO SURREY VETERANS.

RANG FIRST PEAL TOGETHER FIFTY-FIVE YEARS AGO.

Last week we recorded a peal rung at Ashtoad, Surrey, to commemorate the jubilee of the bells. Two of the ringers, Messrs. Thomas Miles and George Sayer, both rang at the opening of the bells fifty years ago, and their record must be almost unique, for they rang their first peal together in 1869 at Epsom Parish Church, and have been very closely united in ringing affairs ever since.

St. George's Day, which is Wednesday next, will be the 55th anniversary of that first peal together, and it was a memorable achievement from the fact that it was rung by four fathers and their eldest sons. The two veterans are the only survivors of that band, and it will be noticed, from the copy of the peal board, which we give below, that the peal was conducted by Mr. Sayer. The record is as follows:—

APRIL 23rd, 1869,

was rung in this steeple a true six-part Peal of Grandsire Triples containing 5040 changes, with 134 bobs and 46 singles, in 2 hours and 50 minutes, the Ringers being Four Fathers and their Four Eldest Sons, stationed as follows:—

Thomas Miles, junr.	... ..	Treble.
Thomas Miles, senr.	... ..	2
George Sayer, junr.	... ..	3
Thomas Gadd, junr.	... ..	4
George Sayer, senr.	... ..	5
Thomas Gadd, senr.	... ..	6
John Davey, senr.	... ..	7
John Davey, junr.	... ..	Tenor
Composed and Conducted by George Sayer, junr.		

BELL WEIGHTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is one thing that Mr. G. P. Burton has omitted to mention with regard to the present weights of the individual bells at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, which might prove of interest.

All the bells are weighed before being tuned, and thus, I should think, is the cause of the lighter weights, not so much as the inaccuracy of the scales.

No doubt modern Simpson tuned peals, if taken down and weighed, would prove lighter than the weights which invariably hang in the belfry. The fact should not be lost sight of that in former days bells were weighed without the clappers.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

FAMOUS BELLS. **ST. GILES, NORWICH.**

By J. R. JERRAM.

A great deal of ringing history has been made in Norwich, and the story of the bells, upon which some of the outstanding performances of the past have been achieved, is always interesting.

The original peal at St. Giles' Church consisted of three bells only, of which the present sixth and seventh are all that remain. The original tenor was in the tower until 1869, when she was cracked through tolling for a death with a clapper rope. This is much to be deplored, as she was a splendid specimen of mediæval casting, with

Seventh. + Celi Regina Languentibus O, Sit Medicina (in 'black letter' with lombardic capitals. The stop is a lion's face).
Tenor. CAST BY JOHN WARNER & SONS, LONDON, 1869. (Royal Arms and 'patent' on the waist).

The original tenor beforementioned was thus inscribed:—

+ Triplex Persona Trinitas (lion's face), Nuc Gaudia Dona, (in 'black letter' with lombardic capitals highly ornamented, the letters T, N and D having a grotesque human face inserted in them).

The tenor is 43½ in. diameter, weight 14½ cwt.

The translations of the Latin inscriptions are as follow:—

5th.—'In this chamber Gabriel now sound sweetly.'
6th.—'Gabriel sent down truly brings joys of blessed Mary.'
7th.—'Queen of heaven, be thou medicine to those who are languishing.'
8th.—'Holy Trinity, three Persons (in one), now grant gifts.'



THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES NORWICH.

'black letter' inscription and highly ornamented Lombardic capitals, of which I shall have more to say further on. The present fourth is by Wm. Brend, and the fifth by Richard Brasyer; both Norwich founders. The third bell (which has no inscription) was probably cast by Gilpin, about the year 1709, the weight being given in the 'Visitation Inventory' of that year as 444 lbs. The two trebles, says the Inventory of 1740, 'were purchased in the year 1738 by a voluntary subscription of the parishioners and of other gentlemen in the City of Norwich.'

The clock-bell is first mentioned in the inventory of 1735, and in that of 1740 is said to weigh 2 cwt. The inscriptions on the peal of eight are as follows:—

Treble and Second. THO: NEWMAN MADE ME 1738.

Third. (No inscription.)

Fourth. ANNO DOMINI 1593. W.B.

Fifth. + Hac in Conclave Gabriel nuc Pange Suave (in 'black letter' with lombardic capitals), on the crown 3 shields charged with 3 bells, ermine.

Sixth. + Missus Vera Pie Gabriel Fert Leta Marie (in 'black letter' with lombardic capitals).

Mr. J. L'Estrange gives an etching of the inscription on the old tenor, in his 'Church Bells of Norfolk,' p. 174.

John Colton, by his will dated January 8th, 1457, bequeathed a piece of land containing one acre with its appurtenances in Heygham-next-Norwich to the parishioners of St. Giles', Norwich, on condition that they for ever cause the ringing called 'Curfew bell' faithfully to be observed in the said church every night. Kirkpatrick notes that the ringing was to be during 'one quarter of the ninth hour at night.' L'Estrange, writing in 1874, says: 'The bell is now rung every night, Saturdays and Sundays excepted, at eight in the winter and nine in the summer, for one quarter of an hour.'

There have been many noteworthy peal performances at St. Giles' Church, and some of them are recorded on tablets in the belfry. The oldest tablet records the death of a ringer, who, at the conclusion of a peal, the first ever rung of 'Imperial the Third,' dropped dead. It was in St. Giles' belfry that the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major was rung, and it is here, also, that there is to be found the record of the first peal of London Surprise Major, although this was actually rung at St. Andrew's Church.

The following are the copies of the tablets:—

Near to this place John Webster fell,
Beloved by all who knew him well;
The most ingenious noted Ringer,
St. Giles's Sixth Bell round did bring her.
He closed the Peal, struck well his Bell,
Ceasing the same down dead he fell.

November 17th, 1760.

This tablet refers to the ringing of a peal of IMPERIAL the THIRD on November 17th, 1760; in which John Webster rang the sixth, and fell down dead as they were 'falling' the bells after the peal. The other ringers were John Chamberlain, who rang the treble and conducted; John Dye, who rang the tenor; Christopher Lindsay, John Barton, James Watling, John Havers, and James Vines.

6,272 changes of TREBLE BOB were, on Thursday, the 15th of April, 1813, rung in this Steeple, by eight persons belonging to the Company of Ringers of the Parish of St. Peter's of Mancroft in this City, in four hours and seven minutes, without a Bell being out of course, on the repetition of a single change. The peal was conducted by Mr. Robert Chesnutt in a very ingenious manner, and for bold and regular striking, was allowed by all impartial judges to be a masterly and unrivalled performance. The Bobs were called in the Sixth Place, and not in the usual method of practising this peal. This Board was erected by the Churchwardens and Parishioners to commemorate the Display of Science and Ability in the Art of Ringing, which was performed by the following Persons:—

ROBT. CHESNUTT	Treble	PECKOVER HILL	Fifth
WILLIAM MANN	Second	SAMUEL HAVERS	Sixth
CHARLES KELF	Third	NATHANIEL BEALES	Seventh
JEFFREY KELF	Fourth	JOSH. LUBBOCK	Tenor
WILLM. HUBBARD		Churchwardens	
WILLM. HOMER			

On Saturday, May 19th, 1827, was rung in this Steeple by a select company of Ringers, 5,376 Changes of that very ingenious and intricate Composition NORWICH DOUBLE COURT BOB. This great task on eight Bells was perfectly Completed in the space of 3 hours and 16 minutes, without the repetition of Changes, and is only the second peal in this difficult method that ever was accomplished in this City. This Peal was composed and ably Conducted by Saml. Thurston, and for bold and regular striking reflect great credit on the Company, and was rung by the following persons:—

WILLIAM MANN	First	GEORGE HAMES	Fifth
ELIJAH MASON	Second	JNO. HORNEGOLD	Sixth
JNO. GREENWOOD	Third	CHARLES PAYNE	Seventh
JNO. COLEMAN	Fourth	SAML. THURSTON	Eighth
JAMES BENNETT, Esq., Sheriff		Churchwardens.	
WILLIAM CAPON, Gent			

On March 9th, 1832, was rung a complete and true peal in this steeple, comprising 6,720 Changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, in 3 hours and 53 minutes. The production has the peculiarity of the one hundred and twenty course ends. It was composed and conducted respectively by Mr. Henry Hubbard, and rung by the following persons:—

THOMAS HERRY	Treble	SAMUEL THURSTON	Fifth
FREDERIC WATERING	Second	JAMES TRUMAN	Sixth
JOSHUA HURRY	Third	CHARLES PAYNE	Seventh
ROBERT BURRELL	Fourth	HENRY HUBBARD	Tenor

Also on July 6th, 1832, was rung an excellent peal, consisting of 6,000 changes of that intricate double method of OXFORD BOB, in the space of 3 hours and 27 minutes, conducted by Mr. Samuel Thurston, and rung by us situated in the following order:—

PECKOVER HILL	Treble	ROBERT BURRELL	Fifth
HENRY HUBBARD	Second	JAMES TRUMAN	Sixth
ELIJAH MASON	Third	CHARLES PAYNE	Seventh
FREDERIC WATERING	Fourth	SAMUEL THURSTON	Tenor

J. H. NIXON
GEORGE SEPPINGS } Churchwardens.

On February 6th, 1835, was rung in this steeple 5,376 changes of that intricate method SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE: this great achievement was perfectly completed (at the first attempt) in 3 hours and 16 minutes, and was rung by the following persons:—

JOSHUA HURRY	Treble	ROBERT BURRELL	Fifth
ELIJAH MASON	Second	JAMES TRUMAN	Sixth
FRED. WATERING	Third	CHAS. PAYNE	Seventh
HENRY HUBBARD	Fourth	SAML. THURSTON	Tenor

Also at St. Andrew's in this City, on November 17th, 1835, was rung 5,280 Changes of LONDON SURPRISE: the most difficult system in the Art of Campanologia. This almost insurmountable task was accomplished in 3 hours and 24 minutes. 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.

GEO. WATERING	Treble	JAMES TRUMAN	Fifth
ELIJAH MASON	Second	ROBERT BURRELL	Sixth
FREDK. WATERING	Third	CHARLES PAYNE	Seventh
HENRY HURRY	Fourth	SAML. THURSTON	Tenor

THOMAS KING
WM. STOREY } Churchwardens.

On Tuesday, April 10th, 1839, was rung in this Steeple a true and complete Peal, comprising 5,040 Changes of STEDMAN'S TRIPLES, in 2 hours and 55 minutes. It contains 180 Bobs, 218 common Singles, and 22 Bob Singles. It was ably conducted by Saml. Thurston, and rung by the following persons:—

F. WATERING	Treble	C. MIDDLETON	Fifth
G. WATERING	Second	J. TRUEMAN	Sixth
S. LOVELESS	Third	S. THURSTON	Seventh
R. COLE	Fourth	F. COLLYER	Tenor

The above Peal is composed as follows: Where B stands against the change it denotes a Bob, S a single; and B S a Bob single.

1st course	The 2nd course three times repeated with the addition of another course called as the 1st, produce the first six courses; which being 4 times repeated, would come round at the 30th course end, but by the substitution of a Bob Single for the common one at the 4th six of the 29th course, the part end 1325467 will be obtained when the whole being repeated complete the peal.	2nd course
S 3241567		3154627 S
4362716		5361742
B 4375216		5376142 B
S 7423561		7513624 S
B S 5741236		7561432
B 5724136		6745123 S
2517643		6714523 B
2561374		1657342
S 6325147		1635274
6213754		3126547 S
B 1672354		3152764
1637425		5371264 B
3146572		5327416
		2543671

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

In connection with the Whitsuntide meeting of the Central Council in London, arrangements have been made by combined committees of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Royal Society of Cumberland Youths for social meetings to be held on Saturday, June 7th, at the 'Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, at 7.30; Sunday, June 8th, at the 'King of Denmark,' Old Bailey, at 7.30 p.m., and Tuesday, June 10th, 'Bedford Head Hotel,' Maiden Lane, W.C., 7 p.m.

Visitors to London for the holiday are advised to seek accommodation at the various hotels only owing to the congested state of London during the summer months.

W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

J. W. Coreford (hon. secretary Cumberlands), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting for combined practice was held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday last, when, despite the inclement weather, ringers attended from Curdridge, Portsmouth (St. Mary's), North Stouham, Swanmore, Wickham, Winchester, and the local band. Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary) and Mr. F. W. Rogers (district secretary), were also present.

During the afternoon and evening the handy peal of six were kept going to Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Cambridge Surprise Minor. Among the touches rung was a 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. H. J. Smith 1, G. Pullinger 2, W. Linter 3, R. Paine 4, F. W. Rogers 5, Alf. Mears (conductor) 6, the ringers representing six different towers.

It is hoped to continue these combined practice meetings during the summer.

5,120 DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE H. CROSS.

23456	1	3	5	6	9
42635	—	S	S	—	—
36245	—	—	—	—	—
62345	—	—	—	—	—
23645	—	—	—	—	—
52634	—	S	S	—	S
36254	—	—	—	—	—
62354	—	—	—	—	—
23564	S	—	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—	—
23654	S	—	—	—	—

Repeat 3 times Single at * in 2nd and 4th parts. Contains full combinations of 4-5-6 in 5-6 with the 2nd and 3rd never before or behind the tenor. First peal obtained with these qualities in this number of changes in four equal parts.

THE APPEAL FOR MR. T. HAMMOND, SEN.

It is hoped to close this fund on April 30th. Will leaders of towers, and others, kindly send their contributions in as early as possible.

G. R. NEWTON,
3, Langham Avenue, Liverpool, S.

'ROUNDS' IN A PEAL. THE CONDUCTOR EXPLAINS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The mistake in the peal at Ealing was limited to one change only. The handstroke row was struck perfectly correctly, but at the back stroke the ringer of the second instead of making the bob cut down below the third and fourth. I shouted at him before his bell stuck, and though the striking suffered the bells were right immediately. When we finished and Mr. Fardon made his protest, I explained what had happened, and said it was a very fine point, and the band as a whole must decide what to do in the matter. They did decide that nothing had happened which would really invalidate the peal. In this connection it must be remembered that while Mr. Fardon was positive that the bells had struck rounds, others were equally positive that they had not done so.

I am afraid Mr. Fardon misunderstood what I said to him afterwards. I did say that he was perfectly justified in making his protest, but that did not mean that I accepted his views of what happened. Quite obviously not, for if I had I should have either stopped the bells when the mistake occurred, or have said definitely when we finished that it was no peal. As a matter of fact, on a previous occasion in the same tower and calling, as it happened, the same composition I did stop the bells in the last course because the bob had not been made properly. The difference between the two cases was that in that case the bells were wrong for half a lead, and in this for not more than a single change. What I meant was that since he had doubts about the peal he was right to say so. I had in mind the fact that other members of the band seemed to think, not unnaturally, that he was exceeding his rights and making unnecessary trouble.

And I did tell him that I intended to do nothing more in the matter. But as I knew, and he knew, that the band had just decided that the peal should stand, and that not I but another would forward you the report, clearly that meant just the opposite from what he suggests. I must not complain of being misunderstood, for I, on my part, certainly thought he had decided that he had done sufficient in making his protest, and also would do nothing more.

It would be altogether unfair to others if I let the impression go abroad that the report was sent, either without my knowledge or against my wishes. For quite ordinary reasons I did not send it, but I take the same responsibility as if I had.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

WHEN 'STAND' WAS CALLED.

Dear Sir,—With reference to Mr. Robert Fardon's letter in your last issue, I had the same thing happen in a peal attempt of Bob Major at Epsom, in which Mr. Fardon was taking part.

We had rung two hours, and at a certain point the bells should have come round with 5, 6 reversed, but the 5th dropped at the dodge, and rounds came up, and I immediately called stand.

I should have thought that the conductor of the Ealing peal would have done the same thing.—Yours sincerely,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Beddington.

PEALS IN THE FOUR KINGDOMS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to your note in 'Belfry Gossip' of to-day's date, I appreciate your kindly mention of my humble achievements, but I regret to note that an error has been made as to the name of the order to which my regalia appertains. The regalia is that of a 'Past Grand Fluke of the Antient Order of Anchorites.' This gorgeous regalia was presented to me by a fellow office bearer, the 'I.P. Benisoner' to wit. As to my being the fortunate wight to ring a peal in all the four corners of the kingdom in the shortest space of time, I do not ever remember having said so myself, although I am proud of having had the honour to call a peal in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales—a distinction, shared, I believe, by less than half a dozen, most of whom have far greater accomplishments in the art than I have. I have certainly rung a peal in the four kingdoms in less than twelve calendar months, but it must be borne in mind that I have unique opportunities of doing so. I hold, however, that a record should count from the date of ringing the first peal in the first kingdom, so I have taken thirty years to ring the four peals. However, I was very pleased when I had the pleasure of thanking friend Lindoff for allowing me to call the fourth and last peals of the series.

I have, by the way, seen that bullet scarred clapper and the bullet scars in the walls inside the ringing chamber at 'Pat's,' and walked home from practice when the music was 'great.' The only record of which I am proud, and it is, I believe, the only one I have, is the fact that I seldom cut a notch in my totem pole unless the note 'First peal' or 'First in the method' for some colt is in evidence.—Yours sincerely,

JOE DE MIDDLESBOROUGH.

Middlesborough, April 11th, 1924.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, 1200 Grandsire Doubles (10 callings), in 46 mins.: A. Thornton 1, W. Leaning 2, A. Tomlinson 3, J. Bray (conductor) 4, G. Robbins 5, T. Mann 6. Longest length by all the band except conductor. Longest length as conductor.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: S. J. White 1, H. B. Gardener 2, A. C. Langford 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville (conductor) 5, J. D. Buckingham 6.

WORPLESDON, SURREY.—At the Parish Church, on April 6th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: S. Pectter 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, G. Chandler (conductor) 3, R. Tickner (first with bob bell) 4, C. Heather 5, C. Slyfield 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, April 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, 728 Grandsire Triples: H. Prior 1, S. Meadows 2, G. Upshall 3, H. Kemp 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. A. King 8. Also 504 in the same method, conducted by T. Upshall.—For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: A. E. Le Clercq 1, S. Meadows 2, G. Upshall 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

IRETHLINGBOROUGH. — On Sunday, April 6th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 564 Bristol Surprise Major: N. Thomas 1, A. Perkins 2, W. Perkins 3, H. Chambers 4, A. Bigley 5, J. Ward 6, A. Y. Tyler (conductor) 7, J. Mawby 8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, with E. Shelton on the second. — For evensong, 448 changes Cambridge Surprise Major and 312 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Perkins, the Cambridge being rung to oblige R. C. Loveday, of Islip.

GRIMSBY. — On April 6th, 384 Superlative Surprise Major, for evening service: R. S. Long 1, J. B. Budd 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, S. Bromfield 4, F. Overton 5, H. Mingay 6, C. Taylor 7, F. Metcalf (conductor) 8. First touch in the method in Grimsby by an entirely local band.

Conductors of peals rung on Easter Monday are requested to post their reports to us the same night so that they may be inserted in our next issue.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 6th, for evensong, 576 Kent Major: W. Chambers 1, W. Upton 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott, junr. 4, A. Callaway 5, B. J. Snow (Ryde) 6, A. B. Ward (Ryde) 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8. Longest length in the method for 6th and 7th. Also 356 Stedman Triples.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 720 Single Court, in 24 mins.: J. Young 1, J. Betts (conductor) 2, G. Coleman 3, S. Bennett 4, W. E. Clarke 5, A. Bennett 6. First 720 in the method by all except conductor. The ringers of the 4th and 6th hail from Bicker; 2nd and 5th from Boston; 1st and 3rd of the local band.

ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE. — On Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, with 10 different callings: A. Large 1, C. Savings 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, F. Boswell 4, G. Hauds 5, J. Terry 6.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Bryon 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W. Buttler 8.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for Divine service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: S. C. Ryles (first 720) 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.—On Sunday, March 30th, 360 each of College Exercise and College Pleasure: H. Wibberley 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.

HATFIELD, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 9th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: S. Cull 1, J. Dunham 2, L. Shepherd 3, R. Richardson 4, H. C. Nobbs 5, D. W. Richardson 6, A. R. Laurence (first as conductor) 7, G. R. Richardson 8. This is the first quarter-peal by the junior members, the youngest being the conductor, aged 16.

ISLEWORTH.—On Palm Sunday, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: F. Goddard 1, G. Spencer 2, T. Beadle 3, E. F. Cole 4, W. H. Lidbetter 5, J. Milner 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, A. Beckensale 8.

Chislehurst bells will be reopened on Saturday next at 5 p.m. Ringing till 7 p.m. They will also be rung on Easter Sunday at 9.30 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. Practice will be resumed on Mondays at 7.30 p.m., from April 28th.

BATTERSEA.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, April 6th, for men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. N. Eyles (first attempt for a quarter) 1, A. E. Clark 2, E. Bish 3, C. F. Mitchell 4, H. H. Mance 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, L. Bayliss 8.

FAWLEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evensong, 1,008 changes Bob Major, in 40 mins.: E. Carter 1, R. Hickton 2, F. W. Turner 3, E. Joyce 4, J. Booth 5, F. J. Guy 6, R. A. Hickton 7, A. Joyce (conductor) 8.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for matins, on Sunday, April 6th, 720 Double Oxford: A. Booth 1, G. F. Lucas 2, J. W. Sharp 3, G. Mansfield 4, A. Mansfield 5, J. M. Gray (first 720 in the method as conductor) 6.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Triples: E. H. Kynaston 1, J. Hughes 2, R. Edwards 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. T. Hughes 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, T. Marshall 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Marshall 1, J. Hughes 2, H. T. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and H. T. Hughes.

PUTNEY, S.W.—On Sunday evening, April 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins., by the late G. Watson: C. Moody 1, H. G. Owen 2, S. Brown 3, H. G. Frampton (first quarter as conductor) 4, E. Cassel 5, J. Herbert 6, W. T. Elson 7, F. G. Edwards 8.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday morning, April 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: W. Henniker 1, A. Mills 2, F. Hodges 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6. This quarter-peal was rung on the principle of five 240's (as published by Mr. A. J. Pitman in 'The Ringing World'), with 60 changes extra to make up the 1,260. It is a welcome change from the old ten 120's.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, March 30th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. E. Large (first quarter-peal) 1, A. T. Scrivens (composer and conductor) 2, J. George 3, H. Jones (Aston) 4, F. W. Rishworth (Perry Barr) 5, F. Price (Aston), first quarter-peal, 6, W. Davies 7, S. Coley 8. Rung half-muffled to the memory of the donor of this recast peal of bells, Mrs. Mary Stephens, whose death occurred on April 2nd, 1923. The donor being aunt to Councillor R. E. Gelling, to whom sincere thanks are due for financially carrying out this grand restoration.

NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The bells at the Parish Church, Monk's Kirby, will be available for ringing on Saturday, April 26th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Hinckley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at West Lavington on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service 4.40. Tea at 5. Short meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, April 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Bells (8) from 2 p.m.—W. Farley, Hon. Sec., Mill Street, Wells.

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NOTICES. EASTER MEETINGS.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Annual meeting at the Abbey House, Bury, on Easter Monday. 11.30, Service in the Cathedral, with sermon by the Bishop. 12, Committee meeting. 12.30, General Meeting. 4.30, Tea, by kind invitation of Archdeacon Farmiloe, free to all sending me their names.—H. Drake, Ufford Rector, Woodbridge.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Pleasley on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells from 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. Meeting afterwards.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A general meeting of the Yorkshire Association will be held at Beverley on Easter Monday, April 21st. The peal of ten at St. Mary's will be available for ringing from 12 noon, while the famous ten at Beverley Minster will be available throughout the day. Further details on circulars.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

DEVON GUILD.—East Devon Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Seaton on Easter Monday. Service, Parish Church, 4.30. Tea, Corbin House, at 5 p.m., 1s. each. Members free. Meeting, Church Room, 5.30. All ringers welcome.—John H. Godfrey, Hon. Sec., Ottery St. Mary, Devon.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Robin Hood's Bay on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells available for ringing all day. A short service will be held at 12 o'clock noon, conducted by the Rev. H. Robson, M.A., Vicar of Robin Hood's Bay. Dinner will be provided at the Victoria Hotel at 1 p.m. Members 2s., non-members 3s.—J. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Cambridge on Easter Monday, April 21st. Ringing at Great St. Mary's (12), St. Andrew's the Great (8), the Church of our Lady (8) and Old Chesterton (6). Service a Great St. Mary's at 12. Address by the Rev. H. B. Woolley. Luncheon, followed by the business meeting and election of officers, at 1 p.m. Notices of motion to be sent to the secretary, who will be glad if district secretaries will let him know how many members from their branches may be expected.—Rev. R. Copeman, Hon. Sec., Owlstone Road, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Easter Monday, April 21st, at Nottingham. Ringing at St. Mary's (10) and St. Peter's (10) from 10 to 11.45 a.m. The committee will meet at 11.15 a.m. in the large vestry at St. Mary's Church. There will be a service at 12 noon (prompt) in St. Mary's Church. The address will be by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Mansfield. A luncheon has been arranged for ticket-holders at 12.45 p.m. at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road. Tickets: Members 2s., non-members 2s. 9d. each, to be ordered not later than the 17th April from Mr. F. Blood, 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham. The general meeting of members will be held at the Albert Hotel at 1.45 p.m. The towers of St. Mary's, St. Peter's and Basford will be open for ringing after 3 p.m. There will be a smoking concert at the Albert Hotel at 7 p.m. Artistes: The Weibeck Quartette and others.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Strathallan, Darley Dale.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Leatherhead on Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells ready 3 p.m. Short service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Subscriptions for 1924 are now due.—A. J. Trappitt, Dis. Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —A meeting will be held at Glossop Parish Church on Easter Monday, April 21st, when by kind permission the bells will be available from 2.30. Trains from London Road Station, 1.20 and 2.35 p.m. Fare 1/6. A good muster is requested. All ringers welcome.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday. The Cathedral bells available at 2 p.m., St. Peter's, 3 p.m. (owing to a wedding), St. Michael's and St. Stephen's any time by arrangement. Service at the Cathedral, 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. A. F. Robson, Vicar of Hemel Hempstead, followed immediately by tea and annual meeting at the Abbey Inst. Kindly inform the secretary if you are coming, so that he can make ample tea arrangements.—G. W. Cartmel, 'Duffield,' St. Albans.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Handsworth on Easter Monday. Bells available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. (business important). Tea (1/- each) at 4.30. Notification to be made to Mr. J. Garth, 205, Main Road, Handsworth, not later than Thursday, April 17th. Nominations for officers for the ensuing year to reach me by April 19th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at King's Lynn on Easter Monday, April 21st. The bells of St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas, and also St. Faith's, Gaywood, will be available. Luncheon at the Globe Hotel, at 1.30 p.m., followed by the general business meeting, which will be held in the Archdeacon's Court of St. Nicholas Church, at 2.30 p.m. Those intending to be present at the luncheon must notify the Secretary on or before April 17th. Tickets 2/6 per head, non-members 3/-. —Arthur L. Coleman, Secretary, High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Worcester on Easter Monday, April 21st. Business meeting in the Cathedral Chapter House at 2.30 p.m. prompt. Chairman: The Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, D.D., President. Service in the Cathedral at 4.15 p.m. Bells available: Cathedral (12) 1 to 2 p.m.; All Saints (10), St. Helen's (8), St. Nicholas (6), and St. John-in-Bedwardine (9). Subscriptions should be paid and reports obtained, in St. Helen's Church House between 12 noon and 1 p.m.—J. R. Newman, Hon. Sec., Sheepcote, Seven Stoke, Worcester.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting, North Collingham, Easter Monday, April 21st. Bells (6), recently recast and rehung, ready at 10 a.m. Cheap return tickets will be issued from Sheffield and Doncaster and intermediate stations. Trains leave Retford 9.50 and 11.58 to Carlton-on-Trent, and return 6.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m., Ferry across Trent, the bus will meet train and take you thither. Collingham South (5 bells) will probably be available. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec., 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Annual meeting will be held at Bedford on Easter Monday, April 21st. The bells of St. Paul's (10), will be available from 10 a.m. St. Peter de Merton (6), after the meeting. Service in St. Paul's at 12.30, to be followed by luncheon, and the annual business meeting for the election of officers, etc. Members of kindred societies will be heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

SWINDON PARISH CHURCH GUILD.—The new peal of 10 bells will be available on Easter Monday, April 21st, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon for the convenience of ringers in the neighbouring towns and villages who are not affiliated with the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. As the annual meeting of this Association will be held at Swindon, on Saturday, May 10th, it is suggested that members should defer their visit until then. Individuals and bands proposing to attend on Easter Monday should send their names to R. W. Hyner, 94, Bath Road, Swindon, Wilts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—A meeting will be held on Easter Monday at Bray Church, near Maidenhead. Bells will be open at 12 noon. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5. Will all who wish to come kindly inform the foreman? —J. N. Beale, 46, Boyne Valley Road, Maidenhead.

OTHER MEETINGS.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral, on April 22nd; important business meeting at 7.30 p.m.; ringing at 8.30; Southwark Cathedral on April 29th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W. 4.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 28th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the North Eastern Division of the Essex Association will be held at Langham on April 25th (Saturday after Easter). Service at 4.30. Tea following at the Gun Inn, Dedham. Will all those intending to be present please notify me by April 22nd?—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Owing to Queenborough bells not being available, the half-yearly meeting will be held at Hartlip on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5 p.m., conducted by the vicar of Hartlip. Tea will be provided at a small charge per head for all those who notify me on or before Wednesday, April 23rd. Half-rail fares up to 2/- will be paid to members.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m., Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 5.30, followed by business meeting. All those wishing to be present please let me know not later than the 22nd. — S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Ansdell (8 bells), on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 2.30. Business 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. E. P. Gough, Vicar of Nicholas, Chiswick. Tea and meeting to follow. A charge of 1/- will be made for tea, and it is essential that members requiring same should advise either of the undersigned not later than Tuesday, April 22nd. Important business includes election of officers and Central Council representatives. Ringing arrangements as follows:—Fulham (10) from 3.15 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Putney (8) from 3.15 to 4.45 and 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Waltham St. Lawrence on Saturday, April 26th, at 3 p.m. Service 4.15 p.m. and tea at 5 p.m.—Jos. White.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Amport on Saturday, 26th April. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45; 6d. per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than 19th April.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. District Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 26th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.30, at 1/9 per head. Members requiring tea must send their names to their branch secretary on or before Tuesday, April 22nd. Visitors to advise Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln. Please note that failure to comply with this request causes considerable inconvenience to those arranging the tea.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (meat), 1/3 per head, at the Greyhound Hotel. Business meeting to follow. As I have to guarantee the number for tea, only those who send their names to me by Wednesday, the 23rd, the latest, can be catered for. I should also like to receive all outstanding subscriptions at, or before, this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. District Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District, Stebbing Branch.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Stebbing Church on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will those intending to be present kindly notify the same not later than Wednesday, the 23rd, to J. T. Baker, Hillside, Stebbing?

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, April 26th (8 bells). Ringing commences at 3 o'clock. Meeting 5.30. A most hearty invitation is given to all ringers. It is hoped as many district members will attend as possible.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, April 26th, from 2.30 p.m. Tea arranged at Barman's Bakery at 5 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Tea can be arranged for those who intend being present if they will send me word not later than Wednesday, April 23rd. All ringers welcome. Will members please note subscriptions for 1924 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llanishen, near Cardiff, on Saturday, April 26th. Committee meeting at 3.45. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rushton (6) on Saturday, April 26th. Usual arrangements. Will all those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, April 22nd?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Stamford Road, Geddingdon.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 26th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—General meeting.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, at Leeds Parish Church (St. Peter's). Bells available from 3 p.m.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting of the Ladies' Guild, Midland District, will be held at Coseley Parish Church on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Tuesday, April 29th, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton ('Pepper Box') on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. G. R. Mortimore). Tea at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 29th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Swindon, Wilts, on Saturday, May 10th. Further details later.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's, Bristol.

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Easter, the greatest festival of the Church, is also the greatest festival of ringing in this country, and following upon the activities of Easter Day, Monday provided opportunities of which the majority of ringers availed themselves. As is usual, there were a great number of peal attempts, but this year no effort was made to put up any new records. Easter Monday is, however, chiefly important from the fact that it is the most popular day among ringing associations for the holding of meetings, and the delightful weather which prevailed on this occasion resulted in some of the best attendances on record. These bank holiday meetings serve an excellent purpose, because they enable practically all members to participate. Saturday or mid-week gatherings must have their limitations because business inevitably prevents one section or another from attending. But with the bank holiday festivals it is different. On these occasions there are few ringers who are prevented by business ties from attending, and, with a full day at their disposal, even those who live at a distance from the meeting place have an opportunity to be present. On Monday ringers certainly made the most of their chances, and the more important of the meetings were of a fully representative character.

While the business part of the proceedings on these occasions has, of course, considerable importance, it is not the only feature which brings ringers together. The social side has its natural attraction, for in many cases it is the one occasion during the year when old friends can meet. At the same time, it should not be overlooked that there is a duty attaching to membership. Every individual ought to feel pride and concern in the successful and capable management of his association, but he cannot complain, if he fails to take his part in the conduct of affairs. The annual meeting is the principal opportunity of discussing questions of policy and improvement, but the occasion is seldom taken advantage of by the ordinary member, who is generally content to leave all initiative to the officers. This is not always a commendable state of affairs, for active interest on the part of the members is an incentive to the executive to achieve progress, and is usually welcomed.

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* MRS. R. F. DEAL 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 8
ERNEST J. KING 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
ARTHUR J. NEALE 5	RICHARD F. DEAL 7 Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. o qr. 2 lb. in E.

WILLIAM H. FDSSELL ... Treble	FRANCIS E. DAWES ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 7
GEORGE M. HARRIS ... 3	*JOSEPH MILNER ... 8
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 4	ERNEST BRETT ... 9
CYRIL C. PEASE ... 5	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HANDSWORTH, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED. WATKINSON ... Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY ... 5
JOHN A. BREARLEY ... 2	HENRY WILSON ... 6
WILLIAM GODDEN ... 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY ... 7
JOE GARTH ... 4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOHN R. BREARLEY.

Ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 7th and tenor hail from Bolsterstone. The rest are local men.

IPSWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... Treble	HARRY R. ROPER ... 5
ROBERT H. BRINDLE ... 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 3	CHARLES PARKER ... 7
JAMES DURRANT ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. W. Ablitt.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE ... Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE ... 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 2	WALTER FARLEY ... 6
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	*ERNEST MORRIS ... 7
GEORGE FREEBRY ... 4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER (No. 33). Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Triples in the method as conductor.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ERNEST MORRIS ... Treble	*HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 2	GEORGE FREEBRY ... 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
WALTER FARLEY ... 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Triples in this method. The above two peals were arranged for Mr. W. Farley, of Wells, Somerset.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX. — On Monday, April 7th, 720 College Single Minor, in 30 mins.: W. Blee 1, J. G. Nash 2, T. Langdon (conductor) 3, H. Blee 4, M. Tensom 5, C. Ross 6. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 20, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Gregory,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JAMES BILBY ... Treble	SAMUEL J. HECTOR ... 5
RONALD BECK ... 2	CHARLES ANDREWS ... 6
JESSE FRANCIS ... 3	WILLIAM BAXTER ... 7
*WILLIAM LOUD ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ... Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in the method by the association by all the band, and on the bells. Rung at the first attempt. * Elected members before starting.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD GRINDLE ... Treble	GEORGE BAILEY ... 5
ALFRED KEEBLE ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 3	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 4	JAMES G. ROMSEY ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

First peal of British Surprise on the bells.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

*FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	SAMUEL CARDELL ... 5
*THOMAS ARROWSMITH ... 2	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
HAROLD EDWARDS ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4	*CHARLES MASON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. CRAWLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mr. J. E. Groves.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary and Edburga,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

ALBERT TANTON ... Treble	ALBERT CASTLE ... 5
KYRLE GORDON ... 2	GORDON WEBB ... 6
GEORGE COLLUM ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
STEPHEN BAKER ... 4	ALIC WEBB ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES GOODSSELL ... Treble	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 5
CHARLES CREASEY ... 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
*GEOFFREY H. HODSON ... 3	TRAYTON BOOTH ... 7
GEORGE MILLS ... 4	GEORGE KING ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. DAVIES

Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal with a changing bell.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT J. GREEN Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
*HERBERT E. TOMPKINS 2	*WALTER W. BONHAM 6
*THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 7
*EDWIN YATES 4	*FREDERICK C. CASE Tenor

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Triples. 50th peal by A. J. Green. First peal on the bells since augmentation to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

ASHTED, SURREY.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. 8 lb. in F.

JEFFERY R. GANMON Treble	ALBERT C. DARNELL 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ERNEST BRETT 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	CYRIL C. PEASE 7
FRANCIS E. DAVE 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY...Treble	ROBERT A. FARDON 5
*MISS R. G. HAWKSWORTH 2	HARRY KILBY 6
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
SAMUEL D. BREEZE... .. 4	J. WILLIAM FRUIN Tenor

Conducted by Miss PHYLLIS M. MOSS.

* First attempt for a peal. First attempt for a peal as conductor by Miss Phyllis Moss.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE... .. 5
JOHN T. SCOTT 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	*CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
*C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. A. H. Pulling and Mr. W. R. Melville. * First peal in the method.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

*JAMES A. WISDOM Treble	RICHARD HAYES 5
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE 6
*FRED. BOWDEN 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 4	HARRY MOLLARD... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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

SIX BELL PEAL.

ST. ALBANS, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM JEFFS Treble	*ALBERT E. HALSEY 4
ARTHUR TITMUS 2	FREDERICK JEFFS 5
SAM FARMER 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First attempt for a peal inside. Rung as a 'Reveille,' after the unveiling of the war memorial of the parish earlier in the afternoon. All except the conductor are members of the local company.

HANDBELL PEALS.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor G 18.

JAMES E. GOFTON 1-2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5-6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 3-4	R. ALDER GOFTON 7-8

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

Umpire: G. R. HOLMES.

This was the conductor's 200 peal, his 50th peal on handbells and 50th peal as conductor. He has also rung 50 peals on the tower bells of St. Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, where he is a local ringer.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, April 15, 1924, in One Hour and Forty-Four Minutes,
AT 52, CASTLEGATE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

W. A. JAMES 1-2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 3-4
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 5-6	

Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.

Witness: A. GOODWIN.

BICESTER, OXFORDSHIRE.
On Friday, April 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. NEALE, 27, MARKET SQUARE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob and three of Grandsire.

W. SCARROT 1-2	F. NEALE 3-4
E. HIMS 5-6	

Conducted by E. HIMS.

Umpire: E. A. CLIFTON

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FRANK CLAYDON 1-2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5-6
*WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3-4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7-8

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

* First peal on handbells.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, April 20, 1924, in One Hour and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. WHITEHEAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor size 10 in A.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1-2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4
LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6	

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD. Witness: MR. W. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Stedman. Doubles by all, and the first 'in hand' by the Association. Rung at the third attempt.

KNODISHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Good Friday, April 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

IN THE BRITISH LEGION HUT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 16 in A sharp.

ROY PILGRIM ... 1-2 | GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 3-4 | LEONARD W. BALE ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Witness: WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George Mayers.

KNODISHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Good Friday, April 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

IN THE BRITISH LEGION HUT,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

ROY PILGRIM ... 1-2 | GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5-6
NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 3-4 | ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... 7-8

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Umpire: LEONARD W. BALE.

Witness: WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

N. R. Bailey's 250th peal.

KNODISHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

IN THE BRITISH LEGION HUT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 16 in A sharp.

NORMAN R. BAILEY ... 1-2 | GEORGE H. CROSS ... 5-6
ALBERT J. LINCOLN ... 3-4 | LEONARD W. BALE ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

KNODISHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, April 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

IN THE BRITISH LEGION HUT,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 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
LEONARD W. BALE ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Witness: WILLIAM CHAPMAN.

* First peal of Royal.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION

SOUTH AND WEST DISTRICT.

A meeting was held on April 12th, at Norwood Green, where the peal of six were rung to Bob Minor and other methods during the afternoon. A service was conducted by the Rev. Thomas Parkes (Rector), Mr. Vicars being at the organ. After service, further ringing was followed by tea, and the usual business meeting in the Church Hall. The Rector presided, supported by Mr. A. R. Macdonald, and the vice-president (Mr. T. Beadle). Although the afternoon was boisterous, 26 sat down to tea, served by Mrs. Vicars. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector, organist, hostess, vice-president, Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Emmett. — The Ringing Master congratulated Miss P. Moss and Miss G. Baker on ringing their first peal of Grandire Caters at Hillingdon.

Heston tower was open for ringing in the evening, when the company was greatly increased, and the bells kept going till past 9 o'clock.

A meeting was held at St. Andrew's, Hillingdon, on March 15th. Several touches were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Vincent), with the organist presiding at the organ. Tea followed service which was served in the Church Hall by Miss Phyllis Moss, assisted by her mother and sister. The Vicar presided over the tea, and welcomed the society to St. Andrew's. A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, the organist, and the hostess and lady helpers for their kind assistance. Handbell ringing and more ringing in the tower brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

ROUNDS IN A PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal at South Ealing, I am sorry to say Mr. Trollope is misleading. When we finished that peal, I asked Mr. Trollope to tell us if he saw the rounds struck. He replied that the 2nd bell did cut down before the 3rd and 4th, and that it was a very fine point, etc., but he did not appear disposed to answer me in a straightforward manner, so I did not press that further. Of course, now I wish I had. However, during our parley afterwards I did pursue this question, and he assured me that rounds were rung at this blunder. He will clearly remember this, for when I said I distinctly heard the change, he replied, 'I don't trust to the ear, I go by the ropes.' Therefore, I will not hesitate to suggest that had Mr. Trollope made this perfectly clear in the first place he could have avoided this correspondence.

You will, sir, I feel sure, appreciate that I should not have brought this forward on my own word alone, and therefore I resent Mr. Trollope writing as he has done.

With regard to the following statement: 'In this connection it must be remembered that while Mr. Fardon was positive that the bells had struck rounds, others were equally positive that they had not done so,' this is quite incorrect, as Mr. Trollope knows full well. One of the band said I was wrong, but when I asked him if he saw or heard the change, he replied that he had not! The remainder also did not notice it, so since that is the case, they should have paid more heed to my statement, and had Mr. Trollope said what he should have said, they would no doubt have done so.

It should also be borne in mind that three bells were involved, for the change should have been 14325678.

Now, Sir, to be candid, why should I wish to object to my own performance if I had not a substantial reason for doing so? And, suppose I am at fault, why should Mr. Trollope agree that my objection was well founded? and why is it a very fine point? There is only one obvious answer, and one you will readily conclude.—Yours faithfully,

ROBERT FARDON.

MR. J. A. GOFTON'S 200 PEALS.

By calling a peal of London Surprise on handbells, Mr. J. A. Gofton has completed his double century in which there are some interesting features, not the least of which being the coincidence that this peal was his 50th on handbells and his 50th as conductor. The peals also include 50 on the tower bells at Whitley Bay, where Mr. Gofton is one of the Sunday Service ringers. The list of his 200 peals is as follows:—

	Tower Bells.	Cond.	Handbells.	Cond.
Little Bob Maximus	1			
Stedman Cinques	1		5	3
Cambridge Surprise Royal	1			
Double Norwich Royal	1			
Little Bob Royal		1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	2		2	
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1			
Forward Royal		1		
Bob Royal		4		1
Stedman Caters	15		15	1
London Surprise Major	22	7	6	3
Bristol Surprise Major	10	3		
Cambridge Surprise Major	7	3		
Superlative Surprise Major	15	2		
Premier Surprise Major	2	1		
Real Double Superlative Surprise Major	1			
Double Norwich Major	25	6	3	1
Double Oxford Major	2			
Kent Treble Bob Major	6	2	4	1
Shipway Major	1			
Bob Major	3	2	5	5
Stedman Triples	16	3	2	1
14 Surprise Minor Methods	1			
7 Surprise Minor Methods	8	1		
7 Treble Bob Minor Methods	1			
7 Minor Methods	8	3	2	1
Totals	150	33	50	17

PUDSEY SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—In an article in 'The Bell News' in 1915 on Cambridge Surprise, I gave the figures of the above method, not as 'mine,' but as (what it really is) a method which is got automatically as soon as you have understood the construction of Cambridge. Since this publication was several years earlier than any other claim, perhaps it will settle the ownership of the method. It does not belong to anyone.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMJER TROLLOPE.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE 1923 MEETING.

The third Session of the eleventh Council (thirty-first meeting) was held on Tuesday, May 22nd, at 11 a.m., in the historic Chapter House at Salisbury Cathedral, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter, sixty-two members being present.

The chair was taken by the President, Canon Coleridge, who opened the meeting with prayer. The Bishop of Salisbury, who attended with the Dean and the Archdeacon of Sarum, gave an address welcoming the Council. The President then expressed the Council's thanks for his words, 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 of absence were received from Mr. G. Bolland, Rev. A. H. F. Boughley, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. J. Carter, J. H. Cheesman, W. T. Cockerill, H. Haigh, C. H. Howard, J. Hunt, P. Johnson, E. H. Lewis, W. Lawrence, J. D. Matthews, T. Metcalfe, R. Narborough, A. Paddon Smith, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. R. Sharman, W. Storey, H. W. Wilde and W. T. Wright.

The Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. E. Alexr. Young, presented the financial statement, which showed that the year began with a balance at the bank of £74 10s. 8d., and that the present balance, after the receipts and expenditure of the year had been dealt with, was £76 18s. 7d. Having been audited in detail by the Standing Committee, the statement was, on the proposal of the Rev. H. Law James, seconded by Canon Elsee, duly accepted.

The Honorary Librarian, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, then read his statement, and referred to the loss of £2 15s. on sales of books and publications, also to the fact that there was no book for beginners. Mr. G. P. Burton called attention to some of the peals in the 'Collection of Peals' being false. Messrs. Cave, Trollope, Pulling and the Rev. H. Law James addressed the meeting, and it was agreed to have a printed slip for insertion, in reference to these false peals. On the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, the librarian's report was adopted. The Rev. F. J. B. Helmore was thanked for offering to present a copy of 'Campanology' to the library.

Mr. E. Bishop and Mr. J. S. Hughes (new members) were then introduced to the president.

The Honorary Librarian then gave a statement in respect to the 'Roll of Honour,' with which he had been instructed to proceed. He reported that he had written to the various secretaries, and the names for the roll now numbered about 1,100. It was for the Council to give him further instructions in the matter. After many suggestions and some discussion, it was resolved, on a motion, proposed by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, and seconded by Alderman J. S. Pritchett, that the wording of the 'King's Scroll' should be adopted as the preface, and that the names should be written in alphabetical order, followed in each case by the name of the tower and association with which the ringer had been specially connected—abbreviated where possible—and that the roll should conclude with the text, 'Their name liveth for evermore.' It was not considered essential that more than the title page should be illuminated, but that the writing should be good and of a permanent character.

It was also agreed that the roll should be bound in the best leather, and the Standing Committee, having already suggested the payment of £20, this sum, together with the whole proposal, was, on the motion of the President, carried, nem. con., and all details left in the honorary librarian's hands.

Election of Honorary Members. The retiring members were the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Mrs. Edwards, Messrs. J. George and H. W. Wilde. These were, on the proposal of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, re-elected.

Peal Collection Committee. The President read a letter which had been received from the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. As no other member of the committee could throw any further light on the present state of its work, a hope was expressed that a definite report would be forthcoming next year. The honorary secretary was directed to ask the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson to convene a meeting of the committee to that end.

Literature and Press Committee. Mr. W. Willson read a long and interesting report, and moved its adoption, which, being seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, was carried. Mr. G. P. Burton, of the committee, said that the press was now more friendly and sympathetic towards ringing.

Methods Committee. On the motion of the Rev. H. Law James, who stated that the final inspection of the collection of Plain Major methods was in the hands of Mr. E. H. Lewis, and that he, owing to exceptional pressure of business, had been unable to complete the task, it was agreed to leave the work, which was now practically ready for printing, over until next year, when also the cost of printing might be reduced.

Peals Analysis Committee. The Rev. A. T. Beeston read his report in full, and moved its adoption, which was seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried. The President expressed the Council's indebtedness to the committee for the labour they had expended on the report. (See further reference to this later.)

Towers and Belfries Committee. In Mr. E. H. Lewis' absence the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn spoke as to the year's work, especially in reference to the report issued by the Joint Conference with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and moved that the Council adopt the same. This being seconded by Major J. H. B. Hesse was carried. Canon H. J. Elsee expressed gratification that ancient and historic bells were receiving more care and attention under the auspices of the Council, and Major Hesse gave some interesting observations as to the advantages of ball bearings.

It was proposed by the Honorary Librarian, and seconded by Canon Baker, and carried, that the Council renounce any copyright it may have in the joint report with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

The President here said that the Rev. A. T. Beeston desired to revert to a point inadvertently overlooked, viz., the report upon method nomenclature. The Rev. A. T. Beeston moved and Alderman Chambers seconded its adoption, which was declared carried, whereupon considerable difference of opinion arose, especially as to 'College Single Reverse,' Rev. H. Law James moving, and Mr. J. A. Trollope seconding, the report being referred back. Mr. J. W. Parker and the Rev. A. T. Beeston having defended their attitude and several members having spoken, the Council adjourned for lunch. On resuming after the interval, discussion proceeded, the Rev. A. T. Beeston, Mr. G. P. Burton, Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rev. E. S. Powell, Messrs. J. A. Trollope and A. F. Martin Stewart speaking. One of the various suggestions was that the point should be adjourned for another year. Ultimately upon it being pointed out that the whole discussion was somewhat irregular, inasmuch as the report had already been adopted, it was proposed by Mr. W. Willson, and seconded by Mr. J. Parker, that the Council proceed with the next business, and this was carried by 28 to 20 votes.

Records Committee. The Rev. A. T. Beeston read the report of this committee, giving the progressive lengths rung and the records of first peals since the last Council meeting. The attention of the Exercise was directed to the necessity of claiming any known or believed record performances, when publishing the same. On the motion of the President, the report was adopted by general consent. It was proposed by the Honorary Secretary, and seconded by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and carried, that the collection be typed and kept by the honorary librarian for circulation amongst ringers.

Science Museum Exhibit Committee. The Honorary Secretary gave a general statement as to the position, and said that the committee had had a meeting with the officers of the museum, where a case and wall space had been allotted for the purpose of the exhibit, the nucleus of which was now formed. He proposed that a sum of £10 should be spent for a series of framed diagrams. Some difference of opinion arising, the Rev. H. Law James moved, and Mr. W. Cave seconded, that a copy of 'Standard Methods' be obtained and framed. An amendment by the Rev. H. Drake, seconded by the Honorary Secretary, that both the foregoing should be provided was lost by 27 votes to 17, the original motion being then adopted. Mr. W. Cave hereupon offered to print the diagrams, for which the President expressed the thanks of the meeting.

At this point it was agreed to defer the consideration of the card of instructions until later.

City Churches. The Rev. F. L. Edwards then briefly moved his motion, 'That this Council meeting expresses the fervent hope that no sanction will be given to any further demolition of the City Churches.' This, being seconded by Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, was strongly opposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, and supported by Mr. G. P. Burton, who protested against the latter's statement that most of the City Churches were worth nothing. As the motion did not relate to bell-ringing, Rev. Canon Baker said it was out of place, and he proposed the 'previous question.' Alderman J. S. Pritchett seconded the same, which was then put and carried.

First and Record Peals. The Rev. H. Drake moved: 'That this Council recommends that first or record peals should be rung for a society within the limits of that society's area.' He asked the meeting to allow it to be put in this positive form. The alteration having been agreed to, the Honorary Secretary seconded the motion pro forma. This, on being put, was lost by a large majority.

The Rev. H. Drake proposed '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.' 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 more bells, it is essential that the whole composition shall be "true."' The Rev. E. S. Powell seconded the resolution, which was carried nem. con.

Care and Use of Bells. The Honorary Secretary presented a draft of rules for a proposed card of instructions on the care and use of bells, suitable for hanging in a tower. This had been based in part upon cards issued by founders. He also read a part of a set of rules propounded by the Rev. H. Drake, when it was proposed by Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by Canon H. J. Elsee, and carried, that the draft first read be the basis of the card. Rev. H. Drake kindly offered to give £5 towards the card.

The next meeting of the Council being that held in London, it

was resolved to apply to the Dean of Westminster for the use of the Jerusalem Chamber, at the Abbey.

Mr. Cave gave notice of motion in respect to 'Spliced Peals.'

It was proposed by Mr. C. T. Coles, seconded by Mr. W. Willson, and carried, that the College Youths be congratulated upon their peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark Cathedral.

The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for letting the Council have the use of the beautiful Chapter House, and also to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild for the very special welcome which had been extended to them at this meeting of the Council. This was carried by acclamation. The meeting closed at 4.50 with a vote of thanks to the president.

A SHREWSBURY 'JUBILEE.'

On Saturday, April 12th, a few friends of the tower warden of St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, met to attempt a peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in honour of Mr. C. R. Lilley's 50th birthday, which occurred on April 8th. Messrs. Chapman and Page travelled from Manchester, T. Wilde from Hyde, H. W. Wilde from Eccleston, E. Jenkins from Warrington, S. Wood from Ashton-under-Lyue, and H. C. Spencer from Erdington. The last named very kindly made the journey at the last moment to fill a gap through a serious accident befalling Mr. B. Horton. Mr. Lilley travelled to Birmingham and back, a hundred miles, to get the band completed, and best thanks are due to Mr. Albert Walker for obtaining a ringer for the vacancy. The result of the attempt was a splendid peal, which, in addition to celebrating Mr. Lilley's 'jubilee,' was also a birthday commemoration for Mr. Sam Wood, the composer of the peal, who completed his 67th year on April 7th.

This was the first peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus in Shrewsbury. On December 26th, 1813, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was rung there by the Union Society, called by Richard Cross, and in which the renowned Samuel Lawrence took part. No other peal of Treble Twelve had been rung on the bells until last Saturday week.

After the peal the band were entertained to a meat tea in the Masonic Lodge Room by Mr. Lilley. Five of the band stayed the week-end, and met the young band at St. Chad's on Sunday morning, touches of Stedman Cinques, and Caters, and Double Norwich Major being rung. The Cinques was the first on the bells for Sunday service. Afterwards a touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung with members of the junior band taking part.

MORETON CORBET BELLS RECAST.

A DELIGHTFUL RING OF SIX FROM LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

The restoration of the bells at Moreton Corbet Church, which has been effected at a cost of over £500, was celebrated on April 9th by a service of praise, at which the Rural Dean, Prebendary the Hon. A. Parker, gave an address to a large congregation, prayers being offered by the Vicar, the Rev. E. C. Pigot. At the conclusion of the service the bells were rung by ringers from Market Drayton, Stanton, Wem and Shrewsbury, and many expressions of satisfaction were expressed by the hearers as to the delightful tone of the bells.

The bells have been recast and rehung with entirely new fittings, in new, strong and massive cast-iron framework scientifically designed so that the minimum amount of stress is placed on the structure of the tower.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., Loughborough. There is now a perfect little peal of six bells, the tenor weighing 9 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lb., and their tone is magnificent. The inscription on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.—The Rev. G. Dicken, Minister. John Rudhall. Fect. 1808. Recast 1924.

2nd.—Andrew Corbet, Esq., Lord of the Manor, gave me 1782. Recast 1924.

3rd.—Andrew Corbet, Esq., Lord of this Manor, gave me 1782. Recast 1924.

4th.—Recast 1924.

5th.—John Rudhall, Gloucester. Fect. 1808. Recast 1924.

Tenor.—The gift of Andrew Corbet, Esq., Lord of this Manor. Recast 1924.

There is to be placed in the tower the following inscription:—

The bells in this tower were given by Andrew Corbet, A.D. 1782-1808, and were recast and rehung A.D. 1924, by the patron, Gerald Vincent Corbet, and by his fellow parishioners, to the glory of God and in memory of Roland James Corbet.

Sir Gerald Vincent Corbet has generously contributed £400 towards the cost of the bells.

The visiting ringers were hospitably received and entertained by the Vicar.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The tenor at St. Mary-le-Tower Church, Ipswich, cannot be rung, through faulty bearings and gudgeons; therefore, no peals may be attempted until these have been repaired. It is hoped that the order to put work in hand will be given at the next meeting of the Parochial Council.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Clifford, of Beeston, Notts, celebrated their golden wedding on Easter Monday. Mr. Clifford has been a ringer at Beeston for sixty years.

The Midland District of the Ladies' Guild will not be able to hold their meeting at Coseley, as proposed, but will meet instead at St. John's, Deritend, on May 3rd.

We understand that two notices of motion with regard to the Nomenclature of Methods have been placed on the agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the Central Council.

James Pettit, one of the stalwarts of the College Youths for two generations, was born on April 25th, 1834. He died in 1912.

Among memorable peals rung on April 27th were 8,580 Stedman Cinques by the College Youths at Cornhill in 1861, 15,840 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 9 hrs. 12 mins., by the same society at Bethnal Green in 1868, and 8,896 Kent Treble Bob Major by the Cumberland Youths at St. Anne's, Highgate, in 1876.

The Cumberlands rang 10,112 Oxford Treble Bob Major at Edmonton in 6 hrs. 24 mins., on April 28th, 1800. Last year, on this date, the Midland Counties Association rang the 12,896 Cambridge Surprise Major at Stoney Stanton.

The first peal by the Cambridge University Guild was rung on April 28th, 1890.

A peal of Grandsire Cinques was rung at Leeds Parish Church on May 1st, 1842. There is a record in the belfry which states that it was rung in 3 hrs. 43 mins. 9 secs. Few peals are timed so exactly as this.

EASTER BELLS.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, completed the following restorations and additions, in order that the bells should be ready for the Easter festival:—

LEATHERHEAD.—Ten bells (tenor 19½ cwt.).—The 9th recast, the whole peal tuned and rehung in new frame and fittings.

ALL SOULS', HALEY HILL, HALIFAX.—The eight bells (tenor 25 cwt.) rehung in new frame and fittings. (This is the peal mentioned in Sottanstell's book.)

HENDON, MIDDLESEX.—Six bells (tenor 16 cwt.).—Treble, 2nd and 4th recast, the whole peal tuned and rehung in new frame and fittings.

MOORLYNCH, SOMERSET.—Six bells (tenor 18 cwt.). The 2nd, 4th and tenor recast. The peal tuned and rehung in new frame and fittings.

WITCHAMPTON, DORSET.—Five bells (tenor 10 cwt.). The peal rehung with new fittings in a new frame for six bells.

KIRKLINGTON, YORKS.—Three bells (tenor 9 cwt.). The treble and tenor recast and the peal rehung in new frame with foundation to take six bells.

HAYWARD'S HEATH, SUSSEX.—A single bell of 28½ cwt.

For the Moody Seminary, Northfield, Mass., U.S.A., a peal of eight bells (tenor 35 cwt.) has been cast. In this case, the tenor only is hung for ringing.

In addition, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have in hand the new recast ring of eight for Bridport, Dorset; a new ring of eight for Escrick, Yorks; also the rehanging of the bells at Ware Parish Church, Herts, and Frampton-on-Severn, etc.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Wolvey on Saturday, April 12th, members and friends attending from Bulkington, Croft, Coventry, Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Hinckley, Monks Kirby, Stony Stanton, Sapcote, Shilton, Wigston Parva, etc. The methods rung on tower bells included Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

The Vicar (the Rev. S. Morris) most generously provided tea in the Schools for all present, and this was followed by a business meeting, the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb) presiding.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (Vicar of Monks Kirby) was elected an hon. member of the association, as was also the Rev. S. Morris (Vicar of Wolvey). Four ringing members were elected.

The Rev. R. L. B. Oliver invited the ringers to try the bells at Monks Kirby, and this offer was unanimously accepted.—It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Broughton Astley.

A most hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Wolvey for the use of the bells and so kindly providing tea, was carried with applause, and a similar vote was passed to the ladies for their assistance.

The tower was again visited, and afterwards there was change ringing on handbells, and tunes by Mr. C. H. Webb and his sons, which brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT ST. ALBANS.

The 39th annual meeting of the Hertford County Association, which was held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, was one of the most successful in the history of the association.

During the day the bells at the Abbey and other churches in the city were rung, the visitors enjoying many touches. A service was held in the Abbey, and was conducted by the Rev. A. F. Robson, who also delivered an address. Tea followed in the Abbey Institute, and at the annual meeting the President, Mr. E. P. Debenham, presided, supported by the Dean of St. Albans (Dr. G. W. Blenkins), Mr. G. W. Cartmel (honorary secretary), etc.

Mr. H. E. Goodenough, of St. Albans, was elected president for the ensuing year, Mr. E. P. Debenham hon. treasurer, and Mr. G. W. Cartmel hon. secretary, whilst Major Guy M. Kindersley, M.P. for Hitchin, was elected as an honorary member.

The representative on the Central Council is again to be the Rev. H. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake. The hon. librarian, Mr. E. D. Levermore, was re-elected, and the district secretaries were appointed as follows: Messrs. P. R. Bacon (Northern), W. H. Lawrence (Eastern), C. H. Horton (Watford), W. Ayre (Western) and W. Nash (St. Albans).

Mr. Cartmel's annual report stated: This is the 39th report of our association, the 19th it has been my privilege to write, and my twentieth year as your honorary secretary. In many ways the year has been one of advancement. Thirty-two peals have been rung on tower bells and three on handbells, making a total of 34. They have been rung in 16 towers, with 20 different conductors. The tower peals comprise 4 of Superlative, 1 Cambridge, 1 London, 2 Kent Treble Bob, 2 Double Norwich, 5 Bob Major, 4 Stedman Triples, 1 Bob Triples, 3 Grandsire Triples, 1 Cambridge Surprise Minor, 5 Bob Minor and 2 in 7 minor methods.

I would congratulate Mr. Nash and his band at North Mymms on their peal of Bob Triples, in which seven rang their first peal, also the Hatfield band upon the great progress they have made during the year. The peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by the Barley band is a record for their tower, of which they may feel justly proud: they have also recently rung a 720 of Norwich Surprise and a 720 of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob spliced, probably the first to be rung in the county. Another interesting feature has been the ringing of a peal at the Cathedral to mark the 50th anniversary of the opening of the bells.

In the Watford Division Mr. Eden reports that things have been somewhat quiet in ringing quarters around Watford. The bands at Abbots Langley, Bushey Heath and Rickmansworth have made considerable progress during the year. Thanks to the energy of Mr. Maurice Hibbert, the Bushey Heath band have rung a fairly long touch of Grandsire Triples, and the Rickmansworth members a 500 of Stedman Triples. The district meetings have not been too well attended, but they have been extremely successful, especially one held at Rickmansworth. Mr. Eden has notified me of his desire to be relieved of his duties as district secretary. A reference to the minutes recalls the fact that Mr. Eden was elected for the West Herts District on the occasion of the division of the association into three districts at the Easter meeting, 1904. Except for a brief absence, owing to the exigencies of the war, he has continued the work up till to-day. We are loath to part with one who has shown such sterling worth, and accept his resignation with many regrets. In thanking him for his many years of service, we are sure he will not only cherish happy memories of the work it has been his privilege to carry on, but will ever remember the fellowship of the ringers themselves.

Mr. Bacon reports good progress in the Northern Division, although peals have been few. The practices and service ringing have been well attended. At Baldock quite a young company has sprung up, and their progress is excellent. Graveley band have mastered Doubles, and the Hitchin band now rank among the premier societies in the county. Stevenage shows signs of progress, and we hope soon to welcome them into membership. District meetings have been held at Barkway, Great Wymondley, Royston, Knebworth, Hitchin and Baldock, with gratifying success. At the kind invitation of the secretary, it was my privilege to attend the meeting at Hitchin, and to give the address in the Parish Church. The hearty welcome that was accorded to me will ever remain reminiscent of ringers' good fellowship. I also found that a ringer's wife is sometimes connected with ringers' teas, and that in Mrs. Bacon our worthy secretary possesses not only an expert in entering, but one who by her kindly acts has been conferring benefits to the ringers personally for more than twenty years. We thank her most heartily.

In the Western Division Mr. Ayre has fully justified the confidence placed in him last year. He has arranged four meetings, with an average attendance of 17. Two others were arranged, but had to be cancelled owing to local conditions. Mention must be made of the Hemel Hempstead band, who, with assistance, have scored two peals of Bob Major. Mr. Ayre is of opinion that greater co-operation is needed between adjacent bands, to enable greater progress to be made in the district. As Mr. Ayre possesses an infectious enthusiasm, I feel sure his wishes will be carried out.

An interesting footnote to a peal in his district notifies that our friend has added to his many responsibilities, that of a parent. As

the event was broadcasted into Lincolnshire, with similar peal honours, I feel sure Mr. Ayre is happy in the possession of a nucleus of a ladies' band.

Mr. W. H. Lawrence reports that Sunday service ringing has been well maintained in the Eastern Division, and definite progress has been made. Last year I commented upon the revival of the Braughing band, and it is pleasing to report that several members have since rung their first peal. A new band has also sprung up at Widford, and we welcome their membership into the association. Meetings have been held at Widford, Bennington, Hertford, Hoddesdon and Hunsdon, and from the secretary's minutes appear to have been most enjoyable functions.

Mr. Nash reports the holding of five meetings in St. Albans Division, one of which was held jointly at Kimpton and Wheathamstead, 6-bell towers. Although the attendance was not large at the latter places, it is the beginning of a good work, and I trust it will lead to further extension. The meetings at the other towers were well attended.

I would again acknowledge not only the association's great indebtedness to the district secretaries for their painstaking labours, but would add my personal tribute of thanks. Their work has been excellent, cheerful and accurate. I desire also to compliment them upon the increased number of services that have been arranged at their meetings, which has been most heartily welcomed by the various incumbents. It is now a pleasing feature at most meetings, and entirely due to their own initiative. The need has been expressed, and the committee recommended that a service paper be issued for district meetings, for optional use, and the Dean of St. Albans has kindly offered to give us his advice.

The committee met at St. Albans on March 1st, when the general welfare of the association was fully considered. One important point discussed was the clashing of district meetings, which has been raised by the Hitchin band. After full discussion, it was decided to ask the district secretaries to confer together to-day as to the fixing of provisional dates, the final arrangements being confirmed by correspondence. The secretary was also requested to insert in the annual report touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

Readers of 'The Ringing World' are conversant with the discussion on the subject of the naming of methods, and in this connection I have received a resolution passed by the St. John the Baptist Association of Leytonstone, asking for co-operative action by other 6-bell companies. I would recommend that we leave the matter in the hands of our Central Council representative. I personally think that some of the names appear ridiculous, but some very weird names appear in the book which has recently been presented to us.

There has recently been presented to the association by Miss Coombe, whose father was a member of the Cathedral Society, a very old book on ringing, called "'Campanologia,' or 'The Art of Ringing Improved.' With plain and easy rules to guide the practitioner in the ringing of all kinds of changes. To this is added great variety of new peals." It was printed in London by W. Godbid for W. S., and to be sold by Langley Curtis in Goat Court, on Ludgate Hill, 1677. The book is dedicated 'To the Honoured and to his much esteemed Friends, the Members of the Society of College Youths,' by F. S., 'a constant well-wisher to the prosperity (though an unworthy member) of your Society.' I have been in communication with the secretary of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in an endeavour to trace out from their members' list more about the author and the composer of the peals, both of whom, through modesty, only gave the ringing world their initials. Mr. Cockerill informs me that during the years 1655 to 1678, a period covering the publication of the book, four members bearing the initials 'W. S.' were elected; but he thinks that the dedicatory epistle signed 'F. S.' most probably stands for Fabian Stedman. I concur.

We have lost two honorary members during the year, Mr. Shillitoe, of Hitchin, and member for many years, and Mr. J. G. Williams, of Pendley, Tring. From the active list we have lost Mr. Frank Furr, of Hitchin, a very old member of the association, whose departure reminds me that he rang the third to a peal that I conducted at Hatfield, 36 years ago.

After all the kind words I have said I should like to have one grown on behalf of the district secretaries. Subscriptions become due to-day, and should be paid as soon as possible, certainly not later than next Christmas. Please do not leave payments in abeyance within a few days of the annual meetings. We need the funds each year if we are to carry on successfully.

In conclusion, let us thank God for all the benefits He has conferred upon us as an association, and as individuals, during the year. In the pursuit of our ringing we are blessed with increased vigour, both of mind and body: it is a necessary corollary to the successful carrying out of our duties in the belfry. If we realise His sovereignty, our services will be rendered with true thankfulness, and we shall find ourselves not only offering our meed of praise in the ringing of the bells for Divine service, but we shall instinctively take our place regularly with the congregation below, and join with them in prayer, thanksgiving and praise. This should be the hallmark of every ringer. It is a rightful ambition, one worthy of imitation surely by every ringer. Let it be the ambition of every member of this association. See that ye 'walk circumspectly,' as the

great Apostle puts it, from day to day. It is the solution of many difficulties which occur in our belfries. Let us never forget that our personal conduct exercises an influence in the shaping of the character, for good or bad, of the brother we meet in the belfry. So, as you return to your respective belfries, do so with a determination not only to excel in the proficiency of your art, but also endeavour to put into the fullest practice those higher qualities which belong to your calling in Christ Jesus, and worthily uphold the traditions of the association to which you belong.

BONVILSTON RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Alfred Hannington, late of Rumney, who passed away on March 27th, at the age of 56, after only four days' illness. The deceased was a regular Sunday Service ringer for the last ten years at St. Mary's, Bonvilston. He has been also one of the sidemen, and was people's warden for the last two years. He was devoted to the work of the church, and will be much missed in the belfry, the place he loved so much. He leaves a widow, four sons and one daughter to mourn their loss. Two members of his family are very enthusiastic bell ringers.

The funeral took place on April 1st, at the Parish Church, the service being conducted by the Vicar. Eight members of the local band acted as bearers, and carried the remains to their last resting-place just under the sound of the bells. There were many floral tributes, one from the local band. After the interment the bells were rung half-muffled as a last mark of respect.

PEAL TABLES AT SELBY ABBEY.

PRESENTATION TO THE CONDUCTOR.

At Selby Abbey, on Sunday evening, April 6th, a very interesting ceremony took place in the belfry, where a peal tablet of white Sicilian marble, with black Belgian marble background, has been erected to commemorate the peal of Grandsire Caters (5,003 changes), which was rung on Wednesday, December 26th, 1923, by an entirely local band. Before evening service, the Rev. Canon Solloway, D.D. (Vicar), with the churchwardens, visited the belfry, and in the presence of the ringers and a few friends, the Vicar, after a short prayer, unveiled and dedicated the tablet, which bore the inscriptions, as follows:—

Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers. — At Selby Abbey Church, on Wednesday, December 26th, 1923, in three hours and twenty minutes, a peal of Grandsire Caters (5,003 changes) was rung by R. Fenton (treble), J. W. Hall 2, F. Cryer 3, Arthur Cryer 4, H. S. Morley 5, T. Morgan 6, G. W. P. Fenton 7, E. W. Hinton 8, H. Fairlam 9, T. Strudwick tenor. Conducted by H. Fairlam. First peal of Caters on Selby Abbey bells by a local band. T. G. Hawdon, Bruce Gray, F. Wray, W. T. Everatt, Churchwardens. Canon J. Solloway, D.D., Vicar.

The Vicar said it was interesting to know that the Selby Abbey ringers had succeeded in ringing such a peal for the first time in the history of the Abbey. He thought it was very fitting for such a record to be placed in the belfry to bear witness of the interest and enthusiasm the ringers were taking in their work. They had stuck well together, and were doing splendid work by service ringing, which was heard not only by those who attended the church, but by others outside, calling them to the house of God. Continuing, he said he had another ceremony to perform, and that was to present Mr. H. Fairlam, the conductor of the peal, on behalf of the ringers, with a gold medal in commemoration of the event as a token of appreciation of his comrades for the work done on that interesting occasion. The medal was engraved on one side with bell, headstock, wheel, and monogram 'H. F.' and on the other side, 'Presented to H. Fairlam, conductor of first local peal at Selby Abbey, 1923.'

In acknowledging the presentation, Mr. Fairlam said it was like hitting below the belt, it had come to him as a great surprise. He should value the gift very much, not only for the record which it commemorated, but for the kindness and consideration of his fellow ringers, whom he wished to thank.

Mr. F. Cryer (captain), on behalf of the ringers, thanked Canon Solloway for performing the ceremonies, the churchwardens and friends for their presence. When he commenced as a ringer at the Abbey over 40 years ago, he said, there was no change ringing done. He introduced the change ringing, and now he was pleased to say that all the band were members of the Yorkshire Association, and had succeeded in conducting and ringing a peal of Grandsire Caters. They had many difficulties in his time, because, when a probationer got in the way of ringing a bell, he would leave the town, and then they had to start again. However, he was pleased to say they had a fairly good band at present.

The tablet is a splendid piece of handicraft, and is the work of Mr. T. Strudwick, who is one of the ringers.

OLD BOOKS ON CHANGE RINGING.

SOME RARE EDITIONS.

In 1895 the late Mr. Harvey Reeves issued a reprint of Stedman's 'Tintinnalogia,' 1668, from the office of 'The Bell News.' This was produced from an original copy belonging to the late Rev. Wm. C. Lukis, of Wath Rectory, near Ripon, in Yorkshire. Some time ago I inquired of Miss Lukis what had become of this book, and she informed me that her father lent it some man who never returned it. Possibly this was the said Mr. Reeves. I shall be glad if any reader of 'The Ringing World' can give me any further information about it, or of the existence of another copy in private hands. The late Dr. Raven, in his 'Bells of England' (p. 244), says: 'The first edition of 'Tintinnalogia' was anonymous, but was registered at Stationer's Hall by 'Fabyan Stedman.'—On the other hand, the title page of Reeves' reprint says: 'Printed by W. G. for Fabian Stedman at his shop in S. Dunstan's Churchyard in Fleet Street, 1668.' Dr. Raven further says: 'In 1671 appeared the second edition "Printed for F. S., and are to be sold by Tho. Herbert at his shop under the dial of S. Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street." I shall also be glad to hear of a copy of this edition, of which the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe says in his supplement to 'The Church Bells of Devon,' published in 1872, 'A fine copy of this edition is in the possession of W. Tite, Esq., M.P.'

Another book by Stedman styled 'Campanalogia, or the Art of Ringing improved,' was 'Printed by W. Godbid for W. S., and are to be sold by Langley Curtis in Goat Court on Ludgate Hill, 1677.'

In this same year John White published 'A rich cabinet with variety of inventions,' a portion of which contains 'Directions for Ringing the most usual peals that belong to that art.' This was 'Printed for William Whitwood at the sign of the Golden Bell in Duck Lane, near Smithfield, 1677.'

Under the title of 'Tintinnalogia, or the Art of Ringing improved,' he published the same portion on ringing in a smaller book without date, but which states on the title page, 'By J. White, Gent,' and 'Printed for G. Conyers at the Ring in Little Britain.' It also contains 'The School of Artificial Fireworks,' and 'The Art of Gardening.' Its date is believed to be about 1700, though I am inclined to think it is older than the larger publication of 1677.

'The School of Recreation,' first published in 1684 has a portion devoted to ringing; and a later edition of this book states that it was 'By R. H. London,' and was 'Printed for A. Bettesworth at the Red Lyon in Paternoster Row, 1732.' (See 'R.W.' No. 531, p. 286.)

Then follow the five editions of 'Campanalogia Improved,' by J. D. and C. M., members of the Society of London Scholars, the first, 'Printed for George Sawbridge at the three Flower-de-Luces in Little Britain, 1702'; the second, 'Printed for G. S., and sold by Henry Green at the Sun and Bible on London Bridge, 1705'; the third, 'Printed for A. Bettesworth and C. Hitch at the Red Lyon in Paternoster Row, 1733'; the fourth, 'Printed for C. Hitch and L. Hawes in Paternoster Row; and J. Hodges, near London Bridge, 1735'; and the fifth, 'Corrected by J. Monk,' and 'Printed for L. Hawes, W. Clarke and R. Collius, and S. Crowder, in Paternoster Row, 1766.'

These were followed by the 'Clavis Campanalogia,' by Jones, Reeves and Blakemore, 'Printed for the authors, and sold by T. Blakemore, No. 4, Darby Court, Piccadilly, and J. Bowtell, Cambridge, 1788.' Two subsequent editions without date were 'Printed for R. S. Kirby, Paternoster Row,' and 'Printed for Lougman, Rees, Orme and Brown, by J. Raw, Ipswich.' Both these editions appear to be from the same type, and are identical in every particular except the statements given above from the bottom of the title pages, and both have the same footnote to the last page, 'Ipswich, printed by J. Raw.' Some contemporary advertisements attached to a copy that I have of this last edition are dated December, 1819. The later works by Shipway, Hubbard, Thackral, etc., etc., are probably well known to members of the Exercise.

WM. G. PEARSON.

Henley Vicarage, April 14th, 1924.

CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

In connection with the Whitsuntide meeting of the Central Council in London, arrangements have been made by combined committees of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Royal Society of Cumberland Youths for social meetings to be held on Saturday, June 7th, at the 'Coffee Pot,' Warwick Lane, at 7.30; Sunday, June 8th, at the 'King of Denmark,' Old Bailey, at 7.30 p.m., and Tuesday, June 10th, 'Bedford Head Hotel,' Maiden Lane, W.C., 7 p.m.

Visitors to London for the holiday are advised to seek accommodation at the various hotels early owing to the congested state of London during the summer months.

W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

J. W. Cornford (hon. secretary Cumberlands), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LEATHERHEAD'S BELLS. BANK HOLIDAY ATTRACTION.

A happy transformation has been effected at Leatherhead, Surrey, by the tuning and rehanging of the peal of ten bells. Previously they were not an ideal ring, but a visit to the Whitechapel Foundry has resulted in a peal, which, heard from any position round the tower, are a delight to the ear. Incidentally it may be mentioned the bells are noisy in the ringing chamber, but that is a defect which can and will be remedied.

Leatherhead Church, dedicated to SS. Mary and Nicholas, stands upon the side of a hill overlooking a once sleepy old town. The main streets in these days, however, wear a very lively aspect, for through the town runs one of the highways that radiate from London, and on such a day as Monday, when all the world seemed to have taken to the open road, Leatherhead was a scene of great animation. But the church, just off the main highway, stands in a comparatively secluded spot, and although the scene all around must be strikingly different to that which prevailed when first there was a peal of bells in the old flint-faced tower, there is something peaceful and soothing in the building and its immediate surroundings, after the helter-skelter of the streets a hundred yards or so away.

In the church inventory made in the time of Edward VI. there were 'iiij belles in the steeple,' at Leatherhead; the same steeple that stands sentinel over the town to-day, for it reared its lofty head something like seven hundred years ago, a century after the church itself was built. Nothing more of the history of the bells is known until the year 1792, when there was a ring of six, on which on July 30th, a peal in seven Minor methods was rung, as the ancient board in the belfry still testifies. After this peal, a new ring of eight was put in, with a tenor of about 16 cwt., and these were placed in the tower on the 25th of August of the same year—a record of despatch which seems to make it doubtful whether they were really a new peal. If they were, it seems most unlikely that the previous ring of six were recast for the purpose.

After they got their eight bells, Leatherhead soon had a band of efficient ringers, for in 1795 'local performers' rang a 6,400 of Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by one Benjamin Simmonds, whose name appears on other boards as conductor more than twenty years later. In 1798 there was a 5,200 of the same method rung, and in 1808 10,080. This was on Whit Monday, and some of the present band still have unhappy recollections of the centenary peal attempt, which 'went west' through a rope slipping wheel and the bell setting up, after over three hours' ringing!

In the year 1816 T. Mears recast the whole of the bells except the third, fourth and fifth, which became the second, third and fourth in a heavier ring. These bells were supposed to have a tenor of about 21 cwt., but when put on the scale recently it was found to be 19½ cwt. In 1877 Warners recast the three bells which escaped the melting pot in 1816, and added two trebles to complete a peal of ten. The whole have now been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have recast, the ninth and tuned the rest, giving them greater resonance and effecting improvements in the harmonics which put the bells in a different class.

The rehanging has been done in a new timber frame, which, constructed of teak, is carried on four principals of Indian hardwood. The bells run in ball bearings, and their 'go' is perfect.

The dedication took place at a simple service held on Thursday of last week, conducted by the Vicar. The local men rang a few rounds during the ceremony, and as the congregation left the church, a well-struck touch of 270 Grandsire Caters. Afterwards, a similar touch, a course of Treble Ten and 287 Grandsire Caters were rung.

On Monday these bells formed an attraction for a large number of ringers, who, taking advantage of the meeting of the Surrey Association, made Leatherhead their Bank Holiday Mecca. Surrey men were there, of course, in force, and London sent a contingent, but there were also ringers from much further afield, Hampshire, Sussex and Middlesex being represented. Indeed there was rather a unique meeting of old Sussex ringers, for in the belfry at one time were George Williams and Jim Frossell, 'camrades in arms' at St. Peter's, Brighton, thirty years ago; George Paice, who at that time was among the stairwells at Crawley, and another, who shall be nameless, but who enjoyed the company and the help of these good fellows all those years ago. Another 'veteran' who was present, but of whom one hears little in these days, was W. W. Thorne, who rang peals of Cinques with George Newson and the Cumberlands years before many of these present on Monday were born. Tom Beadle was there from the other end of Middlesex, and a great many more, including a good sprinkling of ladies, whose names are familiar to the readers of these columns. It is impossible to mention all, but one was pleased to see that worthy, Thomas Miles, to whose unique record of ringing, reference was made last week, taking a rope in some of the touches. Arthur Dean, of burly form and genial mien, was 'Master of Ceremonies,' and he kept the hall rolling to a purpose. The belfry, though large, was crowded

throughout the afternoon, but none need have gone empty away—in the ringing sense.

The visitors joined in a service in the church, which the Vicar conducted. It was brightened by a number of hymns, and the Vicar gave a short but uplifting address. Afterwards there was a bountiful tea served in the Schoolroom, and a merry party gathered round the tables.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, at which ten new members were elected.

The Master of the Association (Mr. J. W. Drewitt, of Mitcham), was unfortunately unable to attend, owing to ill-health, and the hon. secretary was requested to forward an expression of sympathy from the meeting.

Reference was made to the presence of Mr. George Williams (Master and joint hon. secretary of the Winchester Guild), who, with the other visitors, was most cordially welcomed.

Mr. Williams spoke of his connection with Leatherhead forty years ago, and said that it was probably from Leatherhead that change ringing spread into the Diocese of Winchester.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar and organist, and the Chairman, in reply, expressed great pleasure in meeting the association, especially now that the bells were in good order. The restoration, he said, had been carried out mainly through the efforts of the local ringers.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Gainsborough district of the Northern Branch held their opening meeting of the year at Blyton, on Saturday, April 12th. There was a good attendance, members being present from Gainsborough, Stow, Messingham, Scotter, Brigg and Workop, in addition to the local ringers. The peal of five bells at St. Martin's were kept going in the methods of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman, also some well-struck rounds by the beginners.

A short service was held in the church, after which an excellent tea was provided at the Schoolroom.

At the business meeting, the following new members from Blyton were elected: Rev. E. S. Letts (honorary member), Messrs. P. Redfern, J. Redfern, C. Stevenson, E. Kirkland and E. T. Letts, as ringing members.

Stow was elected for the meeting in May, the date being left open.—Mr. F. F. Linley made some very interesting remarks on bell inscriptions, to be found in the various churches near Gainsborough.

A course of both Grandsire Caters and Triples was then rung on handbells by Messrs. W. T. Cooper, F. S. W. Butler, H. Morgan, C. A. Hewitt, J. T. Bartram, of Gainsborough, after which the tower was again visited, further ringing being enjoyed until about 7.30 p.m.

DEATH OF A PETERBOROUGH RINGER.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Walter Gamble Cross, of Peterborough, the sad event taking place on April 3rd, in the Peterborough Infirmary, at the age of 49 years. Mr. Cross underwent an operation on March 14th, and although it was considered serious, there were hopeful signs that it would be successful, but at the end of two weeks he had a relapse, pleurisy setting in, from which he did not recover.

Deceased was a native of Grimston, Norfolk, where he first learnt to handle a bell. He joined the Peterborough Parish Church company in 1908, and had been most regular in attendance in the belfry for service, ringing up to the time of his last illness.

He had rung twelve peals for the Peterborough and District Association, including Minor, Triples and Major, his last being Kent Treble Bob Major at Whittlesea on August 25th last year.

The funeral took place on April 8th, the first part of the service being held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Manvell) and the Rev. P. B. Spriggs (curate) officiated. The hymn, 'On the Resurrection morning,' was sung. The committal sentences were said by the Vicar at the New Cemetery, and several local ringers were present at the graveside. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the grave by V. E. Butler, T. R. Vaughan, F. T. Cooke and H. Beechey.

Muffled touches were also rung during the evening on the tower bells of St. John's and St. Mary's Churches.

A LONDON PEAL REHUNG.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston have just rehung the bells at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., and the first ringing on them since the completion of the work took place on Sunday, when, after evening-song, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by A. Cutmore 1, W. H. Wood 2, R. Dyas 3, J. R. Gammon 4, E. Brett 5, G. Shipp 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. W. Roberts 8. A course of Kent Treble Bob Major was also rung, with C. W. R. Grimwood and W. Hewett standing in.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on April 13th, 336 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, A. Bolton 1, J. Appleton 2, G. A. Peck 3, C. Pollard 4, G. Kemball 5, J. Wedgewood 6, F. Barker 7, R. Laughton (conductor) 8. First touch in the method by the local band.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, April 13th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: by the following: E. Turner 1, A. J. Skelding 2, H. Amphlett 3, William Smith 4, Geo. H. Pagett 5, C. W. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, G. Grazier 8. Longest touch for the ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th and tenor.

MERSHAM.—On Sunday, April 13th, for afternoon service, 1,056 changes of Bob Major: H. C. Castle 1, Miss Thomas 2, C. W. Everett 3, P. Page 4, A. C. Kay 5, E. Powell 6, E. S. Ruck (conductor) 7, T. Tabrett 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Markwell 1, R. E. Lambert 2, R. T. Lambert 3, F. White 4, W. Collison 5, S. H. Green 6, W. Latter (conductor) 7, R. Rush 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the brothers Lambert.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 576 of London Surprise Major: J. Woodberry 1, G. Davies 2, E. J. Brooks 3, K. Salter 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Davies 6, J. Smith 7, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. J. Salter 1, G. Davies 2, N. Davies 3, K. Salter (conductor) 4, R. Davies 5, J. Woodberry 6, J. Smith 7, J. Bennett 8.—For evening service, 448 London Surprise: J. Woodberry 1, N. Davies 2, G. Davies 3, K. Salter (conductor) 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Davies 6, J. Smith 7, E. J. Brooks 8.

MERSHAM, KENT.—On Easter Day, for matins, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering: G. Thomas 1, W. Earl 3, G. Paine 4, Miss R. Thomas 5, E. Ruck (conductor) 6, A. Gower 7, F. Finn 8.

ECCELESTON, CHESTER.—For evening service, on Easter Day, 720 Bob Minor: Sam Jones, junr. (conductor), 1. Sam Jones, senr., 2. W. Morgan 3, G. Jones 4, H. Thomas 5, H. W. Wilde 6, W. L. Salisbury (covering) 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at St. Mary Abbots, 1,279 Grandsire Caters: E. G. Locke 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, F. V. Sinkins 3, A. Cutmore 4, W. H. Wood 5, C. W. Roberts 6, A. V. Selby 7, G. W. Frayne 8, H. G. Miles 9, H. Dyas 10.

CHESTER.—On Sunday, April 13th, at the Church of St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: P. W. Norton 1, E. Harrison 2, R. Sperring (conductor) 3, A. Newell 4, F. Fox 5, J. W. Davies 6, G. R. Jones 7, H. Lewis 8. Mr. P. W. Norton belongs to Willesden.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for evening service, on April 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: E. Hancox (first of Stedman Caters as conductor) 1, W. Henley 1, J. J. Pratt 3, *Miss P. Moss 4, P. Jones 5, H. Folkard 6, *J. Bacon 7, - A. Harding 8. H. Gandler 9, W. Honor 10. * First quarter of Stedman Caters.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. White 1, M. Broomfield 2, G. Steele 3, R. Stredwick 4, F. Trusler 5, W. White (conductor) 6.

FREERING, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, for 7 and 11 a.m. services, two 720 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fisher 2, J. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, at St. Michael's Church, Bath, for the morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Temple 1, Miss N. Williams 2, H. Brown 3, T. Hogsflesh 4, T. F. King 5, A. Prince 6, A. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, G. Harding 8.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: Rev. W. H. Hellier 1, C. H. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, G. Williams (conductor) 6, W. T. Tucker 7, E. Dumper 8.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 360 Double Court: E. Mundy 1, G. Williams 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Edwards 4, W. T. Tucker 5, C. H. Giles 6.

MARKET DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Palm Sunday, 720 of Carlisle Surprise Minor: F. Otter 1, H. Hayes 2, A. Riggall 3, H. M. Day (conductor) 4, W. A. Day 5, G. H. Wells 6. First in the method by all the band. This brings the number of methods rung in this tower to 17.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, April 6th, for morning service, 704 changes Bristol Surprise Major: T. Blackburn 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, H. Burton 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, L. A. Goodenough 8.

KING'S LANGLEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, March 30th, for evening service, 294 and 168 Grandsire Triples: G. Perry 1, A. E. Dollimore 2, J. Lane 3, A. Hill 4, R. S. Cook 5, A. E. Rogers 6, W. Ayre (conductor) 7, F. Dollimore 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, April 6th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. W. Pannett 1, F. Fraser 3, E. J. Pannett 4, H. James 5, J. Hurrell 6, T. A. Easterby 7, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 8.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, April 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Shuker 1, H. C. Albrow 2, T. G. Hawkins 3, E. C. Hartley 4, W. Bateman 5, W. L. Gutteridge (first 720 as conductor) 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, at St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal, in 1 hr. 4 mins.: A. J. Neale 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, T. W. Taffender 4, H. J. Skelt 5, A. C. Darnell 6, J. R. Gammon 7, G. A. Card 8, W. J. Nudds 9, E. D. Smith 10.

NOTICE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on May 10th. Management committee meeting at King's Arms Hotel, Wood Street, at 3 p.m. Service at the Parish Church, at 4 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel, at 4.45 p.m., 1/- per member. The general business meeting will follow. The vice-president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Swindon) has promised to attend. Will members requiring tea kindly let me know by May 6th? The Parish Church bells will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the meeting is declared closed.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

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ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the North Eastern Division of the Essex Association will be held at Langham on April 25th (Saturday after Easter). Service at 4.30. Tea following at the Gun Inn, Dedham.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The bells at the Parish Church, Monk's Kirby, will be available for ringing on Saturday, April 26th, at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Hinckley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Street on Saturday, April 26th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Bells (8) from 2 p.m.—W. Farley, Hon. Sec., Mill Street, Wells.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—Owing to Queenborough bells not being available, the half-yearly meeting will be held at Hartlip on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3. Association service at 5 p.m., conducted by the Vicar of Hartlip.—Half-rail fares up to 2/- will be paid to members.—Fred. M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The annual district meeting will be held at West Malling on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3 p.m., Service at 5 o'clock. Tea, 5.30, followed by business meeting.—S. Hayzelden, Hon. Dis. Sec., Lower Street, East Farleigh.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Joseph's R.C. Church, Ansdell (8 bells), on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready 2.30. Business 6 p.m.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, April 26th. Service at 5 p.m., with address by the Rev. E. P. Gough, Vicar of Nicholas, Chiswick. Tea and meeting to follow. A charge of 1/- will be made for tea. Important business includes election of officers and Central Council representatives. Ringing arrangements as follows:—Fulham (10) from 3.15 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Putney (8) from 3.15 to 4.45 and 7 to 9 p.m.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17, W. H. Hollier, 29, Duke Road, W.4, Hon. Secs.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Beckenham on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea (meat), 1/3 per head, at the Greyhound Hotel. Business meeting to follow. I should also like to receive all outstanding subscriptions at, or before, this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ampport on Saturday, 26th April. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln, on Saturday, April 26th. Evensong at the Cathedral at 4.30. Usual ringing arrangements. Tea at the Co-operative Hall, Silver Street, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. per head.—F. W. Stokes, Hon. Sec., Blankney, Lincoln.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District, Stebbing Branch.—The annual ringing festival will be held at Stebbing Church on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers cordially invited. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, April 26th (8 bells). Ringing commences at 3 o'clock. Meeting 5.30. A most hearty invitation is given to all ringers. It is hoped as many district members will attend as possible.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Southam on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Short service in church at 4.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Will members please note subscriptions for 1924 are now due?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Llanishen, near Cardiff, on Saturday, April 26th. Committee meeting at 3.45. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Braughing on April 26th, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will be provided at 1s. per head. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Waverton on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting will be held at Saxmundham on Saturday, April 26th. Bells of Parish Church available afternoon and evening.—George Wilson, Hon. Sec., 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church on the 26th. All ringers welcome.—H. Stansfield, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for April: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 28th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on April 29th and May 27th. St. Magnus, on May 1st, 15th and 29th. *St. Michael's, Cornhill (special business relating to alteration of a rule), on the 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th; *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.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Tea at the Hatchet Inn at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea kindly inform me by April 30th.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District will hold their meeting at St. John's Deritend, Birmingham, on May 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Service in church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting. Will those requiring tea (1s. each) please notify Mr. C. Haynes, 439, Sandygate Road, Sheffield, not later than April 30th?—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea advise me by April 29th. It is hoped all members will try to attend.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — There will be a meeting of the above association at Wolstanton on Saturday, May 3rd. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 1.30. Service 4. Meat tea 5.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Abridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worle, near Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 3rd. Business meeting in Church House at 1.15 p.m. Cathedral service at 3. Preacher, the Dean. Tea at 4.30, members 6d., visitors 1s. Bells available: St. Martin's, St. Edmund's, St. Thomas' (8), St. Paul's, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton (6). — F. Llewellyn

Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Southwell Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 2 p.m. Ringers' service at 3 p.m. Tea at Saracen's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock. Meeting to be held in same room. Motor-cars, etc., can be stored in Bishop's Drive, cloak room provided. The grounds of the residence and Bishop's Manor will be open to ringers. Will all those requiring tea please advise Mr. H. F. Clulow, Easthorpe, Southwell, Notts, not later than May 1st? All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-street on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton ('Pepper Box') on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. G. R. Mortimore). Tea at 5.30. Please send word by Tuesday, April 29th.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eaton Bishop on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Schoolroom, 5.45 p.m., free only to those notifying me not later than April 29th.—C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — An extra meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, May 10th. The bells of the three churches are available. Tea in St. Oswald Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, May 6th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Bells not available on May 3rd, as previously arranged.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, at 1s. each. Please let me know all who are coming by May 6th. St. Andrew's bells open for ringing from 7.15 to 8.30, as well as St. Mary's. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Dale). Ringing to commence at 2.30. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 o'clock. Please look up Double Norwich, as we hope to have the pleasure of an introduction at this meeting. — C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

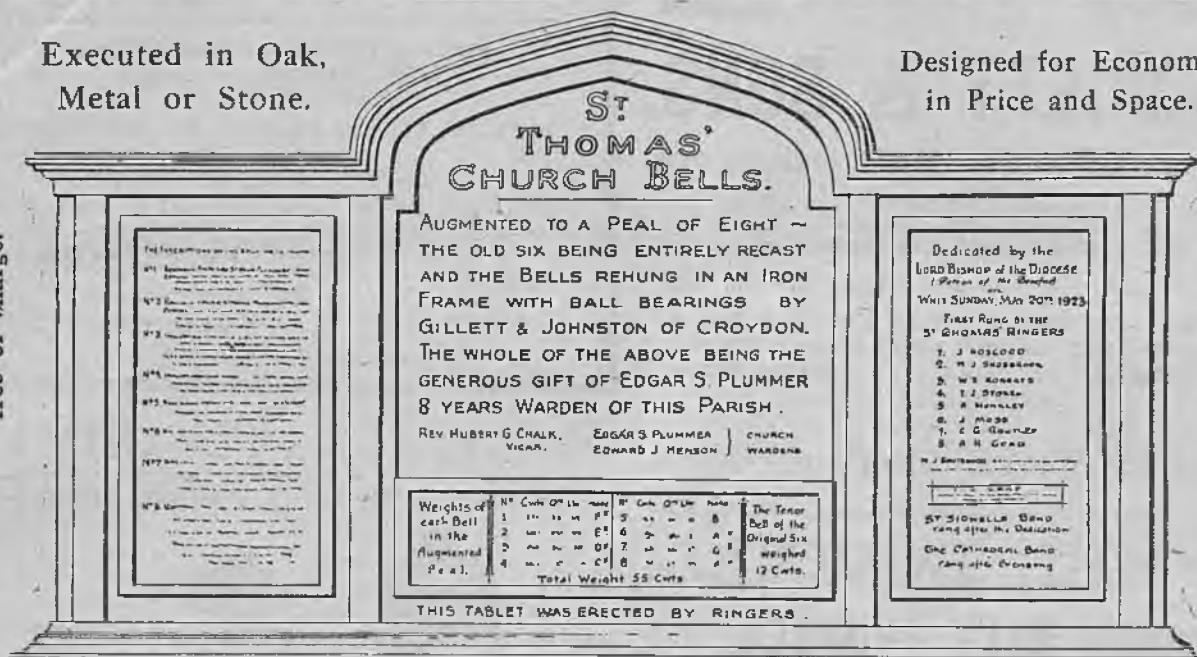
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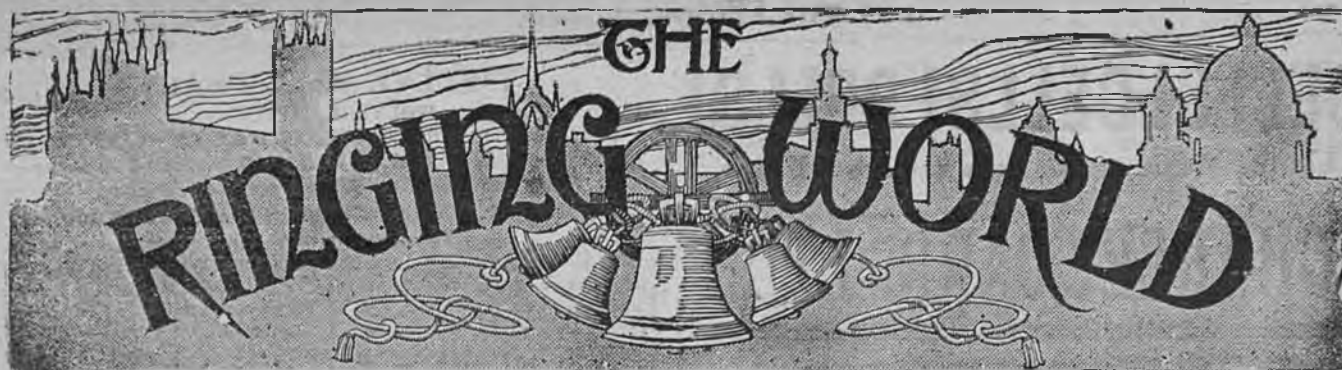
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It must be very comforting to the members, and particularly to the officials, to know that their funds are in such a satisfactory state, but some of those outside, whose balances are not so substantial and who see no present prospect of realising such a happy condition of things, may be inclined to look upon this affluence as the fox in the fable looked upon the grapes which were beyond his reach. We have heard the question asked, when association balances have been discussed, 'What is the use of hoarding up money why not spend it for the benefit of members?' True, these funds belong to the members, but it is a short-sighted policy which would dissipate a sound foundation for a fleeting pleasure for the members. It is a common practice to spend association funds upon teas or railway fares, and, so far as it goes, this is one way of encouraging ringers to attend meetings. We doubt, however, if this is the best method in which funds can be used to promote ringing, as distinct from assisting ringers.

There will probably be many dissentients from our view, but in our opinion it is the art and not the artists that ought to be first considered. Ringers, when joining an association, should ask themselves what can they put into it, rather than what can they get out of it? Yet the question is not infrequently put, 'What do we get for our two shillings?' It is a mean way of looking at things. Ringing associations are primarily founded for furthering the art, and this should be the first object of everyone who enters their ranks. The accumulation of a substantial balance is an initial step towards advancing ringing, for without funds little can be done. We have no doubt that the Midland Counties Association, when the time arrives, will utilise its financial resources with that care and regard for its future that we may expect from an organisation so well managed as it is at present. Its position is an eloquent tribute to the capable manner in which its affairs are conducted.

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On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

*JAMES E. LILLEY Treble	\$EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 7
†HERBERT KNIGHT 2	†WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 8
FRANK W. PERRENS... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER 9
HARRY M. HAWKSWOOD ... 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 10
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... 5	CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 11
JOHN PERRY 6	BENJAMIN GOUGH Tenor

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LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS ... 2	JAMES BULLOCK 8
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 10
JESSE B. TYLER 5	THOMAS LANGDON 11
JOHN H. B. HESSE 6	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 7
GEORGE S. MORRIS 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 8
ERNEST MORRIS 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
HAROLD J. POOLE 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE.

Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. The ringer of the 6th hails from Braintree, Essex, and was elected a life member before starting.

BRIGHTON SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 6
FREDERICK WHITE 2	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 7
JOSIAH D. HARRIS 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 8
FRANK HAIRS 4	ALBERT D. STONE 9
STAFFORD H. GREEN 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

FRED. HOPPER Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 6
WILLIAM H. HEWITT 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 8
ALBERT W. COLES 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

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First peal of Cambridge Royal in the county.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

LEONARD MANNERING ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 7
COL.-SGT. J. BENNET, R.M. 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 9
HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ... 5	JOHN WHEADON ... Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal on ten bells.

LICHFIELD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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On Tuesday, April 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

THOMAS RUSSAM ... Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 6
THOMAS H. REEVES ... 2	THOMAS MILLER ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 8
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	A. PADDOON SMITH ... 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5	WALTER FARLEY ... Tenor

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GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Winchester Diocesan Guild ... 2	
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... Surrey County Association ... 3	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Oxford Diocesan Guild ... 4	
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... Kent County Association ... 5	
WILLIAM MILLER ... Essex County Association ... 6	
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Bedfordshire Association ... 7	
FRANK SMITH ... Middlesex County Association ... 8	
WALTER AYRE ... Hertford County Association ... 9	
JOHN W. CORNFORD ... London County Association ... Tenor	

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Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

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On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*HERBERT GREENHALGH ... Treble	EDWARD JENKINS ... 5
GEORGE POWNALL ... 2	TITUS BARLOW ... 6
SAM GREENHALGH ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Superlative.

IDLE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON ... Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 5
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 2	FREDERICK SEAGER ... 6
*FRED. DAVISON ... 3	*WILLIAM FEATHER ... 7
*HARRY DAVISON ... 4	*HARRY FOSTER ... Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

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

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

J. S. WILDE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD JENKINS ... Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY ... 5
*GEORGE POWNALL ... 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... 6
*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	FREDERICK PAGE ... 7
HENRY C. COLLYER ... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

J. W. PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN W. GILMOOR ... Treble	JOHN WILKINSON ... 5
CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... 2	HENRY W. WILDE ... 6
WILLIAM BIBBY ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

LLANSTEPHAN, CARMARTHENSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FREDERICK E. STONE ... Treble	WILLIAM DOBBINS ... 5
RICHARD A. SLUMAN ... 2	JOHN W. JONES ... 6
DANIEL J. WILLIAMS ... 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN ... 7
ERNEST STITCH ... 4	ALBERT J. HATTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. PITMAN.

The ringer of the treble, 4th and 7th are from Aberavon; the 2nd, 3rd and 5th from Gorseiuan; the 6th from Newport, Mon.; the tenor from Neath. This is but the second peal on the bells, the previous one being rung in 1876 by the College Youths, who went down specially from London for the opening of the bells. Opportunity is here taken for thanking the local ringers for their welcome, and especially the Vicar for his kindness and hospitality after the peal.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores ten different callings. Treble and 2nd leading alternately every tenth part. Tenor 13½ cwt.

H. BURTON ... Treble	O. WOOD ... 5
MISS E. PACKHAM ... 2	S. FOORD ... 6
E. PIPER ... 3	G. PIPER ... 7
A. SIMMONS ... 4	A. BANKS ... Tenor

Conducted by G. PIPER.

First peal on the new bells. First peal by the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th ringers. First peal by members of the local band in this tower. Rung as a compliment to Mr. Fisher, through whose endeavour this tower now possesses such a splendid peal of bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK TUCKER Treble	ERNEST HIMBEST 5
GEORGE NEWMAN 2	CHARLES H. SONE 6
LEWIS NEWMAN 3	JAMES W. LEONARD 7
GEORGE BELL 4	DOUGLAS HILLS Tenor

Conducted by JAMES W. LEONARD.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss K. Sloman, daughter of the Vicar's warden.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

ROBERT T. LAMBERT Treble	ERNEST W. POWELL 5
MISS ROSE THOMAS 2	CHARLES W. PLAYER 6
EDWARD S. RUCK 3	HENRY C. CASTLE 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 4	HARRY PARKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells since 1899. First peal on the bells since rehanging. Rung as a compliment to Miss Rex Thomas on the occasion of her 21st birthday.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	WILLIAM THOS. LAST 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	ERNEST E. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*LEONARD SHAW Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
*JOHN A. BREARLEY 2	JOHN R. BREARLEY 6
SAML. HARRISON 3	GEO. HILL 7
ALBERT HELLIVELL 4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by GEO. HILL.

* First peal of Kent Major. First peal of Major as conductor. The tenor ringer has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

ANSTEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 5
*MISS MARY L. CUFFLIN ... 2	SIDNEY SHELTON 6
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
LAURIE JACKSON 4	ALFRED CUFFLIN Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on an 'inside' bell in any method, and first attempt.

BREWOD, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 22 cwt.

ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Treble	FRANK W. PERRENS 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	WILLIAM FISHER 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	*JOHN FERRY 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method.

WILLESDEN.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

REEVES' FIVE-PART, WITH SHIPWAY'S PART-ENDS. Tenor 10 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5
EDWARD LANKESTER 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
I. GEORGE SHADE 4	CECIL V. EBBERSON Tenor

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

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

On Wednesday, April 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM ASTLE Treble	WILLIAM GRIFFITHS 5
AUSTIN GREGORY 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	WALTER THOMAS 7
JOHN ROBERTS 4	ERNEST FLEET Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. John Roberts, who is going to Parbold, near Wigan.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, April 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty One Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints, Wandsworth, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM S. LANGDON ... Treble	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5
HERBERT LANGDON 2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 6
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

First peal in the method on bells. Rung to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Mr. L. Attwater's wedding.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.	Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lb. in E flat.
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... Treble	FREDERICK E. COLLINS 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM E. CHEATER 7
HERBERT PAYNE 4	REGINALD BROWN Tenor

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour and immediately after the wedding of Evelyn Myra, daughter of Canon and Mrs. Lovett, to Mr. T. H. Maroney, Indian Government Service, which was solemnised at the above church, of which Canon Lovett is Rector.

WEDDING BELLS.

At All Saints' Church, Staplehurst, on Thursday, April 24th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. E. R. Rope, of Staplehurst, and Miss G. L. Daniel, of Gillingham, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples and other touches were rung: H. Thirkell 1, F. E. Pope 2, Mrs. H. Baker 3, H. Baker 4, H. E. Head 5, J. W. Head (conductor) 6, B. Baker 7, C. Baker 8.

Mr. Pope, who will be missed by the local ringers, has been appointed headmaster of Horton Schools, Bucks.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, April 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
ERNEST E. GRIMES 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

Arranged to oblige the ringer of the tenor, who hails from Guildford.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT SHEPPARD Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
SAMUEL J. HUGHES 2	JESSE SCREEN 6
HARRY HUBBALL 3	REUBEN HALL 7
SAMUEL BAKER 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

First peal of Major on the bells, since their augmentation to eight. Quarterly peal for the above Guild.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

*FRANK E. DARBY Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 5
*STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY 2	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
GEORGE F. HOAD 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

First peal in the method as conductor. * First peal of Double Norwich.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 30½ cwt.

WALTER C. HUNT Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	WILLIAM WILLSON 6
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 3	L. WILLIAM JACQUES 7
WILLIAM A. JAMES 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY Tenor

Conducted by L. WILLIAM JACQUES.

First peal of Cambridge Major on the bells, and rung after meeting short for Caters. A birthday compliment to the conductor, and to Mrs. W. Willson.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH Treble	ALBERT FLEET 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	ALBERT G. MATTHEWS 6
ALFRED KING 3	EDMUND J. HOBBS 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by A. E. SHARMAN.

The visitors desire to express their hearty thanks to the Vicar and church authorities; and the local band for giving them the opportunity of ringing a peal on these beautiful bells.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Saturday, April 12th, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: A. King 1, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 2, A. Smith 3, T. Blackburn 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, T. Kendall 7, H. Walker 8.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
JAMES E. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON

HASLINGDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH Treble	JAMES H. BANKS 5
JOSEPH BANKS 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
THOMAS WALLWORK 3	LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS 7
ROBERT WALLWORK 4	BEN KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by BEN KNIGHTS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
*ALFRED S. BAYLEY 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 6
*JOHN H. RIXOM 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
WILLIAM D. WASE 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

First peal in the method. Mr. W. Saunders' 100th peal. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th were elected members before starting.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

A PEAL OF RUTLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	JESSE J. MOSS 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	CHARLES MASON 6
GEORGE LEWIS 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
BERNARD DITCHER 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

The conductor's 300th peal.

EDMONTON.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES V. HARE Treble	WALTER J. BOWDEN 5
*ALICE CUTLER 2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER 6
*MISS HELEN W. BILL 3	WILBY J. HAZELL 7
JOHN THOMAS 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by JOHN THOMAS

* First peal in the method.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE T. MITCHISON Treble	*FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
GEORGE F. SWANN 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
*RICHARD C. INGRAM 3	*WILLIAM DAVIES 7
OLIVER G. NORMAN 4	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Treble Bob, and first attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HINTLESHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLLS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*ALBERT GYNN Treble	HARRY MEE 4
WALTER BROWN 2	FREDERICK KINSEY 5
*LESLIE RIVERS 3	EDGAR RIVERS Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR RIVERS.

* First peal, and first attempt.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each Kent Treble Bob, Plain Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

CHARLES A. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	CHARLES ALLSOP 4
IVERNIA WADE 2	J. HAROLD SPENCER 5
WILLIAM BALL 3	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THE KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's, viz.: (1) Single and Double Court Bob, (2) St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob, (3) Cambridge Surprise, (4) Single and Double Oxford Bob, (5) Worcester Treble Bob, (6) Oxford Treble Bob, (7) Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

WALTER T. WILSON Treble	THOMAS BUTLER 4
MISS CECIL HEPBURN 2	THOMAS GARLEY 5
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Rung in celebration of the joy of Easter, and as a nuptial peal to Mr. Joseph Farby, a former member of the local band, and Miss Maud Smith, who were married at the church earlier the same day.

STOWE-BY-CHARTLEY.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*BERT A. J. YEATES Treble	WILLIAM H. JONES 4
†RICHARD J. WARRILOW ... 2	JOHN J. TAYLOR 5
ARTHUR H. TAYLOR 3	JOHN WARRILOW Tenor

Conducted by J. J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell.

DUSTON, NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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.

*ARTHUR ROBINSON Treble	ROBERT G. BLACK 4
*HARRY MARLOW 2	HARRY BAXTER 5
MISS KIRTY MOORE 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On Tuesday evening, April 8th, on the occasion of a Confirmation service, held by the Bishop of Stafford, 420 Grandsire Triples (Taylor's): S. Hughes 1, T. Tudor 2, A. M. Hickman 3, F. Montford 4, J. Clark 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, W. Weatherby 7, G. Hall 8. Also a 336 and 168, with W. Broadhurst and D. Green taking part, and 240 Grandsire Minor on the back six.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ in F sharp.

AUBREY LIVERMORE Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... 2	JOHN BURLS 5
HARRY ARGENT 3	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLS.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, April 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

*WILLIAM BETLEY Treble	ARTHUR LINTOTT 4
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
JOHN WILKINSON 3	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Minor. Arranged and rung in honour of St. George's Day.

PRISTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Oxford, and two 720's each of Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALEC MUNDAY Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 4
RONALD BECK 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
GERALD GRIFFIN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in more than two methods on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Four Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 7920 CHANGES;

Comprising two different 720's each of London, Wells, and Cambridge Surprise, Violet and Woodbine, and one 720 of Kent. Tenor 12 cwt.

HARRY WIBBERLEY Treble	WILLIAM C. LAWRENCE ... 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON 2	FREDERICK T. DAWSON ... 5
FRANK TRINER 3	JAMES WALLEY 6

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

This is a record length for the 'Stoke-on-Trent Association, exceeding the previous record rung at Wolstanton on April 21st, 1923, by 560 changes, in which peal J. E. Wheelton also took part.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

In THE TOWER OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 16 in B.

ERNEST J. KING 1-2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4	ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... 7-8

*GEORGE W. HARRIS ... 9-10

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

Umpire: WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON.

* First peal on handbells.

HERTS ASSOCIATION AT BRAUGHING.

A very enjoyable meeting was held at Braughing on Saturday last, and some good work was done to help and encourage the Braughing band, who are trying hard to revive the art which flourished in this Hertfordshire village two centuries ago. They are making substantial headway, and no fewer than eleven of the band were present at the meeting. Other members of the association were present from Royston, Hatfield, Ware, Widford, Great and Little Munden. The bells were kept going merrily all the afternoon and evening, and good practice was made in Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Triples, Treble Bob Major and Double Norwich, and it was felt that the real object of a meeting had been achieved.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT WITHIEL, CORNWALL.

On Easter Monday, at Withiel, near Bodmin, the dedication of a peal of six bells took place, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Stanley Windsor, R.D., with the Rev. F. W. Fuller (Rector). The service was most impressive, and was attended by a crowded congregation, including ringers from many parts of Devon and Cornwall.

After the dedication, the opening peal was rung by the ringers from St. Winnow, who were followed by ringers from St. Wenn, Lanivet, St. Erme, St. Minver, Blissland, St. Mabyn, St. Tudy, Roche, St. Columb Minor, St. Issey, St. Eval, and representative ringers from other towers. The day's proceeding included a luncheon, bazaar, tea and carnival.

All were highly pleased with the efficient work executed by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford, and the ringers pronounced the 'go' to be excellent.

THE PEAL AT IDLE, YORKS.

The peal rung on April 19th, at Idle, Yorks, was in honour of the marriage of Mr. Fred Kilsham, one of the local band, to Miss R. Skinow, which took place earlier in the day. To the bride and bridegroom the band wish every happiness.

It was also the 300th peal of Mr. Joseph Broadley on tower bells only. He is the first member to ring this number for the association.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Monday, March 17th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes), in 41 mins., with ten different callings: Frank Blewitt 1, Percy Bill 2, G. Terry (conductor) 3—4, J. W. Perry 5—6.

NORFOLK GUILD.**METHOD NAMES: MOTION IN FAVOUR OF REVISION.**

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at King's Lynn on Easter Monday. By kind permission of the Rev. J. Blackbourn the ring of ten bells at St. Margaret's, and the ring of eight at St. Nicholas', and also by the kind permission of the Rector of Gaywood, the Rev. H. S. Radcliffe, the ring of six bells at St. Faith's, were placed at the disposal of the members throughout the day.

Luncheon was served at the Globe Hotel, the President (the Dean of Norwich) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. J. Blackbourn (Vicar of St. Margaret's and St. Nicholas', King's Lynn), the Rev. H. S. Radcliffe (Rector of Gaywood, and Rural Dean of King's Lynn), Mr. G. P. Burton, Mr. W. L. Duffield, the general secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), and representatives from Fakenham, Gaywood, King's Lynn, Norwich, Terrington St. John, Tharston, Watlington, etc.

The business meeting was held in the Archdeacon's Court in the Church of Nicholas, the President being in the chair.

The Secretary submitted twelve nominations for membership, the last five being re-elections: Messrs. Jas. Henry Rapes, Ernest Alfred Bullock, John Robert Smith, Charles Henry Moore, George Revell, Lancelot Lawrence, Frank Stone, Stephen Daniels, Jesse Lawrence, Robert Etheridge, James Hill, Greak Shipp.—The President, on putting these nominations before the meeting, declared them duly elected.

The next item on the agenda was a motion on the nomenclature of new methods.—After a debate, in which several members took part, Mr. G. P. Burton proposed, and Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded: 'That this meeting of the Norfolk Guild is of the opinion that only selected topographical names should be employed in future in the nomenclature of new methods; that it is advisable that the Central Council should take control of method nomenclature, and revise existing names which are unsuitable.' The motion, on being put to the meeting by the President, was carried nem. con.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. J. Blackbourn for the use of the bells of St. Margaret and St. Nicholas' Churches, and also to the Rev. H. S. Radcliffe, for the use of the bells of St. Faith's, Gaywood.—The Rev. J. Blackbourn having had to leave before the close of the proceedings to attend another meeting, the Rector of Gaywood kindly acknowledged the vote, and expressed the pleasure he had had at being present at a meeting of the Norfolk Guild.

The secretary announced that the Whit Monday meeting would be held at Lowestoft.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

To-day is the anniversary of the first peal on record, a peal of Grandsire Bob Triples at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on May 2nd, 1715.

On May 5th, 1817, a peal of 12,312 Grandsire Caters was rung at Painswick in 7 hrs. 44 mins.

The first peal in Dorset (Grandsire Triples) was rung on May 5th, 1887.

In 1792, on May 7th, the peal of Grandsire Bob Maximus was rung. This was at Southwark Cathedral.

At Foxearth, Essex, a peal of 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on May 7th, 1888.

His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. G. R. Fardon has met with a painful accident. On Easter Monday, a box on which he was standing, tipped up, and Mr. Fardon fell against another box and fractured two ribs. We wish him a speedy recovery.

There was much ringing in London on St. George's Day. In addition to the peal at the Imperial Institute, the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral and Bow Church were rung by the College Youths. The Cumberlands were ringing at St. Martin's and St. Bride's, and there was also a wonderful service at St. Clement Danes, where the bells were also rung.

Mrs. Pennington Bickford, wife of the Rector of St. Clement Danes, and who is well known to ringers, has been appointed one of the churchwardens of the famous church in the Strand.

By an unusual coincidence, each of three brothers of the Lambert family, of Horsmonden, Kent, rang his 55th peal, when seven 720's of Minor were rung on Sunday.

ROUNDS IN A PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Many ringers would, I am sure, be interested to know why a 'peal' in which rounds are accidentally struck should be worse than one in which some other less noticeable row is repeated. Neither can be true, and logically both should be placed in the same category as a peal whose composition is false in the ordinary sense.

But what would become of our peal records then?

AN INQUIRER.

BELL WEIGHTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Chas. H. Kippin, in your issue of April 18th, touches rather a delicate question. What grounds has Mr. Kippin for the assertion that 'all the bells are weighed before being tuned'? And then his last sentence: Why need he infer that it was only 'in former days that bells were weighed without the clappers'? It has, I think, been commonly held, that in the good old days, bells were frequently weighed with the clappers. Surely it is not the practice of the best bell foundries to-day to charge otherwise than the nett weight of bell metal delivered.

I do not know to what extent the 'Mancroft' bells have been tuned. The tenor, however, has usually been described as a 'maiden' bell, and if so, would undoubtedly be all the better for a tune-up, as would likewise some of her fellows.

I am still inclined to think that the difference between the old and the new figures for the weights of the bells is sufficiently accounted for by the fact that until quite recent years foundries would not have had the scales to weigh the bells accurately.—Yours faithfully,

G. P. BURTON.

Manor House, Bracondale, Norwich.

PUDSEY SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did not intend saying anything more on this subject, but Mr. Trollope's letter calls for an answer from me. In my letter of April 11th, I stated when I produced and published 'Yorkshire' Surprise. Kindly allow me now to further add that the first peal was rung February 14th, 1903, and also that for 17 years afterwards no other company of ringers took sufficient interest in it to score a single peal.

Does not this show the beautiful apathy shown towards it. I myself pointed out to the Legitimate Methods Committee its qualities, stating that it was what 'Cambridge' ought to have been, instead of what it is, an 'Illegitimate Method.' Little or no notice was taken of me, which is proved by the fact that within the last two years, two expert members of that committee have stated in your columns, that 'Cambridge' was the only Surprise Method which would extend perfectly to the higher numbers. Those who make that statement know nothing of 'Yorkshire' and Pudsey. Now, I ask Messrs. Trollope, Dexter and Carter, in the name of justice, Who has the right to publish the figures of Reverse Yorkshire, except its first author in 1898? who is yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. MEMORABLE MEETING AT BEVERLEY.

The usual Easter Monday meeting of the Yorkshire Association was held at Beverley this year, and the hum of great bells filled the air, proclaiming to the inhabitants of the town in no unmistakable fashion, that a meeting of the Association of Change Ringers was being held. The great peal of ten in the Minster Church of St. John of Beverley, has a tenor 41 cwt. 1 qr. in C, while the peal of ten in the neighbouring Parish Church of St. Mary has a tenor of 34½ cwt. in D. Not often are ringers privileged to ring on two such peals of bells, and many visitors steered their way through their first touches on ten bells in various methods. The famous great Bourdon bell, weight 7 tons 3 qr. in G, is the same note as the sixth bell of the peal of ten in the south-west tower of the Minster, and at varying intervals during the day the great bell was swung while the peal of ten were ringing, the effect of the combination to the listening visitors being magnificent beyond description. The two churches attracted many sightseers, Mr. J. Waghorn, of London (now becoming a veteran, indeed), being among the many long-distance visitors.

A meeting of the general committee was held in the Girls' School, Minster Yard, at 2.30 p.m., and the general meeting should have immediately followed, but owing to the attractions of the Minster and St. Mary's Churches, and the bells in the towers thereof, the meeting had to be postponed until tea-time, when some 90 members sat down to a sumptuous meal.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the President (the Rev. C. C. Marshall), who was supported by the Rev. W. H. Rigge, D.D., the Vicar of Beverley Minster, and the principal officers of the association.

The President placed before the meeting the following alteration of general rules, notice of which had been given at the annual meeting at Hull in January, and asked the opinion of the meeting whether the motion should be proceeded with at this meeting, or postponed until the September meeting of the association. After a long discussion, it was moved by Mr. F. Salmsons, and seconded by Mr. W. Middleton, that the following alteration to general rules be placed before the meeting for decision: First, to delete Rule 8 and alter Rule 2 to read, 'The subscription for each ringing member shall be 2/6 for the first year, and 2/- for each subsequent year, this subscription entitling such members to a free copy of the annual report for the current year. All members, who were members prior to and including the year 1885, shall be entitled to an annual report at a charge of sixpence.'

It was further moved by Mr. A. Sellars, and seconded by Mr. J. W. Johnson, to alter Rule 3 by the addition of the following clause: 'That the general committee shall have power to appoint an hon. secretary for peals, who shall have a seat on the general committee, and who shall retire annually.'

A vote of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Rigg and the Rev. E. Hope for kindly granting the use of the splendid peals of ten at the Minster and St. Mary's Churches, respectively, was moved by Mr. P. J. Johnson, and seconded by Mr. F. Cryer.—In responding, Dr. Rigg said that Beverley would try to maintain the tradition set by his predecessor, Canon Nolloth, in taking a great pride in the splendid bells of Beverley, and in always extending a hearty welcome to the Yorkshire Association whenever they cared to renew their acquaintance with Beverley. In concluding a most kindly welcome, Dr. Rigg consented to become an honorary member of the association.

The President extended to Mr. J. Waghorn, of London, a hearty welcome, on behalf of the association, and expressed the hope that Mr. Waghorn would be spared to attend many more meetings in Yorkshire.

Further ringing in various methods, brought a most enjoyable day to a close, train time calling a halt to a most memorable meeting.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Chester Branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild was held at Waverton on Saturday, April 26th, and although the weather was somewhat stormy, the attendance was good, and the meeting was most enjoyable. The bells (6) were rung during the afternoon, when a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round. The Rector (the Rev. F. Willoughby-Jones) conducted the service, after which he invited the members to the Rectory, where an excellent repast was partaken of.

The business meeting was held after tea. The branch secretary read the balance sheet for last year, and after discussion, it was adopted.—Mr. H. W. Wilde proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness in officiating at the service, in providing such an excellent tea, taking the chair at the meeting, and extending such a warm welcome in every way.—The vote was seconded by Mr. A. E. Richards, and carried with acclamation.—The Rector suitably replied.

After the meeting, the tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going until 8 p.m. The final touch was a spliced 720 of College Exercise and Norbury.

BELLS OF EMPIRE.

ROYAL CUMBERLANDS MEMORABLE PERFORMANCE.

A privileged band of ten members of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths celebrated the opening of the British Empire Exhibition, at Wembley by His Majesty the King on St. George's Day by a peal of Stedman Caters on the 'Alexandra' ring of bells, hung in the lofty Queen's tower at the Imperial Institute, London. These bells very seldom rung, are one of the crowning glories of this noble building, which was built to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee, and intended as a binding link between the Colonies and the mother country.

There are few heavier rings of ten in the country than these bells at the Imperial Institute. The tenor is 38 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lb., and the total weight of the peal 158 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb. Down in the streets around the Institute they tell a wonderful tale, but the ringing chamber is too close under the bells, and the noise too great for the ringers to be able fully to appreciate their tones. The bells are in some respects unique. They were the gift of an Australian lady, and were opened in May, 1893, by a band of prominent ringers selected from all parts of the country.

Each bell was named after a member of the royal family, and has cast around it, in addition, the following: 'Elizabeth M. Miller gave me; the Loughborough Taylors made me.' On the 8th is also the inscription—

'The peal, of which this bell forms one, was, by special permission of the Princess of Wales, named after Her Royal Highness.'

Hence the bells are known as the 'Alexandra Peal.' The names inscribed on the bells are: Treble, Maud; 2nd, Victoria; 3rd, Louise; 4th, George; 5th, Albert Victor; 6th, Arthur; 7th, Alfred; 8th, Alexandra; 9th, Albert Edward; tenor, Victoria, R.L., 1837-1887.

The bells are hung over 200 feet above the streets below, and the ringing chamber is reached by a climb of 273 steps, the last 123 of which are up the spiral staircase within the tower itself. From the balcony just above the bells a magnificent view of London is to be obtained on a clear day.

The peal arrangements were made by that prince of organisers, Mr. W. H. Fussell, of Slough, but it was no simple matter, for the correspondence was carried on through various Government departments, the eventual permission coming from H.M. First Commissioner of Works himself. While ringing the peal under the auspices of the Cumberland Youths, an endeavour was made to make the band representative of as wide an area as possible, and the ten men who took part represented ten counties (when one of them had been elected to the Sussex Association), viz., London, Middlesex, Kent, Surrey, Sussex, Hampshire, Bucks, Herts, Bedfordshire and Essex.

The band were met by the custodian of the tower and Mr. Challis Winney, and, having 'submitted to the camera' beneath one of the massive lions guarding the main entrance, began the long ascent to the ringing chamber, which is a spacious but bare apartment, with the bells on the next floor above. The bells were raised and, after a few preliminary rounds, ropes were adjusted, and the bells went off into changes at 3.16 p.m. The 'go' was found to be better than had been anticipated, but the sway of the tower when the bells got into certain positions gave the men on the heavy end some hard work towards the finish, and when, at seven o'clock, rounds came up once more, not only was everyone extremely pleased at the success which had attended the effort, but no one had any desire for more, and the ninth and tenor men came in for hearty congratulations upon their performance.

Afterwards the party took tea together, and were joined by Mr. Ben Foskett and other old Cumberlands, while before a final separation took place, 'the Health of the Master of the Society,' who had called the peal, and of the organiser, through whose efforts the peal had been possible, was drunk.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held on Saturday, April 26th, at Llanishen, near Cardiff. The bells, a light ring of six, were raised about 3 o'clock, and kept going until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Rhys), who had the assistance of his wife at the organ. The excellent address touched on the history of bells, ringers, etc. A sumptuous tea had been very kindly provided by the Vicar and his wife in the Church Rooms, at which forty sat down.

The usual vote of thanks was passed at the business meeting which followed the tea. Several items were discussed arising from the minutes. Instructors' reports were dealt with, and also the item of 'Restoration and augmentations.'

It was decided that the next Glamorgan meeting be held at Bonvilston.

The balance sheet for the year was presented and passed, and several new members were elected.

The tower was afterwards re-visited, and the bells kept going during the evening, bringing to a close a most successful and pleasant meeting.

A DAY WITH THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

By W. W.

Glorious weather heralded the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association on Easter Monday, when all roads seemed to lead to Nottingham. Long before the town is reached, the castle, a frowning fortress of mediæval times, looms on the horizon, a silhouetted sentinel; reminiscent of the days when Robin Hood, Little John, and his rangers peered through the foliage of Sherwood Forest, mistrustful of the power that lay in the tower on the banks of the silvery Trent. Amusements other than bell ringing interested the lacemen on Monday, for the two 'soccer' teams were involved in football contests 'at home,' while a pleasure fair blared out its raucous 'music' unceasingly from morn till night. However, the bells of St. Mary's (likewise of St. Peter's) drew the attention of members more than the 'excesses' aforesaid, and both rings of ten were soon pealing out, and did their best to mitigate the din of the fair, not altogether unsuccessfully.

The committee meeting was held in the vestry of St. Mary's, when among the routine business was a resolution 'that the committee have power in special cases, to place old and indigent members on a free list of life membership.'

A grant was also made to North Wingfield for their Bell Restoration Fund. A sum of ten pounds was also allocated from the General to the Bell Repair Fund.

A ringers' service was held in the Parish Church (Pro-Cathedral) at noon, and was well attended—if we except those who stayed on to ring at St. Peter's—and to this end it might be well to close all ringing down during the time of service. The offertory, amounting to £1 18s., was added to the Repair Fund. The preacher was the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, M.A., of Mansfield, a ringers' parson all through, and one who can ring from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

Luncheon followed at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, those present including the President (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.), Mrs. Chambers, Rev. Canon Field, M.A., Rev. H. P. Hales, M.A., Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, the general officers of the society, with 85 members, including many ladies. After an excellent four-course lunch, the loyal toast was honoured, and then the business meeting was held. Commenting on the year 1923, Ald. Chambers paid a tribute to those members who had passed 'to that bourne whence no traveller returns,' reading their names from the report of the committee, and also referred to the huge number of honorary members, whose subscriptions were a valuable source of revenue.

Mr. A. C. Wright, hon. secretary, gave a resume of the year's peal ringing, and the list of membership, while Mr. W. Willson (treasurer) pointed out that the past year was the most successful in the annals of the association. From a financial standpoint at least, the M.C.A. was undoubtedly the premier society, the capital in hand approaching £200, while grants had been made to several church bell restorations during the year.

The 'retiring officers' were not allowed to retire, Messrs. Ald. Chambers, J.P., Mr. A. C. Wright, and Mr. W. Willson, being re-elected president, secretary, and treasurer, respectively, nem. con.

For the Central Council representation, the following were declared elected: Ald. R. B. Chambers (Derby), Albert Coppock (Nottingham), Pryce Taylor (Loughborough), W. Willson (Leicester).

Votes of thanks to the Vicars for the use of the various bells were passed, and responded to by the clergy present. En passant, it is not known whether the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson can sing, but he can most certainly tell a good tale, his humorous and original remarks keeping his hearers in a roar, and were worth broadcasting.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the local committee for their tireless work of organising the meeting, the luncheon, and the 'smoking concert' to be given in the evening, Messrs. A. Coppock and F. Blood, local secretary, responding.

As the members were free to adapt themselves to any amusement they desired until the concert, the meeting dispersed, some patronising the fair, others went to Basford Church, where the eight bells were open for ringing, while the two rings of ten in Nottingham were not long idle.

In the evening, the company met again in the same room for a 'smoker' and social, under the chairmanship of Mr. W. E. White, Mr. Albert Coppock's comrades, 'The Welbeck Male Voice Quartette' providing the bill of fare, which included some exquisite renderings of part-song music, both grave and gay, especially good was the harmonised 'Annie Laurie,' and also Sullivan's 'Lost Chord.' Mr. J. Warren (alto) gave 'The Coming of a Dream,' Mr. J. Bradley (tenor) 'The Carnival,' Mr. A. Coppock 'I'll Promise You' (baritone), while the Ilkeston Handbell band rendered 'Home, Sweet Home!' A course each of Stedman Caters and Cinques was rung, also three leads of Treble Twelve.

Miss Winnie Willson sang 'Little Brown Owl' and 'Smilin' Through,' after which Mr. W. C. Hunt thrilled his audience to the marrow with an interlude on the 'Oompah'—a fearsome instrument like a hooka pipe, the bowl of which would hold at least a quart!

There is not the least doubt that Mr. 'W. C. H.' is a clever exponent on this weird contraption. [At the moment of going to press, we are informed by the 'Society for the Suppression of Mysterious Noises' that the aforesaid instrument is not an 'Oompah' but a Saxophone.] And had the piano been in tune with the instrument the result would have been a thing of beauty and a joy for the biggest part of some time. As it was, emotion was plainly visible on the rugged features of some (who strove to hide it), and when the haunting melody of 'I love me' broke on the smokeroom air strong men wept! Gulping down their sorrow in a beaker of the best 'home-brewed.' However, all's well that ends well, and the scrivener who indites these lines was unfortunately called away before the end, for time and trains wait for no man, but everyone was satisfied that the Nottingham meeting of 1924 was an unqualified success, the local committee having left no stone unturned to make their visitors enjoy themselves.

The next meetings are arranged for Stavley, Hinckley, and Long Eaton, while the next annual gathering falls to Leicester, Easter Monday, 1925.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

RECORD ATTENDANCE AT ANNUAL MEETING.

Under ideal weather conditions the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Worcester Cathedral on Easter Monday. Members from all parts of the diocese attended, and created almost a record attendance. All bells available at city churches were going early in the morning, and methods from Grand-sire to the Surprises were indulged in.

The President (the Dean of Worcester), who presided at the fully attended meeting in the Chapter House, again welcomed members on their annual visit to the Cathedral mother church, and said he was proud of their fidelity. The Dean announced the bold step the Chapter had taken in offering free admission to all parts of the Cathedral to visitors, excepting the tower and crypt.

The secretary, Mr. J. R. Newman, presented the report and balance sheet, which were cordially adopted. The report shows 77 peals rung in 1923, one of Stedman Caters by officers of the association, conducted by the Master, Mr. W. Page. The accounts showed over £100 on the credit side for the first time in the association's history.—Mr. T. J. Salter was thanked for a new innovation included in the report of a 'Peals Analysis and Points Table,' which it is hoped will stimulate and encourage young ringers in the days to come.

The whole of the officers were re-elected, excepting the Rev. F. C. Champion representing the honorary members on the Central Committee. Mr. Robert Matthews was elected Master, Mr. W. Page retiring; Messrs. W. Short, T. J. Salter and R. Matthews were appointed representatives to the Central Council.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Page for his valuable work during his three years' service as Master.

A grant of £5 was voted to Selly Oak Bell Restoration Fund, and the usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

Members then attended the special service in the choir of the Cathedral, at which the authorised service prayers of the association were used. The service, a memorable one, will linger in the memories of those present. The solo, 'I know that my Redeemer liveth,' was beautifully sung by Master Siddington, one of the choristers. Then the choir sang the resurrection quartettes and choruses from 'Messiah,' during which the sun's rays flowed through the lofty windows of the choir and south transept, and seemed to say of a surety 'Christ is Risen.' The Cathedral organ is undergoing reconstruction and improvements, at a cost of about £5,000. The organist, Sir Ivor Atkins, accompanied the choir on a grand piano, by which the grandeur and greatness of Handel were never more exemplified in simplicity. One wondered which was the greater artist, the chorister or the great organist.

The sermon was preached by the Precentor, the Rev. Barrington Baker.

Tea was taken at the Central Restaurant, during which the Dean proposed 'Success to Worcestershire Association,' on that its 41st anniversary.—The retiring Master suitably responded.

After so long a spell of cold winds, and an almost sunless sky, Easter Monday, 1924, will long be remembered.

RINGING THE TENOR AT 80.

At Launton, Oxon, on Easter Sunday afternoon, Mr. William Foster commemorated his 80th birthday by ringing the tenor bell of the Parish Church through a 720 of Grand-sire Doubles. Mr. Foster is still very active, and continues his daily work. He can climb the long iron ladder, on the outside of the tower wall, which leads to the ringing chamber with the greatest ease. The ringers in the 720 were as follows: T. Marriott 1. H. Foster 2. F. Sharpe (conductor) 3. R. Castle 4. J. Massey 5. W. Foster 6. Mr. Foster has rung the tenor bell for over 40 years, and has been verser for the same period. He has been in Launton Church choir for 72 years.

PRESENTATION TO MR. CHALLIS F. WINNEY. RECOGNITION OF FAMOUS LONDON RINGER'S VALUABLE WORK.

At the close of the College Youths' business meeting on Tuesday of last week, the Master (Mr. R. T. Hibbert), in an appropriate and humorous speech, presented Mr. Challis F. Winney with an illuminated address and a cheque for £60, subscribed by members and friends from all parts of the country, as an appreciation of Mr. Winney's valuable work for the promotion of change ringing.

Amidst the applause of a large number of members who had met in answer to the 'special business' call, Mr. Winney, in his own characteristic style, thanked the Master, and through him everybody else who had taken part in 'this undeserved surprise,' as he called it.

Messrs. T. Faulkner, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, A. Walker, E. A. Young, W. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, A. Hughes, G. N. Price, Howell, and W. T. Cockerill, the committee responsible for carrying out this scheme, desire herewith to thank most heartily all who so kindly responded to the invitation to do honour to their highly gifted and much esteemed brother ringer.

The following is the wording of the address, which is a beautiful specimen of the artistic handwork of Mr. C. Scarborough, who has for many years entered the records of peals in the society's priceless volumes.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Established A.D. 1637.

TO MR. CHALLIS F. WINNEY.

We, members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and friends, desire to express our appreciation of your valuable work for this society and ringing in general, also the high standard you have always set throughout your ringing career of over forty years, and beg your acceptance of the accompanying cheque as a token of esteem and affection.

We heartily wish you many years of health and strength that we may have the benefit of your skill and ability in the art of ringing.

RICHARD T. HIBBERT,

Master.

April 22nd, 1924.

A FITTING APPRECIATION.

The recognition by the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths of the services rendered to ringing by Mr. Challis F. Winney is a fitting appreciation of one who has always stood for what is best in the practice of the art. Mr. Winney is known throughout the Exercise, for he has been, for more than forty years, actively participating in ringing, and he has been associated with some of the very finest performances. Although he is now advancing in years, Mr. Winney is no 'back number,' as witness his participation in the record lengths of Stedman Caters and Stedman Cinques rung within the last two years, and the fact that he still, upon occasion, calls Carter's Odd-Bell peal on handbells. As a Stedman ringer, Mr. Winney has no superior; indeed to the average man he appears to be a 'genius'; although he does not rank himself anything like so highly. In the belfry Mr. Winney is a stern master, and he is content with nothing but the best. Indeed, he has more than once stopped a peal on account of the striking, when most other men would have been content to let the bells go on. Challis Winney is no flatterer of men where ringing is concerned, and praise from him is praise indeed; but not a few ringers have heard from his lips some concise home truth as to their ability at the end of a rope. For all that, however, Challis Winney is among the gentlest and most kindly of men, and to know him is to respect and esteem him.

He was born at Nayland, Suffolk, on St. Patrick's Day (March 17th), 1858, the year of the great comet, he will remind you, and one wonders whether this has any relation to his genius as a ringer. Both his father and grandfather were crack six-bell ringers at Nayland. Mr. Winney came early to London, and began his ringing in a company that included John Murray Hayes, Ted Horrox, Dick French, and all the old school of College Youths. He rang his first peal at St. Gabriel's, Millicote, on Oct. 2nd, 1880—Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. M. Hayes. His first peal of Stedman Cinques was on the 18th of the same month at Southwark Cathedral, conducted by James Pettit. The first peal Mr. Winney called was Holt's Original on handbells, on March 21st, 1884, and this was umpired by John Cox, the ringers being Edwin Gibbs 1—2, F. T. Gover 3—4, C. F. Winney 5—6, G. T. McLaughlin 7—8. Before this, however, he had taken part in the then record length of Stedman Caters, the 11,111 rung at Fulham on December 8th, 1885. Among the long peals in which Mr. Winney has taken part in recent years have been the 12,160 Bristol Surprise Major at Knebworth in 1912, the 21,363 Stedman Caters at Anneton on April 22nd, 1922, and the 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark last Whit Monday. Mr. Winney has been, for a great number of years, a member of St. Paul's Cathedral company, and, although he has never, purely through his own retiring nature, passed through the College Youths' chair, he is one of its

most esteemed and valued members, and it was a delight to them last week to do him honour.

Mr. Winney asks us to thank all his brother ringers for their kindness, for he was taken so much by surprise that he did not adequately express his feelings, when acknowledging the gift.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Cambridge on Easter Monday. After a short service at noon in St. Mary's-the-Great, at which an address was given by the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Vicar of Long Stanton, dealing with the progress of change ringing and the more general recognition of ringers as church workers, and reminding them of their responsibilities and the need of punctuality, and other matters appropriate to the congregation composed of the Exercise, the members assembled for lunch at the Dorothy Cafe, at which the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey presided.

The business meeting followed, at which the hon. secretary read his report. During the year 16 peals had been rung on the tower bells, and nine, including one of Cambridge Court (the first by the association) and one of Double Oxford Major on handbells.

After some discussion, the meeting adopted the recommendation of the committee to postpone the printing of the report.

The officers were elected as follow: Hon. secretary and treasurer, the Rev. R. Copeman; auditor and representative on the Central Council, Mr. T. R. Dennis; district secretaries, Mr. A. E. Austin, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Mr. H. W. Giddings and Mr. W. G. Cross.

The Secretary reported that the new Bishop of Ely had consented to be president of the association.

Votes of thanks were passed to the incumbents for permission to ring, to the Rev. H. B. Woolley for his address, and to the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey for presiding.

Ringing was carried on during the day in various methods, and all were glad that the 7th bell of the famous twelve at St. Mary's-the-Great had been recast by Messrs. Taylor since the last meeting, so that touches of Caters and Maximus were possible.

SEVENTY YEARS A RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. JOHN GARFORTH, OF DEWSBURY.

The death has taken place at Eastborough, Dewsbury, of one of Yorkshire's oldest and most respected ringers—Mr. John Garforth, who was 76 years of age. For more than 50 years he was a familiar figure among ringers, not only in the Heavy Woollen District and Spen Valley, but in many other parts of the county.

He started bell ringing at the age of six, when a friendly sexton at Dewsbury Parish Church allowed him one day to toll the funeral bell. From this moment his interest never flagged, and by the time he had reached his teens was regarded as a fully-fledged ringer. When, in 1863, a peal of bells was installed at Batley Carr Parish Church, he and five others became the first regular ringers after a short period in which members of the choir carried out the duties of ringing people to church.

After 18 months at Batley Carr Mr. Garforth became a member of Dewsbury Parish Church Ringers, where he remained for more than 30 years. The last nine or ten years of his ringing career was at St. Peter's Church, Earlsheaton, of which place he was a native. At that time he was still a ringer at St. Peter's, but attended on Sunday evenings only on account of his advanced years.

Mr. Garforth was the last of the eight ringers who rang the first peal on Dewsbury Parish Church new bells in April, 1875. For thirty years he was a member of Dewsbury Handbell Ringers, attended regularly at the annual concerts at Belle Vue, Manchester, and assisted in winning many prizes for Dewsbury.

In ordinary daily life Mr. Garforth held the splendid record of over fifty years' service as an employe of Wormalds and Walker, Ltd. He was a kind and genial soul, and the respect and admiration of those with whom he had been most closely associated was reflected at the funeral at Dewsbury Cemetery. The following belfries were represented: Dewsbury, Batley, Birstall, Earlsheaton, Mirfield, Ossett, and Horbury. There were also many from the Social Club, of which he was a member. A course of Grandsire Major was rung on handbells at the graveside by Messrs. G. H. Hardy 1—2, Albert North 3—4, Sam Gibson 5—6, and Joseph Ruddlesden 7—8. In the evening muffled touches were rung on the bells at Earlsheaton.

NEW TREBLE FOR FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

On Easter Day, a new treble bell at Folkingham, Lincs, was heard for the first time, making a nice peal of six by Taylor & Co., Loughborough. The tenor weighs 13 cwt. Funds have been raised by public subscriptions, organised by Mr. C. T. H. Bradley.

St. Andrew's, Folkingham, has possessed a fine old peal of five for many years, the tenor, dating from 1676, by Norris, the 4th, 1761, also by Norris; the 2nd, 3rd and 5th being recast 1847 by Mears.

On Easter Day, touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Single Court and Oxford Treble Bob were rung by the Folkingham and Billingborough bands of ringers. The tone and 'go' of the bells were much admired.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AND COMPETITIONS.

The Four Shires Guild held their half-yearly meeting and competitions at Ebrington on Saturday, April 26th. Ringers were present from Campden, Moreton-in-Marsh, Ilmington, Aston-Cantlow, Wootton-Wawen, Quinton, Hampton, and the local band.

Competitions in 'rising and falling,' call changes, and method ringing took place in the afternoon, with the following results:—

Rising and Falling: Ilmington, 100 per cent.; Moreton, 100; Campden 91; Wootton-Wawen, 88; Quinton, 70; Aston-Cantlow, 20.

Call changes: Ilmington, 99; Moreton, 96; Campden, 95; Wootton-Wawen, 87; Quinton, 80; Aston-Cantlow, 45.

Method ringing: Ilmington, 100; Moreton, 100; Campden, 91; Wootton-Wawen, 90; Quinton, 50. The home band are not allowed to compete upon their own bells, but are awarded the average of the day's ringing, which was: Rising and falling, 80; call changes, 83; method ringing, 90.

A special service was held in the church at 5 p.m., when a most impressive address was given by the Rev. G. E. Hitchcock, Vicar of Campden. Afterwards about 70 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent meat tea, in the Schoolroom, which was provided by Ebrington friends.

At the close of tea a business meeting took place.—The Secretary presented his report and balance sheet for the year, and these were accepted.—The Secretary (Mr. H. Terry) was again elected to office, and Mr. H. Evans was re-elected treasurer.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. W. J. Guerrier (Vicar of Ebrington) for the use of the bells; to the Vicar of Campden for his inspiring address; to the judges, Messrs. Walter Large and James Hemming, for the able way in which they carried out their difficult task; and to the ladies who assisted at the tea.

The meeting closed with the hearty singing of the National Anthem.

Some excellent selections on the handbells were given by Mr. J. Hemming and his son, and were much appreciated by all present. The tower was then again visited, and the bells were kept going till nine o'clock.

STAVELEY RINGER'S DEATH.

By the passing of Mr. Henry Mottershall, on April 8th, after an illness extending over a period of nine years, the Staveley company has lost one of its oldest members, the deceased having been connected with ringing there for over 50 years. Mr. Mottershall, who was 68 years of age, was an enthusiastic ringer in his day, and it was a source of keen regret to him that during the latter part of his life he was unable to continue his activities in the belfry. He was a member of the Yorkshire and Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Associations, and had rung 32 peals.

The funeral took place on Saturday, April 12th, and was attended by the local company, some of whom acted as bearers. In addition there were also present Mr. T. W. Chown, of Sheffield (secretary of the Sheffield and Old East Derbyshire Association); and Messrs. P. Jervis and W. T. Palmer, members of the Eckington and Chesterfield companies, respectively. Half-muffled touches were afterwards rung, and the bells remained muffled for the following Sunday services. At the request of the relatives the handbells were not used at the graveside.

REOPENING OF CHISLEHURST BELLS.

These bells, after a silence of twelve months, were rung again on Easter Eve, Saturday, April 19th.

A service was held in the churchyard at 5 p.m., and at its conclusion the congregation entered the church, when the Rector (Canon Dawson) offered special prayers, and afterwards the bells were rung to a touch of Grandsire Triples. Touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise were also rung until 7 p.m.

Besides the local band, visitors from Dartford, Sevenoaks, Greenwich, London and Croydon, took part in the ringing, and all spoke well of the 'go' of the bells.

The work done consisted of strengthening the frame, quarter turning the bells, and fitting the clappers with buffers. It was carried out admirably by Mr. T. Groombridge, of Crayford, Kent.

RINGERS AT MONKS KIRBY.

A most enjoyable gathering took place at Monks Kirby on Saturday, April 26th, when ringers attended from Burbage, Croft, Chilvers Coton, Exhall, Hinckley, Nuneaton, Shilton, Wolvey, Wigston Parva, Monks Kirby, etc.

The bells were kept again till about 8 o'clock in standard methods, the Vicar taking part in the ringing.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver) invited all present to the Vicarage for tea, this being a welcome surprise to visiting ringers. Afterwards, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and his wife for their kind hospitality.—The Vicar briefly responded.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 720 Minor (360 Oxford Treble Bob and 360 Plain Bob): G. Balls 1, A. Worth 2, W. Leggett 3, H. Warn 4, C. Bower 5, E. Leggett (conductor) 6.

LITTLE HORKESELEY, ESSEX.—On Easter Sunday, for evensong, 600 Grandsire Doubles: G. Balls 1, A. Worth 2, W. Leggett 3, E. Leggett (conductor) 4, W. Warn 5.

SHREWSBURY.—On Easter Day, for early celebration, at St. Julian's Church, 720 Bob Minor: F. Lycett 1, C. Lee 2, J. E. Lilley 3, G. R. Newton (conductor) 4, R. Role 5, C. R. Lilley 6.—At St. Chad's, for morning service, on the back eight, 168 Stedman Triples; on the back ten, 287 Grandsire Caters, conducted by C. R. Lilley. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by J. E. Lilley, and 224 Bob Major, conducted by G. R. Newton.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Easter Day, for 7 and 11 a.m. services, two 720's Oxford Treble Bob: R. Porter 1, R. Fichery 2, J. Newman 3, G. Hayward 4, C. Rogers 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

GAINSBOROUGH.—On Easter Monday, at the Church of All Saints, a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major, in 50 mins.: H. Cooper 1, F. S. W. Butler 2, P. Noble 3, H. Torr 4, J. Dixon 5, H. Morgan (conductor) 6, W. T. Cooper 7, C. A. Hewitt 8. This was rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. C. A. Greensmith, of Gainsborough. It is the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells and by all the ringers.

BEVERLEY.—At the Minster, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, 539 Grandsire Caters: R. Owen 1, J. Waghorn (East Ham) 2, C. F. Lawes, R.N. 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. P. Bradley 6, A. E. Sellers 7, W. Gibson 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Waggitt 10.—For evening service, 629 Grandsire Caters: J. E. Constable 1, J. Waghorn (East Ham) 2, H. Ringrose 3, J. Braithwaite 4, F. Osgerby 5, C. G. Constable 6, A. E. Sellers 7, C. P. Bradley 8, W. Middleton (conductor) 9, G. M. Waggitt 10.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: L. Townley 1, R. Mitchell 2, T. Clement 3, W. Atkinson (conductor) 4, G. Horner (of York Minster) 5, F. Martindale 6, J. Thompson (formerly of York Minster) 7, R. Dennison 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Easter Day, for 7 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Goldstone 1, Miss Alice Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Adelaide Stokes 3, A. L. Gale 4, J. Nisbet 5, Miss H. Orchard (first quarter-peal with a dodging bell) 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. E. Colbourn 8.

WIGSTON MAGNA.—On Easter Day, at All Saints' Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: A. Ward 1, H. Carter 2, J. S. Carter 3, G. Deacon 4, F. W. Lloyd 5, W. H. Humberstone (first of Stedman as conductor) 6, W. Brewin 7, F. Ford 8. First quarter-peal rung by the local Sunday Service ringers. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 7th and 8th.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,288 changes), in 45 mins.: N. Dales 1, H. Mingay 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, J. B. Budd 4, F. Overton 5, Mr. Freeman (Spilsby) 6, S. Bromfield 7, C. Taylor (conductor) 8.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Kent, 15 bobs: S. Brooks 1, P. Webb (conductor) 2, L. Brooks 3, R. Clements 4, W. Flitton 5, A. G. Lilley 6.—For the 8 a.m. Holy Communion, 240 Bob Minor: G. Lilley 1, P. Webb 2, S. Brooks 3, J. Webb 4, R. Clements 5, A. Lilley 6.—For the 11 a.m. service, 240 Bob Minor and 144 Kent: F. Bowtell 3, F. Griggs 6.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss Humblecrofts 1, C. H. Humphrey 2, P. S. Thompson 3, E. Jennings 4, A. Hobden 5, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 6, A. Reid 7, W. Jenner 8.

THAMES DITTON.—On Easter Day, for the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): Miss C. Trapmore 1, W. Massey 2, G. L. Povey (Crawley, Kent) 3, E. Hawthorne 4, W. Tilley (first quarter 'inside') 5, R. Coles 6. Conducted by G. F. Adby.



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Carter Major.	Carter Royal.	Carter Maximus.
12345678	1234567890	1234567890XT
21354687	2135468709	2135468709TX
12536478	1253647890	1253647890XT
21563487	2156348709	2156348709TX
12654378	1265437890	1265437890XT
21645387	2164538709	2164538709TX
12463578	1246357890	1246357890XT
21436587	2143658709	2143658709TX
24163857	2416385079	241638507T9X
42618375	4261830597	42618305T7X9
24681357	2468135079	24681350T7X9
42863175	4286310597	42863105T7X9
24836157	2483615079	24836150T7X9
42381675	4238160597	42381605T7X9
24318657	2431865079	24318650T7X9
42136875	4213680597	42136805T7X9
41263785	4126308957	4126308T5X79
7 times repeated.	9 times repeated.	11 times repeated.
Bob.	Bob.	Bob.
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The first quarter-peal of the method was rung upon Mr. Carter's ringing machine on Friday, April 18th, as follows:—

1280 Major
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42135 — —
14235 — —
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Repeat.

The quarter-peal was rung at 277, Stanstead Road, Forest Hill, the residence of Mr. E. Alex. Young (secretary of the Central Council), who was present during the ringing. The time occupied was 43 minutes.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS. — On Tuesday, April 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. R. Partridge 1, T. Bettison 2, R. Huskisson 3, W. Allin, senr., 4, G. Allin 5, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for 1st, 3rd and 5th.

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DEATH OF MRS. J. W. WASHBROOK.

It is our sad duty to record that Mrs. Washbrook, widow of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of Manchester, has passed away, surviving her husband only by a little over three months.

The funeral took place on April 10th, when Manchester police ringers acted as bearers, and a course of Grandsire Caters was rung at the graveside by Messrs. J. Mellor, F. Page, S. Wood, J. Carter and H. Chapman.

NOTICES.

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SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Godstone on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Lwings, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tyldesley on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available 4 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Sherfield English on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells at 2.30. Tea at the Hatchet Inn at 5 o'clock.—W. T. Tucker, Dis. Sec., 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District will hold their meeting at St. John's Deritend, Birmingham, on May 3rd. Bells available 3.30. Service in church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James', Haslingden, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells ready at 3.30 o'clock. Meeting at 7. Subscriptions due. Reports to hand.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Ranmoor on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 2 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., to be followed by tea and meeting.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Sudborough on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. It is hoped all members will try to attend.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The annual spring meeting will be held at Chipping Norton on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (8) available 1.30. Service 4. Meat tea 5.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worle, near Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Salisbury on Saturday, May 3rd. Business meeting in Church House at 1.15 p.m. Cathedral service at 3. Preacher, the Dean. Tea at 4.30, members 6d., visitors 1s. Bells available: St. Martin's, St. Edmund's, St. Thomas' (8), St. Paul's, Britford, Coombe Bissett, Dinton (6).—F. Llewellyn Edwards, Hon. Sec., Kington Magna Rectory, Gillingham, Dorset.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Southwell Cathedral on Saturday, May 3rd. Tower open at 2 p.m. Ringers' service at 3 p.m. Tea at Saracen's Head Hotel at 5 o'clock. Meeting to be held in same room. Motor-cars, etc., can be stored in Bishop's Drive, cloak room provided. The grounds of the residence and Bishop's Manor will be open to ringers. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Chester-le-street on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Tipton ('Pepper Box') on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells from 3 o'clock. Short service at 4.45, with an address by the Vicar (Rev. G. R. Mortimore). Tea at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eaton Bishop on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Schoolroom, 5.45 p.m.—C. Edwards, Dis. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 4th, 10 a.m., Monday, 12th, 6.30 p.m., Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 5th, 7.30 p.m. A special quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, the 12th. Ringing at 6.30 p.m. Meeting to follow at headquarters.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Hallford Street, Essex Road.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Swindon on May 10th. Management committee meeting at King's Arms Hotel, Wood Street, at 3 p.m. Service at the Parish Church, at 4 p.m. Tea at the King's Arms Hotel, at 4.45 p.m., 1/- per member. The general business meeting will follow. The vice-president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Swindon) has promised to attend. Will members requiring tea kindly let me know by May 6th? The Parish Church bells will be available for ringing from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., and after the meeting is declared closed.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankard's Close, St. Michael's Hill, Bristol.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) available 4 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Cawthorne, Saturday, May 10th. Tea will be provided for those applying to C. D. Potter, 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open 3 o'clock. Tea provided at a reasonable charge for those notifying me by Wednesday, May 7th.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Church Street, Frodsham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service at 5, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 10th, at Stoke Gabriel. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please inform me on or before May 7th.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—An extra meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, May 10th. The bells of the three churches are available. Tea in St. Oswald Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head. Those intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, May 6th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Bells not available on May 3rd, as previously arranged.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, at 1s. each. Please let me know all who are coming by May 6th. St. Andrew's bells open for ringing from 7.15 to 8.30, as well as St. Mary's. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Dale), on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing to commence at 2.30. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 o'clock. Please look up Double Norwich, as we hope to have the pleasure of an introduction at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, May 10th. Service, with an address by the Rev. W. Lea, R.D., at 5 p.m. Tea will be provided in the Village Hall for those who send me their names by the Tuesday previous. The bells will be available.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Gt. Hampton, Evesham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. sharp. Service at 6 o'clock. Will members requiring tea please advise me by the 8th, and oblige W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15?

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Much Marcle on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, business meeting following. All ringers invited. Kindly notify to J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than May 7th? A good attendance is requested.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mottram on Saturday, May 10th. Tower secretaries please send number attending to Miss Ada Sidebottom, Church Brow, Mottram-in-Longdendale, by Tuesday, May 6th. — J. P. Fidler, Branch Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Stisted on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available all day. All ringers cordially invited. Service at 4.15 p.m., after which tea in the Institute. All those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. H. F. Cooper, Red Lion, Stisted, Braintree, not later than May 8th. Bus leaves Stisted for Braintree 8.45 p.m.—W. H. Dyson, Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th. St. Magnus on May 15th and 29th. *St. Michael's, Cornhill (special business relating to alteration of a rule), on the 6th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 8th; *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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on May 17th at the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park. Tower open 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Every ringer will be welcomed.

GLOSSOP PARISH CHURCH.—The official opening of recast peal of bells will take place on May 17th. Hearty invitation to all. Ringing from 2.20. Tea 1s. 3d. Visitors wanting tea please send word by May 14th to E. Malkin, Sheffield Park, Glossop.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome. — W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

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'ROUNDS' IN A PEAL.

The question whether 'rounds,' when it occurs through an accident in the ringing of a peal, should invalidate the performance, is a matter of considerable interest to the whole Exercise. Point is given to this matter, of course, from the discussion upon what recently happened at Ealing. So far as that particular peal is concerned, there seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether rounds actually did occur two courses from home, and no one but the ringers concerned are in a position to settle the point. But it does raise an important question of principle. Our correspondent, "An Inquirer," put the whole matter concisely, yet adequately, in his letter last week, when he asked why a peal in which rounds is accidentally struck should be worse than one in which some other less noticeable row is repeated, and added that neither could be true, and, logically, both should be placed in the same category as a peal whose composition is false.

In general practice, we believe, 'stand' is called when rounds unquestionably turns up, from whatever cause, before the end of the peal. Ringers, or the majority of them, do this, because 'rounds' is looked upon as the finish, and anything that is rung afterwards is in the nature of another touch. In this sense, therefore, rounds in the internal portion of a peal is treated as being in a different category to other 'accidental' changes, and there is good ground for so doing. It is quite true that, in a peal of Triples, for instance, the occurrence of rounds, through a mistake on the part of a ringer, would make the peal no more false than would any other change accidentally repeated, yet there is about 'rounds' a recognition of finality, which, in the ordinary view, brings the touch to an end.

If we refer to the 'Rules and Decisions' of the Central Council, we find that the only ruling which affects this question is the one which states 'that any shift or error in ringing (shall) be immediately corrected.' Under this decision, it is manifest that the accidental occurrence of rounds before the end of a peal is condoned so long as the mistake is at once put right, that is, that the bells are not allowed to continue in what is, really, a wrong coursing order. In view, however, of the rapid strides which are being made in peal ringing, we imagine many ringers will agree that the rule requires strengthening, or, shall we say, amplifying. At present the word 'immediately' is sometimes loosely interpreted, and to some ringers we have heard of may mean anywhere before the next course-end. That kind of acceptance of the term was never intended by the Council, and in these

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days, when peals are so easily attained, it would be well if the Council turned their attention to tightening up the rules. At the same time they might add an expression of opinion, if they are unable to go to the extent of laying down a decision, on the particular question of 'rounds.' They may like to say that this row, however it occurs in the body of any peal on seven bells and upwards, should invalidate the performance, or they may express the opposite view. But some opinion on the subject might well be added to the existing definitions of what constitutes a peal.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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On Tuesday, April 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	*JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 7
FREDERICK DICKENS 2	ALBERT WALKER 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	A. PADDON-SMITH 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
THOMAS MILLER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rang as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Carter and Mr. Albert Walker.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	*ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 6
†THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	GEORGE A. CARD 7
†ERNEST J. KING 3	†JOSEPH MILNER 8
JAMES GEORGE 4	WILLIAM BERRY 9
*JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5	EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Bob Royal. J. R. Gammon's 50th peal.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	THOMAS F. KING 6
JOSEPH T. DYKE 2	SYDNEY HILLIER 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	WILLIAM R. BAXTER ... 8
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On Saturday, April 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED. HODGSON Treble	ERNEST LAWSON 5
HARRY POPPLETON 2	ERNEST BETTS 6
ALBERT MARSHALL 3	*FRANK HAMPSHIRE ... 7
TOM SCOTT 4	HERBERT KERSHAW ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN BARKER.

Conducted by F. HODGSON.

* First peal. The ringers of 2nd and 7th are from Mirfield; 5th and tenor from Lightcliffe, the rest belong to the local band.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	* ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5
LEONARD E. LAST ... 2	HERBERT MARKWELL ... 6
WILLIAM LATTER ... 3	FREDERICK WHITE ... 7
* REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday peal for Master Peter White, son of the ringer of the seventh, and as a compliment to the Tunbridge Wells veteran ringer, James Miggeridge, aged 84 years.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

CHARLES W. PLAYER... Treble	WALTER CHARMAN ... 5
MRS. F. I. HAIRS ... 2	BENJAMIN HOBBS ... 6
WILLIAM PELLING ... 3	ROBERT J. DAWE ... 7
FRANK BENNETT... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON.

Conducted by F. BENNETT.

Arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Pelling, and was rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

* WILLIAM J. BOTTON ... Treble	GEORGE BENNETT ... 5
EDWARD G. GRINDEL ... 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 6
ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 3	LESLIE BRETT ... 7
GEORGE PRYKE ... 4	GEORGE FARNISH ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

* First peal in the method.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At Christ Church,

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

† CLAUDE S. BENWELL ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
* JOHN WILKINSON ... 2	† PERCIVAL W. CAVE ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 3	JAMES MARTIN ... 7
THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

First peal on the bells in this method. * First peal as conductor in the method. † Fiftieth peal.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

* WILLIAM UNDERWOOD ... Treble	* FREDERICK KEMP ... 5
* PERCY GRIDLEY ... 2	* PHILIP JOHNSON ... 6
ARTHUR MAXIM ... 3	THOMAS CHINERY ... 7
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 4	SAMUEL EVANS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL.

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Tenor 21 cwt.

FRED. ABBOTT ... Treble	GEORGE POWNALL ... 5
JOHN POTTER ... 2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	TITUS BARLOW ... 7
* JOHN YATES ... 4	EDWARD JENKINS ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Titus Barlow.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

* GEORGE PETTER ... Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE ... 5
JOHN T. SCOTT ... 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
Q.M.S. G. GILBERT, R.E. ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

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Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

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At the Church of St. Paulinus,

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

ERNEST NOY ... Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 4	DAVID YOUNG ... Tenor

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
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On Wednesday, April 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

* C. ARTHUR MORGAN ... Treble	HECTOR G. BIRD ... 5
EDWARD ROSE ... 2	ALFRED HACKETT ... 6
SAMUEL J. HUGHES ... 3	WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 7
† WILLIAM BROWN ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT.

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, May 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John, Wilton Road, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY R. NEWTON Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 5
ALFRED B. PECK 2	HAROLD N. PITSTOW 6
THOMAS LANGDON 3	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 7
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	HARRY R. PASMORE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by H. R. PASMORE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 2, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

CYRIL VALENTINE Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
MISS NORAH BIBBY 2	GEORGE H. RANGLES 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
*HARRY FAIRCLOUGH 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. T. Fairclough, father of the ringer of the 4th, on recently attaining his 80th birthday.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GABRIEL LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
WILLIAM THORLEY 2	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	EDWARD READER 7
GEORGE FREEBRY 4	*HARRY KIRBY Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD READER.

* First peal in the method.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble	GEORGE CONDIS 5
CHARLES H. AUSTIN 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
JESSE GILLET 3	FRANK SMITH 7
HERBERT BECKETT 4	GEORGE L. BRUNSDON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK WHITE Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	WILLIAM LATTER 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	STAFFORD H. GREEN 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert Markwell.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	COL.-SGT. J. BENNET, R.M. ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5048 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

*FRANK BARBER Treble	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON 5
WILLIAM NEWTON 2	THOMAS LANCASTER 6
CYRIL J. POLLARD 3	†ROBERT LAUGHTON 7
REV. A. SIMPSON 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. † First peal in any method. † First peal of Double Norwich.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

(St. Margaret's Society.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Allen F. Bailey, of Manchester.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

IN THE CAM VARIATION.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WALTER CHARMAN Treble	JOHN COOK 5
JOHN AKEHURST 2	WILLIAM STANFORD 6
PETER CHARMAN 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late George Street, Sussex County and England cricketer, a highly-respected resident of Warnham.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At the Cathedral,

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

Tenor 33 cwt.

JOHN HAYES Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
GEORGE R. JONES 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	ARTHUR E. PEGLAR Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHIDDINGSTONE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*LESLIE EVEREST Treble	*HAROLD HUNTLEY 5
ERNEST H. EVEREST 2	HARRY SEAL 6
ARTHUR WILES 3	ALBERT LONGLEY 7
CHARLES AYLWARD 4	*EDWARD BAKER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST H. EVEREST.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. A. Longley, the ringer of the 7th. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Longley, who kindly entertained them after the peal. Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who is only 13 years of age, for the way in which he rang his bell. He is believed to be the youngest member in the Tonbridge district to ring a peal.

WARFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael the Archangel,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ROBERT DARVILL Treble	*ARTHUR LOVEJOY 5
*WILLIAM J. BROOKS 2	GILBERT BULL 6
*STANLEY C. DAVIS 3	JOHN RANCE 7
EDGAR HUMFREY 4	JAMES R. MACKMAN Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. Bull on his engagement.

RANMORE COMMON, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

EDWARD G. HEATH Treble	JOHN H. WHITE 5
ALFRED A. DOBINSON 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE 7
JOHN T. SCOTT 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Mr. Dobinson kindly obliged by filling a vacancy at the last moment.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*WALTER F. JUDGE Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
*JACK JUDGE 2	HARRY MILES 6
*LEONARD TOFFREY 3	*WILLIAM JUDGE 7
*FRANCIS TAYLOR 4	WILLIAM STONE Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

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

EARL SHILTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB Treble	GEORGE S. MORRIS 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	WILLIAM T. COX 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 7
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 4	FRANK PERVIN Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HOGHTON, NEAR PRESTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON Treble	*JAS. HARRISON 5
*MISS M. CLAYTON 2	WM. SHARPLES 6
THOMAS CALDERBANK 3	JOHN WATSON 7
FRED. BLACKLIDGE 4	JOHN BROWN Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by J. BROWN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Brown.

HELD OVER.

Owing to pressure on our space, reports of the annual contest of the Cumberland Association, meetings of the Sheffield District Society, the Kent County Association, etc., as well as a number of letters to the Editor, and other items, are unavoidably held over.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE Treble	GEORGE POUND 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	BENJAMIN F. BAKER 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
HARRY BAKER 4	JOHN SHORTER Tenor

28TH 8

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung to celebrate the marriage of Charles Baker, brother of the ringers of the 4th and 6th.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 4, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ROBERT J. DAWES Treble	WILLIAM JENNER 5
ALBERT HOBDEN 2	JAMES A. HART 6
HERBERT RANN 3	ALBERT REID 7
GEORGE ADES 4	ALFRED J. TURNER Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT REID.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Jenner, who afterwards kindly entertained the ringers to tea.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, College Single, Kent Treble Bo Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob & Canterbury Pleasur

*GEORGE BURT Treble	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 4
FREDK. J. LAMBERT 2	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, SEN. 5
HERBERT J. HAMMOND 3	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 6

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT, SEN.

Rung after the baptism of the daughter of F. J. Lambert, junr. It was also the 55th peal for each of the three Brothers Lambert.

* First peal in seven methods.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

*ALBERT A. BOOTH Treble	*GEORGE F. LUCAS 4
J. WILFRED SHARP 2	*JOHN M. GRAY 5
*GEORGE MANSFIELD 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in five methods. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Mansfield.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

MISS GLADYS M. DODDS Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5
HARRY ARGYLE 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by Rev. E. B. JAMES. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal on the bells, and first attempt since they were augmented and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The band are grateful to the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Brewer) and the Bulkington friends for their kind hospitality after the peal.

SHAW, NEWBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 11 cwt.

TOM CURTIS	Treble	MISS STELLA DAVIS	3
CHARLES POOLE	2	SAMUEL QUINTIN	4
HENRY W. CURTIS	Tenor		

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS,

First peal rung on the bells. The ringer of treble is from Beedon; 3rd from Bucklebury; the remainder are Newbury ringers. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory by the Rev. Kingsley Kefford.

HANDBELL PEAL.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Ten and a Half Minutes

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

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

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHVY (TRIN.) 1—2	E. M. ATKINS (ST. CATH.) ... 5—6
W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS) 3—4	E. G. BENSON (ST. CATH.) ... 7—8

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT NORTH COLLINGHAM.

Easter Monday was a memorable day in the annals of the North Notts Association, a day which had been for some time looked forward to by the inhabitants of Collingham generally, but especially by the church people and ringers in particular. Favoured with ideal weather, ringers and friends, to the number of 60, were present from East and West Retford, Ordsall, Workson, Anston, Harthill, Newark, Barborough, Tuxford, Sutton-on-Trent, the local company, and also the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston. The sweet six bells, recently recast and rehung, were raised in peal at 11 a.m., and were kept going continuously throughout the day to the methods of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, London Scholars Pleasure, Duke of York, and numerous other methods, two 720's being successfully brought round, conducted by Messrs. Hibbard and Revill, respectively. During the afternoon, several members paid a visit to South Collingham Church for propaganda work, and touches of Doubles were brought round, but the bad 'go' of the bells, and the fact that they are very much out of tune, convinced the company that the attention of the bell hanger and founder was much needed, so their stay was brief. Sixty members and friends sat down to a substantial meat tea, provided by the local ringers, their wives and friends. Amongst those present were the Vicar (the Rev. R. F. Gould), Mrs. Gould, the churchwardens, and several members of the Parochial Council, the Rev. C. J. Sturton, and the assistant hon. secretary (Mr. D. A. Piercy).—The Assistant Secretary explained the unavoidable absence of the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), whose services were required at Wembley.

Three new members were duly elected, viz., the Misses Birchall and Mr. Hather from Sutton-on-Trent.

The date of the annual meeting was left in the hands of the committee, and will be advertised in the 'Ringing World.'

The Assistant Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding over the tea and meeting, and for the use of the bells and schoolroom; also to the ladies and ringers for providing tea, and to everyone who had assisted in making the meeting a success.—This was carried with acclamation.

The Vicar said how very pleased he was to welcome such a large number of ringers, and paid a great compliment to them for ringing so nicely during the day. He was pleased to say the church possessed a nice ring of six bells. Up to two years ago they only had four bells in the tower, the dates being 1613, 1661, 1715 and 1779. They were in a very bad condition, cracked, and very much out of tune. Ten years ago a scheme was set on foot to have the belfry restored, but the war came along, and everything had to be suspended, but about three years ago the work was again taken up, and properly carried out at a cost of between £700 and £800. They had now a band of young ringers, which included two or three ladies, who, although they could not yet claim to have done anything very extraordinary, had done very well indeed, and had succeeded in ringing their first 720 changes on the bells. He wished specially to mention the good work done by Mr. Wallhead, their instructor, and also the hearty co-operation the ringers had given him.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

GREAT PROGRESS IN MEMBERSHIP.

On Easter Monday, the Suffolk Guild met for its annual meeting at Bury. The day began with a short service in the Cathedral, at which the Bishop preached. With his text, Ps. lxxxi. 2-4, he remarked that the Israelites had only little tinkling bells: we had the organ inside, and bells outside our churches: these latter were not likely to be superseded. The work of ringers was as important as that of other church workers, though it might not have received the attention in the past that it ought—perhaps owing to the ringers being out of sight. While it is well that bells should express men's extraordinary feelings, both of sorrow and of joy, ringers should always remember that they use the church bells for the worship and service of God.

At the meeting in the Abbey House afterwards, the Archdeacon of Sudbury, who presided, mentioned that this was the first meeting at Bury since the 'Great Schism.' He had great pleasure in welcoming them there, and in introducing to them the Bishop.

The Bishop (Dr. Whittingham) said how glad he was to meet them. He referred to experiences in the belfry of St. Margaret's, Leicester, to which church he was ordained. Ever since, as a boy, he had lived near a noble ring of bells, he had always felt that the ringers' art had an uplifting influence; and ringers should feel that they were not outside the church, but in it and of it. He supposed there were still a few ringers in the diocese attached to the Norwich Guild instead of theirs. Well, one could not but sympathise with all who admired Norwich; he did so himself, having got his wife from there; still, ringers as church workers in the right spirit, should help diocesan work.

Proceeding to business, the meeting accepted the report and accounts. These showed a balance in hand of £26.

The officers were all re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Hubert Day, of Eye, and Mr. Ernest Poppy, of Stoke Ash, to fill the two vacancies on the Central Council, to which the Guild, with its increased membership, was now entitled.

It was decided to hold quarterly meetings, and invitations from Lavenham and Halesworth were accepted.

The committee were instructed to start a Bell Restoration Fund, to take steps to stop 'clocking' (a pernicious way in which old church bells are still being injured), and to issue certificates, both of proficiency and of record performances.

Requests having been received both from the Leytonstone band, and from Mr. Burton, the representative of the Norwich Guild, that the Central Council should take in hand the naming of new methods, a resolution to that effect was unanimously adopted.

Sixty new members were elected. It was reported that three districts were still dormant, but members present from them said that signs of awakening interest were now appearing.

After the meeting, lunch was served at the Golden Pleece, and during the afternoon the bells at both churches were kept going; and over 70 remained to accept the Archdeacon's invitation to tea, at the Abbey House, where they were joined by Canon Goldsmith, Vicar of the Cathedral, and the Rev. Dr. Gray, Vicar of St. Mary's.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I find I made two serious omissions from the report of the Easter meeting at Beverley, as no mention is made of the result of the voting on two important alterations to the general rules of the association.

The meeting carried the resolution increasing the annual subscription from 1/6 to 2/- per annum (this latter sum to include a free copy of the annual report) with only two dissentients.

The resolution: 'That the general committee shall have power to appoint an hon. secretary for peals, who shall have a seal on the general committee, and who shall retire annually,' was carried unanimously.

I most regretfully conclude that increasing years are asserting themselves, by the above omissions, and much regret having to trespass on your valuable space to publish the foregoing. Thanking you for your trouble, yours sincerely,
PERCY J. JOHNSON,
90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

Mr. J. Wagborn writes thanking the members of the Yorkshire Association for the cordial welcome extended to him at their meeting.

ST. GEORGE'S DAY AT COLCHESTER.

At St. Peter's, Colchester, on April 23rd, in commemoration of St. George's Day, the bells were rung during the day, the touches including 688 Bob Major, 768 Kent Treble Bob, two 560's Double Norwich, 704 Oxford Treble Bob, 564 Grandsire Triples, etc. Those taking part were Messrs. F. L. Bumpstead, H. Evers, G. Rashbrook, H. T. Pye, W. J. Schofield, R. W. Stannard (local members), F. Claydon and W. Arnold (Earls Colne), D. Elliott (Assington), G. Dixon (Sudbury).

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The April quarterly meeting was held at Southam on Saturday week. Owing to the showery day and various counter attractions, including the Cup Final, etc., and the difficulty of getting to and fro by rail, the attendance of members was somewhat below the average, and those who were present were compelled to leave early, with the result that ringing was considerably curtailed.

The Guild's special service was conducted by the Rector. The address was given by the Rev. P. W. Daimpre, Vicar of Harbury, and, being himself a ringer, his remarks were both interesting and instructive. He congratulated the Guild on the useful work it was doing for the church, and appealed to the members to become zealous missionaries in their scientific art. He was also glad to notice the high standard of ringers to-day compared with those of 30 years ago.

A substantial meal tea was provided at the Black Dog Inn, after which the business meeting was held, and, in the absence of the president, the Rector (the Rev. Osborne M. Jones) presided.

Arrangements were made in connection with the annual meeting in July, and one new ringing member elected.—Warwick was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and Whitnash for the May monthly meeting.—Hampton-in-Arden was proposed for June, as was also Bulkington, the last named being carried.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and for officiating at the service, also to the Vicar of Harbury for his address.—The Rector, in replying, mentioned that some improvements in the ringing chamber were contemplated, and when completed he proposed to invite the Guild to Southam again, and to be his guests at the Vicarage, when he hoped more members would be present.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

A combined practice was held at Sketty on Saturday, April 28th, and a very enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent. Several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, as well as touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. This was the first meeting of the new Guild to be held in the Swansea district, and ringers turned up in good numbers, the towers represented being Brecon, Sketty, Gorseinon, Aberavon, Morriston, Neath and Cadoxton.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar of Sketty for kindly providing tea for the ringers, and, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, Mr. C. Morse suitably responded.

TAUNTON BELL HANGER'S SUDDEN DEATH.**MR. T. DOBLE DIES IN THE BELFRY.**

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the sudden death of Mr. Thomas Doble, of Taunton, head of the firm of Messrs. Thomas Doble and Son, bell hangers. The firm have recently carried out an order for Lord St. Audries at Stogursey Church (of which the Vicar is the Rev. W. J. Stuart-Crumpp), which lies at no great distance from the Bristol Channel, and not many miles from what is hoped will become known as the celebrated Somerset oil fields. The work comprised strengthening the frame with tie bolts, and fitting new gudgeons and bearings for the bells. It had been arranged to test the work before Lent commenced, but owing to an epidemic of influenza prevailing in the village it was postponed until May 3rd.

Mr. T. Doble and his son, Mr. W. Doble, also Messrs. P. Merson, F. Millard, E. Priddle and J. Hunt left Taunton for this purpose in Mr. Doble's motor-car on Saturday. A run of about 22 miles brought the party to the ancient church. Having looked round the building, they ascended the tower, and inspected the work done. The bells, a peal of six, with tenor 26 cwt., were raised, and a start made for Grandsire Doubles. All went well for about 80 changes, when Mr. T. Doble, who was ringing the treble, released his rope, and fell to the floor. The bell set up, and the others set their bells and went to his assistance. Mr. W. Doble rushed off for a doctor, who arrived in about ten minutes, and confirmed the ringers' fears that Mr. Doble, senr., was beyond human aid.

Sorrowfully and with difficulty the deceased was carried down the tower stairs, and laid on a bier in the north porch of the church by the Vicar's kindness.

Much sympathy is felt for Mr. W. Doble and his three sisters, who lost their mother only last December.

A ROYAL VISIT.

On the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen to Swindon on Monday, April 28th, 504 Stedman Triples was rung at the Parish Church by A. Lawrence 1, A. W. Bond 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. Bishop 4, E. Bishop 5, W. G. Lancaster 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, A. C. W. Smith 8. Rounds and Queens were subsequently rung on the ten bells.

During the afternoon, when the King and Queen made an inspection of the G.W.R. Works, Mr. Alfred Lawrence took his place among the 80 veterans who had put in over 50 years' service with the company, and who were inspected by their Majesties.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

At the annual Vestry meeting of the Parish of Christ Church, Dore, Sheffield, held on Easter Monday, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Ringing Master) was elected people's churchwarden for the ensuing year.

The Bournville carillon has just been enlarged from 22 to 37 bells (three full chromatic octaves) by Mr. George Cadbury, junr., in memory of his father. A new clavier, with the most up-to-date mechanism and action work, has also been added. It was opened on Thursday of last week by M. Nauwelaerts, the carillonneur, of Bruges, who gave two recitals.

The name given to Mr. John Carter's ringing machine is the 'Campanomutophone.'

For some months past the bells of Wool, Dorset, have been silent, owing to a dispute between the ringers and the church authorities over the removal of a lamp which served for the lighting of the tower. A new lamp has been provided by the Dorchester Branch of the Salisbury Guild, and the trouble has now happily ended.

To-morrow is the anniversary of two long peals rung in the far-off days of the eighteenth century. In the ancient parish church of St. Mary, Braughing, Hertfordshire, are several old peal boards, and one of them records:—

'May, the 10th, 1779, was rung by the Braughing Youths a Compleat Peal of 12,240 Bob Major which was Performed in Seven Hours and 34 Minutes by Lawrence Tottingham, treble; Thos. Whyman, 2nd; Wm. Prior, 3rd; Wm. Hoy, 4th; Geo. Beadle, 5th; Jno. Hubbard, 6th; Jas. Walker, 7th; Jos. Walker, tenor. Composed and called by James Walker. It was long each man did stand, with zeal and ardent union performed the peal.'

A peal of 10,080 in the same method had been rung about a year earlier.

The other peal, of which the anniversary occurs to-morrow, was 10,200 Treble Bob Royal rung in 7 hours 40 minutes at Shoreditch in the year 1777 by the Cumberland Youths.

On May 11th, 1903, the peal of 14,112 London Surprise Major was rung in 8 hours 40 minutes at King's Norton.

Thirty years ago next Thursday the 8,800 Superlative Surprise Major was rung in 6 hours 16 minutes, composed and conducted by Nathan J. Pitstow. The band was N. J. Pitstow, Rev. F. G. Coleridge, A. James, E. Pitstow, J. Hardy, S. Smith, R. F. Lane and J. W. Taylor, junr. It is interesting to note that it was the first peal in the method for the ringers of 5th, 6th and 7th.

At All Saints' Church, Fulham, on May 15th, 1837, a peal of 12,086 Grandsire Caters was rung 'by the young ringers of St. James' Society . . . being the greatest amount of changes ever performed by ten men only, the truth of which is attested by several of the ablest judges of the art, who witnessed the whole performance, and which can only be equalled by the same ability and persevering exertions.' The peal was rung in 7 hours 50 minutes, and was conducted by Thomas Tolladay.

The peal of Minor reported last week as rung at Liverpool on April 23rd, was rung at Childwall.

The treble ringer in the peal at Frodsham on Easter Monday was Thomas W. Gilmour, and not John W., as stated in the report.

The time of the peal of Treble Bob rung at Willesden on April 22nd was 2 hrs. 43 mins.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Secretaries are requested to note that all names and addresses of representatives and subscriptions due to the Council should now be in the honorary secretary's hands, otherwise they may appear as being in default when the annual statement is made.—Mr. E. Alexr. Young, Hon. Secretary, 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.

RINGING FACILITIES.

The following towers will be available for ringing for visitors to the Central Council Meeting:—Whit Sunday:

St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 9.45 a.m.
St. Clement Danes (10), 10 a.m.
St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8), 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 10 a.m.
Southwark Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.
Shoreditch (12), 5.30 p.m.
St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10), 5.30 p.m.

Whit Monday.—By kind permission of the incumbents the following towers will be available to Central Council representatives for peals: St. Clement Danes (10), Enfield (8), Edmonton, All Saints' (8). Representatives desirous of taking part in peals at Edmonton or Enfield please communicate with Mr. J. Parker, Queen Ann Place, Enfield. For St. Clement Danes write to Mr. J. W. Cornford. Applications must be received not later than May 19th.

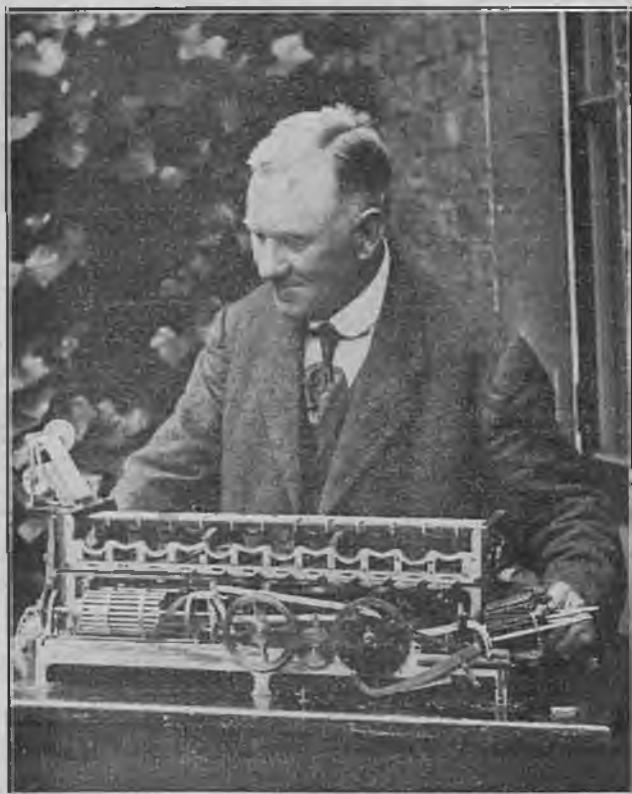
W. T. COCKERILL (hon. secretary, College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

J. W. CORNFORD (hon. secretary, Cumberlands), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

MR. JOHN CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE. A MARVEL OF INGENUITY.

It has been generally known in ringing circles for many years past that Mr. John Carter had invented a machine for ringing any number of changes in any method, and on any number of bells up to twelve. Mr. Carter worked and resided in Birmingham for many years previously to his recent removal to London, and many ringers in that neighbourhood had the privilege to see his machine working, as did also visitors from all parts. To all such the machine seemed a marvel of ingenuity, and one that had more than achieved its original purpose. To the inventor, however, it always seemed to fall short of that high standard of perfection to which he characteristically aimed, and additions and alterations were continually being tried. The machine, therefore, was never demonstrated beyond a 'plain course' in any method, nor was a 'touch' ever allowed to be brought round. It was saved up for a peal, or some other demonstration which should seem fitting to the inventor.

The machine, to one inspecting it for the first time, appears remarkably compact, as can be seen by the photograph. It is an as-



Mr. JOHN CARTER AND HIS MACHINE.

sembly of mechanical contrivances of all sorts, of high finish, and to a scale of about ordinary clockwork size. The power is obtained from an electric motor within the pedestal box. Gearing from this sets up longitudinal motion in cranks and eccentrics, which in turn impel eleven rods, these transmit their motion to twelve plates moving transversely across the machine, the whole being most beautifully governed by a sort of dual control, each in two parts and allied to the hand and back strokes in ringing. The plates move backwards and forwards according to the places they are making in the method to which the machine may have been set, and, as they carry contact pins, they electrically control their several allied gongs in an adjoining bell-box. This latter is the last addition to his machine, which Mr. Carter has made despite the fact that his recent illness renders all work difficult to him. The box has twelve gongs, being those kindly given him by Messrs. Taylor and Co., who purposely cast them for the machine. According to the original plan the gongs were fixed along the top, and the brass seating for them still forms the curbs of the machine.

The machine will ring any known or likely to be known method, one of the last, that composed by the inventor, and named after himself, viz., Carter Major, was tried as its first quarter peal, as

was reported last week. It was set to this method in two or three minutes, and rang it faultlessly (except when Mr. Carter at the first attempt 'called a bob' too late!).

The machine is one of the most remarkable inventions of its kind in the world, and the opportunity might be taken to quote a few words of the late Sir A. H. Wood, who, besides being a man of business, and an engineer, will always be remembered in the Exercise as a gifted exponent of ringing. He expressed his views as follows, in a letter to Mr. Carter, dated March 7th, 1897:—

'I have been thinking a good deal about your machine, and I cannot help admiring very deeply the perseverance and intellectual ability which you have brought to bear on the problem. I am lost in wonder at the ingenuity of the contrivance and the foresight with which you have covered the many requirements of such a machine if it is to be perfect. Charles Babbage's machine on which he—or rather the Government—spent £17,000 is now in King's College Museum, London.'

Well, your machine is, in a way, on the lines of Babbage's, though, of course, its purpose being different, the mechanisms are novel indeed. But it is to all intents and purposes a calculating machine for proving, either in figures or sound, the results of certain modes of dealing with permutations.

The fact that you do not stop short of the maximum number of bells, and that you cover all possible methods, makes the machine of immense interest, because there is no future development of change ringing that cannot be worked out on it. There is no doubt that if completed and made to work with accuracy, its ultimate home should be in a National Museum.'

Sir Arthur's desire will probably be fulfilled, for Mr. Carter has decided to deposit the machine in the Victoria and Albert Museum, with the proviso that it shall be demonstrated occasionally.

Mr. Carter, before parting with the machine, also decided that it should be allowed to prove itself worthy of its reputation, before a small party of ringers and friends, who should be invited to a private demonstration. This was accordingly arranged, the date, April 30th last, falling very appropriately on Mr. Carter's 70th birthday, and the place being the house of Mr. E. Alexr. Young, hon. secretary of the Central Council, at Forest Hill, London.

Invitations to be present having been sent out to the President and Standing Committee of the Council, to the leading founders and also to the officers of the associations in and around London, some twenty visitors attended, including one of the officials of the Science Department of the Museum.

Mr. Carter, commencing with plain courses of Grandsire, and Stedman Doubles, passed on to the same in Triples, and invited anyone present to call a 'touch.' This Miss Edith K. Parker did in both methods (the first on the machine). All were interested in a course of Carter Major, and agreed that it possessed musical qualities. After examples of Caters, Royal and Cinques, the machine finished very fittingly with a course of Carter Maximus.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EFFORTS TO VITALISE WIGAN BRANCH.

A previous attempt to establish a 'live' branch of the Lancashire Association in the Wigan district having met with only indifferent success, a meeting will be held on Saturday, May 24th, at St. Peter's, Hindley, when efforts will be made to put the branch in working order. Archdeacon Howson (Deacon of the Liverpool and Wigan branches) will hold a special service for ringers during the afternoon, and will also be present at the meeting. It is hoped that all interested in the branch will make an effort to be present.

Only one or two towers in Wigan and district have shown any interest since the formation of the branch, and it is hoped that in future more towers and members will join, and that ringers will become live members instead of just paying subscriptions and doing nothing more. One man cannot work a branch as scattered as the Wigan branch is.

A NOISY RINGING CHAMBER.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our ringing chamber is very noisy. Would any of your readers who have had experience in overcoming this grave defect advise us as to whether the following proposal is likely to be successful? We propose to fix a new floor (1-inch boards) to the underside of the beams which support the floor of the bell chamber. These beams are 15 inches deep, and the resulting space to be packed with suitable material would be about 300 cubic feet. We propose to use slag wool, and should be glad of guidance as to the quantity that would be required, and the approximate cost.

The height of the ringing chamber is about 20 feet, and the space between the joists which rest upon the beams, with thick boards above and below them, has already been filled with slag wool. Possibly this space was insufficiently packed. At any rate the noise is too great.—Yours faithfully,

A. M. L.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT FULHAM.

The 27th annual general meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Fulham on Saturday, April 26th, and was attended by between 70 and 80 members. Some excellent practice in several methods was obtained on the fine peal of ten at All Saints' Church, and on the eight at Putney, just across the Thames. Divine service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. K. S. Marshall), and the sermon was preached by the Rev. E. P. Gough, Vicar of Chiswick, and an honorary member of the association. In a stirring address, he urged the members not to be afraid of their religion; not to be apologetic about it; but to stand up for it; to push it; to let it enter into their daily life; for without Christianity nothing would prosper, nothing would be worth doing.

Tea was served in the hall close by. The Vicar of Fulham was unfortunately prevented from attending for more than a few minutes, during which time he gave the members a hearty welcome.—A vote of thanks was passed to him for his extreme kindness in arranging the service, and for granting the use of the bells.

BUSINESS MEETING.

Tea over, the usual business meeting was held. The chair was taken by Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., who was supported by the Rev. E. P. Gough, Messrs. T. Beadle (vice-president), W. Pye (Master), R. Holloway and G. B. Lucas (District Masters), C. T. Coles and W. H. Hollier (hon. secretaries), and a large gathering of members from all parts of the county and elsewhere.

As the Rev. E. P. Gough had to leave early, the Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to him for his excellent address, and also thanked the organist for his services.—The reverend gentleman, in reply, stated that he was very interested in bells and bell ringing, but he could not understand the methods. When he saw the rows and rows of figures he was done. He could add two and two together, but those figures were too much. He once tried to ring a bell. He succeeded so much that he broke a rope, and knocked a stay off, and his ringers thereupon said that he would be of much more use to them if he would confine his activities to presiding at their meetings, paying for their annual outing, and anything like that (laughter). He said he was glad to see that ladies took up ringing. He was sure they would be very helpful. He thanked the ringers for their services, and wished the association every success.

The report, extracts from which are given below, was taken as read, and adopted. In presenting the same, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) said he would like to draw the attention of members to the report of the conference between the Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings and the Central Council, which had been reprinted. This document had been described as being a very valuable one, and as it had been drawn up by experts in bell hanging and in building and architecture, it was considered to be of such use that it should be given to members. He hoped it would be read carefully and made use of, and he suggested that the attention of all their clergy should be drawn to the document.

The balance sheet was also adopted. It showed a credit balance of £20 13s. 1d., the best since the war period, against £16 17s. 11d. last year.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The whole of the retiring officers were re-elected, with the exception of the President (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey), who had resigned on accepting the living at Wrentham, Suffolk. In his stead, Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P., was elected.—In proposing his election, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) stated that it gave him great pleasure to ask the members to elect Mr. Milne as their president. He did so on behalf of the Central Committee, who had unanimously agreed to recommend this course. He was sure that Mr. Milne would do his best for the association as he had always done.—Mr. J. R. Sharman seconded, and the proposal was carried with enthusiasm.—Mr. Milne thanked the members, and stated that he had been one of those who started the old Middlesex Association, in the year 1889, which ultimately amalgamated with the S. and W. Middlesex Guild in 1897 to become the present large association.

Messrs. T. Beadle and W. Pickworth were chosen as district vice-presidents.

The new President then proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be passed to their late President (Mr. Bonsey), which was carried unanimously, and which the hon. sec. was instructed to forward to him.

Messrs. C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier, R. Holloway and F. A. Milne were elected as representatives on the Central Council.

The Leytonstone resolution, re naming of six-bell methods, was discussed, and it was decided that the society's representatives on the Central Council should support any resolution which had for its object the settlement of this question in a sensible manner, and with sensible names for the methods concerned.

The President stated that an appeal for support had been received from the Eserick Bell Restoration Fund Committee, and he invited any member so disposed to forward their contributions to the secretary of that fund.

A vote of congratulation was moved by the President to Miss Phyllis Moss on her brilliant achievement on Whit-Monday, when she called Holt's Original as her first peal as conductor. Mr. Milne said that Miss Moss was probably the first lady ringer to call this difficult composition, and she was deserving of all praise. He also included in the vote of congratulation Miss R. Hawsworth, who rang her first peal on that occasion; and Miss G. Baker in recently ringing her first peal, one of Grandsire Caters at Hillingdon.—The vote was carried with acclamation. It was afterwards ascertained for a certainty that Miss Moss is the first lady ringer to call the 'Original.'

Southgate was chosen as the venue for the next annual general meeting.

In addition to the votes of thanks previously passed, thanks were also given to the Rev. P. Swain for the use of the bells at Putney; to Messrs. Driver and Bolton for having the bells in readiness; and to the several ladies who had so kindly waited upon the members at tea, including the Misses Baker, Goodfellow, Hawsworth and Moss.

Afterwards ringing took place at Fulham and Putney until about 9 p.m., amongst the many methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Eight and Ten, and Cambridge Major and Royal.

AN INTERESTING REPORT.

The report, mentioned above, contained the following:—

'In addition to the annual meeting, several successful meetings were held during the year, the increase in the attendances being very noticeable. Ten were held in the North and East district, four of which were at six-bell towers, two of these latter being held in mid-week. The average attendance was the excellent one of 35. In the South and West district twelve meetings were arranged, all but one taking place on a Saturday. A great improvement in the standard of ringing was noticeable at these meetings, whilst the attendance reached the fine average of 40.

Seventy-five new members were elected during the year, the North and East district admitting two honorary and 41 ringing members, whilst the South and West district obtained two and 30 respectively. The return to the Association of the band at St. George-in-the-East is a matter for congratulation, whilst we are also pleased to welcome the ringers at St. Olave's, Hart Street, to our ranks. Some of the members of the band at St. John of Jerusalem have also joined us, and we hope it will not be long before this tower is wholly affiliated. Our total membership, after allowing for losses through deaths, resignations, etc., is 712.

'The peal list for 1923 contains some very satisfactory features. Seventy-six peals were rung, and 149 members took part in them, ten of whom joined the peal ringing ranks for the first time. Those who rang their first peals in a new method or on a different number of bells numbered 88. Six of the peals were rung on handbells, including one each of Kent Treble Bob Maximus and Superlative Surprise Major. The conductors numbered 19, and of the 70 tower-bell peals, which were rung in 33 towers, 19 were rung at Willesden.

'Among the performances calling for special mention were the first peal of Erin Caters by the Association, which was rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on February 10th; a peal of Grandsire Doubles, rung on the Pre-Reformation bells at St. Bartholomew the Great, on March 21st, to commemorate the 800th anniversary of the dedication of the church, this peal probably being the first ever rung on these bells; a very fine peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, at St. Mary-le-Bow, on March 24th; and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor at Willesden on August 14th, which completed the quartette of Cambridge on all numbers by members of this Association. The first peal of Double Oxford Bob Major by the Association was rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, on October 9th; followed by the first of St. Clement's Bob Major, at the same church on December 18th. The peal of Superlative rung on handbells on September 26th was the 200th in that method by the Association; which also completed the century of Stedman Cinques at St. Mary-le-Bow on November 17th; and of Bristol Surprise Major at St. John-the-Baptist, Erith, on December 15th. The year's record of noteworthy performances was brought to a close by the ringing of a peal of 10.440 Cambridge Surprise Royal at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on December 26th, this being the longest Surprise peal ever rung on ten bells.

'The quarter-peal list is a more extensive one even than that of last year; no less than 211 having been recorded. Ealing (St. Mary's) again heads the list with 38, Acton coming second with 35, and Hillingdon (St. John's) third with 22. We are, of course, aware of the difficulties at many towers in connection with the various services held on Sundays which often prevent lengthy periods of ringing, but we should very much like to see more of our churches figuring in the quarter-peal list, and more quarter-peals rung in the North and East district. The record of bell restoration work is again satisfactory. At St. Andrew's Church, Enfield, the peal of eight has been rehung with new gudgeons and bearings and the framework strengthened; whilst at the churches of St. Martin, Gospel Oak, and St. James, Prebend Square, Islington, the peals of six have each been rehung with new gudgeons and bearings, with good results. All this work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.'

THE PEAL AT THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.*To the Editor.*

Sir.—Congratulations to the band that rang the peal at the Imperial Institute on April 23rd. I should, however, like to point out a small error in the record of same in your paper. Mr. Frank Smith ceased to be a member of the Middlesex County Association as long ago as 1910, and I, therefore, cannot see how he can be said to have represented this society in the peal.—Yours faithfully,

G. T. COLES,

Joint Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, E.17.

TEN COUNTIES.

Sir.—In the report of the peal of Stedman Caters rung at the Imperial Institute on April 23rd, my attention has been called to an error which is present, viz., the ringer of the 8th is not a member of the Middlesex County Association.

May I suggest, that in order to carry out the idea of ten counties being represented, the following alteration should be made in the official record: John D. Matthews (Surrey) 1, George Williams (Hants) 2, John S. Goldsmith (Sussex) 3, William H. Fussell (Bucks) 4, John H. Cheesman (Kent) 5, William Miller (Essex) 6, Arthur E. Sharman (Beds) 7, Frank Smith (Middlesex) 8, Walter Ayre (Herts) 9, John W. Cornford (County of London) 10.—Yours fraternally,

'ONE OF THE BAND.'

RESTORATION AT TACKLEY.**ADDITION TO AN OXFORDSHIRE RING.**

The five bells and old frame at St. Nicholas' Church, Tackley, Oxon, are now under repairs. All the bells are to be quarter turned and fitted with new headstocks, wheels and gudgeons, etc. The old frame is being strengthened with long bolts (vertically), the joints fitted with angle plates, and all securely bolted together.

A new treble bell is being added, and will be hung above the rest in a new oak frame, by the parishioners, thereby making a fine musical ring of six bells.

The work of rehanging is in the able hands of Mr. R. White, of Appleton, and the new treble is being cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of London.

It is hoped that the work will be finished in about five weeks, so that the dedication of the new treble and the opening of the new peal of six can take place on Whit Sunday.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.**VISIT TO THE 'PEPPER BOX.'**

A meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at St. Martin's Church, Tipton, on Saturday. This tower is well known to many, both far and near, as the 'Pepper Box,' on account of its similarity in structure, and is where the 'Midland veteran,' Mr. Wm. Rock Small, has for many years been custodian. But, alas! through advancing years—84 last November—he is no longer able to climb the steps, and dare not go far from home on account of giddiness. His absence on this occasion was greatly regretted; and as he was unable to meet the members, several old friends went to see him at his home. Though feeble, he was able and pleased to show his visitors his collection of ringing matter—not least amongst which was his peal book, containing some 337 peals, with interesting notes attached to many of them. This number may not seem very great to present-day 'peal merchants,' but convenience of travel, etc., in different now from the days when W. R. S. rang his earlier peals. Though probably he has rung his last, his many friends will wish him happiness in his retirement.

The Rev. G. R. Mortimore (Vicar) conducted the service, and prior to the address, he gave the members a warm welcome.

The Parish Church Council generously provided tea in the School-room, about 50 sitting down. Among those present were the Rev. G. R. Mortimore, Mr. Jinks and Mr. Dunn (churchwardens), Mr. Alderman Pritchett, etc.—The Rev. C. H. Barker proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address and use of the bells, to the organist, and to the Parish Church Council for their kindness.—This was carried with applause.

DEATH OF A STAINES' RINGER.

It is with deepest regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. John H. Preston, who passed away in Staines Hospital on April 17th, at the age of 64 years, after a long illness. He will be greatly missed by the band at St. Peter's Church, Staines, of which he has been a member since 1908. He was a member of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

The funeral took place at Staines, on Thursday, April 24th, at which many of the deceased's fellow ringers were present. In the evening 728 Grandsire Triples was rung with half-muffled bells by members of the bands of St. Peter's, Staines, and St. Peter's, Old Windsor: G. Walmsley 1, J. Phillips 2, W. Welling 3, A. Hiscock 4, A. Cross 5, W. Sewell 6, W. C. Parker (conductor) 7, F. Smith 8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Bedfordshire Association was held, as is usual, at Bedford on Easter Monday. Ringing took place at St. Paul's from an early hour, this fine peal of ten being kept busy until the luncheon hour arrived. The service had to be postponed owing to the Vicar of St. Paul's having an engagement which prevented him from officiating, and late notice to the hon. secretary prevented other arrangements being made.

The annual meeting followed luncheon, which was presided over by Canon W. W. C. Baker, president, supported by Mr. E. Ransom and Miss E. Steel (vice-presidents), the Rev. G. H. Shorting, Vicar of Kempston, and others; welcome visitors being Mr. F. Wilford, Master, Peterborough Diocesan Guild, and several Northants friends.

The annual report and balance sheet were passed. During the year 26 peals were rung, in most methods from Grandsire to Cambridge Surprise Major. Special mention was made of the 10-method peal at Bromham, and the 14-method peal at Emberton, rung during the year. The balance sheet disclosed a balance in hand of £29 7s. 1d., which was slightly less than the previous year, owing to several items of expenditure, which do not usually occur.

Canon Baker was re-elected president. The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of Mr. Cyril Herbert in the place of the late Mr. Charles Herbert. The hon. secretary (Mr. A. E. Sharman) was re-elected, and the president and hon. secretary were elected to the Central Council for the ensuing three years.

On the president inquiring the views of the members as to there being any question they desired to be brought before the Council, Mr. P. Inskip proposed that the representatives be asked to support the Leytonstone company in the matter of the renaming of Minor methods.—An interesting discussion took place, and the matter was left in the hands of the delegates.

Miss Steel proposed that Rule 9 be deleted, and this was agreed to.—The usual votes of thanks to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the chairman, closed the meeting.

Further ringing took place at St. Paul's and St. Peter's Churches, methods from Grandsire Doubles to Cambridge Surprise Royal being rung during the day.

A DEVON RING RESTORED.

The bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Black Torrington, Devon, have been undergoing repair, and have now been rededicated by the Bishop of Exeter. A fine peal of six, of exceptionally mellow tone, they were formerly hung in a wood frame, and after many years of constant use, fear was entertained as to their safety owing to the main oak beams showing signs of decay. It was decided to have them rehung, and the contract was placed with the well-known firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have carried out the work most satisfactorily.

The church possesses a remarkably fine tower, probably built about 1500. There is no record of bells being placed in the tower until 1772, when four were hung by Pennington. In 1855 and 1856 two more were added by C. and G. Mears. These two are supposed to be 'peace bells' to celebrate the end of the Crimean war. The bells bear the following inscriptions:—

1, 2 and 3 'I. P. and Co., 1772'; 4: 'C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1856'; 5: 'Charles Burdon Gent, Humphrey Braund, Churchwardens, I.P., 1722'; 6: 'C. and G. Mears, Founders, London, 1855.' The treble is 27 inches in diameter. The tenor is 40 inches in diameter, and weighs 8 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., the total weight of the peal being 34 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

There was a large congregation present for the rededication service, which was conducted by the Rector. After the 3rd Collect, the Bishop, Rector, churchwardens and choir proceeded to the belfry, where the Bishop, after the dedicatory prayers, pulled the tenor bell. His lordship afterwards gave a most appropriate address.

Over 100 partook of a public luncheon, presided over by the Bishop, and in the afternoon there was clay pigeon shooting for prizes, and skittling for a pig, kindly given by Mr. B. Coham Fleming, while the bells were constantly kept going. The first ringing on the bells was done by the home band, under Mr. E. Chapman (captain), and afterwards ringers from Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Little Torrington, Bradford and Bratton Clovelly took part. All were unanimous in praising both the tone and 'go' of the bells.

THE FIRST PEAL AT BETLEY.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir.—In a recent issue of 'The Ringing World' it was reported that the Stoke Association rang a peal of Minor at Betley, and claimed it as the first peal on the bells. The Crewe Society of the Chester Diocesan Guild rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Minor (seven different 720's) at this church on Saturday, October 1st, 1910, conducted by the late Richard T. Holding, senr. We shall be pleased if you will publish the above correction.—Yours truly,

RICHARD T. HOLDING.

HAPPISBURGH'S ANCIENT BELLS.**HEARD AGAIN AFTER A CENTURY'S SILENCE.**

On Easter Eve, the Bishop of Norwich dedicated the bells of St. Mary's Church, Happisburgh, which till then had been silent for more than a century, except that two could be chimed for service.

The ancient Church of St. Mary, which stands on the lofty cliffs on the East Norfolk Coast, 15 miles from Cromer, is an edifice of flint in the Perpendicular style, consisting of chancel, nave, aisles, south porch, and a lofty embattled western tower 110 feet high, and, coupled with the lighthouse a few hundred yards to the southward, is a landmark to visitors and to mariners, and commands an immense area of the sea and of the countryside. Three large bells, one of them weighing 14½ cwt., hung in the tower in the middle of the 15th century (about 1450). In 1637 these were recast into five bells, giving to the tenor a weight of 12½ cwt. In the restoration, the two with their crowns broken off have been recast, and a new treble added, thus making a ring of six bells, with a weight of 11 cwt. for the tenor in G.

The second, third and fifth bells, which remain as they were, each bear the inscription:—

'John Brend made me 1637.' The others are inscribed as follows:

The new treble: 'Given by Mary Caton, 1924, in memory of Nelson's men wrecked off the Norfolk Coast, 1801.'

The fourth: 'John Brend made me 1637. Recast by H. S. Todd, in memory of his wife, Emma, who died in 1920.'

The tenor: 'Recast by R. B. Pearce, Mayor, 1924; Thomas Harris, Thomas Hasted, Churchwardens, J.B., 1637.'

To those who never turned their backs, but marched breast forward.

Never doubted clouds would break,

Never dreamed though right were worsted, wrong would triumph.
Held we fall to rise, are baffled to fight better, sleep to wake.'

On one of the pillars of the tower arch is a plate inscribed: 'The bells of St. Mary's, 1637.—To the Glory of God, and in memory of the officers and men of the Royal Navy and Mercantile Marine who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War, 1914-1919. These bells have been restored. Easter, 1924.'

The 4th and tenor were recast and the treble cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel, and the work of rehanging in a new frame was admirably carried out by Messrs. G. Day and Son, of Eye, Suffolk.

Mr. Arthur L. Coleman, secretary of the Norfolk Guild of Ringers, organised the ringing, and members of the Guild were recruited from Aylsham, Cromer, Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Gorleston, Mulbarton, and North Repps.

After the dedication prayers by the Bishop of Norwich, beneath the tower arch, a plain course of Bob Minor was rung by George Neale 1, Ben S. Thompson 2, Arthur H. Webber 3, Denison Hayward 4, John Moy 5, George Mayers 6. At the conclusion of the service, a touch of Bob Minor was rung with Arthur L. Coleman ringing the treble, which was followed by the first complete peal of 720 changes on the bells, the method being Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. A. Arnott (Gorleston) 1, Arthur H. Webber (Great Yarmouth) 2, Denison Hayward (Great Yarmouth) 3, William J. Lee (Great Yarmouth) 4, Ben S. Thompson (Great Yarmouth) 5, George Mayers (conductor, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich), 6.

**BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
ILCHESTER DEANERY BRANCH.**

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch was held at East Coker on April 26th. The bells, a handy peal of eight, tenor about 12 cwt., were made good use of during the afternoon and evening.

The Rev. G. W. Saunders, Vicar of Martock, and president of the branch, conducted the service, assisted by the Vicar of East Coker (the Rev. Maurice R. Bailey).

About 30 ringers were present for tea and the meeting which followed in the Scouts' Hall.—The President welcomed the Rev. M. R. Bailey, who had recently come to East Coker, and thanked him for his very kind reception. He also thanked the organist and the caterer.—The Secretary (Mr. F. Tarrant) announced that Mr. Bailey had expressed a wish to become an hon. member, and he had much pleasure in proposing him.—Mr. J. Lukins, of Yeovil, was re-elected a ringing member.

The next meeting will be held at Shepton Beauchamp.

The Vicar of East Coker said he would like his tower to be affiliated and his ringers to become members of the association. They were, he said, willing to join.—The question of instruction was discussed, and an arrangement was eventually made with Mr. J. E. Baker, of Yeovil, to teach them. Mr. D. G. Taylor kindly offered to come from Ilminster as often as possible to help.—This concluded the business of the meeting.

The towers represented were Yeovil, Ilminster, Martock, and the local men.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

READING, BERKS.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evensong, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 52 mins.: J. F. Barnes, junr., 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, L. T. Osborne 3, G. Wheeler 4, J. F. Barnes, senr (first quarter-peal of Major) 5, H. Egby 6, G. Cook 7, W. Simmons 8. All are service ringers at the above church.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 603 Double Norwich Major: J. J. Symons 1, E. J. Harding, junr., 2, T. R. Taylor 3, W. Tate 4, J. D. Harris 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

SWINDON.—At the Parish Church, on April 27th, for morning service, two courses of Stedman Caters, conducted by J. H. Shepherd.—For evening service, a touch of Grandsire Caters, conducted by R. W. Hyner.—Also 651 Stedman Caters: H. W. Bishop 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, L. A. Wilson 4, G. W. Townsend 5, C. J. Gardiner 6, H. A. Hearl 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop (conductor) 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service, at St. John's, Wilton Road, Fimble, S.W., a 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. C. Moye 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, H. J. Skelt 3, G. W. Harris 4, E. J. King 5, T. W. Taffender 6, G. A. Card 7, J. R. Gammon 8.

BROMSGROVE.—At the Parish Church, on April 27th, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 30 mins.: A. Barratt (longest length on a working bell) 1, Miss Amy Johnson (longest length) 2, H. F. Martin (conductor) 3, J. Eades 4, A. J. Martin 5, A. Hingley 6, Rev. S. G. Lavery 7, R. Lewis 8. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, April 13th, for evening service, at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, 1,008 Grandsire Triples: A. Starmer 1, F. Hopper 2, B. Howard 3, W. Sharp 4, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 5, H. Marlow 6, D. Burgess 7, J. Burston 8.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: C. Fenn (conductor) 1, E. G. Cottis 2, F. Russell 3, A. J. Neale 4, W. G. Jackson 5, P. C. Newman 6, G. W. Faulkner 7, A. G. Hardy (composer) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. T. Faulkner and P. C. Newman.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—The Easter Day ringing at the Parish Church of SS. Peter and Paul consisted of 120 Grandsire Doubles on the back six, and also 209 Grandsire Triples for the 6 a.m. service; 504 Grandsire Triples for the 11 a.m. service; and for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: E. Collins 1, F. Green 2, G. Street 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Whitfield 5, G. Brown 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, T. Binney 8. Other members of the band taking part in the day's ringing were E. Green, E. Hendley and W. Johnson.

GRIMLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Sharp 1, T. Lane 2, M. Matthews 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, E. Watkins 5, A. Watkins 6.

LYMINGE, KENT.—For evening service, on Easter Day, at the Church of St. Mary and Edburga, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung by the following in 45 mins.: C. Mitchell 1, K. Gordon 2, G. Cullum 3, G. Webb 4, A. Tanton 5, M. Mills 6, L. Head (conductor) 7, A. Webb 8.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Sunday, April 20th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 mins., and ten different callings: S. Bevan 1, J. Challis 2, J. Scott 3, N. Scott 4, H. Balaam (conductor) 5. First quarter in any method by all except conductor.

ALDRINGTON SUSSEX.—On Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. White 1, M. Broomfield 2, G. Steele 3, R. Stredwick 4, F. Trusler 5, W. White (conductor) 6.

NOTICE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 17th. Service at Christ Church, Blacklands (Sermon by the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Thornton), at 5 p.m. Tea 1/6 per head in the Schoolroom adjoining; afterwards followed by the business meeting. Half rail fares (maximum 2/-) will be allowed to members attending. Those requiring tea must write to C. Hill, Esq., 17, Stockleigh Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea, by Wednesday, May 14th. Ringing at All Saints', Hastings, Christ Church, St. Leonard's; and Christ Church, Hastings; 2.30 to 4.30, and at the latter church from 6.30 to 8 p.m.—Cecil H. Clarke, Hon. Gen. Secretary.

KIRKTHORPE BELLS AUGMENTED.**OPENING OF A YORKSHIRE PEAL.**

Kirkthorpe is a small hamlet, pretty and antiquated, two miles east of Wakefield, on the south bank of the River Calder. It consists of a church, vicarage, hospital, almshouses, and a few cottages. There is some evidence that a peal of six bells existed at the church in 1492, but their fate is enshrouded in mystery. Two, dated 1611, are probably earlier ones recast. Another bell of great historical interest, and now the 5th in the present peal, or the 3rd originally, formerly hung in Kirkstall Abbey, near Leeds. This bell which, it is supposed, was cast in York, is inscribed in beautiful characters: 'Laurentius : Iohes : De : Berdesay : Abbas : Ao : Di : Mo. Lawrence is the name given to the bell; John de Bardsey was Abbot of Kirkstall in 1396. The fourth, or present tenor, was given by the late Mr. Gilbert Tennant, of Heath Old Hall, the former residence of Sir Edward Green, Bart., known all over the world as head of the great firm of fuel economisers, of Wakefield. Mr. Tennant's son was killed in the war, and this bell was given in his memory. Recently two new bells have been added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the whole rehung in a strong and massive iron framework, in steel girders on the latest principles. Their fittings contain all the improvements in bell hanging which Messrs. Taylor have introduced during recent years, so that even heavy bells can be rung with the greatest ease. These two new trebles contain the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—A.M.D.G.—The children's bell. Easter, 1924. J. Willoughby, Vicar; J. Milne and W. E. Melrose, wardens; John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.

Second.—A.M.D.G.—The women's bell. Easter, 1924. J. Willoughby, Vicar; J. Milne and W. E. Melrose, wardens; John Taylor and Co., Founders, Loughborough.

The dedication service took place on Saturday, April 19th, and the Sandal Magna Parish Church ringers were honoured with the invitation to reopen the bells. Some of these men have rung in the above tower for over 50 years. The fraternal side was not forgotten, and the Sandal men notified other local towers, with the result that Sandal was represented by Mr. H. Spencer (treble), W. Robinson, W. Moxon (conductor), W. Reyner, A. Kilburn and H. Robinson (tenor); Horbury tower by Mr. R. Thicket (President of the Barnsley and District Change Ringers' Association), W. Rowley and G. Hunt; Crofton by Mr. G. Stead (churchwarden) and W. Green; and Wragley tower by Mr. F. Atkinson. Needless to say, that with such an array of capable campanologists, several mixed companies were formed, and Treble Bob methods became the order of the day. The dedication service was fully choral, and was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Willoughby), who gave an interesting address on 'The use of the bells in the Christian Church.'

At the close of the service, and while the congregation were dispersing, the bells pealed forth, and then the ringers, together with the prospective local band, were invited to tea in the parish room in close proximity to the church. After the ample and substantial repast had been disposed of, the Vicar made a very interesting speech. On behalf of the residents, he thanked the visitors, and referred to the prominent part which ringers played in the church life of this country. He had often enjoyed listening to the music re-echoing from local towers, and earnestly hoped they would soon have at that church a set of young men able to take their part in the campanological world. He promised to do all in his power to assist a local band, and he would be only too pleased to offer the use of the bells for a meeting of the ringers' association. Interesting discussion then followed from the practical ringers' standpoint, and various hints and suggestions were offered by Mr. W. Reyner, one of the oldest ringers of Sandal, late President of the Barnsley Association, and well known in the ringing circles; also by Mr. H. Robinson, another stalwart; Mr. R. Thicket and Mr. Moxon.

The interesting meeting then terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and the ladies for the repast, and further ringing took place until the visitors were reluctantly compelled to turn homewards, after a delightful outing, long to be remembered.



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NOTICES.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Broughton Astley on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (5) available 4 o'clock.—F. Cotton, Loc. Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Stretton on Saturday, May 10th. Tower open 3 o'clock.—F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Church Street, Frodsham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Shere on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) available at 3. Service at 5, followed by tea and short business meeting.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 10th, at Stoke Gabriel. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—An extra meeting will be held at West Hartlepool on Saturday, May 10th. The bells of the three churches are available. Tea in St. Oswald Parish Hall at 5 o'clock, 1s. 6d. per head.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Bells not available on May 3rd, as previously arranged.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Mary Magdalene, Enfield, on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea at 6.15, at 1s. each. St. Andrew's bells open for ringing from 7.15 to 8.30, as well as St. Mary's. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Headcorn, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. C. F. Dale), on Saturday, May 10th. Ringing to commence at 2.30. Arrangements will be made for tea at 5 o'clock. Please look up Double Norwich, as we hope to have the pleasure of an introduction at this meeting.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Loughton on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. sharp. Service at 6 o'clock.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15?

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Bozeat on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available at 2.30. Service at 4. A good attendance is requested.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringwood on Saturday, May 10th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—G. Preston, Hon. Dis. Sec., Christchurch.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—A quarterly meeting of the above district will be held at Much Marcle on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5, business meeting following. All ringers invited. Kindly notify to J. Clark, Chase Road, Ross, Herefordshire.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 3. Service at 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Stisted on Saturday, May 10th. Service at 4.15 p.m., after which tea in the Institute. Bells available all day. All ringers cordially invited. Bus leaves Stisted for Braintree 8.45 p.m. — W. H. Dyson, Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held to-morrow at Swindon. Arrangements as announced in previous issue. Bristol members are informed that they should travel on the 9.35 a.m., 11 a.m., 12.20 mid-day, 3.10 p.m. from Temple Meads for cheap fare. Headquarters for day King's Arms Hotel, Wood Street, Swindon.—Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Mottram on Saturday, May 10th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business 5.15 p.m. Subscriptions for current year now due.—J. P. Fidler, Branch Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Penwortham on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Important business.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Tempsford on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) available at 2.30. Tea at 5. This will be the first meeting for ringing on the bells, and a good company is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 12th, 6.30 p.m., Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m. A special quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, the 12th. Ringing at 6.30 p.m. Meeting to follow at headquarters.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th. St Magnus on May 15th and 29th. *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.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on May 17th at the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park. Tower open 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Every ringer will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, PHEME St., Chelsea, S.W.3.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me by May 14th how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

GLOSSOP PARISH CHURCH.—The official opening of recast peal of bells will take place on May 17th. Hearty invitation to all. Ringing from 2.20. Tea 1s. 3d. Visitors wanting tea please send word by May 14th to E. Malkin, Sheffield Park, Glossop.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Twyford on Saturday, May 17th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Woodstock on Saturday, May 17th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, 4.45, at the Bear Hotel. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Blackwell on Saturday, May 17th.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick, Alfreton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Purton on May 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. The Rector (Rev. E. W. Bryan) will entertain the members to tea if they will let me know of their intention to be present not later than Wednesday, May 14th.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available all the afternoon. Tea in the Co-operative Hall at 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—An intermediate meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6). Short service in the church at 4.30. General meeting at 5. All ringers are heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Archdeacon Howson will hold a special service during the afternoon. Meeting by arrangement. All ringers welcome. Come in hundreds and make this meeting a success.—John Halsall, 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Kilndown (6 bells) on Saturday, May 24th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, May 20th.—W. J. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in the Vicarage Rooms for all who advise me, not later than the 20th, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, May 21st? — P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5 p.m., 6d. each. Meeting 6.30 in Institute. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Watson, Hon. Sec., 48, Shearbank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Next meeting at Oxenhope on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided to all members who notify Mr. E. Ayers, 4, Bull Hill, Oxenhope, by Tuesday, May 27th, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—R. T. Hibbert, Hon. Sec. of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, has removed to 69, York Road, Reading.

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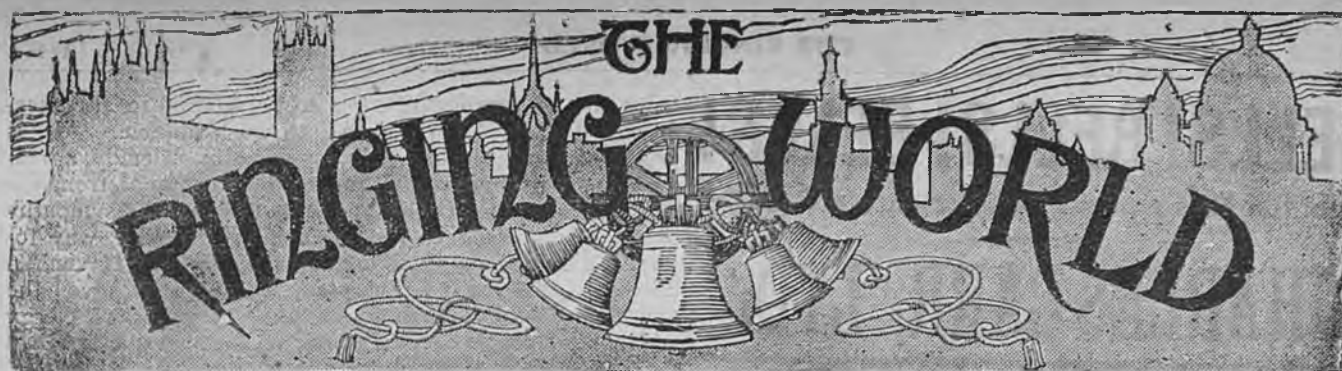
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'STRIKES' AND 'LOCK-OUTS.'

There has recently been some prominence given in the Press to one or two so-called ringers' 'strikes'—cases in which disagreement with the incumbent has led to the ringers declining to perform their customary duties in the belfry. In any event, these disputes and the results are deplorable, but while human nature is what it is, such happenings are from time to time inevitable. Like disputes in the industrial world, they arise in a majority of cases through the inability or disinclination of one side to see the view of the other party; and sometimes merely from a state of offended dignity. A recent disagreement at Wool, in Dorsetshire, has been happily ended by the intervention of the district officials of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild; and it was probably this incident that led to a proposal being made at the annual meeting of the Guild that in future disputes no band of ringers should absent themselves from their duties until the matter has been referred to the Guild's executive. The question of the adoption of such a rule was, for want of time, deferred to the next general meeting.

For this proposed form of mediation we think there is much to be said. When ringers have a grievance against the authorities of their church it may save precipitate action and avoid a public display of feeling which, at best, can do little good to the cause of ringing, and certainly none to the Church. Such a rule, loyally accepted, would be a preventative of 'strikes,' but some further action would, we think, be necessary if 'lock-outs' are to be avoided. The proposal, as far as we understand it, would hardly be effective in cases where the ringers were shut out of the belfry by an incumbent, who felt himself aggrieved. While ringers with an inclination to 'strike' might be ready to act upon the constitution of the Guild to which they have subscribed, there is nothing to compel an incumbent to go to any court of arbitration, and, in view of his rights in the belfry, we see no steps by which it could be enforced, for an obstinate clergyman might, even if a Guild endeavoured to intervene, turn and say 'Mind your own business.'

What is wanted for the 'court of arbitration' is diocesan recognition, under which, when any dispute of the kind arises, the matter could be referred to a body which comprised not only the representatives of the Guild, but representatives of the Bishop, or perhaps the Diocesan Conference. Such a method of procedure may, or may not, be practicable; it may bristle with difficulties of an ecclesiastical and legal nature, but it appears

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to us that, if 'arbitration' is to be secured in all cases, some such machinery ought to be available. It is probable that it could only be done by friendly agreement, and while it would find ready acceptance from the side of the various Guilds and Associations, the sympathy of the Bishop in each diocese would go a long way towards gaining approval among the clergy. If such a course as this could be adopted, we might be saved the unedifying public squabbles between ringers and clergy which we sometimes read about in the newspapers.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6030 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN.	Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS	6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	2	FRED. C. MAYNARD	7
JOHN H. WILKINS	3	CHARLES S. BURDEN	8
FREDERICK G. NEWMAN	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
HENRY RUMENS	5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN.	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on the 38th birthday of Mr. James C. Adams.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, May 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 6152 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

EDWARD G. GRINDELL	Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	5
PERCIVAL WOODS	2	ERNEST E. GRIMES	6
WILLIAM J. GROOM	3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL	7
LESLIE G. BRETT	4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by W. C. RUMSEY.

First peal in the method by all the band, excepting No. 6, and rung at the first attempt. First peal in the method on the bells, and by the Suffolk Guild.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt

FRED GRUNDY	Treble	FRANK BERRY	5
WILLIAM BERRY	2	WILLIAM H. SHUKER	6
JOSEPH HALL	3	ARTHUR RIDYARD	7
GEORGE H. SHUKER	4	JOSEPH RIDYARD	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM BERRY.

First peal of Major on the bells. First peal in the method for the treble and tenor men. Rung as a birthday compliment to the father of W. H. Shuker on attaining the age of 87 years.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

SAMUEL WOOD	Treble	ALLEN F. BAILEY	5
THOMAS B. WORSLEY	2	*SAMUEL GREENHALGH	6
JOSEPH LOWE	3	JOHN POTTER	7
TITUS BARLOW	4	AMOS TRIPPIER	Tenor

Composed by H. EARLE BOLWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Trippier and Mr. Greenhalgh. Also as a 50th anniversary peal for Mr. S. Wood, who rang his first peal at St. Peter's, Ashton, on May 9th, 1874. * 50th peal at Pendleton. The ringers wish to thank Mr. Trippier for his hospitality after the peal.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS 1 Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ALBERT J. HUGHES 2	WILLIAM WEATHERBY 6
WILLIAM D. WASE 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 7
JAMES L. HAYWARD 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First in the method.

CAYTHORPE, LINGS.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HAROLD MARCON 1 Treble	ERNEST NIDD 5
HARRY PROCTER 2	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 6
H. LESLIE PASK 3	SIDNEY PROCTER 7
WILLIAM G. THORPE 4	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTER.

* First peal of Stedman. Birthday peal for ringer of the 4th.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN 1 Treble	SIDNEY J. COLEMAN 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	HERBERT FIELDS 6
WILFRED C. IBBETT 3	REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 7
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

The Rev. H. B. Woolley has now rung each bell in this tower to a peal. * First peal of Major. Arranged for Messrs. Fields and Coleman, and Miss Fields, who are from St. Neots. Also a birthday peal for the conductor.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY 1 Treble	JAMES E. COOPER 5
JAMES HEASMAN 2	FRANK E. DARBY 6
RICHARD JENNER 3	ALBERT BELTON 7
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to James and Daniel Cooper. The treble ringer is from Chelsea (late of Croydon); 4th from Banstead; 5th from Croydon; 6th and tenor from Beddington; the remainder are local.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

ERNEST H. SIMPSON 1 Treble	HARRY DAVISON 5
HARRY THORPE 2	EDGAR WHITELEY 6
VERNEY BAIRSTOW 3	JOE GREENWOOD 7
ROBERT BOTTOMLEY 4	WILLIAM AMBLER Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by E. H. SIMPSON.

* First peal in the method.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

ERNEST WHITING 1 Treble	WALTER BARRETT 5
WALTER MOBBS 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
CHARLES CUTTING 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
GEORGE H. CROSS 4	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor

Composed by THOMAS DAY.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 22½ cwt.

GEORGE SIBLEY 1 Treble	S. VICTOR CRABB 5
LESLIE COOMBS 2	DAVID G. TAYLOR 6
CHARLES RAISON 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
WALTER W. COOMBS 4	HENRY RAISON Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the completion of 50 years' ringing by the tenor man.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

SIDNEY SADLER 1 Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
H. STANLEY ROBINSON 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
JAMES R. KEMP 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

* First peal in the method with a working bell, and elected a member of the association prior to the commencement of the peal.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE 1 Treble	WALTER CLAYDON 5
HENRY F. EWINS 2	GEORGE F. HOAD 6
GEORGE ILLMAN 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
HUGH R. THORPE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

LEWIS WISEMAN 1 Treble	GEORGE WIFFEN 5
MISS ELSIE PETTITT 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
BERNARD PETTITT 3	ROBERT H. YOUNG 7
HORACE COOPER 4	LEWIS W. WIFFEN Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Major. Rung on the 21st anniversary of the 14.112 London Surprise Major, in which the conductor rang the 6th.

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On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS (Bristol) ... ..	... Treble
MISS PHOEBE UPSHER (Edmonton) ... ..	... 2
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN (Streattham) ... ..	... 3
MISS FREDA E. ORR (Streattham) ... ..	... 4
MISS STELLA DAVIS (Bucklebury) ... ..	... 5
MISS PEYLLIS M. MOSS (Uxbridge) ... ..	... 6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER (Edmonton) ... ..	... 7
MRS. A. D. BARKER (Stoke Poges) ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

This is the first peal of Stedman rung by eight ladies. The band wish to thank the Vicar for granting the use of the bells on two occasions: Mr. Welling and Mr. Guttridge for making all arrangements; and the friends who so kindly provided tea.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHILDON, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr.

E. ELLIOTT ... ..	... Treble	W. L. VICKERS	4
T. W. ROBINSON	2	J. J. BECK	5
S. BRYANT	3	R. B. ROBINSON	6
J. R. HENDERSON ... ..	... Tenor		

Conducted by R. B. ROBINSON.

Rung with tenor covering, as a birthday compliment to the 2nd, 3rd and 4th ringers. First peal by all except 3rd and 6th. All are service ringers at this church. The 2nd ringer was proposed a member of the association before starting.

WATH-ON-DEARNE, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Tulip, Primrose, College Treble, Sandal Exercise, York Minster, York Delight and Royston Delight. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE LORD ... ..	... Treble	ALBERT NASH	4
HERBERT CHAMBERLIN	2	ROBERT J. RICKETTS	5
ARTHUR GILL	3	ARTHUR PANTHER ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT NASH.

Rung to celebrate the birth of triplet sons to Mrs. J. Champion, wife of one of the local ringers, on the 30th April.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, May 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF COLLEGE SINGLE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM H. COOPER 4
HAROLD V. COOPER 2	WILLIAM GIBBS 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3	JOHN LLOYD <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mrs. Ada E. Bass, wife of Mr. J. Bass. It was the 300th peal by the conductor for this association.

CAPENHURST, CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*PETER GOODIER ... ..	... Treble	EDWARD W. ELWELL	4
ROBERT MADDOCK	2	RICHARD MADDOCK	5
*ARTHUR WILLIAMS	3	†JOHN BAGLEY ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD W. ELWELL.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells. This is the first peal rung by a local company on the bells, and the first peal by the local company.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDEN & STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Foxglove, Marigold, Daffodil, Shamrock, Bluebell, Geranium and Dahlia. 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.

First peal in the methods.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FREDERICK COTTERILL ... Treble	†SYDNEY SAGE	4
GEORGE VERNON	JOHN H. DAVENPORT	5
*FREDERICK HINES	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Conducted by J. H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal. † First peal inside. A 21st birthday compliment to ringer of treble.

HARRINGTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different compositions. Tenor 9 cwt.

*THOMAS J. H. WISE ... ..	... Treble	HARRY MARLOW	4
BERTIE O. SODEN	2	HARRY BAXTER	5
WILLIAM BOTT	3	TOM TEBBUTT ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal and first attempt.

WEST DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.: (1) Primrose Surprise, (2) Cambridge Surprise, (3) Kent and Oxford (Wilde's), (4) Fulbeck Bob, (5) Double and Single Oxford, (6) Double and Single Court, (7) Double and Single Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*JOHN H. RODEN ... ..	... Treble	HORACE M. DAY	4
ARTHUR RIGGALL	2	JOSEPH LONDON	5
WILLIAM TILLEY	3	GEORGE H. WELLS ... ..	... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

* First peal in 11 methods.

MIDDLEWICK, CHESHIRE.—On Monday, April 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Moore 1, H. Yarwood 2, A. Booth 3, H. Barker 4, J. Ashmoor 5, Rev. W. R. Ingham 6, A. Crawley (conductor) 7, S. Moore, junr., 8.

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At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

With 14 different callings.

A. LARGE Treble	E. WITHERS... .. 4
J. GARDNER 2	W. LARGE 5
H. TERRY 3	C. W. LOCKE Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

Rung to commemorate the conductor's 50 years of ringing.

SHORNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six 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 one each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

Tenor $9\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. in G.

AUBREY LIVERMORE Treble	HARRY ARGENT 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 2	JOHN BURLS 5
CHARLES WATERMAN... .. 3	GEORGE MORRAD... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLS.

Birthday peal for the conductor.

SEAVINGTON ST. MARY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being six 720's of Plain Bob, called differently, and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor $6\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

CHARLES RAISON Treble	DAVID G. TAYLOR 4
*S. VICTOR CRABB 2	HENRY BUNGAY 5
*GEORGE SIBLEY... .. 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells. * First peal of Minor. J. T. Dyke hails from Midsomer Norton, and Chas. Raison from Trowbridge.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At 61, New Park Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 1—2	EDWARD WHITEHEAD... .. 5—6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3—4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7—8
Geo. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 9—10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Umpire: ERNEST MORRIS.

THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL CONTEST.

The annual competition for the 'Rawnsley' shield was held at Crosthwaite Church, on Easter Monday. Five teams entered from Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Cleator Moor, Egremont and Keswick. Egremont rang 576 Double Oxford Bob in 27 minutes, with 208 faults; Cleator Moor, Plain Bob Minor for about 20 minutes, when they broke down with 104 faults; Keswick rang 576 Kent Treble Bob Major with 251 faults, and being the home team were penalised another 20 faults. Bridekirk rang 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor in 28 minutes, with 99 faults; Cockermouth, 720 Kent Minor for 29 minutes, but in the opinion of the judge did not come round properly: faults 168.

After the contest, tea was provided in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Rev. S. Metcalf, and supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. W. T. Holmes (Cockermouth).

The judge (Mr. J. H. Banks) gave his decisions as above, and presented the shield to the winners, Bridekirk, to hold for the next twelve months.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Hensingham on June 29th, to unveil the board recording a peal rung in memory of members who fell in the great war.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Parish Hall, to Mr. Metcalf for presiding, and Mr. Banks for again coming to act as judge.—Mr. Banks responded, and this brought a very successful meeting to a close.

A CARILLON AT WEMBLEY.

BELLS FROM THE CROYDON FOUNDRY.

In the Palace of Engineering at the British Empire Exhibition is installed in the clock tower of the Vickers Research Building a very fine set of carillon bells which have been lent by the War Memorial Committee, Simcoe, Ontario, Canada, and which have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The bells, which will be sent to Canada when the exhibition ends, are 23 in number, covering a range of two octaves, including all but the two lower semitones. A weight driven tower clock movement chimes the Westminster quarters and strikes the hours, and after the last stroke of each hour releases the starting switch of a fully automatic electro pneumatic machine, which then plays some well-known air.

In addition, there is a hand clavier, and it is with this that the fullest beauty of the bell music is obtained, the delicate action allowing the carillonneur to play with expression as on a piano and to execute elaborate and complicated cadences with the volume of sound rising from an almost inaudible murmur to the full power of the combined carillon of bells.

This carillon, although not heavy, as to weight of bell metal when compared with some of the largest modern installations cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, has a remarkable sweetness and purity of tone, the notes of the bells being clear and melodious and blending with an unusually pleasing effect, the result of the perfection to which this firm have brought their method of tuning.

During the summer arrangements will be made for the leading carillonneurs of Belgium and Holland to visit Wembley and give special recitals on the carillon.

Messrs. Gillett and Johnston are engaged in completing, amongst other orders, the great carillon of 53 bells for Park Avenue Church, New York, which will be the largest in existence: also a carillon for Boston, U.S.A., as well as a carillon of 35 bells for Holland, in which connection it might be mentioned that these bells are now tuned more accurately than even the famous old carillons of the Netherlands.

WISBECH BELLS.

PEAL ATTEMPT ABANDONED.

On Saturday, May 3rd, a band of ringers from Cambridge paid a visit to Wisbech to attempt a peal on the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church. A rail journey of 40 miles took them into the heart of the fen district, far off the beaten track, where stands this fine church built in 1111, and splendid tower which was built in 1400 A.D., and which contains a grand ring of ten bells (tenor 21 cwt. in E. flat), the back eight by Dobson, of the Old Downham foundry, and the trebles by Mears. Inquiries revealed the fact that only one peal has ever been rung there, a peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Bob Major was the method now attempted, but after a few courses it was very evident the peal attempt would have to be abandoned owing to the bad 'go' of some of the bells, especially the 6th and tenor, so the bells were called round at 1.10 changes, the band being as follows: A. E. Austin 1, A. King 2, H. Hayzell 3, J. T. Newington 4, T. R. Dennis 5, F. Warrington 6, A. G. Rivers 7, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 8.

After being refreshed by an excellent tea, provided by the local Ringing Master, Mr. R. Narborough, the tower was again visited, and two courses of Grandsire Caters, touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung, with two of the local ringers standing in, several of the band ringing their first touch of Caters. The band wish, through this journal, to thank Canon W. T. R. Crookham for permission to ring, also Mr. R. Narborough for having the bells ready and entertaining the band to tea. It is also hoped that this fine ring may soon be made pealable.

THE FALSE PEALS AT ERITH AND WYE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have kept silent for several weeks over the above question in anticipation of an acceptance from Mr. E. J. Cullum, junr., of my apology. I felt bound to apologise, lest I should be guilty of the sin of negligence and omission, and I am afraid if Mr. Cullum declines to acknowledge and respect my apology, he is risking being classified in that category over this particular matter.

I am very much obliged to Mr. H. Parkes for acknowledging my apology, and thanking me on behalf of those who rang at Wye. He touches on the question of first peal men, and according to his letter, thinks it a pity that the variation turned out to be false, as three first peal men rang at Wye. I myself have always shown great sympathy towards such men as these, and this being the case, it would interest me to know how far Mr. Parkes has subsequently devoted his attention to conducting peals of Grandsire Triples for ringers needing a peal in this method to give them a start.

Statistics of his peal ringing career in this essential method will much oblige.—Yours truly,

GEO. BILLENNESS.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

MASTER CRITICISES CLERGY'S APATHY.

The Salisbury Diocesan Guild had a more than usually interesting agenda for the annual meeting which was held in the Cathedral city on Saturday week. There was a large attendance of members, and ringing took place at the various towers, the touches including Grand-size, Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich.

The business meeting was held in the Church House, Salisbury, at which the Master (Major C. C. Hughes D'Aeth, now of Worthing) presided, and was supported by the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Gillingham) and the hon. assistant secretary (Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bridport).—The Chairman apologised for the absence of the President of the Guild (the Earl of Shaftesbury).

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, presenting the statement of accounts, said the balance in hand at the end of the previous year was £51 7s. 7½d.; the balance in hand at the end of last year was £55 10s. 7½d. Four guineas of this were grants towards the Diocesan War Memorial, so that their balance this year was actually a shilling less than it was last year. As the cost of getting out the report this year was going to be more than it was in previous years, owing to a list of those who had rung for the Guild being included, they wanted to be careful with their finances.

In his annual report, the Hon. Secretary made reference to the visit of the Central Council to Salisbury last year, and cordial thanks were extended to all those who kindly assisted with the entertainment of the guests. The report added that a secretary had now been found for the Salisbury branch, which had been without one for ten out of the past eleven years. Mr. F. W. Romaine was appointed to that post at a meeting convened last September. 'The year 1923 will also be memorable for the opening of the first ring of ten bells in the Wiltshire portion of the diocese,' continued the report. Up to 1911 there was not a single church in our diocese with more than eight bells. The augmentation of the peal at Wimborne Minster provided Dorset with the first ten-bell tower. Trowbridge has now done the same for Wiltshire, and the dedication ceremony on Easter Monday, when 300 ringers marched in procession to the church, would long be remembered. Mr. Hector, the energetic conductor at that tower, lost no time in making use of the new opportunities thus provided, and we have the satisfaction of recording the first peal of Royal in the county of Wilts. The festival was held at Marlborough, where the fine old bells of St. Mary's Church had been restored. It was heartily to be wished that in this stately old Wiltshire town the time-honoured custom of ringing the curfew, suspended during the war, might be renewed at an early date. Great activity had been displayed in the Devizes branch, where a number of peals had been rung, and the instruction of young bands in the art of change ringing had produced highly satisfactory results. A peal of Doubles rung at Corfe Mullen by a band of initiates from Wimborne Minster—first peal for five of the six—was also a healthy sign of the times. In conclusion, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards thanked the Guild most heartily for the very generous donation granted towards the cost of repairing the ancient tower of his parish church.

In his notes for the year 1923, the Master, having alluded in congratulatory terms to the success of the meeting of the Central Council at Salisbury, said he could not fail to mention one name, the organiser and general guide, Mr. T. Hervey Beams.

CLERGY'S LACK OF INTEREST.

Major D'Aeth said it was his great sorrow that he now stood at that table having to resign the office of Master. As they knew, he had left the Diocese in which he had been more or less actively engaged in Church work for 46 years, so they might imagine what his feelings were when his chief connection with the Diocese ended. They had now got 818 members in their Guild of Ringers, with only 31 clergymen's names on the list, and four of them had no bells in their churches. That was to say that out of 115 towers that belonged to the Guild they could only get 31 clergymen to take an interest in this very important branch of Church work. That ought not to be. There would come a time when the Guilds would have to fight for their Church. 'Cannot we persuade the clergy to take a more active part in this, which we consider a very important part of Church work?' asked the Master. 'We call the congregation to come and listen to the clergyman, and if he won't come to the west end of the church, how can he expect the ringers or flock to come to the other end? I am thankful to say, that amongst the ringers we do think of our church a good deal, and that a large majority of the ringers go to church after calling the flock. It has been a disappointment to me in the Mastership of the Guild, and I trust my successor will have more success than I have had in this respect.'

He thanked the members for the kindness they had shown him wherever he had been, and he would never forget it, neither would he forget them. He thanked the hon. secretary for all his real hard work. He was a very active member of the Guild. Without Mr. Edwards he was afraid it would go very hard with the Guild (hear, hear).

Proposing a vote of thanks to Major D'Aeth for his services as Master, Mr. T. Hervey Beams said actions spoke louder than words, and he thought it should be entered on the minutes that 'we receive with regret the resignation of Major D'Aeth, and at the same time we assure him of our most hearty thanks for all he has done for the Guild' (hear, hear). He hoped Major D'Aeth would be as happy in Sussex as he had been in Dorset (hear, hear).—Major D'Aeth suitably replied, and in recognition of his services he was unanimously elected a vice-president.

NEW MASTER ELECTED.

To fill the position of Master, the Devizes branch recommended the Rev. Wilfred A. Jays, from whom Major D'Aeth produced a letter, in which he stated 'I am not a skilled ringer, and I have very grave doubts I shall ever become skilled in the art.' Mr. Jays, in his letter, added his regret that ringers left the church immediately after they had finished ringing.—The Rev. C. A. Phillips, of Bournemouth, was also nominated, but he told the conference that he was not sufficiently advanced in ringing.—The Rev. C. Carew Cox was also nominated, but he pleaded that he had too much on his hands in his own parish to attend to.—A further nomination was that of the Rev. G. H. Gundry, the vice-chairman of the North Dorset branch.—The Rev. Carew Cox, proposing Mr. Gundry, expressed his confidence that under Mr. Gundry's direction the North Dorset branch was going to be one of the liveliest in the Guild.

Finally Mr. Gundry was elected, and in thanking the members, he said he would do the best he could for the advancement of the Guild.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards was unanimously re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Hervey Beams hon. assistant secretary. The hon. auditors—the Rev. A. D. H. Allan (Wimborne) and Mr. H. R. Hopkins (Kington Magna)—were re-elected. The Rev. C. Carew Cox, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mr. Hervey Beams, and Mr. S. J. Hector (Trowbridge) were elected by ballot as representatives on the Central Council. The committee—the appointed officers of the Guild and of the branches, the Rev. Canon Myers, the Rev. C. Wood, and Mr. J. R. Jerram—were re-appointed. Also re-elected were the following instructors in change ringing: Messrs. G. T. White (Dorchester), J. E. Willshire (Seend), S. Hillier (Devizes), T. H. Beams (Bridport), F. W. Townsend (Poole), S. J. Hector (Trowbridge), H. Taylor (Melksham), A. Hussey (Sturminster Newton), and F. Arnold (Shroton, Blandford). Mr. J. R. Jerram (Salisbury) was re-appointed inspector of belfries.

THE DIOCESAN WAR MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Dealing with the question of the Diocesan War Memorial and the Guild's contribution to it, Mr. Hervey Beams explained that at Marlborough last year this matter was referred to the General Committee of the Guild, who had fully discussed it after having seen the plans and drawings and having had an interview with the Dean of Salisbury. The original scheme of a Diocesan War Memorial, which was to provide a certain number of windows in the north aisle of the Cathedral, had been dropped. The scheme now proposed was one in which the diocese was taking a large part, and the relatives of the late Bishop Ridgeway, a former president of the Guild, were also taking a large part. It was to make one of the chapels in the south transept of the Cathedral the Chapel of St. Nicholas. The relatives of the late Bishop Ridgeway were providing the altar and the accessories, and the diocese was to provide the panelling which would separate the chapel from the next chapel and also, as he understood, from the front. The Guild of Ringers had been asked by the Dean to take their share in erecting a part of the panelling. They had allotted them a piece of oak panelling nine feet six inches high and six feet eleven inches wide. After the committee saw the Dean and viewed the spot they decided to recommend the scheme to the Guild for adoption. The approximate cost to the Guild, £200, seemed a bit heavy, but it was not heavy when one considered the amount of panelling to be done, and certainly not heavy when they remembered who were to be commemorated by it (hear, hear). He was not in a position to say how many men in the Guild gave their lives in the war, or how many died as a result of the war, but the number was larger possibly than many of the members suspected. The question was whether it was possible to get £200. He did not think the raising of £200 would be a difficult matter if the whole diocese was worked systematically. The name of the fallen ringers would be inscribed in a parchment book, called 'The Book of Remembrance,' which would be kept in the shrine they were asked to erect.

Mr. Heggibottom submitted an amendment to the scheme, proposed by the Devizes branch. The amendment was that a sum of £200 be raised for the panelling (or screen) in Salisbury Cathedral, and that such sum be raised by applying to the Parochial Church Councils for a grant of not less than 1s. per bell and 1s. per ringer in the respective parishes; and that the ringers, most of whom had already contributed to one and perhaps two memorials, be not personally canvassed for subscriptions.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox said if the memorial suggested were placed in the Cathedral it would be the finest ringers' memorial in the whole

of Great Britain. He was sure Mr. Hervey Beams' scheme would be largely taken up.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards proposed that the resolution be modified to read that the sum of £200 be raised for the erection of panelling in the Cathedral, and that each parish in the diocese be applied to for 1s. per bell and 1s. per ringer.

In this form the motion was carried nem. con.

'STRIKES' AMONG RINGERS.

Expressing the hope that the motion would not be considered to be of a controversial nature, the Rev. Carew Cox proposed that the following be added to Rule 6:—

'In any case of difficulties arising between members of an affiliated tower and the church authorities of the parish, members of the Guild, whether paid or voluntary, shall not withhold their services on that account, but shall appeal to the Guild, either through the Chairman of the local branch, or the Master. If the incumbent of the parish so desire, a representative of the Guild may be appointed to offer advice on both sides.'

Similar rules were, he said, in operation in the Bath and Wells and other dioceses. The more the Guild was recognised as having a moral hold over its members the more easily would the difficulties be rectified. He put it to them that ringers did not join the association for their own pleasure, but purely for the purpose of helping forward the brotherhood of ringers throughout the country, and to advance their recognition as church workers. 'It is utterly contrary to the spirit in which church work should be done, especially the work of calling people to church, that there should be anything of what the Press are pleased to call strikes among ringers,' urged Mr. Carew Cox. 'That does the church no good at all, but it does give a very bad impression. It emphasises, to my mind, the absence between ringers and the church authorities of a parish of the Christian spirit of forbearance; and I take it that we as a Guild are out to intensify our brotherhood as ringers' (hear, hear).

There was no dissent, but owing to the pressure of time the Chairman suggested that they should postpone consideration until the next meeting, and this course was agreed to.

A service was afterwards held in the Cathedral, at which the Dean of Salisbury preached from the text 'O come, let us worship' (Psalm xciv. 6). The Dean said he desired, on behalf of the Chapter, to extend to the Guild a very hearty welcome to the Mother Church, and to assure them that although they had lost their bell turret, and so could not have a peal now, they took a very sincere interest in all the Guild were doing to extend the science of bell ringing and de-

velop it in the towers of the diocese on sound lines. They sympathised with the Guild in their loss of their Master, who had done so much for the work.

An appropriate anthem, called the Bell Anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway' (Purcell), was sung by the choir, and the hymn was 'Angel voices ever singing.' The collection was for the Diocesan Memorial Fund.

The Guild were afterwards entertained to tea in the Church House, and later in the evening touches were rung in the towers in the city.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ENFIELD.

One of the most successful meetings in the history of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at St. Mary Magdalen's, Enfield, on Saturday last, when, in spite of such weather as would usually keep people indoors, over 50 members and friends attended. Several short touches—short to give everybody an opportunity of ringing—were rung in many methods from 3.30 onwards until the time of Divine service. This was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. Thomas), who addressed a large congregation at length on their duty as Christians and workers for God.

Tea was served in the Church Hall adjoining, and a few words of welcome were spoken by the Vicar before he had to depart; and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his address, and for the use of the bells.

At the subsequent business meeting, the president (Mr. F. A. Milne, J.P.) took the chair, and 15 new members were elected, including several of the local band, who expressed a keen desire to learn change ringing, and for whom the society is arranging some help.—Mr. C. Turner voiced their thanks to the association, giving the members present a hearty welcome to Enfield.

St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, was chosen for the next district meeting at the end of June.

Whilst a few members paid another visit to the tower, others took a welcome opportunity of ringing at St. Andrew's Church, where the bells were available, through the kindness of the Rev. R. Howel Brown. The towerkeeper, Mr. C. Plume, very kindly met the ringers, who enjoyed several touches ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise on a nicely going peal, which have not long since been rung by the Whitechapel Foundry with excellent results.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new bells at Bridport, Dorset, are to be dedicated on Ascension Day, and, as will be seen from a notice in another column, the following day will be devoted to ringing, and a cordial invitation is extended to members of the Exercise. The bells, with 22 cwt. tenor, are from the Whitechapel Foundry.

Canon W. W. C. Baker (President of the Bedfordshire Association) is shortly leaving Dunstable, having accepted the living of Southill, a village near Biggleswade. His pending departure is much regretted by the parishioners, particularly the ringers. During his stay in Dunstable, Canon Baker has seen the advance of ringing from 'Stony' to Surprise.

At the Easter vestry, held at Linslade, Bucks, Mr. A. Vickers, one of the ringers, was elected people's warden, and Mr. F. Bultruss and Mr. G. White, sidesmen, of St. Barnabas.

Mr. Samuel Wood, the veteran, of Ashton-under-Lyne, celebrated his jubilee as a peal ringer on Saturday, when he took part in a peal at Pendleton. Mr. Wood's first peal was rung at St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, on May 9th, 1874. There has been much ringing history made since then, and Mr. Sam Wood has helped to make it.

A peal at Ilminster on Saturday also celebrated a jubilee, Mr. Henry Raison, who rang the tenor, having completed 50 years of service in the tower.

A gold badge, suitably inscribed, has been presented to Mr. Raison by his brother ringers in recognition of his long service.

Another peal on Saturday was in celebration of a third ringer's jubilee in the Exercise—Mr. W. Large, who has done a great deal of spadework in and about the county of Gloucester. A peal of Grandsire Doubles at Longborough, marked his completion of fifty years of ringing.

Mention of Mr. Sam Wood's jubilee recalls the fact that it was no less than 41 years ago on Sunday next that he called the famous 16,608 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Mottrum, the peal occupying 9 hours 48 mins.

One of the long lengths of Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shore-ditch on May 19th, 1777. This was the 11,080 by the College Youths, rung in that period when there was keen rivalry with the Cumberlands for the record length in the method.

On May 20th, 1780, a 5,220 Titum Bob Royal was rung at St. Michael's, Coventry, by the St. Martin's Youths.

A peal of 5,120 Cumberland Treble Bob was rung at Edmonton by the Cumberland Youths on May 20th, 1795.

More than one record has been made on May 21st. In 1833, the 13,054 Stedman Caters was rung in 8 hours 16 mins., at Cheltenham, and on this date last year, the famous 12,675 Stedman Cinques at Southwark.

On May 21st, 1861, 10,061 Grandsire Caters was rung in 5 hours 56 mins., at Wednesbury, and on the same date, in 1873, the first peal of Grandsire Triples in Scotland, at St. Mary's, Dundee, conducted by the late Matt. Wood.

The 17,024 Double Norwich was rung at Kidlington in 11 hours 12 mins. on May 22nd, 1899.

His many friends will be pleased to learn that Mr. Reg. D. Marshall, who is at present a patient in Manor House Hospital, Golder's Green, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery. At first it was thought he was suffering from gastric ulcers, but later the cause of the trouble was diagnosed as appendicitis. The operation which was performed was entirely successful.

Readers who are intending to purchase a cycle should send their inquiries to a brother ringer, Mr. R. Lathbury, Castle Street, Cambridge, whose advertisement of ladies' and gents' cycles appears in this issue.

THE LATE MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.

PROPOSED MEMORIAL.

At the annual committee meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Oxford, Canon G. F. Coleridge proposed: 'That the Oxford Diocesan Guild take steps to erect a memorial to the late J. W. Washbrook in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and that all Guilds and Associations be invited to subscribe.'—This was carried unanimously, and will doubtless be carried at the annual general business meeting, held on the day of festival, at Oxford, on July 26th.

AFTER MANY YEARS.

The first change ringing for some years at Minety, Wilts, took place on Thursday, May 8th, when several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung by F. W. Bond 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis 3, H. C. Bond 4, F. Edwards 5.

LADIES' PEAL OF STEDMAN.

Peals by the Ladies' Guild are few and far between, but a noteworthy success was achieved on Saturday, when, for the first time, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung by eight ladies. This was achieved at St. Peter's Church, Old Windsor, and the ladies represented six towers. They made an unsuccessful attempt a few weeks ago, but, nothing daunted, they met again, and a good peal was the result. The ladies were not, of course, new to the method, but it is striking evidence of the progress being made that a company of ladies can score such a peal. Congratulations will be extended by the Exercise to the band, whose efforts, under the capable leadership of Miss Edith Parker, have thus been rewarded.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

ADDITIONAL VICE-PRESIDENTS ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held on May 3rd, at Ranmoor, due to the fact that Chesterfield, the place originally selected, was still unavailable for ringing. A committee meeting was held in the Parish Hall, and a proposal put forward to elect two more vice-presidents, making a total of four, with a view to assisting the president in carrying out his duties. After some discussion this was carried, and the names of Mr. John Flint, of Bolsover, and Mr. George Halksworth, of Doncaster, were selected by the committee to go before the general meeting. It was also decided that a committee meeting be summoned at Sheffield in November for the revision of the rules of the society.

A short musical service was held in the church at 5 p.m., an interesting address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls), himself an accomplished change ringer.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, immediately after which a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on the handbells, followed by the annual business meeting, at which the Vicar presided.

A report of the year's work was given by the hon. secretary, showing gratifying progress. During the year 22 peals have been rung, including the first peal of Bob Maximus in the county of Yorkshire, and one of Rutland Surprise, being the first for the association.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Mr. G. Lewis (Ecclesfield), in place of Mr. F. Watkinson, resigned; vice-presidents, Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. J. Holman (Sheffield Cathedral), Mr. John Flint (Bolsover), and Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster); hon. treasurer, Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore); hon. secretary, Mr. T. W. Chown (Sheffield Cathedral); assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Sam Thomas (Ranmoor); hon. auditors, Mr. J. Flint (Bolsover), and Mr. G. Hollis (Chesterfield).

New members were elected in Miss Ivy Eastwood, Mr. E. Napten, of Whiston, and Mr. H. Muscroft. Votes of thanks to the Vicar, wardens, and local company, concluded the meeting. Fifty members were present during the afternoon and evening, and the methods rung ranged from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL RINGING FACILITIES.

The following towers will be available for ringing for visitors to the Central Council Meeting:—Whit Sunday:

St. Martin-in-the-Fields (12), 9.45 a.m.
St. Clement Danes (10), 10 a.m.
St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8), 10 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.
St. Andrew's, Holborn (8), 10 a.m.
Southwark Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.
Shoreditch (12), 5.30 p.m.

St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10), 5.30 p.m.

Whit Monday.—By kind permission of the incumbents the following towers will be available to Central Council representatives for peals: St. Clement Danes (10), Enfield (8), Edmonton, All Saints' (8). Representatives desirous of taking part in peals at Edmonton or Enfield please communicate with Mr. J. Parker, Queen Ann Place, Enfield. For St. Clement Danes write to Mr. J. W. Cornford. Applications must be received not later than May 19th.

W. T. COCKERILL (hon. secretary, College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham.

J. W. CORNFORD (hon. secretary, Cumberlands), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

PEALS FOR TWO SOCIETIES.

'Enquiry' writes: 'When peals are published under two Associations or Societies, do both include the peal in their records, or only the society first named?'

We believe the general practice is that, for the purposes of association records, both societies enter the peal. For the purposes of the Peals Analysis, compiled by the Central Council, the peal goes to the credit of the society first named only.

ASHTON KEYNES BELLS.

The bells at Ashton Keynes, Wilts, have recently been quarter-turned, and on Thursday, May 8th, several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung on them by F. W. Bond 1, H. Lewis 2, F. J. Lewis 3, F. Edwards 4, H. C. Bond 5. Also a six-score, with F. Poole, one of the local ringers, on the treble. The bells are in good going order.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS DOBLE.

SPADE WORK IN SOMERSET.

The West Somerset coroner (Mr. Foster Barham) conducted an inquest at Stogursey on Monday week upon the late Mr. Thos. Doble, who died suddenly while ringing on the previous Saturday. Medical evidence showed that a blood vessel on the brain was ruptured, and death was caused by extensive hæmorrhage.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon of last week at St. James' Cemetery, Taunton, the first part of the service being held in St. Mary's Church, where deceased had been parastan for close on 40 years. The Rev. S. W. Payne officiated, assisted by the Rev. W. H. Allen, and the full choir attended as a mark of respect to one who was a former chorister. The hymns sung were 'Pleasant are Thy courts above,' and 'The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended.' At the close of the impressive service, the Dead March in 'Saul' was played by Mr. C. J. Revell, in the absence of Mr. H. A. Jeboult. The mourners were Misses A. and G. Doble (daughters), Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Doble (son and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Nevill (son-in-law and daughter), and Miss Membury (cousin). A large congregation was present, including the churchwardens, and many prominent tradesmen and residents of the town. Mr. E. E. Burgess, general hon. secretary, represented the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and Mr. P. Merson, hon. secretary, the Taunton Deanery. The bearers were fellow ringers from St. James' Church, Messrs. W. J. Tarr, H. Basley, E. Priddle, E. E. Burgess and J. Hunt.

After the committal prayers at the cemetery, four ringers stood around the grave, and rang on a sweet-toned peal of handbells a course of Grandsire Triples: J. Maddock 1—2, J. Hunt 3—4, H. J. Poole 5—6, P. Merson 7—8. The bearers and other ringers returned to St. James' Church and rang 504 changes each of Stedman Triples (E. E. Burgess, conductor) and Grandsire Triples (J. Hunt, conductor). In the evening, St. Mary's peal of twelve was rung in rounds by ringers from Taunton and neighbourhood; also a touch of Stedman Caters, with J. Burge conductor.

Mr. Doble was amongst the first to join the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association on its formation in 1890, but several years before this he had endeavoured to promote change ringing in the county. In 1886 he conducted the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles on St. Mary's bells, and he was the leader there for a number of years. For some years past he had been an honorary member of St. James' band. His peals do not tally with his spade work in the years that are gone, for the services he rendered the association in its early days by helping young bands were invaluable, and his efforts have borne fruit. His peals number 45, including Grandsire Doubles, Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major. He rang his last peal in 1921. In addition to the local association, he was a member of the Devonshire Guild, Gloucester and Bristol Association, and the Ancient Society of College Youths. Many beautiful flowers were sent, including one from the C.E.M.S., and one from the ringers of St. James'.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual spring meeting of the Chipping Norton Deanery branch was held on Saturday week at Chipping Norton, ringers being present from a number of towers. Some good touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Service was held in church. The Rev. Noel Hopkins gave an eloquent address. Tea was next partaken of, when the following towers were represented: Ascott, Churchill, Chipping Norton, Chastleton, Charlbury, Enstone, and Spelsbury, with the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (general secretary), and Mr. A. J. Wright (treasurer) were also present. At the business meeting, the accounts were passed. Special mention was made of the loss the branch had sustained by the death of one of its oldest hon. members, the late Mr. W. Toy.—The chairman (the Rev. J. W. Palmer), the branch secretary (Mr. J. Keyte), and also the Guild representatives were all re-elected.

It was proposed to make the opening of Spelsbury bells a special meeting, and to hold the autumn meeting at Churchill.

The usual votes of thanks were accorded, and the Master of the Guild made special allusion to the leading article on the front page of that week's 'Ringing World.' He urged more ringers to support the paper, and Mr. T. Hibbert endorsed the Master's remarks.

Mr. A. J. Wright spoke on the finances of the Guild.

Ringers then made their way to the tower for further ringing, which brought a successful meeting to a close.

RINGER AS CHURCHWARDEN FOR 25 YEARS.

At Chorley (Lancashire) Parish Church, on Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 mins. by J. Marsden 1, G. W. Brindle 2, R. Clayton 3, W. Blackledge 4, J. H. Gartside, junr., 5, F. Rigby (conductor) 6, G. Hewitt (first quarter-peal on a working bell) 7, H. Southworth 8. The quarter-peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. J. H. Gartside, senr., on his retirement from the office of warden after 25 years' service. He has also been associated with ringing in this tower for more than fifty years. All the above band are service ringers at the church.

BELL WEIGHTS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—There was a misprint in my former letter to you relating to bell weights, which I neglected to correct, but will answer one of the questions in Mr. Burton's letter. The last sentence should have read: '— in former days bells were weighed WITH the clappers.' Bells are weighed before being tuned, and those are the weights given in the tower. It is hardly likely that founders have to lose metal turned out by tuning (especially nowadays). No doubt if I gave wrong information on that point, one of the founders would pull me up.

With regard to St. Peter Mancroft bells being retuned, that is no doubt a matter of opinion. Some people, of course, would like to see the canons cut off these bells.

As quite modern tenors have been weighed again when being rehung and found to be lighter, I think the 'clappers and tuning' argument will stand against 'inaccuracy of scales.'—Yours faithfully,
CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

DEATH OF FORMER SUSSEX RINGER.

Sussex ringers will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. Sydney Saker, who for some years was hon. secretary of the Eastern Division of the Association. He had been a member of the Blacklands Guild, Hastings, for a long period, and an honorary member of the Battle Society since 1896. He rang his first peal at this historic place on Feb. 29th, 1896, and, through his instrumentality in getting some well-known ringers to that distant corner of the county, some of the Battle men, in 1898, were enabled to ring their first peal of Stedman. Two journeys were required for this peal, for the first attempt was stopped in the last 500 by the Dean, who admitted himself to the tower by his private key. Mr. Saker did a great deal to encourage ringing in East Sussex, and in conducting the affairs of the association he brought to bear a keen business instinct and a professional training, together with a genial disposition which made him beloved by all who knew him.

Mr. Saker had resided for some time at Purley, where he died on April 19th, after a painful illness, extending over several months. The funeral took place at Hastings on April 24th. The first part of the service was held at Christ Church, Blacklands, the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Thornton) officiating. The interment was at the Borough Cemetery. The tower bells were rung fully muffled as a last mark of respect, both before and after the service, by the Blacklands ringers, under the direction of Mr. J. Livermore, the captain.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**STOCKPORT BRANCH AND THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.**

'May is, according to the old poets, the "fairest maid" of the months. It is a delightful month, inasmuch that it has the fairness and beauty of youth; it is a time of freshness and fragrance outdoors, with the countryside garbed in beautiful green—a green such as the desert traveller must often long for in his exile' (A May Magazine).

But on the occasion of a Stockport branch meeting at Mottram-in-Longendale on Saturday last there was something else the desert traveller always longs for, viz., rain; the 'fayre mayd' was having a bath. Those who braved the elements were, however, amply rewarded for their trouble. The quality of Mottram bells and their 'go' being so well known, further comment is unnecessary. Ringing opened soon after 3 p.m., with a touch of Double Norwich, and much use was made of the bells until 4.30 p.m., when a short service was held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. M. Power), who gave an interesting address. Tea was served in the Parish Room, to which forty members and friends, including the Vicar, sat down. This had been kindly prepared by several ladies connected with the Parish Church.

Mr. J. H. Jackson presided over the business meeting. The question of 'general improvement' was brought up for discussion, and deferred for consideration.

A resolution supporting the motion of the Crewe branch, to have the Guild's annual festival, at present held on August Bank Holiday and the last Saturday in July, alternately, held on Easter Monday each year, was carried.

One new member was elected, and, in reply to the usual votes of thanks, the Rev. M. Power, a typical son of the Emerald Isle, expressed his pleasure in having the company of the Guild. He apologised for the state of the weather, and closed his remarks with a humorous story about the local weather, and it is doubtful whether our American cousins can beat it.

The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going until 9 p.m. Many old ringers will be glad to learn that Mr. James Adams, of Sydney, formerly of Ashton-under-Lyne, and who has only recently arrived in this country, was present on the occasion, and looking well. He is staying with his nephew, Mr. B. Thorp, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

DEATH OF A WOLVERHAMPTON RINGER.

It is with regret we announce the death of Mr. Thomas O'Connor, who passed away on April 25th, at the age of 47 years, and who had been connected with St. Peter's tower, Wolverhampton, for about 25 years. The deceased had been ailing of late, and was advised to go into hospital for an operation, after which pneumonia set in and the end quickly came.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Fred. Stockley (Rector) at St. Peter's Church, and the committal prayers at the graveside said by the Rev. T. W. Wilkes, who at one time was clerical secretary and treasurer to the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, of which the deceased was a member.

'Tommy' (as he was familiarly known) was of a genial disposition, and big-hearted. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. He leaves a widow, son and three daughters to mourn their loss.

An attempt for a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Caters was made at St. Peter's on May 1st. All went well for two hours and forty minutes, when rapping on the belfry door brought about an untimely finish. Upon the door being opened, who should enter but a 'man in blue'! It appears that he had been requested by May-day demonstrators near by, to 'come to some arrangement' with the ringers, as the speakers could not be heard above the sound of the bells. When he realised the position—impressed upon him by the indignant band—he hinted that another start might be made. However, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples (half-muffled) was made on May 9th at St. Luke's, but this, too, did not mature, through a turn-over in the 38th course.

LAMBETH RINGERS ENTERTAIN ALDERSHOT RINGERS

On Saturday, May 3rd, the ringers from Aldershot Parish Church (St. Michael the Archangel) visited London, and were entertained by Lambeth ringers, a very pleasant time being spent. An interesting hour or two was spent in Lambeth Palace; then came tea; a move afterwards being made to the belfry, and short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. The Rev. F. O. T. Hawkes, Rector of Lambeth (formerly Vicar of Aldershot), joined the party, and a social at the Rectory House occupied the remainder of the evening. The visitors departed after 'Auld Lang Syne' had been sung in approved fashion.

The trip was arranged in response to an invitation by Lambeth ringers in return for hospitality last summer, when the Rev. F. O. T. Hawkes and his ringers visited Aldershot, and a cricket match was played between the members of the respective towers. A warm friendship exists between Aldershot and Lambeth ringers, and it is hoped to foster this feeling by social events on future occasions.

The Aldershot ringers (particularly the juniors) will cherish very pleasant memories of their visit to Lambeth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the North-Eastern district of the Essex Association was held at Langham on Saturday, April 26th, when 31 members braved the storm. Service was conducted by the Rev. Ward, who is a member of the association, and who presided at the tea, which was provided at the Gunn Inn, Dedham, Host Sterry being a member of the local company. Three new members were elected, one of them at the age of 12 years, who rang a long touch of Bob Minor from the top of a box. It was quite an unusual sight to see so small a ringer.—Mr. W. J. Nevard proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, and Great Totham was proposed for the next quarterly meeting.

LADIES' GUILD.

The Midland District of the Ladies' Guild held their meeting at St. John's, Deritend, on Saturday, May 3rd. There was a very poor attendance, members from Solihull, Smethwick, Netherton and Handsworth only being present, but the few had a very enjoyable time, and a good practice. Unfortunately there was no service, owing to the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Morgan) being ill. Very little business was done except to choose the place of the next meeting, St. Michael's, Greenhill, Lichfield, being selected, if permission can be obtained, on the first Saturday in July.

A vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. Neal for having everything ready, and for his help throughout the afternoon.

THE PEAL AT THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—When I received the invitation to ring in the above peal, I was asked to represent the county of Middlesex. Having resided in Hampstead for upwards of 25 years, I claim that I have the right to do so, certainly more than many members of the Middlesex County Association who do not even reside in the county.—Yours truly,
48, Mansfield Road, Hampstead, N.W.3. FRANK SMITH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. HIGH-WATER MARK.

The committee of the Midland Counties Association, in the annual report, state that the past year had been, financially, as fruitful as its preceding one, the balance sheet showing a clear gain of £38 5s. 5d. on the year's working. The association has apparently reached the high-water mark of prosperity, having a capital balance of upwards of £170. Heartiest thanks are accorded to those patrons and hon. members whose generous support has enabled the association to reach this goal. Grants to Church Bell Restoration Funds have been made to the following places: Castle Donington (£25), West Hallam (£3 3s.), Orston (£3 3s.), Belgrave (£5 5s.).

During the year 143 peals were rung for the association, and although this is a smaller total than the 149 rung during 1922, the variety and quality of methods undoubtedly show improvement. As an instance of this it may be mentioned that three quite distinct bands rang London Surprise. The great bulk of the peals have been rung in the Leicester district, as is shown by the fact that four Leicester members are credited during 1923 with totals of 59, 49, 45 and 42 M.C.A. peals each, respectively. Peals in Surprise methods increased from 30.8 per cent. to 34.2 per cent., and on eight or more bells, from 58.4 per cent. to 67.8 per cent. Three new methods were added to the peal list: Princess Mary Surprise Royal and New Cambridge Surprise Royal at Leicester, and Rutland Surprise Major at Bolsover. The membership roll on December 31st, 1923, was: Patrons and hon. members, 222; ringing members, 736; total, 958.

DISTRICT MEETINGS.

A meeting of the Derby district was held at Wirksworth on Saturday, April 26th, members being present from Derby and Duffield, together with the local company, numbering about twenty. Owing to the weather conditions a few members were deterred from making the journey. Wirksworth, situate about 13 miles from Derby, is a pretty little market town, and is the terminus of the branch line of the L. M. and S. Railway from Duffield, the latter place at one time famous in ringing history.

The eight bells of St. Mary's Church were kept going in various methods, including Kent Treble Boh Major, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and a few of the younger members secured their first touch in these methods.—At the business meeting a vote of thanks to the clergy for granting the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making arrangements for the meeting, was carried unanimously.

It was decided that the next monthly meeting be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, May 31st.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at the Loughborough District Meeting of the Midland Counties Association at Whitwick on Saturday, April 26th. Ringers were present from Loughborough, Shepshed, Hugglescote, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and the local tower. Touches of Stedman Doubles and Triples and Grandsire Triples and Boh Major were brought round.

The Rector conducted the service, and gave an address.

The meeting was held in the Schoolroom, when Messrs. John Albert Walton and Wallace Burton were elected ringing members, and the Rector an honorary member.

After the meeting, the ringers enjoyed a bountiful tea given by the Rector, to whom a hearty vote of thanks were given.

STEBBING RINGERS' FESTIVAL.

The annual festival organised by the Stebbing, Essex, ringers was attended by about 60 members of the Essex Association and friends from Brainree, Felsted, Great Bardfield, Dunmow, Rayne, and Stebbing. After a service at the Parish Church, at which an address was given by the Rev. C. E. Livesey, Vicar, the company adjourned to the Parish Room, where tea was provided by local ladies. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association; Mr. L. Wiffen, District Master, and Mr. W. H. Dyson, hon. sec., North-Eastern district; and Messrs. J. T. Barker and Stock, churchwardens.—Mr. Howard, proposing thanks to the Vicar, and to the ladies for providing tea, commented on the kindly welcome which the ringers received, and the pleasure it gave to visit the well-kept church at Stebbing, with its stone screen, considered to be the finest in Essex. Stebbing depended solely on agriculture, and the way in which the church was cared for denoted self-sacrifice by the parishioners.

The Vicar, in reply, said the church, previous to the Reformation, was closely associated with the social life of the people, as was shown by the recreation and amusements it provided after holy days. The present year would witness the 600th anniversary of Stebbing Church, and a week's commemoration would be held in July, when the Bishops of Chelmsford and Colchester and three previous Vicars of Stebbing would take part. A pageant was being written for production on the vicarage lawn.

During the evening there were songs by Mr. M. E. Hammond, Mr. C. G. Cargill, and Mrs. Haslen, handbell ringing by Brainree and Stebbing ringers, and touches on the church bells, including London Surprise.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING SCHEME DRAFTED.

A general meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Robin Hood's Bay on Easter Monday, and as this place is not one of the best to reach either by train or road, it was a most gratifying surprise to the officials to see such a good attendance of ringers, who were present from Tadcaster, Middlesbrough, Whitby, Newcastle, Shildon, Saltburn, Stockton, Scarborough, and the local company. The bells, a beautiful peal of eight, recast and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston in the early part of 1914, were set going shortly after 9 a.m., and kept going until about 7 p.m. in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. A short service was held in the church at noon, and dinner was provided at the Victoria Hotel, the company numbering 54. The president (the Rev. A. Simpson) was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Robson, M.A.), the wardens, the vice-presidents (Mr. G. F. Alexander, Mr. J. W. Passman), and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe).

The loyal toast was honoured, and the President, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his address to the ringers, thanked him most heartily for the interest shown in ringers' work. He also thanked the wardens and the organist for officiating at the organ during the service.—The Vicar, in reply, welcomed the association to Robin Hood's Bay, and hoped that meetings like those would come round oftener. He hoped the association would not be long before they could arrange another meeting there, by which time he hoped the Vicarage, now undergoing alterations and repairs, would be completed, so that he could ask them to look round and have a cup of tea with them.

Nine new members were elected, including the Vicar of Robin Hood's Bay as an hon. member; two life members from Tadcaster; two life members from Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne; and four performing yearly members.

The committee appointed at the last annual meeting, to consider and report to the next meeting the Sunday Service ringing scheme, presented their report, which it was hoped each belfry would consider, so that it could be got into working order, and adopted at the annual meeting to be held at Middlesbrough on Whit-Monday next, June 8th.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE CLOSING OF QUEENBOROUGH TOWER.

The half-yearly meeting of the Rochester district was held at Hartlip, on Saturday, April 26th, and owing to the threatening weather only a small number attended, apart from the local band, about 20 ringers putting in an appearance. What was lacking in numbers, however, was made up for in other ways, as the ringing was good, the service hearty and bright, the tea very enjoyable, and the business short and unanimous. Ringing commenced soon after three, and methods from Stedman Doubles to Cambridge Surprise rung. The association service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. H. Creaton). The organist and a full choir attended, also a few villagers. The Vicar gave an excellent ringers' address, and at the close tea was partaken of in the schoolroom adjoining, over 40 sitting down to a repast, which had been admirably catered for by lady helpers of the church.

After tea, Colonel Locke presented to the Vicar, for the church, a history of the bells at Hartlip, which gave full particulars of the first castings—and subsequent recastings—together with all inscriptions on the bells. This had been handsomely inscribed and framed, and the Vicar promised it should be hung in a prominent place in the church.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, and was supported by Mr. Luck, churchwarden, Colonel Locke, Messrs. Haigh and Spice (district representatives), and the district secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell). Two new members were elected, one non-resident, who was proposed previous to a peal, and Swanscombe was unanimously chosen as the next meeting-place, in July.

The Secretary read the correspondence which had passed between the Vicar of Queenborough and himself, arising out of the proposed visit, from which it appeared that the Queenborough tower had been closed owing to three or four of the ringers not regularly attending church. The secretary had written regretting the Vicar's drastic action, and said he hoped they would soon re-form a band so that the bells might be heard again.—His action was approved of by the meeting.

Mr. F. Mitchell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address, and presiding over the meeting; to the organist and choir for their attendance, and to the ladies who had so kindly arranged the tea.—The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased they were to have a visit of the association, and remarked on the contrast of Hartlip to Queenborough. All his adult choristers were ringers, and nearly all the ringers choristers, and most regular in their attendance. He did not entirely approve of the action of the Vicar at the latter place in closing the tower; if he were not satisfied he would 'close' the ringer—not the tower.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and Rainham bells were also available, where standard methods were rung.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, May 4th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor, in 25 runs: A. Bromley (first 720) 1, R. T. Lambert 2, G. Burt 3, F. J. Lambert, senr., 4, R. E. Lambert 5, H. J. Hammond 6.

PENSHURST, KENT.—On Sunday, May 4th, for Divine service, and as a last token of respect to the late Viscount Hardinge, of South Park, Peshurst, who has acted as Rector's warden for the past 21 years, and was elected to fill the post for the ensuing year only five days before his death, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples, with half-muffled bells, were rung by the following: Morning: L. Goater 1, M. Lambert 2, A. Richardson 3, D. Findlay 4, C. Baker 5, A. Reader 6, H. Seal (conductor) 7, H. Baker 8. Evening: B. Pankhurst 1, J. Medhurst 2, A. Denton 3, A. Reader 4, C. Baker 5, J. Denton 6, P. Denton (conductor) 7, H. Baker 8.

THAMES DITTON.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for evensong, on Sunday, May 4th, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes): G. F. Adley (conductor) 1, F. Hawthorne 2, W. Massey 3, G. Higgs 4, F. Brown 5, W. Tilley 6. Ringer of 5th bells from St. Mary's, West Molesey.

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

PURTON, WILTS.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, several six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles: H. Lewis 1, F. J. Lewis 2, W. C. Cuss 3, W. H. Hayward 4, H. C. Bond 5, F. Edwards 6.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 4th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: G. Upshall 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, H. Prior 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 in the same method.—On Sunday, May 11th, for morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: H. Prior 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, E. J. King (Peckham) 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, May 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Fraser (Eltham, first quarter of Stedman, aged 77) 1, H. Belcher 2, T. A. Easterby 3, H. James 4, E. B. Crowder 5, J. Daffers 6, W. J. Jefferies (conductor) 7, J. Rurrell 8.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: A. Potter 1, F. Rigby 2, J. Bolton 3, E. Cusforth 4, John Potter 5, J. T. Potter 6, T. B. Worsley (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8. Rung on the occasion of the Sunday School anniversary sermons.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 4th, at the Parish Church of St. Michael, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Springham 1, F. Bird 2, W. T. Prior 3, H. M. White 4, H. Dew 5, W. Tucker 6, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 7, W. Wilkinson 8.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: H. J. Ross 1, E. G. Hibble 2, J. G. Nash 3, F. Blee 4, T. Langdon 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evensong, at St. Nicolas' Church, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: W. T. Tucker 1, O. H. Giles 2, G. Pullinger 3, J. D. Harris 4, W. Tate 5, W. G. Edwards 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, F. W. Rogers 8.—Also 448 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Dumper 1, J. D. Harris 2, F. W. Rogers 3, W. Tate 4, W. G. Edwards 5, O. H. Giles 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. T. Tucker 8.

WINCHESTER.—On Sunday, May 4th, for special service, at the Cathedral, 528 Grandsire Cinques: G. Williams (conductor) 1, J. D. Harris 2, R. Paine 3, W. C. Lampard 4, F. Cox 5, H. Cook 6, W. Tate 7, W. Andrews 8, F. W. Rogers 9, C. Russell 10, E. G. Lampard 11, G. Noice 12.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, for evensong, on May 4th, a quarter-peal (1,344 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins.: G. W. Cooper 1, C. A. Hughes 2, D. Vincent 3, H. A. Edwards 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, A. Prior 6, H. Wood 7, W. Stead (conductor) 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples: J. Sweetland 1, W. Chapman 2, R. Scott 3, H. Norman 4, W. Cross 5, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 6, A. J. Andrews 7, J. Carter 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Barrett (first quarter-peal) 1, B. O. Soden 2, H. Mariow 3, J. W. Wetherell 4, J. Mackay 5, J. Bennett 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, W. Gammage 8.

TEING, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, 490 Grandsire Triples: F. Askew 1, C. Badrick 2, F. Keen 3, H. Rhll 4, P. Hart 5, F. C. Reeve 6, F. J. Reeve (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8. Longest length by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th, and also of 4th on an inside bell.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Original, in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, H. A. Harding 2, J. E. Churchill 3, A. J. Moore (first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples on an 'inside' bell) 4, J. H. Munisett 5, H. J. Hunnisett 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8. Rung for evensong.

KIDLINGTON.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Webb, F. R. Coombes, L. Tuffrey, E. Bennett, C. Bennett, J. Franklin, J. Judge (conductor), A. Morris.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. H. R. Freeborn (conductor), F. R. Coombes, F. Webb, E. Bennett, C. Bennett, J. Franklin, W. F. Judge, W. H. Thorne.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—On Sunday, April 20th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: T. Watson 1, T. Coulthurst 2, Geo. Jackson 3, Miss Stuart 4, W. H. Deanison (conductor) 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe (covering) 7.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss D. Bryant 1, H. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. Ellis (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, H. Strickland 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Button 7, W. Patmore 8.—On April 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Racher 1, H. Barnett 2, W. Ellis 3, H. Strickland 4, S. W. Crabb 5, H. Ellis 6, C. Button (conductor) 7, W. Patmore 8.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Racher 1, H. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. Ellis (conductor) 4, E. A. Hull 5, C. Button 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Easter Day, for evensong, a quarter-peal Stedman Triples: W. Johnson 1, W. Scott 2, W. Scott, junr., 3, J. Bacon 4, A. Callaway (first as conductor in the method) 5, W. Upton 6, H. Jennings 7, J. Leal 8.—On Sunday May 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Chambers 1, W. H. Fussell 2, H. Jennings 3, W. Scott, junr., 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott 6, W. Upton (conductor) 7, S. Moody (first quarter-peal) 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: B. Wilson 1, A. King 2, T. Blackburn 3, T. Kendall 4, F. Hunt 5, H. Wood 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Bookwood 8.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Easter Sunday morning, 720 London Surprise: F. A. Mitchell 1, J. Burles 2, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 3, L. Beckett 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6.—For evening service, 720 Plain Bob: S. Baker 1, C. M. Mitchell (first in the method 'inside') 2, F. M. Mitchell 3, L. Beckett 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, G. Morrad (conductor) 7, A. Bookwood 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Palm Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Lambert 1, T. Potter 2, G. Hewett 3, G. Coomber 4, N. E. Hope 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, J. Pelling 8.

EAST GRINSTEAD.—At St. Swithin's Church, on Sunday morning, in connection with the Vicar's last service at the Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 50 mins.: G. Lambert 1, T. Potter 2, W. Mills 3, G. Hewett 4, N. E. Hope 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.—Also for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Lambert 1, W. Mills 2, M. E. Hope 3, G. Tuzzard 4, H. Coomber 5, T. Tullett 6, J. Wren (conductor) 7, S. Chesson 8.

NOTICES.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Eastern District will be held at Sunderland on Saturday, May 24th. Meeting at Bishopwearmouth Church (8) at 2.30, where bands will be made up for Holy Trinity (8) and St. Ignatius (8). Tea in St. Ignatius Mission Hall, Burlington Road, at 5. Members intending to be present please advise me before May 21.—George S. Taylor, Dist. Sec., 149, St. Leonard's Street, Sunderland.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Over, Alderley, on Saturday, May 24th.—J. Norbury, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and Meeting at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 27th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on May 17th at the Church of St. Stephen, Clapham Park. Tower open 4 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Every ringer will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene St., Chelsea, S.W.3.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on Saturday, May 17th. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Hastings on Saturday, May 17th. Service at Christ Church, Blacklands (Sermon by the Vicar, the Rev. G. R. Thornton), at 5 p.m. Tea 1/6 per head in the Schoolroom adjoining; afterwards followed by the business meeting. Half rail fares (maximum 2/-) will be allowed to members attending. Ringing at All Saints', Hastings, Christ Church, St. Leonard's; and Christ Church, Hastings; 2.30 to 4.30, and at the latter church from 6.30 to 8 p.m.—Cecil H. Clarke, Hon. Gen. Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Dulverton on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.15. Tea at the Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

GLOSSOP PARISH CHURCH.—The official opening of recast peal of bells will take place on May 17th. Hearty invitation to all. Ringing from 2.20. Tea 1s. 3d.—E. Malkin, Sheffield Park, Glossop.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch.—The spring meeting will be held at Woodstock on Saturday, May 17th. Service in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow, 4.45, at the Bear Hotel. All ringers welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—A meeting will be held at Purton on May 17th. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Whitnash on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. The Rector (Rev. E. W. Bryan) will entertain the members to tea.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Frome on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available all the afternoon. Tea in the Co-operative Hall at 4.45 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service in the Parish Church at 6 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Blackwell on Saturday, May 17th.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick, Alfreton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—An intermediate meeting will be held at Kegworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells (6). Short service in the church at 4.30. General meeting at 5. All ringers are heartily invited.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A combination meeting will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, May 17th. Bells at 5 o'clock.—R. Thomas, Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Archdeacon Howson will hold a special service during the afternoon. Meeting by arrangement. All ringers welcome. Come in hundreds and make this meeting a success.—John Halsall, 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Kilndown (6 bells) on Saturday, May 24th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea in the Vicarage Rooms for all who advise me, not later than the 20th, of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. Will all those intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, May 21st?—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5 p.m., 6d. each. Meeting 6.30 in Institute. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Watson, Hon. Sec., 48, Shearbank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (10) will be available at 3. Tea at 5. All ringers heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Anstey on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.—R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec., 2, George Street, Anstey, near Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea and meeting to follow, kindly arranged by C. H. Drake, Esq. Will all those requiring tea, which will be at a small charge, please send their names to me not later than May 20th?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at East Carlton (6) on Saturday, May 24th. Usual arrangements. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 20th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Stamford Road, Geddingdon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting May 24th, at Shaftesbury. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30, at Holy Trinity Church. Preacher, Rev. F. W. Aldous. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Towers available: Holy Trinity, St. Peter's and St. James', Shaftesbury, Motcombe, Fontmell Magna and Compton Abbas.—R. E. P. Gorringe, Hon. Sec., Manston, Dorset.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Whitney-on-Wye on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., at the Vicarage, by the kind invitation of the Rev. L. W. Richings, R.D. Kindly advise me by the 19th.—J. P. Hyatt, Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 24th, at Thurleigh. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Aldington on Saturday, May 24th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, May 24th. The bells, recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank, at liberty from 3 o'clock. Tea by invitation at 5 o'clock, meeting afterwards. Will all those intending to be present please send word to Mr. H. Gaskell, 274, Hyde Road, Gorton, not later than Wednesday morning?—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards at the school. Visitors requiring tea please notify by Wednesday, the 21st.—Mr. T. East, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berks.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. It is hoped members will endeavour to attend.—F. Dench, Dis. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stickney on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (5) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Will all those who intend being present kindly send in their names to reach me not later than Wednesday, May 21st?—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 24th. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea, 2s. each, at Mr. V. Beesley's, 34, Southgate, 5 p.m., for those who notify Mr. W. Dickinson, Gas Works, Heckington, by the Tuesday previous. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Marshfield on Saturday, May 24th. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting to follow. Please notify me by May 19th.—P. C. Williams, 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th. St. Magnus on May 29th. *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.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.—The new peal of eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Thursday, May 29th, Ascension Day, at 8 p.m. The bells will be available for visitors on Friday, the 30th, from 10 a.m., when all ringers, especially change ringers, will be welcomed.—T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, May 27th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, May 31st. Bells: Eynesbury (6), St. Neots (8) and Eaton Socon (6). Service in Eynesbury Church at 4.30. Tea, in the Church Room, at 5. Members 4d., non-members 6d. All wishing for tea please notify the District Secretary (Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton) by Tuesday, May 27th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Next meeting at Oxenhope on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided to all members who notify Mr. E. Ayers, 4, Bull Hill, Oxenhope, by Tuesday, May 27th, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Alderton, by invitation of the Rector (Rev. A. D. Pennington), on Saturday, May 31st. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Will all those likely to be present please let me know not later than the 27th? — Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS. — St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing will take place on Saturday, May 31st, to Brighton. Leave Victoria Station by 12.45 p.m. train. The charge for members will be 5s. Will all members wishing to attend please let the hon. secretary know by Wednesday, May 28th, the latest, to enable him to make necessary arrangements for reduced fares?—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec. Telephone number: Malden 117.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be on the 14th June next at Staveley.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

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LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on April 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Blackburn 1, A. King 2, B. Wilson 3, F. Hunt 4, H. Wood 5, T. Kendall 6, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. Rookwood 8.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.—On Monday evening, April 7th, 504 Stedman Triples: Mrs. H. Baker 1, R. Edwards 2, W. Tickner 3, H. Baker 4, W. H. Lambert 5, C. Tribe 6, H. Parkes (conductor) 7, A. Blackman 8. Also 518 Grandsire Triples: C. Brown 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, J. Neve 3, C. Tribe (conductor) 4, W. H. Lambert 5, H. Baker 6, R. Edwards 7, A. Blackman 8. Longest length by Messrs. Brown and Neve.

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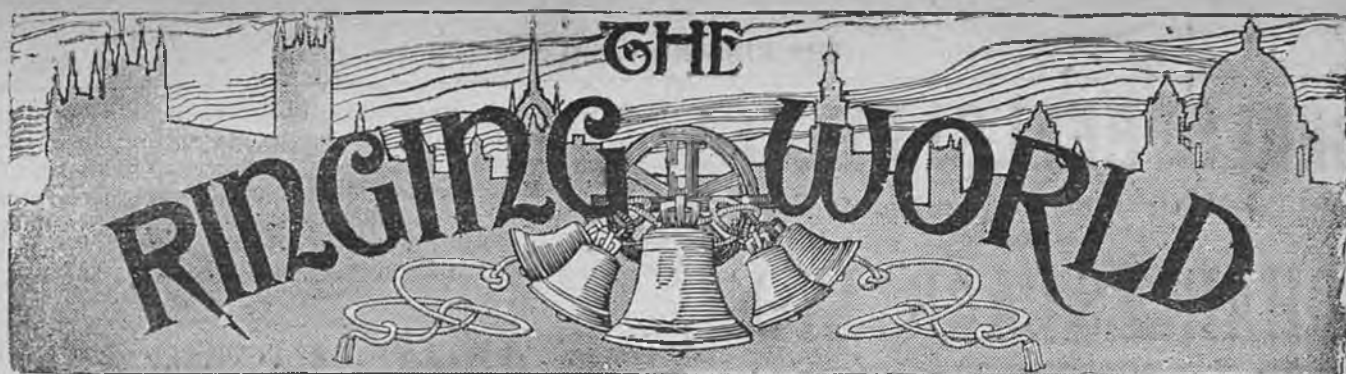
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THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

The labours of the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council for more than a year past will be found concentrated in the tables and report which we print in this issue, and will provide our readers, not only with a fund of information, but with material for much study, if they would compare what was done in peal ringing in 1923 with the results of 1922. These annual statistics, with the commentary of the report, are full of interest to the ringer who has any more than a purely selfish interest in peal ringing. They are a useful index to the progress made in the art, by individual societies as well as by the Exercise as a whole, for, while the principal duty of ringers is in connection with the services of the church, it cannot be denied that peal ringing is one of the best indications of their capabilities.

This analysis, which was originally privately published, has been officially compiled by the Central Council for many years past, and, to those gentlemen responsible for the actual work, the Exercise is greatly indebted, for the labour involved is really colossal. It is spread right over the year during which the peals are rung and through the months which follow, for the final tabulation cannot, of course, be completed until the last of the records has appeared. We doubt if any but those who have actually taken part in the work can fully realise all that is involved in the task, and it is fortunate for the Exercise that the Central Council can find men able and willing to devote so much time to this matter. And not only is it a question of giving the necessary time. Infinite pains are required in the sorting out of details, for without accuracy the analysis would be useless. The report is itself a monument to the Committee's work, and the records of the Exercise would be much less complete without it.

It is impossible here to touch on the many points of interest which are revealed in the analysis, but it is pleasing to be able to note that, reckoned in points, the peals rung show an increase in the quality of the methods. It is a singular fact that the number of peals was exactly the same as in the preceding year. The aggregate of points is, however, 31,538, against 30,362 in 1922, and the average per peal is thus increased from 16.1 to 16.736. Twelve-bell peals have increased, but there was a falling off in the number of ten-bell peals by no fewer than 36, and while Surprise peals on ten and twelve bells are down by 12, Surprise Major peals have leapt up by no fewer than 39. On the other hand, comparing the figures with

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those of 1922, these Surprise Major methods were rung by only 25 associations, whereas the lower number of the previous year was spread over 29 societies. This seems to be the least encouraging feature of the year's peal ringing, but in most respects the analysis fully justifies the Committee's comment that, in view of the general conditions which have prevailed, the Exercise is in a very healthy condition.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 21 lb. in D flat.

ALFRED BARNES... ..	Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... ..	7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ..	2	SAMUEL WOOD... ..	8
TOM WILDE... ..	3	SAMUEL BOOTH... ..	9
ALLEN F. BAILEY... ..	4	CHARLES R. JILLEY... ..	10
GEORGE R. NEWTON... ..	5	GABRIEL LINDOFF... ..	11
TITUS BARLOW... ..	6	HARRY CHAPMAN... ..	Tenor

Composed by S. WOOD.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal on the bells. First twelve-bell peal in the county. The band represents nine towers, four counties and two countries. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. S. Wood for making arrangements, and Messrs. Norbury and Walmsley for having everything in readiness for the attempt.

TEN BELL PEAL.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDGAR GUISE... ..	Treble	ALFRED PEARCE... ..	6
ALFRED E. REEVES... ..	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT... ..	7
MISS ANNIE BROWN... ..	3	JOSEPH GOULD... ..	8
EDWIN J. BROWN... ..	4	HENRY T. HOWELL... ..	9
GILBERT PEARCE... ..	5	GEORGE TREW... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN A. BURFORD.

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD... ..	Treble	CHARLES SENIOR... ..	5
H. E. RICHARDS... ..	2	WILLIAM H. SENIOR... ..	6
PERCY GOIT... ..	3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD... ..	7
ALBERT NORTH... ..	4	SAM GIBSON... ..	Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. HARDY.

Conducted by S. GIBSON.

* First peal and first attempt, and bells from Huddersfield. Ringers of treble, 5th and 7th are from Earlsheaton; 3rd and 4th from Mirfield; 6th and tenor from Batley. Rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. John Garforth.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH, W.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 18 lb.

CHARLES F. W. HUNT... ..	Treble	HARRY H. MANCE... ..	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... ..	2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON... ..	6
FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW... ..	3	FRANK SKEVINGTON... ..	7
RALPH MACKRILL... ..	4	HARRY MANCE... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method by all the band except the ringers of the 2nd and 3rd.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR
(SPICED), 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	RICHARD A. GOFTON 5
JAMES E. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
R. ALDER GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

This is the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung, and there were 2,528 changes in each method.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

BERNARD V. COLLISON ... Treble	REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
WILLIAM LATTER 3	*FRED. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 7
MISS DOROTHY E. ORLEBAR 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

* First peal in the method on an inside bell. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Last, of Tonbridge. For calling see C.C. Collection, No. 177.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICAR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. approx.

*JOHN LOFTHOUSE Treble	JOHN WATSON 5
MATTHEW KEARNEY 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
THOMAS STANCLIFFE 3	THOMAS WILSON 7
ESAU WALMSLEY 4	†WILLIAM E. WILSON ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS WILSON.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. † 50th peal for Lancashire Association. This peal was rung to commemorate the passing of the Blackburn Bishopric Bill through Parliament.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary, DEANE,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

TITUS BARLOW, SEN. ... Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... 5
*FRED. F. RIGBY 2	†ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
JOHN POTTER 3	*PETER CROOK 7
JAMES BOLTON 4	FRED. PAGE Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from treble. Rung on the wedding anniversary of the 7th ringer.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. George the Martyr, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

*ARTHUR H. KEIGHLEY ... Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	EDWARD D. SMITH 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 3	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
WILLIAM A. BATTEN 4	†HAROLD N. PLATT Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

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

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edith,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2	WILLIAM T. COX 6
JAMES F. CLARKE 3	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by G. R. PYE.

Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*FRANK BELSEY Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM SPICE 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	*HARRY PARKES 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	CLER. SGT. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Cambridge. † 200th peal. First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR LINTOTT Treble	THOMAS HAMMOND, JUN. ... 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ... 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
THOMAS W. GILMOUR 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

First peal of Surprise on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
*MRS. H. BAKER 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	TRAYTON BOOTH 7
KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 4	WILLIAM H. HOAD Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal of Major with an inside bell. The above is probably the first peal of Bob Major on the bells.

BRAUGHING, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(SOCIETY OF BRAUGHING YOUTHS.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ARCHIE T. DRAGE Treble	WILLIAM K. NORTH 5
HERBERT W. DRAGE 2	WALTER SMITH 6
ALFRED CLARK 3	BARNARD PATMORE 7
WILLIAM H. CLEMENCE ... 4	ARTHUR BARLEY Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

First peal of Triples by all except conductor. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt on May 10th, and on the anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 5th, and on the occasion of the golden wedding of the parents of the ringer of the 4th, to whom the band offer their congratulations. The conductor hails from Great Munden, remainder are local.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 27 lb. in E flat.

WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... Treble	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... 5
MISS NORA SHORTER ... 2	CLARENCE H. DORRIS ... 6
RICHARD HAYES ... 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 7
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

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

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIS WEITHAM ... Treble	ROBERT HARRISON ... 5
HARRY BOWER ... 2	*FRED. MORTIMER ... 6
GEORGE LEWIS ... 3	OLIVER CAWOOD ... 7
JAMES EVINSON ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal and first attempt.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 6184 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS J. SALTER ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	*CHARLES WEBB ... 6
*JOSEPH BAILEY ... 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 7
WILLIAM H. BALL ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of London as conductor. * First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Elijah White, one of the local ringers, on his 80th birthday. The ringer of the third bells from Long Eaton.

BRAINTREE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Treble	FRANK CLAYDON ... 5
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	WALTER SMITH ... 7
LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 4	WALTER HAMMOND ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by the 7th and tenor ringers. Rung immediately after the induction, and as a welcome to the Rev. Bassett Kerry; also as a birthday compliment to Geo. Wiffen.

CARISBROOKE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. in E.

WILLIAM JOHNSON ... Treble	REGINALD BROWN ... 5
GEORGE POLLINGER ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
JOHN W. FAITHFULL ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
WILLIAM CHAMBERS ... 4	HARRY BARTON ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal of Stedman in Carisbrooke. To commemorate the late William Rayner, buried at Arreton on May 15th, 1923, who for 50 years carried on change ringing in the island.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CRADLEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(LEDBURY DISTRICT.)

On Friday, May 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROWLAND LEWIS ... Treble	CHRIS. BOWERS ... 4
CHARLES LAYTON ... 2	DAVID HORNE ... 5
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by DAVID HORNE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Ranford. It was also the quarterly peal for the Ledbury district.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lb.

JOHN C. OWEN ... Treble	*FRANK JAMES ... 2
ALBERT H. HARBER ... 2	*SIDNEY ELTON ... 3
*THOMAS C. SYKES ... 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... Tenor

Conducted by T. J. ELTON.

* First peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being thirty 120's of Grandsire (10 callings), and twelve Plain Bob (4 callings). Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR THORNTON ... Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 4
WILLIAM LEANING ... 2	GEORGE HOBBS ... 5
JACK BRAY ... 3	BERNARD GILLATT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

First peal by all the band except conductor. First as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local company.

HEMINGFORD GREY, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

HARRY HODSON ... Treble	FRANCIS G. GLEAVES ... 4
*CHARLES ROBINSON ... 2	FRANK WARRINGTON ... 5
ALBERT HUCKLE ... 3	ARTHUR KING ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

First peal on the bells. * First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes.

AT 'ST. MICHAELS,' JOSEPH'S ROAD.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1-2	*A. C. HAZELDEN ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	*MRS. A. C. HAZELDEN ... 7-8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: GEORGE PETTER.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SPLICED SURPRISE MAJOR.**A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE.**

MR. J. W. PARKER'S REMARKABLE PRODUCTION.

Ever since the possibility of splicing methods has been realised, composers have sought to join up the Surprise Major methods, but without success; indeed it was generally considered that the false-ness which must occur would inevitably preclude any true peal in, at any rate, the old and best known methods.

But even this field of what many thought to be fruitless research has at length been conquered, and once again the Exercise owes another forward step in the practice of change ringing to the genius of Mr. Joseph W. Parker, of Sunderland, who only a few weeks ago published in our columns an article showing how peals combining Stedman and Erin Triples could be obtained in symmetrical courses.

Mr. Parker has opened up a new phase in ringing, and in obtaining a peal of Spliced Surprise Major has given not only ringers, but composers, something to think about. To get this peal he has not had to find two methods with clean proof scales, but has spliced together Cambridge and Superlative! Both methods are rung in every course; neither method is exclusively used at any particular lead, although it will be seen that Cambridge is rung mostly in the first three leads, and Superlative in the last three, and what strikes us as being remarkable is that the peal is made up of exactly the same number of changes from each method.

The peal has been rung by the Whitley Bay band, who are to be congratulated upon having added one more to their many successes, and it is quite certain that if other bands take up this advanced form of method ringing they will find in it something that will tax their capabilities, and, we imagine, add to the interest of their peals.

The leads in each course

to be rung as

	M	W	H	Cambridge	Superlative
5056					
23456					
42356				123	4567
65324	—	—	—	123	7 456
43526	—	—	—	123	4567
54326	—	—	—	123	4567
35426	—	—	—	123	4567
45623	—	—	—	1234	7 56
36524	—	—	—	1234	567
53624	—	—	—	1234	567
82534	—	—	—	1234	7 56
45236	—	—	—	123	4567
24536	—	—	—	123	4567
52436	—	—	—	123	4567
42635	—	—	—	12345	7 6
56234	—	—	—	1234	567
25634	—	—	—	1234	567
63254	—	—	—	1234	67 5
26354	—	—	—	12	34567
32654	—	—	—	1	234567
32546 Before	—	—	—	12	67 (come 3 & 4)
53246	—	—	—	123	4567
25346	—	—	—	123	4567
34256	—	—	—	123	4567
23456	—	—	—	23	1 4567

The leads as shown give 2528 of each method. The 4th leads may be rung in either method, but all the others must be strictly adhered to, or falseness will occur.

The composition also runs true to Superlative only, but not Cambridge.

First rung as printed above at St. Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, conducted by J. A. Gofton.

TERLING BELLS REHUNG.

The beautiful old peal of five bells in the Church of All Saints, Terling, Essex, have been rehung by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The work has been admirably carried out. It was proposed to add a new treble bell to make a ring of six, and it is a great pity that funds were not forthcoming to carry out the whole work. Mr. Bowell has, however, so rehung the existing five bells that a new treble bell can be easily added, and it is hoped this will be done in the near future.

NOISY RINGING CHAMBERS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—After our bells were recast a few years ago we had the same trouble as your correspondent, viz., too much noise; in fact, we could not hear the bobs called unless we put wadding in our ears. We have had this altered in a way I can recommend, by having a new floor put in 18 inches below the old one. The material used is 3-ply oak about 1-inch thick put together in panels about 4ft. square, and covered on top with sound proof felt about 1-inch thick. This has made a very satisfactory job, and looks well. Our tenor is 25½ cwt., and the ringing chamber is about 20ft. by 18ft. by about 18ft. high. I think that to leave the air space between the floors does more to reduce the sound than filling it up with wool.—Yours faithfully,
J. H. BFD.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY.**

The annual meeting of Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Swindon on May 10th. The beautiful toned peal of ten at Christ Church recently opened were available from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m., and made full use of.

The management committee meeting was held at the King's Arms Hotel in the afternoon, after which a service was held at the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. Bodycomb, in the absence, through ill-health, of the Vicar (Canon Mayall). The address was given by the Vice-President (the Ven. the Archdeacon of Swindon), who made reference to the great and successful effort of Mr. E. Bishop in raising funds for the new bells at the Parish Church.

Tea was prepared at the King's Arms Hotel, and 72 sat down, including five clergy.

At the business meeting which followed, the balance sheet was unanimously adopted, and its completion in time for that meeting was a pleasing feature.

All the officers were re-elected, and the remaining business successfully carried through.

A vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon of Swindon for attending the meeting was proposed, and carried unanimously, and in response, the Ven. Archdeacon stated that he was agreeably surprised at the remarkably businesslike way in which the association was conducted. He was very glad to have been with them that day.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. Bodycombe, the organist, Mr. E. Bishop and Mr. Hearn, concluded the business.

The next annual meeting is to be held at Tewkesbury on Easter Monday, 1925.

THE SHERWOOD YOUTHS.**REVIVAL OF AN OLD SOCIETY.**

An inaugural meeting of the Society of Sherwood Youths was held at the Albert Hotel, Nottingham, on Saturday evening, and attended by a number of Nottingham and district ringers. The meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Coppock, local vice-president of the M.C.A., supported by Mr. F. Blood, hon. local secretary, M.C.A., and representatives from St. Mary and St. Peter's, Nottingham; Beeston, Ilkeston and Cotgrave.

The Chairman, in opening the meeting, explained that the idea was to revive the old society in order to keep green the memory of the late William Doubleday Crofts, to provide a meeting-place for social intercourse and handbell ringing, and to encourage combined practices in the district.

On being put to the meeting, it was unanimously decided to form the society. The election of officers then resulted as follows: Master, Mr. A. Coppock; hon. secretary, Mr. F. Blood; treasurer, Mr. W. A. Jones; steward, Mr. F. W. Bailey.

The place of meeting and amount of the subscription were then considered, and suggestions made as to how the society can be made of benefit to the district.

Eventually these details were left in the hands of the committee to discuss and draft rules, etc., and report at the next meeting.

Several touches were afterwards rung upon handbells, the meeting altogether being a success. It is hoped soon to attempt a peal at St. Mary's Church, Nottingham, where the late W. D. Crofts was the leader.

THE PEAL AT THE IMPERIAL INSTITUTE.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Referring to the above peal, and to Mr. Frank Smith's letter in this week's paper, his right to represent the county of Middlesex in the peal has not been questioned, and is not likely to be as far as I am concerned.

But whatever he may have been asked when he received his invitation to ring does not appear to me to matter, seeing that the official record of the peal shows him to represent the Middlesex County Association. That it was the intention that ringers in the peal should represent associations is proved by the fact that one member of the band was elected to the Sussex Association before starting for the peal (as stated on page 281 of 'The Ringing World' for May 2nd), and also because that particular ringer does not live in Sussex, and could not, therefore, represent that county.—Yours faithfully,
C. T. COLES, Joint Hon. Sec.,
Middlesex County Association.

P.S.—It would be interesting to know, quite apart from the above, if it is in order to elect a ringer to membership of an association, prior to starting for a peal for another association.

LADIES' GUILD.

An enjoyable practice of the Western District was held on Saturday at Coalpit Heath. The bells, a new ring of six by Taylor, of Loughborough, went beautifully, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Rob Minor were rung.

At the invitation of the Vicar, a party of twelve sat down to an excellent tea. Members will be notified of the arrangements for the annual meeting in July.

SECURITY OF TENURE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The above seems better as a heading for the subject of which your excellent article on May 16th deals than 'Strikes and Lock-outs.' It not only sounds better, but it defines the point on which both ringers and clergy desire assurance.

As such an assurance is at least as much a benefit to the parish priest as to any individual ringer, I do not share your doubt as to our being able to include the clergy in such a scheme as you propose.

Supposing every association printed the following note at the end of their rules:—

SECURITY OF TENURE.—No ringer likes to feel that he may be excluded from the practice of an art to which he has devoted much time and labour. On the other hand, no parish priest would like to find that some Sunday the accustomed ringing was omitted, morning or evening.

Therefore, everyone who joins this association, ringer or clergyman, pledges himself by so doing, not to take any action which would interfere with the regularity of the ringing, until the difficulty which has arisen has been laid before their association. This last paragraph might well be repeated on each receipt form. Two results would be involved: every band would make most strenuous efforts to get all the clergy enrolled as members. At present some do not trouble about this. The result is that most clergy know little or nothing of our associations; if most of them were members few difficulties would arise.

And the associations would have to admit the clergy, whether ringers or not, for the same subscription as ringers. This would be in itself an excellent thing, and encourage the clergy to take an interest in ringing.

Will your readers, clergy and ringers, let us know what they think of this?

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

DEATH OF AN AUGHTON RINGER.

SECRETARY OF FORMER LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

The death of Mr. William Bentham, one of the ringers at Christ Church, Aughton, near Ormskirk, Lancashire, took place on Wednesday, May 7th, after a brief illness. Mr. Bentham, who was in his 67th year, had retired on superannuation about a year ago, with the good wishes of his employer, the L. M. and S. Railway Co. He had been a ringer at Christ Church for over 40 years, and was, in conjunction with the late Rev. W. T. Bulpitt, ringing secretary of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild, from its birth to the time of its amalgamation with the Lancashire Association. Previous to living at Aughton he had been a ringer at Wigan Parish Church, and owed his early instruction in the art to the late Mr. Jos. Prescott, of St. Peter's, Hindley. He was an excellent striker, and had conducted many peals of Grandsire Triples, as well as taking part in many peals in the other standard methods.

The funeral took place at Christ Church on Saturday, May 10th, in the presence of a large number of friends and parishioners, and also many officials, etc., of the L. M. and S. Rly. Co. Messrs. W. Fairclough, H. J. Morley, James Marsh and W. H. Gibbons, ringers at Christ Church, acted as bearers, and among the many beautiful floral tributes which covered the coffin was one in the form of a bell from his fellow ringers. Muffled touches were rung before and after the service, the local ringers being assisted by Messrs. E. Caunce (Liverpool) and H. Fyles (Halsall). An attempt for a muffled peal unfortunately came to grief, after 2 hrs. and 45 mins. ringing.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting was held at Cawthorne on Saturday, May 10th. This village is very popular for a ringers' meeting, for all around the church everything is pleasing. There was ringing during the afternoon, and a large party gathered for tea.

A short business meeting followed. The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Woolley) was present, and offered a hearty welcome to the association, and further expressed the wish to gain knowledge that would help him to strengthen the ties of fellowship that exist between church and ringers.

The Chairman (Mr. Wm. Reyner), on behalf of the ringers, thanked the Vicar for his warm welcome and kindly interest, and suggested as a stimulus the introduction of new blood into the art. Young men from the church should be introduced to the senior members, for their example and knowledge to be copied and emulated.

Sympathy was expressed towards two members, Messrs. Fish and E. Crossland, of Cawthorne, who are seriously ill, and it was hoped that their recovery may be speedy and complete.

Mention was made of the forthcoming cup contest at Hoylandswaine, particulars of which will be given later.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, churchwardens, and local company, for the excellent arrangements.

PRESENTATION AT PORTISHEAD.

At St. Peter's belfry, Portishead, on Tuesday, May 13th, the captain, Mr. W. Gillingham, had a very pleasant surprise. A few of the former ringers wished to show their appreciation to their captain, and this took the form of an illuminated address framed in oak, and a handsome silver-mounted umbrella bearing the recipient's name.

The Rev. H. S. Briggs and Mrs. Grieves presented these tokens to Mr. Gillingham, and the address read as follows: 'Presented to Mr. W. Gillingham by his former pupils of Portishead belfry as a token of their affection and gratitude towards him.—Mary E. N. Briggs, Mabel G. N. Grieves, Edith M. Harvey, Mary G. Staley, Henry S. Briggs, Charles O. Grieves.'

Mr. Briggs spoke of the pleasure it had been to them to be members of the band for a number of years, and referred to the regular ringing for every Sunday service year by year, which was maintained by Mr. Gillingham's untiring energy. He hoped the forthcoming years would be as successful as the previous ones had been.

Mr. Gillingham, in expressing thanks and great surprise, said it had been a pleasure to have such apt pupils, and he regretted they were unable to continue their valuable help. His mind went back to the time of the commencement of their eight bell ringing. The two trebles were added in 1897 entirely by the efforts of the ringers, and Mr. Nisbet had been, then as now, his faithful colleague. Mr. T. Doble hung the two new bells which came from the Loughborough foundry, and the band deeply regretted to hear of Mr. Doble's sudden death, which took place quite recently.

It might be added that two of Mr. Gillingham's pupils took part in the first ladies' peal which was rung at Cubitt Town in 1913, also that his band of ladies rang the first peal for the Ladies' Guild at Portishead in 1915, the three first mentioned on the presentation address taking part. Of these events he is very proud.

The Portishead band read with great pleasure the account of the peal of Stedman which was rung at Old Windsor on May 10th, and offer their heartiest congratulations to the eight ladies on their splendid achievement.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

SOUTHERN BRANCH AT OVERBURY.

On Saturday, May 10th, the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association held the spring meeting at Overbury, and in spite of the inclement weather, and the fact that the village is only accessible by road, the attendance was well up to the average, nearly fifty members being present.

The bells were well utilised throughout the afternoon and evening in various Minor methods, and Doubles rung for the beginners. The association's special form of service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. Lea) gave an interesting address, taking for his text, 1 Cor. ix. 16, 'Woe is unto me if I preach not the Gospel.' A collection, taken on behalf of the Rowley Regis Church and Bell Restoration Fund, realised 14s.

Tea, provided by the generosity of the Vicar, was partaken of in the Village Hall, and at the subsequent business meeting he presided, supported by the Revs. T. P. O'Connor (curate of Overbury), G. W. Webb (curate of Breidons Norton), J. A. B. Mercier (Rector of Kemerton), D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton), and Messrs. J. Hemming, J. D. Johnson and J. Hall (branch officers).—It was decided, subject to the approval of the Rev. G. H. B. Greening, to hold the summer meeting at Offenham, and to attempt the quarterly peal at Overbury, with Mr. O. Attwood as conductor.

An interesting and encouraging feature of the meeting was the number of young ringers nominated for membership, no less than two honorary and fourteen performing members being elected.

On the proposition of Mr. C. A. Binyon, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, his address, providing tea, and presiding at the meeting; and to all who had assisted in making the meeting such a success.—The reverend gentlemen present briefly replied in turn, and a selection of popular airs, and a touch of Erin Cinques on the handbells, brought a most successful and enjoyable afternoon to a close.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern district of the London County Association held a splendid meeting at St. Stephen's, Clapham Park, on Saturday. The church, which is situated in a quiet secluded spot, has a fine peal of eight on which a company of over 30 enjoyed ringing during the afternoon. Tea was served in the Church Room attached to the Vicarage, and a routine business meeting followed.

At the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. G. H. Ensor (Vicar) for the use of the bells, and also for the sumptuous tea he provided. After the business a move was made to the church again, and the Vicar gave permission for an extra hour's ringing. Some good touches were accomplished, Stedman, Cambridge, and the other methods being rung. The ringers came from different parts of London, and some from outside the London area, which speaks well for the popularity of the tower, and also of the district.

ILMINSTER RINGER'S FIFTY YEARS' RINGING

An interesting function took place at Ilminster, Somerset, after the peal rung on the 10th inst., when Mr. Harry Raison was presented with a gold badge inscribed, 'Presented to Harry Raison by his brother ringers, May 10th, 1924—fifty years a ringer,' to commemorate the completion of fifty years' ringing. He commenced ringing at Puckington Church, three miles from Ilminster, half a century ago, and 32 years ago joined the Ilminster band, which was then being initiated into the art of change ringing. Of the members then constituting the company three remain to this day, and all three were in the peal, the other two were the ringers of the treble and fourth bells.

The writer took up ringing in 1898, and can vouch for the fact that Mr. Raison has been a most regular attendant at both practice and service ringing on Sundays. He has always been found at the back end, and though he has only scored three peals it has been due more to want of opportunity than lack of desire. Owing to the position of the church peal ringing is not encouraged.

After completing the peal, the party was joined by the other members of the Ilminster band, and sat down to a spread at which the presentation was made.—Mr. Raison suitably responded, and said it had come as a complete surprise to him. It had been his one idea to score a peal on the occasion.

It was suggested that the party might adjourn to Puckington, and have a pull there, as being an appropriate finish to the proceedings. Cars were chartered, and the whole party went merrily off in spite of a downpour of rain which had lasted practically the whole day. Here the conductor of the peal, Mr. J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton) initiated some of the company into the mysteries of Oxford Bob Minor and College Single, and touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire were also rung.

YOUNG RINGER'S 50 PEALS.

Few young ringers can claim 50 peals while still only 16 years of age, and the half-century which has been completed by Jeffery R. Gammon is an extraordinarily good record. This promising ringer was a pupil of Mr. T. H. Taffender, Master of the London County Association, and the following is the list of his peals: Grandsire Cinques 1, Bob Royal 1, Kent Treble Bob Major 5, Royal 5, Maximus 1, Stedman Triples 12, Caters 10 (including 6 on handbells), Cinques 5 (2 on handbells), Cambridge Surprise Major 7, Royal 1, London Surprise Major 2.

MR. JOHN FLINT'S 400 PEALS.

The peal of Rutland Surprise Major rung at Bolsover on Saturday, April 26th, was Mr. John Flint's 400th peal, a considerable number of which he has conducted. They have been rung in exactly 100 towers in 25 counties. The following is the list:—

Minor in one method	1
Minor in two methods	3
Minor in three methods	1
Minor in 7 Treble Bob methods	6
Bob Triples	1
Bob Major	1
Boy Royal	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	28
Kent Treble Bob Major (on handbells)	5
Kent Treble Bob Royal	22
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	4
Double Norwich Major	85
Double Norwich Caters	2
Double Norwich Royal	4
Grandsire Triples	1
Grandsire Caters	7
Stedman Triples	9
Stedman Caters	20
Stedman Cinques	6
Forward Major	1
Forward Royal	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	6
Cambridge Surprise Royal	4
New Cambridge Surprise Major	10
Superlative Surprise Major	75
Norfolk Surprise Major	13
Peterborough Surprise Major	2
Yorkshire Surprise Major	15
Yorkshire Surprise Royal	1
London Surprise Major	3
Bristol Surprise Major	20
Pudsey Surprise Major	2
Rutland Surprise Major	2

Total ... 400

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

'Many happy returns' to Mr. George Williams, Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, who will celebrate his 67th birthday on Tuesday.

The first peal at Gainsborough was rung 'on the new peal of eight bells,' on Whit Tuesday, May 24th, 1768, 'by the Nottingham band of Sherwood Youths.' This was 'Mr. Holt's true whole peal,' and the bobs were called by J. S. Canner. There is still a board in the tower recording this peal, and beneath the record are the words, 'Labor omnia vincit.'

The first peal of Stedman Caters (albeit a false one) was rung at Horsley Down Church, London, on May 28th, 1787.

The first Surprise peal out of England—Superlative—was rung at Bray, Ireland, on May 28th, 1801.

On May 28th, 1912, the present Bristol Surprise record was set up, when the peal of 15,264 was rung by the Middlesex Association, at Hornchurch, Essex, in 9 hrs. 49 mins., conducted by Mr. W. Pye. Another 'lucky' peal has to be recorded. A 5,024 of Bob Major was rung at Stanford-on-Soar, Notts, on Saturday, and, when the bells were lowered, the 7th rope broke at the first pull.

A peal of Double Norwich Major was rung at Bolton on Friday, and was the first peal in the method by Fred P. Rigby, who rang the 2nd. This young man rang his first touch in change ringing on May 13th, 1923, and in just a year has rung six peals in six methods—and he has not yet left school. There is promising material here.

A peal was rung at Wrentham, Suffolk, on Thursday, to celebrate the 57th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naunton. Mr. Naunton, who is the 'father' of change ringing in that part of Suffolk, is 80 years of age, and has been a ringer at the Parish Church, Wrentham, for over 50 years. Owing, however, to ill-health he was compelled to give up ringing at the end of February. We hope, however, he may yet sufficiently recover to return to his place in the belfry.

At the Easter Vestry, at Feering, Essex, Mr. C. J. Rogers, a ringer at All Saints' Church, was elected people's warden.

As we mentioned in this column last week, it is 50 years since Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, rang his first peal. He took part on Saturday at Macclesfield in the first twelve-bell peal in Cheshire, and it is just fifty years since his father conducted a peal in that tower.

STEDMAN CINQUES BY WIRELESS.

Special arrangements are being made to broadcast two courses of Stedman Cinques from St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday. This is to be done as the prelude to a broadcast service from 8 o'clock to 8.30 p.m. The bells will be rung from 7.45 p.m., by the Sunday Service band. In previous broadcasting of this kind, bells have only been chimed, and this, it is believed, is the first time that the actual ringing of church bells has been transmitted by wireless. A microphone is to be specially fixed for the bells.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is high time that someone took hold of the reins in the E. Berks and S. Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. There has been nothing arranged by the branch secretary since Easter Monday, 1923.

The only gatherings have been one at Beaconsfield in 1923, arranged by Mr. J. C. Mayne, and at which a good suggestion was made for another at Farnham Royal and Stoke Poges in two months' time, but which was allowed to fall through owing to the branch secretary's shortcomings; and another at Bray on Easter Monday of this year, which was apparently arranged by the Master, and the Vicar and ringers of Bray.

When is the annual meeting to be held?

ARAB.

WISBECH BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the account of the attempted peal at Wisbech in your issue of to-day I see it stated that the back eight bells are by Wm. Dobson, and the two trebles by Mears. Have the latter two bells been recast? The whole peal of ten were cast by Dobson, originally in 1823. I have the rubbings of the inscriptions at this moment before me, and find that both trebles were inscribed alike, viz., 'William Dobson, Downham, Norfolk, fecit, 1823.' I have never heard of their being recast; but, of course, this may be the case.

I have not rung in Wisbech since the 'seventies.' And, as far as I remember, when I was last in the belfry, the trebles had no ropes on them, and were never used, because it was said that they could not be heard distinctly outside.

I shall be glad of any information on the matter.—Yours, etc.,
May 16th, 1924. J. R. JERRAM.

HELD OVER

Owing to the space taken up this week by the Peals Analysis, a number of peals and other reports are unavoidably held over.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR 1923.

Compiled by the Committee appointed by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

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(a) Little Bob Maximus. (b) Including 12,675 = 4 peals. (c) Including 10,440 = 3 peals. (d) 1 Erin. (e) Including 12,896 = 4 peals, 7,008 = 2 peals, and 1 New Cambridge.
(f) Including 17,280 = 6 peals, 9,344 = 2 peals, 7,488 = 2 peals, and 7,008 = 2 peals. (g) Including 10,912 = 3 peals. (h) Including 7,360 = 2 peals. (i) Including 1 Canterbury.
(k) 1 St. Clements. (l) Including 10,080 = 3 peals; and 7,900 = 2 peals.

MINOR.

No. of Methods.	TOWER BELLS.										Total Total	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Peals	Points
Bath & Wells	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	51
Bedfordshire	4	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	1(b)	13	163
Cambridge Univ.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	14
Central Northants ..	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	93
Chester Diocesan ..	1	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	296
Cleveland & N. Yorks	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6
Ely Diocesan	4	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	8	56
Essex Association ..	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	165
Gloucester & Bristol	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	32
Hereford Diocesan ..	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	28	205
Hereford County	5	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	119
Kent County	4	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	32	293
Lancashire Assoc. ..	5	1	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	142
Lincoln Diocesan ..	7	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	25	235
Lincoln & Monm'th	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	10
Middlesex County ..	5	—	4	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	19
Midland Counties ..	12	3	6	4	3	1	5	—	—	—	35	279
Norfolk Guild	5	3	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	85
Oxford Diocesan	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	40
Peterborough & Dis.	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	15
Salisbury Diocesan ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	30
Salop Archid. Guild ..	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	81
Stoke Archid. Guild ..	2	—	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	253
Suffolk Guild	—	—	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	36
Surrey Association ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	19
Sussex County	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	48
Warwickshire Guild ..	7	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	24	320
Worcester & Districts	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	34
Yorkshire Assoc.	4	1	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	11	81
Independent	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	103	11	49	26	19	2	91	3	1	5	316	3292

(a) includes 72000.

(b) incudes 10080.

DOUBLES.

No. of Methods.	TOWER BELLS.							Total Total	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Peals	Points
Bath & Wells Assoc.	8	—	2	—	—	—	—	5	17
Bedfordshire Assoc.	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	3	11
Cambridge Univ. Guild ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	5
Central Northants	8	2	1	2	1	1	—	10	42
Devonshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Ely Diocesan Assoc.	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	8
Gloucester & Bristol ..	1	4	1	—	—	—	—	6	23
Hereford Diocesan	12	3	—	—	—	—	—	15	48
Kent County Association ..	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	7
Lancashire Association ..	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	2	7
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Middlesex County	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Midland Counties	10	1	—	—	—	—	—	11	34
Norfolk Guild	1	1	—	2	—	—	—	5	23
Oxford Diocesan	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	12
Salisbury Diocesan	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	9
Salop Archidiaconal	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Stoke Archidiaconal	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	7
Surrey Association	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Warwickshire Guild	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3
Worcester & Districts ..	3	1	—	—	—	—	—	4	13
Independent Societies ..	10	2	—	—	—	—	—	13	45
Total	61	17	5	6	1	2	2	94	342

REPORT OF THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE
FOR THE YEAR 1923.

The anticipations of your committee, expressed in last year's report, have not been realised if the number of peals only is taken into account. A further increase was expected, but the figures show the singular fact that exactly the same number of peals have been rung as in 1922.

This does not necessarily mean lack of progress, for abnormal conditions undoubtedly exist. Business needs increased attention, and it is known that for this reason many ringers, whose names frequently appeared in the peal columns, are unable to organise or take part in so many peals. Again, peals away from home entail expense, and with unemployment so rife, the number of these must be considerably curtailed.

Taking all the circumstances into account, it may be truly said that the report shows the Exercise to be in a real live condition, and that the return of better times will mark the beginning of a great advance.

While the total number of peals is 1,885 (the same as in 1922), the tower bell peals are slightly increased, being 1,728, as against 1,716, the handbell peals with a corresponding decrease being 157 against 169; the following table showing the totals for the year:—

HANDBELL PEALS.

	MAXIMUS.										MINOR.										Total Total		Average Points per Peal
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Peals	Points	
Points per Peal.	18	32	13	16	16	12	28	10	30	16	12	12	16	8	8	24	7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Anc. Soc. Coll. Youths ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	55	18.33
Bedfordshire Assoc.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	8.00
Cambridge University ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21	280	13.33
Chester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	48	9.60
Durham & Newcastle ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	100	25.00
Ely Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9	91	10.11
Hereford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	16	3.20
Hertford County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	4.00
Kent County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	28	9.33
Lancashire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	28	28.00
Lincoln Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	2.00
London County	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	76	25.33
Middlesex	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	118	19.66
Midland Counties	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	4.00
Norfolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	153	10.20
Oxford Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	28	28.00
S. Martin's Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	13	3.25
Soc. for Arch., Stafford ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	3.00
Soc. R. Cumberland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	8.00
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	6	167	13.92
Warwickshire	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	36	18.00
Winchester Diocesan	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	19	9.50
Worcestershire & dist.	1	1	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	8	8.00
Yorkshire Association	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	52	10.40
Independent Societies	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	14	7.00
Total	2	10	5	3	1	7	12	2	1	11	2	6	4	1	40	8	30	8	4	157	2096	13.35	

a) Little Bob, Double Bob, Plain Bobs spliced. (b) Double Oxford. (c) Including 7008

MINOR AND DOUBLES.

No. of Methods.	MINOR					DOUBLES				
	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Ely Diocesan Association ..	1	1	2	19	—	—	—	—	—	—
Hereford Diocesan Guild ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Lincoln Diocesan Guild ..	1	—	1	5	—	—	1	—	—	—
Midland Counties Assoc. ..	1	—	1	5	—	—	—	1	—	—
St. Martin's Guild	1	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
Soc. Archd. of Stafford ..	3	—	3	15	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suffolk Guild	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total	7	1	8	49	—	2	1	1	4	15

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Maximus	12	2
Cinques	44	15
Royal	47	11
Caters	97	14
Major	683	65
Triples	435	38
Minor	316	8
Doubles	94	4
Total	1728	157

Comparing this with the year 1922, it is seen that 12-bell peals have increased by 15, those on 10 bells have decreased by 36, Major peals are 65 more, Triples are 32 less, and Minor and Doubles have decreased by 11.

The greatest number of peals has been rung by the Kent County Association, with 155 tower bell and three handbell peals, equalling 2,329 points, while the most points have been scored by the Midland Counties Association with 3,127 for 144 peals, including four on handbells. The first named shows an increase of 39 peals, and 530 points over 1922, the Midland Counties having five peals less, but 373 points more. Two other societies have rung over 100 peals, as follows: The Norfolk Guild, 134 peals, including 15 on handbells,

equalling 1,774 points; and the Lancashire Association, 125 peals, including one on handbells, and 1,979 points. Taking the first of these as the survivor of the Norwich and Ipswich Association, these are the same four societies which rang over 100 peals in 1922.

The Ancient Society of College Youths has the highest average of points per peal, with 30.83 for 40 peals, including three on handbells. The Middlesex County Association is second with an average of 27.75 for 76 peals, including six on handbells, and the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association has dropped to third's place with 25.2 for 20 peals, including four on handbells.

The most encouraging feature revealed by the analysis is the continued increase in the number of Surprise peals. Although those rung on 10 and 12 bells have decreased by 12, the Major peals of Surprise are 39 more than last year. London shows an increase of three peals, Bristol 10, Cambridge 12, Superlative 11, other methods three. The greater interest in these top class methods, giving as it does a higher average of points per peal, is sufficient to show that the Exercise is in a progressive condition.

Included in the Surprise methods rung are one each of Middlesex and Princess Mary Royal, four peals of Yorkshire, and one each of Palatine, Edinburgh, Lancashire, Rutland and Norfolk Major.

205 peals of Treble Bob have been rung, made up as follows:—Six of Kent Maximus, 24 of Kent and four of Oxford Royal, 145 of Kent, 19 of Oxford, and seven Spliced peals of Major; these figures differing but slightly from last year.

Double Norwich with 150 peals also shows very little change, but Plain Bob has increased by 20 peals to a total of 187, and Little Bob with five peals remains the same.

Coming to odd numbers, Cinques, Caters and Triples, with the exception of three peals, i.e., one of Erin Caters, and one each of Court Bob and Bob Triples, the whole of them were rung in the two standard methods, Stedman and Grandsire. These methods again run a close race for supremacy, but the fact that Stedman is now at the top with 343 peals, an increase of 11, against 297 of Grandsire, is certainly a mark of improvement.

New methods have been rung as follows: Princess Mary Surprise Royal, and Rutland, Edinburgh and Palatine Surprise Major. Little Bob Maximus has also been accomplished, and Cambridge Court Bob Major was rung for the first time on tower bells.

The outstanding peal of the year is undoubtedly the practically perfect of 12,675 of Stedman Cinques rung by the College Youths at Southwark Cathedral; following this was the record length (17,280) of Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the Chester Guild, the record length (12,896 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major by the Midland Counties Association, and the record of Cambridge Surprise Royal (10,440 changes) by the Middlesex Association.

Other lengths over 7,000 are three peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, being 7,008, 7,488 and 9,344 changes, by the Chester Guild; 10,912 of Kent Treble Bob Major and 7,008 Cambridge Surprise Major by the Midland Counties Association, and 7,360 of Kent Major by the Stoke Association.

Apart from the number of changes, there are many other noteworthy performances, but space forbids the mention of them all in detail. Briefly, to refer to a few, we notice a spliced peal of three methods of Plain Major; Stedman Caters, being the first peal in hand by all, and first of Stedman Caters as conductor; a peal of Bob Major where two of the band had each lost an arm in the war; the first peal of Major by a police band; Grandsire Caters, being the first in the method by all and rung at the first attempt; a handbell peal by three generations of one family; and a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, being the first in the method by all. It must also be noted that the first handbell peal in a train was rung by the Royal Cumberland Youths.

As shown by the table, six-bell ringers have fallen back a little in the number of peals. The decrease of 11 is all in Minor, Doubles being the same number as last year. Here again the decrease is compensated for by an advance in quality, and the peals include one of 10,080 by the Bedfordshire Association, and 7,200 by the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The Chester Diocesan Guild has given us the most remarkable performance in Minor ringing, their total including three peals of seven extents, consisting of 29, 30 and 35 methods, respectively.

The names of conductors of five peals and over are as follows, the number of handbell peals being shown in brackets:—47 peals, A. H. Pulling (23); 31 peals, W. H. J. Hooton (22); 29 peals, F. Bennett; 28 peals, J. H. Cheesman, H. J. Poole (2); 26 peals, R. Sperring; 25 peals, E. Jenkins (5); 24 peals, W. Pye (2); 22 peals, G. H. Cross (3); 19 peals, T. H. Taffender (1); 18 peals, W. Keeble (2); 17 peals, C. F. Bailey (4), G. Williams; 16 peals, J. F. Dyke, K. Hart, R. Matthews, G. R. Newton; 15 peals, H. Langdoe; 14 peals, C. Camm, C. T. Coles, C. H. Kippin, junr., A. E. Lock, E. Morris, W. C. Rumsey, A. Wright; 13 peals, G. Billenness, A. Walker (6); 12 peals, W. Ayre (3), W. Nye, O. Sinnetts, G. E. Symonds (2), T. Tebbutt; 11 peals, C. Edwards, B. A. Knights, F. W. Naunton, G. R. Pye, J. E. Sykes, A. Tomlinson, J. A. Trollope; 10 peals, F. H. Dexter, T. Groombridge, junr. (2), C. F. Winney (5); 9 peals,

N. R. Bailey (9), F. Berrett, F. Chamberlain, H. M. Day, P. J. Johnson (2), Tony Price, the late J. W. Washbrook (1); 8 peals, J. Austin, J. Bennett, W. A. Cave, A. Harman, W. T. Last, J. D. Matthews (2), G. F. Swann (3), S. H. Symonds (4), W. Welling; 7 peals, E. Barnett, senr., H. Broughton, C. W. Clarke, F. Cotton, G. A. Fleming, E. C. Gobe, J. Houldsworth, J. P. Hyett, H. Knight, C. R. Lilley, J. Lord, J. Potter, J. H. Riding, J. Thomas (6); 6 peals, E. M. Atkins (3), W. H. Barber (1), R. F. Elkington, J. Fernley, W. Fisher, J. Flint, T. T. Goffon (4), Bert Gogle, L. Head, E. G. Hibbins, S. T. Holt, J. D. Johnson (3), W. F. Judge, A. E. Norman (2), H. R. Pasmore, F. W. Perrens (1), W. Rogers, E. Whiting; 5 peals, W. B. Cartwright, P. Crook, F. W. Dixon, A. E. Edwards, J. A. Freeman, G. Gilbert, L. A. Goodenough, A. Greenfield, J. R. Griffin, T. Groombridge, senr., H. L. Hariow, W. H. Hewett, F. J. Lewis, H. Ludkin, W. Page, W. Poston, R. Richardson, F. Skevington.

In addition there were 34 conductors of four peals (11), 49 of three peals (12), 96 of two peals (6), and 271 of one peal (5), the remaining peal being non-conducted.

The number of lady conductors included in these figures is one more than last year, and they have increased the number of peals called by three. Miss E. K. Parker has conducted three peals, including Stedman Caters; Miss Nellie Johnson, two handbell peals, including one of Kent Royal; Miss A. Parkins (now Mrs. Richardson); and Miss Hilda F. Willson, one each. The reverend gentlemen have fallen off as conductors, there being only four, as against six last year. Three performances by young conductors may be specially mentioned, W. P. Whitehead and T. W. Taffender having called a peal each at the age of 15, and H. J. Poole conducted 28 peals, including the difficult 12,896 of Cambridge Surprise Major.

The following table compares the number of peals rung each month during the years 1922 and 1923:—

	1922	1923		1922	1923
January	120	147	July	134	80
February	181	145	August	175	134
March	124	145	September	158	147
April	162	195	October	165	192
May	137	153	November	174	153
June	120	154	December	235	240
				1885	1885

It is at once seen from this that the energy shown during the dog days of 1922 was not repeated the following year.

The number of peals rung on the Saturdays was 1,034, Sunday peals numbered 91, and Friday 79, the remaining 681 being about equally divided between the other four days. Holiday peals numbered 79, and there were also rung for the Royal Wedding 34, on Empire Day five peals, 11 for Armistice celebrations, 18 on New Year's Eve, and 26 on the Eves of and Festival days of the Church: 33 peals were in honour of royal birthdays, including four for Princess Mary's son.

The footnotes to peals tell us also that there were 687 who rang their first peal, while on 8 to 12 bells 1,089 men rang a fresh method, 175 six-bell ringers ring a method for the first time, or increasing the number of methods in a peal. Twenty-seven rang their first peal on twelve, 24 their first of Maximus, first of Cinques 13 ringers, first on 10 bells 43, of Royal 67, Caters 25, first on 8 bells 47, of Major 87, Triples 35, of Minor 78 and Doubles 42, and 28 rang their first peal on handbells.

Seventy-four joined the ranks of the conductors, and 117 conducted their first peal in the method. First peals on the bells numbered 60, and first in the method 157. There were 292 birthday peals, including those for royalty, and 17 for a coming-of-age, 20 peals of welcome, and 31 farewell peals; 47 for weddings, 21 to celebrate silver weddings, and six golden weddings; 58 anniversary, three memorial, and three for thanksgivings. Muffled peals numbered 21, and half-muffled 58. The fastest peal ever rung may also be noted.

As usual, we conclude with the number of peals rung in representative years since 1881, the grand total since the beginning of that year being 44,762:—

1881—1886	1887—1900	1901—1910	1911—1920
1885—500	1902—1513	1915—259	1921—1632
1889—797	1905—1519	1917—130	1922—1885
1894—859	1909—1628	1919—1048	1923—1885
	1913—2359		

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CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's, on Monday, May 5th, 594 Grandsire Caters: *A. King 1, Y. Green 2, T. Chenery 3, W. Ibbett 4, J. Taylor 5, *J. Newington 6, T. Dennis 7, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 8, W. Welch 9, P. Taylor 10. * Longest length on 10 bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.—At St. Werburgh's, on Sunday evening May 18th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; E. Bradshaw 1, H. Carnwell 2, W. Carnwell 3, A. Edwards 4, A. W. Hall (conductor) 5, E. Edwards 6.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes): A. Webber 1, S. Grabham 2, E. Thorne 3, I. Farmer (conductor) 4, E. Gould 5, H. Phillips 6. First quarter of Minor by all except the conductor.

EXETER.—On Sunday, May 18th, at the Cathedral, for evening service, on the 'Thomas eight,' a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, 1,260 changes (Brooks'), in 53 mins.: J. Sandover 1, T. Laver 2, F. Gardner 3, W. Lethbridge 4, G. Betts 5, C. Glass 6, F. J. Davey 7.

EARL SHILTON.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, a (conductor) 7, A. Mitchell 8. First quarter in the method on the bells. quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: K. Deacon 1, H. Wright 2, A. Waters 3, R. Belton 4, H. Webb 5, S. Coe 6, W. Reynolds (conductor) 7, G. Newton 8. First quarter-peal of Triples for K. Deacon and G. Newton.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—For evensong, on Sunday, May 18th, 960 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Cherry 1, F. C. Webb 2, F. W. Croft 3, Geo. T. Croft 4, R. E. Croft 5, W. J. Croft (conductor) 6.

FOLKESTONE.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (taken from Holt's Original): A. Binfield 1, E. Bridges 2, Miss E. Jarvis 3, G. Pulson 4, A. Kedwell 5, S. Binfield (conductor) 6, T. Farley 7, J. Coppins 8. G. Paulson hails from Matlock, and was on a visit.

RUCKINGE, KENT.—On Sunday morning, April 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: W. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, F. Hodges 3, H. Mills 4, F. Good (conductor) 5.

LONDON.—On Sunday, April 27th, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Carter's Odd Bob): Mrs. Deal 1, R. Deal 2, C. F. Winney (conductor) 3, H. Dyas 4, F. Digby 5, G. Shipp 6, W. Bottrell 7, E. Davis 8. Rung prior to evening service.

MARKET DRAYTON.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service, 288 Kent Treble Bob: W. Saunders 1, L. Griffiths 2, W. Wase 3, J. L. Hayward 4, J. H. Riding (conductor) 5, G. R. Jones 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, W. Weatherby 8. Also several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Rung after a peal attempt at Broughton had come to grief, train time not allowing for a fresh start.

NOTICES.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, May 31st, at Littleport, Ely (8 bells). Arrangements will be made for tea. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Whit Monday, June 9th. Particulars next week.—Fred. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Consett on June 9th. Details next week.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hindley St. Peter's on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Archdeacon Howson will hold a special service during the afternoon. Meeting by arrangement. All ringers welcome. Come in hundreds and make this meeting a success.—John Halsall, 97, Platt Lane, Hindley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Kilndown (6 bells) on Saturday, May 24th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weybridge on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and short business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Aston on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Rettendon on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. Timson, Hon. Dis. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Blackburn, on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Tea in Institute at 5 p.m., 6d. each. Meeting 6.30 in Institute. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Watson, Hon. Sec., 48, Shearbank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Leighton Buzzard on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (10) will be available at 3. Tea at 5. All ringers heartily welcomed.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Anstey on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m.—R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec., 2, George Street, Anstey, near Leicester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 24th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m., with address by the Vicar. Tea and meeting to follow, kindly arranged by C. H. Drake, Esq.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Whitney-on-Wye on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.45 p.m., at the Vicarage, by the kind invitation of the Rev. L. W. Richings, R.D.—J. P. Hyett, Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at East Hagbourne on Saturday, May 24th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting afterwards at the school.—Mr. T. East, East Hagbourne, Didcot, Berks.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—Quarterly meeting May 24th, at Shaftesbury. Ringing from 2.30. Service 4.30, at Holy Trinity Church. Preacher, Rev. F. W. Aldous. Tea 5 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Towers available: Holy Trinity, St. Peter's and St. James', Shaftesbury, Motcombe, Fontmell Magna and Compton Abbas.—R. E. P. Gorringer, Hon. Sec., Manston, Dorset.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, May 24th, at Thurleigh. Bells available from 2.45 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Brookfield, Gorton, on Saturday, May 24th. The bells, recently rehung by Mears and Stainbank, at liberty from 3 o'clock. Tea by invitation at 5 o'clock, meeting afterwards. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Farnham on Saturday, May 24th. Bells available 3 o'clock. It is hoped members will endeavour to attend. — F. Dench, Dis. Sec., 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stickney on Saturday, May 24th. Bells (5) available from 2.30 p.m. Divine service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., The School House, Butterwick, near Boston.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Macclesfield Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Over, Alderley, on Saturday, May 24th.—J. Norbury, Branch Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 24th. Service in Parish Church 4.30. Tea, 2s. each, at Mr. V. Beesley's, 34, Southgate, 5 p.m. Bells (8) available from 2 to 9 p.m.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec., 6, Spital Terrace, Gainsborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for May: St. Clement Danes, Monday, 26th, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on May 27th. St. Magnus on May 29th.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.—The new peal of eight bells (tenor 22 cwt.) will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese on Thursday, May 29th, Ascension Day, at 8 p.m. The bells will be available for visitors on Friday, the 30th, from 10 a.m., when all ringers, especially change ringers, will be welcomed.—T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole, Bridport.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and Meeting at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by May 27th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Members requiring tea kindly notify me by Tuesday, May 27th. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Eynesbury on Saturday, May 31st. Bells: Eynesbury (6), St. Neots (8) and Eaton Socon (6). Service in Eynesbury Church at 4.30. Tea, in the Church Road, at 5. Members 6d., non-members 9d. All wishing for tea please notify the District Secretary (Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton) by Tuesday, May 27th.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—Next meeting at Oxenhope on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided to all members who notify Mr. E. Ayers, 4, Bull Hill, Oxenhope, by Tuesday, May 27th, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alderton, by invitation of the Rector (Rev. A. D. Pennington), on Saturday, May 31st. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow. Will all those likely to be present please let me know not later than the 27th? — Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, May 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, service at 6 o'clock. — W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, May 31st. Short service 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me early. All welcome. Bells available 3 p.m.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle District Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Benefield on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6). Service 4.30. Meat tea 5.15. Meeting after tea. Those requiring tea (visitors 2s. 6d.) please notify Rector, Benefield, by May 28th.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Hon. Sec., Polebrooke Rectory, Oundle.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, May 27th. — Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS. — St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—The annual outing will take place on Saturday, May 31st, to Brighton. Travel by the train leaving Victoria at 12.45 p.m. The charge to members will be 5s. Will members desiring to attend please inform the honorary secretary by Wednesday, May 28th, to enable the necessary arrangements for cheap railway tickets to be completed?—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec., 36, Acacia Grove, New Malden, Surrey. Telephone: Malden 117.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The usual May meeting will be held at Bennington on May 31st, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will kindly be provided in the Parochial Hall by the Rector (Rev. W. E. Mills). Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8). Meeting at 5 o'clock. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Privett on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Schoolrooms at 5.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, May 27th. All ringers welcome. — F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup (8 bells), on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscription due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield (6 bells) on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at Cafe, Brooks Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting in National School, near Church, at 5.45. Special business. A good attendance is desired. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Allin, 36, Church Street, Sutton-in-Ashfield, not later than May 28th?—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, May 31st. Members of the Barnsley and District Society are invited to attend. Bells (8) early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 27th. — Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on Saturday, May 31st. Usual arrangements. — H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Desford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will members please note that subscriptions for current year are now due.—F. Coffon, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wirral Branch. — The meeting at Capenhurst will be held on May 31st, not June 14th, as arranged. Ringers invited.—H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Short service 4.20 p.m., Parish Church. Tea at 5 p.m., Cooke's Cafe, Carolgate, 1s. 6d. per head, will be provided for those who notify D. A. Piercy, 60, Wharton Street, Retford, by May 28th. Please note this is important. A hearty welcome will be given to ringers of kindred associations.—H. Haigh and D. A. Piercy, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. — G. Cecil Wallace, Local Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

STOKE ARCHIDIOCEAN ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 7th, at Kingsley. Ringing will commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea served at 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Kuntton, Stoke-on-Trent.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly notify me not later than May 31st. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Penn, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. A tea will be provided at 10d. each for those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than June 3rd.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided gratis at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall on notification to Mr. G. Thornton, Church House, Sherburn-in-Elmet, on or before Thursday, June 5th. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The first annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service at the Cathedral 12 noon, with address by the Bishop of Peterborough. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) and meeting at Neaverson's Cafe, 18, Long Causeway, at 1 p.m. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's, Woodstone and Whittlesea (8), (by bus 4d.), will be available. Those intending to be present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Monday, June 2nd. —David J. Nichols, General Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Preliminary Notice.—The 45th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th.—F. H. Pitstow, General Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 4th, those requiring tea. Witley bells (8) will also be available from 12.45 to 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting and jubilee festival at Exeter on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge, president of the C.C. Dinner and meeting at Deller's Restaurant, Bedford Street, 1.30 (2s. 6d.).—E. S. Powell, General Sec., The Vicarage, Holbeton S.O., Devon.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in Cathedral 12.15. Preacher: Rev. Prebendary S. Cornish Watkins. Dinner 1 p.m., at Booth Hall, 2s. 6d., followed by business meeting. All towers in city and country round open for ringing. Tea 6 p.m., 1s. The numbers for dinner and tea must be sent me not later than Tuesday, June 3rd.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. Sec.

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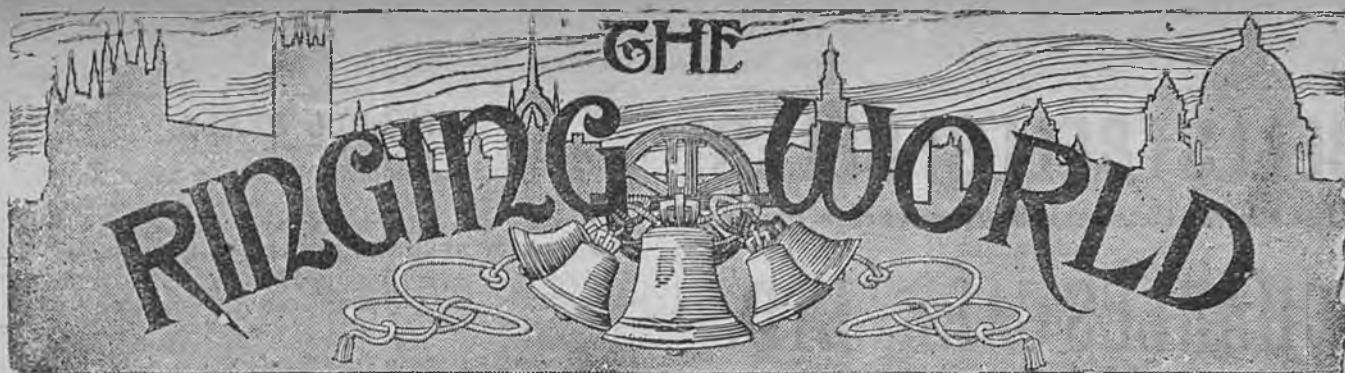
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THE COMING COUNCIL MEETING.

The agenda for the Central Council meeting on Whitsun Tuesday promises to provide the members with a fairly full day's work, if one may judge by the time which has been occupied over the business in former years. The meeting in the Metropolis is the first of the triennial period, and there is consequently some additional business to be transacted in the shape of the election of officers, committees, etc., which does not occur in the two succeeding years. The rest of the general business follows the customary lines, but it is to the new motions to be proposed that the outside ringer will turn with most interest.

Precedence is taken this year by the subject of the nomenclature of methods, and no fewer than three separate notices upon this matter have been sent in, but doubtless some arrangement will be come to whereby the question can be disposed of under one motion. Without question it is the desire of a large number of ringers, as indicated by the resolutions passed recently at several association annual meetings, that there shall be a revision of the present ill-fitting names applied to many methods, and the majority of the Council will doubtless be prepared to see that some amendment is made. What remains, then, will be to find the best method of acting upon the expressed desire of the Exercise, and from the three resolutions it ought to be possible to find an acceptable scheme, concerning which it may be noted that two of the motions specifically set out to legislate for the future as well as remedy the mistakes of the past.

Of the other resolutions to be proposed, that requiring a qualified umpire for all handbell peals recognised by the Council, may well find general acceptance, but whether it will please all those who ring handbell peals is another matter. An umpire is already usual, but there is a growing tendency to ring peals 'in hand' without such an official if one is not available. It might create some feeling of hardship if a band is to be prevented from ringing an 'officially recognised' peal because a qualified umpire is not present, and a difficulty likely to arise will be found in deciding whether the 'umpire' is qualified or not according to the proposed rule. It is quite certain that the Analysis Committee, acting merely on the published report, could not adjudicate in every case upon the umpire's qualifications, and if his (or her) ability is challenged, who is going to decide? The proposal is just one of those which, in theory, commend themselves to ringers generally, but which, in practice, are by no means certain to be effective. It opens the door to quibbles and dissensions, and yet, on the face of it, there is nothing in the resolution to which any handbell peal ringer could take exception.

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Tenor 36 cwt.

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WILLIAM STOWELL 2	SAMUEL PHILLIPS 7
ALBERT STOWELL 3	JAMES RICHMOND 8
FREDK. W. WADE 4	ISAAC LONG 9
WILLIAM WHITE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by G. T. DALTRY.

Conducted by F. G. MAY.

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On Thursday, May 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	ALFRED LEA, SEN. 6
*JOHN HAYES 2	SAMUEL MEADOWS 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	THOMAS CATHERALL 8
WILLIAM JONES 4	JAMES SWINDLEY 9
GEORGE R. JONES 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal on ten bells.

ROCHESTER.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Empire Day, Saturday, May 24th, 1924, in Three Hours & 25 Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES WINNER Treble	FRANK BELSEY 6
THOMAS BEAUMONT 2	EDWARD A. ALLEN 7
FREDERICK RICHARDSON 3	WILLIAM HAIGH 8
RICKS PAINE 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER 9
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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES PAGET Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
THOMAS MEREDITH 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD 6
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	RICHARD W. DRAGE 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	*CLAUDE ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

* First peal. A birthday peal for the tenor man. The ringer of the second was proposed a member before starting.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

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SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12 cwt	
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Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

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PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE CLARK Treble	† EDWARD G. CAWSE 5
† GIBSON JACKSON 2	FREDERICK CLARK 6
† MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON ... 3	† HAROLD WALKER 7
REV. A. RHYS JAMES 4	* ROLAND HENSON Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD WALKER.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. A. Rhys James, who is leaving Arksey for Drayton, Somerset.

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Tenor 22½ cwt.

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GEORGE R. HOLMES 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
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HERBERT LUCAS 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 6
FRED. RIGBY 3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE 7
HARRY FRANCE 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

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First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

* LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	* W. SYDNEY SHELTON 5
ROWLAND BARROW 2	* WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
† WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3	FRED. COITON 7
† EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4	EDWARD READER Tenor

Composed by T. HOPGOOD. Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Major, and first in the method. † First in the method, and 50th peal. ‡ 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. S. Shelton and A. Cattell.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE T. MITCHISON ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
HERBERT SPENCER 3	OLIVER G. NORMAN 7
JOHN NEAL 4	ALBERT E. NORMAN Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. E. NORMAN.

Rung in honour of the visit to Birmingham of H.R.H. Prince Henry. Also as a birthday compliment to Councillor Gelling, the donor of the bells at Bishop Ryder's Church.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM JUDGE Treble	EDGAR BENNETT 5
FRANK R. COOMBS 2	WALTER F. JUDGE 6
FREDERICK WEBB 3	JACK JUDGE 7
JOHN MONK 4	WILLIAM H. THORNE Tenor

Conducted by JACK JUDGE.

Rung on the occasion of the above branch meeting, held at Woodstock on that day.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN, PRESTON & FYLDE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Treble	JAMES HARRISON 5
MISS M. CLAYTON 2	JOHN BROWN 6
LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOHN WATSON 7
CHARLES SHARPLES 4	WILLIAM TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

50th peal by L. J. Williams.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL 5
FRANK TURNER 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6
WILLIAM J. POULSON 3	FREDK. A. POULSON 7
LAWRENCE POULSON 4	THEODORE E. SLATER Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD.

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

The 5th ringer hails from Cavendish; the tenor ringer from Glemsford; the rest are local men.

OVERSEAL, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF A. P. HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART NO. 3. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFELD ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 3	RICHARD W. DRAGE 7
GEORGE FREEBRY 4	ARTHUR BRAINES Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The ringers wish to thank the Rector for his hospitality after the peal. The above was a birthday peal for Mrs. Ward, the wife of the ringer, of the sixth.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE FARNISH ... Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	JAMES BETTS 6
ERNEST E. LANHAM 3	ERNEST F. POPPY 7
GEORGE PRYKE 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, May 18, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES PARKER Treble	GEORGE PRYKE 5
ALBERT FLEMING 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	LESLIE G. BRETT 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Nancy Last, daughter of the conductor.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 18, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN MARTIN Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 5
PETER ETHERIDGE 2	GEORGE ILLMAN 6
*FRANK SADLER 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
HUGH R. THORPE 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and the ringers of the 5th.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of Immanuel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

JAS. HOULDSWORTH Treble	RUSHTON GRIMSHAW 5
JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	*WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
JAMES SHAW 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
FRANK SHAW 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 2	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This was E. Barnett, senr.'s 600th peal.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

†EDMUND WEBB Treble	*CHARLES E. PATTEN 5
A. MARK STACEY 2	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 6
ARTHUR KING 3	†GEORGE D. BRIDGE 7
JOHN T. NEWINGTON 4	FRED. W. GOODFELLOW Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by F. W. GOODFELLOW.

First peal in the method on the bells. † First peal of Bob Major. * First peal of Bob Major on tower bells. The composition, a one-part, has the 6th the extent in sixth's and eighteen courses in 5th's. Arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and tenor, who were on a cycling tour from Ealing, Middlesex.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE. — On Saturday May 10th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Thompson 1, E. Mallendare 2, W. Allin 3, C. J. Partridge (conductor) 4, F. W. Knowles 5, W. Swain 6. First 720 for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 5th and 6th, and first 720 on the bells.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK J. JUDGE Treble	FREDERICK G. BURDEN 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	HARRY BAKER 7
CHARLES TRIBE 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM E. PITMAN, Mus. Bac. Oxon, F.R.C.O.

BISHOPSTOKE, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 5
GEORGE PULLINGER 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The first peal of Superlative on the bells.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD 2	REV. E. V. COX 6
WILLIAM J. MANLEY 3	JOHN M. SKINNER 7
WILLIAM H. HOWE 4	*JOHN WEST Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAYMAN.

Ringers of 2nd and 4th from Exeter; 6th and tenor from Littleham: the rest are local men. * First peal. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*THOMAS K. DEACON Treble	CHARLES H. BELTON 5
CHARLES H. WEBB 2	FRED COTTON 6
ARTHUR WATERS 3	FREDERICK E. WILSON 7
HENRY WRIGHT 4	†GEORGE A. NEWTON Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. Also as a birthday compliment to the wife of the steeplekeeper, Mr. H. Wright. * First peal. † First peal of Triples.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Almund,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal of Major on the bells. The arrangements were made by the ringers of the 6th, who was born here. Mr. John Gibson was in the bellry during the peal. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	* DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 6
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT.

First peal of London on the bells. Rung to celebrate Empire Day; also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Harold J. Wittchell, son of the treble ringer. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Wittchell for their kind hospitality on this and previous occasions. * First peal of London.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5
CANON G. F. COLBRIDGE ... 2	* Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 6
GEORGE W. STREER ... 3	JOHN H. WHITE ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	ALFRED H. FOLLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. * First peal in the method away from Treble. It is over 12 years since Canon Coleridge rang a peal of Superlative.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt.

* JOHN A. COLE ... Treble	GEORGE TOMSETT ... 5
MRS. HAZELDEN ... 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 6
WILLIAM LOADER ... 3	GEORGE PETTER ... 7
GEORGE J. NICHOLS ... 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by C. HAZELDEN.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. * First peal of Major. † First peal of Major away from the Treble.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLY'S TEN-PART (Reversed). Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

EDWARD TALBOT ... Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 5
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 2	JAMES E. COOPER ... 6
DANIEL COOPER ... 3	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 7
ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 4	THOMAS BOHANNON ... Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY.

First peal as conductor.

MIRFIELD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

FRED HODGSON ... Treble	FRANK HALMSHAW ... 5
ALBERT MARSHALL ... 2	HERBERT KERSHAW ... 6
ALBERT NORTH ... 3	FRED BROUGHTON ... 7
ERNEST BETTS ... 4	ALLEN ROBINSON ... Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON. Conducted by ALBERT NORTH.

Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th belong to Liversidge; 6th to Lightcliffe; and the rest Mirfield.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT J. SKELT ... Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... 5
WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
MRS. A. CLARK ... 3	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 7
JAMES E. DAVIS ... 4	GEORGE F. HOAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

Thanks are due to the Rev. — Hook for permission to ring at short notice. Caters was intended at St. Martin's Church, but serious illness prevented the attempt.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-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.

HARRY HOLDEN ... Treble	WILLIAM POTTER ... 5
CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER ... 6
JOHN BASS ... 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 7
CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	WALTER MASTERS ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as an Empire Day celebration; also as a wedding peal to Mr. John Lloyd (of the local band) and Miss White, a previous attempt on the day of the wedding having failed in the 10th part.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TREVOR PRICHARD ... Treble	THOMAS WILTS ... 4
GEORGE ORCHARD ... 2	LESLIE BARRY ... 5
BASIL LATHAM ... 3	HUBERT SCRIVENS, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by LESLIE BARRY.

First peal by a local band since 1842. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Hatch, who is leaving the parish for London.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, May 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Double Court, two 720's each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

* REV. F. R. BONSEY ... Treble	JOHN SPENCER ... 4
JOHN LARTER ... 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 5
ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 3	FREDERICK WADE ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Naunton; also to celebrate the 57th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Naunton's wedding day, these events occurring on the 14th and 16th, respectively.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

* JOSEPH L. STANIER ... Treble	ALBERT WOODVINE ... 4
WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 2	WILLIAM A. FLETCHER ... 5
* JAMES L. HAYWARD ... 3	LEONARD G. HEWITT ... Tenor

Conducted by L. G. HEWITT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Saunders. The ringers would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. E. Parry for the use of the bells. Also Mrs. Parry for entertaining the band to tea at the Vicarage.

LLANELLY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELLI,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY EDWARDS Treble	ALFRED A. RACKHAM 4
GEORGE POPNELL 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
ALEC A. RACKHAM 3	SYDNEY T. RACKHAM Tenor

Conducted by S. T. RACKHAM.

First peal of Minor for the ringer of the treble.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

R. AMIS Treble	C. POOLEY 4
E. KIMM 2	W. C. MEDLER 5
E. WILSON 3	E. V. BLAKE Tenor

Conducted by E. V. BLAKE.

This is the first peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, and Three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

MISS P. HARE Treble	MISS K. JUTSON 4
MISS K. MOORE 2	R. RICHARDSON 5
W. WALDRON 3	H. HOARE, JUN. Tenor

Conducted by H. HOARE.

First peal in five methods as conductor.

BREASTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 called differently.

Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb.

OSBERT THOMAS Treble	ALFRED MOULD 4
WILLIAM H. T. KING 2	JACK BAILEY 5
CHARLES GEARY 3	EDMUND C. CHASTY Tenor

Conducted by E. C. CHASTY.

First peal and first attempt by the ringers of 1st, 4th & 5th.

HALESFIELD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, May 18, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTON'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

EDWARD COMPTON Treble	BERT JONES 4
SAMUEL LYES 2	LOUIS MERRETT 5
ALBERT WRIGHT 3	WILLIAM MAYO Treble

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

First peal by all except conductor.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GERALD F. GRIFFIN Treble	RONALD BECK 4
† ALEC MUNDAY 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
* REGINALD BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells. † First peal of Minor inside.
* First peal of Minor.

WOLLASTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten callings, and 12 of Plain Bob with four callings, Tenor 19 cwt.

REGINALD BAILEY Treble	PERCY GOODCHILD 4
ALFRED BROWN 2	AMOS SMART 5
ALBERT MINNEY 3	EDWARD LETTIS Tenor

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

First peal of Doubles by all except the ringer of the 3rd, and rung at the first attempt. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal ever rung by all Wollaston ringers, and the above are all Sunday Service ringers.

CROMER, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

R. AMIS Treble	C. POOLEY 4
E. KIMM 2	W. C. MEDLER 5
E. WILSON 3	W. TENNANT Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

First peal on the bells.

SIDCUP, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... Treble	PERCY J. SPICE 4
ISAAC EMERY 2	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal of Surprise Minor on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the 3rd. The ringers of 5 & 6 have now rung peals of Cambridge on all numbers from 6 to 12, which Mr. I. G. Shade had previously accomplished.

PITSFORD, NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 six-scores with ten callings.

RAYMOND MALTBY Treble	* CYRIL MALTBY 3
JOHN A. TOWNSEND 2	ISAAC BENNETT 4
TOM TEBBUTT Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN A. TOWNSEND.

* First peal, and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HANDBELL PEAL.
LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

(ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, May 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 1040 CHANGES,

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor size 16 in B.

ERNEST J. KING 1-2	* ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4	* JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 7-8

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Umpire: WILLIAM E. G. HEWSON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

Other Peal reports are unavoidably held over.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Southern District was held at Godstone on Saturday, May 3rd, when the following towers were represented: Bletchingley, Croydon, Horley, Limpsfield, Chart, Merstham, Nutfield, Reigate, Streatham, and the local band. Ringing took place during the afternoon, and the Rector (the Rev. G. E. G. Hoare) unveiled a beautiful peal board recording the first peal rung on the bells. This board is the gift of Mr. W. Beeson, senr., and he was congratulated and thanked by all present on the excellent workmanship he put into the board. Afterwards a short touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, conducted by Mr. W. Beeson, senr.

A short service, with address, was held in the church, and tea was then partaken of at Broad's Tea Rooms.—The Rector (the Rev. G. E. G. Hoare) presided at the meeting, at which it was resolved to hold the next meeting at Limpsfield Parish Church. It was also decided that the quarterly peal be attempted at Godstone.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, his address at the service, also for unveiling the peal board and presiding at the meeting.—In reply, the Rector said he hoped he would have the pleasure of seeing them all again at Godstone at an early date.—The meeting then terminated, and members adjourned to the tower for further ringing, the methods being Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

A district meeting was held at Shere on Saturday, May 10th. The attendance was not so good as it usually is at Shere, owing, no doubt, to the weather, which prevented many from cycling. The bells were available during the afternoon and evening. A short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Sir Paget Bowman, Bart.), who also gave an address. Tea was provided at the White Horse Hotel, the Rector presiding.

After tea, a short business meeting was held, Mr. A. C. Hazelden occupying the chair, in the absence of the Rector, who had another engagement.—The Ringing Master gave a summary of the ringing done in the district during the quarter, and the usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for the use of the church and bells, also to Miss Craddock for presiding at the organ.

CARTER MAJOR.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—The method published on page 285 of 'The Ringing World' of May 2nd, 1924, under the name of 'Carter Major' was composed and published by James Pagett in September, 1896, under the name of Kidderminster 'Premier' Major, and afterwards reintroduced by the same gentleman in the 'Bell News,' July 16th, 1898, under the more suitable name of 'Kidderminster Major.'

The only difference I find is that a 'bob' in Kidderminster Major is made on the three back bells, and in Carter Major it is made on the three front bells, but the method is not new.—Yours truly,
78, Church Street, Lavenham. STEDMAN H. SYMONDS.

HISTORICAL.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—Having occasion to enquire into the history of the Surprise methods, so far as it is known, I am reading some articles by the late Mr. William Snowdon, published in the 'Bell News' in the end of 1912 and during part of 1913, and am at a loss to discover the interpretation of the initials, 'J. D.: C. M.'—See 'Bell News' issue of December, 1912, p. 512. They evidently apply to the 'London Scholars Campanologia,' of which I possess no copy, and not being much of an historian myself, I cannot remember, if I ever knew it, to what they refer. If any reader of the 'Ringing World' can kindly supply the interpretation I shall be very grateful.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

MR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS' 100 PEALS.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Grandsire Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 3; Grandsire Caters (all Williams), 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 6; Bob Major, 10; Stedman Triples, 16 (conducted 4); Grandsire Triples, 41 (conducted 21); on handbells, 9 (conducted 7); Minor in three methods, 2 (conducted 1); Doubles in four methods, 1; Doubles in two methods, 1 (conducted 1); Grandsire Doubles, 2 (conducted 2); on handbells, 2 (conducted 1, non-conducted 1); totals: On tower bells, 89 (conducted 29); on handbells, 11 (conducted 8).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The new ring of bells at Bridport, Dorset, which were dedicated last evening, and are open for ringing to-day, have been cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The tenor is 21 cwt. in E flat, and the bells are hung in two tiers.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the only peal ever rung on the sea, and of the first Surprise peal in Wales. Both were rung on May 29th, 1901, the former while crossing from Dublin to Holyhead, and the latter at Bangor.

A peal of 10,075 Grandsire Cinques was rung at Aslinton-under-Lyne on May 29th, 1896. The time was 6 hours 55 mins.

A peal of 5,000 Union Bob Royal was rung by the College Youths at St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, on May 30th, 1741. Only one previous peal of Treble Ten had been rung, as far as is known, and this was by the Eastern Scholars on the same bells, in the preceding month. Some doubt was cast upon the first of the two performances by the following lines appended to the peal board of the second.

'When merit's justly due, a little praise then serveth;

A good peal needs no frame, it had one none deserveth.'

The first peal of new Cumberland Surprise was rung at Burton-on-Trent on May 31st, 1886.

June 1st is the anniversary of the 14,031 Stedman Caters rung on handbells at Guildford in 1912.

The first twelve bell peal in Birmingham—Grandsire Cinques—was rung on June 3rd, 1773.

One hundred and ten years ago next Wednesday the bells of St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, were opened, the same day being the anniversary of the opening of 'the new peal of ten bells,' at Bow, Cheapside.

BROADCASTING STEDMAN CINQUES.

SUCCESS OF BIRMINGHAM EXPERIMENT.

The experiment of broadcasting the ringing of church bells on Sunday evening at Birmingham was in every way a success. It was distinctly heard in all parts of the country, and would probably have had a much larger audience had the announcement of the ringing, as well as of the service which followed it, been made in the usual way through the broadcasting programme.

The ringing, which consisted of two courses of Stedman Cinques, was done by St. Martin's Sunday Service band, and reports from various parts of the country, where ringers were listening in, show that the ringing was perfect.

The ringers have received congratulations from many quarters, and one who heard it at Bristol picked out the first course end. Ringers at Derby, Burton, Coventry, Macclesfield, Coggleshall (Essex), Ellesmere (Salop), Sittingbourne (Kent), and other places have written to say how much they enjoyed the experience. The following were the two musical courses (250 changes) that were rung, the time occupied being exactly a quarter of an hour.

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31245678x90 1, 6S, 7, 19S.

1234567890x 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19.

The band was T. Russam 1, A. Walker 2, T. H. Reeves 3, A. E. Norman 4, J. E. Groves 5, M. J. Morris 6, W. Kent 7, A. P. Smith 8, E. Mansell 9, G. F. Yendall 10, J. Neal 11, W. T. Froggatt 12.

Mr. T. R. Butler, of Ellesmere, writes: 'Several of us ringers here have just had an opportunity of listening to the two courses of Stedman Cinques rung at Birmingham, and are very satisfied and pleased with the result. It would be splendid if it could be arranged for ringing to be transmitted by wireless fairly often in the future, thus affording an opportunity for ringers in such country places as these (many of whom have never heard 12 bells) of hearing some first-class ringing occasionally.'

From Macclesfield, Mr. Walmsley writes: 'The broadcasted Stedman Cinques was a decided success. Every bell heard distinctly, and I compliment the St. Martin's band on their striking. It was simply lovely—magnificent.'

Mr. J. W. Unwin, of Canterbury Cathedral company, living at Tunstall, Sittingbourne, says: 'It might interest some of your readers to know that the Stedman Cinques broadcasted from St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday evening, was distinctly heard at Tunstall, Sittingbourne, on a 4-valve set belonging to Mr. Harry Harding, of Tunstall. I was "listening in," and thoroughly enjoyed it. The striking was perfect throughout the touch. Afterwards the whole service was heard quite clearly.'

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Weybridge on Saturday, when the following towers were represented: Bagshot, Crawley, Chertsey, Egham, Ockham, Old Windsor, Walton-on-Thames, Worplesdon, Weybridge and Yorktown. The methods rung before and after the meeting ranged from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich. The Rector (the Rev. E. Tritton) conducted the Guild's service, and gave a short address. The Rev. G. R. M. Ellwood, of Chertsey, presided over the business meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Twelfth Council (32nd annual meeting) will be held in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 10th June, 1924, at 11 a.m. precisely.

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

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

The entrance will be from Dean's Yard.

AGENDA, 1924.

GENERAL.

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of new Members to the President.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and to re-appoint or alter the constitution of the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a.) Peal Collection.
 - (b.) Literature and Press.
 - (c.) Methods.
 - (d.) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e.) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f.) Records.
 - (g.) Science Museum Exhibit.
9. Hon. Secretary to report as to Card of Instructions (abstract of).

MOTIONS.

10. To call attention to the Nomenclature of Legitimate Minor Methods employed by the Council, and to move a resolution.
11. To call attention to the Nomenclature of Methods and to move the appointment of a Nomenclature Committee: (1) To review existing Method-nomenclature; (2) to prepare suitable topographical names; and (3) to formulate a plan for the application of such names.
12. That only topographical names be employed in the nomenclature of new Methods, and that the Council should control and revise the names.
13. That this Council only recognise as peals upon handbells those that have been umpired, and that the qualification of an umpire shall be that of being able to ring the method and check each call as made.
14. To alter Rule of the Council, No. 6, by omitting 'but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London.'
15. That the Council consider the advisability of publishing instructions showing how Bobs are made in various Minor methods, published in 'Legitimate Methods.'
16. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
17. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,
Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green,
Catford, London, S.E.6.

RINGING AND SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

At a combined committee meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Royal Society of Cumberland, the following final arrangements were made for the entertaining of ringing visitors to London in connection with the Central Council meeting at Whitsun:

Saturday, 7th June.—Social Meeting at the 'Coffee Pot' (College Youths Headquarters), Warwick Lane, E.C., 7.30.

Whit Sunday.—Service ringing at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (12), 9.45 a.m.; St. Clement Danes (10), 10 a.m.; St. Mary Abbots, Kensington (10), 10.50 a.m. and 5.50 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8), 10 a.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.; Shoreditch (12), 5.30 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10), 5.30 p.m.

Meeting at 'King of Denmark' (Cumberland's Headquarters), Old Bailey, E.C., 7.30 p.m.

The respective societies' records and peal books will be on view at the above headquarters.

Whit Monday.—By kind permission of the incumbents, peals can be arranged for Central Council representatives at the following towers: St. Clement Danes (10); St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10); Enfield (8); Edmonton (8); and all desirous of taking part should communicate with Mr. J. Parker, Queen Ann Place, Enfield, for Enfield or

Edmonton; Mr. W. T. Cockerill for St. Dunstan's, and Mr. J. W. Cornford for St. Clement Danes.

Tuesday.—10th June.—After the meeting the bells at Westminster Abbey will be available from 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Margaret's 6.30 p.m., and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., followed by a social gathering at the 'Bedford Head Hotel,' Maiden Lane, W.C., at 7.45 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL (hon. sec., College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

J. W. CORNFORD (hon. sec., Cumberland), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

The following report of the Literature and Press Committee will be presented to the Central Committee on Whitsun Tuesday:—

There have been various criticisms of bells and ringing in the public Press during the past year, mainly due to peal ringing. The record performance of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, called forth a torrent of verbiage from writers (who were nowhere in the vicinity) who overlooked the fact that the peal was rung on a holiday—Whit Monday—when business was suspended, and the annoyance, if any, almost nil.

The 'Evening News,' in a leaderette headed 'Too much bell,' commented as follows: 'Bells are delightful when their music reaches you faintly across the meadow on summer evenings, but the London bell ringers who rang 12,675 changes in 9 hours and 48 minutes at Southwark to make a world's record—Oh! these world's records—what are we to say about them? A reasonable amount of bell ringing is not hurtful, but nearly Ten Hours of it! And all for what? If the ringers were writing these few lines they might have much to say in their defence. On the other hand, if these few lines were being written by residents near bell ringing orgies, they would be much livelier reading.'

Your committee will not quarrel with this. There will always be a percentage of people who will criticise anything under the sun. On the other hand, the opening of the Loughborough carillon in July last year, afforded an opportunity to the Press, and the result was a booming advertisement for bells, descriptive and pictorial, such as the Exercise had not seen hitherto. Although carillon playing is outside the sphere of change ringing, the occasion linked up everything in the matter of bells to our advantage.

Again, when the Bournville carillon was reopened on May 3rd, the recitals of the Carillonneur of Bruges were broadcasted by the British Broadcasting Co., and there is little doubt that by these means, recruits to the army of bell lovers were made from the ranks of students of wireless. The 'Morning Post'—always well disposed towards us—gave half a column to a eulogy of the art.

Antipathy has been shown elsewhere. In September, an attempt was made in the 'Ludlow Advertiser' to suppress change ringing at the Parish Church. The following is an excerpt:—

'Bells are to call people to church only, and should be used solely for that purpose. The public cares not whether Cambridge Surprise or rounds are rung—and rightly, too—but bell ringing outside of worship is a nuisance anywhere . . .'

As the letters bore the signature of a B.A. of Oxford University, the local society of ringers appealed to your committee to reply on their behalf. This was done, with the result that the opposition retired discomfited. The help given in this case alone would appear to justify the existence of this committee.

A 'Ringers' Strike' in Dorset provided copy for the Press early in the year, and furnished a jest for 'Punch.' The local Press gave a fairly accurate account of the matter, and recorded in a subsequent issue the settlement of the dispute, through the timely intervention of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

Signed Rev. C. E. MATTHEWS,
Rev. A. T. BEESTON,
Rev. F. LI. EDWARDS,
G. P. BURTON,
W. WILLSON.

May, 1924.

'STRIKES AND LOCK-OUTS.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read your leading article on 'Strikes' and 'Lock-outs' in your issue of May 16th, with great interest. The side of the question brought out in your able discussion of the subject is exactly what had presented itself to my mind. Any satisfactory arrangement must necessarily place restraint on arbitrary action on the part of the incumbent as well as on that of the ringers. This is a delicate point requiring very careful consideration. As there was no time left for debate at the Salisbury meeting, the only course was to postpone the matter till another year.

I think that the solution of the difficulty is to be found in the dual capacity of the Bishop as head of the clergy and patron of the Guild.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

Kington Magna Rectory.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual general meeting was held at Hastings on Saturday, May 17th, the towers of Christ Church, St. Leonard's; All Saints', Hastings; and Christ Church, Blacklands, being open for ringing. A short service was held at Christ Church, Blacklands, the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Thornton) giving an excellent address, after which those present (between 50 and 60 in number) adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a splendid tea had been prepared, and at the conclusion, the Vicar announced that although the advertised price was 1/6 per head, 1/- only would be charged, and what remained over the actual cost would be given to the funds of the association. This was due to the Vicar and a few lady friends undertaking the catering and waiting themselves.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar of Christ Church, Blacklands, being voted to the chair, on the proposition of the Master (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman), who also read a letter from the Rev. Cecil H. Clarke (hon. general secretary), stating his inability to be present.—Mr. A. D. Stone (hon. secretary, Central Division) was, therefore, nominated to act as secretary to the meeting.

On the minutes being read, it was stated that nothing had been done in the matter of taking a postcard poll in reference to a proposition, 'that every member should pay 2/- per annum, irrespective of other moneys paid on their behalf.'—The meeting decided that no further action be taken in the matter.

The following new members were elected: Fred Heaton, Eastbourne; Herbert Parkin and Frank Coates, Christ Church, Blacklands; and the election of Messrs. Cecil Ebberson and John D. Matthews was confirmed. The Vicar of Christ Church, Blacklands, was made a life member.

The report and balance sheet, showing a balance of over £85, was approved and adopted; also the peals' secretary's analysis.

The vice-presidents, Master and hon. treasurer were re-elected. Mr. A. D. Stone was elected hon. general secretary, a motion being passed thanking the late hon. general secretary for his services.

Mr. F. Bennett was re-elected peals' secretary, and Messrs. W. C. Hart and W. Markwell were elected as auditors.

A motion was then carried, 'that half railway fares (maximum 1/-) be paid to resident members attending divisional meetings.'

Brighton, Chichester and Southover (Lewes), were the places suggested for the next annual general meeting, Chichester being decided upon.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. Sydney Saker, for some years hon. secretary of Eastern Division, and the secretary was directed to place on the minutes an expression of the loss the association had sustained through his death, and to send a message of condolence to the family.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for his helpful address at the service, and also to the ladies, whose kind hospitality did so much to make the meeting a success.

The following towers were represented: Battle, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Heene, Heathfield, Henfield, Lewes (Southover), and Shoreham; and there were also a number of unaffiliated members present.

The ringing ranged from Grandsire to Surprise methods.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by members of the Guild at Whitnash on Saturday, May 17th, when ringers attended from Chlvers Coton, Exhall, Leamington, Nuneaton, Solihull, Stoke, Warwick, and the local band, several ladies being among those present.—The Rector (the Rev. E. W. Bryan) gave the members a hearty welcome, and, with Mrs. Bryan, provided tea in the Vicarage Garden, which was very much enjoyed.—The Ringing Master (Mr. A. Roberts) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and Mrs. Bryan for the use of the bells and providing tea.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. A. Wilkerson), in seconding, said he was pleased to see the local company present, and hoped they would soon become members of the Guild.

Before the party left, the Rector expressed the pleasure the visit of the Guild had given him, and hoped to see them again before long.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Bob Minor.

THE LATE MR. W. J. ALLEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me space in your valuable paper gratefully to acknowledge, on behalf of my committee, the sum of £25 9s. 9d., collected on behalf of the widow and family of the late Mr. W. J. Allen, of Northampton?

Mrs. Allen desires, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all kind friends who helped her in her sad bereavement. With best thanks to all.—Yours faithfully,

F. WILFORD,

Hon. Secretary to the Fund.

149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE MEMORIAL BELLS FUND.**

The annual meeting at Lincoln on April 26th (Fair Saturday) took place in most unfavourable circumstances. Rain storms throughout the day, and the lack of railway excursion facilities in some districts, resulted in a smaller attendance this year than is usual. The bells at the Cathedral (8), St. Peter-at-Arches (8), St. Peter-at-Gowts (6), and St. Botolph's (6), were made good use of during the afternoon, the towers being closed in time to allow the ringers to gather at the Cathedral at 4.30 for evensong.

Tea was provided in the Co-operative Hall at 5.30, and was followed by the usual business meeting, at which Mr. F. F. Linley presided. All the officers were re-elected, namely, the Dean of Lincoln, president; the Rev. H. Law James, Master; Mr. F. F. Linley, treasurer; and Mr. F. W. Stokes, secretary.

The balance sheet and report was passed as printed.—The Chairman drew attention to the enlargement of the report by the addition of the names of the officers of each branch, and of the honorary members. He regretted that for financial reasons it was not possible to print the report as in pre-war days. Alluding to the Cathedral Bells Memorial Fund, Mr. Linley drew attention to the fact that, approximately, £115 is still required before the additional four bells can be installed in the Cathedral tower, and stated that the general view of the Northern branch is that two bells (to make a peal of ten) should be added now, leaving the other two to be put in when funds permitted.—Mr. S. Proctor, on behalf of the Southern branch, strongly supported this view, and, on a vote being taken, the meeting expressed agreement. The matter will be taken up by the Guild Committee at as early a date as practicable.

The Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. H. T. Parry, Mr. George Chester, and Mr. Rupert Richardson were elected to represent the Guild on the Central Council. In this connection the nomenclature of the Minor methods came in for a good deal of adverse criticism, and great amusement was caused by the quotation by one of the speakers of the names of various vegetables, fruits and flowers, which might possibly come into use if the present system were continued.

The following motion, proposed by Mr. C. McGuinness, and seconded by Mr. J. T. Brown, very well represents the feeling of the meeting: 'That this meeting considers that the nomenclature adopted for the various Minor methods is in many cases ridiculous, and asks the Guild representatives on the Central Council to do their best to advocate a revision.'

Reference must be made to the absence from the meeting of Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, of Lincoln, through illness. Mr. Clifton is one of the oldest members of the Guild, and has been a great worker for its good. He has been especially enthusiastic about the proposed augmentation of the Cathedral bells, and the Chairman mentioned incidentally that in this cause he had raised a larger sum of money than any other single member of the Guild.—The meeting passed a unanimous vote of sympathy with Mrs. Clifton in the illness of her husband.

The various towers were open for further ringing until nine o'clock. At the Cathedral a rather unusual incident occurred, the rope of the 2nd bell breaking in the middle of a good course of London Surprise, necessitating a short pause for repairs. It is encouraging to note year by year an increasing interest in the higher methods, both on six and eight bells. Peals of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise have already been rung by the Guild, and it is hoped that at no very distant date a peal of London will be accomplished by resident members.

EASTERN BRANCH.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Stickney on Saturday, May 24th. Although this was only a five-bell tower, a very pleasant and successful meeting was held. Ringers were present from Boston, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Surfleet, Wrangle, and the local band, who are expert five-bell ringers. A short service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. de Vitre). The address was given by the Vicar of Stickford (the Rev. H. F. Shenton), who took as his text, 'Speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward.'

Tea was partaken of at the Rose and Crown Inn, after which the usual business meeting was held, the President (the Rev. J. R. Trotter) being in the chair. The place chosen for the summer meeting was Halton Holgate, near Spilsby. It is hoped that more members will endeavour to be present, especially as this is a district where possibly new members may be procured. The bells here were reported to be in very fair order.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for conducting the service, and for the use of the bells, and also to the Vicar of Stickford for his interesting and inspiring address.

After the meeting the tower was again visited, and various six-scores, including Stedman and Carter, were successfully brought round.

SPliced SURPRISE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I sincerely congratulate Mr. J. W. Parker on obtaining such a remarkable peal of Spliced Surprise Major, and also the band on ringing the peal. It is only those who have gone into the proof who can realise the amount of work and care required before such a peal can be produced.

I have recently been at work on this proof, and up to the present I have the following composition, which should also be of interest, as it contains 340 7-8's, this number being much in excess of the number obtainable in a peal of 5,000 of Superlative or Cambridge Major separately.—Yours sincerely,

A. J. PITMAN.

5,056 SPliced SUPERLATIVE & CAMBRIDGE MAJOR.

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34562	—	—	—
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34525	—	—	—
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45623	—	—	—

Repeat the last four courses three times. There are two leads of Cambridge in each course, the 2nd and 6th in the long courses, and 2nd and 3rd in the courses with calls 'Before,' the other leads being Superlative. This composition must be rung in the spliced form, as shown, as it will not run true to Superlative or Cambridge only. Composed May 11th, 1924.

SIXTY YEARS A RINGER.
PRESENTATIONS AT BEESTON.

There was an interesting ceremony at Beeston (Notts) Church on Monday, May 12th, when Mr. William Clifford was congratulated on attaining his golden wedding, and completing 60 years' service as a ringer at the church. The assembly in the belfry included the Vicar (the Rev. L. N. Phillips), wardens, past wardens, sidesmen, and many visitors.

The proceedings opened with the ringing of Cambridge and London Surprise, after which the eight oldest ringing members rang 60 Stedman Triples in honour of Mr. Clifford's 60 years' service: L. Price 1, W. Clifford, senr., 2, W. Clifford 3, A. Lowe 4, J. C. Dicken 5, F. S. Price (conductor) 6, E. J. Boot 7, P. Price 8.

Mr. H. A. Price (parish warden) mentioned that there were only three bells in the tower in 1860, and in an interesting speech traced the gradual augmentation to eight. He congratulated Mr. Clifford on his remarkable ringing achievements.

The Vicar, on behalf of the church officials and members of the congregation, then handed to Mr. Clifford a substantial cheque and inscribed ebony walking stick, and to Mrs. Clifford an inscribed umbrella.—The Vicar commented on the general ignorance prevailing on the subject of bell ringing, and reminded those present that Mr. Clifford must have spent an enormous amount of time attending to the bells.—After congratulatory speeches by Mr. A. Nicholson (Vicar's warden), Mr. J. Bostock and Mr. C. Mason, J.P. (ex-wardens), the company were amused by some reminiscences of Mr. Peter Burton, an old Beeston ringer, who rang in the first 120 changes on the old peal of six. He caused laughter by his description of how, when a piece dropped out of a bell during ringing, all the ringers tried to get through the door together.

Responding, Mr. Clifford thanked the company, and stated he had done his work because he loved the church, the parish in which he was born, and the bells.

Mr. F. S. Price pointed out that bell ringing consisted of something more than mere rope-pulling, and stated that considerable mental effort is required. Mr. Clifford had taken up Surprise ringing since his 60th birthday, and had rung peals of Norfolk, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, and soon hoped to score London, for which attempts had already been made. As Mr. Clifford was 75 years of age, the company would realise these were no mean feats. He concluded by proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for making the presentation, and parishioners for their attendance.—Mr. A. Lowe seconded, and the motion was carried.—The visitors' book was signed by all present before dispersing.

On Saturday, May 17th, a peal of London Surprise was attempted at the church, but, unfortunately, lost after ringing half the peal in 1 hour 30 minutes.

MR. E. BARNETT, SENR.'S, 600 PEALS.

	Rung	Conducted
Minor (4 methods)	2	1
Grandsire Triples	106	51
Stedman Triples	90	26
Erin Triples	1	1
Union Triples	19	10
Darlaston Bob Triples	3	1
Oxford Bob Triples	3	2
Plain Bob Triples	2	1
Court Bob Triples	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	1	1
Bob Major	26	10
Little Bob Major	1	1
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1	1
Canterbury Pleasure Major	18 (including 10,080)	13
College Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	71	38
Oxford Treble Bob Major	3	2
Granta Treble Bob Major	1	1
Double Norwich Major	104 (including 13,440)	46
'Real' Double Norwich Major	3	1
Double Oxford Major	6	5
Superlative Surprise Major	24	
Cambridge Surprise Major	21	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	1	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1	
Norfolk Surprise Major	4	1
London Surprise Major	3	
Bristol Surprise Major	1	
Grandsire Caters	6	
Stedman Caters	18	1
Plain Bob Royal	2	2
Kent Treble Bob Royal	11	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	
Forward Royal	2	
Double Norwich Royal	1	
Duffield Royal	1	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	4	
Grandsire Cinques	2	
Stedman Cinques	30	
Plain Bob Maximus	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	
Total	600	225

AN APPRECIATION BY ONE OF HIS 'BOYS.'

Mr. Barnett's 600 peals represent 43 years of ringing, 35 of which he has spent at Crayford, at which tower and the Parish Church, Erith, it can be safely said he has called more first peals for youngsters than any other ringer living. A ringer who rang his first peal at Crayford over 30 years ago, remarking on this fact to the writer the other day, said, 'If ringing is going to have any effect on getting a man to heaven it will be old Teddy Barnett's efforts for youngsters that will get him there long before the man who has rung 1,000 peals.'

Of his 106 peals of Grandsire Triples quite 75 per cent. have some special feature, such as somebody's first peal or first as conductor, or have been rung in helping a struggling hand.

How many ringers owe their first peal of Double Norwich to him? The late Samuel Slater, in some verses published at the time he rang in the 13,440 at Romford, truly said:—

Edwin Barnett rang the second, and did his equal part,

For Double Norwich Court is rooted in his heart.

The writer can remember as a small boy many now well-known ringers coming to Crayford to learn to ring Double Norwich, among them, Mr. J. E. Davis, and his cousin, Mr. H. N. Davis, who often came from Camberwell twice on a Sunday for this purpose.

As a conductor no man ever starts for a peal with a greater knowledge of his composition than Mr. Barnett, and his knowledge of the in and out of course of course ends is to the writer almost uncanny. Of the 120 he can tell the instant he hears any one of them, whether it is in or out of course.

He also has that rare gift among ringers of being able to 'take off' anything from outside the tower. On one occasion he took off a peal of Stedman Triples which Mr. J. H. Cheesman was calling, a new composition by Mr. Lindoff, and when he had finished he gave him both the figures and the calling.

Mr. Barnett has also rung considerably over 100 peals on two different peals of bells. I do not know how many it is now, but at the time he rang his 500th peal in 1917 he had rung exactly 100 at Crayford, and 114 at the Parish Church, Erith.

TAUNTON.—On May 21st, at St. George's Church, Wilton, 720 Wells Surprise Minor: A. W. Hayward 1, A. Wyatt 2, W. Coles 3, G. Coles 4, P. Merson 5, J. Hunt (conductor) 6. First in the method by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Wyatt.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LEEK, STAFFS.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, 1,008 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 42 mins.: Edgar Sharratt, junr., 1, Edwin Sharratt 2, F. Spilsbury 3, J. Newall 4, F. White 5, J. Rider 6, Edgar Sharratt, senr., 7, E. A. Ridgway (conductor) 8.

STANTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, an attempt was made for 720 Kent Treble Bob, which was lost in the last course; it was the longest length by four of the band, and their first attempt for 720: A. White 1, W. Clay 2, H. Clay 3, S. France 4, W. Lycett 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 360 Plain Bob, and on May 21st, 360 Kent.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.—At the Priory Church, for evensong, on May 25th, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Superlative Surprise Major: Canon W. W. C. Baker 1, G. Hole 2, A. V. Good 3, C. Rollings 4, A. G. Matthews 5, F. Ramsay 6, J. B. Marks 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8.—For morning service, 224 Superlative Surprise, and a touch of Stedman Triples, with C. E. King and C. T. King, in addition to the above.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service and Empire Day, at the Parish Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Thorpe (conductor) 1, A. Jackson 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hall 5, R. W. Jenkinson, junr. (first quarter in the method), 6, J. Hogg 7, J. Coulton 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 18th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Topp 1, J. J. Symons 2, F. A. Burnett 3, T. R. Taylor 4, J. D. Harris (conductor) 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the treble.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. Thornton 1, J. Bray (conductor) 2, W. Leaning 3, A. Tomlinson 4, G. Hobbins 5, B. Gillatt 6.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTS.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 11th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Allin, junr., 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, R. Huskinson 3, W. Jacks 4, G. Allin 5, C. J. Partidge (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of 1st and 4th, and first by an all local band at this church.

CARHAMPTON, SOMERSET.—On Sunday evening, May 11th, for a memorial service to the late Rev. A. Locke, late Vicar of the Parish, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, with the bells half-muffled: J. Farmer 1, J. Watts 2, J. Sully 3, W. Hoyle 4, E. Parker (first 720 of Oxford as conductor) 5, B. Stevens 6.

WHITCHURCH, Near CARDIFF.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 11th, for morning service, 720 Canterbury Minor: R. Bailey (first 720) 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, J. Bailey 3, F. Bailey 4, L. Wright 5, E. Coles 6.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.—On Sunday, May 11th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. J. Dobbie 1, S. Taylor 2, E. H. Spice 3, T. Jull 4, S. B. Dobbie 5, W. Spice (conductor) 6. Rung after meeting short for Cambridge Treble Major.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday evening, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. E. H. Spice 1, G. H. Spice 2, S. Taylor 3, E. J. Dobbie 4, E. H. Spice 5, A. Palmer 6, W. Spice, senr. (conductor), 7, W. Spice, junr., 8.

EASTWELL, KENT.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: *C. Franklin 1, W. Henniker 2, *C. Head 3, A. Mills 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Skinner 6. * First quarter on a working bell.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, for evening service, on May 11th, 759 Stedman Caters: G. Large 1, F. Smith 2, W. Biss 3, W. Richards 4, J. Davies 5, E. Coombes 6, A. Parnell 7, E. Stitch 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

RISHTON, LANCs.—On May 4th, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins. for morning service: A. Woods 1, W. Pilkington 2, L. J. Williams (conductor) 3, F. Winfield 4, B. Crabtree 5, H. Boardman 6.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. Mary's Church, Walton, on Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Searle 1, A. Jackson 2, A. Jackson 2, H. Harrison 3, J. Wilkinson 4, H. Barker 5, C. J. Davies (first 720 in the method as conductor) 6.

PRODHAM, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: C. Berrington (first quarter-peal) 1, L. M. Bibby 2, C. Valentine 3, J. C. Bibby 4, W. Bibby 5, B. Rutter 6, G. H. Mandles 7, F. Bibby (conductor) 8. The ringers take this opportunity of wishing the conductor 'many happy returns' of his 21st birthday.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, W. B. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, R. Edwards 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Kynaston.

HAPPISBURGH, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor by the Gromer band of ringers: R. Amis 1, E. Kim 2, E. Wilson 3, C. Pooley 4, F. Pearce 5, W. Tennant (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD, Southern Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Folkingham on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 2 to 9 p.m. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and Meeting at the Greyhound Hotel at 5.15 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION, Western District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Hersham, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Short service 5 p.m. Tea in the Church House at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Alderton, by invitation of the Rector (Rev. A. D. Pennington), on Saturday, May 31st. Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.15. Business meeting to follow.—Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION, Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wotton-under-Edge on Saturday, May 31st. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5, service at 6 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Western District.—A meeting will be held at Northchurch on Saturday, May 31st. Short service 4.45 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me early. All welcome. Bells available 3 p.m.—W. Ayre, Leversstock Green, Hemel Hempstead.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle District Association.—The annual meeting will be held at Benefield on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (6). Service 4.30. Meat tea 5.15. Meeting after tea.—Rev. L. S. Clark, Hon. Sec., Polebrooke Rectory, Oundle.

LADIES' GUILD, Northamptonshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woodford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30.—Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION, Eastern District.—The usual May meeting will be held at Bennington on May 31st, when the bells will be open during the afternoon and evening. Tea will kindly be provided in the Parochial Hall by the Rector (Rev. W. E. Mills). Business meeting after. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD, Wirral Branch.—The meeting at Capenhurst will be held on May 31st, not June 14th, as arranged. Ringers invited.—H. Brocklebank, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8). Meeting at 5 o'clock. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Privett on Saturday, May 31st. Bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Tea at the Schoolrooms at 5.30 p.m., followed by short business meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Christ Church, Bacup (8 bells), on Saturday, May 31st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance requested. Reports to hand. Subscription due.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A meeting of the above district will be held at Sutton-in-Ashfield (6 bells) on Saturday, May 31st. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Tea at Cafe, Brooks Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting in National School, near Church, at 5.45. Special business. A good attendance is desired.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Desford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will members please note that subscriptions for current year are now due.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, May 31st. Bells of East Retford (10), West Retford and Ordsall (6) will be at the disposal of ringers from 2 p.m. to 8.30. Short service 4.20 p.m., Parish Church. Tea at 5 p.m. A hearty welcome will be given to ringers of kindred associations.—H. Haigh and D. A. Piercy, Hon. Secs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A monthly meeting of the above will be held at Castle Donington on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Local Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held on Saturday, May 31st, at Littleport, Ely (8 bells). Arrangements will be made for tea. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for June: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 1st, 10 a.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 9th, 7.30 p.m., 23rd, 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, 2nd, 7.30 p.m.—J. Bullock, Hon. Sec., 56, Halliford Street, Essex Road, N.7.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on June 3rd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 5th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.—*Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Penn, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. A tea will be provided at 10d. each for those who notify me of their intention of being present not later than June 3rd.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at North Anston on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea provided (1s. each) only to those who notify Mr. H. Stanton, South Anston, near Sheffield, not later than Wednesday, June 4th.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided gratis at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall on notification to Mr. G. Thornton, Church House, Sherburn-in-Elmet, on or before Thursday, June 5th. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting and jubilee festival at Exeter on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge, president of the C.C. Dinner and meeting at Deller's Restaurant, Bedford Street, 1.30 (2s. 6d.).—E. S. Powell, General Sec., The Vicarage, Holbeton S.O., Devon.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Beaconsfield, Bucks.—On Saturday next, May 31st, a combined practice will be held at the Parish Church. Bells (8) from 6.45 p.m. to 9 p.m.—Cecil C. Mayne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The first annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service at the Cathedral 12 noon, with address by the Bishop of Peterborough. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) and meeting at Neaverson's Cafe, 18, Long Causeway, at 1 p.m. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's, Woodstone and Whittlesea (8), (by bus 4d.), will be available. Those intending to be present at the luncheon must notify me on or before Monday, June 2nd.—David J. Nichols, General Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 4th, those requiring tea. Witley bells (8) will also be available from 12.45 to 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in Cathedral 12.15. Preacher: Rev. Prebendary S. Cornish Watkins. Dinner 1 p.m., at Booth Hall, 2s. 6d., followed by business meeting. All towers in city and country round open for ringing. Tea 6 p.m., 1s. The numbers for dinner and tea must be sent me not later than Tuesday, June 3rd.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. Sec.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Rhyl on Whit-Monday. Service at St. Thomas's Church at 2.30 p.m. Meeting after service. All ringers welcome. Those intending to be present please notify me.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, near Chester.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at Lowestoft on Whit Monday, June 9th. The ring of eight bells of St. Margaret's will be available. Luncheon at the Crown Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the general business meeting at 2 o'clock in St. Margaret's Institute, Alexander Road. Members are particularly requested to notify the secretary on or before Thursday, June 5th, of their intention of being present at the luncheon. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 45th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Chelmsford; 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hicks's Restaurant, High Street, members 2s. 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 honorary secretary not later than first post previous Tuesday, June 3rd.—Charles H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The 26th annual meeting will be held at Middlesborough on Whit Monday, June 9th. Stockton Parish Church bells (10) available after 4 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. Address to be given by the Rev. J. C. C. Kerwin, Vicar of Ormesby. Dinner provided in the Clifton Hotel. Members 2s., non-members 3s. Those intending to be at dinner, please notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, June 4th. Tea will be provided by the president in the Trinity Church Room, Yarm Lane, Stockton, at 5.30 p.m. to those who notify the secretary by the above date.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Whitsun Monday, June 9th. Service at 12 noon, with address by the Rev. W. E. Gilliatt, Rector of Sevenoaks. Luncheon at the Lime Tree Hotel 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Towers open for ringing: Sevenoaks (8), Westerham (8), Shoreham (8), Braxted (6), Seal (6), Seal Churt (6). Members intending to be present at the luncheon must apply for tickets at once.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells available from 11 a.m. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Star Inn at 4.30 p.m. (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present for tea kindly let me know not later than Thursday, June 5th? — Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Consett on June 9th. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and dinner at 1 o'clock at the Railway Hotel, Consett. Dinner, 3s. per head, to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, June 4th. The bells of Consett Parish Church (8), St. Aidan's, Blackhill (8), St. Mary's, Blackhill (6) (after 10 a.m.), and Benfieldside (6) are available. Please meet at Consett Parish Church to arrange hands for the different churches. — E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 14th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 10th.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The usual monthly meeting will not be held in June. Hoylandswaine have secured a challenge cup to be competed for annually. The first contest is to take place at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 14th. Draw 2 p.m. All ringers invited. Tea will be provided for those applying for tickets to Mr. Moxon, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone. A useful service of motors runs through the village.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, HALIFAX.—A ringers' reopening of the bells, after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, June 14th, at which all ringing friends will be welcome. The bells will be at liberty from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and tea provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who notify Mr. F. Roberts, 1, All Souls' Terrace, Halifax, by Wednesday, June 11th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Staveley, June 14th. Belfry open 2 o'clock. The committee meet in the Institute (adjoining the Rectory Barn) at 4.15. There will be a service in Church at 4.30, address by Rev. Canon Molineux. Tea in the Rectory Barn (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. It will greatly assist the local committee if those intending to be present at the tea will kindly advise Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, Chesterfield, by June 11th. The Rector has kindly placed the Rectory lawn at the disposal of members for bowling.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Highworth on Saturday, 14th June. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec., 5, The Knoll, Swindon.

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A large majority of the above peals were rung for the Kent County Association; the others for the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths and the Sussex Association.

KING'S NORTON LONG PEAL OF LONDON.

To celebrate the 21st anniversary of the above, the following Sunday Service ringers on Monday, May 12th, rang 576 London Surprise Major: J. E. Eaton 1. H. Williams 2. W. B. Cartwright 3. W. H. Ball 4. J. Withers, junr., 5. C. Webb 6. J. Withers, senr., 7. P. O. Luffin (conductor) 8. This touch, although not on the actual date, was rung on the actual day in the week the long peal was rung.

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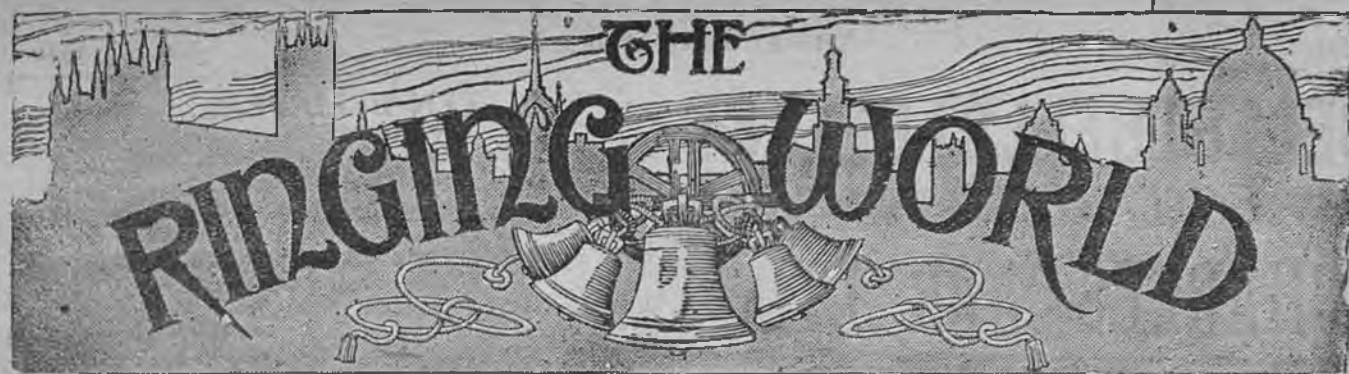
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THE COUNCIL'S MEAGRE REVENUE.

Last week we referred briefly in this column to some of the resolutions which are to come before the Central Council next Tuesday. A motion which is likely to find divided opinion is that which, in effect, would remove the rule by which the Council meets every third year in London. It has been the practice of the Council, ever since its foundation, to hold the first meeting of each triennial period—at which the officers for the succeeding three years are elected—in the Metropolis, and it must be admitted that, hitherto, this has proved very satisfactory. The London meetings are, we believe, the best attended, on the average, and there are obvious reasons why this is so. The mover of the alteration of the rule will have to adduce some strong reasons for departing from the now well-established custom, if he is to carry his point.

But the resolution may serve another purpose. If it calls attention to the necessity for a general overhaul of the rules of the Council it will not have been in vain, whatever may be its ultimate fate. The rules need some revision to bring them into line with the Council's present methods of procedure, and the 'decisions' might well be revised in various respects, in the light of modern knowledge. This is a subject to which, perhaps, the Standing Committee will turn their attention, and when they do so, would it not be well if consideration were given to the question of increasing the affiliation fee?

At present the various societies pay a nominal sum of half a crown for each representative, the maximum number being four. Upon this meagre income the Council has to meet not only the cost of the annual gathering, but all its other undertakings, such as printing the collections of peals and methods. In due time some of this expenditure is recouped by the sale of publications, but progress has often been delayed in the printing of important works by the lack of sufficient capital. The low contribution originally fixed was settled at a time when the Council was seeking the support of the associations, which might have been frightened away from a new and untried body if the fee had been made too high. But the Council has now an established and well-defined position in the scheme of things campanological, and it might render much more practical service to the Exercise if it had larger funds at its disposal. Half a guinea per member ought not to be too high a fee to impose, and with this increased revenue the Council would be able to move much more rapidly in providing for ringers such material as would encourage a higher standard of ringing in methods and compositions, and in other directions as well.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(St. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Friday, May 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

*W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... Treble	*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD? ... 6
*ALFRED BALLARD ... 2	*ARTHUR CATTELL ... 7
*EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 3	*REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 8
*GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 4	JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9
*ROWLAND BARROW ... 5	ERNEST MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Bob Royal. First of Bob Royal on the new bells. Specially rung to mark the 121st anniversary of the only other peal of Bob Royal rung at this church, May 30th, 1803. Composed and called by Thos. Gibson.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

COLCHESTER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM SCHOFIELD ... Treble	WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
JAMES FLEUTY ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... 7
FRANK CLAYDON ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*GEORGE R. DAY ... Treble	JAMES DURRANT ... 5
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 2	HARRY R. ROPER ... 6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 3	CHARLES PARKER ... 7
*WILLIAM S. KINSEY ... 4	ROBERT J. POLLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung on Empire Day. * First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	THOMAS H. TAYSON ... 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... 2	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 6
*ALLAN E. GWYNNE ... 3	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 7
*ALEC J. TAYLOR ... 4	WALTER TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal of Major on the bells. First peal of Major rung in the Hereford district by all resident members. * First peal of Major.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF St. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES NICKERSON ... Treble	BERTIE O. SODEN ... 5
WILLIAM ROGERS ... 2	*THOMAS LAW ... 6
CHARLES W. BIRD ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... 7
GEORGE BASFORD ... 4	FRED. WILFORD ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRED WILFORD.

* First peal in the method. It was also the fiftieth peal of the ringers of 1st and 5th, and the sixtieth peal of the ringer of the 6th. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
JOHN HAYES 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

†GEORGE HEWITT Treble	ALFRED BLOGG 5
WILLIAM LANCASTER 2	FRED RIGBY 6
EDWARD COXHEAD 3	WILLIAM SHARPLES 7
†HERBERT BLACKLIDGE 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

† First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the Queen's birthday.

LINTON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS E. SONE Treble	HARRY BAKER 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	CHARLES H. SONE 6
LEWIS NEWMAN 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
GEORGE POUND 4	CHARLES SMITH Tenor

Conducted by T. E. SONE.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL.

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRED ABBOTT Treble	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 5
HARRY CHAPMAN 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
FRED. F. RIGBY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
JAMES BOLTON 4	JOHN POTTER Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung on the 31st anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. Potter's wedding day.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	ALFRED PRIOR 5
WILLIAM THEOBALD 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 3	*GEORGE DAWSON 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	ROBERT T. EVANS 5
*REGINALD KYNASTON 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 4	ALBERT E. HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Triples, and on tower bells. The ringers of 2nd, 4th and 5th were proposed life members, and belong to the local company. Mr. Harry F. Holding's 50th peal.

WELLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt. approx.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	*ALBERT PLOWMAN 5
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN 2	JOSEPH SHATFORD 6
JOSIAH MORRIS 3	HARRY PETTIT 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	*WALTER PETTIT Tenor

Transposed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. Ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd are from St. Margaret's, Leicester; 4th from Finedon. Rung on the occasion of the opening of the war memorial extension of the Wellingborough Cottage Hospital Children's Ward by the Marquis of Northampton.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	GEORGE P. BURTON 5
*GEORGE A. SPARKS 2	*FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
FREDK. R. BORRETT 4	*GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. George A. Sparks. * First peal in the method.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5000 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM HAIGH Treble	CHARLES NORRIS 5
FRANK BELSEY 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
THOMAS BEAUMONT 3	FREDERICK RICHARDSON 7
CHARLES WINNER 4	*LAURENCE HALES Tenor

Conducted by F. RICHARDSON.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday peal to ringer of treble. Also on the 21st anniversary of the wedding of the ringer of the 2nd.

SOUTH WIGSTON.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN E. CLARKE Treble	ERNEST J. JELLEY 5
JAMES F. CLARKE 2	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
*SIDNEY O. CHENEY 3	J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 7
HAROLD G. JENNEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First Surprise peal. First 'touch' in a Surprise method by the ringer of the 3rd.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

LOUIS HEAD'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST J. TRIMMER Treble	JOSEPH TALBOT 5
AMOS W. CLARK 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
*MRS. A. CLARK 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
JAMES E. COOPER 4	FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. COOPER.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside bell. First peal as conductor.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES:

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
EDWARD C. MERRETT 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 6
ROBERT J. DAWE 3	KEITH HART 7
GEORGE PIPER 4	ARTHUR BANKS Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Triples on this new ring of bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 30 cwt.

CHARLES H. WALKLATE ... Treble	JOHN MALYAN 5
WILLIAM NASH 2	BEN JARMAN 6
JOSEPH G. BLOW 3	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 7
THOMAS J. HULL 4	*FRANK BEESON Tenor

Conducted by HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal.

LYE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 3½ cwt.

*SYDNEY COOK Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS 2	CHARLES E. PERKINS 6
JOHN BASS 3	*CHARLES W. COOPER 7
WILLIAM H. COOPER 4	†FRANK WILEY Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire on a working bell.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	CHARLES H. BRIGGS 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 2	WILLIAM H. CLARKE 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	ROWLAND BARROW 7
REV. R. P. FARROW 4	WILLIAM H. BRIGGS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITEHEAD.

This was the Rev. R. P. Farrow's 50th peal.

SOUTHGATE.—At Christ Church, on May 24th (Empire Day), 758 Stedman Triples: John Armstrong (conductor) 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, G. Bester 3, W. Pickworth 4, John E. Miller 5, H. Miller 6, N. Tomlinson 7, A. G. Crane 8.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, 1,080 Cambridge Surprise Royal, in 47 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, Mrs. Deal 2, G. Bester 3, R. F. Deal 4, John Armstrong 5, N. Tomlinson 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, S. Wade (conductor) 10.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES FLEETY Treble	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 5
ARTHUR SAUNDERS 2	FRANK CLAYDON 6
*WALTER ARNOLD 3	†JAMES FRENCH 7
ROBERT FLEETY 4	SAMUEL WARNE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK CLAYDON.

First peal in the method as conductor. * First of Triples 'inside.' † First of Triples.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES:

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GILBERT ... Treble	GEORGE JEFFS, SEN. 5
FRED. STUBBS 2	FRANK KIRK 6
DANIEL REDHEAD 3	†HARRY GIBBARD 7
*GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. 4	LESLIE GROOM Tenor

Composed by J. HOLT.

Conducted by LESLIE GROOM

* First peal on an inside bell. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1924, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES:

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

*HARRY HALL Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	*WALTER RUFFLES 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

* First peal of Norfolk. First in the method on the bells. The conductor's 200th peal.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

HARDINGSTONE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, May 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*PERCY AMOS Treble	HARRY CLARKE 3
THOMAS WISE 2	FRANK BURGESS 4
GEORGE PARKER Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY CLARKE.

* First peal.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, May 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GABRIEL.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 360 each of Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Court Bob, Canterbury Surprise, York Surprise, London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*ERNEST GIBBS Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
*ROBERT G. KNOWLES 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT 5
*WILLIAM RANFORD 3	*CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in 14 methods, and first in 14 methods on the bells.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 12 different callings.

*PERCIVAL R. NASH Treble	WILLIAM R. NASH 4
WM. J. BENIAMS 2	ARTHUR NASON 5
HUBERT JONES 3	JOHN PLAIN Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. * First peal and first attempt, and aged 14 years. All are Ludlow Guild ringers, excepting tenor man, who hails from Stokesay.

DUNSFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

RICHARD HAYES Treble	MADRICE SMITHER 4
JESSE W. HARRISON 2	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT 5
JAMES BORDFIELD 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD HAYES.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal of Minor in the method by all except ringer of 4th. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Also first in the method on the bells. After the peal the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Hollins) kindly provided refreshments, which were much appreciated.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

ADREY LIVERMORE Treble	HARRY ARGENT 4
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL 2	JOHN BURLES 5
CHARLES WATERMAN 3	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BURLES.

An Empire Day peal. The band wish to thank Mr. P. Ashenden for having the bells ready; also the Rev. G. A. Tait, Vicar, for kindly entertaining the ringers to tea after the peal.

HANMER, FLINTSHIRE.

(St. Mary's Society, ELLESMERE, SALOP.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with twelve different callings. Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS BUTLER, SEN. Treble	*GEORGE H. EDWARDS 4
ARTHUR ALLEN 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 5
WILLIAM S. HIGGINSON 3	WILLIAM HIGGINSON, SEN. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. BUTLER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, and rung to celebrate Empire Day. This is the first peal rung by a band of ringers entirely from Ellesmere, Salop.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven extents, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

VICTOR NISBETT Treble	LEWIS GADSEY 4
CHARLES W. ELSE 2	RICHARD W. PORTER 5
JOSEPH NORTH 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK Tenor

Conducted by C. L. SIMCOCK.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. George Scott to Miss Lucy Fisher, Mr. Scott having been attached to the Fulbeck band of ringers for upwards of 20 years.

WILLINGTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's.

HERBERT L. HARLOW Treble	TOM BARTRAM 4
HERBERT J. HARLOW 2	JOSEPH CHURCH 5
LEONARD A. WILLIAMS 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON 6

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

HANDBELL PEAL.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE ST. OSWALD'S SOCIETY.

On Sunday, June 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Two Minutes,

In St. Oswald's Belfry,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

REGINALD KYNASTON 1—2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 3—4
ROBERT T. EVANS 5—6	

Conducted by R. KYNASTON. Witness: E. HARVEY KYNASTON.
First peal as conductor.

PEAL REPORTS.

Reports of peals rung on Saturday should reach us by Monday next, and particulars of Monday's peals should be posted the same night, otherwise pressure on our space may delay publication.

CARTER MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I thank Mr. S. H. Symonds for the reference in last week's 'Ringing World.' I must have seen it before in the 'Bell News,' but forget all about it. I, therefore, give up all claims.—
Yours truly, JOHN CARTER.

25, Lessing Street, Honor Oak Park, London, S.E.23.

FORTHCOMING RINGERS' WEDDING

A marriage has been arranged between Miss Hilda F. Willson, of Leicester, and Mr. L. William Jacques (late of Olney), now of Mansfield. The prospective bride and bridegroom have rung many peals together, both accomplishing their first of Cambridge and London Surprise at the same time. Miss Hilda was the first of her sex to accomplish two peals in a day (Stedman Caters and Double Norwich), which she did at the age of 14, and has repeated it in Surprise peals more than once since that time. The bridegroom-to-be has also called peals of Superlative and Cambridge peals. The ceremony is fixed for July 19th at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester, the pair being active members of the Midland Counties Association.

DEATH OF A GRAPPENHALL RINGER.

EXPIRED WHILE TOLLING FUNERAL BELL.

The death occurred suddenly, on Monday, May 19th, of Mr. J. Mainwaring, a member of the Grappenhall, Cheshire, band. Mr. Mainwaring was in the act of tolling the bell for a funeral, when he was seen to fall to the ground, but before medical aid could be summoned he had passed away.

Mr. Mainwaring had been a ringer for 51 years, and sexton for 30 years. He was a member of the Chester Diocesan Guild for 29 years. His peals number 20, being as follows: Seven Minor methods 2, seven Treble Bob 13, ten Treble Bob 1 (7,200), seven Surprise 1, Grandsire Triples 2, Kent Treble Bob Major 1. He also took part in 648 complete Minor extents.

Mr. Mainwaring rang in the first peals at Grappenhall, Stretton, Davenham, Frodsham, St. Helen's, and Warburton.

The funeral took place on Thursday, May 22nd, the Rev. C. A. Clements officiating. The bells were rung deeply muffled in the evening by the local band, touches of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major being brought round.

A REET GOOD WREATH.

The following bit of conversation overheard at a recent ringing meeting is too good to be overlooked. Apparently the discussion was on method names.

First voice: Well, the names will look all right if rung in a wedding peal.

Second voice: Aye, and if th' bells are half-muffled, it will mak' a reet good wreath.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

The First Session of the Twelfth Council (32nd annual meeting) will be held in the Jerusalem Chamber, Westminster Abbey, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 10th June, 1924, at 11 a.m. precisely.

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

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

The entrance will be from Dean's Yard.

AGENDA, 1924.

GENERAL.

1. Election of President, of Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, and of Hon. Librarian.
2. Minutes of the last Meeting.
3. Apologies for Absence.
4. Statement of Accounts and of Sale of Publications.
5. Election of Honorary Members.
6. Introduction of new Members to the President.
7. Election of Standing Committee.
8. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees; and to re-appoint or alter the constitution of the Committees, as may be thought desirable, viz.:—
 - (a.) Peal Collection.
 - (b.) Literature and Press.
 - (c.) Methods.
 - (d.) Peals' Analysis.
 - (e.) Towers and Belfries.
 - (f.) Records.
 - (g.) Science Museum Exhibit.
9. Hon. Secretary to report as to Card of Instructions.

MOTIONS (Abstract of).

10. To call attention to the Nomenclature of Legitimate Minor Methods employed by the Council, and to move a resolution.
11. To call attention to the Nomenclature of Methods and to move the appointment of a Nomenclature Committee: (1) To review existing Method-nomenclature; (2) to prepare suitable topographical names; and (3) to formulate a plan for the application of such names.
12. That only topographical names be employed in the nomenclature of new Methods, and that the Council should control and revise the names.
13. That this Council only recognise as peals upon handbells those that have been umpired, and that the qualification of an umpire shall be that of being able to ring the method and check each call as made.
14. To alter Rule of the Council, No. 6, by omitting 'but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London.'
15. That the Council consider the advisability of publishing instructions showing how Bobs are made in various Minor methods, published in 'Legitimate Methods.'
16. To fix the place of next year's meeting.
17. Other business, if any.

E. ALEXANDER YOUNG,

Hon. Secretary.

155, Rushey Green,
Catford, London, S.E.6.

RINGING AND SOCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

At a combined committee meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths and Royal Society of Cumberlands, the following final arrangements were made for the entertaining of ringing visitors to London in connection with the Central Council meeting at Whitsun: Saturday, 7th June.—Social Meeting at the 'Coffee Pot' (College Youths Headquarters), Warwick Lane, E.C., 7.30.

Whit Sunday.—Service ringing at St. Leonard, Shoreditch (12), 10.0 a.m.; St. Clement Danes (10), 10 a.m.; St. Mary Abbots, Kensington (10), 10.50 a.m. and 5.50 p.m.; St. Stephen's, Rochester Row (8), 10 a.m.; St. Martin's-in-the-Fields (12), 4.45 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral (12), 5.30 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street (10), 5.30 p.m.

Meeting at 'King of Denmark' (Cumberlands Headquarters), Old Bailey, E.C., 7.30 p.m.

The respective societies' records and peal books will be on view at the above headquarters.

Whit Monday.—By kind permission of the incumbents, peals can be arranged for Central Council representatives at the following

towers: St. Clement Danes (10); St. Dunstan's, Stepney (10); Enfield (8); Edmonton (8); and all desirous of taking part should communicate with Mr. J. Parker, Queen Ann Place, Enfield, for Enfield or Edmonton; Mr. W. T. Cockerill for St. Dunstan's, and Mr. J. W. Cornford for St. Clement Danes.

Tuesday.—10th June.—After the meeting the bells at Westminster Abbey will be available from 5 to 6 p.m.; St. Margaret's 6.30 p.m., and St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, 6.30 to 7.30 p.m., followed by a social gathering at the 'Bedford Head Hotel,' Maiden Lane, W.C., at 7.45 p.m.

W. T. COCKERILL (hon. sec., College Youths), 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

J. W. CORNFORD (hon. sec., Cumberland), 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (NORTHERN BRANCH).

PROPOSED NEW DISTRICT.

The half-yearly meeting was held at Sleaford on Saturday, May 24th, when about fifty members and friends were present. Included in the towers represented were Bigby, Blankney, Branston, Gainsborough, Grimsby (St. Andrew's), Hale Magna, Heckington, Lincoln (Cathedral, St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts), and the local company. From the Elloe Deaneries Branch were the Rev. H. Law James (Guild Ringing Master), Mr. G. Ladd (hon. secretary), and Mr. J. T. Brown, Spalding. The bells of St. Denys' were available during the afternoon and evening, and kept going in various methods. A service was held in the Parish Church at 4.30 p.m., and exceedingly well attended. The Rev. Dr. Mortimer officiated. Taking for his text, Colossians iii. 17, he gave a very impressive and most instructive address, which was greatly appreciated by the members. Mr. N. E. Snow presided at the organ. Subsequently an excellent tea was provided at the Church Room, and followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. F. F. Linley (President) took the chair, supported by the Rev. H. T. Parry (president of the Grimsby district), and members of the committee. Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. Canon Hicks and the Rev. R. Bond.

The annual report and balance sheet for 1923, also the secretary's report for the past twelve months, were submitted to the meeting. The draft rules, which have been drawn up for adoption at the next annual general meeting were considered.

Mr. C. H. Baker intimated that he intended giving notice of amendment in respect to rules 5 (a) and 6 (a). This was as follows: Rule 5 (a). The annual meeting shall be held at the headquarters of each district in turn in the month of May, etc. Rule 6 (a). A half-yearly meeting shall be held in the month of September, etc. By this means the members would be able to adopt and pass the report and balance sheet soon after receiving the same.

Three new members, Messrs. P. H. Skipworth, W. A. Gray and H. Hanson, all of Brigg, were duly elected.

The formation of a new district, with Sleaford as headquarters, was next considered, and after some discussion it was proposed by Mr. F. F. Linley, and seconded by Mr. H. Torr, that Mr. N. E. Snow be asked to act provisionally as president, and Messrs. W. Dickinson and W. H. Wood, provisionally as joint secretaries: also that they be requested to call a meeting of the ringers in Sleaford and the neighbourhood for the purpose of forming such a district. On these gentlemen signifying their consent, the proposition was carried.

There being no other nomination, Stow was selected as the place for the next half-yearly meeting.

Mr. Baker, in drawing the attention of the members to an article recently published in 'The Ringing World,' respecting strikes and lock-outs amongst bell ringers, said he would like to know the opinion of the Rev. H. Law James upon it. Mr. James stated that he had a short time ago received a letter from an incumbent in the Northern Branch concerning his ringers who, through trouble over money matters, had withdrawn from the tower. In his reply he gave the incumbent to understand that he did not agree with ringers being paid for their services.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. Dr. Mortimer for taking the service, Mr. N. E. Snow for presiding at the organ, the church authorities for the use of the bells, Mr. W. Dickinson for making the necessary arrangements, the caterers for the excellent tea provided, the sexton, and all others who had helped to make the meeting such a success, also Mr. F. F. Linley for acting as chairman, were unanimously carried.

The bells were lowered about 9 p.m., and a very pleasant meeting brought to a close.

NORTON, STAFFS.—On Mondays, May 19th and 26th, 720 each of Coldstream and Lincoln Surprise, respectively. First 720 of the latter method by all: W. Corfield 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Hunts Branch was held at Eynesbury. About 30 ringers were present, the places represented being Eynesbury (6), St. Neots (3), Ramsey (2), Long Stanton (3), Luton (2), Trumpington (2), Great Staughton, Somersham, Chatteris, Dunstable, Barnet and Renton.

A well-attended service was held in Eynesbury Parish Church, at which the Rector gave an eloquent address, in which he pleaded for the use of church bells for purely devotional purposes as well as the ordinary ringing for services, mentioning that the Angelus and the Sanctus bell were in use in his parish.

Tea was served in the Parish Room. a commodious and well-lighted building, after which the usual business meeting was held, with the Rector in the chair.

It was resolved that the next meeting should be held at Godmanchester, subject to the consent of the authorities.

The meeting ended with hearty votes of thanks to the Rector of Eynesbury for his address and welcome, to the incumbents of the three churches for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for their help in serving an excellent tea.

During the afternoon and evening several touches were brought round on the six bells of Eynesbury, and the fine new eight at St. Neots, but rain prevented the ringers from getting to Eaton Soton, the six bells of which were kindly placed at their disposal by the incumbent.

EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL JUBILEE.

At the Cathedral Church of St. Mary, Edinburgh, on May 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 56 mins., by F. Veitch 1, Miss A. I. Whitson 2, W. C. S. Heathcote (conductor) 3, W. B. Sampson 4, H. Mann 5, A. G. Collinson 6, W. Marshall 7, J. Marshall 8. This was rung in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone in the Cathedral in 1874, and was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of 1st and 7th. Mr. Collinson is approaching his 50th year as a ringer.

The tenor at Edinburgh Cathedral is 42½ ct., and the heaviest bell in Scotland.

RESULT OF AN APPEAL.

The amount received in response to the appeal on behalf of Mr. T. Hammond, senr., was £18 9s., after deducting expenses for postage, writing material, etc. The sum of £17 15s. was handed to Mr. Hammond, who would like to thank his fellow members of the Exercise, and others, for their generosity towards him.

NONCONFORMISTS' EFFORTS FOR BELL RESTORATION.

The Vicar of Norbury, Cheshire, the Rev. A. J. Humphries, preached twice at the Hazel Grove Congregational Church on Sunday in aid of the fund that the officers and members have decided to raise towards the restoration of one of the bells at the Parish Church. The idea is that the Nonconformist Churches should combine in this effort on behalf of a bell to be dedicated to them. The Wesleyan Church is not, according to a decision recently come to, joining in as a united body, but members will at their discretion give of their own free will. The Vicar's subject was 'The bells on the horse's feet, from the Prophet Zechariah. He spoke of the effect church bells have on the minds and hearts of the people, and of the like effects produced by the sight of church steeples. The Vicar's historical matter was most interesting. He said some of the bells in Norbury tower were cast in 1617, and placed in Disley Church, whence they were removed some years afterwards to Norbury. There were three links attaching together Disley Church and Norbury. One was the bells; another was the organ originally placed in Norbury Church, which came from Disley; and the third was that the Leghs and Lyme were patrons of both churches. The Vicar's sympathy towards the Nonconformist churches and their organisations was marked throughout his two visits.

The collections amounted to £8 10s.

MUFFLED RINGING AT SHEFFIELD.

On Wednesday evening, May 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,280 changes, from Brook's Variation) was rung at All Saints' Church, Sheffield, with the bells half-muffled, by members of All Saints' and the Cathedral Societies: A. W. Gledstone 1, J. Thorpe 2, J. W. Smithson 3, F. Shackleton 4, T. W. Chown 5, W. Stubble 6, F. Willey (conductor) 7, E. F. Rippon 8. This was rung as a last tribute of respect to Mr. Joseph H. Taylor and Mrs. S. Seed.

Mr. Taylor was a chorister at All Saints' Church, and all through his life had taken a deep interest in its welfare. He died suddenly, after an operation, on May 10th, at the early age of 39 years.

Mrs. Seed was, in her earlier years, a zealous worker in the Sunday Schools and church. Her husband, Mr. Sam Seed, was a member of All Saints' ringing society for many years, and the sympathy of a large circle of friends will go out to him in his great bereavement.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We regret to announce the death of William P. Cooper, Leicester's 'grand old man,' which occurred suddenly on Friday last at Wyggestone Hospital. He was 86 years of age, and had rung many peals at St. Margaret's and elsewhere. He was buried on Tuesday.

Thirty-two years ago to-day the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung at Debenham, Suffolk, in 10 hours 32 minutes.

To-morrow is the anniversary of the 16,800 Kent Treble Bob Major rung by the Chester Guild at Mottram-in-Longdendale in 9 hours 40 minutes. This peal was rung in 1906.

On June 9th, 1850, the first peal in America was rung. This was at Christ Church, Philadelphia, when H. W. Haley, J. Hewett and W. Lobb were on a handbell ringing visit to the United States. A band was got together with difficulty, but Holt's ten-part was successfully accomplished. R. Dodd, a one-legged man, rang the tenor for 2½ hours, and was then relieved by J. Davey, who finished the peal, which was called by Haley.

Believed to be the first rung out of London, a peal of 5,040 Grand-sire Maximus was rung at Birmingham on June 12th, 1815.

Visitors to London in connection with the Central Council meeting are asked to note that a change has been made in the times of ringing on Whit Sunday, owing to services at St. Martin's. Ringing at this church will be at 4.45 p.m., and at Shoreditch at 10 a.m.

BELL RINGING BROADCAST FROM BIRMINGHAM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through your valuable medium, thank all those ringers in different parts of the country who have written to Mr. Walker and myself re the Stedman Cinques broadcast from St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday, May 25th, for their expressions of appreciation.

We have heard from places as far afield as Bristol, Macclesfield, Leicester, Liverpool, Derby, Burton-on-Trent, Beeston, Frodsham, Coventry, etc., and according to these reports the experiment was undoubtedly a success.

Great credit is due to the British Broadcasting Co. for the trouble they took to ensure success on this, the first occasion on which real change ringing has been broadcast.

I should be very glad indeed if anyone at a distance from Birmingham who was 'listening in' to the ringing and service, and who has not already written, would kindly drop me a postcard to say how it 'came over' in their district.—Yours faithfully,

A. PADDON SMITH.

11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.
May 27th, 1924.

The following extract is from 'Wireless Notes' in the 'Birmingham Gazette,' dated 26th May, 1924:—

'The 5IT engineers, the bell ringers of St. Martin's Church, the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Grose Hodge), the choristers, the organist, the congregation, last night merited the thanks and congratulations of Midland listeners-in. I doubt whether as successful a broadcast of a striking church service has ever been achieved.'

'At 6 p.m. there was a slight earnest of what was in store in the short test of the change ringing and the organ interlude that then took place. Then at 7.45 the bells came crashing through magnificently, and at 8 o'clock the organ took up the opening voluntary.'

'The whole of the service was perfectly plain and distinct. It was easy to imagine oneself in the rear of the famous old church, one seemed to lose nothing of the spirit of the service, and at the same time had much of the atmosphere.'

'The music had that some clarified sound that one invariably associates with church services, and the voice of the Rector intoning the responses was an ideal voice for radio. The voice of the reader of the lessons was equally excellent, and then came the glorious singing of the psalm, and a fine rendering of the anthem.'

'The special address of the Rector was easily the best broadcast religious address for some time, and it seemed that there was no moment in this particular broadcast that could have been bettered in any way, and there was provided a real demonstration of the untold value of the broadcasting of a church service when that service is as suitable for broadcasting as that happened to be.'

'Probably one wonders why it should have been so good. Previous church broadcasts have been good, but that from St. Martin's transcended them all. Probably the reason was that Canon Grose Hodge made the fullest use of his opportunities.'

'The broadcast was interesting from the fact that for this occasion the 5IT engineers employed two microphones for the purpose—one being installed in the belfry, and the other in the church. On no previous outside broadcast has more than one microphone been used.'

NEW BELLS AT BRIDPORT.

A FINE RING OF EIGHT.

The Bishop of Salisbury dedicated, on Thursday evening of last week (Ascension Day), a very fine peal of eight bells which have been provided for their parish church by the people of Bridport, the little market town, which lies picturesquely in a valley of the Dorset hills, and within sight of the sea. A wonderful spirit of unanimity and co-operation among the parishioners has marked the carrying out of this work, which, first mooted in 1912, and postponed on account of the war, has been carried to completion in a manner which must give satisfaction to all concerned. The moving spirit in the scheme has been Mr. W. S. B. Northover, who is both churchwarden and ringer. He has acted as treasurer of the fund, and so wholeheartedly and successfully has he worked that a month ago the committee were able to announce that no further funds were required—a very uncommon position of affairs when a restoration is carried out by public subscription. Mr. Northover, however, has had peculiar gratification in undertaking the part he has played, for it was his father who, in 1887, was chiefly responsible for raising the money by which, in commemoration of Queen Victoria's jubilee, two trebles were added to make the former peal of six into a complete octave, and five of the old bells were recast.

The six bells, which had been in the tower since 1843, and the added trebles, formed, however, a poor ring of eight, while at the rehanging in 1887 an experimental frame was put in which failed to come up to expectations, being too slight to carry the weight of metal. Ringing for any length of time was out of the question, and only two peals were rung upon them—one on the day the bells were opened, May 5th, 1887, and one on King George's Coronation Day.



THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BRIDPORT.

The present restoration made a clean sweep of the whole of the old work. Bells, frame and fittings, were cleared right out. The new frame is a splendid piece of engineering work. The central tower stands over four open arches, and thus has a tendency to roll whenever the bells are rung, but the seven heavy steel girders which now form a double foundation are so arranged and built into the walls as to tie the tower in each direction. The frame itself is in two tiers, the upper portion being secured not only to the bottom frame, but directly to the steel joists by means of 6in. by 6in. angle girders which run from top to bottom of the construction. The bells hanging in the upper frame are the 2nd, 3rd and 5th, and although the tower is not of large proportions, ample space has been left all round the frame and girders so that every part is easily accessible for future painting.

As to the bells themselves, they are a very beautiful peal. The tenor is 21 cwt. 72 lb. in E flat, and the total weight of the ring 83 cwt. 95 lb. They are a worthy product from the Whitechapel Foundry, full, resonant, not over-clappered, and harmonically tuned on Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's own system. The fittings and framework have been entirely renewed. The cast-iron headstocks were specially designed, and the bells run on British-made ball bearings of heavy type. The clappers are fitted with lubricators, and the rollers for the ropes run on ball bearings fitted with lubricators.

The inscriptions on the bells give their history, but it may be interesting to point out that the oldest bell in the ring of five which existed prior to 1843, was the fourth, which bore the date 1630, and, although no name or initials were on the bell, the figures and orna-

mentation were the same as used by Thomas Pennington, a founder of that period, whose name appears on bells in this locality cast about the same time.

Next in point of age was the treble, dated 1681, and was most likely cast by Thomas Purdue, a flourishing founder of that period.

Then came the third, a bell dated 1727, and, although it bore no name, it was probably a Purdue bell, cast by a son of the above-mentioned Thomas.

Then came the second, dated 1764, and bearing the name of T. Bayley, of Bridgewater. This man was by trade a clock maker, and a relative by marriage of a Mr. Street, a watch and clock maker of Bridport. Sometimes jointly, sometimes separately, their names appear on a few bells in the West of England, but their bells were of inferior tone, compared with other founders' work.

The fifth or tenor was a fine bell, dated 1784, and cast by T. Purdue, a grandson of the man who cast the treble.

These old founders were mostly itinerant workmen, erecting their furnaces and casting bells wherever they obtained orders. This was on account of the difficulties of cartage over the roads of that period.

At the augmentation in 1887 the second bell was given by the women of Bridport, and this bell has now been recast by them, no fewer than 254 subscribing to it. Four hundred and twenty Sunday School teachers and scholars, past and present, have defrayed the cost of recasting the third, while the ringers themselves, out of their own private funds, recast the fourth. The particulars of the new bells are as follow:—

Treble 6 cwt. 2 lb. 'To the Glory of God.' Two bells were added and the peal completed in the jubilee year of the reign of Queen Victoria A.D. 1887. E. J. L. B. Henslowe, Rector; S. Whetham, J. W. Hartgill, Churchwardens. Recast 1924 in memory of Edward Humphreys, killed in action 1915.

Second 6 cwt. 28 lb. Jubilate Deo. From the women of Bridport A.D. 1887. Recast by the women of Bridport A.D. 1924.

Third 7 cwt. 4 lb. Added A.D. 1843. R. Broadley, Rector. Recast A.D. 1887. Recast A.D. 1924 by the Sunday School teachers and scholars of the parish.

Fourth 8 cwt. 46 lb. A.D. 1681, R.D., N.D., C.W. Recast 1887. Recast 1924 by St. Mary's ringers. W. H. Bishop (captain), T. C. S. Podger (vice-captain), W. S. B. Northover (hon. secretary), J. Gale, W. J. Zealley, J. Thompkins, E. Manuel, F. Beer, C. W. Crabb, V. S. O. Keech, E. T. Spencer.

Fifth 9 cwt. 108 lb. John Colfox, Elias Punfield, Churchwardens. Cast by Thomas Bayley, Bridgewater, A.D. 1764. Recast A.D. 1887 at the cost of William Colfox. Recast A.D. 1924 in memory of Thomas David Colfox, killed in action 1918.

Sixth 10 cwt. 100 lb. A.D. 1727. Recast A.D. 1843. Recast A.D. 1887. Recast A.D. 1924. 'To God's Glory and in memory of William Kerridge Brown (Churchwarden), 1854—1855.'

Seventh 13 cwt. 71 lb. A.D. 1630. Recast A.D. 1887. Recast 1924 in memory of J. A. Collins (Lay Reader), 1873—1908; S. Whetham (Churchwarden), 1887; W. James (Churchwarden), 1898; W. B. Northover (Churchwarden), 1902; A. M. Furlonge (Priest), Caroline Sutill, Fanny George, S. J. Alden, M.D.

Tenor 21 cwt. 72 lb. The gift of John Grancell and Joan his wife. 'Sing Praise to God.' A.D. 1734. Recast A.D. 1843. R. Tucker, C. S. Knight, Churchwardens. Recast A.D. 1887. Recast A.D. 1924. In memory of F. J. Balson, C.W., 1914—1915, by Sarah, his wife. J. W. Coulter, Rector; W. S. B. Northover, E. Clarke, Churchwardens.

Despite a heavy downpour of rain, the spacious church was filled for the dedication service, which included special prayers, psalms and lessons. The Bishop dedicated the bells while standing beneath the tower, and he also dedicated a new clock which has been presented to the church by Mr. J. G. Dunn. He also dedicated a memorial, in the form of a brass tablet, to the late Mr. James Gale, who was for 64 years a member of the choir, a bell ringer and a devout Churchman. The bells were then heard for the first time. Rung in rounds by the local company, they signalled the supreme moment in the fulfilment of the work, and announced to the population outside the church the completion of the act of dedication. The Bishop's address was based on the words, 'Nevertheless I tell you the truth, it is expedient for you that I go away,' and he dwelt upon the significance to Christians of Christ's Ascension. Referring to the ceremony which had just taken place, he said the parishioners of Bridport had shown to a wonderful extent the truth of the saying that unity makes strength. He touched upon the versatility of bells as instruments reflecting the emotions of the people, whether of joy or sorrow, and said that his sojourn in Australia had taught him what a binding link the bells of England were with those of her sons who had left her shores. He urged the bell ringers to magnify their office, to realise that they were the representatives of the whole life of the place, the exponents of the spirit of the place. Let them, therefore, first be reverent, standing on the Christian side of life and maintaining the Christian colour of life. He urged upon them perseverance, and to be always recruiting new members, so that

their bell ringing troop might always be maintained. Let them remember the example of James Gale's life in that parish, both as a choirman and as a bell ringer—a kind of citizenship that did count for something from generation to generation.

After the service the mellow tones of the bells were again heard, the first ringing being done by the local band, and a touch of Grand-sire Triples afterwards rung, with the aid of some of the visitors present, Mr. T. Hervey Beams being conductor.

Friday was an 'open' day, and the bells were rung at intervals from 7.30 a.m. till 8 p.m. At a gathering at the Rectory in the afternoon (held in connection with the Bishop's official visitation), the Rector, on behalf of the Bell Restoration Committee, presented to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's foreman (Mr. Jesse Tyler) a handsome silver cigarette case, suitably inscribed, in recognition of the splendid way in which he had carried out the work.

Mr. Tyler expressed his thanks for the unexpected gift.

The Rector then publicly handed to Mr. A. A. Hughes (head of the firm of Mears and Stainbank) the cheque for the contract, and thanked him for the way in which the ancient Whitechapel firm had carried out the work.

Mr. Hughes said the restoration which they had carried out at Bridport was one of the happiest in his experience. He could only hope that every piece of work that the old Whitechapel Foundry carried out would be done under similarly happy conditions. He had made many friends in Bridport during the six months he had known the town, and he hoped to see more of them in the future.

Subsequently in the tower Mr. Northover was thanked for his part in the success of the restoration scheme, and ringing was continued until late in the evening. All the ringers who tried the bells were loud in their praises of both tone and 'go,' while among the public there were general expressions of pleasure at the quality of the bells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at Christ Church, Bacup, on Saturday, and was well attended, members being present from Christ Church and St. Saviour's, Bacup. Waterfoot, Rawten-shall, Helmshore and Ramshotton, in addition to visiting members from Heptonstall, Burnley and Todmorden, including two lady members, viz., Mrs. Crabtree and Miss Bell. Touches of Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent, Oxford, Stedman and Double Norwich were rung during the afternoon and evening.—The Vicar presided at the meeting, and extended a hearty invitation to the association to come again.—Four new members were elected.

The usual vote of thanks to the Rector and wardens for the use of the bells, to the ringers for having all in order, and to the Vicar for presiding, brought to a close one of the best meetings held in Rossendale Branch for a long time.

The next meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 12th.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24th, the Clifford District of the Hereford Diocesan Guild held its second meeting at Whitney-on-Wye (the previous one having been held in September, 1923), when some 30 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, and enjoyed touches in various methods, including A. J. Pitman's 240 of Grandsire Doubles, which was rung for service, at which the Vicar officiated, using the Guild's form. Members of the choir were also present, and sang the Magnificat to a special setting, Miss Lewis presiding at the organ. This was a feature greatly appreciated by the ringers. The Vicar gave a short but very appropriate address.

Afterwards the visitors were invited to tea in the Women's Club, where a splendid repast had been provided by the Vicar and his wife. A short business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. — Norton Canon was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, some time in July.

Mr. Hyett said it gave him very great pleasure to propose that the six members of the local band become probationary members of the Guild.—Mr. Randle said he should like to add to that number five probationers and one ringer from Norton Canon tower. These were received with applause.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. L. W. Richings for his address and his hospitality; also to Mrs. Richings for her kind assistance, to Miss Lewis for presiding at the organ, to the members of the choir, and to the ladies for their help at the tables.—The Vicar, in responding, said it gave him very great pleasure to have the Guild there that evening, and the same cordial welcome would be theirs on any future occasion. As no society could get along without youngsters, it must be a very healthy sign for the Guild to see so many young ringers present that day.—The ringers then returned to the tower, and kept the bells in motion until 9 o'clock. Members were present from Glasbury, Clifford, Eardisley, Almeley, Bredwardine, Letton, Staunton-on-Wye, Norton Canon, and the local tower.

THE NAMING OF METHODS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

There is a general opinion abroad, that the band who ring the first peal in a method are the proper people to name it. One hears talk of the 'rights' of the band, and the 'rule' of the Exercise in this matter. Now, it is most convenient that methods should have names, and since someone must give them, I know not why the first band should not do it as well as another. But when it comes to 'rules' and 'rights' in the matter, that is altogether another story.

The Ancients knew of no such rule. How the first methods got their names it would, I think, be hard to say. Some grew up for this reason and some for that, as names have a way of doing. It was not because the Mancroft men so willed it, that Double Norwich got its name. They called it Court Bob Major, believing it to be the proper eight bell extension of Court Bob Minor. Outsiders called it Norwich Court, thereby saying, in so many words, that it was not really Court Bob, but only what the Norwich men thought was it.

The modern rule, if rule as yet it is, has been heard of only in the last few years. It originated with one who, if not still a young man, would I fancy be much put out if you were to hint that he is not still in the prime of life; one to whom the Exercise owes many good things connected with methods, I mean the Rev. E. Bankes James. Once upon a time he said to such as were concerned, 'Here is a good method, fit for any band to ring, and the band that rings it, shall have the honour of giving it a name.' Which they did.

If the Exercise has had any rule at all, it is that the man who first produced a method had the right to name it—the man who, as the Ancients said, 'first found it out,' or, as the Moderns say, 'composed it,' or, as Henry Dains used to say 'made it.' It was a nice, compact, logical theory, and ran something like this: 'Mr. Jones sat down with pencil and paper and made a method, much as he might sit down (or stand, if so minded) and make a table. When he had finished what he had made was his own property to do with as he chose, to put in the waste paper basket (assuming he possessed one) or to ring (if he could get a hand to help him) or to publish (if the Editor pleased) or to name. His rights were those of a creative artist over his creation; the same rights that Shakespeare had in 'Hamlet,' or Milton had in 'Paradise Lost.' Just the same, for there was no legal copyright in any case; and different only in this, that while Milton got twenty pounds for 'Paradise Lost,' I have not yet come across anyone rich enough to give twenty pence for the best of methods (a real pity when I consider the very fine assortment of methods I have by me). That was the theory. So the 'Clavis' people named Superlative, what they proudly proclaimed as 'our own.' So Shipway named his 'Principle.' So Sottansall named a half-dozen or so methods I have forgotten. So Hubbard named 'Yorkshire Court.' So Heywood named 'Duffield.' So Henry Dains named 'Barnsbury,' and others. So Mr. Carter named 'Forward,' and so on.

But during these last few years we have found out something about method construction. Methods have ceased to be artistic creations, and developed (or degenerated—please yourself) into expressions of mathematical law. You work out a formula, and your methods come by the bushel. As if one set up a sausage machine, and, turning the handle, sausages come to your heart's content. Where they used to get methods singly and with much thought, we can get them by dozens. Dozens did I say? By hundreds! Nay, if you don't tie yourself down to eight or ten bells, but go into the higher numbers, you can have them by thousands; aye, and millions. And if you really do want to know something about methods you must go into the higher numbers, up to twenty bells, say, which will give you plenty of elbow room and space to turn yourself about in. If you go much further you will find, I fear, that your stationery bill will go up.

Well, all this must upset the old ideas of the relation between method and composer. If I were a father, I think I could remember, and reasonably well look after a couple or so of sons.

But when it comes to such family as Ahab had, seventy of them, why, the case is altered. You cannot expect a man to own and maintain rights in hundreds and thousands of methods. It can't be done. Am I, every time a new method appears, to go through a mass of figures to find out whether it is there or no, in extenso, in skeleton, or in formula, explicitly or implicitly, directly or in variation? The gods forbid!

Besides, if a man gets harmless pleasure in thinking he is the first to write down a certain set of figures, who am I to dash his joy? He may have all my rights and privileges in the matter and welcome. After all, they are a precious poor and scanty lot. For a long time the old theory of authorship has been wearing thin. It was well enough when methods were few, and those seeking them fewer still. But now, when many men for many years, have been working at them, who can say who was the first that actually discovered any particular method? Wherefore men said he who first published a method is the owner. And pray what does he own? He has got no solid, sordid, mercenary rights in the shape of royalties for per-

formance. You don't put his name on your peal boards as you do the composers of peals. He cannot claim the certain credit for being the first who had the method. And now you are depriving him of the right to name the method.

Let us, however, not dispise these retail dealers in methods. They have their uses. Many a really good method would be forgotten, overlooked in the very mass of its relations and friends, if it were not that some men still painfully work out methods row by row. But the retailer must not think he holds the old position that Annable and Reeves and Porter and Shipway held. No, nor yet the position that Sir Arthur Heywood and Henry Dains held, or the position that he himself held in his youth, assuming that he dates from, say, the Diamond Jubilee, or earlier. We have altered all that. Did you ask who the 'we' are? I shall not tell you. Find out for yourself if you want to know. Only it does not include Mr. — or Mr. —. They, as everyone can see, are still under the old thrallidom. Nor Mr. —. He has just brains enough to write down figures and no eyes to see anything further. Moreover, he will tell you he does not agree with you, and that everybody has a right to his own opinions. That stamps him at once as hopeless and a reprobate. Don't argue with him. Let him alone in his blindness.

There is one unflinching test that you can apply. If anyone tells you that he is the composer, owner, author, or 'only begetter' of any method soever, then be sure that he knows nothing whatever of method construction. Do I make myself clear? I say not that his knowledge is limited or defective or rudimentary, but that he has got none at all; he knows nothing about it. Do please, Mr. Editor, impress this on your readers. I would get you to put it in big black capitals, only I hate the sight of them in a printed page. The man who says he is the author of any method knows nothing whatever about method construction. Have you got it? So we will proceed further.

Well, as the old rule has gone, it does not matter much who names new methods, provided the job is done properly. But there's the rub. Do you think it is an easy task. Good, simple soul, it is the hardest of jobs. It takes a keen ear for words as words, and a lively sense of the fitness of things—qualities you will not pick up at every street corner. And do not think it matters much whether a method is named properly or not. Its future depends on its name more than you wot of. I could show how this is true about men's names. How Benjamin must be a bit of a sneak, and Tom rather given to bullying; or at any rate how they ought to be, if they are not. But I have not the time, and besides it has been done before, and if I passed it off as my own, some kind friend would be sure to bowl me out.

The trouble we are in over the names of the Six Bell Methods is due entirely to the neglect of duty and cowardice on the part of the Method Committee, which in this connection means Mr. Law James and myself. Twice we failed lamentably. Once, when we sent out our book without names, we said it was so that the bands who rang the methods could name them. Really we did not know what methods had already been named and what not. Just think what hot water we should have got into had we called a method 'Wapping,' which had previously been rung as 'Shadwell.' And, secondly, when the time came that the naming had to be done, we handed the job over to the Analysis Committee. They were clamouring for it to be done. Very well. Let them get on with it themselves. And a pretty mess they have made of it. Oh, I know their scheme was a thorough one, their intentions excellent. But the result is an Awful Example. And here a word to you that think the thing so easy and simple. If these men with all their knowledge and experience could go so far astray, what hope is there for you to keep the straight path? Have you considered how fine a line divides complete success from utter failure? If you don't want to take refuge in the stodgy and commonplace, you must balance yourself, as it were, on a razor's edge. There is our familiar Grandsire Triples; a good dignified name with just that suggestion of the method's history which a really first-class name should have. But alter it just a bit. Call it Grandfather Triples, and you turn it into a thing for laughter.

Then there was a method, an excellent method, they rang a year or two ago in Kent as 'Victory Major.' That is the sort of thing these misguided persons did when they called a part of the unoffending county of Sussex, 'Peacehaven.' Change but one letter of the methods name, call it Victoria Major, and you have got almost as good a title as you want.

My strong advice is avoid adjectives as names. You may make a brilliant success, you are far more likely to make an abject failure. New Bob is a confusion of utter impotence. Superlative, taking all things into consideration, is a great success. But Premier? No, that won't do. It (quite and absolutely without the intention of the band that rang it) suggests a lie. For how can a method be premier which is but a second-hand variation of a much better method?

Sottanstill has some bad names, but as the methods are dead and done for, let their dishonoured corpses rest in peace. 'Princess

Mary' is bad (I mean the method's title; I have all due respect for royalty).

No, if you would be safe keep yourself to the names of towns and villages. But you must not think you are out of the wood yet. Place-names vary in an extraordinary degree. What mischievous imp prompted people to call a good method 'Pudsey Surprise'? Are there no good names in all the broad acres of Yorkshire that they must needs light on just that one? I know they will tell me that they had good and sufficient reasons for what they did. I believe them fully, but it does not make the name a good one. Now, when I for certain reasons published the method years ago, I called it Chichester Surprise. Judge which of the two is the better. And some years ago a couple of methods were rung, one as Reddish Major, the other as Leek Major. It sounds like one of Mr. Beeston's visits to Covent Garden, but they are the names of towns. Anyhow, they ought not to be used as names of methods, for ringers owe something to the Exercise at large. The Exercise owns the methods if anyone does; and what man of taste would willingly ring Pudsey or Leek or Reddish?

Use some sense of proportion in your names. Don't give the names of counties and cities to methods no one will want to ring. Fortunately the Exercise has been on the whole happily served in this respect. London is the name of the first of all methods. Cambridge and Oxford and Norwich and Bristol and Kent are the names of methods people will always ring. So let it be. There are plenty of fine names among the towns and villages of England to choose from. Such as Marlborough and Sandringham, and Beverley, and such like. What we want is the quality that Harry Hotspur demanded in his wife's swear words, a good 'mouth-filling' name.

'YORKSHIRE GLORY.'

Dear Sir,—I write, on this occasion, in the town and county in which dwells the record for 'the naming of methods.' No county has had a 'hand' in christening methods (in the past) to the extent that Yorkshire has, and Yorkshire still possesses the record for six-bell ringing, 15,120 in 21 extents. Well may we say of this record, 'Nemo me impune lacessit.' Of a truth we can say the same where our right to christen our methods is concerned. Your leading article this week deals with the agenda for the coming Council meeting, and the most prominent item seems to be the nomenclature of methods. I should like to point out to all concerned that the Council is unable to determine what or what not we shall christen our methods—the Council is the power which can suggest that only 'topographical' names should be used. In that they are in order, but beyond that they cannot go. Ringers, in their own way, preach the service of a Great Creator, and they proclaim from His steeples the greatness of His works, and call all and sundry to bow the knee to His shrine.

Among our ranks there are many who take exception to the various floral names applied to six-bell methods: Geranium, Bluebell, Primrose, Hyacinth, Foxglove, Violet, Woodbine and Snowdrop. I should just like to ask those who quibble about nomenclature if there is in the whole of the universe any more potent symbol of the might of the Almighty, whose praises we fling far and wide from our steeples, than the beautiful creation we find on the lawns of old England, viz., the Snowdrop, or the Violet which we find in our hedgerows. Let us be consistent in our worship.

There is no doubt that 'topographical' names are the most suitable; they pin the method to the place where it was first rung; but who is to deny our right to call a method 'Topographical Minor' (Delight or otherwise), that embraces all places! The Council is our advisory body, not our dictatorial body. This universe has thrown off the didactic stage, and is now able to think a little for itself, and we are waiting for our Council to give us a lead in these matters; not for it to thunder down at us an edict as to what we shall have to do. Canute told the sea, 'Thus far and no further shalt thou go,' but it 'was rude and wet his feet.' We shall do the same.

What is required is the revision of the names for Minor methods. Those which were christened years before the Council took the matter in hand must retain their names. Those who gave them these names have as much right to christen those methods as those who would rename them now. The only thing wrong is that enough evidence was not taken at the 'rechristening' job; too much haste was used, due regard was not paid to prior claims, chaos is the result.

Yorkshire has a great respect for the Council, and the good work it has done, but—it has a far greater respect for the pioneers of six-bell ringing who christened such methods as Snowdrop and Primrose. Their sponsors went to their rest decades ago, but their work still lives. Like the things of beauty after which they christened their strings of figures, they reappear as hardy annuals, and will live for ever, so will our right to bestow the name we think most fitting on the work we have had a hand in foisting on to the hapless Exercise.

Those who grumble should have gotten a move on, and done it before we did, for honestly, sir, on perusing your columns I find that

the biggest grouseers are those who have named the least methods. Trinity and Easter Sundays may not suit the Euphoniacs—well and good. Let them get a move on, and ring and christen all the eight-bell methods, then we shall not offend them. Neither shall we fiddle while Rome burns. Names are of small import to the welfare of the Exercise compared with the 'register of compositions'—or the history of the art, compiled to date in book form. The 'expressed desire of the Exercise' is not in the mouth of the one person who voices a subject at the Council meeting. That the hon. member for Blankshire expresses the opinions of the Blankshire electorate has long been an exploded theory. You send 'em in with a blue flag, and their first speech is red (and read) to the last splash.

The motion before the Council re 'umpires for handbell peals' is good. We can, any of us, ring a peal 'in hand' in the Smithy, if it please us. We ring it because it tickles our fancy, but no peal should be counted in an association report unless the Umpire has passed an 'exam.' on taking off course ends. Peals without such umpires are not worth the paper they are printed on. Ring 'em, as many as you like, but do not expect to get them printed at the expense of the Guild as a whole when only 'four' had any fun out of it.

Motion No 15 ought never to have been inserted on the agenda. Our 'Scientists' should have done that years ago—made their work like that which Caesar required—above suspicion. That in itself is more important than a paltry name. Why should Stedman stand, and names of other men be erased? Grandsire, as a name, is meaningless, not even topographical, much less euphonic, but to ringers who have rung it it signifies a lot. Leave Stedman alone; let Shipway be—we shall call it so if we wish. Carter's principal is what we wish it to be, and leave Billy 'Woodcock's Victory' in the Minor Collection, and get work done this year—not fritter away yet one more good Whitsun Tuesday. And rechristen the undersigned, an' it lies in your power, my Merrie Gentlemen.

SAMIWELL PEPPERY.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT PRIVETT.

A well-attended meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Privett on Saturday last, when over 40 ringers were present. The fine weather brought the members from Alton, Bishop's Waltham, Curdridge, Fareham, Farnham, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Swanmore, Shedfield, Wickham, and Winchester. Among those present were Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (Woking), and the Rev. E. Banks James.

A very enjoyable service was held in the church at 5 o'clock, at which the Vicar of Privett (the Rev. A. E. Edge), in a well-chosen address extended a welcome to the Guild on that and future occasions. Tea was served in the Schoolrooms, where about twenty more than the expected number had to partake of the food provided. It is a pity that members cannot inform the secretary of their intention of coming so that the necessary arrangements can be made. However, as it was a fine day the weather had to take the blame.

The Vicar presided over the business meeting which followed. Several new members and probationary members were elected, and the election of Mr. G. Norgate, of Privett, was confirmed by those present.

It was unanimously decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Titchfield, the date to be left open: due notice, however, will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to the steepkeeper and organist for their services, concluded the business meeting.

The members then adjourned to the tower, where further ringing was indulged in. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Cambridge, London, and Berkeley Surprise Major.

RINGERS AS CHURCHWARDENS.

At Whitwick, Leicester, three members of the Whitwick Church Society of Change Ringers have in recent years held the office of churchwarden, viz.:—

(1) Mr. S. W. West, retired from that office three years ago, having served two terms, altogether 13 years, in addition to having held almost every other office a layman can hold in the church.

(2) Mr. R. P. Roulston was appointed Vicar's warden last year, and has just retired owing to ill-health.

(3) Mr. J. Walton was elected people's warden this year.

May I ask, does this constitute a record? It will be interesting to have your readers' views. Mr. Roulston is also a lay reader, chorister, and superintendent of the Sunday School.—Yours truly,

STORER W. WEST.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KILBURN.—At St. Augustine's, on Sunday, June 1st, for the Patronal Festival, 600 Bob Minor: W. Ball 1, Mrs. E. M. Atkins 2, G. Margetts 3, A. Gardiner 4, F. Saxby 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6, N. Flowers 7, H. Jones 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: B. Foskett 1, E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, C. V. Ebberson 4, T. Newman 5, F. H. Crook 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, H. Kilby 8. Also a course of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, with W. G. Matthews taking part.

DEPTFORD, KENT.—At the Church of St. John-the-Evangelist, on Sunday, June 1st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. J. Pannett 1, F. Fraser 2, H. James 3, J. Hurrell 4, J. Dafters 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jefferies (conductor) 7, T. A. Eastorby 8.—On Wednesday, May 28th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Fraser 1, H. James 2, E. E. Richards 3, E. J. Pannett 4, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 5, R. Wood 6, J. Hurrell 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

KIMPTON, HERTS.—At SS. Peter and Paul's Church, on Sunday, May 27th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Hall 1, A. Gillings (conductor) 2, D. Luck 3, T. Cann 4, H. Fellows 5, G. Gatward 6. Rung to welcome the Archdeacon of St. Albans, who during the course of the service dedicated a new oak altar and ornaments recently placed in the Dacre Chapel in the above church as a thankoffering to God for mercies vouchsafed during the late war. The panels of the altar have been beautifully carved by the Vicar (the Rev. A. T. Whyte-Venables), who is over 70 years of age.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday, May 25th, for a war memorial service, at St. Mary's Church, 501 Grandsire Caters: A. Coppock (D.L.I.) conductor, 1, M. Ward (W. Yorks) 2, F. Flood (Sherwoods) 3, G. Goodship (Berks) 4, L. Chadburn (R.A.F.) 5, W. A. Jones (R.A.F.) 6, G. West (R.E.) 7, E. C. Shepherd (Cheshires) 8, F. Salter (M.G.C.) 9, P. Price (D.L.I.) 10.

MATLOCK.—On Sunday, May 25th, after morning service, as a last token of respect to the late F. Knowles, who had been a ringer at the Parish Church for over 20 years, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: R. Greatbrix 1, L. Statham 2, G. W. T. Smith 3, G. H. Paulson 4, J. H. Paulson (conductor) 5, F. Paulson 6, A. Holmes 7, E. Holmes 8.

BIRMINGHAM.—At St. Chad's Cathedral, on Sunday, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Hunt 1, A. Scrivens (conductor) 2, W. Ellis 3, J. Porter 4, C. Mackenzie 5, T. Miller 6, T. Kelly 1, B. Kelly (1st quarter) 8.

FRAMPTON, Lincs.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 each of Single Court, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and 180 of Plain Bob: J. Young 1, G. Coleman 2, S. Bennett 3, W. E. Clarke 4, J. Betts (conductor) 5, A. Bennett 6.

GORTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, May 25th, at the Unitarian Church, for special evening service, re dedication of the bells, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: E. Mawby 1, J. Turner 2, H. Gaskell 3, F. Knott 4, R. Rider 5, F. Page (conductor) 6, H. Jones 7, E. Seddon 8.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTINGHAM.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 25th, 504 Stedman Triples: Miss F. Hooton 1, Messrs. L. Hooton 2, F. Barks 3, A. Marsh 4, G. R. Widnall 5, H. Lewin 6, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 7, W. Kinton 8. Also 210 Grandsire Triples, with the same band except S. Pinder 6 and G. R. Widnall 8.

HERSHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: C. Brown 1, G. Edsor 2, Miss N. E. Shorter 3, J. Loveridge 4, W. Beeson 5, J. Gill 6, O. Sippetts (conductor) 7, B. Batty 8.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—On May 25th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: A. Chamberlain 1, F. J. Tite 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, E. Chamberlain (first 720 as conductor, and first attempt) 5, G. Layte 6.—For evening service, on April 20th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Layte 1, F. Priestly 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. W. Bell 1, J. Taylor 2, Miss N. Williams 3, J. Hallett 4, A. Prince 5, G. Jones 6, T. Grant 7, C. W. Bell (conductor) 8. First quarter of Major for ringers of 1st, 4th and 6th.

HENDON.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evensong, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: C. Crampton 1, C. H. Martin (conductor) 2, S. Hoare 3, F. Pratt 4, E. E. Pratchett 5, M. F. R. Hibbert 6. This is the first 720 on the bells since they were rehung, and 1st, 2nd and 4th recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The ringer of the 3rd hails from Watford, and tenor from Bushey; others to local band.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.—On Empire Day, Saturday, May 24th, a quarter-peal of Doubles, being 360 Original and 900 Grandsire, in 49 mins.: A. Turner 1, W. Stockford (longest length in 'side') 2, P. Asplin 3, C. Yates 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Mary le Bow, Cheapside, on June 3rd; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.—*Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The annual meeting of the above branch will be held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, Sec., 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Penn, near Wolverhampton, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. A tea will be provided at 10d. each.—Herbert Sheppard, 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Warminster on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.40. Tea 5. Short business meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Clifton on Saturday, June 7th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Southern District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Saturday, June 7th. Tower open from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) available throughout the day. Short service at 4.30 p.m. Tea will be provided gratis at 5 p.m. in the Church Hall. Business meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The 26th annual meeting will be held at Middlesbrough on Whit Monday, June 9th. Stockton Parish Church bells (10) available after 4 p.m. Service in the Parish Church at 12 noon. Address to be given by the Rev. J. C. C. Kerwin, Vicar of Ormesby. Dinner provided in the Clifton Hotel. Members 2s., non-members 3s. Tea will be provided by the president in the Trinity Church Room, Yarm Lane, Stockton, at 5.30 p.m. to those who notify the secretary by the above date.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Annual general meeting and jubilee festival at Exeter on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service in Cathedral 12.15 p.m. Preacher: Rev. Canon Coleridge, president of the C.C. Dinner and meeting at Deller's Restaurant, Bedford Street, 1.30 (2s. 6d.).—E. S. Powell, General Sec., The Vicarage, Holbeton S.O., Devon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—The first annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Whit Monday, June 9th. Service at the Cathedral 12 noon, with address by the Bishop of Peterborough. Luncheon (2s. 6d.) and meeting at Neaverson's Cafe, 18, Long Causeway, at 1 p.m. The bells of St. John's, St. Mary's, Woodstone and Whittlesea (8), (by bus 4d.), will be available.—David J. Nicholls, General Sec., 3, York Road, Kettering.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District. — A meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 4th, those requiring tea. Witley bells (8) will also be available from 12.45 to 2 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Hereford on Whit Monday. Service in Cathedral 12.15. Preacher: Rev. Prebendary S. Cornish Watkins. Dinner 1 p.m., at Booth Hall, 2s. 6d., followed by business meeting. All towers in city and country round open for ringing. Tea 6 p.m., 1s.—Geoffrey W. Turner, Hon. Sec.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting will be held at Rhyl on Whit-Monday. Service at St. Thomas's Church at 2.30 p.m. Meeting after service. All ringers welcome. Those intending to be present please notify me.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley, near Chester.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at Lowestoft on Whit Monday, June 9th. The ring of eight bells of St. Margaret's will be available. Luncheon at the Crown Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the general business meeting at 2 o'clock in St. Margaret's Institute, Alexander Road. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The 45th annual meeting will be held at Chelmsford on Whit Monday, June 9th. 11.30 a.m., service at the Cathedral, with address by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Chelmsford; 12.15 p.m., meeting in Vestry Hall, New Street; 1.30 p.m., lunch at Hicks's Restaurant, High Street, members 2s. each. Towers open for ringing during day: Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham —Charles H. Howard, Master; F. J. Pitstow, Gen. Sec. and Treasurer, 45, High Street, Saffron Walden.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Heathfield on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells available from 11 a.m. Divine service at 4 p.m. Tea at the Star Inn at 4.30 p.m. (1s. 3d. per head). Business meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Sevenoaks on Whitsun Monday, June 9th. Service at 12 noon, with address by the Rev. W. E. Gilliatt, Rector of Sevenoaks. Luncheon at the Lime Tree Hotel 1.15 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Towers open for ringing: Sevenoaks (8), Westerham (8), Shoreham (8), Braxted (6), Seal (6), Seal Churt (6). Members intending to be present at the luncheon must apply for tickets at once.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec., Canterbury.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Whit Monday meeting will be held at Consett on June 9th. Committee meeting at 12 noon, and dinner at 1 o'clock at the Railway Hotel, Consett. The bells of Consett Parish Church (8), St. Aidan's, Blackhill (8), St. Mary's, Blackhill (6) (after 10 a.m.), and Benfieldside (6) are available. Please meet at Consett Parish Church to arrange bands for the different churches.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch. — The next quarterly ringing meeting will take place at Heversham on Whit Monday, June 9th. Bells (6) available at 2 p.m. Beetham bells (6) will also be available from 12 to 3 p.m.—W. T. Clark, Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 14th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, June 10th.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, June 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45. Sixpence per head will be allowed towards the cost of tea to all members informing me not later than June 7th. — Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The summer meeting will be held at Knebworth on June 14th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Short service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea immediately afterwards. Will those who require tea please notify me?—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, June 14th, by kind invitation of W. R. Neuth, Esq. Tea at 5 p.m. Short service at 4.30 in Parish Church. All intending to be present will they kindly notify me by Wednesday, June 11th?—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard, Middleton, on Saturday, June 14th. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The usual monthly meeting will not be held in June. Hoylandswaine have secured a challenge cup to be competed for annually. The first contest is to take place at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 14th. Draw 2 p.m. All ringers invited. Tea will be provided for those applying for tickets to Mr. Moxon, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone. A useful service of motors runs through the village.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, HALIFAX.—A ringers' re-opening of the bells, after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, June 14th, at which all ringing friends will be welcome. The bells will be at liberty from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., and tea provided at 1s. 6d. each to all who notify Mr. F. Roberts, 1, All Souls' Terrace, Halifax, by Wednesday, June 11th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting, Staveley, June 14th. Belfry open 2 o'clock. The committee meet in the Institute (adjoining the Rectory Barn) at 4.15. There will be a service in Church at 4.30, address by Rev. Canon Molineux. Tea in the Rectory Barn (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. It will greatly assist the local committee if those intending to be present at the tea will kindly advise Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, Chesterfield, by June 11th. The Rector has kindly placed the Rectory lawn at the disposal of members for bowling.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The summer meeting will be held at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, on June 21st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service by the Rector 5.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock to all who notify me of attending not later than June 19th. Meeting 7 p.m. Trains from Paddington 1.25, 2.23 and 3.40.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Annual branch meeting and social, August 23rd, at Blackburn Parish Church. Other branches please notice. Particulars later.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Arley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than June 17th at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) open from 2 to 9. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5, at a charge of 1s. per head, to those who notify Mr. F. Mortimer, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, by June 18th. Will intending visitors please note? Motor bus leaves Firth Park tram terminus every 20 minutes for Ecclesfield.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division. — The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers will be held at Scarborough on Saturday, June 21st. Further particulars will be given in next week's issue. Will all towers interested kindly make a note of this date, and, Scarborough, being an ideal place for a ringers' outing, the secretary extends a hearty invitation to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea for those who let me know by the 23rd. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—Preliminary Notice. — The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Further particulars later.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Willson has removed from 23, Hopefield Road, to 3, Winchester Avenue. Hon. secretaries please note. Also Mrs. L. A. Hardy has removed from No. 16 to No. 23, Hopefield Road, Narborough Road, Leicester.

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DEVON GUILD'S JUBILEE.

Among the gatherings of ringers held on Monday, one stands out as of special interest—the Devon Guild festival at Exeter, which, in addition to being the annual meeting, celebrated the jubilee of the society. In the past the Devon Guild has not loomed large in the eye of the Exercise, and it may be a surprise to many to know that it was one of the very first of the modern ringing organisations which were established to cover county or diocesan areas. These new associations have been conducted on a different principle to the old societies, which were general in their character, like the College Youths, or centred on one tower like the former St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. They opened up a new era, in ringing organisation, for their special purpose was to draw together the towers within a specified area the territory embraced being generally of county or diocesan limit. They grew out of the desire, which arose half a century ago among men who sought to improve the art of ringing and the standing of the Exercise, to provide a means of encouraging ringing and of placing it upon a higher plane than it had hitherto occupied, not only as a science, but also in the opinion of the public, for in those days there were many things associated with ringing which now would not be tolerated for a moment by the ringers themselves.

Those who founded the Devon Guild in the year 1874 were among the pioneers in this work, and the example which was thus set was quickly followed in other counties and dioceses. The idea of ringers' associations 'caught on,' and in the ten or fifteen years which followed the formation of the Devon Guild, similar organisations sprang up throughout the country. There are, happily, still in the active ranks of ringers a few men who helped to establish the Devon Guild fifty years ago, and it must have been to them a matter not merely of gratification, but of real rejoicing, to witness the splendid gathering of men of Devon in the old cathedral city on Monday to celebrate the completion of the first half-hundred years of work. What this work has been, its trials, its disappointments, as well as its successes, only those who have laboured in the task can know. For years the ringers in the county did not take kindly either to the Guild or to the art of change ringing, but steadfast perseverance has at length had its reward, and while Devon cannot even yet boast of a standard of change ringing such as has been achieved in some other counties, the ringers themselves have reached a realisation of the advantages of co-operation which the Guild offers, its

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objects are appreciated and its membership is growing in a most satisfactory way. Devon is geographically a difficult county to organise, and this has been one of the handicaps of the past. The new spirit and enterprise which has been manifested in the management in recent years has, however, overcome many of the obstacles, and it now only needs the sympathetic co-operation of those clergy who are not already giving their help to bring within the Guild the towers which still, for one reason or another, hold aloof. The Devon Guild made a landmark fifty years ago; its jubilee forms another in the history of the Exercise.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, June 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT...Trebble	FRANK PERVIN 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 2	A. PADDON SMITH 8
JAMES E. GROVES 3	ERNEST MANSELL 9
FRANK W. PERRENS 4	REV. C. A. CLEMENTS 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
MORRIS J. MORRIS 6	JAMES GEORGE 12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was specially arranged for the Rev. C. A. Clements, M.A., Rector of Grappenhall, Cheshire. By a happy coincidence it was the King's birthday, also the 151st anniversary of the first peal on the twelve bells at St. Martin's.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 38½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... ..Trebble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 7
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
ALBERT W. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 5	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	REUBEN SANDERS ... ..Tenor

Composed by FREDK. DENCH. Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung as a compliment to the Vicar, the Rev. F. B. Johnston, M.A., on his completing 50 years of faithful service in the parish.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD, SHOREDITCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5023 CHANCES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

FRANK SMITH ... ..Trebble	LEWIS W. GOODWIN 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	GEORGE A. CARD 8
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	JAMES HUNT... .. 9
WALTER AYRE 4	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 10
REGINALD BROUGH 5	JOHN W. CORNFORD 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	CECIL J. MATTHEWS ... ..Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

Arranged for J. Hunt; and as a birthday compliment to the tenor ringer.

BRAINTREE.—At the Parish Church, on Saturday, May 17th, on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. G. P. Basset Kerry, as Vicar of Braintree, by the Bishop of Chelmsford and Colchester, 1.024 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, G. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT...Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 6
ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 2	*ALFRED HACKETT ... 7
BERNARD W. WITCHELL... 3	SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 8
*WILLIAM H. BALL ... 4	JAMES GEORGE ... 9
GEORGE F. GARRISON ... 5	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ...Tenor

Composed by G. DALTRY.

Conducted by W. B. CARTWRIGHT

First peal on ten bells as conductor. * First peal on ten bells.

EXETER.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. SIDWELL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD ...Treble	E. SARGENT ... 6
W. H. HOWE ... 2	F. MURPHY... 7
W. WAKLEY ... 3	*C. G. GLASS ... 8
*J. E. LILLEY ... 4	C. R. LILLEY ... 9
T. G. BARTLETT ... 5	A. MONKLEY ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Caters. Rung for the jubilee of the Devon Guild of Ringers. E. Sargent's 50th peal. W. Wakley is from Dawlish. C. R. Lilley and J. E. Lilley from Shrewsbury. Ringer of 5th rang his first peal with ringers of treble and ninth 21 years ago.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

HUGH T. SCARLETT ...Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 2	ROBERT MAYNARD, JUN. ... 7
GEORGE R. HOLMES ... 3	JOHN H. WILKINS ... 8
JAMES E. GOFTON ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 9
R. ALDER GOFTON ... 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

LONDON.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT DANES, STRAND, W.C.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON ...Treble	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 6
JAMES COTTERELL ... 2	JOHN AUSTIN ... 7
LEONARD E. PITSTOW ... 3	WILLIAM BOTTERILL ... 8
GEORGE NAYLOR... 4	HERBERT LANGDON ... 9
T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 5	HAROLD N. PITSTOW ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by HERBERT LANGDON.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOWTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*THOMAS C. DREW ...Treble	*WILLIAM SELDON ... 5
JAMES E. LILLEY ... 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY... 6
*JOHN SALWAY ... 3	*REGINALD RETTER ... 7
EDWIN SHEPHERD ... 4	GEORGE BETTS ...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY,

The ringers of the 2nd and 6th, for whom the peal was arranged, are from Shrewsbury; 4th from Exeter; 3rd and 7th from Honiton Gylst; the others are local ringers. * First peal.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN J. LAMB ...Treble	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	GEORGE HUNLEY... 6
PERCY J. SPILL ... 3	ISAAC EMERY ... 7
GEORGE DURLING ... 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

DORE, SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND SHEFFIELD
DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ in G.

WILLIAM BIGGIN ...Treble	*JOHN W. SYKES ... 5
ROBERT HARRISON ... 2	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 6
†REV. J. R. LEE NICHOLLS 3	FRANCIS WARD ... 7
THOS. WM. CHOWN ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ...Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung for the Festival of the Ascension. Also rung by a representative band from the above associations, to mark the election of Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey to the position of people's warden at the above church, and a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th. Treble ringer from Norton, 2nd from St. Maries, 3rd from Ranmoor, 4th and 7th from Sheffield Cathedral, 5th from Dore, 6th from Ranmoor and Dore, and tenor from Handsworth.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

REEVES' FIVE-PART REVERSED.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ...Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 5
ROBERT FARDON ... 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	HARRY KILBY ...Tenor

Conducted by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JOSEPH B. MARKS ...Treble	CLIFFORD KOLLINGS ... 5
CANON W. W. C. BAKER 2	*FRANK H. RAMSAY ... 6
*AUGUSTIN V. GOOD ... 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
*ALBERT G. MATTHEWS ... 4	GEORGE W. HELEY ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. (No. 33 on the Broad sheet.)

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty the King. * First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

ERNEST WHITING ...Treble	CHARLES CLARKE ... 5
*GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	FREDERICK SMITH ... 6
WALTER MOBES... 3	RUSSELL RICHES... 7
WALTER BARRETT ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHT.

Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal, and first attempt.

TODMORDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, CROSS STONE,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM CRABTREE... ..Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
*MRS WILLIAM CRABTREE ... 2	*WILLIAM HORAN 6
*MISS ROSE A. BELL... .. 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. 7
HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 4	JOHN WATSON ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method (2nd, 3rd and 6th). The ringers of the treble and 4th hail from Todmorden Parish Church; 5th from Church Kirk; the 7th from St. Michael, Blackburn; the tenor from Blackburn Parish Church, and the rest belong to the local band. First peal in the method in Todmorden.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ...Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL ... 5
DAVID COLLINS 2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 6
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE... .. 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
HARRY HALL 4	FREDERICK J. TILLET ...Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITZOW.

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

Rung in commemoration of the 16,608 of Oxford Treble Bob Major on these bells on June 6th, 1892. Of the original band there are now but four survivors, all of whom took part in the above peal, and who rang 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 8th, respectively.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE
ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON, GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, WELLS STREET, W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD ...Treble	PERCY E. CLARK 5
GEORGE W. FRAYNE 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
ARTHUR CUTMORE 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
HARRY DYAS 4	*ERIC G. LOCKE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

Rung in honour of Whitsuntide, and as a birthday compliment to Hy. Parsons, aged 86, steeplekeeper of St. Mary's, Ealing. First peal on the bells since rehanging by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. * First peal.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*FREDERICK A. COLEY ...Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	ISAAC EMERY 6
JOHN WHEADON... .. 3	CLR.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Barnett, senr. The above peal was substituted for a peal of Norfolk Surprise arranged for Mr. H. W. Wilde, who, at the last minute was unfortunately unable to come, the band expressing regret at missing the pleasure of meeting him, and especially for the circumstances which prevented his coming.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours Three and Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN COOKE ... ..Treble	*WILLIAM CATHRALE ... 5
*WILLIAM DEAN 2	*THOS. ROGERS 6
*WALTER BATTLE 3	HERBERT LODKIN 7
*ALBERT WOOSNAM 4	FRANCIS S. BARNES ...Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by H. LODKIN.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. First peal in the method as conductor. This is the first peal in the method by a hand residing in the branch.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

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

Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES ... ..Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

The band to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. George Williams for making all arrangements, and for his kind hospitality after the peal.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ...Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	WILLIAM LATIER 6
WILLIAM COLLISON 3	KEITH HART 7
*ROBT. T. LAMBERT 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN ...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by STAFFORD H. GREEN.

* First Surprise peal.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
*(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM A. BATTEN ... ..Tenor	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ARTHUR D. BARKER 6
MRS. A. D. BARKER 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 7
GEORGE W. HARRIS 4	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, BARKING, CITY.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... ..Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
WILLIAM MILLER 2	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES 3	CHARLES W. R. GREENWOOD 7
JAMES E. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT.

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

This peal, with the peal of Stedman Caters at Walthamstow, was arranged for the Brothers Gofton and Mr. G. R. Holmes, of Whitely Bay.

SHEFFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on May 1st, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise (1,280 changes), in 51 mins.: W. Stubley 1, S. F. Palmer 2, F. Ward 3, C. Harrison 4, H. Thorpe 5, T. W. Chown 6, H. Naylor 7, J. Thorpe (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all the band.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SIX BELL PEALS.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., four 720's of Plain Bob, and one each of Double Oxford, College Single and Oxford Bob.

*B. PATMORE Treble	G. CARTER 4
F. WALLACE 2	N. PATMORE 5
S. CARTER 3	BARNARD PATMORE Tenor

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

* First peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRIS BOWERS Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
CHARLES LAYTON 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

HALLATON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FREDK. H. PEARCEY ... Treble	*JOSEPH C. CHESTER ... 4
RONALD RUSSELL 2	WALTER WALLINGTON ... 5
*FREDK. E. WALLINGTON ... 3	C. ARTHUR MANNING ... Tenor

Conducted by C. A. MANNING.

* First peal.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM BEAVER, JUN. ... Treble	DAVID H. BENNETT 4
†WILFRED R. HARRIS 2	JAMES P. HVETT 5
*WILLIAM BEAVER, SEN. ... 3	ALBERT E. JONES Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HVETT.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung on the back six. This is the second peal on the bells in which five local ringers have taken part, the first one being 15 years ago, when the above conductor rang his first peal.

LEADENHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

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 13 cwt.

GEORGE CHESTER Treble	*CHARLES H. CHESTER ... 4
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	FREDERICK W. STOKES ... 5
JOHN WALDEN 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. STOKES.

Rung instead of Stedman at Caythorpe, which had to be abandoned in consequence of a local ringer's death that day. * First peal of Minor.

PURTON, WILTS.—On Saturday, May 19th, on the occasion of a branch meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, 720 Bob Minor: A. Lawrence 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, H. W. L. Wells 3, W. Trueman 4, S. Palmer 5, E. Bishop (conductor) 6. This is the first 720 on the bells lately augmented and rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The tenor, cast by A. Rudhall in 1738, although only weighing just over 20 cwt., is in the key of C flat, a remarkably deep-toned bell for its weight.

PEASEMORE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NEWBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 10 cwt.

TOM CURTIS Treble	SAMUEL QUINTIN 4
ALBERT SMITH 2	HENRY W. CURTIS 5
*ERNEST W. SMITH 3	FREDERICK W. GRIMSHAW ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. CURTIS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung in memory of George Hedges, for 45 years ringer and 55 years chorister at the above church. The ringer of treble hails from Beedon; 2nd and tenor from Thatcham; the remainder from Newbury.

SAPCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1440 Oxford Treble Bob, 1440 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Double Court, 1440 Plain Bob, each 720 called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	CHARLES BROWN 4
*MISS MONICA MOSSE 2	†TOM ATKINS 5
*GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 3	JOHN GARRATT Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Minor. † First in four methods.

HANDBELL PEAL.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes.

AT RYE MILL FARM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor size 18.

FRANK CLAYDON 1—2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5—6
LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3—4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7—8

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Umpire: WALTER ARNOLD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Frank Claydon.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH-EASTERN DIVISION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Rettendon on Saturday, May 24th. The bells were kept going during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Norman). Tea was kindly provided by Mrs. Meeson at Rettendon Place, about 25 members sitting down, representing Broomfield, Chelmsford, Maldon, Writtle, and the local company.

At the business meeting, Messrs. Cyril Frost and Joseph Theohald, of Rettendon, and G. Cooper, of Chelmsford, were elected members.

Galleywood was chosen for the annual district meeting in September, and it was left for the Master and secretary to arrange a by-meeting at Ford End.

Mr. F. W. Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the service and the use of the bells, also to Mrs. Meeson for providing such an excellent tea. — Touches were afterwards rung on the handbells, and the tower was again visited, the methods rung including Cambridge Surprise.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

GETTING TO WORK IN NORTH DORSET.

The first meeting of this newly-formed North Dorset Branch was held at Shaftesbury on Saturday, May 24th. Fifty members were present, representing twelve different towers, with a few visitors from Somerset branches.

A service was held at Holy Trinity Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. W. F. Aldous) gave the address.

After tea a business meeting was held, at which four clerical hon. members and two clerical ringing members, and the ringers of Motcombe, were elected members of the Guild.

The bells in the following towers were rung by members of the Guild, Holy Trinity and St. Peter's, Shaftesbury; Motcombe, Fortwell Magna and Compton Abbas.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The 37th annual general meeting was held at East Retford on Saturday, May 31st. Owing to the unsettled and showery weather, and other district meetings, the attendance was smaller than usual; nevertheless a keen and enthusiastic number turned up on wheel and aud on foot from the following places: Anston, Shireoaks, Barlborough, Norton Cuckney, Treeton, Sheffield Cathedral, Southwell Cathedral, Rotherham, Gainsborough, Collingham, Ossington, West Retford and Ordsall, Harworth, Sutton-on-Trent, Lanton, and Worksop. A great variety of methods was rung on the six and ten-bell peals, which were placed at the disposal of ringers by the three incumbents, including Kent, Oxford and Violet Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise on six bells, Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman Triples and Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Major on the eight and ten bells.

Divine service was held in the Ladies Chapel of the Parish Church, and a most inspiring address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Bailey, who was 'bright, brief, and brotherly.' In the course of his remarks, he assured the members of a most hearty welcome to East Retford. He described the art of change ringing as one of a most interesting character, and was gratified to know that its exponents now realised their true position and that of their art as a branch of church work.

Tea was served at Cook's Cafe, Carolgate, to upwards of 35 members and friends.

The usual business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. C. Bailey, supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Haigh), and others. The annual report was passed as printed.—It was unanimously agreed that the next district meeting be held at Gamston on Saturday, June 21st. The ring of five bells had been recently rehung and retuned and a new treble bell added as a war memorial to make a ring of six, and the ringers, including Mr. Herbert Smith, of Gamston House, had all promised to join the association after the reopening of the bells on June 7th, when the dedication would be performed by the Lord Bishop of Southwell, and a band of ringers chosen by the hon. secretary.

The vice-presidents were re-elected en bloc. Mr. H. Haigh was re-elected hon. secretary, and Mr. Horace Weaver, of Worksop, was elected assistant hon. secretary, in the place of Mr. D. A. Piercy (resigned).

The following were duly elected members: Mr. Herbert Smith, of Gamston House, and six ringers for the Gamston tower, Messrs. R. Ashforth, G. Brown, W. Rich, H. Morris, C. Carnall and C. Ashforth; John Wand, Ordsall; James Wallhead, Collingham.

The hon. secretary has only missed one district meeting since 1909, and it was unanimously agreed that in future his travelling expenses should be paid.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the three incumbents of the town for the use of the bells during the day, and to the Rev. Charles Bailey for his most interesting address, and also for presiding over the tea and meeting; to the tea makers, and also to those who had helped to make the meeting a success.—The Rev. C. Bailey briefly replied. — Further ringing was indulged in at the towers until 8.30 p.m.

The membership roll up to the end of the year contains the names of 19 vice-presidents, 220 performing, probationary, unattached, and non-resident life members, whilst the balance in the bank amounted to £22 19s. 9d., or a gain on the year's working of 9s. 2d.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The spring meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Kiln-down on Saturday, May 24th, and was attended by members from Hawkhurst, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Frittenden, Penshurst, Tunbridge Wells, and the local band.—The Vicar (Rev. H. B. Langton) conducted the usual service, and also gave an excellent address. The organist (Mr. J. A. Ager) presided at the organ, and the choir was present, as was also Capt. A. W. J. Cecil (Vicar's warden).

Tea, partaken of at the Globe and Rainbow Hotel, was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, supported by Capt. Cecil.—Seven new members were elected.

Mention was made that the bells at Brechley Church were being recast and rehung, and the view was expressed that the association would welcome the Brechley ringers into the association with the object of teaching them the art of change ringing.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, to the organist, and his assistant and choir for their services, to Mr. F. Pattenden, captain of the local band, for making the arrangements, and to Captain Cecil for his attendance.

Ringings in various Minor methods, including Cambridge Surprise, took place in the afternoon and evening.

A HINT TO DEVON CLERGY.

A meeting of the Mid-Devon branch of the Devon Guild, held at Stoke Gabriel, was attended by ringers from Cockington, Collaton, Paignton, Torquay and Buckfastleigh. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and a short and enjoyable service was held, at which the Vicar gave an address.

At the business meeting a vote of condolence was passed to the widow of the late Mr. S. Hines, who was a member of the branch.

Dartington and Totnes were decided on for the next meeting.

The Rev. L. W. Browne, of Collaton, said that was the first branch meeting he had the pleasure of attending, and was delighted to know that there was a service connected with the meetings of the Guild. He thought it brought the ringers in closer touch with the Church, and so helped to raise the status of the ringers. He believed, years ago, the ringers had not been looked upon as part of the Church workers. He regretted that he was the only clergyman present, and thought the clergy ought to join with the ringers more and attend those meetings, and so help to set up a closer connection between the Church and the ringers (applause).

Mr. H. Hole (hon. secretary) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar, the organist and choir for the beautiful service, which one and all very much appreciated.—The Vicar replied, remarking that he was proud of their beautiful bells, and was always pleased to welcome different bands of ringers to the parish.—Mr. Lawrence was also thanked for his kindness.

Further ringing followed the meeting.

'METHODS BY THE BUSHEL.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the earliest days of civilisation there were probably very few arbitrary laws on any subject, but as time progressed the clever men and women of their day foisted on their hapless brethren many arbitrary laws in religion, science, etc., and these dogmatists did not hesitate to execute by burning, etc., anyone who opposed their dictums.

Thank goodness we are not quite as savage as our forefathers, but unfortunately we still have dogmatists on any and every subject under the sun, and the science of change ringing is not exempt.

In the early days of change ringing there were no arbitrary definitions; and although some of the arbitrary definitions of later years are quite good in themselves, in the matter of method construction they have been a curse instead of a blessing, and have obscured the truth instead of revealing it.

Certain people tell us to-day, that they and they only, possess the secret of method construction, and I challenge the great little WE, mentioned in Mr. Trollope's article, to prove the construction of London Surprise Minor and Major by their particular formula.

If they are unable to do this their formula is imperfect, because it is quite easy to prove the construction of London Surprise Minor and Major, and to demonstrate that they are one and the same method.

I submit that a formula which will produce certain classes of 'methods by the bushel,' but which will not explain the construction of every method, principle and system, is not complete; in fact, such a formula is only one more arbitrary definition.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association was held at Marshfield on Saturday, May 24th. A small charabanc conveyed a party from Bristol, including the Rev. T. E. Fowler (vice-president) and Mr. E. Guise (hon. secretary). At Marshfield Mr. E. Lewis met the ringers, and the bells were raised in peal, and a touch of Stedman Triples brought round, followed by Grandsire and Double Norwich, in which Miss N. G. Williams, of Bath, and Mr. T. Lambeth, of Chippenham, took part. Service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. O. Asplin), and the Rev. T. E. Fowler read the lesson. An excellent tea had been arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis at their residence, and was followed by the meeting. About 20 members were present, including Mr. J. T. Dyke, of Midsomer Norton. Mr. Pryce Taylor, of Loughborough, was made a life member; Mr. Norman Driver, associate member; Messrs. A. Nash, S. Lewis and E. Tyler, performing members. The following belfry elections were also confirmed: Messrs. F. G. May, S. Phillips and J. Richmond.

The next monthly meetings were fixed for Bitton on Saturday, June 21st, and Dyrham on Saturday, July 19th, the next quarterly meeting to be held at Coalpit Heath, the date not being fixed.

Mr. H. T. Howell moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to the Rev. F. Rogers, of Warmley, who has had a long illness.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for officiating at the service, to the organist and organ blower; also to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis for kindly arranging the excellent tea.

The tower was afterwards visited and several touches rung, concluding with a course of Cambridge Major.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the above district was held on Saturday, May 31st, at Northchurch. The bells, hung anti-clockwise, were utilised afternoon and evening by a company representing Hemel Hempstead, King's Langley, Berkhamstead, Watford, Oxhey, and the local tower, the methods rung being Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Single and Double Court.

A short service was held, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. H. Pepe), who cordially invited all to partake of tea with him in the Church Room.

After tea, the Rector presided at a short meeting, when the election of two new members was confirmed. (Elected previous to a peal at Leighton Buzzard.)

Apsley was chosen for the next meeting on July 19th.—A vote of sympathy was passed to one of the local ringers on his recent sad bereavement, the Vicar undertaking to convey the same to him.—A vote of thanks was cordially accorded to the Rector for his hospitality, etc.—This concluded the meeting, the ringers adjourning to the tower for further ringing.

Ringers at the Western end of Herts would benefit by the advice, 'Look out for the next Northchurch meeting!'

HEREFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**VETERANS RING TOGETHER AT BENNINGTON.**

A most enjoyable meeting of the Eastern District was held on Saturday week at the historical and old-world village of Bennington. A warm welcome from the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Mills) awaited all who came, and a tea was generously provided by him in the Parochial Hall, to which 29 sat down, representing thirteen towers—not a bad record when it is remembered that Bennington lies four miles from the nearest station.

The business meeting was held under the presidency of the Rector, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his generosity, and for the welcome once again extended.

Touches in various methods were brought round, and good practice obtained, Cambridge Surprise being the highest attained. A most interesting event took place in connection with the ringing. Mr. S. Page and Mr. L. Chapman, aged 75 and 78 respectively, rang a course of Double Norwich side by side on the 4th and 5th as they stood in a peal in the year 1873. They also took part in a course of Treble Bob Major.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable afternoon and evening were spent at Shepshed on Saturday, May 31st. The church, standing very high above the village, which can be seen for many miles around, was visited by some 30 members from various towers, including Hugglescote, Ibstock, Loughborough, Kegworth, Kingston-on-Soar, Whitwick, and the local ringers.

The Vicar (the Rev. D. E. K. Llewelyn, B.A.) gave a most helpful address, and afterwards presided at the business meeting. Both he and the churchwarden (Mr. Merriman) were made hon. members of the association.

Stanford-on-Soar was chosen for the next meeting on Saturday, July 5th.

After the meeting a presentation was made to Mr. W. Johnson upon retiring from his post as captain of the Shepshed ringers, after 41 years' regular service. He was presented with a handsome gold watch as a token of respect and appreciation for his valuable services.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells and his most appropriate sermon.

The ringers then visited the tower again, and some well-tapped touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Major were brought round.

WM. C. RUMSEY'S 200 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles	1	1
Minor	7	3
Bob Triples	2	—
Grandsire Triples	5	4
Stedman Triples	10	1
Erin Triples	1	—
Bob Major	22	7
Kent Treble Bob Major	14	6
Oxford Treble Bob Major	33	12
Kent Treble Bob Royal	6	1
Stedman Caters	1	—
Double Norwich Major	58	31
Double Oxford Major	2	—
Superlative Surprise Major	22	7
Cambridge Surprise Major	14	7
Norfolk Surprise Major	2	2
Total	200	82

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

When cycling home to West End, Southampton, from the Winchester Guild meeting at Privett on Saturday week, Mr. George Williams met with a bad accident. He was run into by another cyclist, thrown from his machine, and badly bruised and shaken. His machine was smashed. Mr. Williams had to have medical attention, and for a time was confined to bed.

Mrs. Frank Hairs, who has accomplished many noteworthy performances, including that of being the first lady to ring a pair of handbells to a Surprise peal, has now scored a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, being again the first lady to achieve this distinction.

The peal of Grandsire Doubles, the first on the new bells at Seaford, Sussex, should be credited to the Sussex County Association.

The new peal of six bells at Thurlaston, Leicestershire, by the Loughborough Foundry, is to be dedicated by the Bishop of Leicester on Thursday next.

Ringers in the old days did not get their peals without effort. The first peal on the bells at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, was rung on June 13th, 1821. The method was Grandsire, conducted by G. Dickisson, and it was rung by men from Nottingham, who had to walk the 27 miles each way. There was a free fight in the churchyard with the Ashbourne ringers after the peal.

The first peal of Stedman Caters 'on handbells retained in hand' was rung on June 15th, 1851, at the Osborn Arms, Heneage Street, London, by John Cox, George Ferris, William Cooter, Matt. Wood, and James Dwight.

Eighty years ago next Wednesday Jasper Snowden was born at Ilkley, Leeds.

The first peal at Lincoln Cathedral—Kent Treble Bob Major—was rung on June 15th, 1886, conducted by F. E. Dawe.

A peal of 5,080 Treble Bob Royal was rung at Shoreditch on June 16th, 1816, in which William Shipway, and William Booth, of Sheffield (the late Mr. C. H. Hattersley's grandfather) took part, and which was called by George Gross.

As we reminded our readers last week, Friday was the 32nd anniversary of the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob at Debenham. On Saturday a commemorative peal was rung in the same method at Debenham, in which the four survivors of the former record took part, viz., Messrs. Wm. G. Crickmer, David Collins, Robert Brundle and Fred Tillet. They are not so young as they were, but they still enjoy a good peal.

Mr. C. F. Winney writes: It was interesting to note that Miss H. F. Willson was the first lady to ring two peals in one day, but as a matter of history, Miss Margaret H. Nicholls (now Mrs. Shurtleff), of Boston, U.S.A., rang two handbell peals on August 17th, 1902 (Sunday) They were Stedman Triples and Holt's Original, umpired by Joseph Barry and Dr. A. H. Nicholls.

The eight bells at Bletchley, Bucks, are being removed from the tower this week. They are going to the Loughborough Foundry to be tuned, and when they are returned will be hung in a new frame with all modern fittings.

Mr. H. Fairclough, Master of Chester Diocesan Guild, who, with his wife, visited London for the Central Council meeting, found all the hotels full, and consequently had to sleep for two nights in their motor-car!

STOWMARKET RINGER'S DEATH.

The Stowmarket company have lost another of their members in the person of Mr. W. D. Welham, who died after an operation in the East Suffolk Hospital, at the age of 62 years. Deceased had rung at Stowmarket for over 40 years, and had taken part in about 14 peals for the Norwich Association.

The funeral took place on Thursday, June 5th, at Stowmarket Cemetery. Although the company were unable to ring on that day, they sent a floral tribute, and on Saturday evening last rang, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled to the memory of their deceased comrade: W. Souter (conductor) 1, G. Waltham 2, C. Alderton 3, S. Sparrow 4, F. Allard 5, E. Davey 6, A. Grimwood 7, H. Copeland 8.

'DOUBLE-HANDED' TOWER BELL RINGING.

Mr. E. Hims, of Bicester, on Sunday evening, rang two tower bells at his parish church to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. The quarter-peal had been arranged for Mr. Hims' birthday, and, one man failing to turn up, Mr. Hims rang the 2nd and 3rd, and called the touch, which occupied 45 mins.: J. Evans 1, E. Hims (conductor) 2 and 3, W. Scarrott 4, B. Cox 5, F. A. Clifton 6, P. Neale 7, T. Clifton 8.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A SUMMARY OF TUESDAY'S MEETING.

The first session of the twelfth Council was held on Tuesday in the Jerusalem Chamber of Westminster Abbey. There was an attendance of nearly ninety members from all parts of the country, who were welcomed by the Dean (Bishop Ryle).

Canon G. F. Coleridge was re-elected president, Mr. E. Alex. Young hon. secretary and treasurer, and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn hon. librarian.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies of a silver cup, suitably inscribed, in recognition of his long and valuable services to the Council as hon. secretary and treasurer from 1902 to 1921.

The statement of accounts showed that the Council's receipts during the year were £13 from affiliation fees, and 24 9s. 4d. interest on stock. The expenditure amounted to £31 10s. 10d., including the £20 voted last year for the Roll of Honour, and £2 5s. 8d. loss on the sale of publications.

The Librarian laid before the Council the completed Roll of Honour of ringers who fell in the war. The work was executed by Mr. Cousins, of Cambridge, and is a most beautifully illuminated volume containing 1,071 names. Bound in royal blue leather it has been described by an authority at the British Museum as one of the finest pieces of modern illumination ever shown. With the consent of the Dean it is to be placed in the library of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The retiring hon. members, with the exception of Mr. R. A. Daniel, were re-elected, and the names of Mr. E. A. Young and Mr. J. Griffin added.

The Standing Committee were re-elected with the exception of Mr. Daniel and Mr. A. E. Parsons, and with the addition of Alderman J. S. Pritchett and Messrs. A. A. Hughes, Cyril F. Johnston and Pryce Taylor.

The Peal Collection and Literature and Press Committees were re-elected, Mr. A. Paddon Smith being added to the latter.

The Methods Committee was also re-elected. The Rev. E. W. Carpenter retired from the Peals Analysis Committee, and Miss E. K. Parker was elected to fill the vacancy.

The Towers and Belfries Committee was re-elected, with the addition of Mr. H. Fairclough, and a resolution was passed, on the motion of Canon Baker, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, 'that the Council strongly urge that each Diocesan Advisory Committee should include at least one member having expert knowledge of bells, bell hanging and change ringing, and that this resolution be communicated to the secretary of each Advisory Committee, and to the secretaries of the Diocesan Conferences.'

The Records Committee was re-elected, as was also the Science Museum Exhibit Committee.

Except in the cases of the Literature and Press Committee and the Peals Analysis Committee, which reports had already been published in our columns, verbal reports of the committees' work were presented.

The three resolutions on the agenda dealing with the nomenclature of methods were dealt with in one motion, moved by Mr. G. P. Burton, who moved, 'To call attention to the nomenclature of methods and to move the appointment of a Nomenclature Committee: (1) To review existing method nomenclature; (2) to prepare suitable topographical names for the future; and (3) to formulate a plan for the application of such names.'

The resolution was divided, and after discussion the first part to the end of (1) was carried by 34 votes to 29.

An amendment to clauses (2) and (3), to read '(2) to suggest a suitable system of nomenclature for the future,' was moved by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, and carried nem. dis. A motion postponing the appointment of the committee until the next Council meeting, moved by Ald. Pritchett, was defeated by 35 votes to 32.

The following committee was then appointed: Mr. G. P. Burton, Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. A. D. Barker, T. H. Beams and A. L. Coleman.

Mr. T. H. Taffender moved 'that this Council only recognise as peals upon handbells, those that have been umpired, and that the qualification of an umpire shall be that of being able to ring the method and check each call as made. — The motion was defeated, only two voting in favour of it, it being pointed out that the rules of the Council already provide that an umpire shall be provided where practicable.

Mr. T. H. Beams proposed a motion to omit from Rule 6 the words 'but that the meeting following the triennial election be always in London.' On being put, however, it was lost by a large majority.

The Council adopted a motion by Mr. J. Hunt that it be an instruction to the Methods Committee when revising the Collection of Minor Methods to include instructions as to how the bobs in these methods should be made.

On the recommendation of the Standing Committee, the Council adopted Chester as the place of the next annual meeting.

It was resolved that the Standing Committee be given power to approve and publish the card of suggestions for the care of bells, which had been drawn up by the hon. secretary.

On the motion of Canon Elsee, the Council commended to the support the ringing associations the proposal to erect in a suitable place in Oxford a memorial to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook.

Notice of a revision of the definition relating to peals on eight bells and upwards, so as to include peals in spliced methods, was given by Mr. W. A. Cave, and in connection with the ringing of a peal comprising fourteen 360's of Minor, to which attention was called by the Rev. H. Law James, the President mentioned that the Standing Committee proposed to take in hand the general revision of the rules and decisions of the Council.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Dean for the use of the historic chamber for the meeting, and the business proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the President.

A fuller report of the Council meeting will appear in our next and following issues.

In the evening ringing took place at Westminster Abbey, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and other churches, and later, members and friends gathered at the Bedford Head Hotel, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

A DATE TOUCH.

At Ickleton, Cambs, on Saturday, May 31st, at the Parish Church, a date touch 1,924 changes, being 864 Kent and 1,060 Plain Bob, was rung in one hour 16 mins.: P. Webb (conductor) 1, R. Clements 2, F. Bowtell 3, J. Webb 4, W. Flitton 5, A. G. Lilley 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of J. Lloyd Brown, of Lawstone House, Stockton-on-Tees, to Miss G. R. Bowen, eldest daughter of Mr. G. W. H. Bowen, J.P., of Ickleton Grange, which took place at Ickleton, the same day.

ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, June 7th, members of the above society, and a few friends, numbering 18, visited Hagbourne and Blewbury. Journeying by charabanc and leaving Reading at 2 p.m., after a most enjoyable ride through the beautiful scenery of Berkshire, Hagbourne was reached at 3.30. They were met by an old and esteemed 'brother string,' Mr. T. East, who had the bells ready for use. Some very good touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, and a move was then made to 'The Fleur De Lys,' where a capital tea had been prepared. Taking to the motor coach again, the journey was resumed to Blewbury, with its fine old church and noble peal of eight bells. Here again some splendid ringing was enjoyed. Mr. James, the local foreman, having all ready for the visitors on arrival. Adjournment to the Lion Inn, the party were met by several of the local ringers, and a musical evening was indulged in. No band of ringers could be made more welcome than were the Reading men by the Blewbury band. Reading was reached at 10.30 p.m., all having enjoyed the trip immensely. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' the visitors desire to convey their best thanks to all who helped to make the afternoon such a success. The conducting during the day was shared between Mr. E. Humphrey, Mr. W. Simmonds, L. T. Osborne and A. W. Osborne.

PEALS OF MINOR.

To the Editor.

Sir, — I am tempted to ask if the Committees of the Central Council act upon the resolutions of the Council. In your last issue you published the report of a peal, rung at Hanley Castle, which was made up of fourteen 360's. While I admire those who can ring a peal involving all these different methods, this form of peal ringing should be ruled out of court, according to the Central Council's decision of some twelve or fourteen years ago. This laid it down 'that a peal of Minor should consist of at least seven true and complete 720's, but that the 5,040 may be extended by the addition of one touch of less than 720 changes with or without extra 720's.' Now, what does this imply if it is not peals of Minor made up of 360's should no longer be rung?

No one, of course, can prevent a company ringing fourteen, or forty half-extents, if they so wish; but the Council, if they would have their recommendations acted upon, should not countenance such performances. Yet what do they do? Their committee includes these peals in the analysis, and there appear to be two such shown in the analysis published on May 23rd, one rung for the Hereford Guild and one for the Norfolk Guild. Let the Council be consistent, and either rescind their resolution relating to what should constitute a peal of Minor, or else treat these five thousands as 'performances' and not as peals.—Yours, etc.,

A. SPLICER.

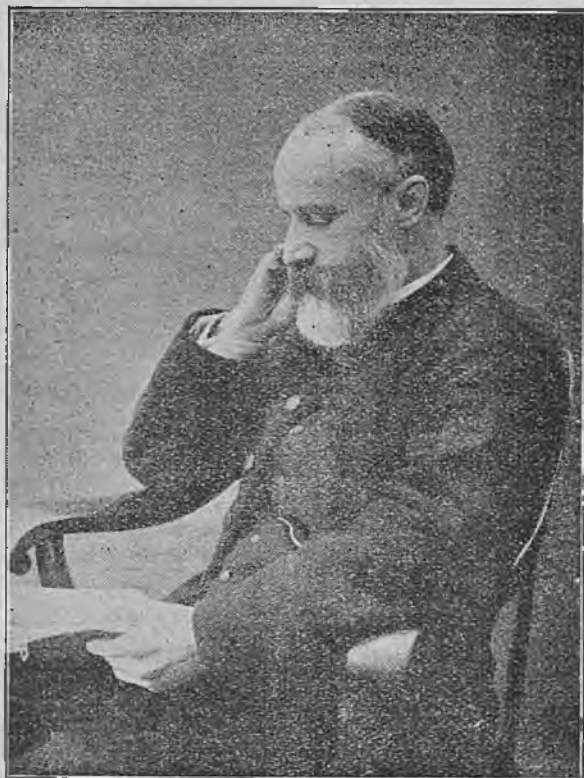
GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.

JUBILEE FESTIVAL AT EXETER.

GREAT GATHERING AT THE CATHEDRAL CITY.

The Jubilee Festival of the Guild of Devonshire ringers was celebrated at Exeter on Monday, when about 300 members belonging to the various branches in the county attended a special service in the nave of Exeter Cathedral, and subsequently a dinner and a business meeting at Dellars' Cafe.

A prominent figure at the gathering was the octogenarian ringer, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who has now resigned the presidency of the Guild, a position he has held since 1896, when he succeeded the late Col. C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham, who was the first president on the formation of the Guild in 1874.



THE REV. MAITLAND KELLY, THE RETIRING PRESIDENT.

An interesting feature of the day was the ringing of the touch of St. Petrock's Church, which is the lightest peal in the city, by three of the oldest members of the Guild and three of the youngest. The seniors were the Rev. Maitland Kelly (the President of the Devon Guild), the Rev. Canon Coleridge, of Crowthorn, Berks, President of the Central Council, who is also a Devonshire man, and Mr. J. Moss, who for 57 years has been connected with the Exeter Cathedral Band. They were joined by three boys who are being trained at Sowton, a village near Exeter, by Mr. G. Betts.

Another notable feature in the day's programme was the visit of a ladies' band from St. Stephen's, Bristol, and a full Cinques band of Bristol ringers, who rang at the Cathedral. Touches were also rung at the City churches of St. David, St. Thomas and St. Sidwell.

At the meeting a list of original members of the Devonshire Guild was presented. It consisted of the following names: Revs. H. T. Ellacombe, Rector of Clyst St. George, who was vice-president in 1874; J. L. Fulford, Vicar of Woodbury; John L. L. Fulford, curate at Woodbury, who was secretary in 1874; R. Medley Fulford, Exeter, in whose office was held the first meeting of the Guild; W. F. Gore, Feniton Court, Honiton; Messrs. W. B. Fulford, who was treasurer in 1874; R. C. Merson, Tiverton; S. Mardon, Broadclyst; J. C. Palmer, East Budleigh; J. Sharland, Lympstone; A. Southey, Exeter; Col. C. A. W. Troyte, of Huntsham, who was president from 1874 to 1896; Mr. W. Banister, of Devonport, a vice-president; the Rev. C. S. Bere, of Uplowman, vice-president; the Rev. Maitland Kelly, June 15th, 1874, who was president from 1896 to 1924. In addition to the above names there were elected in 1874, on the same day as their

president, the Rev. Arthur Du Boulay Hill, assistant at Winchester College and of East Bridgford, who is still a life member; and Mr. Henry Payne, of Huntsham. On December 28th, 1874, were elected the Rev. Canon Coleridge and Mr. W. J. Southwood, of Exeter, the last named being now the secretary of the Exeter district branch.

THE EARLY DAYS.

At the special service in the nave of the Cathedral the sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon Coleridge from Ephesians vi., part of the 18th verse: 'With all perseverance.' It was, he said, the Jubilee of the Devonshire Guild, and it was right and fitting that they should meet together in that glorious Mother Church of the Diocese, because they must always remember that church bellringers took an equal part with the choir and the clergy in the service of God. He would ask them to carry their minds back to 60 years ago, ten years before the formation of the Guild. What at that time was known of church bell-ringing—real ringing—in that county? It was left for all men to read on a tablet erected in the church at Kelly. The inscription ran as follows: 'Be it remembered that on Saturday, January 21st, 1865, three six scores Grandsire Triples were rung in this church, being the greatest number of changes ever rung in Devon by men of the county.' Very much about the same time the practice of change ringing was undertaken at Huntsham, because he had in his possession the first edition of a book which was the outcome of the early struggles of the ringers of that place, and which was dated 1869. At the same time change ringing was known in H.M. Dockyard at Devonport. Mr. William Banister, who had been in Woolwich Arsenal, was in charge. He cast two trebles there and hung them himself, and change ringing began. Change ringing was also known about that time at Penzance and Uplowman. As far as he could gather these were the only places where change ringing was cultivated in this part of the country. It was true that change ringing might have been heard here, but it was by foreign bands. For example, soon after Prince Consort died, the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, of Clyst St. George, had bells cast and put up in memory of the Prince, but they were opened by Bristol men, who came down and rang Minor and six-scores of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. In the early history of change ringing in the county certain names naturally came to the memory, first and foremost being the Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, the great modern purifier of church bellfries. Next to him came Charles Arthur Williams Troyte, of Huntsham, and next to him, William Banister. Then there were Col. Trelawney; their retiring president, the Rev. Maitland Kelly; the family of the Fulfords; Dr. Symons, of Penzance; Richard Merson, of Uplowman; Mr. Tucker and Mr. Chave, and later the brothers Shepherd, of Exeter. At the outset the Guild had many difficulties. The old round of ringers of the country made a dead set against the new methods. Much good had been done by the ringing tours in Devon and Cornwall, and men of the old school had come long distances anxious to learn everything. Schools had been even held in the churchyards, and explanations given to these men relative to the beauties of change ringing. Change ringing was being welcomed, but it would only be welcomed more and more the greater they persevered in their art. In spite of all difficulties, both within and without the tower, they found that the motto: 'Perseverance conquers everything' held true. He reminded them that certain responsibilities attached to the name of ringer, and he asked them to remember the meaning of the letters which formed the word, viz.: R stood for regularity in attendance; I, industry in the cultivation of the art; N, neat in the handling of the rope; G, for Guild; E, example in manners, conversation and dealings of life; R., for religion.

After the service the members were photographed at the west end of the Cathedral.

VENERABLE PRESIDENT RETIRES.

At the dinner at Dellars' Cafe, the President of the Guild, the Rev. Maitland Kelly, presided. In the course of his speech on the history of the Guild, he said there was not a single member of the 14 who were enrolled at the first meeting now living. He spoke of the difficulties they first had to encounter in Devon, not only from the old ringers, but from the general public, who were not at all sympathetic. The county had its peculiar difficulties in promoting change ringing owing to the small centres of population, and to the paucity of instructors available to go into the remote parts. Owing to advancing age, he felt that the time had come when he must retire from the position he had held for so many years. The office of presidency ought to be filled by a younger man. He had no fear for the future. He thanked them sincerely for the many kindnesses he had received from them, and his interest in change ringing would be in no way diminished (applause). He urged them never to neglect their Sunday ringing, and advised them to make change ringing the best they could produce.

At this stage the Rev. H. L. Piggott, vice-president, took over the conduct of the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary (Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeaton) announced that the Exminster bells would be rededicated on Saturday, June 21st. He also gave a list, already mentioned above, of the original members of the Guild.

Col. Acland Troyte, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Dean and Chapter and to Canon Coleridge, said he was glad to be present, because his father happened to be first president of the Guild, and did so much to encourage ringing in Devon. The inaugural meeting of the Guild, according to the records at Huntsham, was held in June, 1874. Eight members of the Huntsham band attended the meeting. Of those only two, Messrs. Payne and Tucker, were still living. It had been a great encouragement to the Guild to be able to hold its Jubilee Festival in the Cathedral, the Mother Church of the Diocese, and to have an opportunity of ringing the Cathedral bells which were unique in this country. He wished more clergy would become acting members of the Guild and take part in the ringing, as it would help them to realise they were as much servants of the Church as were the choir, and that ringing was done for the service of the Church and not for the ringers' own amusement (applause).

The Very Rev. Dean of Exeter (Dr. Gamble), in reply, said he had noticed a growing interest being taken in bells and in ringing in all parts of Devon. He assured them that the Dean and Chapter would always be glad to do everything they could for the Devonshire Guild of Ringers (applause).

EXETER'S SILENT BELLS.

Canon Coleridge, who also responded, proposed a vote of thanks to the retiring president, whose services to bell ringing he highly extolled. The Canon regretted that the towers of St. John's and St. Edmund's, Exeter, were silent. He was told that they were in a disgraceful condition. It was a crying shame to a city like Exeter that such a thing should be allowed to happen, and he suggested that something should be done to have the bells rehung and reopened.

The resolution was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly, in reply, promised to render whatever assistance he could to the younger men. As he left the chair the rev. gentleman was loudly cheered.

In order to signalise his fifty years' service to the Guild, Mr. W. J. Southwood, secretary of the Exeter area, presented the Guild with a 'Coronn' typewriter. The gift was acknowledged with gratitude by the Chairman, on behalf of the members.

On the motion of Mr. Southwood, seconded by Mr. E. W. Marsh (Plymouth), the Rev. E. S. Powell, who had been secretary of the Guild for many years, was unanimously elected to succeed the Rev. Maitland Kelly in the presidency.

The Rev. E. S. Powell acknowledged the compliment.

On the motion of the Rev. F. Carter (Calverleigh), seconded by Mr. J. H. Godfrey, of Ottery, the Rev. E. V. Cox, Vicar of Littleham-cum-Exmouth, was unanimously elected general secretary.

On the motion of Mr. H. J. Hole (Paignton), seconded by Mr. A. H. Hayward (Combe Martin), Mr. T. G. Bartlett (Exeter) was re-elected hon. treasurer.

Vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. Maitland Kelly and the Rev. G. E. F. Molyneux (Silverton).

A vote of condolence with the family of Mr. Doble, a Taunton ringer, was passed in silence.

On the motion of Mr. Marsh, it was decided that any member totally incapacitated from ringing may be transferred by the general committee to the life members' list on the recommendation of his band.

Plymouth was selected for the place of meeting next year.

The following were elected as hon. members' representatives on the committee: Rev. H. B. Clark, W. E. Cox and H. W. Millett, and Messrs. H. B. Kindersley and A. S. Hutchison.

The Revs. Maitland Kelly and E. S. Powell and Mr. A. W. Scarle were elected on the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

CONSOLIDATING THE GROUND.

The report of the General Committee contained the following:—

During the past year there has not been any such considerable increase of Affiliated Bands as was recorded in the 1922 report. This was indeed hardly to be expected, nor was it perhaps even desirable. A certain breathing space was needed to consolidate the ground won. It must never be forgotten that one of the primary objects of the Guild is the advance of change ringing. If this purpose be allowed to drop into the background its character will be completely changed, so that mere numerical increase might easily prove disastrous. On this account you committee have the greatest pleasure in recording a steady, and indeed considerable, issue of change-ringing certificates throughout the year. In the case of more than one band labelled 'associate' twelve months ago all the members are now qualified change-ringers. This is matter for real congratulation and rejoicing.

The Cathedral Cinques practice has passed through somewhat difficult times, owing to repeated alterations of the day and times, for which the ringers themselves had no responsibility. Now that the Dean and Chapter have kindly assigned the second Saturday evening in the month for the practice, these meetings have taken, it is hoped, a new lease of life. An innovation which has been made at the Cathedral consists in a monthly invitation to the members of one or other of the City eight-bell towers to ring there on Sunday

morning, the Cathedral ringers assisting to complete the band when needed. This privilege has been highly appreciated by those willing to take part.

During the year there were rung nine peals of Grandsire, two Caters, six Triples and one doubles.

During the past year the expenditure of the Guild exceeded the receipts by £11 18s. 2d., and, moreover, the difficulties of the treasurer in meeting current expenditure is seriously increased by the failure of local branches to forward their affiliation fees during the first month of the year. In some instances these returns are a full year late. Your committee hopes that this hint will bring about real improvement in this respect.

THE LATE MR. WM. P. COOPER.

LEICESTER'S 'G.O.M.' OF RINGING.

As briefly announced in our last issue, there passed to his rest on Friday, May 30th, Mr. William Porter Cooper, who had reached the advanced age of 86. He was one of the few remaining original members of the Midland Counties Association, having joined it at its formation in 1883, but he was a ringer of long standing even then.

Although he had not rung a large number of peals, his performances were good ones, and in his early days a peal was an 'event' in a ringer's life, long talked of and practised for, not as is so often now the case, an everyday occurrence. He rang his first peal on the tenor at St. Margaret's, Leicester, as far back as 1868, being then in the prime of health and strength, when it was stated no man could ring this bell to a peal, owing to its bad going. Subsequently he took part in the first peals of Grandsire and Stedman Caters rung by the M.C.A., and the other peals included the usual standard methods of his day.

From the death of his brother Stephen in February, 1905, until the war period he held the office of president of the Leicester branch of the M.C.A., and was for 47 years the vergier of St. Leonard's Church. He was much respected by all who knew him as an upright, honest Christian gentleman.

He was buried on Tuesday, June 3rd, and a course of Grandsire Caters rung over the grave by E. Whitehead 1—2, J. Morris 3—4, W. Willson 5—6, H. Needham 7—8, A. Cattell 9—10. A wreath was sent by Leicester ringers, and half-muffled ringing took place at St. Margaret's, St. Saviour's, and St. Martin's Churches.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24th, a meeting of the Luton district was held at Leighton Buzzard, and in spite of a very showery afternoon, between 20 and 30 members were present during the afternoon and evening, from Luton, Dunstable, Barton-le-Clay, Woburn, Linslade, and Tring, and a good muster of local men. A welcome visitor was Mr. P. J. Johnson, hon. secretary of the Yorkshire Association.

The bells were utilised during the afternoon and evening in a number of methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Royal. The visitors were very pleased to note the progress of some of the young members of the local band.

A short business meeting was held after tea, presided over by Mr. A. King, President of the Branch, supported by Canon Baker, President of the Association.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Aspley Guise in the last week in July, and, it is hoped, the summer meeting at Barton-le-Clay. After the meeting the tower was again visited.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting was held at Thurleigh on Saturday, May 24th. A fair number turned up, notwithstanding the unsettled weather. The chair was taken by Mr. H. L. Harlow (late district secretary), and five new members were elected. Sharnbrook was chosen for the next meeting-place.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

TRUMPINGTON RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, May 24th, the ringers of Trumpington Parish Church (Cams) paid a very enjoyable visit to Littlebury, and they were accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Moule), and Messrs. W. J. and F. Kempton. Mr. W. B. Kempton is the oldest member of the Society of Cambridge Youths. Several years ago he undertook the uphill task of teaching the art of ringing to a band of recruits at Trumpington, and the work has since been carried on by Mr. F. Kempton.

The visitors were met by some of the local band, and ringing took place both before and after tea. Later on the five cyclists departed for Ickleton, where they were met by some of the local band—a kindness which was much appreciated—leaving the remainder of the party at Littlebury until the bus arrived.

All the band feel very grateful to their own Vicar for planning such a very pleasant outing, to the Vicars of Littlebury and Ickleton for granting permission to ring, and to the local bands for having everything ready.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and West district was held at St. Mary's, Ealing, on May 17th. Service was conducted by the Rev. C. J. Sharp (Vicar), with Mrs. Sharp presiding at the organ. After service the ringers were entertained to tea in the Church Hall by the Vicar and Mrs. Sharp, with Miss Sharp and other ladies in attendance.

At the business meeting, the vice-president occupied the chair, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Mrs. Sharp for their kind hospitality, which was much appreciated by all present, for conducting the service and presiding at the organ, respectively, and to the ladies for their assistance. The Vicar acknowledged the thanks, and welcomed the association to his parish. He also wished to thank his ringers and all who assisted them with the Sunday service ringing.

A vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. J. H. Hunnisett and Fred Goodfellow, of the local band. — Ruislip was selected for the June meeting, and Denham for July. Handbell ringing was indulged in, after which the tower was again visited, and in spite of the 'go' of the bells a most pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent.

ASCENSION DAY RINGING.

ISLEWORTH.—For Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Beadle 1, W. F. Ellingham 2, F. V. Beadle 3, F. G. Goddard 4, A. Beckensale 5, H. W. Lidbetter 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Brooks 8.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Carter 1, J. Bower 2, F. Woodward 3, R. Davis 4, E. Naish 5, F. Naish (conductor) 6, W. Hutton 7, S. Naish (first quarter-peal) 8.

READING, BERKS.—For evensong, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: L. T. Osborne 1, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 2, E. Humphrey 3, G. Cook 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Egby 6, H. Osborne 7, A. Jeffery 8.

WHITTINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.—After evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 41 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, H. T. Hughes 3, E. H. Kynaston 4, R. Evans (conductor) 5, A. Phillips (first quarter) 6. First quarter-peal of Grandsire on the bells.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.—720 Plain Bob Minor (tenor covering): G. Heather 1, A. H. Bundle 3, E. Talbot 4, C. H. Kippen 5, F. Holder 6, E. E. Darby 7, T. Bohannon 8. This was rung after meeting short for quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

CHRIST CHURCH, MITCHAM.—For evening prayer, on the 50th anniversary of consecration, 360 Plain Bob: P. G. Rabbetts 1, E. T. Broadbridge 2, A. M. Parslow 3, W. H. Ivener 4, G. Pidnell 5, A. Miller (conductor) 6.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—For evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 728 Grandsire Triples: L. Hammond 1, E. Hall 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, F. Peck 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, tenor covering.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—For 6 a.m. Communion service, at the Parish Church, 252 Grandsire Triples.—For 7 a.m. Communion service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, 630 Grandsire Triples: F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, H. Lewis 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. H. Hayward 6, G. Dore 7, F. Edwards 8.

KILBURN.—At St. Augustine's, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: W. Ball 1, Rev. M. C. Edgar 2, Mrs. E. M. Atkins 3, G. Margetts 4, F. Saxby 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6, F. Ladyman 7, A. Gardiner 8.

A PRESENTATION.

At St. Peter's Church, Chatteris, Cambs. on Saturday, May 31st, to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. Wm. Seekings, 720 Bob Minor: A. Barker (first 720 as conductor) 1, Wm. Seekings 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams 6.

Mr. Seekings was afterwards presented with a cigarette case on behalf of the St. Peter's Guild, the company wishing him many happy returns. They hope he will very shortly be able to record his first 5,040.

THE FIRST TRUE PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of February 22nd, quite recently to hand, a paragraph under the head of 'Belfry Gossip' states:—

To-morrow is the anniversary of a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, on February 23rd, 1783.

The 'Clavis' gives the figures of this peal. It is very false.

Nothing is more likely than that the band who first rang Mr. Middleton's peal of Cambridge, rang, at the same time, the first true peal ever rung of Cambridge Surprise Major.—Yours, etc.,

JAMES S. WILDE.

Dunedin, N.Z.

April 10th, 1924.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

DENTON.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, at St. Anne's, Denton, Manchester, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: H. Swindells 1, Wilfred Wilde 2, John Wilde (first 720 in method) 3, H. Bardsley 4, H. Ellis 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6.

BARNES.—On Whit Sunday, for afternoon service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Folkard 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Wood 3, A. Cutmor 4, R. Mackrill 5, P. Miles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

RISHTON, LANCS.—On Whit Sunday morning, for service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: C. Ayres 1, P. France 2, F. Winfield 3, W. Pilkington 4, B. Crabtree 5, L. J. Williams (conductor) 6.

PAIGNTON.—On Whit Sunday, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 504 Grandsire Triples, in 18 mins.: F. Allwood 1, F. T. Gover 2, A. W. Bowers 3, T. S. Collings 4, J. S. Collings 5, F. E. Parnell 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, L. Payne 8.

ARMLEY.—On Sunday, June 1st, at Christ Church, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, as a farewell touch to Mr. J. W. Moorhouse, who is leaving Leeds for Wandsworth: J. Hey 1, M. Moorhouse 2, Miss O. L. Lumley 3, F. Blackbeath 4, J. W. Moorhouse 5, J. Thackray 6, A. Windsor 7, G. Moorhouse (conductor) 8.

KIRTON LINDSEY, Lincs.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles, 780 Grandsire and 480 Plain Bob (10 callings), in 47 mins.: A. Thornton 1, W. Leaning 2, J. Bray (conductor) 3, A. Tomlinson 4, G. Hobbins 5, B. Gillett 6.

BRENTWOOD.—On Sunday, June 1st, at the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, for 10 a.m. Eucharist, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss May Crow (first quarter-peal) 1, F. G. Ringe 2, E. Furbank 3, H. Turner 4, R. Ong 5, E. D. Baker 6, Geo. Miles (conductor) 7, P. S. Carrel 8.

IDLE.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major, in 46 mins.: E. H. Simpson (conductor) 1, T. B. Kendall 2, W. Popplewell 3, H. Davison 4, R. Umpleby 5, F. Killshaw 6, W. Feather (first quarter in method) 7, H. Foster 8.

SPRINGFIELD, CHELMSFORD.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, May 25th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes) were rung in 45 minutes, being 720 New London, 360 Oxford and 180 Plain Bob by the following: J. H. Myhill 1, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 2, I. J. Poulton 3, E. Runtler 4, E. Kemp 5, E. P. Buckingham 6. Also after service, 360 Woodbine by the same band.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. H. Myhill 1, W. Prall 2, W. Hawkes 3, A. E. Davis 4, I. J. Poulton 5, E. Kemp (conductor) 6.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on May 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: F. Goddard 1, H. Chandler 2, Miss D. G. Feltham 3, Miss P. Moss 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, J. Milner 6, J. Bacon 7, G. Spencer 8, A. Beckensale 9, W. Honor 10.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, May 25th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's, 1,120 Cambridge Surprise Major, in 42 mins.: J. J. Symons 1, J. D. Harris 2, F. A. Burnett 3, T. R. Taylor 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor) 8.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, May 18th, for 8 a.m. Holy Communion service, 720 of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles: G. Guest 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, J. F. Brooks 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5. First 720 in method by 1st and 4th ringers.—For evening service, a quarter-peal 1,260 changes, in 40 mins., being 480 each of St. Simons and Plain Bob, and 300 of Grandsire: J. H. Clare 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, J. F. Brooks 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5.—After service, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: J. H. Clare 1, C. W. Smith 2, A. E. Hanks 3, W. E. Cales 4, J. F. Brooks (first 720 as conductor) 5.—On Sunday, May 25th, for evening service, 720 Old Doubles: Miss C. Higgs (first 720) 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, G. Guest 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Sunday, May 18th, before morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. Hitchman 1, H. Palmer 2, W. Hitchman 3, E. Cox 4, R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, W. Corderoy 6. Rang the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Mrs. Webster (mother-in-law to the Vicar), who was interred in Highgate Cemetery on May 16th, in her 96th year, the above band ringing a half-muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, conducted by W. Hitchman.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes) by J. E. Groves, in 57 minutes: H. Street 1, H. Phipps 2, J. Hall 3, J. Hemming (conductor) 4, O. Attwood 5, H. Jordan 6, F. Jordan 7, H. Middleton 8, G. Hemming 9, F. Jinks. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st and 5th.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, May 18th, 593 Grandsire Caters: F. Springham 1, W. Storey 2, F. Bird (conductor) 3, H. G. Miles 4, H. Dew 5, H. M. White 6, H. Chamness 7, W. W. Tucker 8, W. T. Prior 9, W. Wilkinson 10. Also 198, conducted by H. G. Miles. Arranged for Mr. H. G. Miles, of London, and Mr. W. Storey, of Hertford.

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.**AN EMPIRE DAY PEAL.**

On Saturday, May 17th, the Cathedral Bell Ringers and Cathedral Choirmen and boys were entertained to tea by Alderman and Mrs. C. Willis, at their home, The Moorings, Borstal Road, Rochester. After a most excellent tea, a vote of thanks was proposed by Minor Canon Johnson, on behalf of the choir and bell ringers, who pointed out that this annual meeting was arranged, 'lest we forget.' The two new bells were provided by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Willis, in memory of their son, Lieut. Willis, R.A.F., who fell in the war.—This was seconded by Mr. W. Haigh, the leader of the ringers.—Ald. and Mrs. Willis feelingly replied. Afterwards a game of bowls and a stroll through the beautiful garden brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

It was arranged to attempt a peal of Stedman Caters on the following Saturday, Empire Day, with the Dean's permission. A start was made at 5.20, and the peal brought round in 3 hrs. 25 mins. Recently electric light was installed in the belfry, and this was the first peal attempt under much improved conditions. All went well until the last three courses were reached, when the electric light went out, the assistant organist having switched it off at the main. Thanks to the Daylight Saving Bill, however, the band were able to bring the peal to a successful conclusion in semi-darkness.

On Sunday morning the ringers were heartily complimented by the Dean of Rochester and Canon Newbolt, of St. Paul's Cathedral, on the excellent peal.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

At Bratton, Westbury, Wilts, on Sunday, May 18th at St. James' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Cook 1, H. G. Smith 2, W. Chapman (conductor) 3, F. Emm 4, B. Cook 5, A. J. Smith 6. The above was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Jeayes, of Stoke-by-Nayland, Colchester, father and mother of the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Jeayes, M.A.), who expressed his thanks to the ringers.

POOLSTOCK, LANCs.—On Saturday, May 3rd, an attempt for Parker's peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was made at the Church of St. James, Poolstock, near Wigan, and was lost in the 19th course, after 2½ hours' good ringing, owing to a change course: P. W. Cave 1, T. Hammond 2, J. Wilkinson 3, C. S. Benwell 4, T. W. Gilmour 5, G. R. Newton (conductor) 6, J. Martin 7, E. Counce 8.

PRIVETT, HANTS.—On Saturday, May 3rd, at the Church of Holy Trinity, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: F. E. Dawe (conductor) 1, G. Pullinger 2, G. Williams 3, F. W. Rogers 4, T. R. Taylor 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. P. Duffield 7, J. E. Norgate 8. First quarter-peal by the ringer of the tenor, who belongs to the local band, and was elected a member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

CARDIFF.—On May 1st, at St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Evans 1, F. J. Bailey 2, G. Large 3, J. W. Jones 4, J. Davies 5, W. Biss 6, A. Parnell 7, S. Dawe 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. Barker 10. Rung half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to the wife of Mr. John Clutterbuck, who was interred on the previous day.

NOTICES.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE.—In connection with the summer meeting of the Royal Cumberlands on June 21st, the Wycombe Society extend a cordial invitation to all ringers to be present at service and tea (provided free to those who notify before June 19th)—George Twitchem, 17, Totteridge Road, High Wycombe.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Headington on Saturday, June 21st. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Service after meeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—A. F. Barrett, 64, Norreys Road, Oxford.

LAVENHAM.—The bells will be at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, June 21st, from 3 p.m. till 8.30 p.m. Entrance west door with cycles. It is hoped new friends will be present.—A. Symonds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, June 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dist. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

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LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 14th. Ringing from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. All welcome.—Hilda F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Whitechurch on Saturday, June 14th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.45.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dis. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Walton on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 3. Service 5.30. Tea and meeting 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The summer meeting will be held at Knebworth on June 14th. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. Short service 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Over on Saturday, June 14th. Bells (6) available afternoon and evening. Service at 5. Tea immediately afterwards. Will those who require tea please notify me?—A. E. Austin, 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Ardleigh on Saturday, June 14th, by kind invitation of W. R. Neuth, Esq. Tea at 5 p.m. Short service at 4.30 in Parish Church.—R. W. Stannard, 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Leonard, Middleton, on Saturday, June 14th. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The usual monthly meeting will not be held in June. Hoylandswaine have secured a challenge cup to be competed for annually. The first contest is to take place at Hoylandswaine on Saturday, June 14th. Draw 2 p.m. All ringers invited. Tea will be provided for those applying for tickets to Mr. Moxon, Jackson Terrace, Hoylandswaine, near Penistone. A useful service of motors runs through the village.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

ALL SOULS' CHURCH, HALIFAX.—A ringers' re-opening of the bells, after being rehung by Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, June 14th, at which all ringing friends will be welcome. The bells will be at liberty from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting, Staveley, June 14th. Belfry open 2 o'clock. The committee meet in the Institute (adjoining the Rectory Barn) at 4.15. There will be a service in Church at 4.30, address by Rev. Canon Molineux. Tea in the Rectory Barn (1s. each) at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. The Rector has kindly placed the Rectory lawn at the disposal of members for bowling.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.—*Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—The Bishop of Leicester will dedicate the new peals of six bells at Thurlaston on Thursday evening, June 19th, at 7 p.m. On Saturday, June 21st, there will be a meeting of the Hinckley district at Thurlaston. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea kindly let Mr. A. Walton, Thurlaston, know not later than the 19th? Bells are by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, tenor about 14 cwt.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells at liberty 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rockwell Green on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Schoolroom afterwards. Wellington Parish Church (8) available after tea. Those requiring tea please send word by Tuesday, June 17th.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bromfield on June 21st. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Kindly advise number coming by the 18th instant.—P. Lane, District Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow, Salop.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Annual meeting at Scarborough on Saturday, June 21st. Bells of the Parish Church (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at Chapman's Hotel, Castle Road, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. each, for all who notify Mr. J. R. Barton, 71, Caledonia Street, Scarborough, not later than Wednesday, June 18th. Business meeting immediately after tea. The secretary extends a hearty invitation to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. H. F. Ashley, builder, etc., Bulkington, not later than Thursday, June 19th?—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — Quarterly meeting of the N.E. branch at Bampton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 1s., 5.15 p.m. Those requiring tea must notify me by Tuesday, June 17th.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Hon. Sec., Withleigh Vicarage, Tiverton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Bitton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by June 16th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting will be held at Gamston on Saturday, June 21st, three miles from Retford, 3½ miles from Tuxford, on the Great North Road. Bells (6) recently rehung in new frame, retuned, and new treble added as a war memorial, available from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Bus, 'Silver Queen,' starts from East Retford Parish Church 12 noon and 3 p.m. Return via Tuxford 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. to make train connections. Garden fete held on the Gamston House grounds and tea served by the kind permission of Herbert Smith, Esq.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The summer meeting will be held at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, on June 21st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service by the Rector 5.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock to all who notify me of attending not later than June 19th. Meeting 7 p.m. Trains from Paddington 1.25, 2.23 and 3.40.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Annual branch meeting and social, August 23rd, at Blackburn Parish Church. Other branches please notice. Particulars later.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Arley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than June 17th at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) open from 2 to 9. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5, at a charge of 1s. per head, to those who notify Mr. F. Mortimer, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, by June 18th. Will intending visitors please note? Motor bus leaves Firth Park tram terminus every 20 minutes for Ecclesfield.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, June 21st, 5.45 till 8 p.m.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — The 301st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences 9 a.m., and all visitors are heartily welcomed. A luncheon will be held at one o'clock, and those wishing to attend kindly notify the honorary secretary.—R. A. Strong, Saffron Walden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea for those who let me know by the 23rd. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Those who require same please advise W. J. Kemp, 46, Narford Road, E.5, by Thursday, June 26th, first post. Business meeting and further ringing to follow. The bells at St. John's, Hackney, will be open for ringing from 8 to 9.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Grantham (10 bells) on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Special object, unveiling of peal board at 4.30. Meat tea at Globe Café 2s. each. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, not later than June 26th? Train leaves Nottingham at 2.18. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

BIRTH.

RICHARDSON.—At Surfleet, on June 7th, to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, a daughter.

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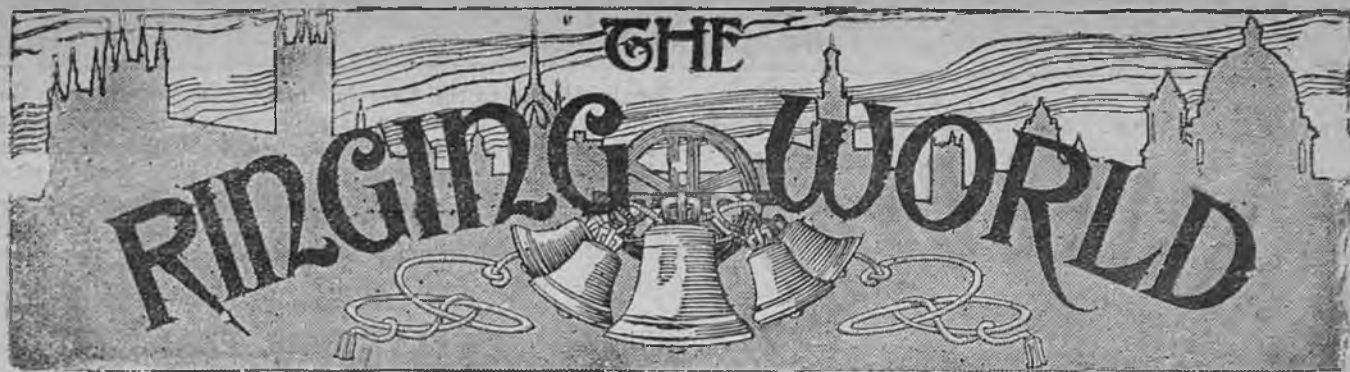
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The surmise that the Central Council, when they met in London on Whitsun Tuesday, would have a full day's business before them, proved correct, for the deliberations lasted until nearly half-past five in the afternoon, and, what is more, none of the time was frittered away, as it has been frequently in years past, in discussing trivialities. As a matter of fact, the meeting proved one of the most interesting that has been held for a long time. We must postpone until subsequent issues comment upon many of the topics that came under debate, and confine ourselves at this moment to one or two items of a general nature.

The meeting was extremely well attended, and a perusal of the names of the societies represented will show that, with one or two exceptions, every association of importance sent its delegates. The most conspicuous absence was the Sussex County Association, which, for some years, has declined to appoint representatives. It is regrettable that this association, which has in the past figured so prominently in ringing matters, should persistently refuse to join in with the other associations in the country in this matter. This year a lot of 'new blood' has been infused into the Council, and it can be said, without any reflection upon the composition of the Council in the past, that it has probably never been more representative of all phases of the Exercise than it is today. Practical ringers of established repute are included by the dozen, many of the best brains in the realm of composition and the theory of the science are included; the technical side is represented by the best engineering skill which is available to ringers; architectural, building, antiquarian and legal knowledge is to be found among the members; and, not least important, there are, in addition, large numbers who have had long experience in the management of associations. In comparison with the composition of some Councils in years gone by, this Council is, we venture to say, a body far more representative of the interests of ringing and ringers, and if any association holds aloof merely on the score of what has happened in the past it is doing itself and the Exercise a disservice.

One very pleasing feature of last week's meeting was the presentation to the Rev. Charles D. P. Davies, who, for nearly twenty years, with so much painstaking labour, devotion and ability, filled the offices of hon. secretary and treasurer. It was three years ago that Mr. Davies resigned, but the meeting this year, occurring again in London, was considered the most fitting at which to make this special acknowledgment of his services. Apart from his connection with the Council, Mr. Davies has rendered

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ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 4	CECIL V. EBBERTSON 9
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 5	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

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BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 8
FRED. W. HILL 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM PYE. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First peal of Royal on the bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN-THE-MARTYR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
*MISS ANNIE BROWN 2	FREDERICK W. WADE 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	*FREDERICK E. TYLER 8
*EDWIN J. BROWN 4	HENRY T. HOWELL 9
WILLIAM STOWELL 5	*ISAAC LONG Tenor

Composed by FRED G. MAY. Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal of Kent Royal, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. T. Howell.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE GATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

FRANK COLE... .. Treble	WALTER TRUMAN 6
HERBERT BISHOP 2	CHARLES GARDINER 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 3	LESLIE BARRY 8
GEORGE ORCHARD 4	JOHN BALLINGER... .. 9
ALBERT WRIGHT... .. 5	CHARLES BARNFIELD Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

CREWE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
GEORGE R. JONES 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	SAM JONES, JUN. 8
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING 9
HARRY OVERTON 5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Oxford Royal on the bells, and by all the hand except the conductor, also in the county and by the Guild with a resident band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

**NEWCHURCH, WARRINGTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK REYNOLDS Treble	JOHN YATES... .. 5
WILLIAM GOULD 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
GEORGE POWNALL 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 7
WILLIAM HAMPSON 4	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW Tenor

Composed by T. DAY. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung as an anniversary peal for the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major, the same composition being rung.

GRIMSBY, Lincs.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON Treble	FRED. W. HILL 5
E. HARRY STONELEY... .. 2	JAMES F. CLARKE 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4	HARRY BROUGHTON Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

First Surprise peal in Grimsby.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Sunday, June 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

GEORGE A. FLEMING Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5
ALBERT A. FLEMING 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	WALTER RUFFLES 7
GEORGE W. ABLITT 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Orford S. Wightman, brother of the ringer of the 3rd.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 'CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

PERCY HARRISON... .. Treble	JAMES F. CLARKE 5
HARRY BROUGHTON 2	E. HARRY STONELEY 6
FRED. W. HILL 3	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

CROYDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt. 21 lb. in E flat.

JAMES E. COOPER Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
THOMAS G. BANNISTER 2	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 6
C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

MAURICE T. SYMONDS Treble	FREDK. F. MORTLOCK... .. 5
FREDK. A. POULSON 2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 6
FRANK A. TURNER 3	WILLM. R. J. POULSON 7
LAURENCE POULSON 4	ARTHUR SYMONDS Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method by all excepting the 3rd and tenor ringers, and first peal in the method in West Suffolk by a local band.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

E. MORRIS' TRANSPOSITION OF MATTHEW'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb.

ARTHUR LEWIS Treble	WILLIAM PHILLIPS 5
WILLIAM PIKE 2	SAMUEL JONES 6
ARTHUR MARTIN 3	FRANK BOUCHER 7
PERCY JONES... .. 4	ERNEST ROWE Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL JONES.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	CHARLES W. WHEELER 5
JOHN W. CHANDLER... .. 2	JOSEPH A. FENTON 6
LESLIE BRAMALL 3	WALTER MALINS... .. 7
* ERNEST W. TIPLER 4	WILLIAM TAYLER Tenor

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

* First peal in the method.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.
This method is now rung for the first time.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

WILLIAM C. ROMSEY Treble	WALTER RUFFLES 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	FREDK. J. ROOPE 6
WILLIAM J. GROOM 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PISTOW. Conducted by W. C. ROMSEY.
First peal of New Cambridge by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 8th. Geo. H. Cross's 250th peal. Messrs. Whiting, Roope and Cross were elected members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

MIDDLEWICH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 20 lb in E.

*GEORGE VERNON Treble	†ERNEST BOSTOCK 5
*HARRY PARKER 2	LEONARD BOSTOCK 6
†HUGH YARWOOD 3	ALBERT BOOTH 7
†THOMAS WILKINSON 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by E. JENKINS.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Major inside.

BLEWBURY, BERKSHIRE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*THOMAS IMPEY Treble	RICHARD G. RICE 5
†ROBERT R. LEWIS 2	WILLIAM HUTTON 6
G. FREDERICK JAMES 3	†FREDERICK W. WOODWARD 7
MAURICE SMITH 4	CHARLES SPICER Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal on a bob bell.
‡ First peal on eight bells 'inside.' The conductor has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. This is the fastest peal ever rung on these bells.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F sharp.

ROBERT J. DAWES Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
RICHARD HAYES 2	*GEORGE TOMSETT 6
MAURICE SMITHER 3	HARRY PARKES 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and rung to celebrate the birth of a son to Major and Mrs. Bernard Thomas.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt. in E. 00

*WILLIAMS S. HIGGINSON ... Treble	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal on eight, and made a life ringing member. Rung with bells half-muffled for Mrs. Jennings, a devout worker in connection with this church.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

*ARTHUR KING Treble	HAROLD J. HAZELL 5
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY 2	†FRANK WARRINGTON 6
*FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY ... 4	ERNEST J. KING Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.
* First peal on eight bells, and first attempt. † First peal of Bob Major.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*FRANK WOOSNAM Treble	†THOMAS ASHLEY 5
DAVID HUGHES 2	WILLIAM WOOSNAM 6
†JOHN HUGHES 3	†HENRY WILLIAMS 7
HERBERT LUDKIN 4	*FRANK WINSTANLEY Tenor

Conducted by W. WOOSNAM.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss A. Milner and Mr. Richards. Also as a compliment to the bride's father, Mr. Milner, the popular president of the branch. * First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ARTHUR BIGLEY Treble	WALTER PERKINS 5
LEONARD WYMAN 2	JOHN R. MAIN 6
*NORMAN THOMAS 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
*ARTHUR BELLAMY 4	GEORGE BASFORD Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. C. Newman, who is a ringer and sexton at the above church.

ASHTAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5036 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR DEAN Treble	†ALFRED H. WINCH 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 6
JOHN T. SCOTT 3	ALBERT HARMAN 7
*GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major in the method away from the treble. Messrs. Hutton and Scott were proposed members of the association previous to the start of the peal.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Treble	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 2	*ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 6
EDWARD H. JOHNSON ... 3	WILLIAM T. COX ... 7
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

* First peal of Bristol, and first in the method on the bells. It was the 200th peal by the Ringing Master (A. Roberts).

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

H. JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 18 cwt.

BARNARD PETTITT ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
*HORACE COOPER ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... 6
JAMES FLETTY ... 3	FRANK CLAYDON ... 7
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

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

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

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*THOS. E. LEE ... Treble	FRANCIS WARD ... 5
†COLIN HARRISON ... 2	ROBERT HARRISON ... 6
WILLIAM BIGGIN ... 3	G. FREDERICK ALLEN ... 7
JAMES EVINSON ... 4	GEORGE H. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

Rung to commemorate a recent presentation, consisting of an ornamental timepiece, with a pair of vases, silver watch and an illuminated address, to Mr. William Biggin, in recognition of his 25 years' services as ringer and church worker at Norton. The peal was also rung on Mr. Biggin's 60th birthday. * First peal away from the tenor. † First peal of Grandsire as conductor.

FIVE AND SIX BELL PEALS.

UPPINGTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOSEPH STANIER ... Treble	JOHN H. HAYWARD ... 4
*ARTHUR PRITCHARD ... 2	WILLIAM A. FLETCHER ... 5
ERNEST FOX ... 3	*JOHN PAINTER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. A. FLETCHER.

* First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. G. H. Goodwin for the use of the bells.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Tenor 12½ cwt.

*EDMUND WEBB ... Treble	ARTHUR J. PAGE ... 4
JOHN W. B. GIDDENS ... 2	GEORGE D. BRIDGE ... 5
CHARLES R. HALL ... 3	CHARLES E. PATTEN ... Tenor

Conducted by C. E. PATTEN.

* First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor.

ILMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Whit Sunday, June 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 20 different callings. Tenor 20 cwt. in E.

CHARLES SABIN ... Treble	WALTER LARGE ... 4
HORACE TERRY ... 2	GEORGE HANDS ... 5
FRANCIS BOSWELL ... 3	LEONARD BRYAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

First peal by the local band, and rung to celebrate the 64th birthday of Mr. W. I. Tye.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Whit Sunday, June 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten 120's of Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Plain Bob, and 22 of Grandsire, ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

*STANLEY LEWIS ... Treble	*GEORGE W. RUSHTON ... 4
FREDERICK G. GRIFFITHS ... 2	ALFRED E. RUSHTON ... 5
JOSEPH W. RUSHTON ... 3	ROLAND BILLINGS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. E. RUSHTON.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

WHICHFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 21 different callings. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

ARTHUR LARGE ... Treble	ERNEST WITHERS ... 4
HORACE TERRY ... 2	GEORGE HANDS ... 5
WALTER LARGE ... 3	LEONARD BRYAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER LARGE.

LITTLEDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*HERBERT EMBLING ... Treble	WALTER GLEED ... 4
†FELIX CARTER ... 2	THOMAS HART ... 5
JOHN GIBSON ... 3	*FREDERICK EVANS ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS HART.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

HARBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 120's of Plain Bob, four different callings, and thirty 120's of Grandsire, ten different callings.

*J. REGINALD BARTRAM ... Treble	JOHN R. BARTRAM ... 3
*ARTHUR H. BARTRAM ... 2	ERNEST BARTRAM ... 4
R. HENRY BARTRAM ... Tenor	

Conducted by R. H. BARTRAM.

* First peal. Ringer of treble proposed member of M.C.A. before starting. First peal on tower bells, for both societies, by father and four sons.

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

On Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS K. DEACON ... Treble	†CHARLES R. BELTON ... 4
*CHARLES E. PAYNE ... 2	CHARLES H. BELTON ... 5
*GEORGE THOMPSON ... 3	FRED. COTTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

LEVERINGTON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5030 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt in F.

*HARRY SHINKINS Treble	FRED. WIGMORE 4
ARTHUR WIGMORE 2	BERT GOGLE 5
WALLACE COUSINS 3	CLAUDE COUSINS 6

Conducted by BERT GOGLE.

* First peal in three methods, and the first peal on the bells. Rung in celebration of the rededication of the tower and bells. The latter have been returned and rehung, and the back three recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, the 'go' being excellent. The ringers wish to thank the Rector and Mrs. Wilkinson for the excellent tea provided immediately after the peal.

PATTISHALL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Cross,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2,520 of Oxford Bob, and 2,520 of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN M. GRAY Treble	*ALBERT BOOTH 4
*JAMES HAYNES 2	GEORGE MANSFIELD 5
J. WILFRED SHARP 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal of Minor away from treble.

COLTISHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*H. DUFFIELD Treble	C. POOLEY 4
E. KIMM 2	W. STIBBONS 5
E. WILSON 3	W. C. MEDLER Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

EDMONTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

In the Tower of All Saints Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILBY J. HAZEL 1—2	JOHN THOMAS 5—6
WILLIAM H. BARBER 3—4	EDWARD H. KING 7—8

Conducted by J. THOMAS.

CLAPHAM, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At 63A, OLD TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 16 in B.

MRS. F. I. HAIRS 1—2	R. ALDER GOFTON 7—8
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3—4	JAMES E. GOFTON 9—10
THOMAS T. GOFTON 5—6	FRANK I. HAIRS 11—12

Composed by J. E. GROVES.

Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

Mr. W. H. Hewitt umpired the last 15 courses of the peal.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting was held on Whitson Monday, at Sevenoaks. Never before during its forty-four years' existence has the association had a general gathering there; and for that reason alone it was imagined that a record attendance might be possible. The natural beauties of the place and its surroundings might have proved an additional attraction; and the weather was tolerably fine, though a trifle more sunshine would have been appreciated. It was somewhat disappointing, therefore, to find that less than a tenth of the practising members of the county, that is, about eighty or so, put in an appearance.

The programme usual on those occasions was observed: Committee meeting at 11.15; service at noon; and luncheon at 1.15. The towers open for ringing were: Sevenoaks (8), Westerham (8), Shoreham (8), Brasted (6), Seal (6), and Seal Chart (6).

At the service the association's form was used, the prayers being read by the hon. secretary, and the lesson by the Rev. A. W. Habersohn, assistant curate. The address was given by the Rector (the Rev. W. E. Gilliat) from the text, Col. iii. 23: ' whatsoever ye do, do it heartily (from the soul), as unto the Lord.' Three hymns were sung, 'When God of old came down from Heaven,' 'Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly dove,' and the special ringers' hymn, 'Unchanging God, who livest, Enthroned in realms above.' The organ was played by the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley, M.A., Mus.Bac., Vicar of East Peckham, with his accustomed taste and skill. The collection was devoted to the Benevolent Fund.

The luncheon took place in the grounds of the Lime Tree Hotel, in a covered sort of alley, which would have sheltered the company from rain or sun, had there been any, but afforded no protection from wind. Fortunately, however, there was not more than a gentle breeze, which would have been more pleasant, if it had been a trifle warmer. Through the modesty of the Rector, the hon. secretary was called upon to preside, being supported by the Revs. W. E. Gilliat, A. W. Habersohn, G. C. E. Ryley, Mrs. Gatehouse (a life member and practical ringer), the district secretaries, Messrs. Tribe, Buesden, Groombridge, Sone, Mitchell and Latner, and other members of the committee. After the usual toasts, 'The King,' and 'Archbishop and Clergy,' with thanks to the preacher, to which the Rector responded, the hon. secretary read his report, which, with the statement of accounts, was adopted, on the proposition of Mr. F. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. F. White (Tonbridge Wells).

Mr. Stead (Tonbridge) proposed the election of officers, vice-presidents (other than ex-officio), secretary, treasurer, auditor and committee.—This was seconded by Mr. E. Hadlow (Gravesend), and carried.

The company then adjourned, some to ring, others, mainly the older contingent, to enjoy the beauty and quiet of the Rectory garden, which, by the kindness of Mr. Gilliat, was open to ringers throughout the day. There is not much connection between lawn tennis and change ringing; but while the church bells were being rung (not 'ringing,' mind you, as ordinary journalists will persist in putting it), it was pleasant to sit and watch a tennis match between the Rector and his curate, the former an old Varsity and International football blue, whose fifty years have not yet robbed him of his youthful agility and suppleness. The writer has no record of the kind or amount of ringing that was done during the day; but it would be safe to say that touches were brought round in most of the methods generally practised at the present time.

DEATH OF MR. JOSEPH BLISS, HIGH WYCOMBE

The High Wycombe belfry has sustained the loss of a valued supporter, by the death of Mr. Joseph Bliss, who passed away on Sunday, June 8th, at the age of 70 years. The deceased had always taken an interest in the welfare of the local ringers, and any appeal made on behalf of the tower met with a sympathetic response. Two tablets in the belfry were presented by Mr. Bliss, including one recording a peal of Stedman Cinques by the Royal Cumberlands. A truly typical English gentleman, his passing will cause a deal of sorrow to many other branches of Christian work.

On the day of the funeral the heavy eight bells of the Parish Church were rung half-muffled, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman being rung in 50 mins.: Fred Hayes (conductor) 1, George Hinton 2, Ralph Coles 3, Sidney T. Goodchild 4, George White 5, P.S. Cecil E. Smith 6, Edward R. Coles 7, William H. Plumridge 8.

PASSING OF AN OLD RINGER.

At the Parish Church, Bishop's Stortford, Herts. on Thursday, June 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung, with the bells half-muffled: H. M. White 1, F. Bird 2, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 3, H. Dew 4, H. Champness 5, W. W. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, C. Ridgewell 8. This was rung as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. William Rickett, aged 76, who was a ringer at the above church for over 50 years.

BAGSHOT, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Anne's, on Empire Day. Also for the jubilee of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught's Dukedom, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: W. Welling 1, W. Henley 2, E. Haynes 3, R. Hawkins 4, G. Bull 5, M. Norman 6, F. Nye (conductor) 7, H. Hunt 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual festival was held at Hereford on Whit Monday, June 9th. At 12.15, a service was held in the Cathedral, when about 100 ringers were present. The Rev. S. Cornish Watkins preached an excellent sermon from Ps. xix. 3. Dinner was served at the Booth Hall, where 76 sat down, 25 towers being represented. Some excellent speeches were made.

The following facts were mentioned in the annual report: Ringing members had increased from 605 to 690; towers from 76-84; 146 probationers had been enrolled during 1923. The hon. members had increased from 79 to 114, and their subscriptions from £25 to £36. Fifty-two peals had been rung. The balances of the districts stood at £48, and the Central Fund at £70.

At the business meeting, held after the dinner, the Master (Mr. J. G. Buchanan) resigned the office, which he had held since 1891, and Mr. C. Edwards was unanimously appointed in his place.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. J. G. Buchanan were elected vice-presidents; Mr. J. Beavan (Bridstow), Rev. F. W. Worsley, Rev. Prebendary C. E. Warner, Mr. S. T. Rackham (Abergavenny) were added to the committee. The Rev. G. W. Turner was re-elected hon. secretary.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Cheltenham and District branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Alderton on May 31st. About fifty ringers were present, representing a dozen towers. After service the delegates were entertained to tea in the Village Hall by the Rector (the Rev. A. D. Pennington). Being chairman of the branch for this year, the Rector took the chair at the business meeting which followed, and was supported by the secretary (Mr. W. Yeend).

An appeal from the Winchcombe tower for an instructor was answered by Mr. Harrison, of Toddington, kindly consenting to undertake the duty, the Rector remarking that he had no doubt Mr. Harrison would be as successful as he had been with the Toddington band.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and kind reception concluded the business. A heavy thunderstorm prevented a move to the tower except in the case of a few daring spirits, but a piano and some lady helpers present, suggested dancing to beguile the time. No doubt the energetic secretary was stiff for days.

BARNSELY DISTRICT CONTEST.**WATH WINS THE NEW CUP.**

On Saturday, June 14th, a large number of ringers and friends visited the village of Hoylandswaine, the chief attraction being a challenge cup contest inaugurated by the local company for competition by the Barnsley and District Association. Seven bands entered, viz., Ecclesfield, Wortley, Rawmarsh, Wath, Cawthorne, Sandal and Horbury. The test was 720 Minor, in any method or variation. Three bands failed to go through. The remaining four were judged and placed by Mr. Lambert, Bolsover, the faults being as follow: Wath, 256; Ecclesfield, 268; Sandal, 290; Rawmarsh, 414. During an interval tea was served in the Day School, the number present being much greater than expected, but all were welcomed with a smile by the ringers' wives, who had been responsible for all cooking and other preparations.

The Vicar (the Rev. J. Hewitson) kindly took the chair at the close of the contest. Wath were declared the winners, and received from the chairman the cup to hold for one year. Each member of the band received a silver medal, with gold centre, their names being: Treble, W. Bramham; 2, H. Chamberlin; 3, A. Gill; 4, A. Nash (conductor); 5, R. J. Ricketts; tenor, A. Panther.—The conductor thanked the chairman, and, with pardonable pride, said that Wath's effort to retain the cup for another year would be great and strong.—Mr. L. Wilkinson, of the local company, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and the many generous subscribers who had made the contest possible.

The President of the Association (Mr. R. Thickett) proposed a vote of thanks to the local company, and all who had joined in paying such a compliment to the society. He trusted great good would result from such high-souled action.—The Vicar briefly replied, and expressed the hope that everyone had enjoyed themselves.

OFF TO CANADA.

At Selby Abbey, on a recent Sunday, being the last Sunday prior to two members of the band emigrating to Canada, namely, Arthur Cryer and Charles Woodard, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by C. Woodard 1, R. Fenton 2, W. A. Hall 3, H. S. Morley 4, A. Cryer 5, E. Storr 6, F. Cryer 7, G. Fenton 8, H. Fairlam (conductor) 9, T. Morgan 10. First quarter of Caters for ringers of 1st and 2nd. 'Good luck and godspeed' is the wish of the Selby Abbey ringers to Messrs. Woodward and Cryer, who were presented with a cigarette case and tobacco pouch, respectively.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A peal in another new Surprise method, of which Mr. Gabriel Lindoff is the author, has been rung by the Leiston band. It is on the extending lead principle, and has been named 'Rochester.' The figures will be published in due course, but we have a hazy notion that a method known as Rochester Surprise was rung many years ago. If that is so, perhaps some of our readers will be able to give us the information. But we may be mistaken.

A peal tablet at St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, records a peal of 'Catharans Tripples' rung there on June 20th, 1756. This is believed to be Garthorn's peal of Grandsire Triples, the first Grandsire composition that was rung. It was called at Lincoln by John Foster, who some years before had called the same composition at Coddensham, Suffolk, where, apparently, he was a member of Theodore Ecclestone's band.

The second anniversary of the only peal rung on fourteen bells—Stedman Sextuples on handbells at Birmingham—occurs on Tuesday next.

The Midland Counties Association rang their first peal on June 23rd, 1882.

A man, named George Bones, committed suicide last week by jumping from the tower of Wormingford Church, near Colchester.

On Whit Sunday, Mr. Charles Gordon, of Beddington, Surrey, who has been ill for the last five years with asthma and heart trouble, succeeded in ringing a touch of Grandsire Triples on the 4th. Mr. Gordon, who is 73 years of age, took part in the first ringing on the bells, which was on Whit Monday, 55 years ago, and is the sole survivor of that band.

Will Mr. Lewis W. Wiffen, of Braintree, Essex, send his address to Mr. A. C. Wright, Strathallan, Darley Dale, Derbyshire?

Will the gentleman, who was handed the wrong umbrella, from the cloakroom of the Bedford Head, on the night of the Central Council meeting, kindly send same to Mr. T. Faulkner, 94, St. Awdrys Road, Barking, Essex? He will receive his own per return in exchange.

The many friends of Mr. John Prickett, late of Chesham, will be pleased to hear that he has been appointed head ringer of St. Mary's, Durban, South Africa, where he and his son Ewart have done good work since their arrival. The loss to St. Mary's, Chesham, has truly been the gain of St. Mary's, Durban.

Pressure on our space necessitates holding over the reports of several meetings and a number of peals.

METHOD NOMENCLATURE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—We read with interest your report of the Council held on Tuesday, and note that there were nearly 90 members present; further, we read that the numbers voting one way or another on the matter of method nomenclature were 63 and 67 on the two resolutions respectively. Presumably the remainder present had gone to sleep, or had attended the Council to have an excuse for Wembley; the real reason, of course, being that they were not interested in whether the names were revised or not.

We all know the apathy that is prevalent at all meetings where voting is necessary, and we deplore the fact that it is possible for a minority to foist their opinions upon the majority because of this; we realise this may be looked at from the opposition's point of view in this particular instance, and we quite agree that the narrow margin of gain must be particularly galling, when nearly one-third of the representatives fail to vote either for or against.

We look for those 'sheep' in general meetings, but should have thought that the 'cream' of the associations sent to the Council would have produced representatives capable of holding opinions upon all matters. However, thirty of the 'brains' of the associations evidently thought it not worth the while of the energy required, to cast a vote for or against the upsetting of last year's work in this matter.

We note Mr. Trollope's remarks, and quite agree that the ringers have no right to claim a name for a method—surely the man who 'discovers' a thing has a right to do as he pleases, but while we are touching upon the subject from this angle, we fear that the committee just appointed will have a fairly rough time in the future, if they are going to lay down some rule for the naming of Minor and Major methods. The experts appear to be unable to agree as to what is a correct extension of a method.

Would it not be possible for the Council to try to arrange a meeting of the authorities upon method construction, where they might sit round a table and work out a suitable scheme, whereby can be determined what is a proper extension—thus to work for the betterment of ringing generally.

We must remember that A is not of necessity wrong, because B, C and D do not agree with him!—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE DAWSON.

S. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone.

P.S.—May we acknowledge all the suggestions and help that have been accorded us, in our endeavour to revise the Minor names?

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRESENTATION TO THE REV. C. D. P. DAVIES.

The historic Jerusalem Chamber at Westminster Abbey, placed at the disposal of the Central Council by the Dean of Westminster, was the meeting-place of the Council on Whitsun Tuesday, when the various associations were represented as follows:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, A. A. Hughes, T. Faulkner and H. R. Newton.
Bath and Wells Diocesan: Rev. C. C. Parker, Mr. J. Hunt.
Bedfordshire: Canon W. W. G. Baker, Mr. A. E. Sharman.
Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston, Messrs. H. Fairclough, E. W. Elwell.

Devonshire: Rev. Maitland Kelly.
Dudley and District: S. J. Hughes.
Durham and Newcastle Diocesan: Messrs. W. Story, W. H. Barber, T. T. Gofton.
Ely Diocesan: T. R. Dennis.
Essex County: C. H. Howard, W. J. Nevard, G. R. Pye and E. J. Butler.

Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan: W. A. Cave and E. Bishop.
Hertford County: Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake.
Kent County: Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Messrs. T. Groombridge, senr., E. Barnett, senr., and J. H. Cheesman.
Ladies' Guild: Miss E. K. Parker.
Lancashire: Canon H. J. Elsee, Messrs. H. Chapman, J. R. Taylor and W. E. Wilson.

Lincoln Diocesan: Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. T. Parry, Mr. R. Richardson.

Llandaff and Monmouth: Messrs. J. W. Jones and W. Bolton.
London County: Messrs. T. H. Taffender, A. D. Barker.
Middlesex County: Messrs. F. A. Milne, C. T. Coles, W. H. Hollier and R. Holloway.

Midland Counties: Messrs. Pryce Taylor, A. Coppock.
Norfolk Guild: Messrs. A. L. Coleman, G. P. Burton.
Oxford Diocesan: Canon G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. F. Hopgood and J. Evans.
Peterborough Diocesan: Messrs. F. Wilford, R. Narborough and L. S. Clark.

Royal Cumberland Youths: Messrs. J. Parker and F. Smith.
St. Martin's, Birmingham: Mr. A. Paddon Smith.
Salisbury Diocesan: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rev. C. Carew Cox.
Messrs. T. Hervey Beams and S. J. Heelor.
Stafford Archdeaconry: Mr. H. Knight.
Suffolk: Rev. H. Drake.

Surrey: Messrs. C. F. Johnston and C. Dean.
Warwickshire: Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts.
Winchester Diocesan: Rev. C. E. Matthews, Messrs. A. H. Pulling and H. Barton.

Worcester and Districts: Messrs. T. J. Saller and R. Matthews.
Yorkshire: Messrs. P. J. Johnson and J. Cotterell.
Honorary members: Revs. C. D. P. Davies, E. W. Carpenter, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. W. Parker, J. George, J. A. Trollope, J. H. B. Hesce, J. Carter and E. A. Young.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

The proceedings having been opened with prayer, Mr. E. A. Young temporarily took the chair for the election of president, and stated that only one nomination had been received, namely, that of Canon Coleridge. He was proposed by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, and seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, and he (the speaker), therefore, had to declare Canon Coleridge elected for the ensuing three years (applause).

Canon Coleridge, on taking the chair, reminded the Council that the work of the Council was a young man's game. In three years' time he would be in his 70th year, and they would have to elect someone else. He had tried to do what he could as president, and he felt it the greatest honour of his ringing career to occupy that position. He would do what he could during the next three years. Meanwhile he had to thank the Council for the confidence reposed in him, and he would do his utmost in order that that confidence should not be misplaced (applause).

The President said the only nomination for hon. secretary and treasurer was Mr. E. A. Young, and he, therefore, declared him elected. Mr. Young acknowledging the election.

On the motion of Canon Baker, seconded by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was re-elected hon. librarian, and he and Mr. Young were thanked for their services.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. R. B. Chambers, E. H. Lewis, G. Chester, C. Edwards, H. W. Wilde, C. E. Borrett, G. Boland, D. J. Nichols and G. Williams, and Mrs. N. Edwards.

LATE SECRETARY'S SERVICES, ACKNOWLEDGED.

The President said the next business was a very pleasant one, and one which did not often occur in the Council. It was to ask their late secretary, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who had served them so

faithfully for something like nineteen years, to accept at their hands a slight token of their appreciation for all that he did as their treasurer and secretary from 1902 to 1921. The gift took the form of a cup, which was inscribed:

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'CENTRAL COUNCIL OF CHURCH BELL RINGERS.

'Presented to the Rev. Charles Douglas Percy Davies, M.A., in grateful recognition of his valuable services as secretary and treasurer during the long period of nearly 20 years.'

The President then asked Mr. Davies to accept the gift with their most grateful and hearty thanks and appreciation for the most meritorious services he rendered to the Council, not only as secretary, but in many other capacities. He was always ready to do what he could for them, and he would still do so in the future, although he was no longer secretary. In the name of the Council he asked Mr. Davies to receive the cup as a token of their deep appreciation of all he had done for them, and of their esteem for his character (applause).

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies said he did not know how to thank the Council enough for that very touching token of their regard. It was a most beautiful cup, and all he could say was that the little he was able to do for the Council was done with the utmost pleasure and readiness, and if he was able during that period to contribute to the stability of the Council, to its standing in the Exercise, and to its usefulness, he was amply rewarded without any present. Their recognition of his services touched him extremely. The form which the present had taken was one which he could not possibly have wished otherwise. A cup like that was a possession for ever; not only would it be a great joy to him to see during the remainder of his life, but it was a thing which would go down to his children and their children's children. It would be a standing memorial of the Council's feeling and their kindness towards him. He thanked them from the bottom of his heart, and the cup would remind him for the rest of his life of the Council's appreciation of the very little he was able to do (applause).

The accounts having been audited by the Standing Committee, were presented by the treasurer. The year began with a balance in hand of £76 18s. 7d. Affiliation fees (including 15s. arrears) amounted to £13, and £4 9s. 4d. was received from interest on stock. The expenditure, which included £2 5s. 8d. loss on the sale of publications and £20 for the ringers' Roll of Honour, amounted to £31 10s. 10d., leaving a balance of £62 17s. 1d.—The accounts were adopted, on the motion of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

The Hon. Librarian read the following report for 1923-24: The number of publications sold during the year ending April 30th, 1924, is 285, as against 315 in the previous twelve months. It should be said that of this number 37 were copies of the report of the conference with S.P.A.B. It has cost the Council £2 5s. 8d. to sell these books. The sum of 9s. has come in from the 'on sale or return' source, as against £1 8s. 7d. a year ago, but a sum of 11s. 9d. came to hand after my accounts were made up, while one of the four agents for sales has not yet sent a return. The publications 'Rules for a local company' and 'On the Preservation of Bells' are out of print, and there is, perhaps, a little more than one year's supply of 'Legitimate (Regular) Minor Methods.' It is surely a matter of wonder and regret that there is not more demand for the 'Glossary,' especially as a book to give to one outside the Exercise who is asking for some general enlightenment on our art. Last August I was approached by Mr. Flitton, of the Suffolk Guild, with an offer to insert an advertisement in their annual report free of charge. This I accepted with thanks. This was followed up last February with an invitation to advertise in the 1924 report at the reduced charge of 5s. for a half-page. I replied that I would bring the matter before the Council, and accordingly I now do so.

Corrigenda of Collections of Peals.—I was instructed at the last Council meeting to proceed with this work, and to publish results when they could be obtained. These, so far as they concern Collection No. 2, have appeared in the 'Ringing World,' and slips of the same have been printed off: while those concerning Collection No. 1, are now in the hands of the Editor. In this Collection it was not thought worth while to prove the peals of Triples, but only those of Caters and Cinques. With regard to Collection No. 3, I am informed by the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson that this presents peculiar difficulties, and, therefore, the results are delayed. Besides Mr. Richardson, the following have assisted or are assisting in the work of proving and correcting, Revs. H. L. James, E. S. Powell, and Messrs. J. A. Trollope and H. W. Wilde.

Roll of Honour.—This is now completed, and is here for your inspection. Within certain limits you left me a free hand as to carrying it out, and I trust I have not abused this freedom. The Council may remember that it had a very generous offer from Mr. T. Wilson, of Blackburn, to write the names free of charge, if we

would find someone to do the work of ornamenting and binding. Shortly after our last meeting, I received a request from Mr. Cousins, an engrosser, of Cambridge, through a member of the Council, to be allowed to tender for carrying out the whole work. Finding that his total estimate was only a little in excess of the sum voted by the Council, and that his specimen work was extremely good, I consulted with the President, and we agreed that we could not do better than entrust Mr. Cousins with the whole work. It must be acknowledged that he has given us a most worthy memorial of our loved and honoured dead. When the Council voted the sum of £20 towards recording these names, it was suggested that a few pounds more could if necessary be provided by private subscription. I am presenting no account for such things as postal or advertising charges, for although the task of compiling this roll has been a hard one, I have felt it an honour to do it. The total cost is £23 14s., and I have this confidence in my brother members that before the Council separates there will be no debt upon the Roll of Honour.

The Librarian added that the Roll contained the names of 1,071 ringers.

A BEAUTIFUL RECORD.

The President remarked that it was due from him to say how deeply the Council was indebted to the Librarian for his work in connection with the Roll. He had spent not merely hours and hours, but weeks and weeks, in trying to get everything as accurate as possible. The work had been almost superhuman, and they had before them that day the most beautiful album. He would like to add that it was taken to an art expert at South Kensington, who said it was the most beautiful example of modern writing and illumination and ornamentation which had ever come into the museum.

With regard to the disposal of the volume, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said he had a 'brain wave' with regard to it, for it occurred to him that a most suitable place to keep it would be in the library at St. Paul's Cathedral. He, therefore, wrote to the Dean on the subject, and the Dean had consented. He (the Librarian, therefore, moved that the Memorial Book be placed in the library at St. Paul's Cathedral, on the understanding that it be open to the inspection of those who visited the Cathedral and wished to examine it, until such time as the Council determined.—Canon Baker seconded.

Some discussion ensued as to the exact terms on which the volume should be placed in the library, and eventually it was unanimously agreed that it should be deposited on permanent loan, and should be produced on all such occasions as it might be demanded by the Council through the hon. librarian.

It may here be added that the volume, bound in royal blue leather, was open to the inspection of members, whose admiration of the work of Mr. Cousins was unbounded. The title page of the Roll is a copy of the King's Scroll:—

They whom this work commemorates were numbered amongst 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. The whole book is a positive work of art, but this page is a really glorious specimen of the illuminator's craft.

With regard to the distribution of the Corrigenda of the Council's Peal Collection, the Librarian suggested that the slips, when completed, should be sent to applicants who forwarded a penny stamp (a halfpenny for postage and a halfpenny towards the cost). It would be notified in 'The Ringing World' when these slips would be ready.—This was agreed to, as was also the proposal that the Council was unable to pay for advertising its publications in association reports, Canon Elsee suggesting that associations might be willing to insert such a notice without charge.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

The following hon. members retired by rotation: Messrs. J. Carter, R. A. Daniel, Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. J. S. Pritchett, J. A. Trollope and J. H. B. Hesse.

These were re-elected with the exception of Mr. Daniel, and with the addition of Mr. Joseph Griffin, of Burton, and the hon. secretary (Mr. E. A. Young).

The Standing Committee were elected as follows: Canon Coleridge, Canon Elsee, Revs. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Law James, C. D. P. Davies, Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, J. Griffin, E. H. Lewis and E. A. Young (re-elected), and J. S. Pritchett, A. A. Hughes, Cyril F. Johnston, and Pryce Taylor (added).

A large number of new members were introduced to and welcomed by the President.

At this stage, the Dean of Westminster (Bishop Ryle) visited the meeting, and extended a hearty welcome to the members.

The President thanked the Dean for his welcome, and also for placing the Jerusalem Chamber at the disposal of the Council. The Council felt they were indeed highly honoured in being allowed to

meet in that historic chamber, where on many occasions during the centuries the light and learning of the Church of England had assembled.

The reports of committees were next received by the Council. For the Peal Collection Committee, Mr. J. A. Trollope reported that the work of the committee during the past year had been in connection with the corrigenda.—The committee was re-elected as follows: Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, Messrs. J. A. Trollope, H. W. Wilde, J. W. Parker and Miss E. K. Parker; and the Rev. E. S. Powell was added.

The Literature and Press Committee's report, which has already appeared in 'The Ringing World,' was adopted, and the committee re-elected as follows, with the addition of Mr. A. Paddon Smith: Revs. C. E. Matthews, A. T. Beeston, F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. G. P. Burton and W. Willson.

The Rev. H. Law James reported for the Methods Committee. He said the Council would remember that two years ago the committee was instructed to print a selection of the Collection of Plain Major Methods. He was sorry to say Mr. Lewis had still got the manuscript. He (Mr. James) had been writing to him vigorously, but had got no reply. Mr. Lewis was a very busy man, who seemed to be in a position not only of national, but of international importance. They did not want to hurry him, but while he could not say they would have the collection in print by the next meeting, he hoped they would do so.

The committee, consisting of the Rev. H. Law James, and Messrs. E. H. Lewis and J. A. Trollope, were re-elected.

The adoption of the report of the Peals Analysis Committee, already published, was moved by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the former remarking that in the past year he had had to leave the greater part of the work to his colleagues.

The President said the analysis was a perfect monument of zeal and erudition. What the Exercise owed to the gentlemen who undertook this vast responsibility no words of his could express, but they thanked them very much for their labours (applause).

The report was adopted, but on the proposal for the re-election of the committee, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter said he had reluctantly to retire. He had had fifteen or sixteen years of the work, and now he found that his sight was failing, and it was really necessary that he should give up. He hoped members would take the hint of the President, that they wanted young blood. They still had Mr. Beeston and Mr. Parker, who were so excellent at the work, and Mr. Williams, who was always so helpful in any reference that was sent to him. They could carry on if the Council could induce some younger member, who could be broken into the work, to give them assistance.

The President said they heard with great regret Mr. Carpenter's decision to retire, but they must allow for age.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews appealed to some of the younger members to come forward and take the place of the senior members.

Eventually the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and Messrs. J. W. Parker and G. Williams were re-elected, and Miss E. K. Parker added to the committee.

(To be continued.)

METHOD PRODUCTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It must be confessed that all scientists have to plead guilty to Mr. Baker's charge of arbitrariness. They assume (and I acknowledge it is an enormous assumption) that 2 and 2 make 4. However, most people are willing to accept the fact that it is so, and, moreover, they do not as a rule trouble themselves to worry whether this statement is an arbitrary law or not.

All mathematics depends upon belief that it is true, and once that is accepted the rest follows of necessity. Incidentally there have actually been produced (as Mr. Trollope says) by strictly logical reasoning a series of formulae by whose means all known methods and thousands of unknown ones can be turned out as mechanically as sausages are discharged from a sausage machine, and these formulae provide for the methods' extension to higher numbers by every conceivable means.

That these formulae lead to a different inference as to the relationship between London Surprise Minor and Major, from that which finds favour with Mr. Baker is unfortunate—for the formulae or for Mr. Baker.

Your readers will, of course, understand that I make no suggestion as to his theories being arbitrary. If they were so he could never fall into the weakness of reasoning, shown by the pot in its conversation with the kettle.—Yours, etc.,

E. S. POWELL.

The many friends of Mr. Sam Thomas will regret to learn that he is now dangerously ill with pneumonia, and is an inmate of Ward 86, Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield. His condition is critical, but hopes are entertained that a strong constitution will enable him to pull through safely.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GATHERING AT CHELMSFORD.

The members of the Essex Association assembled in large numbers at Chelmsford on Whit Monday for their 48th annual meeting, which proved a great success, and again justified the choice of the Cathedral town as the popular rendezvous for Essex ringers. In the morning the twelve bells of the Cathedral were rung by several bands from different parts of the county. There was a break in the ringing for the annual service, at which the association form was used, together with special hymns. The Cathedral Precentor officiated, and Mr. E. H. Howard (Braintree), Master of the Association, read the lesson.

The Bishop of Chelmsford (Dr. Guy Warman) was the preacher, and expressed his pleasure at being able to address the representative bell ringers from the Diocese. The ringing of church bells to some people might appear a matter of very small moment, but all down the history of the church in our land it had been part of the ministry of the Church of God. The ringers and himself each in their particular function were serving in the church—they were fellow servants. The Bishop said he was afraid if he had to ring bells—which he had had to do once or twice in livings he had held—he would do it very badly, and possibly if the ringers had to preach a sermon they would do it almost as badly. Each had their particular task, and he was certainly not contemptuous of the ringers. If a service was worth doing at all it was worth doing properly, and the ringers had recognised that by banding themselves together in an association to make their particular piece of service as effective as it could be. Why were church bells rung; why did the association exist, and what was the compelling motive? There were no church bells in the day of the Master, but He suffered the common experience of life, and had something to say about every piece of work. The method and pattern behind His work was the pattern for to-day. Ringers enjoyed their service, and one could only feel sorry for people who had so misconceived life that they had no enjoyment in it. Ringers took pleasure in their work, but it was quite voluntary, and they could stop ringing the church bells to-morrow if they wished. The ringers, of their own sweet wills, rang for service, and the duty of life was sweetened by the thought of love. He asked the ringers to go back to their task, feeling that a happy compulsion rested upon them to do their task as well as it could be done in the service of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. He wanted bell ringing to be put at the highest; not merely an interest, but a service, and happy service was the road to the Kingdom. The cheery music of the bells was a witness that love was service.

VILLAGE DIFFICULTIES.

The annual business meeting followed at the Vestry Hall, where the Bishop of Chelmsford presided over a crowded attendance, representative of all parts of the Diocese. The 85 members present included the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, ex-hon. secretary to the association; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal, Messrs. Thomas and G. W. Faulkner, L. W. Wiffen, W. H. Theobald, W. Lincoln, W. J. Nevard, P. Timson, F. Dench, E. J. Butler, G. R. Pye, and many other distinguished ringers.

The Master presented his report as follows: It is gratifying to record, year after year, the continued success of our association and its work. The past year has been no exception to the general rule. Although now forty-five years since its foundation—and recognising all the good work accomplished in the way of belfry improvements, the extension of the art of change ringing, the raising of the status of ringers as church workers, and increased interest of the clergy—still much remains to be done. The difficulty of maintaining regular bands in the villages increases. Our efforts in future should be especially directed to giving assistance to isolated towers by more frequent visits from those who have the advantage of belonging to flourishing bands of competent exponents of the Exercise.

Financially we are in a very healthy state. The income is £60 12s. 8d., against £58 2s. 4d. in the previous year. The expenditure shows a decrease of £12 6s. 4d., which enables us to replace in the reserve fund £10 of the £25 12s. which was taken in 1921 to meet the cost of the War Memorial, leaving a balance in hand on the general account of £29 2s. 11d. Our reserve now totals £79 1s. 5d. The membership stands at 1,037, an increase of 48 on the year—and exceeding the record in 1921 by 16. During the year, the ring of six at Arkesden has been repaired, and various minor improvements have been carried out in several towers. An order has been placed to recast and rehang, in an iron frame, the unmusical ring of eight at Great Baddow, and it is hoped the new bells will be dedicated and reopened in the autumn.

Forty-five peals have been rung during the year, namely: Cambridge Sunrise Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Treble Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; London Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge, 6; Superlative, 3; Double Norwich Major, 6;

Treble Bob, 7; Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Triples, 2; various minor methods, 9. Twenty-two acted as conductors.

The death of the Bishop of Chelmsford, Dr. Watts-Ditchfield, our president, was a great loss to the association. He took an immense interest in our work; his presence at our annual gatherings served as an inspiration, and his frequent messages thrilled us with fresh zeal. The late Bishop's influence in our association will long be felt. In ringing members we have lost Mr. Arthur Edwards, of Boreham; Mr. A. T. Morris, of Harwich; Mr. A. G. Clarke, of Broomfield, and Mr. A. B. Peak, of Maldon.

Our new president, Dr. Guy Warman, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, is already keenly interested in the association. He very readily consented to accept the office, and we confidently look forward to increased usefulness under his presidency. The district officers and auditors have maintained the work of the association at its present high level, and I tender them, in your name, our sincere thanks for their continued efforts.

On the proposition of Mr. E. J. Butler, the report and accounts were adopted.

BISHOP AND RINGERS.

The Bishop of Chelmsford said he wanted to tell the ringers how glad he was to be with them that day, and how he appreciated their ringing as he moved from place to place in the diocese. On going to a parish he heard the bells ringing, and knew the tremendous efforts the ringers made to perform that duty. He was grateful for the services of the ringers rendered everywhere. If the diocese was to become one big family it had to be realised that the Bishop, bell ringers, and others, were all part of the work. In the last 50 years the story of bell ringing was one of wonderful advance. Fifty years ago, before the Essex Association was formed, there were scandals and difficulties connected with bell ringers, and he very much doubted if a Bishop would have been welcomed to their meeting, for bell ringers and the rest of the church were not on the best of terms with one another. Now they were a happy band of brothers and sisters in these enlightened days, working together in a great cause. He wished the ringers more power to their elbows in the work they were going to do (applause).

Mr. Ellis, Harwich, proposed, and Mr. G. Pye, Romford, seconded, the re-election of Mr. C. H. Howard as Master, and spoke of the capable way he had carried out the duties.—The motion was carried unanimously, and Mr. Howard, in returning thanks, also thanked the Bishop of Chelmsford for his helpful address, and for the ready way in which he consented to become President of the Essex Association. The newly-elected Master then took the chair, and the Bishop left the meeting.

Mr. F. J. Pittsow, Saffron Walden, was re-elected hon. secretary, and all the officers were re-appointed. It was decided that the general committee should consist of all the officers, and not less than five members to be elected from the meeting. The following three, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Messrs. W. Lincoln and T. Faulkner, were elected, and two seats were left vacant.

Mr. Faulkner suggested in view of the excellent balance which the society holds, that those members who had attained 70 years of age should be relieved from paying subscriptions in future, and should be retained as free members.—This suggestion was endorsed by the Master, who stated that the matter should be brought forward at the next annual meeting. Three new members were elected—Messrs. W. H. Smith (Felsted), H. Skitchley and W. Staines (Saffron Walden).

THE DIOCESAN ADVISORY BOARD.

The Master reported that he had been elected a member of the Chelmsford Diocesan Advisory Board, which was a recognition of ringing in the diocese. All matters connected with improvements and alterations in churches, including the rehang of bells, came before this body. Since he had been a member, each time he had sat on the Board, there had been something connected with bells. On several occasions there were recommendations by gentlemen—some interested in the antiquity of bells rather than their practical use—and he had been able to get some modifications in the recommendations of the Advisory Board. At Great Baddow he was able to put forward the suggestion that the new bells should be rehung on one level, and the bells were recast instead of being re-tuned. It was impossible to get the Great Baddow bells in tune until they were recast. The Master said he wanted it recorded that a representative of the Essex Association of Change Ringers' had been elected a member of the Diocesan Advisory Board, as such Boards had been set up all over the country, and it would be useful in future to have it known that the recognition had been given to ringers in Chelmsford Diocese.

Mr. T. Faulkner asked what was the attitude of the Essex Association towards six bell ringing and the nomenclature of Minor methods. He said floral and other names were being given to the methods.—The Hon. Secretary read a resolution from St. John Baptist Association, Leytonstone, stating that steps should be taken by six bell bands to enforce a decision regarding the nomenclature of

legitimate Minor methods at the coming meeting of the Central Council.—The Master said he had no hesitation in supporting that proposal, as he felt that the names of methods should stand, and not be changed. In some cases floral names were being used, and in one case a method was renamed twice in about a year. He promised support to the Leytonstone resolution. — This concluded the meeting.

In the afternoon and evening, the following bells were rung:—Cathedral (12), Writtle (8), Widford (8), Galleywood (8), Great Waltham (8), Springfield (6), Broomfield (6), Boreham (8). There were some excellent touches of Cambridge Surprise Royal, Stedman Cinques, Treble Bob Royal, London, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major, Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples.

CANON PAPILLON'S GOOD WISHES.

The Master received a letter, which he read to the members, from the Rev. Canon Papillon, the first Master of the Association, sending his good wishes, and stating he was glad to find many old friends still going strong in the Essex Association, including the present Master, and Messrs. Nevard, P. Pitstow, W. H. Judd, T. Faulkner, G. A. Black, H. J. Tucker, etc. He wished the Essex ringers a pleasant and successful meeting, and the association continued prosperity.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Heathfield on Whit Monday, June 9th. Members were present from Brightling, Burwash, Chiddingfold, Eastbourne (St. Mary's and St. Saviour's), Hastings (Christ Church, Blacklands), Southover, Lewes, Mayfield, Pevensy, Waldron, and Westham, together with members of the local band. Ringing in the standard methods was indulged in at intervals during the afternoon and evening, and a short service was held, at which the ringers were addressed by the Vicar (the Rev. H. Grahame-Clarke).

About 30 members sat down to tea, which was provided at the Star Inn.—At the business meeting which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair.—Ringmer and Waldron were proposed for the next meeting, in September, and on being put to the vote the former was decided upon.

Mr. G. Penfold proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. Grahame-Clarke) for his warm welcome to the association members, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar responded.—This terminated the meeting, the members returned to the tower, and kept the bells going until 8 p.m.

NORFOLK GUILD.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Lowestoft on Whit Monday. By kind permission of the Rev. E. C. Morgan (Rector of Lowestoft) the ring of eight bells at the Parish Church of St. Margaret's were placed at the disposal of the members.

Luncheon was served at the Crown Hotel, the Rector of Lowestoft being in the chair, supported by the Rev. W. C. Pearson, the Rev. R. Bulstrode, Mr. Lancelot F. Orde, and the following members of the committee: Messrs. C. E. Borrett, F. W. Naunton, C. S. Tuthill, F. C. Lambert, J. Souter, and the general secretary (Mr. Arthur L. Coleman). Representatives were present from the Norwich, Great Yarmouth and Lothingland districts.—The Secretary announced that the president (the Dean of Norwich) had written to him apologising for his absence from the meeting.

At the business meeting, Messrs. Hubert Ernest Duffield, William Baldry and Austin Head were elected members of the Guild.—The Secretary moved a vote of thanks to the Rector of Lowestoft for presiding over the meeting, and also for the use of the bells.—The Rev. E. C. Morgan acknowledged the vote, and expressed the pleasure he had had in presiding.

The Secretary announced that the August Bank Holiday meeting would be held at North Elmham.

LADIES' GUILD TO BE ENTERTAINED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been informed by the Bristol United Guilds that they will entertain the Ladies' Guild, when they visit Bristol on July 12th, 1924.

In order to assist the committee in their effort, I have been instructed to ask for the names of all Ladies' Guild members who intend to be present, and what time they will reach Bristol.

This information should reach me on or before July 8th, 1924.—Yours,
E. WILKINS.

President of the Ladies' Guild.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Bayne, of Plymouth, who died on Whitsun Tuesday. He was one of the oldest members of the Devon Guild, and had he lived four days more he would have been a member for 50 years.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—On Sunday, June 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (odd bob) of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. Payne 1, F. R. Coombes 2, J. Judge 3, J. G. Hambleton (Mid-somer Norton) 4, C. Bennett 5, W. Stone 6, W. F. Judge (conductor) 7, W. Thorne 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 15th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 3, H. Lewis 4, H. Gassor 5, H. C. Bond 6, F. J. Lewis 7, W. Hayward 8.

FAIRFORD, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, V. R. Williams 3, W. C. Cuss (conductor) 4, J. Hope 5, G. J. Winter 6, J. Smith (first quarter-peal of triples inside) 7, Walter Peachey 8.

BATTERSEA.—On Sunday, June 1st, at St. Mary's Church, for men's service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Cambridge Surprise Major, in 45 mins.: A. Clark 1, W. H. Wood 2, C. F. Mitchell 3, E. A. Reeve 4, H. H. Mance 5, W. Essery 6, F. Skevington 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 1st, for Matins, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. E. Garrard 1, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 2, P. L. Miles 3, H. Dyna 4, P. E. Clark 5, W. E. Judd 6, G. W. Frayne 7, E. G. Locke 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Hy. Parsons, of Ealing.

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

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 1st, 720 changes Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Hammond 1, C. Harman 2, H. Hammond 3, W. Rogers 4, E. Bishop, senr., 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, S. Russell 8. Rung for evening service, and as a birthday compliment to Miss E. Brasier, daughter of the conductor on attaining her 21st birthday.

NEWPORT, I.O.W.—For evening service, on May 18th, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Johnson 1, W. Scott, senr., 2, W. H. Fussell 3, W. Scott, junr., 4, A. D. Callaway 5, R. Phillips 6, W. Upton 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

WREXHAM.—At St. Giles' Church, for evening service, on Sunday, May 18th, 1,040 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 40 mins.: J. Barber 1, F. Evans 2, A. Lea, junr., 3, Capper 4, J. Thomas (Bristol) 5, W. Catherell 6, W. Jones 7, T. Catherell 8, S. Meadows (conductor) 9, A. Lea 10.—For evening service, on Sunday, May 11th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 52 mins.: F. Evans 1, J. Capper 2, P. Groves 3, A. Lea, junr., 4, W. Jones 5, A. Catherell 6, S. Meadows (conductor) 7, A. Lea, senr., 8.

HORNCHURCH.—At the Church of St. Andrew, for evensong, on Sunday, May 18th a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Phillips 1, E. Butler 2, C. Baker 3, J. Sitch 4, J. McDougall 5, C. Bone 6, J. Dale 7, F. Riseley 8. First quarter in the method by ringers of 3rd, 5th and 8th.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, May 18th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 252 Stedman, 224 Bob Major, and 288 of Kent Treble Bob Major by the following ringers: F. Hopper, F. Wilford, H. Marlow, J. W. Sharp, J. Gray, S. J. Lawrence, T. Law, T. Tebbutt.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, May 11th, for service, 720 Spliced 'Allendale' and 'Westminster'.—On Thursday, May 15th, for practice, 720 Spliced 'Coldstream' and 'Southwell'. First Spliced Surprise methods by the band. L. Clough, J. Fernley, senr., J. Fernley, junr., W. Fernley, J. P. Fidler, W. Wolstencroft and J. W. Hartley took part.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evensong, at the Church of John of Jerusalem, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. Riley 1, W. Stevens 2, F. Smith 3, F. Alleyway 4, W. Glover 5, J. Martin 6, I. Atwater (conductor) 7, S. Wanshore 8. First quarter-peal by the society since formation.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, for morning service, on Sunday, April 27th, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. C. Dean 1, *Ernest Sibley 2, W. R. Parker (conductor) 3, *G. W. Webb 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin 7, J. Wilkins 8. * First quarter-peal.

WREXHAM, N. WALES.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Thurston Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Evans 1, J. Capper 2, P. Cross 3, A. Lea, junr. (conductor), 4, W. Jones 5, T. Cathall 6, A. Lea, senr., 7, S. Meadows 8.

PORTSMOUTH, HANTS.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins.: E. Martin 1, Mrs. F. Burnett 2, Miss F. M. Burnett 3, F. Burnett (conductor) 4, P. Giles 5, L. P. Cook 6, H. Aitken 7, T. Clements 8.

NOTICES.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District. — On Saturday, June 21st, there will be a meeting of the Hinckley district at Thurlaston. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome. Bells are by Taylor and Co., Loughborough, tenor about 14 cwt.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, June 21st. Bells from 3 p.m. A good attendance is requested. Tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dist. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells at liberty 3.30. Meeting 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch. — A meeting will be held at Rockwell Green on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business in Schoolroom afterwards. Wellington Parish Church (8) available after tea.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. — Annual meeting at Scarborough on Saturday, June 21st. Bells of the Parish Church (8) available for ringing from 2 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at Chapman's Hotel, Castle Road, at 5.30, at 1s. 9d. each. The secretary extends a hearty invitation to all ringers.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next meeting will be held at Bulkington on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Bitton on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Please notify by June 16th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS. —The summer meeting will be held at the Parish Church, High Wycombe, on June 21st. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service by the Rector 5.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m. Trains from Paddington 1.25, 2.23 and 3.40.—J. W. Cornford, Hon. Sec., 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.7.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—A meeting of the branch will be held at Arley on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than June 17th at 1s. 3d. per head.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, June 21st. Bells (8) open from 2 to 9. Committee meeting at 4.30. Tea at 5, at a charge of 1s. per head. Will intending visitors please note? Motor bus leaves Firth Park tram terminus every 20 minutes for Ecclesfield.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

HERTS ASSOCIATION. — Practice meeting at Aldenham, Saturday, June 21st, 5.45 till 8 p.m.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea provided, 9d. each. Annual branch meeting and social, August 23rd, at Blackburn Parish Church. Others branches please notice. Particulars later. — J. Watson, Branch Sec.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Farndon on Saturday, June 21st. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 4.30.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; Southwark Cathedral on the 24th; all at 7.30 p.m.—*Business meeting afterwards. — Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY. — The 301st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences 9 a.m., and all visitors are heartily welcomed. A luncheon will be held at one o'clock, and those wishing to attend kindly notify the honorary secretary.—R. A. Strong, Saffron Walden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.15. Will arrange tea for those who let me know by the 23rd. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Those who require same please advise W. J. Kemp, 46, Narford Road, E.5, by Thursday, June 26th, first post. Business meeting and further ringing to follow. The bells at St. John's, Hackney, will be open for ringing from 8 to 9.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available at 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. Will those requiring tea send word to Mr. C. Dale, High Street, Coleshill, not later than Wednesday, June 25th?—B. Witchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, New Street, Erdington.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sprothorough on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea in the Rectory grounds. Will all who will require tea please notify me before the 24th?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Grantham (10 bells) on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Special object, unveiling of peal board at 4.30. Meat tea at Globe Café 2s. each. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. S. Procter, 72, Bridge End Road, not later than June 26th? Train leaves Nottingham at 2.18. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room. Those requiring tea should advise Mr. C. E. Read, 1, Grove Villas, High Street, Ewell, by Wednesday, June 25th.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Tong Church on Saturday, June 28th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Wye on Saturday, June 28th. Bells (8) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Great Brington. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, the 24th. All ringers welcome.—T. Tebbutt, Branch Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells only available for ringing from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on Saturday, June 28th. Tower secretaries please send number attending to Mr. J. Webb, 24, King Street, Knutsford, by Tuesday, June 24th.—J. P. Fidler, Branch Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch. — A combined practice will be held at Sandhurst on Saturday, June 28th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — Northern District. — A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Foxearth, to which all ringers are cordially invited. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Service in the church at 4.15, after which a tea will be provided. All those intending to be present are asked to notify the same to Mr. S. Evans, Foxearth, not later than June 26th.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Wilburton, Ely (6 bells). Haddenham (6 bells) also available. Service 5 o'clock. Arrangements for tea: please let me know early. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 5th. Business meeting in St. Mary's Church Room at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head in St. Mary's School at 5 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells (12), St. James' (8) and Wilton (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEANCONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.30 to 7.15; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, followed by general meeting. Tea, to fully paid up members, 1s.; to others 1s. 6d. Please send word by Tuesday, July 1st. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 5th, at St. Michael's Church, Lichfield. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church at 6 o'clock prompt. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Wednesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Church Hall, Farnham, on Saturday, July 5th. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. General meeting at 2 p.m. (at which election of officers and alteration to rules will be decided). Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me before July 1st. Towers open for ringing: Farnham (8) after 6 p.m., Alton (8), Aldershot (8), Bentley (6) and Frensham (6). All ringers welcome.—George Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec., West End, Southampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — On Saturday, July 5th, the annual meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Crofton (near Wakefield). Draw for order of ringing 2.45 p.m., School. Tea will be provided, 1/6 each, to all who send word not later than June 30th, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Full particulars next week.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec.

THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION DINNER to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

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DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting was held at West Hartlepool on May 10th, having been originally fixed for Easter Monday. The committee, however, recognising this was a fixed date for the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association's meeting, and not wishing to clash with their date, fixed it for a subsequent Saturday. By kind permission of the Vicars of the three churches, the bells were at the disposal of the ringers, and touches were brought round in Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Stedman Caters, Kent, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

An excellent tea was propovided by local ladies, under the able guidance of Miss Stephenson, and the company numbered 25.

The President occupied the chair, and there were ringers present from St. Ignatius, Sunderland; Holy Trinity, Darlington; Newcastle Cathedral; St. George's, Jesmond; Whitley Bay, and the local towers.

Three new members were elected, and the President proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of the three churches for kindly placing their bells at the ringers' disposal, and to the ladies for making such excellent arrangements for tea.—Afterwards there was further ringing.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BARNES.—At the Church of St. Mary's, on June 3rd, for His Majesty's birthday, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: F. Skevington (conductor) 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Rivers 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, W. C. Stacey 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Saturday, April 5th, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. N. Ashby (first 720 Surprise Minor) 1, R. Park (first 720 Surprise Minor 'inside') 2, F. Cooke 3, W. N. Park 4, W. H. Porter 5, J. E. Sykes 6. This 720 was arranged for Mr. J. E. Sykes, who was on a visit to Darlington. Also a course of London Surprise Minor, with G. W. Park on the 3rd.

NOTICE.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—There will be a General meeting of the branch at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business afterwards.—Alfred J. Harman, Hon. Sec., 2, St. Mary's Cottages, Grove Road, Windsor.

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RINGERS AND ADVISORY BOARDS.

One of the most important steps which the Central Council have for a long time taken was to pass a resolution at their meeting on Whitsun Tuesday urging that on all diocesan advisory boards, there should be a person who has expert knowledge of bells, bell hanging and change ringing, and in order that it may be brought to the notice of the proper authorities, a copy is to be sent to the secretaries of all Diocesan Conferences and Advisory Boards. In this way the resolution will come under official notice, but it will behove the associations throughout the country to keep an eye upon this matter, and to see that no stone is left unturned to secure the carrying out of the Council's recommendation.

The importance of this matter to ringers is just this. Advisory boards are a comparatively new departure in diocesan organisation. All matters concerning church improvements for which a faculty is required come under their review, and the influence which they exercise in settling such questions as the manner in which a peal of bells should be restored is paramount. These committees set about their work with the very best of intentions, but it is only in rare cases at present that their members include anyone with knowledge of the requirements of ringers. The antiquarian side is well protected, and the imperfect knowledge from the engineering point of view—we use this phrase deliberately—which those who are asked for advice on antiquarian questions usually possess, is often such as to jeopardise the possibility of successfully restoring a peal of bells. Under existing conditions in a majority of the advisory boards, however, the opinions of these persons are accepted without question, because there is no representative who can, with authoritative knowledge, place before the advisory bodies the ringers' view and give advice which might materially affect a decision. Then, too, there is the general necessity of guarding the ringers' interests where alterations, not, perhaps, connected directly with the bells are contemplated, such as the case referred to by Canon Baker, in which the installation of a new organ cut off half the belfry and made it practically impossible to ring the bells—a matter which never occurred to the advisory board in question.

Thus it will be seen that it is very necessary that the interests of ringers and ringing should be represented on the advisory boards. In some few cases, notably in the dioceses of Winchester, Manchester and Chelmsford, the ringers are represented, and every association should see that, as soon as possible, the diocesan board in its area, has at least one member who can speak with knowledge

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on matters that closely affect the belfry. The Council's resolution will bring the subject to the notice of the appointing authorities; the associations must see that the appointments are not shelved. The matter is of really vital interest and importance to all ringing organisations, and we trust that, attention having been drawn to it, associations will give it their serious consideration.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5147 CHANGES;

JESSE GILLET Treble	WALTER TRUMAN 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	CHARLES GARDINER 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	WILLIAM HASTINGS 9
JOHN AUSTIN 4	FRANK COLE 10
ALFRED HANNIS 5	JOHN BALLINGER 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	WILLIAM SMITH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, June 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	* EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
* GEORGE R. JONES 2	* JAMES SWINDLEY 7
* SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 3	JAMES MORGAN 8
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
HENRY W. WILDE 5	† REGINALD L. INCE Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal on ten bells. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Jones for having everything ready. Composition, No. 48, C.C.C.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D flat.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD Treble	WALTER WALLACE 6
ERNEST H. CLARKE 2	ALBERT H. WARD 7
MAURICE SWINFIELD 3	ARTHUR BRAINES 8
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	FRANK J. SMALLWOOD 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	RICHARD W. DRAGE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

This composition is now rung for the first time. First peal of Caters as conductor, and first attempt.

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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt. in C sharp.

BENJAMIN GOUGH Treble	† JOSEPH W. FEMBERTON ... 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	† BERT HORTON 7
EDGAR MARLOW 3	† EDWARD V. RODENHURST 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	WILLIAM FISHER 9
* JOHN PERRY 5	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER.

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS PHOEBE UPSHER ... Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 6
EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
EDWARD H. KING ... 4	JOHN THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, June 13, 1924, in Three Hours.

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR ... Treble	THOMAS J. WATTS ... 5
* HERBERT W. WATTS ... 2	THOMAS JORDAN ... 6
GEORGE JORDAN ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... 7
WALTER PRIOR ... 4	JOHN PRIOR ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor, and first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Ayre and Mr. W. Robinson, which took place at Barton-on-Humber on the 11th; the band meeting short that day; also in honour of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, Suffolk.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	ERNEST WHITING ... 5
WALTER BARRETT ... 2	CHARLES CUTTING ... 6
DAVID COLLINS ... 3	RUSSELL RICHES ... 7
CHARLES BAKER ... 4	CHARLES ROOPE ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

BUCKINGHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH Bucks BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 27 cwt.

ALBERT J. GREEN ... Treble	* THOMAS E. ROBERTS ... 5
† FREDERICK C. CASE ... 2	† THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 6
EDWIN YATES ... 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
† HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 4	* THOMAS E. READ ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell.
‡ 50th peal. First peal of Triples as conductor.

LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN RIDER ... Treble	EDWARD A. RIDGWAY ... 5
ALFRED E. BACON ... 2	EDGAR SHARRATT ... 6
* ARTHUR PEAKE ... 3	WALTER N. ASHBY ... 7
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LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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JOHN J. BEVAN ... 2	ROBERT E. SUMMERS ... 6
WILLIAM T. POSTON ... 3	WILLIAM POSTON ... 7
GEORGE WILKS ... 4	WILLIAM BISHOP ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

ERITH, KENT.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

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Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	ERNEST J. KING ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, SEN. 2	JOHN MORTON ... 6
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 3	FRED. WILFORD ... 7
HARRY DYAS ... 4	WILLIAM BERRY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 16, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	GILBERT PEARCE ... 5
EDGAR GUISE ... 2	GEORGE TREW ... 6
* RAYMOND SEAGER ... 3	JOHN G. JEFFRIES ... 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE ... 4	JOSEPH GOULD ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal of Major. A birthday compliment to George Trew.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Treble	WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
GEORGE R. PYE ... 2	† WILLIAM ROGERS ... 6
WILLIAM MILLER ... 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... 7
* FRED. HOOPER ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal. Messrs. Hooper and Arnold were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on the 21st anniversary of his wedding.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5664 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* FRANK TRINER ... Treble	WALTER N. ASHBY ... 5
ARTHUR PEAKE ... 2	SAMUEL CARDELL ... 6
FREDERICK SMITH ... 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 42).

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Dorothy Stanhope Lawton to Mr. Frank Procter. Mr. Lawton is a highly respected member of the Borough Council. This composition, now rung for the first time, was composed on June 24th, 1884. It contains the extent of the 5th and 6th in 5-6, with both bells six times home.
* First attempt for a peal on eight bells.

SHERE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

† WILLIAM CHIVERS Treble	* THOMAS STREETER 5
MRS. HAZELDEN 2	GEORGE TOMSETT 6
GEORGE J. NICHOLS 3	WILLIAM W. THORNE 7
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 4	CHARLES HAZELDEN Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD. Conducted by C. HAZELDEN.

* First peal on eight bells, and first attempt. † First peal of Major. It was rung on Mr. Nichols' birthday.

CHISWICK.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER 2	HARRY KILBY 6
HAROLD G. FRAMPTON 3	FREDERICK W. GOODFELLOW ... 7
JOSEPH HERBERT 4	ARTHUR HARDING Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM WELLING.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 15 lb. in F sharp.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
* GEORGE POLLINGER 2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	* WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. ... 7
EDWARD F. DUFFIELD 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.
* First peal in the method. First peal of London on the bells.
First peal of London by the above Guild for 10 years.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Treble	WILLIAM A. JAMES 5
EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD 2	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3	PERCY PRICE 7
ARTHUR CATTELL 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE. Conducted by EDGAR C. SHEPHERD.
Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Miss Dorothy Price, daughter of Mr. F. S. Price, of Beeston.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE.

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

† HARRY WRIGHT ... Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	HARRY BROUGHTON 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	* FRANK E. PERVIN 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.
* First peal of London. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger, **CRAYFORD, KENT.**

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SIX BELL PEALS.

MINCHINHAMPTON.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Whit Monday, June 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

* WILLIAM KIRBY ... Treble	FRANK PONTING 4
EDWARD JEFFERIES 2	HARRY BARRATT 5
VICTOR HATHAWAY 3	HARRY NEWMAN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARRATT.

First peal of this method on the bells. First peal by all the band.
* First peal.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

RICHARD THOMAS ... Treble	CHRIS BOWERS 4
E. WILLIAM TURNER 2	CHARLES CAMM 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

WOODHOUSE EAVES, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 12 different callings.

* HARRY W. MARTIN ... Treble	GUYDO DICKINSON 4
ALBAN DISNEY 2	ROWLAND BARROW 5
KENNETH R. ELLIOTT 3	* S. WILFRED CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROWLAND BARROW.

* First peal. The ringer of the tenor was made a member previous to starting the peal.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GAMBRIIDGE SURPRISE MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	* FRANK I. HAIRS 4
GEORGE R. PYE 2	* WILLIAM H. HEWETT 5
* ALBERT W. COLES 3	WILLIAM J. NODDS Tenor

Composed by REV. E. BANKES JAMES. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor by all, who have now rung peals of Minor, Major, Royal and Maximus in the method. * First peal on six bells.

BURTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

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 10 cwt.

JAMES R. GRIFFIN ... Treble	HERBERT LUDKIN 4
* WILLIAM DEAN 2	THOMAS A. ROGERS 5
JOHN COOKE 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES R. GRIFFIN.

* First peal of Minor, and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells. Also for his kindness in allowing them to ring through a service. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

REEPHAM, NORFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS, HACKFORD,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

MATT TIMBERS	Treble	WILLIAM J. WASEY	4
MISS KITTY WILLERS	2	WILLIAM B. DUNCAN	5
FREDK. J. BARBER	3	WALTER C. MEDLER	Tenor

Conducted by WM. B. DUNCAN.

Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Trumpington, near Cambridge.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK. THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Kent, and three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SPENCER	Treble	JOHN LARTER	4
CHARLES BAILEY	2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON	5
EDGAR BAILEY	3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

This peal was especially arranged and rung to celebrate the first visit of the new Bishop of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich to the parish.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, June 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN THE CATHEDRAL TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

THOMAS RUSSAM	1-2	ALBERT WALKER	7-8
ALBERT E. NORMAN	3-4	EDGAR C. SHEPPARD	9-10
GEORGE F. SWANN	5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS	11-12

Composed by J. CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Umpire: HERBERT SPENCER.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Western Division of the Essex Association was held at Loughton on Saturday, May 10th, when 30 members attended. Tea was partaken of in the Church Hall, followed by the meeting, the Rector (the Rev. N. Maitland), who was elected an hon. member, presiding. It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Hornchurch, and three new ringing members were elected.

The Master proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells and the hall for the tea and meeting; to the ladies for providing the tea, and to Mr. J. Rann for making the necessary arrangements, which helped to make the meeting a success.

A meeting of the Northern District of the Essex Association was held at Stisted on Saturday week. At a short service at the Parish Church the Rev. O. E. Lea Winter, Rector of Bradwell-by-Braintree, officiated, and gave a helpful address. Miss Law was at the organ, and the lesson was read by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association. Tea followed at the Institute, 30 members being present from Braintree, Chelmsford, Dunmow, Earls Colne, Greenstead Green, Maldon, Rayne, and Stisted, including Mr. L. Wiffen, District Master, and Mr. W. H. Dyson, district secretary. Mrs. Lee Winter greatly helped in the arrangements. Thanks were accorded the preacher and the church authorities. During the evening there was tune ringing on the handbells by local ringers, and in the tower touches were rung of Bob Minor, Grandsire Doubles, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Cambridge and London Surprise. A young band have recently started here, and with the assistance of the visitors were enabled to ring several 120's of Grandsire Doubles.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on Saturday, June 21st, in 45 minutes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Biss 1, F. J. Bailey 2, J. Davies 3, E. Coombes 4, G. Large 5, C. Greedy (conductor) 6, J. W. Jones 7, W. Bolton 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman for the 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers. Rung after meeting short for a peal of Caters.

AN EAST ANGLIAN TOUR.

The following ten peals were rung by members of the Norfolk Guild for the Diocese of Norwich during a ringing tour in East Anglia:—

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	5
GEORGE W. STEERE	2	GEORGE H. DAYNES	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES GEORGE	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HARRY PARKES	Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in C sharp,

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	NORMAN R. BAILEY	8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	GEORGE H. DAYNES	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	HARRY PARKES	10
GEORGE H. CROSS	5	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON	11
*C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6		JAMES GEORGE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal on twelve tower bells.
‡ First peal on twelve bells.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, June 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

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	GEORGE W. STEERE	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	HARRY PARKES	6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	3	GEORGE H. CROSS	7
*C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4		GEORGE H. DAYNES	Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* 150th peal. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6	
GEORGE W. STEERE	3	HARRY PARKES	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	GEORGE H. DAYNES	Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, June 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

ISAAC G. SHADE	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY	2	GEORGE H. DAYNES	6
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3		GEORGE W. STEERE	7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	Tenor

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Mr. G. H. Cross is the first person, born in Norwich, to call a peal in the above method in the city of Norwich.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

HARRY PARKES Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb in E.

C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	HARRY PARKES 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, June 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb in D.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
HARRY PARKES 4	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, June 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 3	HARRY PARKES 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 in E.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 2	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	HARRY PARKES 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
GEORGE H. CROSS 5	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Quickest peal on the bells.

All those who took part in this tour, wish to thank through the 'Ringing World,' the various clergy, churchwardens, steepkeepers, etc., for the use of the bells, and for having everything in readiness, and more especially Mr. G. H. Cross, of Norwich, through whose untiring efforts in arranging towers, etc., the success of the tour is due.

CHISWICK.—On Wednesday evening, June 11th, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: C. F. Winney 1, A. Brookland 2, N. A. Stacey 3, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 4, A. H. Fulwell 5, C. Edwards 6, E. Harris 7, W. Dalton 8.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

The first annual meeting of the newly-formed Peterborough Diocesan Guild was held on Whitsun Monday at the Cathedral city. The following bellfries were represented: Peterborough, Oundle, Benefield, Northampton, Wellingborough, Kettering, Watford, Husbands Bosworth, Wollaston, Finedon, Irthlingborough, Isham, Geddington, Warkton, Weekley, Broughton, Cranford, Burton Latimer, Pitsford and Thrapston.

The service in the Cathedral was largely attended. The Rev. J. P. Friend, of Collingtree, intoned the service, and the lesson was read by the Dean.

The Bishop, in a brief address, welcomed the members of the Guild, and said it was indeed good to see so many present. He was sure that those who knew the Cathedral well would be impressed with the change that had taken place by the opening up of the whole church. Their noble Cathedral was one of the most glorious in the country, and now that they had an uninterrupted view from East to West, was more wonderful than ever. He was thankful that the association for bell ringers had been formed, and that it had attained such strength within a short time. He believed that the association had a real work to do, and hoped it would be a real help to members by way of inspiration and fellowship. Personally he had cause for gratitude as he saw them that morning, for he thought of the kindly welcomes he had received from the bells of different parishes as he had made his first visits during the past few months. He could assure them that those welcomes had given him real pleasure indeed; as he had drawn near to a village or town, and heard the bells, the sound had meant a great deal indeed to him. Their church bells were one of the great features of their land, what would England be without her church bells? When their fellow-churchmen came home after being abroad for some years, one of the things they looked forward to was hearing the church bells on a Sunday; they did not hear them in so many countries abroad. Their bells called people to worship God, let the ringers think of that invitation when they gave it, and let it be their call in God's name. On occasions their bells told of the joy God would have His children know, even in the passing bell there was besides the note of sadness the note of joy. He was gradually learning his duties as a Bishop—some of them were privileges, and one of the latter was to be allowed in the name of the Diocese and Church to thank people. He thanked them very much for the part they took as bell ringers in the work of the church, their work was important. He appealed to them to have a high sense of their vocation as bell ringers, and to prove themselves worthy of their calling.

The service was followed by luncheon at Neaverson's Cafe. The Bishop presided, and was supported by the Dean (President of the Guild), the Rev. F. E. Channer, Northampton; the Rev. J. P. Friend, Collingtree (President of the Northampton Branch); the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, Cranford (President, Kettering Branch); the Rev. John White, Pitsford; the Rev. E. J. Atkins, Isham; Rev. H. L. Hopper, Weekley (Treasurer, Kettering Branch); Mr. F. Wilford, Northampton (Master of the Guild); Mr. D. J. Nicholls, Kettering (Guild secretary); Mr. Wilson, Isham (Guild treasurer); Miss C. Hepburn, Isham (secretary, Ladies' Guild); and the following branch secretaries: Messrs. T. Tebbutt, Northampton; F. Barber, Wellingborough; R. G. Black, Kettering, and F. Rawlinson, Peterborough.

After lunch, the Master of the Guild proposed thanks to the Bishop for the Cathedral service, and for the excellent address he had given.

The Rev. R. C. Thursfield seconded, and said he was very glad that the first annual meeting of their newly-constituted Guild should have been held at Peterborough. They were pleased to have the Bishop with them, and gave him a hearty welcome. The service had been an inspiration to all of them, and they greatly appreciated the privilege of holding it in the Cathedral (hear, hear). As ringers they had a high ideal, and he could assure the Bishop that of the many church workers in the Diocese, he had none more whole-hearted, loyal and thorough in their work than the members of that Guild. They worked not only for proficiency in bell ringing, but perfection in change ringing, they had already reached a high level of proficiency.

The Bishop briefly returned thanks on behalf of the Dean and himself.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

In the afternoon the business meeting of the Guild was held in the Knights' Chamber. The Dean presided, and expressed thanks for his election as President at the inaugural meeting. He wished the Cathedral could offer them something more in the way of bells, but, as they knew, they were simply overwhelmed with requisitions from the architect for important structural repairs which must be seen to before they could think of rehanging bells. But he still kept the hope at the back of his mind that some day there might once more be in the Cathedral a peal of bells worthy of the Diocese, the Church, and their Association.

Apologies for absence were read from the Rev. J. S. Clark (Polebrook), and the Rev. F. H. Lacey, Twywell.

The rules drawn up by the committee were adopted.

The following officers elected at the inauguration in January were re-elected: President, the Dean of Peterborough; Master, Mr. F. Wilford, Northampton; treasurer, Mr. W. T. Wilson, Isham; secretary, Mr. D. J. Nicholls, Kettering; auditor, Mr. S. F. Millward, Northampton. Delegates to the Central Council were appointed as follows: The Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrook; Mr. J. J. Jutson, Peterborough; and the Master and secretary.

It was decided to make a grant of three guineas to Yelvertoft from the Belfry Repair Fund.—The Sec. explained that this fund was started in 1917 by the Central Northants Association, and £57 was collected. Among the grants made was one to Peterborough Cathedral, and the Central Northants Association handed over the balance of £32 to the Guild.

Mr. F. Wilford, the Master of the Guild, moved a vote of thanks to the Dean for his interest in the association, and this was heartily carried.—In response, the Dean said the bell ringers had a definite ministry in the church—to summon fellow Christians to worship and prayer.

Mr. Nicholls expressed thanks to the Rev. J. P. Friend for having drawn up the Guild's form of service, which, as the Bishop had said in the morning, was really beautiful and inspiring.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Northampton.

The bells of the Parish Church and St. Mary's, Peterborough, Woodston and Whittlesey, were at the service of the visitors, and touches in various methods were rung during the day.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above association was held at Staveley on Saturday week. A service was held, at which an interesting address was given by the Rector (Canon Molineux). This was followed by a tea in the Rectory Barn, a good number of ringers attending.

Ald. R. B. Chambers (President) was in the chair, and he was supported by Mrs. Chambers, Canon Molineux, Dr. J. Court, the Churchwardens, Mosses, Freeby and Wallace (Derby), Blood (Nottingham), Saddington (Loughborough), A. C. Wright (Darley Dale), hon. secretary, and many others. A letter of apology was received from Mr. W. Willson (Leicester), hon. treasurer.

At the meeting which followed, a good number of hon. and ringing members were elected, and a vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Molineux and the local committee.

Ringings took place during the afternoon and evening.

The next meeting will take place at Hinckley, in September.

THE FALSE PEALS AT WYE AND ERITH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Billenness's letter, my son, F. J. Cullum, junr., is at present in Buenos Ayres. When he called the false peal he was just home from New York. It was my first false peal, also my son, Lionel Cullum's, first peal on the treble. Through sickness I was unable to take part in the next peal of Grandsire Triples, which my son called for his brother. I believe Mr. Barnett has got more young ringers through their first peal than any man in Kent, and if Mr. Billenness wants to see his name in print why does he not ring peals of Grandsire Triples instead of writing letters?—Yours faithfully,
F. J. CULLUM, Senr.

Sir,—Being one of the three 'first peal' men at Wye, I should like to say something in answer to Mr. Billenness's letter of the 16th as to how far Mr. Parkes has subsequently devoted his attention to conducting Grandsire Triples for ringers needing a peal in this method. The peal at Wye was not proved false until nearly two years after it was rung. During that time we had practised and rung peals in somewhat higher methods. Mr. Parkes has since offered to conduct another peal of Grandsire for us, but, wanting something better, we have refused his offer. We have not got many conductors in the Ashford district who have tried lately to arrange a peal, and if it were not for Mr. Parkes our peals would be few and far between. I wish him every success in conducting higher methods. I have rung with Mr. Billenness on several occasions, and hope to have the same pleasure again. I am quite aware of his sympathy with beginners, and I know he does his best to teach them change ringing, but I have known good ringers who (when I have tried to conduct a touch of Stedman and missed a dodge) have set their bell and told me to learn the method before trying to conduct it.—Yours truly,
104, New Street, Ashford.
E. W. POWELL.

Dear Sir,—Surely it is time your correspondent let the subject cease.

As regards Mr. Parkes' peals of Grandsire, I think Mr. Billenness's enquiry is rather pertinent. Mr. Parkes is now doing a lot in the Ashford district in getting ringers out of the Grandsire rut. My advice to Mr. Billenness would be, 'Go thou and do likewise,' and his peal statistics would then compare more favourably with Mr. Parkes' record.—Yours truly,

A MEMBER OF THE ASHFORD DISTRICT.

[These letters have been held over through pressure on our space.—Ed.]

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal ringing tour season has arrived, and a party, consisting largely of Kentish men (or is it men of Kent?) has had a very successful trip in East Anglia. They scored ten peals on eight, ten and twelve bells; and five attempts 'went west,' three of them over half-way, and one right on the end.

To-day is the 301st anniversary of Saffron Walden's 'Great Ringing Day,' and there will doubtless be the customary large gathering of ringers to join in the celebration.

Mr. John B. Woolley, Master of the Cambridge University Guild, has gained a first class in the Natural Sciences Tripos, Part 1.

'A Yorkshire party of ten' were more fortunate in securing 'quarters' in London, at Whitsuntide, than Mr. Fairclough, Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild, and would have been pleased to accommodate him had they been aware of his dilemma.

It is not often that a good composition of Treble Bob by a well-known composer has to wait forty years before it is rung, yet one such by Mr. Arthur Knights, composed on June 24th, 1884, was rung for the first time last Saturday, at Congleton.

The first peal of London Surprise rung by the Winchester Guild for ten years was achieved on Saturday at Privett, Hants. The company were much impressed by the really wonderful way in which Mr. George Pullinger, who lost an arm in the war, rang and struck his bell throughout the peal. His striking was just as good in the last half-hour as in the first. Mr. Pullinger is joint hon. secretary of the Winchester Guild.

The first peal of Grandsire Cinques 'in hand' was rung at Birmingham on July 2nd, 1886.

Henry Dains was born on June 28th, 1837.

THE CONSTRUCTION OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The Rev. E. S. Powell's reply is no answer to my challenge. I challenged the great little WE, which consists of himself and Mr. Trollope, to prove the construction of London Surprise (Minor and Major) by their particular formula.

Are they able to do this? If not, why not?

My theory of method construction has been known to the Exercise for many years, but perhaps you will kindly allow me to repeat it as follows: All methods, principles and systems, are produced by making shunts in the primary principles.

When it is understood, once a method has been produced, that you cannot take away a single place or add a single place without altering the character of the method, then it will be understood that every place counts.

On these lines, the construction of every method, principle and system, can be proved, but before I trouble you with any figures to support my assertions, allow me once more to challenge the great little WE to prove the construction of London Surprise (Minor and Major) and Stedman's Principle by their particular formula.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

RINGER IN SERIOUS MOTOR ACCIDENT.

The many friends of Mr. George A. Smith, of Tunstall, Staffs., will be sorry to hear that he met with a serious accident while returning by charabanc from Buxton on Thursday, June 19th. He had rung for a wedding at Congleton Church, and went with the party to Buxton. On the return journey a halt was called (to cool the engines) at the pretty village of Endon. Mr. Smith was passing round the vehicle, when a motor-bicycle, with pillion rider, going at high speed, ran straight over him. The 'pillion' lady was badly hurt, the motorist lies unconscious with a fractured skull, but Mr. Smith escaped with his life, his suit torn to ribbons, and a mass of cuts and bruises, too numerous to count. The writer thought him one huge wound and bruise combined, but found him still smiling.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION AND THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The reference in your leading article last week to the abstention of the Sussex Association from participation in the work of the Central Council, leads me to ask if it is not the practice of the Council to exclude from its peals analysis, except under the designation of 'Independent Societies,' in which the performances of the small fry are lumped together, the performances of those organisations not directly affiliated? I have a recollection of this having been done in the past, and it would be a great pity if the records of the Sussex Association were even temporarily to disappear from a table in which they have often occupied an honoured place.

On the wider aspects of the absence of such an association as the Sussex County from membership of the Council I will not now say anything, though much might be said.—Yours, etc.,

A COUNCIL MEMBER.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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RINGERS' REPRESENTATION ON ADVISORY BOARDS.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn reported that the Towers and Belfries Committee had not met during the year, there having been no occasion to call them together, but Mr. Lewis had been doing his best, as a member of the committee, to get a sort of round table conference especially to meet Mr. Eales, who was on the Advisory Committee of many dioceses, and was a person of great influence, to whom Mr. Lewis could teach a great deal (laughter). At present, however, it had not been possible to arrange this meeting, as Mr. Lewis had been dashing about on business, not only all over England, but almost all over the world.

The Rev. H. Drake said in his Archdeaconry, the Archdeacon, who was on one of the committees of the Church Assembly, intended to make a dead set against iron frames in belfries, and was going to require, before any bells were restored or anything done to any bells, that there must be a faculty issued. All schemes would be referred to the Advisory Committee, which in turn would refer the matter to the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, and, he believed, to Mr. Eales. It seemed to him there was to be a dead set against bells being hung as ringers would like to have them hung, but to have them hung more as antiquarian objects. He thought, therefore, the Council ought to ask the Towers and Belfries Committee to consider the question whether it was necessary that a faculty should be obtained before bells were restored.

A member: Yes, it must be.

The Rev. H. Drake said personally he did not think so. He thought it was contrary to canon law, but it was a matter for the committee to consider whether steps could not be taken to have the views of ringers put forward more forcibly than at the present time.

Canon Elsee said from what he knew of the Advisory Committee in Manchester they were only too anxious to have expert opinion. When he mentioned the question of bells at the Diocesan Conference they promptly put him on the committee (hear, hear). He thought the real point was that in each diocese, the diocesan or county association should approach the authorities who had to do with the appointment of the committee, and ask that expert opinion upon bells should be represented on the Advisory Committee of the diocese. He thought in most cases that some provision could be made for it to be represented.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said a faculty must by law always be obtained for the removal of any bells or restoration work in a belfry. He happened to be a member of the Advisory Council for granting faculties in the Winchester Diocese, and the granting of faculties remained with the Chancellor of the Diocese. They had done him the honour of putting him on in connection with bells and belfries, and he only wished they could have had a greater expert than he was, but they had been very much helped by Major Hesse. He thought there were others all over the country who might, as Canon Elsee had suggested, be co-opted on these committees for that particular work. As to the question between iron frames and wood, his committee were perfectly willing to listen to recommendations put before them.

Mr. C. H. Howard said he was asked to join the Diocesan Board for the diocese of Chelmsford. His board were quite willing to listen to any recommendation to get bells hung according to the wishes of the parishioners and bell ringers. He thought it was the duty of every association to see that it was properly represented on these Advisory Boards.

Canon Baker suggested that a resolution should be passed by the Council that it was necessary, in the interests of bell ringers, that their views should be represented on advisory boards. He thought it would have great weight. He had occasion at his Diocesan Conference to make an onslaught on their Advisory Committee who had approved a scheme at one church for putting in a new organ in such a manner that they had taken away half the belfry, so that it was practically impossible to ring the bells at all. The secretary of the Advisory Committee afterwards came to him and told him that, as a matter of fact, the question of the bells never entered into their minds at all. They never thought about the unfortunate ringers. He (Canon Baker) thought if the secretary of each association would write to the Advisory Committee in his diocese and point out that a resolution had been passed by that Council, it might have much weight (hear, hear).

After further discussion upon the form of the motion, the following resolution was proposed by Canon Baker, seconded by the Rev. H. Drake, and unanimously carried, 'that the Council strongly urge that each Diocesan Advisory Committee should include at least one member having expert knowledge of bells, bell hanging and change ringing, and that this resolution be communicated to the secretary of each Advisory Committee, and to the secretaries of the Diocesan Conferences.'

The Towers and Belfries Committee was re-elected, with the addition of Mr. H. Fairclough, who, the President pointed out, was

Master of the Chester Guild, and a builder and contractor. His knowledge would be useful to the committee, upon which that branch of expert knowledge was not represented.

LOST IN THE POST.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston said a report for the Records Committee had been drawn up, and circulated to the committee, but he was sorry to say it appeared to have been lost in the post. When it did come to hand it would be published in 'The Ringing World.'

The committee, comprising the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Rev. H. Law James and Mr. T. Hervey Beams, were re-elected.

MR. JOHN CARTER'S RINGING MACHINE.

The Hon. Secretary reported, on behalf of the Science Museum Exhibit Committee. He said that since the last report, Mr. Cave had very kindly, as agreed, printed at his own cost the figures of certain methods for the purposes of the exhibit, and he (Mr. Young) had completed the colouring of the diagrams. Mrs. Snowden had kindly given two copies of the diagrams of 'Standard Methods' for the purpose of further illustration. Since last year, the Museum itself had been radically altered. The gallery in which they were to have exhibited had been taken over by the War Museum, and the new galleries which were to have been completed early in the year were not yet ready. When they were, the Council would be allotted a space in them. As the Council knew, a model of a ring of six bells had been presented, but the central feature would be Mr. Carter's machine, which was to be deposited there as soon as it was ready. Continuing, Mr. Young said the question which had been passing through Mr. Carter's mind was, what should happen to the machine? He wished to deposit it at Kensington, because the late Sir Arthur Heywood expressed a wish that it should be placed there, but Mr. Carter thought that if it was put there it might never be used. Mr. Carter wondered whether he could so leave it that, after he was gone, the Council would become trustees of that machine. He (Mr. Young) thought this would be a good thing if it could be arranged, because the Council would then have an overview of it throughout the years.

Replying to the President, Mr. J. S. Pritchett expressed the opinion that the Council, not being a corporate body, could not act legally as a trustee, but there could be no objection to Mr. Carter appointing as trustees, say, the President of the Council and such two other members as the Council might from time to time select.

In the course of subsequent discussion, several members urged that something should be done by Mr. Carter to ensure that a knowledge of the working of the machine should be secured. There was a grave risk that in course of time the machine would become unintelligible, and would, as the Rev. C. D. P. Davies put it, remain under a glass case, as something very wonderful which no one knew how to work.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies also pointed out that from correspondence he had had with the Museum authorities it appeared that they wanted to have the machine for purposes other than those for which ringers would see it used. The Museum authorities' main object was to have it there because it contained many mechanical dodges which might be found useful if adopted for other machines. He did not say that was not a laudable purpose, but it was not their purpose.

Major Hesse said they ought to make it clear that the machine was not to be taken to pieces for the purpose of parts being copied for other machines. If taken to pieces it might never be properly put together again.

Mr. A. Paddon Smith said if Mr. Carter's machine could be used for advancing mechanical knowledge, he thought it would be an excellent use for it. Mr. Carter had no patents in it, and if it contained clever ideas, let the country have the advantage of them. The machine could be taken to pieces and the parts numbered, and there would then be no difficulty in reassembling them.

Mr. Young said Mr. Carter seemed to have foreseen that at some time it would be necessary to throw light on the machine, and had set out in book form a description of it with photographs and diagrams. If the machine were the property of trustees they might make it a condition that it should not be tampered with, because it was primarily a machine for ringing changes mechanically. He took it that it was the feeling of the meeting that the Council would accept Mr. Carter's offer to act as or to appoint trustees, in which case he thought Mr. Carter would act on those lines.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said no mention had been made of the point as to whether, if they put the machine in the museum, anyone would have a practical opportunity of seeing the machine in operation. He thought the machine should be placed on loan, with the same right to take it out as they proposed in regard to the Memorial Book in St. Paul's Cathedral Library.

Mr. Milne agreed that this should be clearly stated in the conditions.

Mr. Young's report was adopted, and the committee was reappointed as follows: Revs. C. D. P. Davies and E. Rankes James, Messrs. E. H. Lewis, A. A. Hughes, C. F. Johnston, P. Taylor and E. A. Young.

After the lunch adjournment, the Hon. Secretary reported on the progress made in the preparation of a card of instruction as to the care and use of bells which it is proposed to issue to churches where there are bells. He pointed out that there had been some divergence of opinion between himself and the Rev. H. Drake (who had offered to bear part of the cost of printing), and Mr. Drake, having stated his view, the matter was adjourned until later in the afternoon, when it was resolved to leave the matter to the Standing Committee.

THE NAMING OF METHODS.

There were three motions on the agenda with regard to method nomenclature, and by agreement the question was discussed upon the following, moved by Mr. G. P. Burton: 'To call attention to the nomenclature of methods and to move the appointment of a Nomenclature Committee: (1) to review existing method nomenclature; (2) to prepare suitable topographical names for the future; and (3) to formulate a plan for the application of such names.'

Mr. Burton said he would take as his text the heading of a leading article which appeared in 'The Ringing World,' 'Names that must be changed,' and he hoped that the Council would accept it as an axiom and would ensure that, in the future, the Exercise would go the right way with names. In regard to unsuitable names, Minor, although the chief offender, was by no means alone in this respect. Botanical names must go. As an illustration of what was unsuitable, Mr. Burton quoted the names of methods rung in a peal by his own association thirty years ago, such as 'Jolly Dick,' 'St. Simon,' 'Antelope,' 'Morning Star,' 'Evening Star,' and 'Little Bob.' To-day they had arrived at the perfection of this absurdity. The Leytonstone Association, who had moved in this matter, wished to see such names as Shamrock, Fuchsia, Geranium, Bluebell, Hyacinth, Daffodil, etc., removed. In selecting titles, first preference, he submitted, should be given to topographical names, but he thought the Council might, with great caution, consider the propriety of giving some latitude in technical and personal names. Proceeding, Mr. Burton urged that the unsuitable names should be changed because they were against good taste, were inartistic, and certainly unscientific. He briefly touched upon the appearance of names in the past, mentioning that Grandsire, one of the oldest and easily the most ridiculous of names, appeared in Stedman's work in 1668, and seemed to have been accepted as inevitable by the authors of 'The Clavis' in 1778. Other names in the same work were irreproachable place names. Shipway and Snowdon left things much as they found them. The Council began to take a hand in naming methods in 1897, when, it would be remembered, they settled the momentous question of 'New' Cambridge Surprise. The chief mistake since then seemed to have been that they had done nothing, for, between the position taken up by the Methods Committee and that of the Analysis Committee they had fallen between two stools. How did this state of affairs arise? It had arisen simply because the Council had been content to let things develop on their own lines, and to do nothing. His proposal now was that an entirely new committee should be formed, and that the duties of that committee should be to review the whole existing method nomenclature, and make recommendations for the revision of unsuitable names to the Council. Secondly, that they should prepare a selection of suitable topographical names to which nomenclature should be limited in the future: that was to say, that when a band rang a new method they would no longer be allowed to pick and choose any name which suited their fancy—that was how they had arrived at the present absurdities. When a new method was rung it would be reported that the band wished to name it, and they would be given names they could choose from. A name would not be thrust down their throats, but they would have a choice, which, when arrived at, would last for all time. The third duty of the committee would be to formulate a plan for the application of such names. He appealed to the Council not to let things stand as they were. They had got to this pass: they were told that they did nothing. People, perhaps, did not study the many things they had done, or value the work that was done by the committees of the Council, but there was an opening for the accusation if they did not move in current things crying out for reform. He did not see how they could go back from that meeting without having taken some step in that reform. He begged the Council to lend a hand; and appoint a committee who could get to work on the right road: get them out of the difficulty in which they found themselves, and save them in the future from the ridicule which they had had in the past.

At this point a suggestion was approved to deal separately with the three points in Mr. Burton's resolution, and the Rev. H. Drake seconded the motion, so far as it related to the appointment of a committee 'to review existing method nomenclature.' He said the resolution which he had promised to second, on behalf of the Leytonstone band, was one proposing that as a temporary measure only the numbers given in the Council's 'Collection of Minor Methods' should be used, and not the names. Proceeding, he said the reason why it seemed to him they should have a special committee for the purpose was that it was something quite different from anything

else that ringers were concerned with. They were not concerned, as a rule, with words, but with things, with science, with mathematics, or with the engineering part of ringing. None of these had anything much to do with the right choice of words. They wanted a committee not necessarily of men who were good ringers or who knew about the management of bells, but who had a good knowledge of words, and were able to understand the different shades of meaning, to understand and appreciate not only whether a word was a good word, appropriate to its purpose, but also whether a word would sound well, and was one which would be used with pleasure by ringers afterwards.

(To be continued.)

A WHITSUN RINGING OUTING.

M.C.A. MEN'S 'SURPRISE' TOUR.

Whitsun Eve found a band of the Midland Counties Association at Grimsby intent on ringing four Surprise peals during the week-end. At St. James' Church, the first peal of Surprise in Grimsby was rung, whilst the 'Sergeant Major' marched anxiously up and down outside the tower. A convivial evening with the local men was spent, and arrangements made for Sunday service ringing. A good course of London on St. James' bells for morning service augured well for the other peal attempts. Sunday afternoon found the party at Barton-on-Humber, where a good peal of Superlative, the first of Surprise on the bells, was rung without incident. After a satisfying tea, a walk down to the water was taken, where, among derelict barges, the inevitable handbells were produced, and much ringing of sorts done upon them. Further tower bell ringing with the local men brought train time, and more handbell ringing. Was there only a minute or two to spare before the train came in, out came the handbells in an attempt for the elusive course of Duffield Major. Arrived at Grimsby the band was met by the indefatigable Mr. H. Rushby, who acted as escort to billets, for some of the party were still uncertain of the whereabouts of their lodgings.

Monday morning found the aforesaid gentleman walking round to the various houses in which the party were staying, in order to give them their railway tickets, which he had purchased at party rates, before 7 a.m. A train journey to New Holland, a boat trip across the Humber, and a further train ride to Beverley, brought the ringers to the venue for the Cambridge Royal attempt at St. Mary's. A service delayed the start, but the peal came up, the first of Surprise on the bells, and believed to be the first of Cambridge Royal in the county since the one rung at Wakefield many years ago. A belated dinner was then eaten, and tracks made for the station. Owing to the late start, the band was unable to get to Holy Trinity, Hull, where it had been intended to attempt Stedman Caters with some of the Grimsby men. However, Mr. Rushby, guide and counsellor, had gone ahead, without food, to get another peal of bells. He succeeded in obtaining the use of All Saints' bells for Superlative, but a course or so showed the impracticability of scoring here, as the bells went so badly. On this attempt proving abortive, the handbell owner made his way to the boat, and was in bed when the rest of the ringers reached home.

On Tuesday morning, London was the method at St. Andrew's. Here the band met short, the two elusive members of the company having, apparently, failed to find the church. However, Mr. Budd, of Grimsby, kindly left his business to ring the treble, and the Sergeant-Major was pressed into the band. London would not go very well here until the S.-M. had expressed his opinion of the band in no measured terms. Then there was some downright good striking for about an hour, when the bells were stopped owing to a change course, and time did not permit of another attempt. Two of the band then went to Cleethorpes, another went home to dinner, while the remainder went elsewhere.

Such measure of success as attended the efforts of the band was undoubtedly due to Mr. H. Rushby, who made all arrangements for the lodging of the visitors—no small problem—and for the use of the bells at the various churches, and who must have walked dozens of miles in making the visit a success.

NORTHELEACH, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 11th, at the Church of St. Peter and Paul, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 minutes: W. Turrey 1, J. Mustoe 2, R. Westmacott 3, W. Clayton 4, D. Hills 5, C. Westmacott 6, J. C. Acok (first as conductor) 7, J. Cook 8. First quarter by all except the conductor and ringer of the 4th. First quarter in the method by the local band.

STOURBRIDGE.—On Sunday, May 11th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 48 mins.: E. Turner 1, G. H. Pagett 2, H. Amphlett 3, W. Smith 4, B. Dunn 5, C. Wm. Cooper 6, A. E. Whatmore (conductor) 7, G. Grazier 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Geo. H. Pagett and B. Dunn, both of whom are choristers and ringers. Mr. Pagett has served 50 years as a chorister and 48 years as a ringer.

THE PASSING OF AN 'ELDER BROTHER.'

AN IMPRESSIVE SCENE AT ILKESTON.

It is with unfeigned regret that we record the death of Mr. Joseph Henry Iliffe, of Ilkeston. The deceased ringer had been failing in health for five or six months past, and only those who were closely associated with him realised how ill he was, for practically the whole of the time he was confined to his room. Of late, those of his friends who visited him, could perceive that he was gradually sinking. On Whit Sunday his condition gave his relatives and friends cause for grave anxiety, and on Tuesday, June 10th, he passed peacefully away—a victim to pernicious anæmia—at his residence, 6, Burns Street, Ilkeston.

The flag on the Parish Church floated at half-mast from that time until after the interment on Saturday in the Ilkeston Park Cemetery.

Ringers, military and St. John Ambulance units combined to pay a last tribute to deceased, who had been associated with the Old Volunteers (Derby Regt.), in which he qualified for the long service medal, and retired with the rank of Col.-Sergeant. For over a decade he was a member of St. John Ambulance Corps, and at the time of his death held the rank of sergeant in that corps.

For thirty-five years he did true and faithful service as a ringer at the Parish Church of St. Mary, and for many years past had held the office of foreman.

Deceased was an official at Manners' No. 2 Colliery, and until failing health compelled him to retire he captained the Manners' No. 2 rescue team.

The funeral service, held in the Parish Church, was fully choral, the Vicar (the Rev. A. W. Bell, M.A.) intoned the service, the lesson was read by the Rev. P. A. Sharp, curate. The hymns, 'Rock of Ages' and 'Abide with me,' were sung.

The Vicar, in an address, spoke of the sterling qualities of the deceased, pointing out that the deceased had lived not a long life, but a full life, in the service of his God, his King, and his fellow-men. Mr. Gates (organist) effectively played the Dead March in 'Saul,' the mourners and congregation standing meanwhile.

The route to the cemetery was lined with reverent spectators, and there was a large concourse at the burial ground. The cortege was headed by the Borough, Ambulance and the British Legion Bands, representing the ambulance and military. The coffin, of polished oak, with cast brass appointments—the latter in the shape of a Patée cross—the breastplate raised on a purple mount, bore the following incised inscription: 'Joseph Henry Iliffe, died June 10th, 1924, aged 53 years. At rest.'

The casket was enshrouded in the Union Jack, on the top of which rested deceased's cap and belt of the Ambulance Corps, and a wreath from his sorrowing widow and two sons. The firing party which preceded the coffin with reversed arms, was provided by G Company 5th Bttn. S.F., in charge of Sergt. Davis and Capt. F. G. Robinson.

Immediately in front of the coffin walked his old companions of the bellry, the churchwardens, Messrs J. E. Cox and H. Simpson, and the Vicar of Ilkeston.

The family mourners followed, and in the rear came members of the Church Council, sidesmen, ringers from neighbouring towers, British Legion, Old Volunteers, and a very large muster of members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, under the command of Supt. H. H. Tatham, and bringing up the rear representatives of the officials and men of the Manners' No. 2 Colliery. The funeral arrangements were ably carried out by Mr. Harry Beardsley, undertaker, one of the St. Mary's ringers.

The coffin was borne by four of the oldest ringers, namely, Messrs. H. Fletcher, A. T. Baker, H. Harrison and E. C. Gobey. At the graveside the Vicar officiated, and the final rites concluded, four of deceased's colleagues rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the open grave on handbells: J. F. George 1—2, E. C. Gobey 3—4, H. Harrison 5—6 and C. J. Baker 7—8. The firing party discharged three volleys, Drummer J. Stamford supplying the drum effects between each, and Bugler A. Chadwick sounded the 'Last Post.'

The bells of St. Mary's rang out to announce to the township that the last sad rites were over, the 'whole pull and stand' being rung 53 times, with the bells fully muffled, except the tenor, which was open at the back stroke. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung afterwards, as no attempt could be made for a peal owing to the tower overlooking the market, and it being market day.

The double muffle was retained for Matins on Trinity Sunday, and for evensong the ringing was done with the bells half-muffled.

The floral tributes were numerous, including beautiful wreaths from St. Mary's Church officers, choir and ringers' committees, his brother ringers, officers, N.C.O.s and men of the Ambulance Corps, officers, N.C.O.s and men of G Company Nolts and Derbys, British Legion, Old Comrades, colliery officials and workmen, etc.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE INCREASED SUBSCRIPTION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Ecclesfield on Saturday, June 21st, and a fairly good number of members and friends were present, the towers represented being Wath, Norton, Bolsterstone, Wortley, Headingley, Doncaster, Arksey, Chesterfield, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, All Saints' and St. Maries', and the Cathedral, Sheffield.

A splendid tea was provided by the local company in the Gaiety Memorial Hall, to which upwards of 30 sat down, and which was very much enjoyed.

The business meeting was held immediately after tea, when the secretary of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. P. J. Johnson, 'dropped in on a surprise visit.'

He was voted to the chair, and gave a lucid explanation as to the reasons which lead to the decision to increase the yearly subscription to 2s., this to include a copy of the annual report free of charge.

At the close, the Chairman offered to answer any questions, but none were forthcoming.—One new member, Mr. J. W. Sykes, of Dore, was elected.

The annual dinner of the association having been fixed for Sept. 13th, at York, it was decided to bring the next quarterly meeting forward into August, and an invitation being received from Conisborough, it was decided that this be accepted, the meeting to be held on August 16th.

The meeting heard with great regret of the very serious illness of Mr. G. Bolland and Mr. S. Thomas, both stalwarts of the Yorkshire Association, and hopes were expressed on all sides for their speedy recovery.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company and their ladies for the very kind welcome, were carried, and replied to by Mr. G. Lewis.

Before dispersing, the gathering was entertained to a course of Stedman Cinques and a course of Grandsire Caters on the handbells, a most delightful ending to a very good meeting.

EASTERN DISTRICT SUMMER MEETING.

The summer meeting was held at Sherburn-in-Elmet on Whit Monday, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. P. Bone, M.A.). Fortunately the weather behaved very kindly, thus adding to the enjoyment of those who were present in this ideal country spot, and the bells, a peal of eight (tenor 18½ cwt.), were rung to the various standard methods throughout the day.

A full choral service was held in the afternoon, the preacher being the Rev. J. E. Crabtree, Vicar of Kirkby Wharf, an old ringer. His main theme was the virtue of faithfulness as being a test of character, and the address was listened to with great pleasure.

An excellent tea was afterwards provided gratuitously by the parishioners in the Church Hall, to which some 40 members and friends sat down. At the conclusion, the Vicar announced that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, to make a presentation to Mr. George Thornton, who celebrates his 50th year as a ringer at Sherburn, and who is also verger, parish clerk and sexton. The gifts consisted of a handsome clock, which strikes the quarters and hours, and subscribed for by the parishioners as a mark of esteem and goodwill. Also a ringers' pendant, suitably inscribed, the gift of his grand-daughter, Annie E. Carter, and Treasury notes.

Mr. Thornton, or 'George,' as he is more popularly known, on rising to respond, was greeted with vociferous applause, and in a few well-chosen remarks, expressed thanks for the very beautiful presents, of which he had been the recipient.

At the business meeting, the chair was taken by the Vicar.—On the motion of Mr. F. W. Dale (Hull), and seconded by Mr. F. Cryer (Selby), Eastington was chosen as the place for the autumn meeting.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the clergy for the use of the bells, service and address, the choir and organist; the ladies, who very kindly provided and served the tea; and the local ringers for their very excellent arrangements.

A pleasing feature of the gathering was the attendance of visitors from the other districts, who rang a well-struck course of Stedman Triples on handbells, in which Miss O. L. Lumley took part. Train time brought another enjoyable meeting to a close.

FEERING, ESSEX.—On Sunday afternoon, June 15th, for flower service, 720 Oxford Treble Boh: J. C. Newman 1, R. Fisher 2, J. Elliott 3, G. Hayward 4, C. J. Roger 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, June 15th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Cutnor 1, F. Norris 2, J. A. Trollone 3, J. Driver 4, H. Rivers 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, W. H. Hollier 7, H. Stevens 8.

LONDON.—At St. Andrew's, Wells Street, on Sunday, May 4th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 minutes: F. Porter 1, H. Dyas 2, Miss E. C. Chapman 3, G. Shipn 4, Mr. Evans 5, F. Digby 6, W. Bottrill (conductor) 7, T. Walters 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LIVERPOOL.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Church of St. Nicholas, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,294 changes), in 56 mins.: C. Bell 1, W. Fisher 2, T. Hammond 3, J. Wilkinson 4, T. Gilmore 5, G. R. Newton 6, P. W. Cave (conductor) 7, J. Martin (composer) 8, E. Counce 9, W. Betley (longest length on the bells) 10.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 650 Stedman Cinques: F. Pitstow (conductor) 1, A. E. Pitstow 2, A. F. James 3, L. E. Pitstow 4, C. H. Howard 5, E. A. Pitstow 6, F. Dench 7, H. N. Pitstow 8, R. A. Strong 9, A. E. Evepelt 10, F. J. Pitstow 11, W. Parish 12.

CLIFFORD.—Hereford Guild.—On Sunday, June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, on the back six, in 43 mins.: A. Hughes 1, W. R. Harris 2, W. Beaver, senr., 3, A. E. Jones 4, J. P. Hyett (conductor) 5, J. L. Goode 6. First quarter-peal for 1st, 4th and 6th. First quarter-peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evensong, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1,263 Stedman Caters: C. F. Winney 1, W. E. Garrard 2, C. W. Robert (conductor) 3, H. Dyas 4, P. L. Miles 5, E. G. Locke 6, P. E. Clark 7, H. G. Miles 8, G. H. Harding 9, G. W. Frayne 10.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday evening, June 22nd, for service, 630 Grandsire Triples: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Bryan 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hiatt 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Pye 1, G. Dawson 2, A. Prior 3, W. Arnold 4, W. Miller 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 London: W. Arnold 1, A. Prior 2, W. Theobald 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Pye 5, W. Keeble (conductor) 6.

HEMINGFORD ABBOTS, HUNTS.—For morning service, on Sunday, June 15th, 720 Bob Minor, by the following: H. Saunders 1, G. Perkins 2, F. Warrington (Long Stanton) 3, J. Smart (Godmanchester) 4, K. Seward (Godmanchester) 5, J. Perkins (conductor) 6.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, June 15th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 each Cambridge Surprise and Burslem Delight.—Also a special 720 Oxford Treble Bob, after evening service, in celebration of the ordination of Mr. Nigel Birch, at Lichfield Cathedral. Mr. Birch learned the art of change ringing at Bucknall: C. Preston 1, Alice Wheeldon 2, C. Bowen 3, Alice Preston (conductor) 4, W. Fradley 5, W. Wheeldon, senr., 6. Messrs. D. Preston, H. Billings and W. Wheeldon, junr., also took part in the day's ringing.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Whit Sunday, at the Abbey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): 1 P. Dyke 1, F. Naish 2, R. Davis 3, F. Woodward 4, E. Naish 5, R. Rice (conductor) 6, W. Hutton 7, C. Spicer 8.

WALLINGFORD, BERKS.—On Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: P. Dyke 1, E. Naish 2, F. Woodward 3, R. Davis 4, W. Hutton 5, F. Naish (conductor) 6, R. Rice 7, S. Naish 8.

BARNET, HERTS.—On June 1st, for Sunday morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Chandler 1, H. E. Eldred 2, R. Roffey 3, J. A. Dart (conductor) 4, W. Secrs 5, S. Child 6, R. Sturgeon 7, G. Herbert 8.

DEVIZES, WILTS.—On Sunday, May 18th, for morning service, at the Church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, 720 of Bob Minor: S. Smith 1, W. A. Swift 2, Geo. Dawson 3, G. W. England 4, S. Hillier 5, F. Green 6. Also for evening service, at the Church of St. John, 720 of Bob Minor: J. L. Hutton 1, W. A. Swift 2, C. D. Heginbotham 3, Geo. Dawson 4, S. Hillier 5, F. Green 6. Both touches (conducted by S. Hillier) were arranged for Mr. Geo. Dawson, of Leytonstone.

LONDON.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: G. J. Harman 1, C. Choct 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, J. Lee 4, A. Darnell 5, R. J. Green 6, E. C. Russell 7, J. S. Hawkins 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—At the Church of St. John the Baptist, on Sunday, May 18th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: E. Hancox (conductor) 1, G. Gutteridge 2, J. J. Pratt 3, Miss P. M. Moss 4, E. Wightman 5, P. Jones 6, J. Bacon 7, W. Henley 8, H. Folkard 9, W. Honor 10.

NOTICE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 31st, St. Clement's Youths, the society established at St. Clement Danes-in-the-Strand, held their annual outing, the members and their friends paying a visit to Brighton. The party numbered some thirty persons of all ages, and of course, included the St. Clement's 'Maidens' as well as 'Youths,' and though London was left in cloud and rain, everything was sunshine for several happy hours at Brighton.

On arrival, most of the party proceeded to St. Peter's Church, the bells of which had been kindly placed at their disposal, and with the help of two of the local exponents some good ringing was enjoyed. It was felt that St. Peter's was to be congratulated upon its fine ring of ten, and also its beautiful ringing room, which all admired. A visit was next made to St. Nicholas' an interesting old church, with many links with the past. Its bells, however, are thoroughly modern, with, of course, all the latest improvements. Having been kindly given the use of the bells, the party was welcomed by several local ringers and members of the Sussex Association, who joined them in bringing round a few well-struck 'touches.'

A strictly kept time-table and programme has been prepared by the indefatigable hon. secretary, Mr. Sergisson, and this now prescribed a journey to Portslade, to visit the 'Lonie' Home. The Rector of St. Clement Danes, and his wife, Mrs. Louie Pennington-Bickford, were awaiting the arrival of the party, and extended to all a hearty welcome. Then followed an invitation to be seated at the tables which were well spread with all that could please hungry holidaymakers. Later, some walked through the extensive grounds, others rang handbells on the lawn or inspected the home, and got a first-hand knowledge of the fine work being done there in providing a holiday home for many of the children of London's poor, a work into which Mrs. Pennington-Bickford throws herself wholeheartedly. Some of these children, now on holiday and just returned either from the downs or the seashore, were much interested in the handbell ringers, as was also one of the nightingales in the adjoining copse, and though none of the party knew the words of his song, it was probably a promise to try a repeat of the 'tittums' or to give a snatch of the 'Odd-Boh' on his return to Africa, next Fall.

The 'schedule' time having come, and incidentally the usual downpour, all were soon en route for Brighton, and the evening express to London. On arrival at Victoria Station, all felt that a memorable day had been spent, and though then parting they were yet united in a joint feeling of thanks to their host and hostess and to the officers, for their several parts in making the day so enjoyable.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Newport Pagnell on Saturday, June 7th, when about 60 members attended, representing Bletchley, Beachampton, Chicheley, Emberton, Penny Stratford, Maids Moreton, Milton Keynes, Newton Longville, North Crawley, Olney, Shenley, Stoke Goldington, Stony Stratford, and the local ringers. The bells, a splendid peal of eight, were set going from 2 p.m. At the service the address was given by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), in the absence of the Rev. Mildmay, who had been asked to preach. Tea had been arranged in the Parish Room by the local ringers and their wives, etc., which was much enjoyed, especially by those who had cycled a distance through very unsettled weather.

The President of the Branch (the Rev. L. Moxen) presided at the business meeting, when the secretary read the balance sheet, which showed the branch to be in a very healthy condition, with a balance of £20 14s. 9d. in hand.—The Rev. L. Moxen was again re-elected president, and Mr. W. Sear secretary and treasurer.

The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) and Mr. Wright (treasurer of the Guild) spoke on matters relating to both the general working and the financial position of the Guild. Various discussions took place, that of chief importance being upon the best means of getting more honorary members.

The usual votes of thanks were recorded to all those who had assisted to make the meeting a success, and also to the secretary for his good work in connection with the branch.

The methods rung during the afternoon were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Martin's Church, Desford, Leicester, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins.: L. Jordan 1, F. Mears 2, C. Pettit (conductor) 3, D. Wood 4, J. Taylor 5, W. Sargerson 6. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. S. Wheat to Miss Esther Mears, sister to the ringer of the second.

LEYTONSTONE SOCIETY IN HERTS VILLAGES**A TWO DAYS' TOUR.**

On May 24th and 25th, the St. John-the-Baptist's Society, Leytonstone, company, held their annual outing, the excursion this year being to the lovely villages of Hertfordshire, and, with the assistance of Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden, a right good time was spent. Fifteen complete 720's were rung in the two days. Breakfast over, Widford was the first place of call, where hangs a handy ring of six, which were soon going to 'Surfleet.' A good 720 of York was rung, and a splendid welcome was received from the Vicar (the Rev. L. S. Milford). The journey was continued by motor charabanc to Much Hadham. Here Cambridge came to grief, but a good 720 of Chester was rung. At Standon, the next place of call, a very musical peal of six was found, 720 each of Ipswich and Beverley being well struck. At Braughing, the inner-man again needed attention, and Mrs. Denton, of the Brown Bear, had an excellent dinner ready.

This over, Mr. Theobald, in a neat little speech, asked the Master (Mr. W. Miller) to present the secretary (Mr. G. Dawson) with a bell ringers' pendant in gold, suitably inscribed, in recognition of his past services. The Master spoke of Mr. Dawson's capabilities as a ringer, but his chief asset, he said, was his skill in arranging the outings. For the past 18 years the splendid arrangements he had made had always ensured them being a great success.—After Mr. Dawson had responded and thanked the members for their present, Mr. T. Faulkner, on behalf of the visitors, thanked the Leytonstone company for their kind invitations to the outings.—This was seconded by Mr. W. J. Nevard.

A move was then made to the Parish Church, where, on the historical peal of eight, Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung. The journey being resumed, a musical peal of six was found at Ardeley, where 720 each of London and Old Lincoln were rung.

Great Munden was the next stop, and the party were met by the Rev. T. Langdon (himself a ringer). Here 720 Newcastle and 360 Cambridge were rung. The last call for Saturday was Little Munden, where the party were met by Mr. Lawrence, who regretted not being able to spend the whole day with them. Mrs. Lawrence had a splendid tea awaiting the visitors, and this was greatly appreciated by the whole company. This over, 720 Lincoln, No. 16, an' Durham, were rung, with touches of Cambridge and Munden Surprise, with the local men taking part. A pleasant ride then brought the party to the Bull Hotel, where three of the members had to leave and return to London, much to the regret of the rest of the party. Touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major on the hand-bells brought supper time and bed.

On Sunday, as usual, the visitors were early astir, and the peal of six at Watton were set going about 7 o'clock, 720 each of Norwich and Wells Surprise being rung before breakfast. Datchworth was visited for 11 o'clock service, but misfortune befel the ringing, Canterbury and Cambridge being lost in the last course.

After dinner, the motor took them to Aston, where Canterbury and Cambridge were successfully rung. A further drive brought them to the old-world village of Bennington (of Squire Proctor fame), and on the melodious little peal of eight, Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Stedman and Cambridge Surprise Major were in turn brought round, the Vicar and Mr. Page (the last surviving member of Squire Proctor's band) taking part. Back to Watton to tea, and a 720 of Cambridge for the evening service, brought the very successful ringing tour to an end.

The visitors wish to thank all the clergy for so readily granting permission to ring, and for meeting and giving the visitors a warm welcome; the local ringers (especially Mr. W. H. Lawrence) for meeting them and extending to them that hearty welcome, which it is so great a pleasure to receive, and which will leave a lasting memory of the two days spent in the villages of Herts. Those who took part in the 720's were P. H. Avey 6, G. Dawson 10 (conducted 2), T. Faulkner 6, G. Hayden 5, A. Hardy 3, A. Prior 9 (conducted 2), F. W. Richardson 4, E. D. Smith 10, W. Theobald 11, W. Miller 9 (conductor 7), J. Moule 5 (conducted 2), W. J. Nevard 7 (conducted 2).

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern District was held at Worplesdon on Saturday, June 14th. During the afternoon various touches were brought round. The Rector (the Rev. Bruce) conducted the Guild service, and preached an interesting sermon.

The ladies and their friends were then invited to a splendid tea in the Rectory garden.

At the business meeting, Miss Wiseman, of Worplesdon, was elected a member. More ringing was then indulged in till 8 p.m. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Guildford, Shere, Sandhurst, and the local tower. The ladies would like to take this opportunity of again thanking the Rector and Mrs. Bruce for their kind welcome.

NOTICES.

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SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 301st anniversary of Great Ringing Day will be held on Friday, June 27th. Ringing commences 9 a.m., and all visitors are heartily welcomed. A luncheon will be held at one o'clock, and those wishing to attend kindly notify the honorary secretary.—R. A. Strong, Saffron Walden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Ruislip on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers welcome.—W. H. Hoilier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1s. each. Business meeting and further ringing to follow. The bells at St. John's, Hackney, will be open for ringing from 8 to 9.30 p.m.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Grantham (10 bells) on Saturday, June 28th. Ringing from 3 to 8.30 p.m. Special object, unveiling of peal board at 4.30. Meat tea at Globe Café 2s. each. Train leaves Nottingham at 2.18. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ewell on Saturday, June 28th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Service 5.30, followed by tea and business meeting in Church Room.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Great Brington. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—T. Tebbutt, Branch Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Christ Church, Southport, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells only available for ringing from 5 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.—J. W. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Foxearth, to which all ringers are cordially invited. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Service in the church at 4.15, after which a tea will be provided.—W. H. Dyson, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—There will be a General meeting of the branch at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business afterwards.—Alfred J. Harman, Hon. Sec., 2, St. Mary's Cottages, Grove Road, Windsor.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, June 28th, at Wilburton, Ely (6 bells). Haddenham (6 bells) also available. Service 5 o'clock. Arrangements for tea: please let me know early. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Knutsford on Saturday, June 28th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.15 p.m.—J. P. Fidler, Branch Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on July 1st; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 3rd and 31st; St. Magnus 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., 'Frod-ingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 5th. Business meeting in St. Mary's Church Room at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head in St. Mary's School at 5 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells (12), St. James' (8) and Wilton (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEANCONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.30 to 7.15; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, followed by general meeting. Tea, to fully paid up members, 1s.; to others 1s. 6d. Please send word by Tuesday, July 1st. — H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 5th, at St. Michael's Church, Lichfield. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church at 6 o'clock prompt. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than Wednesday, July 2nd, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Church Hall, Farnham, on Saturday, July 5th. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. General meeting at 2 p.m. (at which election of officers and alteration to rules will be decided). Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. for those who notify me before July 1st. Towsers pen for ringing: Farnham (8) and, after 6 p.m., Alton (8), Aldershot (8), Bentley (6) and Frensham (6). All ringers welcome.—George Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec., West End, Southampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, July 5th, the annual meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Crofton (near Wakefield). Draw for order of ringing 2.45 p.m., School. Tea will be provided, 1/6 each, to all who send word not later than June 30th, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, July 5th. Bells

(8) open from 3 o'clock till 5; buses from Loughborough very frequent. The bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry also available after 5 o'clock. General business meeting 5.30. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Norton on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at 5 p.m. Notification to be made not later than Wednesday, July 2nd, to Mr. W. Biggin, 13, Abbey Lane, Woodseats, Sheffield. This is important. — T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Stone on Saturday, July 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m., tea at 5.30 p.m., followed by a committee meeting.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at Isham (6) on Saturday, July 5th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, July 1st.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

SURPRISE PRACTICE will be held at Ashted, Surrey, on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 3 till 6 p.m.—A. Harman, 27, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer meeting will be held at Barton Le Cley on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea arrangements will be notified during the afternoon. Barton is an ideal spot for an afternoon outing. It is hoped as many members and friends as possible will attend. — Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Shildon on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m.—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 5th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. — Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Brentwood.—Dedication of peal board. Ringers are invited to visit Brentwood on Saturday, July 5th. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., 1s. per head, provided for those who acquaint me not later than July 3rd.—Edwin D. Baker, 115, King's Road, Brentwood.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. Will all those intending to be present notify me not later than July 1st?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for July: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, 6th, 10 a.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 7th, *6.30 p.m.; St. Clement Danes, Monday, 21st, 7.30 p.m.; Bishopsgate, Monday, 28th, 7.30 p.m. *Quarterly meeting 8 o'clock. Election of secretary.—J. Bullock, retiring Hon. Sec., 56, Halli-ford Street, N.1.

THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing at St. Philip's from 2 to 3; St. Mary Redcliffe, from 3 to 4. Service at St. Thomas' Church, 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Bristol United Guilds) at 5 o'clock. Ringing at St. Stephen's after meeting. Will all wishing for tea please send their names to Mrs. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol? The Bristol United Guilds are anxious to entertain visiting members, and would like to know the names of any who will be in Bristol before 11 o'clock so that arrangements can be made. Names should be sent to Mrs. Wilkins.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Birling on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting after service. Please notify me before July 8th.—C. H. Sone, Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION DINNER to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

GRIMSBY.—Any ringers visiting Cleethorpes or Grimsby during the summer months will have a hearty welcome to St. Andrew's Church (two minutes' walk from Dock Station). Sunday ringing 10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. Peals can also be arranged by writing to the hon. sec., F. Overton, 119, Connamore Road, Grimsby.

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METHOD NAMES.

There was strong opposition at the Central Council meeting to the proposal to change the unsuitable names which have been given to methods, but, as our readers have been already informed, a decision to take action was eventually carried by a small majority. A special Committee has been appointed, and they will be expected to bring up recommendations which will accord with what, we are sure, is the opinion of most ringers outside the Council, namely, that for the future the names which are to be given to methods are such as will give dignity to the science. Into the general question of method nomenclature there is no need for us to again enter at this moment, except to point out that, while a good deal was made of the question of tradition, this is a two-edged weapon, and as much argument could be found in history for changing names and methods, as for retaining them.

At the moment, however, we desire to turn our attention chiefly to the remarks of the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who was chairman of the Analysis Committee, responsible for the names to which exception has been taken. Mr. Carpenter took strong objection to some of our editorial remarks upon this subject, and were we to let his statement remain unchallenged it might leave the impression that we admit his impeachment. If the Analysis Committee is unrepentant—so, too, are we. But what did Mr. Carpenter's statement come down to in fact? That we had unfairly stated that the Committee threatened to resign if their report was not accepted as it stood, and that we said the report was 'foisted' on the Exercise. A member of the Committee said at the Salisbury meeting, when it was proposed to refer the report back: 'We either wish this report to go through or the matter placed in the hands of some other Committee.' If that is not threatening to throw up the job, we should like to know what is. Moreover, that the Council took this view is revealed by the fact that one gentleman, speaking immediately after this statement had been made, said members might refrain from voting for an amendment to refer the matter back, 'because the Committee have threatened to resign. This impression was never contradicted, and, we think, there is ample evidence that we did not go one word beyond the truth in what we wrote. The only other criticism which was made of our comments was the use of the word 'foist.' The palming off of these names on the Exercise by a threat to resign, resulting in the Council accepting the report 'willy nilly' justified this description, and while it is furthest from

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our wish to hurt anybody's feelings, there has been no exaggeration of language on our part.

When the Analysis Committee had this matter in hand they had a fine opportunity to give a lead to the Exercise in the choice of method names, but in a section in which they already found such titles as Oxford, Kent and Rochester, as well as others of a like character more recently introduced, they went into horticulture. From first to last the Committee have not told the Exercise the reason for this step. There has been ample opportunity, but they have remained silent. We can only imagine it was a whim, but having once committed themselves, fancied it would be infra dig. to go back upon their choice. It is hardly likely there would have been so much said had they, while leaving old names alone, found something more suitable for the unnamed methods, but, by their selection, they went out of the way to accentuate the absurd nomenclature which permeates ringing, and it was time someone had something to say in the matter.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Sunday, June 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5015 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN SPARROW ... ..	... Treble	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ...	7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... ..	... 2	HARRY SEAR	8
JOHN W. CORNFORD ... ..	... 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL	9
THOMAS NEWMAN ... ..	... 4	HENRY T. WILSON	10
RICHARD BEVAN ... ..	... 5	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	11
WALTER SEAR ... ..	... 6	RICHARD G. WILSON ...	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 12 lb. in D.

WILLIAM MESSAM ... ..	... Treble	JOHN HOYLE	6
ARTHUR C. OTWAY ... ..	... 2	ALBERT HARMAN	7
FLT.-SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN ...	3	EDWARD HULL	8
ALFRED H. WINCH	4	ARTHUR DEAN	9
GEORGE MARRINER	5	DAVID ANSCOMBE ...	... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Versailles Treaty: also a birthday compliment to Mrs. Arthur Dean, who, by her untiring efforts, greatly assisted in raising the necessary funds for the rehanging of the bells.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*ERNEST HUNT ... ..	... Treble	*SIDNEY R. GARDNER ...	6
FREDERIC C. RICE ... ..	... 2	†FREDERICK J. SPICER ...	7
JOHN MALYAN ... ..	... 3	EDWARD D. LIVERMORE ...	8
THOMAS J. HELL ... ..	... 4	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	9
HENRY G. LIGHTFOOT ... ..	... 5	†WALTER AYRE ... ..	... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal of Royal by all except the conductor. † First peal of Plain Bob Royal on tower bells, and as conductor. * First peal on ten. ‡ First peal away from the tenor. Rung on the Eve of the Patronal Festival.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

EDGAR GUISE Treble	WILLIAM H. PARKER 6
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 2	FREDERICK TYLER 7
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	JOSEPH GOULD 8
ALFRED PEARCE 4	HENRY T. HOWELL 9
GILBERT PEARCE 5	GEORGE TREW Tenor

Composed and Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CAVERSHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*E. W. MENDAY Treble	W. LEWINGTON 5
R. WHITE 2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 6
J. HANDS 3	A. D. CULLUM 7
R. T. HIBBERT 4	H. SIMMONDS Tenor

Conducted by A. D. CULLUM.

* First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

JAMES G. RUMSEY Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

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

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to J. M. Button.

BARNES, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, June 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ERNEST H. COOK Treble	RALPH MACKRILL 5
WILLIAM H. WOOD 2	*GEORGE C. ILES 6
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON 7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 4	*CHARLES F. W. HUNT Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE. Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to H.R.H. Prince of Wales. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*REGINALD BECK Treble	ARTHUR PRINCE 5
RONALD BECK 2	*WILLIAM ROSEWELL 6
GERALD GRIFFIN 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
JESSE FRANCIS 4	CHARLES F. ANDREWS Tenor

Composed by the late Sir A. P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by C. F. ANDREWS.

* First touch of Major.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S GUILD.)

On Friday, June 27, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CANTERBURY PLEASURE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

On the light 8, tenor 10¾ cwt.

ALFRED BALLARD Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL 5
JOSIAH MORRIS 2	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7
THOMAS H. BENT 4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Lee, wife of the Vicar. First peal in the method in the county, and by all the band. Messrs. J. and E. Morris have now rung each of the twelve bells in this tower to peals.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6144 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED. RIGBY Treble	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 5
†FRED. BLACKLIDGE 2	*HERBERT LUCAS 6
*E. ROGER MARTIN 3	WILLIAM LANCASTER ... 7
†ALFRED BLOGG 4	JOHN H. GARTSIDE Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (183). Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

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

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

WALTER THOMAS Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
JOHN W. DAVIES 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
*WILLIAM D. WASE 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE. Conducted by R. SPERRING.

* First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. Mossford for having everything ready.

SHEPshed, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

HARRY KIRBY Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
GEORGE BUTLER 2	WILLIAM THORLEY 6
JOHN SADDINGTON 3	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7
*WILLIAM PERVIN 4	LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

H. Kirby's first peal away from the tenor. * 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Saddington, of Loughborough.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM DICKINSON Treble	GEORGE LADD 5
THOMAS T. HUMBERSTONE ... 2	FREDERICK W. STORES ... 6
JOHN T. HOLMES 3	WALTER H. WOOD 7
JOHN W. WOOD 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT RICHARDSON.

Rung to celebrate the diamond wedding of Mr. and Mrs. David Dickinson, parents of the ringer of the treble, who were married at the above church on June 26th, 1864. Also in honour of the birth of a daughter to the conductor.

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CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ARTHUR BOLTON Treble	*CECIL ROBINSON 5
JOHN APPLETON 2	†WILLIAM AINSWORTH 6
†GEORGE P. KIMBALL 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
JOHN C. POLLARD 4	*ALFRED J. RING Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

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

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

HARRY R. ROPER Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 3	H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM 7
JAMES ROSE 4	FREDERICK GILLINGHAM Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. P. MELLINS... Treble	WILLIAM KEERLE 5
WALTER ARNOLD 2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 6
FRANK CLAYDON 3	GEORGE W. MOSS 7
JAMES FLETCHY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal by G. W. Moss since May 20th, 1910.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, June 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM NEAL Treble	HERBERT HOARE 4
STEPHEN H. HOARE 2	WILLIAM TILLEY 5
JOHN H. RODEN 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for the Brothers Hoare, of Woodston, Peterborough. They were proposed members in the tower.

TEYNHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five 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 Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and College Single.

Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK RUMMERY... Treble	EDWARD W. TUMBER... .. 4
CHARLES TUMBER 2	GEORGE KENWARD 5
EDWARD W. GAMBELL 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. W. Dixon, who was interred at Teynham Church on Saturday, June 21st.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

STOKE EDITH, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, June 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

*ERNEST WELCH... Treble	†ALEC TAYLOR 4
THOMAS TAYSON 2	*HERBERT TAYSON 5
GEOFFREY TAYSON 3	WALTER TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

* First in five methods. † First in five methods with a bob bell. First in five methods as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT 61, NEW PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor size 12 in F.

*MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8

Conducted by WALTER P. WHITEHEAD.

Umpire: EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal on a working pair. This and the peal of Caters were arranged for the Brothers Moorhouse, who were elected members prior to starting.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, June 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Nine Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

WALTER F. WHITEHEAD... 1-2	GERALD MOORHOUSE ... 5-6
MALCOLM MOORHOUSE ... 3-4	HAROLD J. POOLE 7-8

*JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10

Umpire: EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Caters 'in hand.' Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Hare.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. GILES, CAMBERWELL, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5025 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 16 in B.

ERNEST J. KING... .. 1-2	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4	ALBERT C. V. GASSON ... 7-8
GEORGE W. HARRIS... .. 9-10	

Composed by F. DENCH. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.
Umpire: F. W. CHORLEY.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the above was held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, June 21st, when members were present from Bedford, Kempston, Turvey, Clapham, Threllegh, Harrold, Biddenham, Higham Ferrers, Roston, Emberton, Weckley, Great Staughton, and the local company. The bells were raised about 3 p.m., and a good touch of Woodbine Treble Bob was brought round. These bells were dedicated on Whit Sunday by the Bishop of St. Albans, after having been overhauled by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of the Croydon foundry.

Tea was served at the Swan-with-two-Necks Inn, when the members were the guests of Mr. Cyril Johnston.

At the business meeting, with Mr. C. W. Clarke in the chair, Cople was chosen for the next meeting, on Saturday, July 19th, of which notice will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the donor of the tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells, with which everyone was delighted. The ringers afterwards visited the tower again, and London, York and Cambridge Surprise were brought round. Five of the bells have been recast and hung in ball bearings, and entirely new fittings have been provided. Great credit is due to the Croydon firm for the work they have done.

TWO MORE BELLS FOR BRIDSTOW.

Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have been given the order for two additional bells to complete the octave at Bridstow, Herefordshire. This tower is well known as possessing an enterprising band of Minor ringers who have rung methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise, and regularly ring Surprise for services. The metal for a new treble is being given by ringers only. The Bridstow band have subscribed handsomely, and they are being helped by ringers from each tower in the Ross district, as well as other ringers, only about £3 still remaining to be raised. The new bells are to be ready early in September.

BELL DEDICATION AT WELLINGTON.**A NEW TREBLE.**

From the fine old embattled Norman tower of their parish church, the people of Wellington, near Hereford, will henceforward have the pleasure of listening to 'the music of a peal of six bells. Up till now there have been only five, and the sixth just added has been provided out of a sum of £300, the gift of an anonymous donor, who, it may be said, resides in the parish.

The additional treble was dedicated on Sunday at evensong by Preb. E. B. Bartleet, Vicar of Much Wenlock, in the presence of a large congregation. After the second lesson, a procession was formed at the entrance to the chancel, consisting of the bell ringers, the churchwardens, sidesmen, and the clergy, those taking part being Preb. Bartleet, the Rev. C. P. Lee (Vicar of the parish), Mr. F. G. Morton and Mr. E. Ballinger (wardens), Mr. Arthur Jay, Mr. Thomas Stokes, Mr. J. Prince, Mr. George Cousins, Mr. J. Jordan, Mr. Alfred Parker (sidesmen and ringers), and Mr. C. Edwards (Diocesan Ringing Master).

Headed by a surpliced chorister carrying the processional cross, they proceeded by the central aisle to the base of the tower, which is open to view from the church proper. Here they ranged themselves in a circle round the hanging bell ropes, and Preb. Bartleet conducted a short but impressive ceremony of dedication, beginning with the singing of the hymn, 'The sacred bells of England,' one of several beautiful compositions in the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers' service. This was sung to the well-known tune inseparable from the hymn, 'The Church's one foundation.' Dedicationary prayers were offered by Preb. Bartleet.

Then, for the first time, the new bell sent forth its message o'er the village, in a few 'rounds' rung by Mr. Charles Edwards, of Brampton, Madley, the Ringing Master of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, and secretary of the Hereford District, whose great services to this uplifting art in the diocese unquestionably entitled him to the honour. As the last note of the new bell died away, the solemn music of the Nunc Dimittis, played by Mrs. Lee on the organ, stole through the church, and ordinary evensong proceeded with a sermon by Preb. Bartleet, based on the text, 'All the saints salute you, chiefly they that are of Caesar's household.'

The new bell weighs just over 5½ cwt., and in merry peals rung after the service the improvement in the compass of the 'tower' was very noticeable.

NEWBURY RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, June 21st, St. Nicholas' ringers, with ringers from Beeton, Brightwalton and Thatcham, had their annual outing, and made an excursion by charabanc. East Hagbourne was the first stop, and was reached after a delightful ride over the Berkshire Downs. This fine peal of eight was soon set going to Grandsire Triples, and after an hour's ringing the party left for Drayton, passing through the cherry orchard country. The bells at Drayton were raised in peal, and after an hour's good ringing the band left for Appleton, where they were met by Mr. G. Holifield, who had kindly arranged for dinner at the 'Thatched Tavern.' Afterwards the visitors were met at the tower by the brothers White, and Mr. Holifield, junr. The celebrated peal of ten were soon tapping off Grandsire Caters, thanks to the help of Appleton ringers. Then taking to the motor coach again, the journey was resumed to Backland, where another 45 minutes' good ringing was done. Wantage was next on the programme, and here the party were met by Mr. Gregory, the foreman. The bells were raised in peal, some very good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and the bells were lowered for service. After an excellent tea at the Swan Inn, and a look round Wantage, the party left for East Ilsley, an hour's ringing on this light peal of eight bringing the day's ringing to a close. Then, after supper at the Star Inn, a move was made for home, which was reached at 11.30 p.m., all tired, but happy, and having spent a most enjoyable day. The conducting during the day was done by Messrs. S. Quintin and H. W. Curtis with two short touches called by 'Willie.' Next morning, for ringing at 7.30 a.m., there was a full muster. Through the medium of the 'Ringing World,' the visitors desire to convey their best thanks to all who helped to make the day such a success.

THE MISSING BELL.**To the Editor.**

Can you information give me—
Information wanted quickly—
Of a meeting of some delegates
To the Central Council meeting,
Held in the small town of London,
Where these men had all foregathered,
Representatives of ringers,
Of the very cream of ringers,
Men whose reputations gave them
Positions over all their brethren?

It is whispered in this village
That these men whose heads were bursting,
Bulging out with facts and figures
Of the 'Slow and quick' in Stedman,
Met one night up in a belfry
At a church in dear old London,
Named, I do believe, St. Martin's,
Where there is a ring of twelve bells,
Twelve bells filled with sweetest music.
There 'tis said, in all their glory,
Fresh from splendid Council meeting,
These great experts then foregathered
Full of vim to show their prowess,
Now that they could ring these twelve bells
Even better than their brethren.

So they doffed their coats and whatnots,
Gathered in their hands the sallies
To produce the sweetest music
Known to all the assembled ringers
As the music culled from twelve bells,
Cinques, with tenor standing steady.
Off they went, their ears did listen
Long to rounds that sounded sweet.
But, alas! 'tis said in sorrow,
No one called the word 'Go Cinques.'
Each man bashful as his neighbour,
So the word was never uttered.

'What a shame!' said one poor listener,
'We have missed the rarest treat
Because,' said he, 'you see, the fourth bell
Has no man upon the sally,
And to ring quite all the changes
With this bell left out,' said he,
'Would have been a feat worth hearing
And their faces good to see.'

Said another member, smiling,
'Have they any ears at all?'

Is this true, Oh, Mr. Editor?
Tell us quickly, if you can,
That it's only a wee rumour
Spoken by a jealous man.
These men's ears could not be putty,
They must function now and then,
And that no one missed the absence
Of the fourth bell from the rounds
Is a rumour.

Tell us quickly, Mr. Editor,
All the truth about this tale,
For it causes ribald laughter
'Mongst the men

ICHABOD.

CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting was held at St. John's Church, Hensingham, on Saturday, when members were present from Arlecdon, Bridekirk, Cockermouth, Cleator Moor, Egremont, and the local company. Previous to the meeting a service was held in the Church, in the course of which the Vicar (the Rev. E. Freeman) unveiled a peal board, recording a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, rung muffled in memory of members of the association who fell in the great war, and whose names are inscribed on the board.

The meeting was held in the vestry, presided over by the Vicar, and supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. W. T. Holmes).

The next meeting will be held at Bridekirk on September 27th. Numerous touches were rung during the afternoon and evening.

DEATH OF MR. SAM THOMAS.

We deeply regret to record the death of Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield, who succumbed on Tuesday of last week to the attack of pneumonia, from which, as previously mentioned, he was suffering.

Mr. Thomas, who was 54 years of age, was a typical Yorkshireman, who came of ringing stock, and by his death the Exercise in the North of England has lost one of its most capable exponents. Born at Wath-on-Dearne, where his father was clerk and sexton at the Parish Church, Sam Thomas began to ring at an early age. His first connection with the Belfry began in this way. Sam was in the choir, and during a dispute between the ringers and the church authorities the choir boys used to jangle the bells for the service. The treble was Sam's bell, and at this time he was not nine years old. On one occasion he pulled at the bell until it set, and then it had to remain until his courage came back sufficiently to touch the thing again. That was the beginning of an interesting ringing career.

Mr. Thomas could ring a few six-bell methods before he left his native village, taking part in these performances with his father, grandfather, and an uncle. In the autumn of 1888 he came to Sheffield to the Botanical Gardens, and joined the Parish Church company in November, 1889, ringing his first peal (Grandsire Caters) on the 30th of the same month, the peal being conducted by Mr. C. H. Hattersley. He rang his first peal of Stedman Caters in 1890, and Double Norwich and Superlative in 1892, the latter being the first Surprise peal by the Yorkshire Association.

On going to live further out of Sheffield in 1896, Mr. Thomas joined the Ranmore company, and at that church, with a local band, five of whom had never started for a peal before, called his first peal, one of Bob Major, on Diamond Jubilee Day. The band, under Mr. Thomas's tuition, made steady progress, and eventually reached the 'Surprise' stage. But his interests were by no means limited to his own tower. On the formation of the Sheffield Junior Amalgamated Society in January, 1890, he was elected treasurer. The society was enlarged to the Sheffield District Society in 1898 for the purpose of holding monthly practices in the higher methods. Mr. Thomas was elected President of the Old East Derbyshire Society in 1901, and on the amalgamation of the two societies in 1903 was elected to a similar office, while in 1909 he was appointed trustee. Since then he filled for several years the office of secretary.

Mr. Thomas has always been an enterprising ringer, and was a leader of Surprise ringing in Yorkshire. At a monthly meeting, held at Chesterfield early in 1901, the first practice of Yorkshire Surprise took place, and a few of the faithful, although scattered over an area of some thirty miles, resolved to meet for special practices, and the result was the first peal on February 5th, 1903, followed by the first peal of Peterborough Surprise in April, 1904. In view of the present discussion about names it is not out of place to recall that there is an interesting story attached to the naming of Peterborough. It came to the band unnamed, and, as, after ringing Yorkshire, Mr. Thomas counselled ringing another method before attempting London, the new method was looked upon as a kind of half-way stage, and jocularly dubbed Peterborough—half-way between York and London. London Surprise was scored on December 9th, 1905, Double Norwich Royal followed in 1906, and Bristol Surprise was rung in May, 1911. Throughout the whole of these performances Mr. Thomas was entrusted with arranging the meetings, and put in charge of the conducting. Progress was by no means easy; discouraging failures and other obstacles had to be surmounted, but Mr. Thomas's determined spirit backed by a loyal and enthusiastic band, triumphed. Mr. Thomas composed and conducted the first peal of Original Major ever rung, and other methods were added later. He was, although not a prolific composer, a very capable one, and has peals of Treble Bob, Superlative, Peterborough and Double Norwich Caters.

Mr. Thomas did his share of spadework among beginners, and when the new peal of bells was put in at Dore in 1909 he was entrusted with the formation of a new band to whom he acted as instructor. This took all his spare time for a couple of years, and his services were recognised by the presentation to him of some solid silver table ware.

Since the war business claims have kept Mr. Thomas from following the art as much as formerly, and his name appeared in peals only very occasionally, but his heart was still in ringing. He was a fine type of man, as punctilious in his ringing as in all the affairs of life, he endeared himself to a large circle of friends, by whom his death will be severely felt.

To the bereaved relatives the full sympathy of the Exercise will be extended.

FULHAM.—At the Church of All Saints, on Sunday, June 23th, for evening service, 1,239 changes of Stedman Caters: W. H. Hollier 1, W. H. Wood 2, A. Culmor 3, F. Norris 4, H. Cook 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skelington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, H. Page 10.

A WILLIAM PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will any ringer wishing to take part in a William peal of London, probably in August or September, kindly let me know as soon as possible. The peal most probably will be attempted in the Metropolis, but if desired can be arranged at Feering, Essex.—Yours truly,
WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rye Mill, Feering.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Northern District was held at Foxearth on Saturday, June 28th, when members were present from Lavenham, Foxearth, Cavendish, Belchamp Walter, Melford, Pentlow, Tooting, and Braintree.

A service was held in the beautiful Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. G. H. Bassett), who also gave a very helpful address upon the words, 'Members one of another.' He gave the ringers a very hearty welcome, and dwelt upon the principle of co-operation as applied to change ringing.

After the service the ringers sat down to tea in the Clubroom, the District Master being in the chair, supported by the Rector; Mr. D. Ward, churchwarden; Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association; and the district secretary.

At the subsequent meeting, the following ringing members were elected: Mr. F. Webb, Braintree; Messrs. W. F. Parbury and H. Brockwell, Foxearth. Hon. members: The Rev. R. W. Croft, Vicar of Kelvedon, and Mr. D. Ward, of Foxearth. Life member: Mr. H. Richold.

A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the organist and choir for their services, was proposed by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, and seconded by the district secretary, Mr. W. H. Dyson, and carried unanimously.

It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Feering, in October, and a bi-meeting at Rayne, about the end of August, subject to the consent of the authorities.

During the day the following methods were rung on the bells: Bob Minor, Oxford, Kent, Stedman, Double, Norwich.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Northern branch was held at Upper Arley on Saturday, June 21st, when a representative gathering attended. At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. S. H. S. Spooner) officiated, and gave a very interesting address on the bells.

The business meeting which followed was held in the Village Schools, owing to the wet weather, a previous invitation of the Vicar to hold the meeting on his lawn having to be abandoned.

The Vicar, on taking the chair, thanked the branch for their presence, and gave them a hearty welcome, on behalf of himself and his church officials.

It was decided to accept the invitation of the Rowley Regis company to hold the next meeting at their church in September.—The Vicar was elected an honorary member of the association, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for arranging the service, for his appropriate address, and for presiding at the meeting. Among those present were Messrs. A. E. Parsons (Old Hill), R. Mathews (Association Ringing Master), W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master, Northern Branch, Selly Oak), A. J. Skelding (secretary, Northern Branch), T. J. Salter and J. Woodberry (Kidderminster), J. Price (Old Hill), W. Farrow and Miss Farrow (Smethwick), W. Cooper (Stourbridge), W. Cooper (Wordsley), J. Bass (Wollaston), J. Lloyd (Brierley Hill) and A. Marton (Birkenhead).

The Secretary tenders many thanks to Mr. W. Steward, of the local company, for the very efficient manner in which he carried out the catering arrangements under very trying conditions. A few touches of Cambridge, London and York Surprise brought a pleasant meeting to a close.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The June monthly meeting of the Guild was held at Bulkington on Saturday, June 21st. About 30 ringers were present from Allesley, Birmingham, Coventry, Exhall, Chilvers Coton, Nuneaton, Shilton, Southam and Stoke, together with the local band. Ringing commenced about 4 p.m., some delay having been caused by a funeral being in progress at the appointed time.

Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. S. Brewer) presided.

After tea an opportunity was afforded the members to hear the new peal of handbells recently purchased by the local company, touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major being successfully rung.

Ringing was indulged in after tea on the tower bells, the methods successfully brought round including Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Stedman Slow Course, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Cambridge and London Surprise. The falling of the bells in peal brought a very pleasant and successful gathering to a close.

GAINSBOROUGH RINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The fourth annual outing of the Gainsborough Parish Church Ringers took place on Whit-Monday. On previous occasions the places visited have been within the limits of the North of Lincolnshire. This year it was decided to take a longer journey to Loughborough and Newark. The party started soon after 7 a.m., the route mapped out being via Checker House Crossing, Lime Tree Avenue, Edwinstowe, Rufford and Nottingham. Amidst some very fine scenery, especially in the vicinity of the Dukeries, the party rode merrily and steadily along, reaching their destination at 11.30. They were met by Mr. H. F. Stubbs (manager at Messrs. John Taylor and Co.'s Bell Foundry), and some of the local ringers, who conducted them to the Parish Church, the consent of the Rector (the Rev. Canon Briggs) having been obtained for the use of the bells. During the ringing, Mr. J. Flint, Bolsover, joined the visitors. Afterwards the bell foundry was visited. Mr. Pryce Taylor (who, to the regret of the ringers, was unable to meet them owing to being at the Central Council meeting) had kindly granted an inspection of the works and the use of the foundry bells. The visitors were met by Mr. Smith, who escorted them round the moulding department and minutely explained the intricacies of bell founding, and most willingly answered many questions put to him respecting bell casting. Mr. Stubbs then took the party round the fitting shop, and afterwards entertained them with several tunes on the carillon in the foundry, which were very much appreciated. After ringing a few touches on the foundry bells the visitors next made their way to the park for the purpose of hearing the war memorial carillon. During the afternoon a recital was given by M. Antoon Brees, deputy carillonneur, Antwerp Cathedral, the party thus having an opportunity of hearing the tone and beauty of this famous carillon.

At 4.15 p.m. a start was made for Newark, where an excellent tea awaited them. Afterwards, by the kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Walker) the ten bells at the Parish Church were at the disposal of the ringers for about an hour, and at 8.40 the charabanc was once again brought into requisition, and home was reached about 10.15 p.m. The best thanks of all are due to the incumbents of Loughborough and Newark for the use of the bells; Mr. Pryce Taylor for so kindly granting permission to inspect the works, the use of the bells, and also making other necessary arrangements; Messrs. Stubbs and Smith for their very kind welcome and courtesy; the local ringers who met them at the two churches; the caterers for the excellent tea provided, and any others who helped to make the outing so pleasant and enjoyable.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting was held at Middlesbrough and Stockton on Whit Monday, when members attended from Stockton, Ripon, Saltburn, Darlington, Thirsk, West Hartlepool, Skelton, and the local company. A committee meeting was held in the Middlesbrough Church House, when several business items were brought forward for the general meeting, and the meetings were arranged for the year as follows: September meeting, Richmond; Easter, Masham; annual meeting, 1925, Ripon. A short service was held in the Parish Church, Middlesbrough, conducted by the President (the Rev. A. Simpson), the address being given by the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm, Vicar of Ormesby, who, in the absence of Canon Lawson, Vicar of Middlesbrough (who is seriously ill), gave the association a most hearty welcome to Middlesbrough. By holding such services as these, said the preacher, they were doing a great deal of good, and as change-ringers they were looked upon as church workers, and they held out a helping hand to others who perhaps did not attend church as regularly as the ringers themselves.

Dinner was provided at the Bucks Clifton Hotel, and was presided over by the President, supported by the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm, Vice-President J. W. Passman, and the secretary.

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. J. C. C. Kemm for his address; to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells; also Mr. Cole for officiating at the organ.—A resolution was passed that a letter of sympathy be sent to Canon Lawson, wishing him speedy recovery.

The secretary's report was read, in which several items of interest were reported. He urged the members to take a more active part in ringing matters, and get up to the pre-war standard again. He hoped they would practise higher methods, and make ringing more interesting to their own towers. The Sunday Service ringing scheme had been completed, and it was now up to the ringers to make it a success.

The retiring officials were re-elected for the next twelve months.

The ringers then adjourned to the ten-bell tower at Stockton until 5.30, when they were invited by the President and Mrs. Simpson to join them at tea in Holy Trinity Church Room, and their hospitality was much appreciated. The handbells were brought into use for an hour, and then the ringers returned to the church to ring Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent Treble Bob Royal, which ended a most enjoyable day.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. R. White, of Appleton, has just carried out repairs to the bell fittings at Caversham.

It will be noticed that the annual commemoration dinner of the Yorkshire Association is to be held at York on September 20th, instead of on Sept. 13th, as at first announced.

Will those who propose attending the salmon and green pea supper at Lydney on Saturday, July 26th (to start at 6 p.m.), kindly send their names as early as possible to either of the following: J. W. Davies, 5, Railway Terrace, Lydney; J. W. Jones, 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.; or J. Austin, 38, Lyson's Avenue, Gloucester.

The Oxford Guild Festival on July 26th is to be held at Reading instead of at Oxford, owing to the large number of American visitors who are being entertained by the Colleges.

To-morrow is the 36th anniversary of the first occasion on which Mr. J. J. Parker's one-part peal of Grandsire Triples was rung, viz., at St. Alban's, Rochdale, in 1888.

One hundred years ago next Wednesday John Pennington, bell founder, of Stoke Climsland, died. He was the last representative of a line of founders which began with Thomas and John Buir-dan at Exeter (1601-1624).

James Barham, of Leeds, Kent rang his last peal on July 8th, 1817. He was then 91 years of age.

'The whole peal of Grandsire Triples, 5,040 changes,' was rung at St. Lawrence, Reading, on July 8th, 1734.

John Holt took part in a peal of Double Bob Major at St. Margaret's, Westminster on July 8th, 1750.

It was here, on July 7th, in 1751, that the Union Scholars first rang Holt's Original, which Holt called from manuscript.

CHURCH BELLS AND THEIR PURPOSE.

The following article appeared on Saturday in 'The Times' Educational Supplement, and is another welcome evidence of the growing realisation of the place which bells occupy in our public life:—

'Signs of movement in the south-west tower of Lincoln Cathedral have made it necessary to stop the ringing of the Cathedral bells. Many will miss them who were, perhaps, scarcely conscious of them while they were regularly active. We become accustomed to all sounds, whether they were welcome or unwelcome when first we heard them, and just as the distress once caused by the noises of a factory or a railway station is lessened by time, so the first sharp pleasure which comes with the music of chiming or of running water is blunted by long enjoyment.

'Many a don in Oxford and many a canon in other Cathedral cities has grown deaf to the song of his own steeples and can no longer share the freshman's magic or the traveller's stilled amazement. Not until some accident temporarily deprives him of it does he become aware of the value of his possession. Then the air, emptied of bells, seems suddenly harsh and cold. Noises of the modern world are robbed of their ancient compensation. The rumble of wheels rises to an angry thunder; horns and petrol engines and street-cries become an aggressive tyranny. The city seems not to be the same city, to have lost, not charm only, but an establishment in the past, a part of its spirit and authority.

'It matters nothing that the bells themselves may be modern; the idea which raised them to their high place, which gave them the world as their audience, and invested their speech with a significance that no other music so simple can possess is an idea which could not have had its origin in our own times. Nor does it matter at all that church bells should preside over a city, full and turbulent, or should swing in a Cathedral tower. In the country they have the same properties of peace and healing. They do not need a crowd to hear them, for magnificence is no essential part of their strength. They accord with all their circumstances, plain or splendid, enriching what is spiritual in them, purifying what is of the world.

'If they toll amid trees, the trees, acquiring a new dignity, mourn with them; if they ring in joy across sunlit meadows, the meadows lighten to their rejoicing; if they peal suddenly above the trappings and decorations of a fashionable wedding, none who is not obsessed by a desire to see or be seen can fail to observe the airy satire or to wonder if the bells be not laughing at what their ringers would have them celebrate. But bells are seldom cruel, save when they are misused. If, as has too often happened, they are made to proclaim some shameful triumph, then indeed they have their ring of scorn for those who can hear it among the crackling of bonfires and cheers of partisans. These are bells abused; but let them be used after their purpose and design, and their music is among the earliest pleasures of children, who set their songs to it, and among the longest and clearest memories of old age.'

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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AN UNREPENTANT COMMITTEE.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter was the first to oppose the proposal for the renaming of methods. He said the question had arisen because the Analysis Committee got into hot water over what they did in naming the methods, but he would like to say first of all that the committee was entirely unrepentant. They did a very difficult job to the best of their power, and they did not see anything at all to sneer at in using the names of the beautiful works of God for these methods. They felt that the whole thing was entirely a matter of taste. As they had read the 'Ringing World' for some time past they had some examples of taste. He did not say a word about anonymous contributors, even those who tried to be funny, neither did they take much account of what he might call Mr. Burton's violence, because they knew him (laughter). When he had something to say he said it with all the emphasis he could. But the committee did feel that they had not been quite rightly treated by 'The Ringing World' itself. He was very unwilling to say anything of the sort, because he felt what a great deal 'The Ringing World' did for the Exercise (hear, hear). He felt they owed a great debt to it (hear, hear). At the same time he thought 'The Ringing World' owed a certain debt, which, perhaps, had not always been realised, of setting an example to the Exercise. He did not think the comments which 'The Ringing World' made in its leading articles on this subject had been quite fair, and to some of the expressions used he took great exception. In commenting on the meeting at Salisbury—which he regretted he was prevented from attending—'The Ringing World' talked about a threat to resign on the part of the committee, and then, later on, spoke of foisting upon the Exercise something or other. It was a very good word to use, because it sounded nice, or nasty, but surely there was no case of foisting anything upon the Exercise when the report was accepted by the Council at Salisbury. As far as the committee were concerned, they ceased to have anything more to do with it officially, though the Council, of course, could do as they pleased with it. The committee did their best, and he was sure everybody present did not understand the amount of work that was involved. Mr. Beeston was at it, he might almost say, night and day for years. From what had been said the idea might be gained that the committee just sat down and rushed off in about five minutes the suggested names, and that was all. First of all, they went into the whole matter of those methods that had more than one name in actual use. That was the trouble the late Mr. King found. It was difficult to know, from the name, what method it was that was being rung, and so the committee, with much labour, found out what was the earliest name that was actually in existence for a method. They also found, incidentally, that the Methods Committee had made a mistake here and there.

The Rev. H. Law James: I admit two mistakes—in fact, I have found a third.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, continuing, said Mr. Trollope, in the interesting letter which appeared in the preceding week's issue of 'The Ringing World,' pointed out, in effect, that the Methods Committee realised that the job was one which they would not undertake. In reading that letter one could not help thinking Mr. Trollope must have felt inclined to write down, 'Fools rush in where angels fear to tread.' He might think the committee were fools, but they did not rush in. It was put upon them, and they did their best, and were entirely unrepentant. He quite conceived that they had done what some people did not like. He did not know if they would have liked it called 'Picture Palace Surprise,' or 'Whisky and Soda Delight' (laughter), but they went to another source, and he was not at all ashamed of it, although some people seemed to sneer at the beautiful things they saw around them. No doubt some members of the Council might think they could do the job easier, although angels feared to take it on. The only thing he could say was 'Let them.' There was one other thing he would like to say and that was, how did they propose that these names should be enforced by the Council? How were they going to get the Yorkshiremen to give up ringing Woodbine and Violet? They had rung them for some couple of hundred years, and what was good enough for their fathers and grandfathers and great-grandfathers was good enough for them, and he did not think they would get them to alter. With regard to the other flower names, a peal had recently been rung in which these names had been used and adopted by ringers of the first 720. If the Council were going to have a committee, let them consider what the committee were going to do, and whether they were going to be able to do anything useful. It was the late Mr. King's wish to know what it was that was being rung, so that the committee might, in the analysis, give the right value to the performance, and that seemed to him to be the only thing that mattered. People outside they could ignore; their own idea of names was that ringers ring 'Treble Bob Majors,' and, hav-

ing said that, they thought they knew all about change ringing. By all means let the Council appoint their committee if they liked and try it. Personally he did not think they would do much good.

'PARSON'S RUIN'

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said the mover of the resolution seemed very much in earnest, but he must confess he (Mr. Burton) had left him somewhat cold. He could not realise quite the importance of the subject. He happened the other day, quite by accident and not by design, to go into the American bar at Wembley, and he looked on the list of some fifty drinks all with most peculiar names, such as 'Parson's Ruin' (laughter) and 'Bishop's Joy' (laughter). He was told the Bishops drank the former and the parsons the latter (renewed laughter), but he was also told that both drinks were equally nice. The ringing would sound just as sweet, whether they called a method Violet, or Daisy, or Woodbine, or any other name. They called their daughters 'Daisy,' and 'Lily' and 'Violet,' and a name that was good enough for a girl, was it not good enough for a method? ('No,' and laughter). He did not think they were likely to get any good by trying to enforce names. Names were something which they could not enforce by law, they must trust to public opinion. With regard to methods, it was a matter of taste. They were at liberty to approve of the names as they thought fit, but whether they approved of a name or not they would not be deterred from ringing a method if they thought it worth being rung. If a man brought out a new method, why should he not name it what he liked? Some of the names were of great antiquity, and when he first became interested in change ringing he used to think they were pretty names, and wondered what Violet and Woodbine were like. They never struck him as being at all improper. The grievance, if there was one, was very minute, and was not worth dealing with by appointing a committee to choose names. He hoped the resolution would not be pressed, or that the Council would not take any action with regard to it.

ANOTHER COMMITTEE NOT WANTED.

Mr. J. A. Trollope said he was not particularly against flower names. That was not the thing which the Methods Committee found fault with. What they objected to at Salisbury was the alteration of the names they had already published. Mr. Carpenter had said the job was put on to the Analysis Committee. It really belonged to the Methods Committee, so far as the six-bell methods were concerned. They issued the 'Collection,' and they ought to have named the methods. If they had done so it would have saved a good deal of trouble. On behalf of the Methods Committee he opposed most strongly any further committee for this purpose. In about twelve months' time a new edition of the Collection would have to be published, and the whole thing revised. He supposed the Council would expect the Methods Committee to revise the book, and, in doing so, it was only natural that the names should be revised, too. Mr. Carpenter told them they could not go to a man and say, 'You must call a method such a name.' They couldn't, but the 'Collection' had become a standard work for the Exercise; future generations would take up that book, and would forget what other people had done years before, so that they now really had an opportunity to put new names to the methods, if necessary. That was why they wanted to be careful to have good names. He had not much to say against flower names, but they were not quite suitable. The best thing that could be said for them was that they were well in the traditions of the Exercise. Some flower names were good and some were not; some place names were good and some were not, and some adjectives were good and some were not. The question of taste in a matter of this kind was a thing which they could not teach people. If they got a special committee, what were they going to do? They would not get any better men than the Analysis Committee. It was, however, the Method Committee's job, but they did not particularly want it.

AN OLD TRADITION.

The Rev. H. Law James said with regard to these names, he had to thank the Analysis Committee for correcting two mistakes he made in the names in the Collection. The methods in this Collection were his, and although the Collection was sent round to the committee and they passed it, if the author had the right to name the methods he had the personal right to do so, but he did not think he had. Mr. Trollope, in his letter, took that point of view, and also stated that his (the speaker's) brother put out Bristol without a name, and was under the impression that it was the Rev. E. B. James's idea. It was, however, an old tradition of the Exercise, and the reason he (the speaker) objected to naming the Minor and Major Methods was that he objected to interfering with the old traditions of the Exercise. He had in his possession a book printed in 1753, in which the method they knew as Oxford Treble Bob was called Union Bob, and if they went to the old records of the College Youths and Cumberlands, they would find the peals called Union Bob, because the Union Scholars rang the first peal in the method in 1718. The Union Scholars named the method because it

was the custom of the Exercise to do so. The Council told the Methods Committee to put in the names of the Major Methods in the Collection which they were to print. Mr. Carpenter said it was a hard job to name methods, and he granted that it was. He wished the Council would allow him to cross out all his names and publish the Major Methods with the names printed over the methods which had been rung, leaving the rest blank, so that those who rang them could name them. The question of names was a matter of taste, and the only complaint he had against the Analysis Committee was that they wanted to publish the old College Single, as they pleased to call it, as a single method. Going carefully through the old methods they found that in the old days a single method was a method with places above the treble; a reverse method had the places below the treble; and a double method, places made on either side of the treble. According to that idea, Cambridge Surprise was a double method, but actually it wasn't. They had gone on since then, and they could not go back, but the Analysis Committee wanted them to do so. The method with places in 3rd's was College Bob, but the committee made a mistake in calling it College Single Reverse. Then, too, there was Canterbury Pleasure, which they called Reverse, whereas it was the old method which was 'Reverse.' The two errors which he made in the original publication were in regard to Stedman Slow Course and London Bob. There was one other mistake printed originally, and that was No. 25 of the 3rd's Place Delight Methods, which was printed as Evening Star. He believed this was Carlisle Delight. It was one of the seven old methods known as Surprise Methods, but this one was not Surprise. The Collection would soon want revising, and he hoped the Council would leave it to the Methods Committee to bring it up to date. He was quite sure if the Analysis Committee had not intervened, these mistakes would have reappeared in the reprint.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. C. T. Coles said he had no technical knowledge of this subject, but from what he gathered there was considerable confusion with regard to the names of certain of these Minor Methods. From the statements made to him by the Leytonstone company, they found that some of these methods were duplicated in the names, and they did not know which was correct. He gathered from Mr. Carpenter that the Analysis Committee was prepared to let this matter go back to another committee. Last year at Salisbury the Council were rather faced with a threat of resignation from the Analysis Committee. Despite what Mr. Carpenter said he was still of that opinion, and a considerable number of the Council also formed that opinion. It was satisfactory to know they were mistaken. It would be well that this matter should go to a committee with a view to getting some order out of this chaotic state of affairs.

Mr. J. Hunt said he was instructed by the Bath and Wells Association to support this resolution. He quoted several instances where fresh names had been given by ringers to methods which had already been rung and named.

Mr. A. D. Barker said during the last fifteen years he had noted in a copy of the Collection of Minor Methods the names given to the different methods from time to time. To one method, eight different names had been given. He had the dates of four of them: they were in different years, and were named by different companies in different parts of the country. Many of the methods had several names. He thought they should appoint a fresh committee to go into the matter, and give them instructions as to what they were to do. They might then get something done—they could not do any worse (laughter). They did not want to hold up the ringing Exercise to ridicule; they were laughed at enough now. What would the public think if they heard they had been ringing 'Geranium' and 'Fuchsia'! There were much more suitable names which could be easily found.

Mr. J. Parker thought that those who rang the methods should name them. A new committee would be in the same difficulty as the old.

Mr. Burton, replying to the discussion, said if they did nothing that day, it would be a great opportunity missed. They wanted no more absurdities among the names. The new committee could collaborate with the Methods Committee. There was no reason why they should not try to alter the unsuitable names of the past, and in any event let them lay some foundation on which to carry on in the future. A great opportunity would be missed if they did nothing.

On being put to the vote, the President declared the motion carried by 34 votes to 29.

Mr. Burton then moved the second part of the motion, that the committee 'prepare suitable topographical names for the future.'

Mr. T. H. Beams seconded.

Canon Baker suggested that it would be better to leave the committee with a free hand, and not tie them to any one kind of name. He voted for setting up the committee, but he was not prepared to tie them to topographical names. — Mr. F. W. Hopgood supported this view.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett appealed to the Council not to pass anything

more; it would only make it worse to pass the second part of the motion.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards suggested that, instead of the second part of the motion and the third part, which read 'to formulate a plan for the application of such names' they should substitute 'to suggest a suitable system of nomenclature for the future.'

The Rev. H. Law James said he was prepared to second that.—This was accepted by the Council without dissent.

On the appointment of the committee, it was agreed that it should consist of five members, but some difficulty was experienced in getting members to serve.—A motion by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, that the appointment of the committee be postponed, was defeated by 35 votes to 32.

Eventually the following were appointed on the committee: Mr. G. P. Burlon, the Rev. H. Drake, Messrs. A. D. Barker, T. H. Beams and A. L. Coleman.

(To be continued.)

A VETERAN SUFFOLK RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. J. M. BUTTON.

By the death of Mr. J. M. Button, at Leiston on June 18th, at the venerable age of 86 years, the bell ringing community loses one of its oldest and most enthusiastic members. Born at Rendham in 1838, Mr. Button came to Leiston in 1859, and resided there up to the time of his death. For 52 years he was employed by Messrs. Richard Garrett and Sons, Ltd., in Leiston Works.

In those early days ringing was at a very low ebb in the neighbourhood. Leiston only had a five-bell peal, but with four others Mr. Button formed a company, and good progress was made, several methods being mastered. In 1883 ringing had to be discontinued owing to the bad state of the bells, and the question of their restoration was seriously considered by the then Rector and churchwardens. About this time, however, Mr. Richard Garrett died, and as a memorial to him his brothers augmented the peal to eight, adding two trebles and a tenor, the third being recast.

With the assistance of several Kelsale ringers, an eight-bell company was formed, but for several years not much headway was made, Rob Triples and Major being the extent of the method ringing. Mr. Button was 65 years of age when he rang his first peal of Double Norwich. Altogether he has rung 47 peals, these including Bob Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and the treble to Superlative and Cambridge. He also took part in the first peal of Superlative on Leiston bells.

One might say that some hundreds of present-day ringers owe their skill to the tuition of Mr. Button. He was always proud of the fact that he always had a good company of ringers for the Sunday services, this being his main object in teaching them to ring. One of his foremost pupils was Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, a name famed in the ringing world. Mr. Button's three sons were also taught ringing, but only one has followed it up. Mr. Button was held in the highest respect by the members of the Norwich Association and the Suffolk Guild of Ringers. Words cannot express how much he has done for ringing, particularly in the Leiston district. For many years he was Master of the Leiston company, and also steeplekeeper, and only once during 50 years did he miss going round with the handbells at Christmas. His last two important peals were on Jan. 1st, 1913, when the Leiston band rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major to celebrate Mr. and Mrs. Button's golden wedding, Mr. Button, despite his age of more than 75, being able to ring the treble. His last touch was on Peace Celebration Day in 1919, when at the age of 82 he rang a course of Bob Major on his favourite bell, the 7th. Mr. Button was no doubt the oldest ringer in Suffolk, and was a member of the St. Margaret's (Leiston) band of ringers for over 50 years.

During his life Mr. Button interested himself in many other ways. He was one of the pioneers of the Co-operative movement in Leiston, and his value to this society can be gauged from the fact that for 42 years he was an active member of the committee.

The local branch of Oddfellows also claimed a large share of his activity, his membership extending over 65 years.

The funeral, which took place at St. Margaret's Church, Leiston, was attended by a large and sympathetic gathering, and the deceased was borne to his last resting-place by members of the local ringing company. During the service, the Rector of Leiston (the Rev. F. W. Morgan-Jones, M.A.) made an eloquent and touching reference to the part paid by the deceased in local history.

RINGSTEAD, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 29th, previous to the service, held in conjunction with the unveiling of a memorial to those from the village who fell in the war, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with the bells deeply muffled: A. Baxter 1, A. Bellamy 2, W. Gilbert 3, J. Ball 4, J. Hudson 5, F. Ball (conductor) 6. After the ceremony, with the bells open, 720 Bob Minor: F. Ball 1, A. Baxter 2, W. Gilbert (conductor) 3, J. Ball 4, J. Hudson 5, A. Bellamy 6.

DEATH OF A COALBROOKDALE RINGER.

The death took place on June 22nd, at Wolverhampton General Hospital, from septic poisoning, following an operation for appendicitis, of Mr. John Johnston, a member of the Coalbrookdale band of ringers. Deceased, familiarly known as 'Jack,' was in his 32nd year, and was employed at Coalbrookdale Ironworks. He was a very willing member of the Coalbrookdale belfry, and usually rang the tenor, often making up the band when short handed. He will be greatly missed by his fellow ringers, by whom he was held in great esteem.

The funeral took place at Broseley Cemetery, on Wednesday afternoon, June 25th, and was attended by a large company of his workmates and friends, including several of his fellow ringers, and a contingent of Oddfellows, of which Order he was a member. Beautiful wreaths were sent, including one in the shape of a bell from the Coalbrookdale ringers. As a token of respect and sympathy Broseley Church bells were rung half-muffled by members of the Broseley band, assisted by Coalbrookdale ringers, several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles being rung. Immediately after the interment a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells (kindly lent by the Broseley company) was rung over the open grave by Bert Rixom 1-2, W. Wase 3-4, W. Lago 5-6, W. Saunders 7-8, Alf. Bayley 9-10. The flag on Coalbrookdale Church was at half-mast during the afternoon of the funeral, and in the evening a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung half-muffled in 48 mins., by Alf. Bayley 1, R. Evans 2, J. Henley 3, W. Lago 4, R. Jones 5, W. Saunders 6, L. Hewitt (conductor) 7, W. Wase 8. Other touches were rung, in which other members of the band took part.

Mr. Johnson rang one peal, the tenor behind to Stedman Triples. He was always pleased whenever he could get quarter-peals arranged for Sunday evenings, although he had a good two miles to walk from his home at Broseley Wood, and was always one of the first to arrive. He was a member of the Hereford and Salop Guilds. He leaves a widow and six children, with whom the deepest sympathy is felt. R.I.P.

THROUGH DERBYSHIRE DALES.

On Saturday, June 14th, the bell ringers of Old Basford Church, with their wives and sweethearts, numbering twenty-two, had an enjoyable charabanc ride to Buxton. The party left Old Basford in 'Ikanopit,' at 8 a.m., and journeyed through Eastwood, Ripley, and at 9.30 reached Whistlandwell, where a 'scrumptious' breakfast had been ordered at Holmesford Cottage. This was attacked very heartily, for the ride in the fresh morning air had given the members keen appetites. From here, the party rode through the beautifully hilly and wooded country to Buxton. The scenery along the entire route was wonderfully picturesque, and full of surprises. At each turn in the road were sighted waterfalls, precipitous rocks, narrow valleys, and numerous streams. On reaching Buxton the ringers proceeded to the pretty village church of Burbage, where permission to ring had been granted. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung on the six bells. The members wish, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to convey their best thanks to the Vicar (the Rev. J. Hewitson) for the use of the bells, the 'go' being excellent. The party then mounted 'Ikanopit' again, and rode up to the 'Cat and Fiddle,' which is 1,690 ft. above sea-level. This was a stiff uphill climb along a very winding road. From the top a beautiful view of the surrounding country was obtained, and Buxton was seen to be 'down in the valley below.'

When the scenery had been thoroughly enjoyed, the charabanc proceeded down a steep and winding road, and reached the entrance to Goyls Valley. After much questioning as to the safety of the road the driver was persuaded to risk it. This was done at a very steady and careful pace, as the road appeared to be just a ledge cut out of the mountain side, and only just wide enough for one vehicle. The whole view was wonderful and majestic, and the ladies of the party were somewhat timid and awed at the dizzy heights. At last the vehicle reached the entrance to the grounds of Errwood Hall, through which permission had been previously obtained to go. This was indeed a great privilege, as rhododendrons and azaleas of every possible hue were in full bloom. Ferns, too, of numerous varieties, hidden away in natural grottoes; lovely waterfalls made music with the birds, and little bridges spanned the winding stream at various intervals. All were loath to leave this delightful spot.

From here the party drove back to Buxton, and arrived at the Railway Hotel for dinner at 4.30. Then, after an hour's sight-seeing in Buxton the happy crowd again mounted 'Ikanopit,' and set off for home by way of Bakewell, passed the old English home of Haddon Hall, through Darley Dale to the Matlocks. Though somewhat tired, they thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful views of thickly wooded hills, which seemed to close in on every side. From the Matlocks, the journey was made through Ripley, Eastwood and Kimberley, and terminated at Old Basford at 10 p.m., everybody having enjoyed the trip immensely. The one great regret was that the Ringing Master, Mr. G. R. Goodship, and his wife, and the wives of two other ardent members of the company, were unable to join the excursion.

BRISTOL RINGERS VISIT EXETER.

On Whit Monday, a party of Bristol ringers, with their wives and sweethearts, to the number of 28, paid a visit to Exeter, leaving at 7 a.m. by motor coach. From Bedminster Down, a fine view of Clifton and the Suspension Bridge was obtained. Passing by Dundry Hill (765 ft.), with its noble church tower, we were well into Somerset, and passing the charming Mendip Hills. Mention must be made of some of the places we passed through, and of the magnificent towers, which are the glory of Somerset. Wrington (19 bells) stood out boldly. We passed the conspicuous landmark of Brent Knoll, and went on through Highbridge, Bridgwater and North Pethererton, with its fine Perpendicular tower. Then we obtained a fine view of Taunton Dean, and again we were charmed by the fine towers of Taunton, especially St. Mary Magdalen, one of the finest Perpendicular edifices in the country. Passing through Wellington we 'dodged' across the borders of glorious Devon, and made our first stop at Cullompton, where lunch baskets were soon got out, and having refreshed ourselves we made tracks for the church, a really fine one in the late Perpendicular style, with a striking red sandstone pinnacled tower dating from 1548. The bells were soon off to the tune of Stedman Caters, followed by Cambridge Royal. No time was lost, however, and we were soon again on the road to Exeter, passing through typical Devon pastoral scenery. On reaching the 'Ever Faithful' city, we were joined by other Bristol ringers who had gone by train, and proceeded to the Cathedral, where we met the men of Devon who were celebrating the jubilee of their Guild. Mr. Davey escorted the visitors to the tower, and the magnificent peal of twelve were raised, and some fine touches of Stedman Cinques brought round. Messrs. J. Burford and W. A. Cave conducting in turn. The bells were lowered in peal, and other churches were visited, the last (and meeting-place) being St. Sidwell's, where some fine touches were rung. A snap shot was taken of the party, and saying 'good-bye' to our Exeter friends, we took the road again to Ottery St. Mary, where there is one of the finest churches in the county, possessing two transeptal towers. Here some touches of Stedman Triples, Cambridge and London Surprise Major were brought round; this was the last ringing of the day. Tea was afterwards partaken of, not forgetting the Devonshire cream. The return journey to Bristol was resumed through Honiton, Chard and Ilminster. The scenery on this route was greatly admired, especially the part where Dorset touches Devon, the two famous heights, Pilsdon Pen (the highest hill in Dorset) and Lewsdon Hill, looming up in the background of sylvan scenery, and making a lovely picture. Continuing the journey through Martock and Somerton, a refreshing stop was made at Glastonbury, and then on through Wells, Bristol being reached about midnight. On the long journey we sampled 'Lucky Jim's' 'home-made,' and 'Ole Bill' was in evidence in his jazz custom. Mr. W. A. Cave made all the necessary arrangements, for which he has the best thanks of the party. H. J.

STOCKTON LOSES VALUED CONDUCTOR.

We regret to record the death of Mr. T. Stephenson, the veteran conductor, of the Stockton-on-Tees band of ringers, at the age of 64 years.

Mr. Stephenson had the misfortune to have a thumb burnt whilst following his employment as a riveter in a local shipyard in December last. Septic poisoning set in, and his death took place at the Stockton and Thornaby Hospital on the 10th June.

The interment took place at the Durham Road Cemetery on Saturday, June 14th, with every sign of regret and sympathy for those left behind.

Mr. Stephenson was a well-known figure in the ringing circles of the North of England, and was amongst the pioneers of both the northern ringing associations, doing a tremendous amount of spade work. One could almost say he was a ringer from his cradle to his grave.

Being a pupil of the late Mr. G. J. Clarkson, he would have nothing but the best. A regular attendant, he was always to be found at the heavy end. Endued with the 'patience of Job' with learners, his place will be difficult to fill; his familiar form, that genial smile, and that happy 'That is all,' greatly missed. W. N.

VETERAN DEVON RINGER'S DEATH.

As already briefly recorded, Mr. Henry Payne, of Plymouth, one of the oldest members of the Devon Guild, passed away in his sleep on Whitsun Tuesday. Mr. Payne was elected to the Guild in the first year of its existence, being a member of the Huntsham band under the late Col. C. A. W. Troyte. He had rung 12 peals for the Guild, and this, considering his opportunities, must be considered a creditable record. After leaving Huntsham he resided for several years at Ide, where the funeral took place. The Vicar of Ide officiated, and the Devon Guild was represented by Messrs. T. B. Bartlett, F. J. Davey, F. Gardner, T. Laver, J. Moss and J. C. Oke. They rang the bells muffled to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. The wreaths included tributes from the Guild of Devonshire ringers, and Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. Acland Troyte.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

GUILDFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, June 29th, 1,034 Stedman Caters: W. Chivers 1, W. Worsley Putney 2, *H. G. Frampton (Putney) 3, F. Choctet (Putney) 4, *C. G. Collis (Putney) 5, A. Jones (Putney) 6, W. T. Elsom (Putney), conductor, 7, C. Hazelden 8, J. Herbert 9, S. Radford 110. Rung on the occasion of the Putney ringers' outing. * Longest touch of Stedman Caters.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, June 29th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Wells (longest length) 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, R. J. Hasted (Havant) 4, A. J. Le Clercq 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 518 in the same method: C. Wells 1, S. Meadows 2, A. J. Le Clercq 3, R. J. Hasted 4, E. J. King (Peckham) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evening service, at St. Giles', Cripplegate, City, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Maximus: A. J. Neale 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, G. W. Harris 4, J. R. Gammon 5, F. G. Newman 6, R. Mackrill (first on twelve bells) 7, E. Brett 8, G. A. Card 9, W. Berry 10, E. Smith 11, R. F. Deal 12.

BICESTER, OXON.—For evening service, on June 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Evans 1, H. Hatfield 2, W. Scarrot 3, B. Cox 4, F. Neale (conductor) 5, E. A. Clifton 6, E. Hims 7, T. Clifton 8.

FRAMLINGHAM.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Mayhew 1, H. Hall 2, C. H. Howard (conductor) 3, W. E. Maulden 4, V. Kerridge 5, J. Hall 6d.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, for the Patronal Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Pole 1, K. R. Elliott 2, H. Smith 3, A. Disney 4, B. Sibson 5, R. Barrow (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, H. Reeves 7, A. Bishop (first-quarter peal) 8. First (inside) by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th. First on the bells since restoration by Taylor and Co. All are regular Sunday Service ringers at the above church.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, at St. George's Church, 1,280 Superlative Surprise Major: G. W. Harris 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, E. J. King 4, J. R. Gammon 5, I. Emery 6, W. Smith 7, R. F. Deal 8.

MALVERN LINK.—At St. Matthias' Church, on June 22nd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: R. G. Knowles (cond.) 1, G. Lewis 2, F. Stanton 3, W. Niblett 4, E. E. Barber 5, W. Ranford 6, E. Gibbs 7, A. Richings 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the memory of Mrs. Day, wife of the Vicar.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for morning service, 1,188 Stedman Cinques. For afternoon service, 400 Forward Royal; and for evening service, 1,259 Erin Cinques, by G. A. Pickering, R. Richards, C. L. Routledge, G. Murray, J. Rowell, J. E. R. Keen, W. Story, J. Foreman, W. A. Baskill, A. P. Hillier, W. H. Barber (conductor), R. Thompson and A. M. Hall.

FRAMPTON, LINCS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: W. Young 1, *F. Dewey 2, J. Young 3, W. E. Clare 4, *G. Coleman, junr., 5, G. Coleman, senr. (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. Also on Wednesday, June 25th, by the same band, 720 Bob Minor, with bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Mr. W. Dennis, of Kilton.

FAIRFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, June 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., taken from Parker's Twelve-part: G. Law 1, B. Guy 2, V. Williams 3, W. C. Cuss 4, G. J. Winter 5, J. Hope (conductor) 6, H. Acock 7, J. Smith 8. Also for Confirmation service, at 3 p.m. same day, 630 Grandsire Triples.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at St. Stephen's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr., 1, H. Folkard 2, C. Edwards 3, W. H. Hollier 4, E. Harris 5, P. E. Clarke 6, E. J. Walsom (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

RANBURY, OXON.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): R. W. Burrows 1, W. F. Judge 2, W. Tandy (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 3, *Smith 4, J. Judge 5, J. Simons (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 6, W. Judge (conductor) 7, T. Impey 8. Messrs. Judge hail from Kidlington, remainder local band.

HOLBORN.—St. Andrew's Guild.—On Sunday, June 22nd, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): G. Harman 1, C. Choctet 2, R. Green 3, H. Franks 4, E. Russell 5, E. Brett 6, J. Hawkins (conductor) 7, W. Norton 8. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to Mr. J. Bullock.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: G. Harman 1, C. Choctet 2, W. J. Norton (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, J. Lee 4, A. Darnell 5, R. Green 6, E. Russell 7, I. Hawkins 8.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, for Sunday morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Pudwell 1, G. J. Winter 2, J. Hope (conductor) 3, P. Kirby 4, A. King 5, E. Telling 6.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, when the Rev. J. A. Babington preached his farewell sermon, after 17 years as Vicar, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. H. Baker 1, A. Johnson 2, J. Neve (first quarter-peal away from treble) 3, W. Tickner 4, H. Baker 5, C. Tribe 6, C. W. Player (conductor) 7, G. Johnson 8.—After service, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Neve 1, Mrs. H. Baker 2, W. Tickner 3, C. Tribe (conductor) 4, A. Johnson 5, H. Baker 6, C. W. Player 7, G. Johnson 8.

LONG EATON, NOTTS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, on June 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman, for evening service, in 45 mins.: Miss Geeson 1, Allen R. Hickton 2, C. Geary 3, H. Green 4, T. Hutchinson 5, H. Pettit 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, C. Pettit 8. Arranged for the ringer of the 6th and tenor, who hail from Wellingborough and Desford, respectively.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes): C. Brown 1, Miss Hastie (first in the method) 2, S. D. Breeze 3, W. Sparrow 4, H. Wincote 5, R. Holloway 6, J. W. Fruin 7, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 8.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD PROGRESSING.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild held a meeting at Wye on Saturday last, June 28th. The attendance was good, and the ringing quite up to the usual standard. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major were brought round, and after a preliminary practice a plain course of Double Norwich was accomplished, which goes to show the Guild is alive and progressive. Tea was partaken of at the Bakery, opposite the church.—At the business meeting held afterwards, it was resolved that the next meeting be held at Hothfield on Saturday, July 26th, and the annual outing on Saturday, August 2nd.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead, on Saturday last, some forty members, representing fifteen towers, being present. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major were rung.

In the absence of Mr. A. J. Harman, Mrs. A. D. Barker acted as secretary for the meeting.

The election of six new members was confirmed, and nine more were elected.

A new secretary was appointed, and it is expected that the meetings of the branch will be a little more frequent than in the past.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells and Parish Hall, and to the Rev. W. S. Riddlesdell for ably presiding over so difficult a meeting.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden, on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on Saturday, July 5th. Business meeting in St. Mary's Church Room at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1s. 3d. per head in St. Mary's School at 5 p.m. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. St. Mary's bells (12), St. James' (8) and Wilton (6) will be available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lichfield on Saturday, July 5th. Bells: Cathedral (10) 3 to 3.45 and 6.30 to 7.15; St. Mary's (8) and St. Michael's (6) from 3 p.m. Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea at Lloyd's Restaurant at 5, followed by general meeting. Tea, to fully paid up members, 1s.; to others 1s. 6d.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LADIES GUILD.—Midland District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 5th, at St. Michael's Church, Lichfield. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church at 6 o'clock prompt. Tea 5 o'clock. Business meeting afterwards. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Church Hall, Farnham, on Saturday, July 5th. Committee meeting at 11.30 a.m. General meeting at 2 p.m. (at which election of officers and alteration to rules will be decided). Service at 4 p.m. Towers open for ringing: Farnham (8) and, after 6 p.m., Alton (8), Aldershot (8), Bentley (6) and Frensham (6). All ringers welcome.—George Williams, Hon. Gen. Sec., West End, Southampton.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—On Saturday, July 5th, the annual meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Crofton (near Wakefield). Draw for order of ringing 2.45 p.m., School.—L. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Stanford-on-Soar on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock till 5; buses from Loughborough very frequent. The bells of the Parish Church and the Bell Foundry also available after 5 o'clock. General business meeting 5.30. A hearty invitation is given to all ringers and friends.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SURPRISE PRACTICE will be held at Ashted, Surrey, on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 3 till 6 p.m.—A. Harman, 27, Poplar Avenue, Leatherhead.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual summer meeting will be held at Barton Le Cley on Saturday, July 5th. Bells (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Tea arrangements will be notified during the afternoon. Barton is an ideal spot for an afternoon outing. It is hoped as many members and friends as possible will attend.—Arthur E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 5th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Brentwood.—Dedication of peal board. Ringers are invited to visit Brentwood on Saturday, July 5th. Tower open for ringing from 3 p.m. Service 6.30 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m. 1s. per head.—Edwin D. Baker, 115, King's Road, Brentwood.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Wingham on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 31st; St. Magnus 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.

THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing at St. Philip's from 2 to 3; St. Mary Redcliffe, from 3 to 4. Service at St. Thomas' Church, 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Bristol United Guilds) at 5 o'clock. Ringing at St. Stephen's after meeting. Will all wishing for tea please send their names to Mrs. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol? The Bristol United Guilds are anxious to entertain visiting members, and would like to know the names of any who will be in Bristol before 11 o'clock so that arrangements can be made. Names should be sent to Mrs. Wilkins.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Birling on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting after service. Please notify me before July 8th.—C. H. Sone, Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available at 2. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Certificates will be presented to members who have recently rung their first peal. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than July 9th?—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Priston on Saturday, July 12th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringers who intend to be present should inform me. — J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Checquers after service, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. —F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Droitwich, on Saturday, July 12th. Service at 4 prompt. Business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided for those who notify me by the Wednesday previous. — R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Meeting to follow.—Francis Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frockham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing at Netheravon and Fittleton 3 p.m. till 4 p.m.; at Enford 4 p.m. till 4.45 p.m., and at Upavon 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea and meeting at Upavon 5 p.m. All are 6-bell towers. — F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 19th. The bells of St. Margaret's Church (8) will be open from 2 p.m. The Rector (the Rev. F. W. Morgan Jones) invites all to tea in Junior Council Schools at 5.45 p.m., after which a short business meeting will be held. A good attendance is desired. All ringers are welcome. — Geo. Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Denham on Saturday, July 19th. Will try and arrange tea for those that notify me by the 16th. Train from Ealing Broadway at 2.33 and welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone in Oxney (6 bells) on Saturday, July 19th. Further particulars will appear next week.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on July 19th at the Church of St. Margaret, Lee, Lewisham. Tower open for ringing from 4 till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the small Kingswood Hall. Every ringer invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Seaford on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea (by kind invitation) 5. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, July 16th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by July 16th? — S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, July 19th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m., those of Chilvers Coton (8) after tea. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service in Nuneaton Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the retiring president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick). The Vicar of Nuneaton (Rev. J. L. White) cordially invites the members to tea, after which the business meeting will be held, which includes the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. T. W. Chapman, 19, Glebe Road, will be glad to receive names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 16th.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival.—Owing to the colleges entertaining a large number of American visitors, the festival which would have been held at Oxford on Saturday, July 26th, will be held at Reading on that date. Further particulars as soon as definite arrangements are made.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3. Service at 5. Tea will be provided on the Rectory lawn by the Rector (the Rev. Campbell Ward) and Mrs. Ward. All ringers who intend being present must notify me by Wednesday morning, July 23rd.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION DINNER to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

GRIMSBY. — Any ringers visiting Cleethorpes or Grimsby during the summer months will have a hearty welcome to St. Andrew's Church (two minutes' walk from Dock Station). Sunday ringing 10.15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Practice night Thursdays, 7.30 p.m. Peals can also be arranged by writing to the hon. sec., F. Overton, 119, Connamore Road, Grimsby.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for Accession Day, Empire Day, Queen Mary's birthday, King George's birthday, Prince of Wales' birthday, four quarter-peals of Grandsire and one quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, by the following: R. Holloway, J. W. Fum, R. Fardon, C. Edwards, T. Beadle, W. Lidbetter, Miss Hawksworth, E. Easton.

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HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Northern Division held its summer meeting at Knebworth on Saturday, June 14th. The little Gothic church stands almost in the centre of the park, within easy distances of the mansion, the seat of the Lytton family. The chancel arch, which is Norman, still bears its consecration crosses in a very perfect condition. For the last 30 years Knebworth has been a noted church for peal ringing. The late Bishop Jones, when Rector of the parish, presented the two trebles augmenting the ring to a peal of eight bells, with tenor 12½ cwt., and making the tower a popular field for the campanologist. The little village was 'en fete' on Saturday for the annual fair.

Service for the ringers was conducted by the Rev. Thomas, and tea was served in a picnic fashion in the park. This was followed by the meeting, at which Mr. J. Have, of Hitchin, was elected chairman.—One new member and an honorary member were elected, and votes of thanks returned to the Rev. Thomas for the use of the bells, for conducting the service, and for his address; also to the organist and to the chairman for presiding.

A return was made to the tower, where some good touches in the standard methods and Superlative Surprise were brought home. Ringers were present from Graveley, Royston, Hitchin, Dunstable, Kimpton, Tring, Hatfield, Luton, Harpenden and Hornsey.

WALTER P. WHITEHEAD'S 50 PEALS.

Three methods of Doubles, 'in hand,' 11 (conducted 1); Grandsire Doubles, 2; Triples, 8 (6); Caters, 2; Cinques, 1; Stedman Doubles, 'in hand,' 1 (1); Triples, 11 (2 in hand); Caters, 3 (2 in hand); Bob Major, 1 (1); Little Bob Major, 4; Double Norwich Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Spliced Treble Bob Major, 1; Superlative Surprise, 6 (3); Cambridge Surprise Major, 6; London Surprise Major, 2; rung in 18 towers, 6 in hand, and conducted 12. The 50 peals have taken two years and two months to complete. This young ringer accomplished peal of Stedman Triples, Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise in his 14th year.

ED. R. WHITEHEAD'S 50 PEALS.

Three methods of Doubles, 'in hand,' 1; Grandsire Doubles, 6; Triples, 8; Caters, 3; Cinques, 1; Stedman Doubles, 'in hand,' 1; Triples, 8 (2 in hand); Caters, 4 (2 in hand); Bob Major, 2; Little Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 5 (1 in hand); Spliced Treble Bob Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 6.

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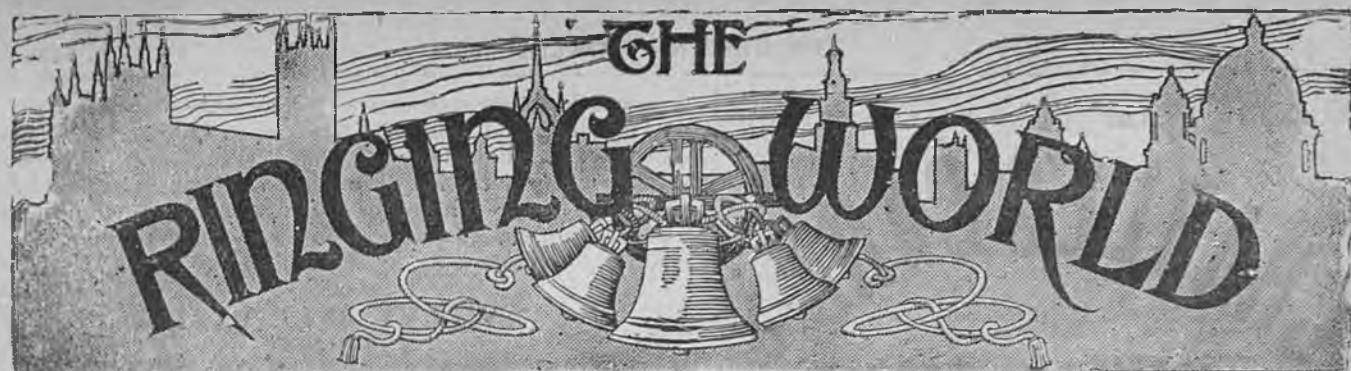
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UMPIRES FOR HANDBELL PEALS.

Among the motions discussed by the Central Council, that relating to the compulsory requirements of a qualified umpire for handbell peals found least support. As we pointed out when the agenda first appeared, this is a matter which bristles with practical difficulties, and the Council, by defeating the proposal, decided that the present provision in the rules, to the effect that an umpire should be present when practicable, meets the need. Two principal points were taken by those who spoke against the motion. These were that the imposition of the suggested condition would inflict a great handicap upon bands in isolated handbell centres, who might have no qualified umpire available, and would thus be debarred from having recognised any peals which they might ring; and the second was that any question as to the accuracy of a peal, must be left to the honesty of the conductor and the band.

In this respect, unquestionably there can be no distinction drawn between handbell and tower bell peals. Unless a band is out deliberately to cheat, there is no more likelihood of an un-umpired peal 'in hand' being claimed, when in fact it was not rung, than there would be of a tower bell peal being claimed under the same circumstances. Short of the church bells actually stopping there is probably not one peal in a hundred—one is almost tempted to say one in a thousand—of which anyone outside the tower could vouch the truth. We trust to the honour of the ringers of tower bells, and the same must be done in the case of handbells—unless severe and unwarranted restrictions are to be placed upon them. The umpiring of handbell peals appears to be a survival of days when these performances were so unusual that rival ringers were wont to disbelieve in such achievements; but in these days handbell peals are so much a part of ordinary practice that no one has any shadow of doubt about their accomplishment.

There is, however, one view which we should like to put forward, and that is that where a peal is 'umpired,' it should be by a ringer who really knows what is going on. We have heard of cases where the 'umpire' has been a tenorman who knew nothing of the method rung, and his 'ticking off' of bobs was merely to make a mark against each successive bob change, when a call was made, without knowing whether the bells were right or wrong. By no stretch of imagination can this be called umpiring, and a peal report would be just as well authenticated without the name of such an umpire as with it. In view of the reaffirmation of the Council's existing regulations, would it not be as well if handbell

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ringers in future recorded with their peals the names only of umpires, and omitted references to ordinary witnesses who have no knowledge of what is being rung, and could only vouch for the length of time the bells were kept going? A proper umpire, or nothing, seems to us to be the present authorised position, for only an umpire can have any effective standing in this matter.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, July 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... .. 2	FRANK PERVIN 8
FRANK W. PERRINS 3	ALBERT WALKER... .. 9
FREDERICK DICKENS 4	JAMES GEORGE 10
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY 5	JOHN NEAL 11
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
Ringers of treble and 8th, for whom this peal was arranged, are from Kent.

EXETER, DEVON.

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

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Four Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 72 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb. in B flat.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	ALBERT E. NORMAN 7
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY... .. 2	JAMES GEORGE 8
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	A. PADDON SMITH 9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 4	JAMES E. GROVES 10
ALBERT WALKER... .. 5	ARTHUR E. PEGLER 11
THOMAS H. REEVES 6	JOHN NEAL, } Tenor
	JAMES H. SHEPHERD }

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
First peal of Cinques on the bells and in Devon. The company desire to place on record their thanks to the Dean and Chapter for permission to attempt the peal, and to the Cathedral ringers for their kindly assistance.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MAGNUS-THE-MARTYR, THAMES STREET.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

RICHARD F. DEAL Treble	FRANK BENNETT... .. 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 7
ALBERT W. COLES 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 8
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 5	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

* MARK BARKER Treble	* CYRIL J. JENNINGS 6
JOHN W. GLEW 2	HENRY FLETCHER 7
* PERCY H. TATE... .. 3	J. ARTHUR DOWILL 8
WILFRED H. BOXTON 4	SYDNEY DAWSON 9
WILLIAM POYSER 5	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.
* First peal on ten bells. First peal in the method by all the band.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ in E flat.

*EDWARD TALBOT Treble	ERNEST J. TRIMMER 6
*FRANK E. DARBY 2	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
†CHARLES W. ROBERTS 3	*CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 8
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
†STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY 5	THOMAS BOHANNON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ 25th peal. § First peal of Caters away from tenor. With the exception of Messrs. Trappitt and Hoad, the band were all under 21 years of age.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN J. LAMB Treble	GEORGE DURLING 5
MRS. A. W. CLARKE 2	AMOS W. CLARKE 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	*FREDERICK TERRY 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	WALTER SMITH Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by W. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, June 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
WALTER MOBBS 2	*CHARLES CLARKE 6
WILLIAM DUNCAN 3	FREDERICK SMITH 7
EDWIN GOATE 4	GEORGE CROSS Tenor

Composed by J. JAGGAR.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BEAVER, JUN. ... Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 5
WILFRED R. HARRIS 2	*ALFRED HUGHES 6
WILLIAM BEAVER, SEN. 3	ALBERT E. JONES 7
HENRY J. PEAKE 4	*JAMES L. GOODE Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss Apperly for over 20 years a member of the choir. First peal rung in the Clifford district by all resident members. Rung with 7, 6, 8 covering.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

ST. PETER'S DAY.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	JAMES L. HAYWARD 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
ARTHUR PEAKE 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
WILLIAM WEATHERBY 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung to honour the festival of St. Peter.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED. J. COLLUM, SEN. ... Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FREDERICK J. COLLUM, JUN. 7
*ALFRED G. HILLS 4	*GEORGE HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was especially arranged for Mr. F. J. Cullum, junr., who has just arrived from Buenos Aires.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS TALBOT Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 5
STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
*EDWARD TALBOT 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 4	THOMAS BOHANNON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

Rung on the 55th anniversary of the dedication and opening of these bells (1st July, 1869). * First peal away from the treble. Messrs. Holdaway and Cooper are from St. Peter's and St. John's, Croydon, respectively, the rest are members of the local band. Mr. Charles W. Gordon, who is the sole survivor of the band, rang on the opening day, in 1869, and is still a member of the St. Mary's Society, heard this peal.

CORSTON BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb.

†WILLIAM CROCKER Treble	FREDERICK C. RICH 5
THOMAS F. KING 2	RICHARD J. COUSINS ... 6
THEODORE GRANT 3	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 7
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 4	*WILLIAM H. HOBBS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

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

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS Treble	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 5
HENRY G. ELLIS 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	REUBEN SANDERS 7
ALBERT W. COLES 4	WILLIAM H. HEWETT Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the original peal, which was rung at this church on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, the treble being rung by a Mr. James Davis. Quickest peal on the bells. The first five bells are the same bells, and swing in the original frame and fittings (1739).

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
JNO. WHEWELL 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	BEN. A. KNIGHTS 7
J. RICHARD TAYLOR 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

Specially arranged for the 4th ringer.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES PARKER (TUDDENHAM) Treble	
CHARLES MEE (SPROUGHTON) 2	
CHARLES GILLINGHAM (IPSWICH) 3	
CHARLES BAILEY (LEISTON) 4	
CHARLES FISHER (UFFORD) 5	
CHARLES SEDGLEY (IPSWICH) 6	
CHARLES SAMPSON (LEISTON) 7	
CHARLES WOODCOCK (IPSWICH) Tenor	

Composed by CHARLES SEDGLEY. Conducted by CHARLES BAILEY.

* First peal of Superlative. First peal in Surprise method for over 20 years by ringer of 2nd. First 'Charles' name peal ever rung.

RUARDEAN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5046 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

LEONARD NELMES Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	JAMES BISHOP 6
JOHN J. BEVAN 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
ERNEST MATTHEWS 4	WILLIAM BEARD Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

Rung to celebrate the 85th birthday of the Rector (the Rev. C. Parnell), and to mark his completing 30 years as Rector of the parish.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES Treble	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 5
JAMES E. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
R. ALDER GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by J. A. GOFTON.

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THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART (No. 6).

Tenor 12 cwt.

FREDERICK W. STOKES Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 2	JOHN WALDEN 6
GEORGE FLINTHAM 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN 7
GEORGE CHESTER 4	H. LESLIE PASH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. FREEMAN.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* ARTHUR D. ALDHAM Treble	HENRY WRIGHT 5
* JOHN ISON 2	FREDERICK E. WILSON 6
GEORGE THOMPSON 3	TOM ATKINS 7
SAMUEL WHITE 4	FRED. COTTON Tenor

Composed by G. HAYWOOD. Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal of Bob Major. The band wish to thank the Rector for use of the bells.

FARNDON, CHESTER.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5048 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
JOHN W. DAVIES 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	JAMES H. RIDING 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	REGINALD LEE INCE Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ince for their kind hospitality after the peal. First peal on the bells since December 26th, 1889.

CLIFFE-AT-HOO, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in E flat.

JOHN BURLS Treble	THOMAS BEAUMONT 5
CHARLES WATERMAN 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
* HARRY ARGENT 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 7
CHARLES WINSER 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. M. MITCHELL.

* First peal of eight bells and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. M. Mitchell, wife of the conductor. For calling see K.C.A. report for 1896, page 29.

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

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	CHARLES MASON 6
GEORGE LEWIS 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
JOHN HOLMAN 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect for Mr. Sam Thomas.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

CHARLES H. WEBB Treble	E. HARRY STONELEY 5
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 2	FRANK E. PERVIN 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
HAROLD J. POOLE 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

First peal of New Cambridge on the bells, and by the Guild.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

* SIDNEY G. SMITH Treble	WALTER FRANKS 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS 6
MRS. H. BAKER 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN 7
HARRY BAKER 4	FRANK PATTENDEN Tenor

Composed by the late SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART.

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal. Mrs. Baker's 25th peal.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SIX BELL PEALS.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being two six-scores of Original, and four each of Stedman, New, Stedman Slow-course, Reverse Grandsire, Canterbury, St. Simon's, St. Dunstan's, Grandsire, Old and Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED MUNDAY Treble	GERALD F. GRIFFIN 3
RONALD BECK 2	THOMAS GRIFFIN 4
JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal in eleven methods on the bells by all, and by the Association.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford, Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

JOSEPH CHURCH Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	*JOHN T. NEWINGTON 5
*HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods, and hail from Cambridge.

ABBOTS LANGLEY, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

*CHARLES WM. RIDGWAY ... Treble	† HAROLD C. ROBINS 4
CYRIL C. RIDGWAY 2	*WILLIAM F. T. SWALLOW ... 5
*FRANK HUCKLE 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal inside. Bung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Huckle. All except the conductor are members of the local company.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, July 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY CHANCE Treble	FREDERICK STANTON 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES 5
ERNEST E. BARBER 3	*FRANCIS HILL Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

Bung on the 21st birthday of Viscount Elmley. * First peal.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
GEORGE LEE 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

First peal of Cambridge Surprise Minor on the bells, and by all the band except the ringer of the fourth, for whom the peal was arranged. Mr. Austin belongs to Great Shelford, Cambridge.

MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR BOLTON Treble	WILLIAM AINSWORTH 4
JOHN APPLETON 2	CECIL ROBINSON 5
GEORGE P. KEMBALL 3	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

COOKHAM, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb. in E.

*THOMAS J. FOWLER ... Treble	ROBERT DARVILL 4
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	ARTHUR MARTIN 5
THOMAS GOODCHILD 3	*FREDK. RUSSELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE M. KILBY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since 1913.

DALLINGTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*J. W. G. WEBB Treble	W. H. AUSTIN 4
J. C. DEAN 2	J. T. HENSMAN 5
W. R. PARKER 3	F. HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by F. HOPPER.

* First peal in the method.

HUISH CHAMPEFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb.

JOHN WYATT Treble	GILBERT JONES 4
*WALTER SMITH 2	ALBERT TOUT 5
FRED. POLE 3	GEORGE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd, 4th and 6th, are from Chipstable; treble and 3rd Fithead; 5th, Milverton.

A FALSE PEAL.

Upon looking through the figures of the peal in the Kent County report for 1924, page 96, composed by Frederick A. Holden, and rung at Rochester Cathedral, I find it is false.

I deeply regret to have to bring this to notice, seeing that such an able band took part therein, it being the first peal on the bells, Mr. W. Haigh's 150th peal, and first peal on ten bells by two of the party. I am enclosing figures which I think will prove what I have said.

The 13th six of the 'starting' course is 'slow,' and repeats with the 10th six following the 20th course end 413562978, which is a 'quick' six. Therefore, 'hand' and 'back' strokes repeat.

LOUIS HEAD, Maidstone, Kent.

LADIES' GUILD.

Members of the Midland district of the Ladies' Guild visited St. Michael's, Lichfield, on Saturday last, but owing to the Staffordshire Association holding their annual meeting on the same date, there was only a poor muster. Most of the ladies took advantage of the opportunity to ring at the Cathedral and St. Mary's, and also spent a good time at St. Michael's. Although it was not possible to hold the usual special service, the service at the Cathedral was attended instead.

The only business was to decide the place of next meeting, Broms-grove being chosen. The date will probably be the third Saturday in September.

STEDMAN CINQUES AT EXETER.

FIRST PEAL ON CATHEDRAL BELLS.

The first peal of Cinques on the famous bells of Exeter Cathedral has been rung, and those to whom fell the opportunity of taking part count it a privilege to have been associated with the performance. By the kindness of the Dean and Chapter, and with the ready acquiescence of the Cathedral ringers, who generously put aside any claim they may have had to the first peal on the bells, a band organised by Mr. Albert Walker, Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, met in the 'faithful city' on Saturday for 'the great adventure.' They came from a wide area, and the earliest arrivals found themselves in the county of cream and cider on Friday evening. At intervals through Saturday came additions to the party, some of them rolling up in their Rolls Royces, having crossed the wilds of Exmoor. The main contingent, however, arrived by train, and the 'general assembly' took place in the Cathedral Close.

Cathedral ringers were there to welcome their visitors, and the Rev. Maitland Kelly had travelled many miles to be present on this occasion, and greet the men who had come so far in the hope of accomplishing so much. Of all the kindnesses meted out during the week-end this was the most touching.

It was a glorious afternoon when the party gathered beneath the shadow of the grand old pile, and old friends met once more. Some of them had been there twenty years before, but had gone empty away. Among them were the organiser and conductor, the Guild secretary (no longer a lean and callow youth), and Arthur Pegler, who made the long journey from Bangor, in North Wales, to the scene of past defeats.

There was not a great deal of time lost in preliminaries, but most of the visitors took the opportunity to inspect the great peal and massive frame, which is a triumph of the skill of the bell hanger. By 4.30 the bells were away into Stedman Cinques, with two hefty men—accomplices in crime, they were afterwards described—on the tenor. Course after course went by without a hitch. The big bells rolled up into the tittums, parted, and rolled up again, while the tenor boomed out its big, deep note, marking with precision the end of every change. The turning course came and went, and nine courses afterwards the bells ran home in the handstroke position, and completed a peal of which everyone felt proud. In fact, so smoothly did it go that there is no incident in it to be recorded, except that the funny side of things would, somehow, intrude itself, upon occasion—and if you don't believe it, ask the ringer of the ninth.

The bells had hardly stopped before local ringers were in the tower congratulating the band, not merely upon their success, but upon the splendid striking which had characterised the peal from beginning to end. Afterwards, of course, there was much to talk about, and in a crowded hour and a crowded room at the Globe Hotel, the peal, the ringers, the conductor and everyone else was toasted—and some were 'grilled.'

Mr. Walker took the opportunity to thank the Exeter ringers for their kindness. Mr. Laver, Mr. Davy and Mr. Southwood expressed the pleasure of the Devon men at receiving a visit from St. Martin's Guild, and congratulated them upon their success. The fact that the occasion happened to be the birthday of one of the ladies among the visitors led to congratulations of another nature, and 'musical honours' marked the toast of her health. There were several other impromptu speeches, and so jovial was the party that the host found a difficulty in getting his guests to depart. It was a merry—and hungry—party that gathered round the supper table elsewhere a little later, and it was after midnight when the company sought their beds—at least, not all, for a 1.50 a.m. train claimed one of the party.

Next morning there was ringing at St. Sidwell's, and then came the separation. The train contingent made their way to the railway station, Mr. Pegler to begin a journey that would occupy him about 17 hours. Two of the motorists turned their faces northward and another eastward, leaving the Conductor, Mrs. Conductor and their son to spend a week 'aroving in glorious Devon.' The eastbound 'bus,' with its two passengers, ticked off the miles in right good fashion, over rolling downs, along winding roads, through rich country, and quaint villages, climbing hills from which the most glorious views were obtained, then down again into the valleys. A stop at Salisbury to renew acquaintance with the beautiful Cathedral, then away once more over good—and bad—main roads until the office of 'The Ringing World' was reached, after a journey of nearly 160 miles covered in—well, the exact time doesn't matter, in case this should fall into the hands of the police. The police, and, others, may, however, be interested in the fact that the peal was rung in 4 hrs. 10 mins., and from that they may, perhaps, calculate the pace of the car.

It is worthy of note that between them the band travelled considerably over 4,000 miles to ring this peal.

In these days of fine rings of bells, one has to be careful in making comparisons, but few who have heard them will quarrel with

the statement that the bells of Exeter Cathedral are one of the finest rings, if not the finest ring in the country. In age they are a mixed lot, but in the skilful hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. they are one of the most glorious peals to which anyone could listen, crowned as they are by that great tenor, 'Grandisson,' which turns the scale at 72 cwt. 2 qr.—the largest pealable bell in the world, and whose size was necessitated by the fact that it had to cover what experts look upon as probably the finest bell in England, 'Stafford,' the eleventh in the present ring. This wonderful bell was cast by Purdew in 1676, and Purdew it was who provided some of the other bells, notably the present 6th and 9th in 1676, and the 8th in 1693. John Pennington cast the 5th in 1658 and Evans, of Chepstow, the tenth in 1729. The fourth is a bell dating from 1616, and, of the rest, Taylor recast the tenor and 7th in 1902, when the great restoration of the bells took place, recast the 3rd in 1915, and added two trebles in 1923. There is an additional 6th in the tower (cast by Thos. Pennington in 1630), which helps to make it possible to get no less than four peals of six, three of eight, two of ten, and one of twelve out of the combination. They hang in the massive Norman tower, on the south side of the Cathedral, and beneath them is a ringing chamber which is a model of what such a place should be.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild was held at Farnham on Saturday, and was attended by representatives from a large number of towers. The Central Committee were in session during the morning and after lunch in the Church House, the general meeting was held, the Rev. C. E. Matthews, R.D. (Vice-President), being in the chair.

The Bishop of Winchester, as president, and the following other officers were re-elected: Vice-president, the Rev. C. E. Matthews; Master, Mr. George Williams (North Stoneham); secretary, Mr. G. Pullinger (Southampton); treasurer, the Rev. N. C. Woods (Winchester); recorder of peals, Mr. F. W. Rogers (Portsmouth); auditor, Mr. G. Smith (Twyford).

The secretarial duties had previously been discharged by Messrs. G. Williams and G. Pullinger as joint officers, but Mr. Williams resigned, and Mr. Pullinger agreed to accept the sole appointment.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews reported having visited the towers of Ockley (Surrey), Brockenhurst and Freshwater (Isle of Wight). At Ockley he had reported on the condition of the bells, and recommended that restoration work should be carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. At Brockenhurst a very light peal of six was put in by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the tenor being 4½ cwt. The tenor bell at West Horsley would have to be recast, being badly cracked.

The question of the division of the diocese and possible changes in regard to the constitution of the Guild, which it is anticipated must necessarily follow, was raised, but in view of the fact that the Bill is at present before the House of Lords, who have adjourned discussion on it until July 15th, it was felt that the matter could not be usefully discussed.

WILLIAM RAYNER'S MEMORIAL.

The Chairman referred to the matter of the restoration of the grave of William Rayner at Arreton, Isle of Wight, who, researches show was a member of the Carisbrooke and Newport Union Society of Youths (Union of Youths), formed in 1770, and who appears to have been the pioneer of change ringing in the Diocese of Winchester. Rayner, it is understood, was born in the Guildford district. His tomb bears the inscription:—

Skilled in the mastery of the pleasing bell
Which few can know and fewer still reveal:
Whether with lowly bells or bell sublime
To speed a moment to the truth of time.
Time so oft truly beat at length o'ercame,
Yet shall this tribute long preserve his name.

An estimate, the Chairman reported, has been obtained from a Newport monumental mason to carry out the restoration for £14, and the consent of the authorities concerned has been obtained. It was recommended by the Central Committee that morning that subscriptions should be invited from members of the Guild, and that out of their general fund a donation of two guineas should be made. He did not think they should allow the tomb of such an interesting old ringer to remain in the dilapidated condition it was now in, and he was sure they would authorise the sub-committee, of which he was a member, to carry out the proposed work.

The meeting confirmed the recommendation of the Central Committee, and authorised the work being begun when £10 has been subscribed. The Chairman remarked that it was proposed to invite subscriptions from all interested through 'The Ringing World.'

A vote of thanks was recorded to Mr. Williams, one of the joint hon. secretaries last year.

It was decided that the sympathy of the Guild should be conveyed to the Rev. W. E. Colchester (formerly hon. secretary and

treasurer), who has undergone two severe operations. It is hoped that he is now progressing satisfactorily, but it is feared that it will be a long time before he is able to ring again.

THE WORK OF THE PAST YEAR.

The secretaries' report for the past year stated: The Master was asked to inspect and give his opinion on the state of the two supposed very ancient bells and fittings at Chilworth Church, and it is gratifying to know that his recommendations were adopted. The vice-president has made inspection, on behalf of the Diocesan Faculties Advisory Committee, of the belfries at Leatherhead (10) Farnborough (6), Brockenhurst, Niton and Chilworth, and faculties have been granted for restoration work in these towers.

Hursley, augmented from six to eight by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and Haslemere (eight), all recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., have been opened during the year, in addition to minor restorations, etc., and it is hoped that St. Michael's, Southampton, restoration of the spire and bells will be completed this year, as well as St. Nicholas, Leatherhead. The latter was practically the pioneer tower in change ringing in the early days of the Guild.

Peals were arranged by the Newport band at Newport and Carisbrooke on May 15th and 16th, to commemorate the memory of William Rayner, whose death occurred on May 15th, 1823; both peals were conducted by the Master. William Rayner was a great ringing enthusiast of that day, as the valuable old historical books (now the property of the Newport band) will testify, and are well worth a perusal by any visitor to the tower, if only to look at the beautiful copperplate writing of those old records.

Good progress has been made in the Surprise Methods during the year, and the Portsmouth and Southampton neighbourhood can boast of between 20 and 30 ringers who are now ringing Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise. It is also very encouraging to see Guildford friends again ringing these methods: may other members hurry up and do likewise, as the more methods one learns the better will be the striking.

The St. Peter's, Bournemouth, band, with the assistance of the Master, scored a peal of Grandsire Triples during the year, and should now make good progress in Stedman. The Alton band also scored their first peal of Stedman.

Although a progressive movement has been shown, it is a matter for much regret that there are a considerable number of towers of five bells and upwards in the diocese where change ringing is not practised, and which are not affiliated to any ringing organisation, and it is to be hoped that many of these towers will be looked up

in the near future for the purpose of educating the ringers to the advantage of belonging to the Guild.

Many of the members attended a service in Farnham Parish Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. J. M. C. Crum) gave an address.

Tea was served in the Church House, where it was announced that the offertory taken at the service for the Rayner Restoration Fund amounted to £1 7s. 1½d.

During the day numerous touches in a variety of methods were rung on the Parish Church bells, and some of the ringers also visited outlying towers.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting was held at Bromfield on June 21st, when Canon Chesshire once again welcomed the ringers of the Ludlow and Church Stretton district most heartily, and provided bowls and croquet on the lawn for their amusement.

Some good ringing was obtained both on hand and tower bells, after which service was held in church, and was much enjoyed. Mr. Brayshaw (organist) and the full choir kindly attended. The Vicar surprised the members by his intimate knowledge of the Guild report for 1924, the subject of his address being Guild rule, No. 2, viz.: 'Its objects are (1) to recognise the true position of ringers as church officers; (2) to cultivate the art of change ringing; and (3) to promote due order in the belfry.'

Mrs. Chesshire generously provided tea in the Vicarage gardens. About 40 sat down, and included amongst them were the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (Hopesay), the Rev. La Touche (Wistanstow), the Rev. Dutton (Knighton), also Mr. Wm. Saunders, of Coalbrookdale. The Master of the Guild (Mr. Chas. Edwards) also came over from Madley on his motor-cycle, but was held up at Leominster by a thunderstorm, and arrived about 6.30 p.m.

The Vicar remained with his guests during the whole afternoon and evening, and several times visited the belfry. He is, however, often to be found in the tower giving encouragement and help to his own ringers, who continue to display enthusiasm and good progress.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson occupied the chair at the business meeting.—The Secretary stated that Leintwardine tower had promised to join the Guild, and that four honorary and ten ringing members would in all probability be added to their number very shortly.

Heartly votes of thanks were accorded Canon and Mrs. Chesshire for their many kindnesses, to Mr. Brayshaw for his delightful services at the organ, and to the choir for their very welcome assistance with the singing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first performance of Holt's Original, which was called by Holt himself at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on Sunday, July 7th, 1751, has been fittingly celebrated by an anniversary peal rung at the same church last Friday. James Davis rang the treble in 1751; James E. Davis rang the same bell to the peal in 1924!

A 'Charles' name peal was rung last Saturday by members of the Suffolk Guild—a peal of Superlative. It was not, however, the first Surprise name peal ever rung, as the Johns scored a peal of London over twenty years ago, and afterwards rang a peal of Superlative.

Thirteen is not altogether an unlucky number, for the thirteen men who met at Exeter on Saturday scored the first peal of Cinques on the Cathedral bells.

The 'Western Morning News' on Monday referred to the 'considerable feat' which involved 'from 10,000 to 30,000 changes.' Whew! Such a peal would have required more than thirteen men, even if they were all James Georges. Those who took part were quite content that it stopped short at 5,017.

Mr. E. H. Lewis has been re-elected as President of the West of Scotland Iron and Steel Institute for another period of two years.

Mr. Fred G. Woodies, the genial steeplekeeper, of Banstead, Surrey, has met with a nasty cycle accident, having been thrown from his machine by riding into a dog. He now lies in Sutton Cottage Hospital suffering from a broken collar-bone and concussion.

The first peal of Erin Caters was rung at North Shields on July 12th, 1909.

On Thursday, July 15th, 1830, a peal of 5,000 New Treble Bob Royal was rung at Leeds.

The peal of Stedman Caters rung at St. Margaret's, Leicester, on handbells, on Tuesday, June 24th, 1924, was composed by W. Hyde Inglesant, and conducted by Harold J. Poole.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

The fourth meeting of the year was held at Gamston on Saturday, June 28th. There was a good attendance of ringers from Barborough, Treeton, Shircocks, Workop, Norton Cuckney, North Wheatley, Ordsall, West Retford, Laneham, Sutton-on-Trent, Ossington, Gainsborough, Southwell Cathedral, and the local company. Unique as a war memorial in this district is that at St. Peter's, Gamston, a pleasant village on the east bank of the River Idle. The memorial takes the form of a new treble bell, which was added to the five previously in the tower, and a tablet in memory of the seven men who lost their lives in the war. The tenor is 8 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in A, and the new treble is 3 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lb. in F. The bells were rung during the afternoon and evening to the methods of Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent, Duke of York, Woodbine, Sandall, Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Doubles. The meeting coincided with a garden fete and sale of work in the grounds of Gamston House, the proceeds, which were in aid of the bell fund and restoration of the parish church, being £170.

A hearty welcome was extended to the ringers by Mr. Herbert Smith, of Gamston House, and one of the most interesting and pleasing items of the day was the handbell ringing, which was enjoyed by a large assembly in the grounds, and also in the house. The performers were Messrs. F. S. W. Butler, J. F. Bartram, H. Morgan (Gainsborough), and J. S. Milner (Southwell Cathedral). Several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung.

The business meeting was held under a shady tree, until rain came down, when the party adjourned to the house. The meeting was presided over by Mr. Smith, who willingly joined the association as vice-president and life member.

The next meeting will be held at Sutton-on-Trent, on August Bank Holiday, and will be announced in 'The Ringing World.' Sports and gala and a cricket match will be held, the proceeds devoted to the church restoration and bell fund, and a good attendance is desired.

Mr. J. S. Milner (Southwell Cathedral) was elected non-resident life member.—Mr. H. Revill (Ordsall) was appointed to give the Gamston ringers thirteen lessons during the year, one-half of the cost to be defrayed by the ringers, and the other half by the association.

Tea was served in a large tent, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Herbert Smith, on the proposition of Mr. H. Haigh (hon. secretary), seconded by Mr. C. H. Baker, of Gainsborough, for his generosity to the ringers, and for all he had done to bring about the restoration of Gamston bells.—This was carried with acclamation.—Mr. Smith, in reply, thanked the ringers for coming such long distances to help to make the garden fete a success, and said the chief credit for the restoration of the bells lay with one of the members of the association, who was present with them that day, and who was the principal mover in getting the work done. There was 'nothing doing' until he stirred things up twelve months ago: now a sum of £400 had been raised, and the bells put in order.

Further handbell ringing and also touches on tower bells brought 'the end of a perfect day,' and the bells were lowered in peal.

Dancing and games were indulged in until 10 p.m.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

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UMPIRES FOR HANDBELL PEALS.

The next resolution considered by the Council was one of which Mr. T. H. Taffender had given notice: 'That this Council only recognise as peals upon handbells those that have been umpired, and that the qualification of an umpire shall be that of being able to ring the method and check each call as made.'

Mr. Taffender said this was a matter brought forward by his association (the London County), and some of the present-day handbell ringers thought the existing decision of the Council was not satisfactory. In Rules and Decisions it was laid down that, where practicable, there should be an umpire for a handbell peal. For some years past they had seen handbell peals, 'witnessed' and 'attested' and 'umpired,' and in many instances there had been no umpire whatever. In his opinion there should be an umpire present on every occasion. Anyone could come and listen to a peal when it was rung on tower bells, but the conditions were different in regard to handbell peals. With regard to the qualification of an umpire, that could be easily settled, because when a name was put down as umpire, other people would know if he could ring a method or not, and whether he was a proper person for the purpose. Seventy-five per cent. of those put down as umpires were not qualified persons, and did not know the method being rung, or how to check the course-ends. He did not say that peals were 'cooked,' but he felt strongly that they should have qualified umpires. It had been asked why four persons living in a small village should be prevented from ringing a handbell peal for want of an umpire, but he considered they should not be allowed to until they had educated another person to observe the bells and check each call as made.

Mr. James George seconded. He thought it was very necessary to have a qualified umpire.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter said if the Council passed this resolution it would be necessary to have an official list of referees, if referees were to be of any use.

A QUESTION OF HONOUR.

Mr. C. T. Coles said this was a matter in which the Council wanted to be very careful. The Rules and Decisions of the Council laid it down that where practicable there should be an umpire, and it seemed to him that that covered the ground sufficiently. Whether it was handbell ringing or tower bell ringing, they had to depend on the honour of the ringers. Even in tower bell peals listeners could not say whether the bells were right all the time, and they had to depend on the conductor and the ringers. The same applied to handbells. If it was a matter of getting qualified men, the mere fact that a man could ring a method did not necessarily qualify him to be a competent umpire. There were men who could ring peals without making a mistake who probably could not tell you where a course end was. This question rested on the honour of the ringers concerned (hear, hear). In the case put forward by the proposer of people in a village ringing a handbell peal, his view was that if they were so dishonourable that they would publish a bad peal, then it was possible that an umpire, who would be a friend of the band, would be equally dishonourable, and pass the peal. He opposed the resolution, not on the ground that he objected to an umpire for a handbell peal, but because he thought the Council's existing decision was quite strong enough.

Mr. J. Parker said he supported the view put forward by Mr. Coles. He was not a handbell ringer, therefore he had no axe to grind. He had heard a good many handbell peals, and had been asked to umpire them, but he had never yet seen a set of handbell ringers try to cook a peal. He did not think an umpire was necessary at all. If they had an umpire, let him have no figures, but put them down as they were rung. How often could a handbell band pick up an umpire that could do that? Some years ago the Council spent an afternoon thrashing out this question, and they came to the decision that they had in the Council's rules to-day. He objected to hampering handbell ringers because they could not get an umpire.

Mr. P. J. Johnson said he could not see where they were going to draw the line between handbell and tower bell peals. He remembered a recent discussion in which the band themselves disagreed as to whether 432 or 234 came up in a peal. London ringers had not the difficulties provincial ringers had in this matter of umpires, for where they had a large number of ringers available it was a much easier matter to get an umpire. His own experience was that if this had been insisted on in his part of the world, handbell ringing would have become extinct. They had four men—two of them came nearly seven miles each week for it—and they could not get anybody to umpire the peals at all; they would not come to do it. They had to rely to a certain extent upon the calibre of the men who were ringing in the peal, and they should encourage a high standard of striking and morality among men. Sometimes one found among the senior ringers a spirit that ought not to be cultivated in a tower. If an older ringer made a mistake he should immediately own to it instead of trying to drop it on to a less for-

tunate younger member (applause). If they did this they would raise the tone of the whole science. If a man was a conductor and not a bob caller he knew whether the bells were wrong before an umpire did. He (the speaker) would if he were calling a peal. They must leave it to the honour of the men.

Mr. A. H. Pulling said the question of umpires was a farce, pure and simple. He would sooner see a peal without an umpire than with one, unless he knew the umpire knew absolutely all about it. He had known men described as umpires who could no more umpire a peal than could a chair. Ticking off course ends was not umpiring a peal. To umpire a peal properly a man ought to be able to tell in the middle of a course if the bells were right or wrong. The London men did not know the difficulties of country ringers. Personally he had never yet called an exceptional composition without an umpire—but he had had an umpire and not just a tenor ringer, a man who could not only check each call, but know at any time whether the bells were right or wrong. If they carried the resolution, who was going to appoint the umpires? Were the associations to appoint these men, or were the Central Council, and who was to pay their expenses? Would Mr. Taffender come from London to umpire a peal? He (the speaker) could see a 'shift' in handbell ringing long before any umpire. Personally he did not mind if the motion were carried or not. If they could get an umpire they would have one, and, if not, they would ring without one.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said when he and his band started handbell ringing there was no one else in the county of Dorset, except, perhaps, Mr. Beams, who was 40 miles away, who could have umpired the peal of College Single Minor, for which five of them practised.

The President said he would like to read an extract from a letter from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, who was very expert in handbell ringing. Mr. Boughey said he hoped the motion before the Council to make umpires a necessity for handbell peals might not be carried. He was quite in favour of having an umpire where a capable one could be got, but very often it was impossible to get one, in which case he thought it was right to trust to the honour of the conductor and the ringers (hear, hear). That was practically done in tower bell peals, which were scored as a matter of course, even when there had been no listener within hearing who knew anything about change ringing. When the Cambridge University Guild began, they had to employ and pay professional ringers from the town company to umpire for them, and many times even this was impossible. They were then forced to ring without an umpire, or not to ring at all. He thought, if the motion were carried it would tend to prevent handbell ringing, a step which he should deprecate and deplore.

When the motion was put only two voted for it, and it was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

THE VENUE OF COUNCIL MEETINGS.

Mr. T. H. Beams moved 'to alter Rule of the Council, No. 6, by omitting "but that the meeting following the Triennial Election be always in London." He said the view he held was that it would be better if the option was given to the Council for the first meeting of every new Council to be held elsewhere than in London. There was something to be said for and against it. Thirty-three years ago, when the Council was formed, London was the most 'get-atable' place in the whole country, but they could not say the same to-day. With additional cross-country services on main lines it was no more 'get-atable' than Birmingham, or Leeds or Manchester, or any of the other big centres. Years ago, London was undoubtedly the chief ringing centre in the country, and although it was still a great ringing centre, it was not now by any means the only great ringing centre. There were other centres up and down the country which could claim to be equal, not in numbers, but in proficiency with London ringing. Then if they took the pro rata population, London was getting more than its share of meetings. On this basis, roughly, London ought to have a meeting about once in five years, rather than once in three. Finally, London was so vast that there was not that close feeling among the delegates before and after the meeting that there was in the provinces. The provincial meetings, to many people, were far more homely. If they would refer to the rule as he proposed it should be amended, they would notice that it did not prevent the triennial meeting being held in London, if the Council so desired. If, every third year, they decided that the next meeting should be in London they could do so, but the alteration of rule would give them the opportunity of going elsewhere if they wished it.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards seconded.

Canon Baker pointed out that one objection to the alteration was that the Council was only elected every three years and it was hardly in order for a Council, which was going to 'die' to decide where the new Council should meet. He hoped the present rule would stand: it had served very well and met the need.

There was no further discussion, and the motion on being put was lost by a large majority.

(To be continued.)

THE NORFOLK RINGING WEEK.

A SUCCESSFUL TOUR.

By W. H. F.

Would you like to 'pull 'em' for a week in the county of 'broad' acres? Was the kind inquiry of a well-known Kent ringer last May, to which the writer's answer was a ready 'Aye'—even across the waters broad. In due course the list of towers was received. Here they are: Lowestoft, Pulham Market, Wymondham, Yarmouth, Pulham St. Mary, Loddon, Salle, Alburgh, Dereham, Saxlingham, Bungay, Marsham, Norwich, North Elmham and Aylsham.

I made the journey from Bucks to Liverpool Street, E.C., on a fortunate Friday in June—the 13th—and there had the pleasure of meeting Messrs. Cheeseman, Shade, Daynes, Bennett and Audsley, from Kent, and Mr. Steere, of Guildford. Together we travelled to Norwich by the 5.18 p.m.—three hours' express—per G.E. Rly. Mr. Harry Parkes, with his motor-cycle, went down by road, thus completing our octave of 'whole timers' who were taking on a fairly heavy task; far more so than I bargained for on promising to go.

Headquarters at The Orford Arms Hotel made a good centre for casual ringers to visit us, and, for those who were forced to sleep out, to come in and discuss the daily trips—trips of another nature than those of the ringer, and, I may add, some of the more urgent points were only settled after closing time. Mr. G. H. Cross met us on arrival, and we were here joined by Mr. J. George (late of Rugby), and at once made our way to supper, regretting the absence of Mr. W. Nevard, of Bentley, whose duty as churchwarden prevented his coming.

The housing problem is quite as urgent in Norfolk as in other districts throughout the country, and the risk of sleeping in the 'open air' was met by taking train daily to our respective destinations and returning to Norwich. Departure each morning was about 8 a.m., excepting on Sunday. Our tower for that day at Salle, being remote, we engaged a motor-car and push cycles for the afternoon. On the last day, after booking at Thorpe Station, we were informed of a breakdown on the line, and, returning the tickets, we succeeded in catching a road car to Aylsham and Marsham.

Early rising was a great success, no one missed their breakfast or the train during the week, and this speaks well for our hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Hart, another pair of the right sort, whose kind attention and reasonable charges were fully acknowledged.

Under the title of 'Kent Ringers' we were made welcome at each tower, a representative local ringer being usually waiting to greet us with the keys, and, in most cases, the bells had been 'raised' ready for us to start.

Apprehension as to the fillet hole, part of the bell ropes was ill-founded, we 'lugged' away to our hearts' content at some 136 ropes, and all our 'pulling' couldn't part 'em. The fact deserves mentioning for the credit of the respective steeplekeepers. Another feature of this tour was the absence of interruptions. We had neither to wait for a funeral nor a wedding, were undisturbed by any organist's wild practice in imitation of the 'loud cymbals' in B flat.

Seven reverend gentlemen during our round were able personally to receive the 'Kent Party,' to offer them welcome to Norfolk, and we greatly appreciated this courtesy, in addition to the privilege of ringing the bells willingly granted in every case, and at some trouble to fit in the visit to suit rail facilities. The Vicar of Loddon came to the rescue of Fakenham—the original fixture—where sad illness rendered a change necessary. Of the attempts, the peal columns show ten scored, an average of two out of three. The performers—who may be termed a 'scratch team'—and of whom there were two or three who ought to be pensioned off by the Central Council—are well satisfied with their 'bag,' and no doubt have returned home truly thankful for that health and strength—and the blisters—which have enabled them to fill it. Mr. Parkes, with his cycle, was a useful man, and with Mr. Cheeseman on the pillion seat, usually got to the tower first, preparing for the rest of the band. No one could answer the conundrum concerning these two: 'Why was the conductor like a can of new milk?' The answer is: 'After a good spin both would be Cheese, man!' And how the Dickens they found their way among the by-roads is a wonder, when they had left their dear little Steere behind.

The motor map showed us that it was quite possible to see California, Kimberley, or Philadelphia in East Anglia, but as they possessed no pieces of bell metal we did not include them in our list. Good roads over long stretches of level country make this district an excellent one for a cycle tour.

It must not be presumed because we rang 20,000 of Double Norwich that the Kent ringers visited the Diocese to show Norwich men how to ring Double Norwich, the selection of this method (for various local reasons) may be taken as a compliment to this ancient city of change ringing, which was described by a former Bishop of Norwich as being in the 16th century, mostly composed of beer-houses and churches.

On Monday afternoon we had an hour or two to spare, and some

viewed the Cathedral with its five bells, tenor 19 cwt., unringable; others the museum, where there is a beautiful 14th century bell and some fine old engravings giving prospects of the city and its many towers and spires. Steere and I wandered over many roads to find St. John de Sepulchre. We had seen three towers when we met John Cheeseman looking sadly tired, and covered with dust and whitening. He had just come out of the tower we were then making for, which happened to be St. John-the-Baptist—one or two broken ropes, dust and rubbish everywhere, not the ghost of a peal to be seen—after some three miles of searching. But this was the trial before victory, the victory of Cross who called Cambridge Surprise; let us hope with the spirit of Charles Middleton hovering round, taking off his own course ends of the peal.

Failure No. 1 occurred on Tuesday at Pulham Market, half-way through Pitstow's Stadman Triples in the morning. There was some speed in the ringing, and the room was H-O-T. Many of us thought the week's results would mean a 'possible,' and were, therefore, disappointed at a simple ending to their peal visions. This gave us leisure to chat with several of the old band 70 years of age and over who rang a peal here recently—Mr. C. Bayley and Mr. Robt. Whiting, a sturdy character of 75, full of 'go,' who joined us at the next tower, and rang a course of Superlative Surprise, after the peal No. 6.

Robert Whiting is a Redenhall man, and has rung with John Ringer, a Norwich Scholar. He remembers the good old days in the district when Moore, Holmes and Mackenzie, flourished as bell founders, and in the ringing room. His grandfather rang a peal at Redenhall in 1828, and he expects to make a record by scoring one a century later on the same bells.

One doesn't visit Pulham without seeing the King's Head, kept by Mr. and Mrs. C. Brice (Mr. Brice is now working at Chester). There we had an old English hot dinner previously, and tea after the peal, well served by Mrs. Brice. We were away early to meet the Norwich boys at our hotel, where a chat and smoke followed till 'bedtime,' usually denoted by 'invisible hands' when away from home.

Wednesday was our fatal day, even the bells seemed to resent men ringing all the week and violating early closing day. After ringing half of Pitstow's peal of Stadman, we quietly returned to Homersfield Station (1½ miles), where time had to be occupied until the train was due for Bungay. The landlord of the Dove did his best to provide for eight hungry visitors, who, on hearing that Myra had just taken a cake out of the oven, clamoured for it like a bevy of schoolboys—and got it; although the cook said it was hot, and would give us pain under the pinafore.

At Bungay a similar spell of Norwich Major ended the peals for the day. The Vicar had kindly wished us success, but did not observe the gaze of wonder we bestowed on the heavy ropes—amateur made—with 6 feet sallies of long yellow and black worsted. When raising the bells it was found the third would not respond one way to a heavy stroke, and in putting our strong man—Audsley—on it the attempt was made subject to his generous efforts. Perhaps the sight of the ringers' jug in the corner of the belfry disturbed our near places, as the hot sun streamed through the large west window upon the men on the tenors. They are a fine old ring of bells—tenor over a ton weight—and the belfry has one or two old peal boards showing Samuel Thurston had been there, with the two Hurrys from Norwich.

The aforementioned jug has three handles, is made of glazed stoneware, stands 2ft. high, and engraved with potter's writing:—

1827.

A gift to the Society of Change Ringers of St. Mary's, Bungay, by Thos. Hurry, Norwich.

The Hurrys carried on a bell hanging business in Princes Street, Norwich, for some years, and had a remarkable run of work in and around the city, Thomas eventually becoming a well-to-do man. They rung Bungay bells in 1826, took part in a 5,600 of Oxford Treble Bob Major (3 hrs. 24 mins.) on November 11th, 1826, which was conducted by Samuel Thurston from the tenor. It may be inferred that Hurry was so satisfied with his bell hanging and ringing at Bungay that he purposely had the ringers' jug made and presented to Bungay for their New Year's dinner, January, 1827. I trust Norfolk men will observe the date, and keep up the centenary—with the jug on the dinner-table—in a right royal fashion.

Returning earlier than we anticipated to Norwich, opportunity was given us to have a ring with the Norwich men at St. Giles Coslany, and here touches of Stadman, Cambridge and London, were rung. This tower is in line with the nave and chancel, with a large arch to the nave and a very fine west window that takes up two sides of the ringing room. The other two sides have each three large peal boards which take up all the wall space, and have a number of interesting past performances recorded on them, including the so-called first peal of Stadman in the city. The Mancroft company had already rung a peal in the method which was condemned on the evidence of an interested party, because the 'tenor' blows had been counted

and found short of the 5,040. The Manroft men came down to Coslany tower and threw at the west window to break their rivals down, but friends and neighbours stepped in, and after a sort of free fight the rude visitors were dispersed.

(To be continued.)

THE LATE MR. SAM THOMAS.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL AT SHEFFIELD.

The totally unexpected death of Mr. Sam Thomas, after a week or so of illness, which suddenly struck him down when apparently in vigorous health, came as a great shock to all who knew him, and to some, the first intimation of anything amiss was the notification of the funeral arrangements. These facts to some extent prevented a larger attendance on Saturday, June 28th, though the gathering was large enough to show the great regard in which the late Mr. Thomas was held. Between 60 and 70 ringers attended the funeral, in addition to many other friends.

In the long history of change ringing in the district, few more simple, and at the same time, more impressive funerals can have been known than that which accompanied the passing of Sam Thomas at the Cemetery of Intake. As the last change of a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters—rung on the handbells over the open grave—died away: as the last line of Toplady's immortal hymn, 'Rise to all eternity,' sung with faltering voices, drifted into a scarcely audible Amen; and with the concluding words of the beautiful address by the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls still in mind, hardly one among those present could admit to a steady voice or a clear eye.

The cortege, with the chief mourners, bearers, and a number of ringing friends, met at the deceased's residence, at 36, Thomas Street, about 1.30 p.m., and arriving at Intake shortly after 2 p.m. was met by a large gathering of ringing associates from Bolsover, Bradford, Derby, Dore, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Eckington, Norton, Rawmarsh, Rotherham, Sheffield (Cathedral, St. Maries (R.C.), Ranmoor, All Saints, Pitsmoor, and Handsworth), and other places.

The burial service was conducted by the Vicar of Ranmoor (the Rev. J. R. Lee Nicholls, M.A.), who, in the Cemetery Chapel, gave a most touching address.

The Vicar recalled how, a little over a year since, at Ranmoor, when the Bishop of Sheffield (who would have been present then but for a previous engagement) had just concluded a presentation on behalf of the Sheffield District Society to 'him who is in all our thoughts'—he—usually so ready of speech—in replying—found his heart too full for words. 'And that,' added the Vicar, 'is how I find myself now.'

A telling reference to Mr. Thomas's great abilities—a man endowed with a wonderful memory, a mathematical mind which, given the opportunity, might have carried him far in this life, great will power and tenacity, and a power of drawing men to him, he was with it all a religious man. As a boy he had sung in the choir of his native church at Wath, and often had the Vicar, in the pulpit at Ranmoor, heard from the ringers' seat close by, his strong voice joining in the singing. After a feeling reference to his last illness, the preacher urged his hearers to rise above all the sadness and sorrow of the present; not for a moment to wish him back from the glories that are his, but to remember him as he was—strong and capable, and to think of him when ringing forth their changes; as he is, in Paradise, their silent listener.

The coffin was borne from the chapel to the graveside by six of his ringing friends—Messrs. J. E. Lewis Cockey (Dore), Charles Haynes (Ranmoor), Robert Harrison (St. Maries), William Biggin (Norton), and Leonard Charlesworth and John Thorpe (Cathedral).

After the committal and Benediction, the Vicar asked those present to join in Mr. Thomas's favourite hymn, 'Jesus, Lover of my soul'; and this was followed by a well-struck plain course of Grandsire Caters by Messrs. John Thorpe 1–2, George Lewis 3–4, Robert Harrison 5–6, Arthur Knights 7–8, and William Bugar 9–10.

There were a number of beautiful wreaths, including one from the officers and members of the Sheffield District Society; St. John's, Ranmoor; St. Andrew's, Derby; and the Landsdown Sick Society.

Amongst those present were: Yorkshire Association: Messrs. Frank Willey (vice-president), J. Cotterill and Hardcastle (Bradford), and Colin Harrison (Sheffield). Sheffield District Society: Messrs. George Lewis (president) and Fred Watkinson (late president), Messrs. Arthur Knights, John Holman, John Flint and George Hawksworth (vice-presidents), Mr. Thos. Wm. Chown (secretary), Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey (treasurer), and Mr. Charles Haynes (trustee). All the Sheffield towers were fully represented, among those from the Cathedral being Messrs. S. Palmer, A. Craven, J. Thorpe and W. Bugar. From Ranmoor: W. S. Plant and J. Osguthorpe. From Rotherham: Colin Ryder. Norton: W. Biggin and T. Lee. Eckington: P. Jervis, etc.

Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. A. T. Beeston (New Mills), Messrs. H. Haigh (Worksop), A. C. Wright (Darley Dale), A. Ward (Derby), F. Hill (Butterley), J. Paget (Derby), C. D. Potter (Barnsley), J. Rew, and many others.

During the evening the bells of most of the churches in the district were rung half-muffled, and at Ranmoor, a representative band, consisting of Messrs. John Holman (Cathedral) treble, George Hawksworth (Doncaster) 2, George Lewis (conductor, Ecclesfield) 3, Robert Harrison (St. Maries) 4, J. A. Lewis Cockey (Dore) 5, Chas. Haynes (Ranmoor) 6, William Biggin (Norton) 7, and Walter Allwood (Chesterfield) tenor, attempted a peal of Bob Major, which, after two attempts and a total of over three hours' ringing, came to grief owing to the 7th rope slipping the wheel.

And so we leave him—for the present; hardly yet able to realise that he is gone—all that is mortal of him, on the lonely, bleak and wind-swept slopes of Intake, far away from the bells he loved so much. The man himself—still rugged, masterful, humorous, kindly, godfearing—the silent listener—

'Not spilt like water on the ground,
Not wrapt in dreamless sleep profound,
Not left to lie like fallen tree,
Not dead—but living unto Thee.'

J. E. L. C.

FALSE PEALS IN KENT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I regret that, owing to pressure of business, it has been utterly impossible for me ere this, to reply to the three letters directed at me in your issue of the 27th ultimo.

The correspondence on the Wye question has nothing whatever to do with any other method than Grandsire Triples, therefore the remarks from the 'Member of the Ashford District' alluding to other methods, are entirely out of order. However, I do not propose to place his somewhat sarcastic, and, I am afraid, spiteful sentences aside without answer. I am perfectly aware of what has been done, and what is being done, in the Ashford district; but I would point out to him that I have been and am participating in a method (not a plain one or Treble Bob or Stedman), and things are progressing very favourably. This shows I do not devote my sole attention to Grandsire Triples, but, together with others, am advancing to higher methods, while at the same time not overlooking those who must of necessity ring a peal of Grandsire Triples for their first peal.

As Mr. Parkes has not, to my knowledge, conducted a peal of Grandsire Triples, does it not show that he is out to conduct higher methods and ignore those ringers needing a peal of Grandsire as their first peal? I am, therefore, still of the opinion that he had no pity (as expressed in his letter to the 'Ringing World') with the first pealers at Wye, but probably rejoiced so that he could strike the peal off his own peal list. It seems that the 'Member of the Ashford District' and Mr. Powell have the same ideas as Mr. Parkes on the subject of ringing, but I prefer to stick to the Kent Association recommendation, viz.: 'To cultivate and encourage the good old English art of change ringing,' which means not only cultivate in higher methods, but also attend to the requirements of those who need a leg up in the lowly methods. Under the circumstances I have done my duty in accordance with the primary object of my association, and the man who hides his name, or anyone else, cannot truthfully deny this statement.

I have carefully perused Mr. Powell's letter. The last paragraph of Mr. Powell's letter, whomever it concerns, has nothing to do with the subject of this correspondence. I can truthfully say that I have never objected to him conducting, and as regards setting a bell, I am not given to that course, unless it is a case of necessity.

I have read Mr. Cullum's letter with interest, and note his reference to his son. Mr. Cullum, junr., however, replied to my first letter when he could have accepted my apology. Mr. Cullum, senr., refers to Mr. E. Barnett, senr. The ideas of Mr. Barnett appear to be identical with mine. Mr. Barnett believes in high and low methods, advancing and assisting beginners as well, which is precisely the campaign I pursue. I quite agree with Mr. Cullum respecting the accomplishments of Mr. Barnett in the matter of first pealmen, and as regards myself and Grandsire Triples, I have always done and am at the present day, doing my utmost for ringers in this direction.—Yours truly,

GEORGE BILLENNESS.

[This correspondence must now cease.—Ed. 'R.W.']

The reports of several outings and the dedication of new trebles at Chubbleigh, Devon, are unavoidably held over.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—On Monday, March 31st, for Confirmation service, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering: J. Floyd, junr., 1, H. Floyd 3, W. Shepherd 4, J. Floyd, senr., 5, W. Ayre (conductor) 6, H. Golding 7, H. Watson 8.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.—On Monday, March 31st, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 38 mins.: F. Lawton 1, J. Ogden 2, J. Hallas 3, C. Platt 4, V. Howorth 5, T. Chapman 6, B. Thorp (conductor) 7, W. Prince 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by all except 2nd and 7th ringers.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EDGBASTON.—On Sunday, July 6th, at the Old Church, in 26 mins.: 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. Morgan 1, L. Griffiths 2, E. Rose 3, G. Pigott (conductor) 4, R. Russell 5, J. Eaton 6.

CLARE, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Lee 1, P. Gridley 2, A. Ive 3, J. Lee (London) 4, S. Evans (conductor) 5, A. Maxim 6, G. More 7, T. Slater 8.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday evening, July 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, by the local band, in 47 mins.: R. Payne 1, F. R. Coombes 2, F. Webb 3, E. Bennett 4, C. Bennett 5, J. Franklin 6, J. Judge (conductor) 7, A. Morris 8.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evenson, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Sheppard 1, W. Wicks 2, O. W. Porter, junr., 3, C. Sheppard 4, O. W. Porter 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, R. Allum 8.

MERTHYR, S. WALES.—On Sunday, July 6th, for morning service, at St. Tydfils, Merthyr, 840 Grandsire Triples: H. Davies 1, W. Fisher 2, F. W. Sharpe 3, A. Hunt 4, Mr. Lush 5, J. Coles 6, A. E. Slater (conductor) 7, F. Stirk 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., by the same band. Arranged for Mr. Lush, Wells Cathedral, who is on a visit to Merthyr.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—At the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, on Sunday, July 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Watkin 1, E. Leigh 2, J. Heasman 3, C. F. Mitchell 4, H. H. Mance 5, W. Essery 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, F. Skinner 8.—For evenson, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Watkin 1, J. Heasman 2, A. Belton 3, C. F. Mitchell 4, H. H. Mance 5, W. Essery 6, J. Steddy 7, H. Mance (conductor) 8. Rung on the occasion of the annual outing of the ringers of St. Luke's, Chelsea.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 6th, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Wells (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, H. Prior 4, G. Upshall 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. For evening service, 462 Grandsire Triples by the same band.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sunday, June 29th, at St. Peter's Church, for the dedication festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Cork 1, F. Middleton 2, A. Cross 3, R. Wood 4, R. Franklin 5, E. Gosling (conductor) 6, W. Welling 7, F. T. Hoad 8.

SWINDON.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 651 Stedman Caters: H. W. Bishop 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyer 3, A. W. Bond 4, L. A. Wilson 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, C. J. Gardener 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop (conductor) 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on the Patronal Festival, June 29th, for evening service, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1,344 changes): B. Collison 1, W. Collison 2, Miss D. E. Orlebar 3, R. E. Lambert 4, H. Markwell 5, Robt. T. Lambert 6, F. White 7, S. H. Green (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of 3rd and 4th. The brothers Lambert are from Horsmonden, the remainder are members of the local band.

GREENS NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Church of St. Bartholomew, for morning service, on Sunday, June 28th, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: W. Wise 1, G. F. Lucas 2, A. Mansfield 3, A. Booth 4, Geo. Mansfield (first 720 as conductor, and first attempt) 5, J. Wilfred Sharp 6.—For evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Wilkinson (Broughton) 1, A. Mansfield 2, Geo. Mansfield 3, W. Wise (first 720 away from treble) 4, A. Booth 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6. Also 120 Oxford Bob Minor, with G. Mansfield as conductor.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, June 22nd, for evening service, 665 Grandsire Caters: J. Hosgood (Exeter) 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. King 3, F. J. Lewis 4, H. Gassor 5, W. H. Hayward 6, S. R. Hicks 7, H. Lewis 8, H. C. Bond (conductor) 9, W. G. Cook 10.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evening service, three courses of Grandsire Cinques: F. W. Bond 1, J. W. Ash (Lincoln) 2, W. G. Cook 3, J. King 4, F. J. Lewis 5, J. C. Eden 6, H. Gassor (first touch on twelve) 7, W. C. Cuss 8, S. R. Hicks 9, H. Lewis 10, H. C. Bond 11, F. Edwards 12.—On Sunday, July 6th, after evening service, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. Rawlins, for many years churchwarden at the Parish Church, and also a honorary member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,269 changes), in 58 mins. (composed by C. Charge): A. Parsons 1, F. W. Bond 2, J. W. Ash (Lincoln) 3, J. King 4, H. Gassor (first quarter-peal of Caters) 5, W. H. Hayward 6, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 7, H. Lewis 8, H. C. Bond 9, W. G. Cook 10.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at St. Chad's Church, 660 Grandsire Cinques: J. Bain 1, J. Griffiths 2, C. Lee 3, J. E. Lilley 4, G. Jones 5, R. Pole 6, F. Lycett 7, J. Evans 8, D. J. Boncher 9, D. James 10, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 11, H. Jones 12. Longest length of Cinques by 1st, 3rd, 7th, 8th and 10th.

LUTON, BEDS.—On Sunday, June 28th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. Walker 1, Miss Irene Hastie 2, B. Wilson 3, T. Blackburn 4, F. Hunt 5, T. Kendall 6, H. Wood 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. Arranged for Miss Hastie, of Leatherhead, it being her first quarter-peal in the method.

ALDERTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, May 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Agg 1, W. Yeend (conductor) 2, G. Bonner 3, L. Troughton 4, P. Banks 5, H. Harvey 6. First quarter-peal by all except ringer of 2nd and 3rd.

NORTHAW, HERTS.—On Sunday, May 11th, at St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: also rung to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Mr. J. Bryant's birthday: J. Parker 1, C. Parker 2, J. Bryant 3, R. Stiles 4, J. Roberts 5, B. McKie (conductor) 6.

'FIFTY-EIGHT NOT OUT.'

(Contributed.)

Yes, it's a tidy record for one to make; there may be others to beat it, but you don't meet them every day. No, I don't mean cricket. I mean 'years,' as a bell ringer in one tower. This is Mr. James Moss's record at Exeter Cathedral, where he joined on June 27th, 1866, ringing rounds and changes that required bandstands for the ringers' guidance. To mark the completion of his 58 years' service his colleagues of the above tower on Saturday, June 28th, presented him with a gold bell pendant, with an address recording the fact, as a slight appreciation of his ability as a good ringer for such a long period. His record has been over 70 peals of 5,040 changes, and considering he is down West, where peal ringing is a luxury, and even at that must not be indulged in too often, speaks well for him and his keenness in half-pull ringing, because it takes something to convert a round prize ringer into a good scientific change ringer, but Mr. J. Moss is one of the best.

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NOTICES.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Foy on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea provided free only to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, 23rd inst.—John Clark, Chase Road, Ross.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 26th (D.V.). Service at St. Lawrence's Church at 11.30. Preacher: Rev. F. L. Edwards, Hon. Sec. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Dinner at Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 12.30. Business meeting immediately after. Dinner tickets: members, 2/6; non-members, 3/- each. Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to General Secretary by Wednesday, July 23rd. The tower of St. Lawrence will be open half an hour before. Service of one hour after meeting; St. Mary's until 6 p.m., St. John's, Caversham, Tilehurst, Shiplake, Sonning, All Saints and St. Paul's, Wokingham, and Mapledurham in afternoon and evening.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 56, York Road, Reading.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The second Quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale, Salop, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Tea at 5. 6d. each to members, 1/3 others, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

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THE LADIES GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Bristol on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing at St. Philip's from 2 to 3; St. Mary Redcliffe, from 3 to 4. Service at St. Thomas' Church, 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation of the Bristol United Guilds) at 5 o'clock. Ringing at St. Stephen's after meeting. Will all wishing for tea please send their names to Mrs. Wilkins, 84, Woodland Road, Clifton, Bristol? The Bristol United Guilds are anxious to entertain visiting members, and would like to know the names of any who will be in Bristol before 11 o'clock so that arrangements can be made. Names should be sent to Mrs. Wilkins.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting will be held at Birling on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting after service.—C. H. Sone, Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Bury Parish Church on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 7 o'clock. A good attendance requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Irthlingborough on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available at 2. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Certificates will be presented to members who have recently rung their first peal.—F. Barber, Branch Sec., School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Priston on Saturday, July 12th. Evensong 4 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Ringers who intend to be present should inform me.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A meeting will be held at Great Wymondley on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service at 5 o'clock. Tea at the Checquers after service, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—A meeting will be held at Lymm on Saturday, July 12th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Meeting to follow.—Francis Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Frockham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Leicester District.—A meeting will be held at Kibworth on Saturday, July 12th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m.—R. F. Elkington, Local Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, July 12th. Ringing at Netheravon and Fittleton 3 p.m. till 4 p.m.; at Enford 4 p.m. till 4.45 p.m., and at Upavon 6 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea and meeting at Upavon 5 p.m. All are 6-bell towers.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Freshwater on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rector, 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 31st; St. Magnus on the 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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 19th. The bells of St. Margaret's Church (8) will be open from 2 p.m. The Rector (the Rev. F. W. Morgan Jones) invites all to tea in Junior Council Schools at 5.45 p.m., after which a short business meeting will be held. A good attendance is desired. All ringers are welcome.—Geo. Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Denham on Saturday, July 19th. Will try and arrange tea for those that notify me by the 16th. Train from Ealing Broadway at 2.33 and welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Seaford on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea (by kind invitation) 5. Those intending to be present please notify the undersigned not later than Wednesday, July 16th.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on July 19th at the Church of St. Margaret, Lee, Lewisham. Tower open for ringing from 4 till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the small Kingswood Hall. Every ringer invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, July 19th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m., those of Chilvers Coton (8) after tea. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service in Nuneaton Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the retiring president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick). The Vicar of Nuneaton (Rev. J. L. White) cordially invites the members to tea, after which the business meeting will be held, which includes the election of officers for the ensuing year. Mr. T. W. Chapman, 19, Glebe Road, will be glad to receive names for tea not later than Wednesday, July 16th.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District. —The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone in Oxney (6 bells) on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for at 5 p.m. — C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify me by July 16th? — S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. —The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Leyland (St. James') on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 9d. per head, will be arranged for all who notify Mr. J. T. Miller, Oak House, Midge Hall, not later than Tuesday, July 15th. Tea 5.15. Meeting at 6.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Machen on Saturday, July 19th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available. — John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Thrapston on Saturday, July 19th. Service at 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea must notify me by Wednesday, July 16th. — J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, July 19th. Tea at Mrs. Bartoot's, Castle Street, at 5 o'clock, 1s. 3d. per head. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting after tea.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick, Alfreton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch. —A special meeting will be held at Dallington on July 19th. Bells (6) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Business important (to settle about outing to Loughborough). Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, July 15th.—T. Tebbutt, Branch Secretary, 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western District. —A meeting will be held at Apsley End on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service. Please notify me early for tea arrangements.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District. —A meeting will be held at Roxton and Great Barford on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (5) ready at 2.30, Great Barford 6 o'clock. Tea at 5 at Roxton. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Please notify me by July 14th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District. — A meeting will be held at Orlingbury on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, July 16th. — Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District. —A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Cople at 2.30 p.m., and Willington after tea. Tea at Cople 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Annual Festival. —Owing to the colleges entertaining a large number of American visitors, the festival which would have been held at Oxford on Saturday, July 26th, will be held at Reading on that date. Further particulars as soon as definite arrangements are made.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District. —A meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea and meeting to follow. It is important that all who require tea should advise me by the 23rd inst. at latest. A charge of 1s. will be made. Members and friends welcome. Bells recently rehung.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District. —The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, to follow in the Village Hall. Will all who intend being present notify me by Wednesday, July 23rd, the latest? Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Street, Chislehurst.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3. Service at 5. Tea will be provided on the Rectory lawn by the Rector (the Rev. Campbell Ward) and Mrs. Ward. All ringers who intend being present must notify me by Wednesday morning, July 23rd.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dis. trict Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield. Bells ready early.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 119, Doncaster Road, Barnsley.

TACKLEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild. —The bells of this Church having been rehung, and a new Treble added, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of the Diocese on Sunday, Aug. 3rd, at 3 p.m. All interested local ringers are invited to hear the best ring of six in the county.

THE ANNUAL COMMEMORATION DINNER to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at York on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Further details later.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—On Saturday, March 22nd, in 46 mins., at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes). S. Sargeant (Hanley) 1, C. H. Page (Stoke) 2, A. Peak (Newcastle) 3, T. Hurd (Burslem) 4, A. Crawley (Crewe) 5, Geo. Jones (Hanley) 6, S. Cardell, conductor (Hanley), 7, W. Heath (Stoke) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the 4th, 6th, and tenor ringers, and first on the bells.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN DIVISION.

The annual meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association was held at Scarborough on Saturday, June 21st. By kind permission of the Rev. J. W. Capron, Vicar of Scarborough, the bells of St. Mary's Church, a beautiful peal of eight, were available for ringing throughout the afternoon and evening. From the point of view of numbers, the meeting was not a great success, the chief towers represented being Selby, Beverley, Holbeck, Saltburn and Pickering. It is principally owing to the large and scattered area covered by this division of the association that these meetings are so irregularly attended, and it is hoped in the near future to form some plans to enable the work of the association to be more effective in this district.

A short service was held, and the Rev. G. Davies, in the absence of the Vicar, addressed the ringers. A business meeting followed tea, and whilst regretting the absence of the vice-president (the Rev. E. Drage, Vicar of Pickering), the ringers greatly appreciated the readiness with which the Rev. G. Davies took the chair.

According to the rules of the association, the vice-president retired from office this year, and the ringers present had great pleasure in unanimously re-electing the Rev. E. Drage to be vice-president for the ensuing three years.

The following committee were also elected: Mr. Addison, of Thoruaby; Mr. Stott, of Thirsk; and Mr. Sinclair, of Thornaby. Mr. Addison was also re-elected to represent the Northern Division on the general committee.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Pickering on Saturday, October 4th. The date has been put a fortnight earlier, as it was thought this might make it possible for more ringers to attend. Further particulars of the meeting will be announced later, but the secretary would ask ringers to make a special note of this date, and to make a special effort to attend.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Scarborough for the use of the bells, to the Rev. G. Davies for his kindness in conducting the service and presiding at the meeting, and to the local ringers for the effective arrangements made for the visiting ringers.

ROCHESTER SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I heartily congratulate the Leiston band on ringing the new Rochester Surprise. I have been trying to get a band to ring this method for quite a long time, and would have called it Bradford Surprise. It was given to me on August 18th, 1923, by A. Craven.
—Yours,
JNO. PLINT.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Mary's Church, Rawmarsh, Yorks, on Tuesday, June 10th, 1,360 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: G. Oaks 1, A. Stamp (first quarter) 2, S. Walker 3, E. Liversidge 4, E. Pammenter 5, A. G. Stocks 6, A. Firth (conductor) 7, G. F. Tuke 8. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of one of the local ringers, Mr. F. Pickering, to Miss C. Machon.

At the Parish Church, Luton, on Saturday, May 3rd, as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Steele, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Bristol Surprise Major, in 50 mins.: H. Walker 1, A. J. Smith 2, C. Rollings 3, T. Kendall 4, H. Wood 5, F. Hunt 6, A. King 7, L. A. Goodenough (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all who are members of the local band, and the longest touch in the method in the county of Bedfordshire.

Afterwards the ringers were entertained to dinner and a concert by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Powdrill, parents of the bride.

We are pleased to be able to state that Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes, who has been very seriously ill with peritonitis, is now slightly better.

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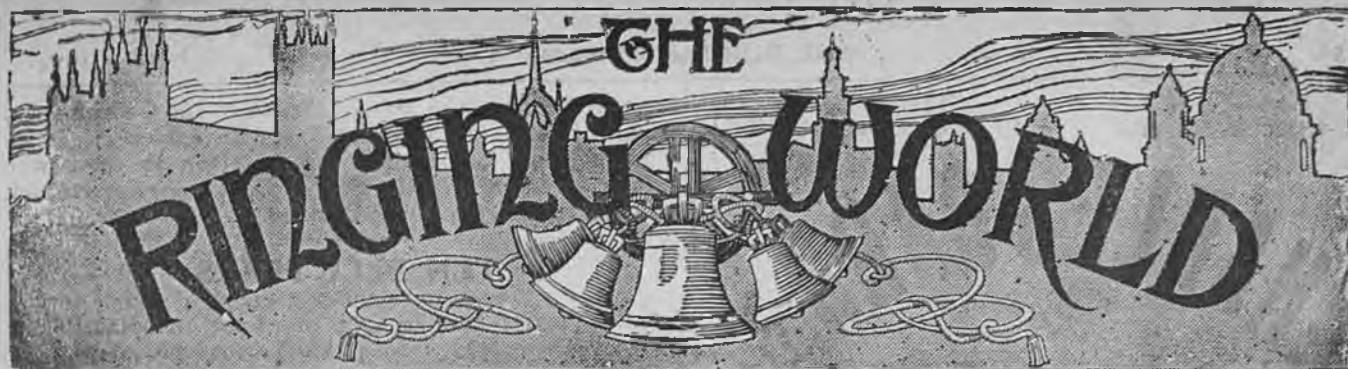
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THE COUNCIL'S RULES.

In this issue appears the concluding portion of the report of the long day's business of the Central Council, and it will be seen that among the variety of subjects which came up at the end of the meeting were one or two which emphasised the point we made some weeks ago, that the Council's Rules, and with them the Definitions which they have from time to time laid down, required overhauling in the light of modern experience and practice. That this view impressed itself upon the Standing Committee was shown by the fact that, towards the close of the proceedings, the President said the Committee recognised that alterations were necessary, and asked the Council to give instructions for this revision to be carried out.

In this connection one of the matters which revealed itself was that, in dealing with the performances for the year, the Peals Analysis Committee had ignored the Council's definitions of a peal and included everything which was claimed under that heading. Not that the Analysis was any more or less valuable for that, and, if they considered the matter very closely, the Committee probably found themselves somewhat in a quandary. Strictly to interpret the definitions of what constitutes a peal would have ruled out all spliced peals of Major, although there is nothing to prevent the inclusion of spliced peals of Minor. Inasmuch as the spliced Major peals are rung without a repetition of changes, it would be ridiculous to exclude the Major and admit the Minor, because the present obsolete definition says that a peal on seven bells and upwards shall consist of five thousand changes 'in any one method.'

On the other hand, the admission to the Analyses of performances made up of fourteen separate 360's of Minor is to countenance as peals, something which the Council, some years ago, set itself out to discourage. We do not suggest that the Committee are exactly blameworthy, but we think where the Council have passed a resolution designed to raise the standard of peal ringing, their Committees should do nothing which is likely to have an opposite effect. Bands who are capable of ringing a multiplicity of Minor methods ought to have no difficulty in mastering the method of ringing 'spliced' extents, and while we admire the ability of men who can put fourteen different methods into one five thousand, yet these performances are not to be compared in value as 'peals' with those in which a similar number of methods are rung in seven true 720's. We hope that the last peals of Minor have been rung in which any row occurs more than seven

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times in the first 5,040, and that, when the Council have brought their definitions into line with modern ideas, no encouragement or latitude will be given to those who practise any kind of performance of a retrogressive nature, which is outside the Council's rules.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

TRAVERS PRICHARD Treble	ROBERT HOWARD 6
HUBERT SCRIVENS 2	GEORGE ORCHARD 7
FRANK COLE 3	LESLIE BARRY 8
WILLIAM HASTINGS 4	HARRY BARRETT 9
ALBERT WRIGHT 5	GEORGE HASTINGS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

GEORGE H. SHUKER Treble	ROBERT GREEN 6
JOHN FEIST 2	JOHN DEARLOVE 7
GEORGE PIPER 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 8
FRANK BENNETT 4	ROBERT J. DAWE 9
JAMES A. HART 5	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Mr. Shuker was elected a member of the association previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Dawe.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURG,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lb.

MAURICE SMITH Treble	HARRY BAXTER 5
FRED. HOPPER 2	FRED. WILFORD 6
*HARRY MILES 3	EDWARD HIMS 7
†WALTER F. JUDGE 4	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in the method on a bob bell. † First Surprise peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

*J. BENJAMIN BUDD Treble	GEORGE W. STEERE 5
JOHN T. SCOTT 2	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
Q.-M.-S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 3	REV. C. W. O. JENKINS 7
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. N. Burdock and J. T. Scott. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. J. B. Budd, of Grimsby.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH, SOMERSET.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THOMAS F. KING Treble	THEODORE GRANT 5
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
JESSE HALLET 4	BERTIE J. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

ACTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER SPARROW Treble	ERNEST W. COULSON 5
MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 2	ROBERT E. HOLLOWAY 6
MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH 3	ROBERT A. FARDON 7
HARRY G. WINCOTE 4	J. WILLIAM FRUIN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT A. FARDON.

Rung as a farewell to the Rector, the Rev. G. S. De Sausmarez, M.A., who was leaving the parish for Chigwell Row, Essex.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD AND
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ... Treble	†ARTHUR PEAKE 5
†WALTER LONGMAN 2	†JOSEPH A. COOK 6
WALTER N. ASHBY 3	WILLIAM RIGBY 7
ALFRED E. BACON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by E. MORRIS.

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the method.
Mr. Ashby was elected to the Chester Guild before starting for the peal.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, July 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ERNEST BAILEY Treble	JOHN LARTER 5
JOHN SPENCER 2	EDWARD GRINDLE 6
EDGAR BAILEY 3	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON 7
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung to oblige Mr. A. E. Austin, of Great Shelford, Cambridge. For calling see C.C. Collection, Section 2, No. 115.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, July 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERT H. POUNTNEY ... Treble	JOHN T. DAVIES 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	THOMAS J. ELTON 6
ISAAC EVANS 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	SAMUEL H. COLEY Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. D. Appleby, who is a member of the local band, to Miss Gladys M. Jackson, of Wednesfield, which took place at the above church on the 5th.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR BOLTON ... Treble	*CECIL ROBINSON 5
†GEORGE WORTHY 2	*THOMAS LANCASTER 6
JOHN APPLETON 3	*WILLIAM AINSWORTH 7
*GEORGE P. KEMBALL ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER.

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

† First peal. * First peal in the method.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 5
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 2	HARRY R. ROPER 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 4	ALFRED BOWELL Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

No 10, C.C. Collection. Rung on the 25th anniversary of the first peal on the eight bells. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. Bowell and the conductor.

LODDON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT ... Treble	CHARLES CLARKE 5
ERNEST LINCOLN 2	FREDERICK FINCH 6
WALTER BARRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
*HARRY BARRETT 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, July 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

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 14 cwt.

ERNEST BAILEY Treble	JOHN LARTER 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 5
EDGAR BAILEY 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

Arranged and rung to oblige Mr. A. E. Austin, of Great Shelford, Cambridge.

FOLKINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Treble	REGINALD SCOTT 4
ARTHUR RIGGALL 2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 5
JOHN W. LAKE 3	HORACE M. DAY Tenor

Conducted by J. W. LAKE.

First peal on the bells. * First peal.

GORING-ON-THAMES, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BRADFELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas a Becket,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

JOHN CARTER Treble	JAMES ABERY 4
BERTHA M. MILLS 2	JOHN BOWER 5
HILDA F. MILLS 3	ERNEST TIGWELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TIGWELL.

Arranged by Q.-M.-S. Gilbert, R.E., for the Misses Mills, who hail from Aldershot, and who were proposed members of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 in A.

*GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1—2	HAROLD J. POOLE ... 5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 7—8
JOSIAH MORRIS ... 9—10	

Composed by J. E. GROVES. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Umpire: E. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal with two working bells.

PEALS IN KENT.

The following peals were rung during a week's holiday in Kent, and through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' Messrs. L. C. Wightman and G. H. Cross desire to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells; also the steeplekeepers, etc., for having everything in readiness. They also thank C.-S.-M. James Bennett, R.M., for making the necessary arrangements, and making the holiday such a success. Their best thanks are also due to the many ringers who took part in the ringing, especially to Messrs. J. H. Cheesman and Herbert Audsley, for their many kindnesses.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

Rung as a compliment to G. H. Daynes, on the eve of his birthday. Messrs. Wightman and Cross were elected members of the association previous to commencing the peal.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
JOHN BURLS ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... 5
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 6
JOHN BURLS ... 3	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	ALFRED BROOM ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	† LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	† HARRY PARKES ... 8
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 9
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal on ten bells away from the tenor. † First peal of Caters. ‡ 50th peal.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 8
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 9
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... 5	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.**PROPOSED COMPETITION.**

The first annual meeting of the recently formed Guild for the Diocese of Swansea and Brecon was held at Brecon on Saturday, July 5th, the towers of St. Mary's, Brecon (eight bells), Llanfagan (eight bells) and Talgarth (six bells) being open for ringing. The following towers were represented: Brecon, Llanelli, Talgarth, Sketty, Gorseinon, Builth Wells, Llangatlock, Swansea and Glasbury. A short service was held in the Cathedral at 3 p.m., when the Lord Bishop gave an excellent address. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. T. R. J. Jones) intoned the service, and the Sub-Dean (Canon E. A. T. Roberts) read the lesson. The company afterwards adjourned to Ely Tower (the Lord Bishop's residence), where a splendid tea had been prepared.

The business meeting followed, the Lord Bishop presiding.

The rules of the Guild, which were drawn up by the Guild's Committee, were read and adopted. The Bishop was re-elected as president, and the vice-presidents were also re-elected, with the addition of the Rev. R. M. Cole-Hamilton, Llangatlock.

The Master desired to be relieved of his duties owing to pressure of other work, and Mr. S. T. Rackham, Llanelli, was elected in his stead. The hon. secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells) and the hon. treasurer (Mr. Charles Powell) were re-elected, and the committee elected were Messrs. W. T. Hargest (Brecon), W. H. Bicknell (Builth Wells), C. Powell (Llangatlock), W. D. Griffiths (Talgarth), C. Morse (Sketty), D. J. Williams (Gorseinon), J. P. Hyett (Glasbury), E. Stith (Port Talbot), Rev. T. R. J. Jones (Brecon), and J. Hammond (Neath).—The Hon. Treasurer presented the accounts, showing a small balance in hand, and this was considered satisfactory.

It was resolved that the next annual meeting be held at Sketty.

Mr. J. Hammond (Neath) was elected a district instructor for the southern end of the Diocese, he being responsible for arranging quarterly meetings for that district, and the hon. secretary was asked to arrange quarterly meetings for the northern districts.

In future advertisements of all meetings are to be inserted in 'The Ringing World,' the Hon. Secretary remarking that this had not been possible in the past owing to the large amount of money having to be spent in printing and postage to enable the Guild to be placed on a proper footing.

Mr. J. P. Hyett was admitted a life member.

As soon as the committee has procured a shield it was resolved that a competition be established to encourage and improve the standard of ringing in the Guild.

Mr. D. J. Lewis (Cadoxton) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Lord Bishop for entertaining the company to tea.—This was carried.

The success which attended the meeting speaks well for the future of the Guild. During the day the methods rung were Stedman, Grandsire, Kent, Double Norwich, and Plain Bob.

THE NORFOLK TOUR

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Many of the churches about East Anglia are very much alike—built of flint stone walling, with stone dressings, bands, and reinforcements, and consisting of chancel, nave and lofty battlemented tower, in one straight alignment, two aisles and a south porch. The ringing room is usually on the ground floor (approached through the porch) with a large arch opening to the nave. At Salle, Bungay, Elham, Marsham, Aylsham and Coslany, a ringers' gallery has been added (probably when the bells were increased) without detriment to the architecture of the interior of the church.

Several of the peals we rang upon, possessed one or two 14th and 15th century bells. If the Society of Antiquarians wish to live up to their reputation a good work could be done by preserving these old bells as examples of the English bell founders' art. A few years hence the Canon Simpson fiend will come along, and these fine old instruments of national importance will disappear in the melting-pot. Antiquarians spend days poring over a crumbling stone, yet there are valuable castings in use for centuries (and still intact) frequently broken up through the persuasive musical eloquence of the modern bell founders.

Readers will be telling me to get on with the tour, so I will resume. Thursday was a heavy day, and the heat rather trying, with two good tenors to tackle. However, we completed two good performances. Elham (which has an history older than Norwich) and Wymondham—locally pronounced Windham. The mid-day meal was served at the King's Head, a name bestowed on many of the inns of the county. Brother Shade asked leave to stand out of the latter peal, but he came up the long stairs to the belfry, and wistfully looked round the room like a grand old veteran, only awaiting the signal. Supper was decided upon (after 7 hours' fasting) before leaving the town, and by the aid of local hands procured, and enjoyed so much, that the last train to Norwich almost went without the party.

Seeing a train coming into the station everybody rushed for it, and got in, excepting the Slough coach—it proved to be the 10 o'clock London mail, late. I thought about a bed in the town, when another train, true to scheduled time, came along, and I reached headquarters at Norwich as soon as the others, the Great George having reported himself during the evening, after having been absent since the Yarmouth peal. The campanile of Wymondham may be classed as one of the three most important ones in the county. It is very high and massive, with a large ringing room, well appointed, and a heavy ring of eight that go well—some of Day's best work—and two men of Kent have turned the tenor (25½ cwt.) into Major, viz., Messrs. Daynes and Bennett.

Change of venue led to a change of conveyance, so to Loddon we went by motor-car, a pretty 10-mile round of table-land. The church is a beautiful 14th century building in Perpendicular style of architecture, with several interesting features—an early iron-bound alms box, an ancient font, and the lock on the porch door 1710, and a painting of the founder of the church and his wife (original) mounted on the south aisle wall. As soon as the peal was over the return bus was due for Trowse Station, where we booked by rail for Dereham, a large market town, where the square was filled with stalls and people. The proprietor of Ashwell's Restaurant was instructed to buy up one of the stalls of dried haddock, and he soon had a combined lunch and tea ready by 5 p.m.

Stedman lasted nearly 2½ hours at the parish church, when the men and the bells got out. These bells are a good old heavy octave—many of them striking falsely—and in need of overhauling by a bell hanger, and this attempt proved to be the most strenuous effort—without reward—during the week. There are several old peal boards of large proportions, one recording Major in 1750.

The church is cruciform in plan, the central tower not safe enough to allow peal ringing, so the authorities wisely decided about a century ago to erect a separate tower—and put the heavy bells in it. The pathway to the church separates the new tower from it, and a very massive structure it is, of similar proportions to Beccles. The position of the tower in relation to the church is the same as at Chichester, Ledbury and Beccles, quite a coincidence since no regulation has been laid down in the distant past for determining the site.

At Marsham we were received by the Vicar—formerly of Maidstone—and saw the name of William Eversfield (of Gravesend) on an old peal board in the belfry, so that the Kent men were at once at home, but the Kent Treble Bob Major of 2 hrs. 50 mins. run failed to come 'home,' and the band felt more disappointment at this loss than either of the others. This parish was the birthplace of Thomas Greenwood, who progressed from an old six-bell country team till 1842, when two trebles were added. A huge tablet records several good performances, showing rapid progress in eight-bell work, including 10,080 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 1844, composed by Eversfield, and conducted by Greenwood. A daughter of Greenwood, who was a good handbell ringer, died rather more than a

year ago (over 90 years of age), and she gave the photograph of her father—taken about the time he called the long peal—to Mr. Moy.

Greenwood was a few years older than C. Middleton, who was also a native of Marsham, and the two, in their young days, worked on a farm at 7s. 6d. per week. Tradition says that they frequently figured on the back of a shovel with a piece of chalk, in the dinner-hour, and all their labour was quickly wiped out when the manure carts came to be filled.

Greenwood on one occasion walked to London and back, with only a few shillings in his pocket. Seeing a wedding crowd at one of the big churches in the city he went to look in, and found his way up to the belfry. The local 'serouffe' were short-handed, and he was asked if he could ring, and did so, receiving ten shillings for his share—the easiest money I ever earned—as he often said afterwards. He subscribed 1s. per week out of his scanty wages to help to purchase a set of handbells (12), which was effected in 1833; they had much to do with the progress of the band in the next ten years, the bells being somewhere in the district to-day.

John Warne, Esq., of Bulwick Hall, was churchwarden of Aylsham for some years, and a practical ringer, taking part in several 5,000's with the Marsham and Aylsham ringers, and one with Thurston. He gave employment on his estate for a while to Greenwood and Middleton, and he appears to have been a gentleman of means, who possessed a love for English bell ringing, and endeavoured to uphold it in the same generous manner, as did Squire Proctor, of Bennington, and Squire Powell, of Quex Park.

The ringers of Aylsham have used but one house—the Cross Keys—for the past hundred years, so we accordingly patronised it when we visited the town, and had a cold lunch prepared by the man in advance. At the church we were met by the Vicar, and Mr. Moy and Mr. Coleman, the hon. secretary of the Norfolk Guild, and we found a musical light running peal of bells, with a well-ordered, roomy belfry. Our 15th attempt was rattled off in good peal-tapping style, and we left rather hurriedly to catch the last train home at 3 p.m. Arriving at Norwich safely, we were just in time to again enjoy one of those suppers of fresh Yarmouth fish, cooked to a nicety at a cosy place discovered by our naval 'searchlight.'

Seated in a comfortable room at our hotel, for the last time, we were able to spend a couple of hours in quiet conversation concerning what we had done, and I discovered that most of it related to what had not been done, but many little kindnesses that had helped to make the tour an enjoyable one were recalled, such as the hard work of Mr. Cross, and the kind co-operation of Mr. Coleman and the various clergymen; the good wishes of Mr. Nevard 'to ring the lot,' with a Treasury note to drink his health; the thanks of the company to the conductor for his patience with errors, and on one occasion a real brotherly lecture followed by congratulations to the organiser on his promotion to the rank of Company Sergt.-Major. The peal barometer was still rising (like the thermometer), the latest readings, approximately, in the shade—1,282 by Isaac, of Greenwich, and 792 by Rugby George. What would Samuel Lawrence, of Shifnal, or James Barham, of Leeds, if they were alive to-day, say to men like Pye or Williams with over 1,000 up?

The longest day, like the longest lane, has an ending; the break-up of our touring party began at midnight, and ended at Liverpool Street at noon on Sunday—after a 6 a.m. breakfast and nearly five hours in one of the East Coast Sunday expresses to London, that made one long to get home and tell mother all about it.

W. H. F.

MR. W. ROGERS' CENTURY.

Mr. W. Rogers, of Northampton, recently rang his 100th peal, and the following is the list: Stedman Cinques, 1; Caters, 8 (conducted 6); Triples, 15; Grandsire Caters, 6 (conducted 3); Triples, 6; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5 (conducted 3); Major, 4 (conducted 2); Bob Maximus, 1; Royal, 1; (conducted 1); Major, 9 (conducted 2); London Surprise Major, 2; Bristol Surprise, 2; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 2; Major, 4 (conducted 1); Superlative Surprise Major, 11; Double Norwich Major, 7; Minor in one method, 1 (conducted 1); three methods, 6 (conducted 2); five methods, 2; seven methods, 4; Doubles, 3; total, 100; conducted, 21.

HINDLEY, LANCASHIRE. — At the Church of St. Peter, for Confirmation service, on Saturday, May 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Blackledge (Hindley) 1, H. Smith (Leigh) 2, H. Allred (conductor, Tyldesley) 3, J. T. Allred (Tyldesley) 4, J. Booth (Standish) 5, W. Austin (Standish) 6, J. Grounds (Standish) 7, T. Marsh (Hindley) 8.

GREAT MUNDEN, WARE, HERTS. — On Sunday, May 4th, a quarter-peal of Minor was rung, consisting of 720 of Oxford Delight, 360 Kent Treble Bob and 180 Plain Bob, in 44 mins., by the following: Rev. A. G. Langdon 1, N. Patmore 2, S. Carter (conductor) 3, B. Patmore 4, H. Wallace 5, G. Carter 6.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**THE ANNUAL MEETING.**

There was a large gathering of ringers at Taunton on July 5th, when the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held. Representatives were present from Taunton St. Mary's, St. James's, Wilton, Bishop's Hull, North Curry, Stogumber, Milverton, Chipstable, Worle, Bridgwater, Burnham, West Pennard, Ilminster, Chew Magna, Midsomer Norton, Yeovil, Street, Minehead, Drayton, St. Saviour's, Bath, Weston (Bath), Bristol, Grenton and Newport (Mon.). Following the meeting, tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, and the annual service was then held in the Parish Church, at which an earnest address was given by the Rev. S. W. Payne, curate of St. Mary's.

The business meeting was held in the St. Mary's Churchroom, Mr. D. G. Taylor, of Ilminster, being elected to the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the Master, the Rev. C. G. Parker, of Corston Rectory, Bristol.

MEMBERSHIP INCREASED: FINANCES SOUND.

The Chairman read the Master's report for the year ending June 1st, which stated that he (the Master) was glad to be able to say that the condition of the Association was satisfactory. 'The membership has increased, and there are more than an hundred additional performing members, and financially, as the balance sheet shows, we are in a sound position. At the meeting of the committee it was decided by a majority not to alter the present rule as to the amount and disposal of funds for local expenses. While sympathising with those branches who find the amount allowed hardly sufficient, it is, perhaps, a wise decision not to alter a rule of this kind at the present time, when we are just succeeding in putting the finances of the Association on a satisfactory basis. I am sure the other decision of the committee, to provide every member with a copy of the annual report, will be accepted with general approval. I should like here to refer to what I said last year, and to again suggest that the report should also be sent either to the incumbent, or the Church Council, or a churchwarden where the tower is affiliated to the Association. I do this because the affiliation fees are by no means what they ought to be, and there must be many parishes who fail to pay them. I am glad that I was able to attend the meeting of the Central Council in London. You will see that the points which your representatives were asked to support were both carried: (1) A committee was appointed for reviewing the present system of naming methods; (2) Mr. Hunt's resolution for clearer instruction in showing how bobs are made in various Minor methods published in "Legitimate Methods," and which he brought forward very forcibly, was also agreed to. It was further resolved to send a letter to the authorities of every Diocese suggesting that where there is an Advisory Committee for dealing with the granting of faculties, one of its members should be an expert on bells and change ringing, etc. I should hope that such members would be chosen from the association connected with the Diocese. I notice that there are not so many peals this year as last, but there is a slight increase in the number of methods. Special mention must be made of the Cambridge Surprise Minor, rung at Wilton on January 20th, 1923. It was the first peal of Surprise by all except the conductor, Mr. Hunt, and all were local men: they deserve hearty congratulation.'

The number of towers is 139. Members—Hon. members, 100; performing members, 1,196; non-resident members, 11; life members, 161; unattached, 43—total, 1,511. Twenty-six peals were rung, as follows: Stedman Cinques, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Triples, 5; Cambridge Surprise Minor, 1; Minor in two methods, 2; Bob Minor, 4; Doubles in three methods, 2; Grandsire Doubles, 4; making a total of 26.

The Master expressed the hope 'that our Association will maintain and strengthen the firm position which it holds at the present time, and continue to be in the future, as in the past, a useful servant of the church in this diocese.'

The Chairman said he considered the report very satisfactory, and the distributing of the annual reports to all the members was a step in the right direction. It would certainly add to the expenditure, but time warranted this being done. They should get back to the old ways.

Mr. Cave, of Bristol, endorsed the Chairman's remarks.

OFFICERS REAPPOINTED.

The treasurer (Mr. E. E. Burgess) then presented his report, which showed a balance in hand of £124 19s. 3d. The receipts, which included hon. members' subscription £2 15s., affiliation fees £8 14s., and local secretaries' balances £45 5s. 9d., amounted to £165 16s. 5d., and expenditure £40 17s. 2d., including printing, stationery, reports, etc., £20 17s. 8d., and costs of meetings £64s. 4d.

The local secretaries' account, also presented by Mr. Burgess, showed a balance in hand of £55 9s. 9d., the receipts totalling £74 4s. 6d., and the expenditure £18 14s. 9d.

The Chairman commented on the increase in the balance on last year, despite the fact that reports were a necessary item, and that they had to be distributed to the whole Association.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Hunt, ten guineas was granted as an honorarium to the secretary.

The vice-presidents—the Ven. the Archdeacon of Wells, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Bath, the Ven. the Archdeacon of Taunton, the Rev. Preb. S. A. Boyd, Bath, and the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Leigh-on-Mendip—were re-elected, and the Rev. Preb. C. E. L. Corfield was added to the list.

The Chairman, in proposing the re-election of the Rev. C. O. Parker as Master, said now that they had a good man at the head of affairs they were loath to let him go.—Mr. Burge seconded, and Mr. J. Maddock said that when the Master retired it would be as well if they appointed a ringing master instead of a clergyman. What they really wanted was a clergyman-ringing master.—The re-appointment of the Master was carried with acclamation.

Mr. Burgess was re-elected secretary and treasurer, and in replying, said he had occupied the position for 19 years, and he thought perhaps it would be advisable to introduce some fresh and younger member. He, however, agreed to accept the position.

Mr. D. G. Taylor was reappointed auditor, and thanked for his valuable services.

It was decided that the quarterly meetings should be held at Chewton Mendip in September, Keynsham in December, and Milborne Port in April.

Mr. J. Hunt, of Taunton, a representative upon the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, commented briefly on the Central Council meeting which was held in London recently, and was thanked for his remarks.

NO PEAL BOARD.

Mr. J. Burge put forward a suggestion by Mr. A. Walker, of St. Martin's, Birmingham, who was unavoidably prevented from being present that afternoon, that a peal board be erected in St. Mary's bell chamber to commemorate the first peal of Stedman Cinques which was rung in the diocese.

Mr. Dyke said he was not in favour of the association spending money for this suggestion; this peal was rung by a band of ringers, not one of whom resided in the diocese. Had it been rung by ringers in the diocese he would have certainly supported the suggestion, but he did not think they were doing the right thing in spending money for people to ring peals from outside the diocese.

Mr. Coles said he considered this was not a matter for the association to spend money on. First peals had been rung on many occasions at various places, but never before had the association been asked to pay for a peal board.

One of the members of the Gloucester and Bristol Association referred to in the discussion, who was present, said they were very pleased to come to Taunton, and they were greatly indebted for the use of the tower.—Mr. J. Maddock said those ringers who generally rang first peals did not want peal boards erected for them; he thought they were very pleased at being able to ring a first peal.—Mr. Burge accordingly withdrew his suggestion, and the matter ended.

The Chairman voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Vicars of St. Mary's, St. James' and St. George's, Wilton, for kindly placing the towers of the respective churches at the disposal of the change ringers that day, and to the Vicar of St. Mary's for the use of the church for the service.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, on the motion of Mr. Hunt.

EXMINSTER BELLS RESTORED.

The bells of Exminster, Devon, have been retuned and rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and on July 5th were rededicated by the Rural Dean, the Rev. B. C. Bennett. The work has cost about £400, and all but a sum of £40 has been raised. The bells are a peal of six, dating from 1758, and now form a delightful ring. At the dedication service the bells were opened by the local ringers: Messrs. Manley, J. Way, J. Edwards, F. Counter, E. Holman and S. Burridge. Afterwards the bells were rung by hands from neighbouring towers, who were loud in their praise of the work done by the bell hangers. The Devon Guild of Ringers was represented by Messrs. W. J. Southwood (hon. secretary of the Exeter Branch), Glass (Heavitree) and Gardner (St. David's).

W. H. SMITH & SON'S EMPLOYEES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wonder if there are a sufficient number of change ringers in the employ of Messrs. W. H. Smith and Sons to make up a band for a peal? I will be pleased to hear from any with a view to fixing one up in London on the occasion of a certain event.—Yours truly,

H. FERGUSON.

55, Mayville Avenue, Scarborough.

AN EARLY PEAL COMMEMORATED.**TABLET UNVEILED AT GRANTHAM.**

A tablet has been erected at Grantham Parish Church to commemorate the peal rung there in 1775 by the Sherwood Youths, shortly after the ring had been augmented from eight to ten.

The tablet reads as follows:—

'On Tuesday, September 19th, 1775, was rung in this steeple the first peal on the ten bells, being 5,130 changes of Grandsire Caters. It was accomplished by members of the Society of Sherwood Youths from Nottingham and Newark, viz.: J. Smith, treble; Rd. Norton, second; Rd. Peat, third; Jas. Wilkinson, fourth; Jn. Mason, fifth; Robt. Metherringham, sixth; John Fettiplace, seventh; Francis Draper, eighth; Wm. Doubleday Crofts and Wm. Bradley, ninth; Jas. Coppock, Samuel Stevenson, and Thomas Gray, tenor. Time, 3 hrs. 40 mins. The "bobs" were called by Wm. D. Crofts. "Labor omnia vincit." The Rev. Rd. Easton being Vicar of the parish.'

At a joint meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild and the Midland Counties Association (Nottingham district), the tablet was unveiled on Saturday, June 28th, by Mr. Albert Coppock, the vice-president of the Midland Counties Association, and there were present the Vicar of Grantham (the Rev. Canon B. Hancock), Mr. F. Blood, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association; Mr. W. E. White and W. A. James, members of the committee; the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Rector of Orton; Miss Ida Thompson, of St. Mary's, Nottingham; and ringers from Ilkeston, Bulwell, Cotgrave, Bottesford, Worksop, Beeston, Hough-on-the-Hill, St. Peter at Arches, Lincoln: St. Peter at Gout's, Lincoln, and Grantham.

In an address Mr. Coppock referred to the work of Mr. Wm. D. Crofts, a Nottingham solicitor, who conducted that first peal nearly 150 years ago. He said Crofts was a pioneer in bell ringing, and lived in a time when there were no books on the subject to consult. The work he did was mainly constructive, and the manuscripts he had left behind were really wonderful. He rang about 30 peals, 23 or 24 of which he conducted himself, and evidently was the star of the Nottingham team. It was fitting that they should pay tribute to the memory of Crofts, who in bell ringing did wonders. There was one name on the tablet that gave him pleasure to see, and that was that of James Coppock, his great grandfather.

In proposing a vote of thanks to the Grantham bell ringers, Mr. F. Blood said their idea was to keep green the memory of that remarkable man, William D. Crofts.

Prior to the unveiling ceremony, a touch of Grandsire Caters was rung, and after tea touches in various methods were brought round.

PEAL BOARD DEDICATED AT BRENTWOOD.

An enjoyable time was experienced at Brentwood by the ringers who met there on Saturday, July 5th, on the occasion of the dedication of a peal board recording the first peal rung by the Sunday Service ringers attached to that church. Representatives attended from Barking, Bentley, Chelmsford, Harlow Common, Ingatestone, Leyton, Leytonstone, Prittlewell, Romford, Waltham and Writtle, while apologies were received from Messrs. C. H. Howard and A. Prior (Master and District Master of the Essex Association), W. Theobald, G. R. Pye, and others. Touches were rung in Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent, Double Norwich and Superlative. After a substantial tea had been enjoyed, with touches on the handbells, the service was held in the church, which was tastefully decorated for its patronal festival. The Vicar (the Rev. E. Lee) officiated, while the Rev. S. E. Collins, F.R.C.O., presided at the organ.

After the office of the association, the Vicar dedicated the peal board at the altar, and afterwards committed it to the custody of the ringers to be placed in the tower as a record of what had been done, and as an incentive to further progress. He gave an impressive address, emphasising that the work of all church officials was equally important, and the necessity of our lives being in accordance, so that while proclaiming the message of the church to the outside world they also recognised the duties and opportunities of being active church workers.

At the conclusion of the service, a move was again made to the tower, where the ringers who took part in the peal, rang a short touch. Ringing continued till about 8.30. The visitors commented on the fine tone of the tenor, which has been greatly enhanced by the adoption of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank's rubber buffers.

A REVIVAL IN CAMBRIDGE.

Twelve bell practice in Cambridge is being revived, and on Monday, June 30th, at Great St. Mary's Church, two plain courses of Grandsire Cinques and a course of Bob Royal were rung by Y. Green, H. Hayzell, E. G. Hibbins, A. Chenery, W. Ibbett, W. Smith, J. Taylor, T. Dennis, J. Newington, G. Rivers, W. Welch and P. Taylor.

This is the first twelve bell practice in Cambridge for a considerable number of years, and these two courses were rung at the first attempt. The ringers, with the exception of G. Rivers, were all residents in Cambridge.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Mr. A. H. Keighley, of 18, Merrick Square, London, S.E.1, was elected hon. general secretary of the London County Association at the meeting held on Monday of last week, Mr. J. Bullock having resigned.

In view of the discussion which has arisen in the Oxford Guild in the past with regard to the venue of the annual meeting, it is interesting to note from the agenda for next week's meeting, that the committee have discussed the meeting-place for 1925, and upon a division Oxford received 13 votes, Reading 11 and Slough 2. Since that meeting, circumstances have caused the transfer of this year's festival from Oxford to Reading.

One of the proposals to be brought before the meeting is that in future the general secretary be a paid officer at a salary of £20 per annum. This is recommended by the general committee.

The opening peal on the twelve bells at St. Chad's Shrewsbury, was rung on July 18th, 1798. This was a peal of Grandsire Cinques by the Ancient Society of College Youths, and was called by Thomas Blakemore. The renowned Samuel Lawrence rang the eleventh.

The first peal rung by a band of ladies was accomplished on July 20th, 1912, at Christ Church, Cubitt Town.

Next Monday is the first anniversary of the 17,280 Kent Treble Bob Major rung in ten hours, at Over, Cheshire.

The peal at Ufford on July 5th, was not the first 'Charles' peal, after all. The first was a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. Stephen's, Bristol, rung on November 13th, 1895, by the following Charleses: Horton, Millard, Langdon, Gordon, Goodenough, Bell (conductor), Tomkins and Winstone. The Rector was Charles Joberns, and the wardens, Charles Hill and Charles Cochrane.

In the peal of London Surprise, rung at Woolwich on June 21st, the name of the ringer of the 4th was Fred Hopper.

THE PEAL AT EXETER.

GUILD'S DOUBLE CENTURY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please allow me to congratulate the band on the performance at Exeter, and at the same time point out a happy coincidence.

I keep an unofficial record and analysis of the peals rung by St. Martin's Guild, and when booking the two peals published in Friday's 'Ringing World,' I discovered that the Exeter peal was the 200th peal of Stedman Cinques by the Guild since its amalgamation in 1889. The first 100 was completed in 1916, having taken 28 years to ring, as compared with the second, which was accomplished in eight.

I give the list, which may be of interest:—

At St. Martin's, 116; at Wolverhampton, 3; at West Bromwich, 5; at Bristol, 1; at Exeter, 1; at Painswick, 1; at Sheffield, 1; at Shrewsbury, 1; at Southwark, 1; on handbells, 70.—Yours truly,

GEORGE F. SWANN.

AN OWNER WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—About three or four years ago a certain Mr. Groot (or some other name very similar) visited the belfry of Uxbridge. While he was there he dropped his walking stick down the clock-weight case. He was promised that, if it were recovered he should have it back. The stick has now been regained, but the owner's address has been lost. As, however, he mentioned that he was a member of the London County Association, I have been asked to endeavour to trace him. I shall be glad if you can help me, by inserting this letter.—Yours faithfully,

4, Pene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

C. F. MITCHELL.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Isle of Wight district was held at Freshwater on Saturday, July 12th, when, favoured by fine weather, a good attendance was recorded. Ringing was with some difficulty indulged in from 2.30 till 4.30, the bad going of the tenor somewhat disturbing those who tried to turn her in. At the service an interesting address was given by the Rev. H. E. E. Coombes on 'Essentials in bells, ringing and ringers: Time, tune and tone.' Afterwards a bountiful tea was partaken of in the parish hall, kindly provided by the Rector, who had the very kind assistance of his churchwardens and their wives. At the conclusion, the Rev. J. C. Orr (Whitwell) proposed the hearty thanks of those present to the Rector for his address, his hospitality, and to the ladies for their kind attendance to the ringers' wants at table.

The business meeting followed, at which two probationers and one full member were elected.

A meeting at Arreton on Saturday July 26th, was arranged, subject to the consent of the Vicar of that parish, when it is hoped to make a good start off with the proposed fund for restoring the grave of that pioneer of island ringing, William Rayner.

More ringing terminated a very enjoyable meeting indeed.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

(Continued from page 441.)

THE MINOR METHOD COLLECTION.

Mr. J. Hunt moved, 'That the Council consider the advisability of publishing instructions showing how bobs are made in various Minor methods published in "Legitimate Methods."' He pointed out that it was a great handicap to the uninitiated to have the Collection of Minor methods without any indication of how the bobs are made. A man who learned to ring a new method must know how to make the bobs, just as well as how to ring the plain leads, and in omitting the bob work from the book the committee had failed to give the ringers all the help they might have given them.

Mr. Pulling seconded, and remarked that most six bell ringers, taking up the 'Collection' to learn a new method, had no idea how to make the bob, or what to do afterwards. The bobs ought to have been shown in the first instance.

Mr. Trollope pointed out that the book was going to be revised directly. The present stock would be exhausted in about twelve months' time, and all these points would be taken into consideration in preparing a new edition.

The motion was carried, it being understood that it would be given effect to when a fresh edition was published.

CHESTER NEXT YEAR.

The President said the Standing Committee had, as usual, considered the rota of meetings. Of two different places, one was an invitation from the Hereford Diocesan Guild to meet at Hereford. They would esteem it a great honour if the Council decided to visit Hereford. The committee, however, bearing in mind the great pressure that had been exercised year after year on behalf of Chester, thought it advisable to recommend that Chester should be the place to meet next Whitsun. Although they would not fix the following year's meeting until next year, the committee thought, to make things shipshape, Ipswich would be a set-off against the more north-westerly place.

The Rev. C. D. P. Davies proposed that Chester be selected for next year. It was, he said, a most interesting place to go to.—Mr. T. H. Beams seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Elwell (hon. secretary of the Chester Guild) said they were very pleased to know the Council had decided to visit Chester, and they would do the best they could to make them comfortable.

PEALS OF MINOR.

The Rev. H. Law James drew attention to the recent record of a performance of Minor, consisting of fourteen 360's. He believed the definitions of the Council at present in force laid it down that if they wanted to ring fourteen methods, they must ring seven 720's, so he did not think it should appear in the Analysis.

Mr. Trollope said the present definitions were rather obsolete.

The Rev. H. Law James gave notice that he would place a motion on the agenda for next year.

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter said peals such as that referred to were included in the Analysis, but without extra points.

THE LATE MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.

Canon Elsee said members would have seen in 'The Ringing World' a few weeks ago that attention was called to the proposal that some memorial should be put up to that great ringer whom they had lost since the last meeting of the Council—Mr. J. W. Washbrook. All the older members would remember Mr. Washbrook at one of the very earliest, if not the first, meetings of the Council, and it was in the early days of the Council that he was at the height of his fame. Then, his name was a household word among ringers. He died a few months ago in Lancashire, and was buried in one of the Manchester cemeteries. There had been some talk among Lancashire ringers of finding a place for a memorial to him in their own county. On the other hand, in the days of Mr. Washbrook's greater ringing fame, he was an Oxfordshire man, and those who knew him then would always associate him more with Oxfordshire than Lancashire. Between his residence in those two counties he was for a time in Ireland. He would like to suggest that ringers should start a scheme for placing some memorial to Mr. Washbrook in a suitable place, and, in his opinion, that should be, if possible, in Oxford itself. He believed the Oxford Diocesan Guild had approached the Dean of Christ Church, asking whether a tablet might be put in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, near the one which commemorated the Rev. F. E. Robinson. If that were possible, then, speaking for Lancashire ringers, or for some of them at all events, he would like to say they would support the Oxford Guild in that memorial. Many of them would like to see some worthy memorial to one who was, in his way, the greatest ringer of their time (hear, hear), and he for one felt that the most appropriate place where such a memorial could be set, would be in Oxford itself and in the cloisters of Christ Church. He would like to move that, if the Oxford Diocesan Guild was going to issue an appeal for subscriptions to a memorial to Mr. Washbrook, other ringers

throughout the country should be invited to support it as their share in the memorial.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards, as one who had early and great memories of Mr. Washbrook in his greatest days as a ringer at Oxford, supported the proposal.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn said the Oxford Guild were waiting for two things. First of all, the matter was coming before the annual meeting on July 26th, and then, of course, the money would have to come in from the various ringers who would like to contribute. As soon as they had settled the matter at their Guild meeting they would begin on the scheme, and he took it the best way would be to send out an invitation to contribute. If the Council carried this motion the Oxford Guild could then say that the Council commended it to other Guilds.

The following motion was thereupon carried, 'That this Council considers that steps should be taken to place a tablet to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook in the city of Oxford, and commends this scheme to the Guilds and associations with which he was specially connected.'

METHOD SPLICING.

The President said that at the last Council meeting at Salisbury they were, owing to lack of time, rather hard on Mr. Cave, who desired to say something about spliced methods. He thought, therefore, they should now give Mr. Cave an opportunity.

Mr. Cave said the question that he had in mind was in relation to the definition of a peal on eight, ten and twelve bells, which provided that a peal on these numbers should be rung in any one method. He thought they should consider whether these four words, 'in any one method' should not be wiped out. They recognised now that splicing had come to stay, and those words ought to be deleted from the rules of the Council. He therefore gave notice that he would move this at the next meeting.

The President said that two or three things which had cropped up had shown that some of the rules required revising. The matter came before the Standing Committee, who recognised that alterations were necessary, and that the rules should be brought into proper shape in accordance with fresh resolutions. It was suggested that the Council might give instructions to the Standing Committee to revise the rules and bring them before the Council at the next meeting.

The Rev. H. Law James said that would cover the two points mentioned by himself and Mr. Cave.

Mr. Carpenter said the Analysis Committee had ignored the words mentioned by Mr. Cave, as they had had peals of mixed Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and of other eight-bell methods while now they had that wonderful production by Mr. J. W. Parker of a peal of Superlative and Cambridge, mixed. The Analysis Committee wanted to know what they were to do.

It was understood that the Standing Committee would bring up revised rules for consideration at the next meeting.

NO CHEAP TICKETS.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said a member of the Council wrote to him suggesting that an endeavour should be made to get cheap railway tickets for representatives coming to the Council meetings. He knew, however, that railway companies would not consider special facilities for any number less than 200, so he was not able to go any further into the matter, although it would be a grand thing if they could get return tickets at a single fare. Years ago there was a certain committee, of which their friend Mr. Cockey was head, which tried to do everything possible on behalf of ringers to secure for them the same facilities as were given to fishermen and golfers, but it was all unavailing. If that Council grew to such an extent that they could guarantee 200 members attending they might then hope to get cheap tickets.

THANKS.

The President moved a vote of thanks to the Dean for the use of the historic chamber for the meeting, and said the Council were highly honoured in being allowed to meet there.

The motion was unanimously carried, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to those who had made arrangements for the entertainment of visiting members, and to the President for presiding.

Subsequently some stayed to listen to a deeply interesting sketch of the history of the ancient chamber, given by Canon Perkins, while others went up into the lofty old tower of the Abbey and enjoyed touches on the fine peal of eight bells.

Later in the evening a large company met at the Bedford Head, and enjoyed an hour or two of social intercourse, with songs, instrumental music, and handbell ringing, the performances of the members of Mr. J. D. Matthews' family being much appreciated. This part of the proceedings was presided over by Mr. E. Alex. Young, who was supported by the President of the Council and the Masters of the College Youths and Royal Cumberlands (Messrs. R. T. Hibbert and J. D. Matthews). During the evening, the tankard presented to the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was filled and passed round as a 'loving cup.' The evening was a most enjoyable one.

DEDICATION OF NEW TREBLES AT CHULMLEIGH.

BISHOP OF CREDITON AND RINGING.

An octave at last! This phrase epitomised the thoughts of the Chulmleigh Church bell ringers on Wednesday, June 18th, for the hope had long been cherished that it would one day be found possible to add the necessary two bells to the existing peal of six. This happy result has now been achieved through the generosity of leading local residents, who have given the two new bells. One of them is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Martin, of Colleton House, Chulmleigh, and the other was given by Mr. T. Sanders. The new bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Crediton to the memory of men with local associations who fought or made the supreme sacrifice in the great war. The work of hanging the bells has been efficiently carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have produced two splendid trebles that blend remarkably well with the old peal. The public-spirited and thoughtful action of the donors of the bells is highly appreciated in the neighbourhood, and the ready response made to the appeal for subscriptions is also recognised. In this connection the highest possible praise is due to the general committee responsible for the effort, consisting of the Rev. M. W. Murray (Rector), Messrs. W. P. Martin, T. Sanders, J. Mair, J. Tripe, J. Sanders, C. Thorne, W. and T. Pennington, W. Gillis, T. H. Harrison, A. J. Stocker, L. Newton, F. Coates, and Peek, while Messrs. H. G. Jennings, and M. Paddon, in their able discharge of the joint hon. secretarial duties won universal approval. A ladies' committee, which rendered help in a variety of ways (particularly in providing much needed refreshment on the actual day for which all had been preparing), consisted of Mesdames Murray, Pennington, Partridge, Paddon, Newton, Jennings, Coates and Thorne, and the Misses Vickery and Beer.

The two new treble bells, which give the notes E flat and D respectively, and are of the respective weights of 8 cwt. 3 qr. and 7 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lb., are inscribed: 'In memory of old comrades, N. D. Hussars, who fought in the war, 1914-1918. Given by Thomas Sanders, Chulmleigh, 1924,' and 'To the Glory of God, in memory of the men of Chulmleigh who fell in the great war, 1914 to 1918. Presented by W. P. Martin and M. C. Martin, Colleton, April, 1924.' The new bells are hung in a new iron frame, with iron headstocks, etc. The original six bells date from 1718, and the weight of the tenor is 28 cwt.

The day was a memorable one in the history of Chulmleigh Church, and the consummation of the object long held in view was a matter of evident pride with the local ringers.

THE DEDICATION.

The celebration of the event began with a choral service in the parish church, attended by, in addition to the donors and other parishioners, about 100 ringers from Exeter and from surrounding parishes. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. M. W. Murray), the Rev. M. D. Buckingham, R.D. (Vicar of Burrington), reading the lesson (1 Chronicles xvix. 9 to 14), and during the singing of the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the Bishop of Crediton, clergy, donors of bells, churchwardens (Messrs. J. Tripe, A. J. Stocker and R. Page), and sidesmen (Messrs. Gillis and Peek), proceeded in procession to the west end of the church below the belfry, where his Lordship pronounced the dedicatory prayer. Other hymns sung were 'When morning gilds the skies,' 'Three in One and One in Three,' and 'Holy Father, in Thy mercy.' Mr. J. Elliott presided at the organ.

In the course of his sermon, the Bishop of Crediton observed that they had met there that morning to dedicate two new treble bells added to their present beautiful peal. For a long time there had been a desire to increase their bells to eight to make the octave, for an octave was the sweeter, the truer music, and those two additional bells would make a wonderful, beautiful peal and ring in their church tower. By assembling there they showed their sympathy with what had been done in their parish church. Everywhere people showed a live interest in the church bells, for bells appealed to many hearts in so many ways. These additional bells also brought their responsibilities, for they meant that there must be more care, more real devotion to the work, and that the practice of ringing must be of a more regular order. For ringers did not ring the bells to please themselves, but in order to enter into the church life of a parish, and to remember that they should take their part equally with all the other workers for God—the choir, the Sunday School teachers, and others. They were all one body, and should unite together with a desire to do their best for the glory of God.

Following the service, touches were rung on the bells by the Chulmleigh ringers and visitors. Bands of ringers were present from Exeter, Thelbridge, West Worlington, Lapford, Chittlehampton, Zeal Monachorum, High Bickington, Chawleigh, Winkleigh and Bondleigh. The Chulmleigh ringers were Messrs. M. Paddon, W. T. and P. Pennington, H. and P. Newton, F. Coates, H. G. Jennings, and C. Thorne.

THE LUNCHEON.

A large number sat down at the luncheon, provided in a marquee in the Davy Park by the members of the Ladies' Committee. The chair was occupied by the Rector, who was accompanied by Mrs. Murray, and supported by Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Martin, Mr. T. Sanders, the Rev. M. D. Buckingham, R.D., and members of the committee, together with Messrs. E. Shepherd and W. J. Southwood (chairman and hon. secretary respectively of the Devon Guild of Ringers), who had given expert advice to the committee throughout.

After the loyal toast, 'The Donors of the New Bells' was given by the Rector.

Mr. W. Pennington, also speaking to the toast, remarked that some years ago the Bishop of Crediton spoke to him in their vestry of the high reputation held by Chulmleigh Church bells and tower, but suggested they should secure two more bells. He (the speaker) had helped to promote two efforts in this direction. To his deep and abiding satisfaction this second effort had succeeded, and they now had a peal of bells which would ever be to them a source of joy and pride (loud applause).

Mr. W. P. Martin, in reply, said it had been a great pleasure to his wife and himself, and to Mr. Sanders, to give the bells (applause). Great credit belonged to the people of Chulmleigh, and in that connection he wished to say that the ladies—as always at Chulmleigh—came to the front nobly and readily (applause). If they wanted anything done at Chulmleigh they must go to the ladies (applause). He was very pleased that they had such an excellent set of bells. He knew very little of bell ringing, but the Bishop of Crediton had been anxious they should add to their number, and he felt they had now a set of bells and of ringers equal to any similar place in the country (applause). Proceeding, he proposed the 'Health of the Bishop of Crediton,' who was much beloved in the county, and especially in North Devon. His Lordship's heart had been in the effort to secure the extra two bells, and he had done much to push it forward. They were very grateful to him for his interest (applause).

Mr. T. Sanders, also replying and associating himself with the toast, said he was a citizen of Chulmleigh, and to be a citizen of that parish in its fullest sense was to belong to no mean 'city' (applause). It gave him very great pleasure to be able to do anything for their beautiful old church, which he had known all his life, and always attended. The tower of that ancient building seemed to him to be symbolical of stability, and in these days of great changes it was nice to feel they had something that was steadfast and true. Concluding, Mr. Sanders highly eulogised the energetic efforts of those who had acted as collectors, and expressed thanks to the Bishop of Crediton for his inspiring interest in the movement (applause).

WHEN THE BISHOP LEARNED TO RING.

The Bishop of Crediton, cordially received, said it was a real joy to him to be present to witness the accomplishment of what they had for some years desired to carry out, and to see how happy and united they all were in the effort, and what good feeling and good spirit prevailed about their bells, which would contribute largely to the beauty of the music that came from their tower. He could recall, 60 years ago, that he used to visit belfries to take a little part in the ringing and learn how to ring a bell, and he remembered, when he was inducted to the living of Chittlehampton, how the ringers were afraid, when the bells were set up, that he was going to have some accident with them. But he had learned previously how to pull a bell safely, and how to ring in connection with a peal. The belfries in those days were not looked after in the same way as at the present time; they were not treated with the same reverence and care. The Bishop mentioned an instance that occurred in Buckinghamshire when the ringers rang the bells to celebrate a certain horse winning a race, and the Vicar of the parish had to speak to the ringers on the point, and went on to say that the bells were not for secular purposes, but to be rung for what was highest and best. There had lately been great improvement in the tone and ring of the bells and in the methods of ringing, which were far more beautiful than they were 60 years ago. He hoped the improvement would continue, and if Chulmleigh ringers would progress along the lines of learning to ring scientifically—that was, using their brains as well as their muscles—they would do much better and take much more interest in ringing than they could by round ringing only. Time was needed to be devoted to the preparation for such high-class ringing, but it could be done, and much improvement could be brought about in North Devon by studying change ringing. He wished the ringers of the Deanery all prosperity, and assured them that the interest he had shown in bell ringing during the past half-century was unabated (applause).

The toasts of 'The Subscribers' and 'The Ladies' having been honoured, Mr. H. G. Jennings, in felicitous terms, gave 'The Visitors,' and Mr. Johnston, of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, in reply, said he could not but wonder whether Mr. Pennington, a keen campanologist, was not descended from a famous bell founder of

that name, examples of whose work were to be seen in neighbouring towers.

Mr. W. P. Martin proposed 'The Health of Messrs. Shepherd and Southwood,' the two Exeter ringers who had given them the benefit of their wide experience and judicious advice.—Mr. Shepherd, in reply, said he was very pleased with that day's match—the 'match' of the bells and their tone. It was a perfect peal. It had often been said that bells could not be matched unless they were taken out of the tower, but the experience of Chulmleigh—acting upon his advice—had, happily, been to the contrary. They had a beautiful tower, and one of the best peals in the county.

Mr. W. J. Southwood, after 50 years of ringing, spoke highly of its value as a healthy exercise. He mentioned, in connection with change ringing, that they could ring 5,040 changes on their bells with the tenor standing behind, so there was plenty of scope for mental as well as physical exercise. He also advocated ringing for ladies.

Tea was partaken of, and various amusements were provided.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.

A SIX BELL CONTEST.

On Saturday, July 5th, the Halifax and District Association held their annual meeting, and had a six bell contest at the village church of Crofton. It had previously been arranged that the length of changes should be 720, any method, but owing to the large entry, the length had to be shortened somewhat. A committee meeting was held in one of the rooms attached to the fine mansion of Col. Lyle, who had most generously offered the association every facility possible for their comfort and convenience. In the absence of the president, Mr. W. Idle (Batley) was voted to the chair. It was unanimously agreed that the length of each touch be 600 changes, any method.

Ringing was commenced by three o'clock, with the draw having taken place just previously. The draw was as follows: 1, Holmfirth (Oxford Treble Bob); 2, Sandal (Oxford); 3, Stainland (Kent Treble Bob); 4, Kirkburton (Oxford); 5, Thornhill (Oxford); 6, Batley (Oxford); 7, Birstall (Kent); 8, Liversedge (Oxford); 9, New Mill (Huddersfield) (Oxford).

During the afternoon a large number of the ringers took the opportunity of surveying the pretty surroundings. The church is situated on a hill. On entering, one sees a very fine memorial in the form of a lychgate to the men who passed away during the war. It is a fine piece of work which has been done solely by the men of Crofton. The whole of the woodwork from which it is built was taken out of the belfry prior to having the bells rehung.

Proceeding through the churchyard, there is a very fine monument in memory of some of the Wilson family, who reside at Crofton Hall.

An excellent tea was provided in the room of Col. Lyle, to which 100 ringers and friends sat down. Ringing was brought to a close at nearly nine o'clock.

The annual meeting was then proceeded with, Mr. W. Idle again occupying the chair. The balance sheet was adopted. — Hearly thanks were accorded the Rector of Crofton, the Rev. H. Brownrigg, who informed the meeting in reply to the vote of thanks, that he was ordained at All Souls' Church, Halifax, about 1891. He said that the ringing which had taken place during the afternoon would be an inspiration to the Crofton ringers to make a special effort to reach the high standard that the ringing had reached that day. The Rector informed the meeting that it was through the generosity of the late Lieutenant David Lyle, of the Royal Scots, that they were able to have six bells at Crofton. They had previously had three. The date of one of the bells in the tower could not be traced, but one they traced back to the days of the Stuarts.

The meeting thanked Colonel Lyle for the use of the room and grounds.

The following officers were elected: Mr. J. Hardcastle (Bradford), president; Mr. F. Salmons (Halifax), treasurer; and Mr. L. Hargreaves (Halifax), secretary.

The judges, Mr. J. Bradley (Bradford), Mr. F. Schofield (Huddersfield), with Mr. C. E. Carrington (Halifax), marker, then gave their decision as follows:—

No. 1, rung out; 2, 178 faults, 30 penalties, total 208; 3, 364, 20, 334; 4, 115, 10, 125; 5, 240, 10, 250; 6, 102, 10, 112; 7, 277, 10, 287; 8, 126, 10, 136; 9, 142, 0, 142.

Batley, No. 6, were then declared winners of the cup.

The Rector presented the cup to Mr. S. Gibson, the Batley conductor, and Mr. Gibson returned thanks.

It was the first time Stainland lads had entered the contest, and considering that they do not average more than 18 years of age they gave a very good display.

A vote of thanks to judges and chairman closed one of the best contests, and most pleasant gatherings held by the association.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PEAL COLLECTION.

SECTION 1, GROUP 1. (a) GRANDSIRE, (b) CATERERS.

Addenda.

Page 39, No. 1.—The first paragraph should read: 'Thrice repeated, from the line across, omitting the last bob in the fourth part produces . . .'

Page 39, No. 2.—Insert a line under the first course end 43627589.

Page 41, No. 6.—The reading should be: 'Thrice repeated from the line, calling a bob at 7 in the first course instead of 1-4-5, produces . . .'

Page 41, No. 7.—The seventeenth course should read 54693 27. The twenty-third course should read 46295 37.

Page 42, No. 8.—The reading should be: 'Twice repeated, calling, instead of the first two courses, one course 1 — 78, and omitting the last two courses in the third part produces . . .'

Page 42, No. 10.—The fourth course should read 53246978 1 — 4.

Page 44, No. 14.—FALSE (5,003 by C. H. Hattersley), or incorrectly transcribed.

Page 44, No. 16.—The third course should read 23456 9 in & 2.

Page 45, No. 18.—The tenth course should read 23564 8 in & 2.

Page 47, No. 24.—The first paragraph should read: 'Twice repeated, calling the first course 8 in & 1 — 78.'

Page 48, No. 25.—The twenty-fourth course should read 56293 47.

Page 50, No. 30.—The twenty-fourth course should read 45362 2 — 3 — 4.

Page 51, No. 31.—The twentieth course should read 23465 89. The thirty-seventh course should read 23564 1s — 78.

Page 53, No. 36.—The twenty-sixth course should read 25436 8 in & 1. The twenty-seventh course should read 63524 8 in & 1.

Page 53, No. 37.—For 'calling the first course 8 in & 2' read 'calling the first course 8 in & 1.'

Page 55, No. 42.—For 'Five times repeated calling the first course 8 in & 2' read 'Five times repeated calling the first course 8 in & 1.'

Page 55, No. 43.—FALSE (5,003 by A. Knights).

Page 56, No. 44.—The last course but three should read 65324 8 in & 1.

Page 56, No. 45.—5,094 by J. Carter. The last course should read 52436 8 in & 2s. 5,022 by J. Carter. The last course but one should read 23546 9 in & 2.

Page 59, No. 52.—The last course but four should read 32564 8 in & 2.

Page 62, No. 55.—The thirty-fourth course should read 54263978 — — —

Page 63, No. 56.—The third course in the second column should read 52364 98.

Page 64, No. 57 (5,075).—The last course but six should read 54263879 1 — 3.

Page 65, No. 59.—For 'These twelve courses' read 'These thirteen courses.'

Page 66, No. 60 (5,003).—The last course should read 54265 9 in & 2.

Page 69, No. 65.—For '5,039 (changes)' read '5,057.'

Page 70, No. 66.—The first paragraph should read: 'Repeated, calling the first course 9 in & 2 produces at the eleventh course end 34256.'

Page 71, No. 67.—For '5,021 (changes)' read '5,003.'

Page 71, No. 68.—The last course but five should read 42537698 1 — 3.

Page 73, No. 72.—The thirteenth course should read 62435 9 in & 1.

Page 74, No. 73.—The last course but seven should read 64235 9 in & 1 — 78.

Page 75, No. 76.—The sixteenth course should read 32564 7 in & 2.

Page 77, No. 80.—The reading should be: 'Thrice repeated, calling the first course in each part, and the fourteenth course,' etc.

Page 77, No. 81.—The reading should be: 'Five times repeated, calling the first course 8 in & 1, and the last course of the second, fourth and sixth parts 8 in & 1 — 78, produces,' etc.

Page 77, No. 82.—FALSE (7,038 by A. Knights). But a correct 7,074 can be obtained as follows: The sixth course should be 43528 8 in & 1. For 'the seventh course of the third and sixth parts 8 in & 2s' read 'the eleventh course of the third and sixth parts 8 in & 2s.'

Page 81, No. 89.—For '5,147 (changes)' read '5,129.' The fortieth course should read 32456 8 in & 2.

Page 87, No. 99.—For 'Four times repeated' read in each case 'Three times repeated.'

(c) CINQUES.

Page 90, No. 4.—The note to the asterisk should be 'Bobs at 2, 4, 11, 13, 16, 21, 22.'

Page 92, No. 8.—The eighth and nine courses should be 63425 11 in & 2.

646325 7 in & 3.

The reading should be: 'Twice repeated, calling the first course 11 in & 3; round with bobs at 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, July 13th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 503 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, H. W. Bishop 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, J. H. Shepherd 6, E. Bishop 7, C. J. Gardiner 8, W. Trueman 9, C. Hussey 10.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, July 13th, at the Church of St. Giles, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes): W. Rogers (conductor) 1, F. Wilford 2, S. J. Lawrence 3, F. Rawlings 4, H. Baxter 5, W. Sibley 6, H. L. Key 7, F. Hopper 8, T. Tebbutt 9, I. Bennett 10.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, 1,263 Stedman Caters, in 46 minutes: J. W. Driver 1, W. H. Wood 2, W. H. Hollier 3, H. G. Owen 4, A. Cutmore 5, R. Mackrill 6, F. Skevington 7, A. Harding 8, H. A. Folkard 9, A. W. Coles (conductor) 10.

NEWPORT, I.W.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 13th, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Scott 1, W. Chambers (conductor) 2, W. Scott, junr., 3, H. Jennings 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Johnson 6, W. Upton 7, S. Moody 8.

LONDON.—At St. John's Church, Wilton Road, for evensong, on Sunday, July 6th, (the jubilee dedication festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 43 mins.: G. Harder 1, Miss E. E. Chapman 2, G. R. Channer 3, Miss F. E. Orr 4, C. P. Winney (conductor) 5, E. C. Phillips 6, H. Langdon 7, A. Gamble 8.

ALDERSHOT.—On Sunday, July 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss N. Denyer 1, Miss A. Fisher 2, Miss R. M. Mills 3, Miss H. E. Mills 4, Alb. J. Croucher 5, Flight-Sergt. F. A. Holden 6, F. E. Collins 7, H. Chaffey 8. Longest length in the method by ringers of the treble and 7th. The ringer of the 6th hails from Cranwell, Lincs; the 7th from Ringwood, Hants; and the 8th from Chertsey; remainder belong to local band.

BRENTWOOD.—At the Church of St. Thomas-the-Martyr, for evensong, on Sunday, July 6th (Eve of Patronal Festival), a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,344 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Heazel 1, F. R. Ringe 2, E. Furbank 3, A. Rainbird 4, H. Turner 5, E. D. Baker 6, W. Leggett 7, Geo. Miles (conductor) 8. First quarter of Bob Major by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th, 5th and 6th.

MORETON-IN-MARSH, GLOS.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (1,260 changes): P. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Bryan 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hyatt 8.

PAIGNTON.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (by W. H. Wilde), 1,260 changes was rung in 49 mins. at the Parish Church: F. Attwood 1, S. H. Ward 2, J. S. Collings 3, T. S. Collins 4, F. E. Parnell 5, F. T. Gover 6, H. J. Hole (conductor) 7, L. Payne 8. First quarter of Triples for ringers of 2nd and 8th, and 1st quarter of Triples as conductor.

DORCHESTER, OXON.—On Sunday, June 29th, at the Abbey Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. Wilson (first quarter) 1, F. Woodward 2, H. Cobb 3, R. Davis 4, E. Naish 5, F. Naish (conductor) 6, W. Hutton 7, C. Spicer 8.

GREASLEY.—As a farewell touch to W. Ratcliffe, who is leaving the district for Howarth, Yorkshire, on Sunday, June 29th, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: T. Storer 1, H. Byfield 2, H. Williamson 3, W. Ratcliffe 4, E. C. Williamson (first quarter-peal 'inside') 5, H. Bush 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, N. Hemmington (first quarter-peal) 8.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, June 29th, at Holy Trinity Church, for morning service, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, R. Park 2, F. Cooke 3, W. N. Park 4, F. W. Lupson 5, G. W. Park (conductor) 6.—For evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor by the same company.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, for evening service, on June 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Wood 1, G. W. Cooper 2, A. Cooper 3, H. A. Edwards 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, C. A. Hughes 6, W. Steed (conductor) 7, J. Coleman 8.

EXETER.—For evening service, on May 25th, at St. David's Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): J. Lethbridge 1, J. E. Lilley 2, T. Bartlett 3, J. Arberry 4, J. Oke 5, F. J. Davey 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, F. Gardner 8. First quarter of Stedman for ringer of the 4th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At the Church of St. Nicolas, on May 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Chivers 1, C. Hazelden 2, E. Raddon (composer) 3, Mrs. C. Hazelden 4, W. Londer 5, G. Petter 6, G. J. Nicolls 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10. First quarter of Stedman Caters, for the ringers of the treble, 6th, 7th and tenor.

WEDDING OF MR. PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

Radiant July sunshine shed its rich and golden rays upon the wedding at St. Thomas' (City) Church, Bristol, on Saturday last, of Mr. Percival William Cave, B.Sc., of Liverpool (son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cave, of Bristol), and Miss Annie McNeil Docker, of Bristol, and it was the wish of the large congregation (which included many ringers) that the glorious sunshine may be an augury of a life of unclouded happiness.

The bridegroom and his best man, Mr. Arthur Wilkins (well known also in ringing circles) arrived early. The surprised choir awaited the coming of the bridal party at the entrance to the church. The Vicar, the Rev. M. Paterson, B.A. (one of the best of ringers' friends), officiated, and as the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, proceeded up the aisle, the hymn, 'The voice that breathed o'er Eden,' was sung. The bride looked radiantly happy in a simple, pretty bridal gown of maroon silk, and was accompanied by three bridesmaids, Miss Dorothy Cave (sister of the bridegroom), Miss Lizzie Docker (sister of the bride), and little Miss Norah Docker (niece), who wore charming frocks of apricot silk. They carried lovely bouquets, comprising roses, sweet peas and ferns. The hymn, 'Love Divine,' and the 67th Psalm were sung in the course of the service, and during the signing of the registers, the organist (Mr. H. Chambers) played Mendelssohn's Wedding March, and a band of ringers representing the different towers of Bristol rang out a merry peal, and fired the bells.

As the wedding party left the church they were showered with confetti, and, a happy coincidence, members of the Ladies' Guild, who had assembled for their annual meeting, and were setting forth for a tour in a motor coach, also joined in the fray, and gave their best wishes.

The reception was afterwards held at the bride's home, and later in the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left by steamer for Hfrcombe, where the honeymoon is to be spent. They have been the recipients of many handsome and useful presents.

His many ringing friends from far and near, join in wishing Mr. Percy Cave and his bride every happiness and prosperity.

ST. MARY ABBOT'S GUILD.
ENTERTAINED AT WIMBORNE.

An invitation from Sir James and Lady Brooks to spend a day with them at Wimborne was taken advantage of on Saturday, July 5th, when 14 of the Guild met at Waterloo, accompanied by the chaplain (the Rev. S. A. Spackman), and journeyed by the 7.30 a.m. train. At Salisbury they were joined by Mrs. Wilkins, of Bristol, and arrived at Wimborne about 11 a.m., when they were met by Sir James Brooks, who piloted them to his residence, and light refreshments were at once partaken of and much appreciated after the long journey. This over, the visitors were at liberty to roam at will—a stroll round the beautiful grounds and touches on handbells were enjoyed until dinner-time, when the Vicar of Wimborne (the Rev. A. L. Keith) joined the company. The spread was a most generous one, and Sir James and Lady Brooks must have had at least a hazy knowledge of ringers' appetites, for waistcoats needed slightly easing. After the Vicar of Wimborne had given a warm welcome, a move was made to the Minster, where there is a beautiful peal, after a ringer's own heart, and these bells were soon going to Stedman Caters and Treble Ten, in which the party were joined by the Rev. Carew Cox, who slipped over from his vicarage to have a touch with the Guild. Mr. Hart—ringer and guide—showed the visitors the wonderful library (where all the books are chained), and other items of interest. The adornments of the Minster are too numerous to mention, and to be thoroughly enjoyed and understood would require a longer stay. On returning to Sir James' residence tea was waiting, after which the Rev. Spackman thanked Sir James and Lady Brooks for their kind hospitality, and Mr. Garrard spoke in support. — Mr. Bennett also said it was indeed real and generous recognition of ringers as churchworkers in the magnificent way they had been treated that day.—Sir James Brooks, in reply, said how pleased he and Lady Brooks were to have them there as their guests. At 6.45 'time' was called, and the visitors returned to the station, accompanied by Sir James and Lady Brooks, to whom the ringers were greatly indebted for the right good time they had. Their best thanks are also due to the Vicar of Wimborne (the Rev. A. L. Keith) and Mr. Hart for their help in making the outing such a jolly one.

PORTISHEAD.—At St. Peter's, on July 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 44 mins.: Miss Broad 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Mrs. Harvey 4, Mr. Goldstone 5, Mr. Nisbett 6, Mr. Gillingham 7, Mr. Rowbotham 8. Rung in honour of the baptism of the son of the Rev. H. S. and Mrs. Briggs (curate).

NOTICES.

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SUFFOLK GUILD.—Saxmundham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Leiston on Saturday, July 19th. The bells of St. Margaret's Church (8) will be open from 2 p.m. The Rector (the Rev. F. W. Morgan Jones) invites all to tea in Junior Council Schools at 5.45 p.m., after which a short business meeting will be held. A good attendance is desired. All ringers are welcome. — Geo. Wilson, 41, Valley Road, Leiston.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Denham on Saturday, July 19th. Train from Ealing Broadway at 2.33 and welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4. welcome to all.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Seaford on Saturday, July 19th. Tower open 2.30. Service 4. Tea (by kind invitation) 5.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A business meeting will be held on July 19th at the Church of St. Margaret, Lee, Lewisham. Tower open for ringing from 4 till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. in the small Kingswood Hall. Every ringer invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Nuneaton on Saturday, July 19th. The bells of the Parish Church (8) will be open for ringing at 2.30 p.m., those of Chilvers Coton (8) after tea. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service in Nuneaton Church at 4.30 p.m., with an address by the retiring president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick). The Vicar of Nuneaton (Rev. J. L. White) cordially invites the members to tea, after which the business meeting will be held, which includes the election of officers for the ensuing year.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Stone in Oxney (6 bells) on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea will be arranged for at 5 p.m. — C. Tribe, Hon. Ds. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting will be held at Apsley End on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service. Please notify me early for tea arrangements.—W. Ayre, Leverstock Green.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, July 19th, at Cople at 2.30 p.m., and Willington after tea. Tea at Cople 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at West Deeping on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. — W. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting of the branch will be held at Leyland (St. James') on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea, at 1s. 9d. per head. Meeting at 6.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Machen on Saturday, July 19th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells (8) available. — John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above association will be held at Dyrham on Saturday, July 19th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. — P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District.—A meeting will be held at Orlingbury on Saturday, July 19th. Bells ready 2.30. Service 4. Tea 4.30. — Cecil E. Hepburn, Hon. Sec., The Pines, Isham, near Kettering.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bridgnorth Branch.—The second Quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale, Salop, on Saturday, July 19th. Bells (8) available from 2 o'clock. Short service 4.30. Tea at 5. 6d. each to members, 1/3 others, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—W. Hayward, Hon. Sec., 3, North Gate, Bridgnorth.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at the two 6-bell towers of Flamstead and Redbourn (to-morrow) Saturday, the 19th. Meet at Flamstead 3 p.m., Redbourn 6 p.m.—Wm. Nash, North Mymms, Hatfield.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 31st; St. Magnus on the 24th; Southwark Cathedral on 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.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A mid-week meeting will be held at Christ Church on Wednesday, July 23rd. Ringing 7.30 till 9 p.m.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton and Great Barford on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (5) ready at 2.30. Great Barford 6 o'clock. Tea at 5 at Roxton. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 26th. 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.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eye on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.45 p.m., to those notifying me not later than July 22nd.—A. Talbot, Dist. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Hothfield on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 2.30. Tea at the Thanet Arms at 5 p.m.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Youlgreave (8 bells) on Saturday, July 26th. A charabanc will leave Bakewell at 3 p.m. for Youlgreave, returning to Bakewell at 7 p.m., fare 1/6 return. Tea 1/6 each, at the Bull's Head, Youlgreave. Bakewell bells available from 7.30 p.m. Those requiring to go from Bakewell by charabanc, and also requiring tea, should inform me by July 22nd.—G. Cecil Wallace, Local Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale St., Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Lockington on Saturday, July 26th (bells 6). Business meeting 4.30 p.m. Diseworth bells will also be available in the evening. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Tickhill on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (8, recently rehung in ball bearings) ready early. Tea provided at a charge of 1/- to those who notify me before the 22nd.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 26th.—The bells at Kirkby Mallory will be available from 3 p.m.; those of Peckleton after 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Colton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Orston (6 bells) on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open 2 o'clock. Tea free to all who advise Rev. C. J. Sturton, Orston Vicarage, not later than Wednesday, July 23rd. Train leaves Nottingham 2.18, return fare 1/7. Will those requiring tickets please let me know by first post Friday, July 25th? Meet at Victoria Station 2 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Loc. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea and meeting to follow. It is important that all who require tea should advise me by the 23rd inst. at latest. A charge of 1s. will be made. Members and friends welcome. Bells recently rehung.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, to follow in the Village Hall. Will all who intend being present notify me by Wednesday, July 23rd, the latest? Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Street, Chislehurst.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3. Service at 5. Tea will be provided on the Rectory lawn by the Rector (the Rev. Campbell Ward) and Mrs. Ward. All ringers who intend being present must notify me by Wednesday morning, July 23rd.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Foy on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea provided free only to those who notify me not later than Wednesday, 23rd inst.—John Clark, Chase Road, Ross.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 26th (D.V.). Service at St. Lawrence's Church at 11.30. Preacher: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Dinner at Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 12.30. Business meeting immediately after. Dinner tickets: members, 2/6; non-members, 3/- each. Applications for dinner tickets, accompanied by remittance, should be made to General Secretary by Wednesday, July 23rd. The tower of St. Lawrence will be open half an hour before Service and one hour after meeting; St. Mary's until 6 p.m., St. John's, Caversham, Tilehurst, Shiplake, Sonning, All Saints and St. Paul's, Wokingham, and Mapledurham in afternoon and evening.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Birstall on Saturday, July 26th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hoddlesden on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, August 2nd. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—Fred Althorp, Hon. Sec., Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Late St. James' Society.)—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday (3rd) at 10 a.m., and Monday (18th) at 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday (25th) at 7.30 p.m.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

TACKLEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The bells of this Church having been rehung, and a new Treble added, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of the Diocese on Sunday, Aug. 3rd, at 3 p.m. All interested local ringers are invited to hear the best ring of six in the county.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 4th, at Macclesfield. Service 10.50. Meeting afterwards.—Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at North Elmham on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th. The ring of 8 bells of the Parish Church will be available. Luncheon at the George and Dragon Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the general business meeting. Tickets 2/6 per head. Luncheon will be provided for those members who notify the Secretary on or before Monday, July 28th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. Wallater has removed to 1, Marston Street, Willenhall.

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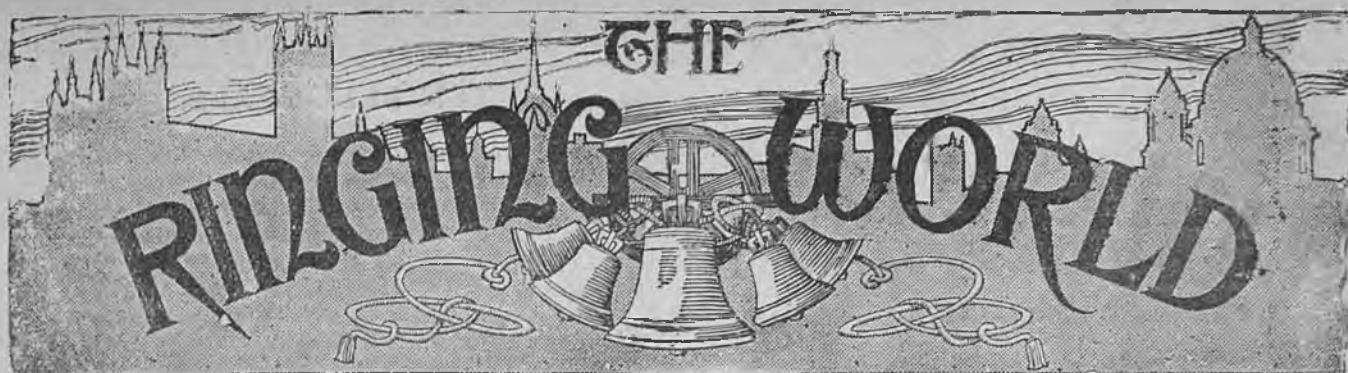
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PAID OFFICERS.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild, at their annual meeting to-morrow, will be recommended to make a new departure in regard to the general secretary, namely, that in future he be a paid officer. If this should be carried it will be, as far as recollection serves us, the first paid appointment of its kind among the leading associations, although there are a few instances in which each year an honorarium has been voted to the secretary. There is no doubt that the secretarial work of a large association like the Oxford Guild is very considerable, and, properly carried out, involves the sacrifice of a large amount of time. Associations have not always found it easy, when a vacancy has occurred, to find a man of sufficient ability, enthusiasm and knowledge, who has the requisite leisure to give to an office of this kind, but the Oxford Guild has been fortunate in the past, and the present occupant of the post has discharged his duties not only efficiently, but with a keenness that could be copied with advantage in some other areas.

As we have indicated, however, the principle of a paid officer is a novel step in ringing affairs, and we are not sure that it will appeal to every association. The provision of a salary for the secretary would be a considerable drain on the funds of many of the poorer associations, who already have a struggle to pay their way. The financial difficulty would be an effective deterrent in these cases, but there are other instances where such a proposal would not prove acceptable on the ground that members prefer that work of this kind should be purely honorary in nature. On the other hand, there are certain advantages which are obtained when a man is paid for the work he does. Schemes for improving the organisation of a society, for instance, can be launched without that feeling of hesitation which sometimes enters when it is realised that the proposals will put extra labour upon someone who is already giving up a good deal of his own time in the interests of others.

What is really essential, if the conversion of an honorary into a paid post is to justify itself, is that the official should be adequately remunerated for the work expected of him. Unless that is done, it is better that the limited recognition should be given by way of honorarium. We do not doubt that all these points have been taken into consideration by the Oxford Guild committee, and it will be interesting to see how the general body of members view the proposal. It is such an entirely new departure in ringing affairs that its adoption, if decided upon, may, in the future, be quoted as a precedent. This is not the first occasion upon which the Oxford Guild has led the way, and, if a paid secretary is now appointed, the experiment will doubtless be watched with interest by many outside the ranks of the Guild itself.

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YORK GREEN Treble	*JOHN T. NEWINGTON ... 6
*HAROLD J. HAZELL ... 2	†T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
WILFRED C. IBBETT ... 3	†ERNEST G. HIBBINS ... 8
*ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 4	*WILBERN WELCH ... 9
JOHN TAYLOR 5	*PERCY TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by the late H. W. HALEY. Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters, and first peal on ten bells as conductor. Rung to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the formation of the Ancient Society of Cambridge Youths, the band all being members with the exception of Messrs. Austin and Ibbett.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 6
ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 2	GEORGE F. HOAD ... 7
T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... 3	AMOS W. CLARK ... 8
*MRS. A. W. CLARK ... 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
HERBERT J. SKELT ... 5	†CHARLES E. READ ... Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELSON. Conducted by WILLIAM H. HEWETT.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal on ten bells. The conductor's 250th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCIVAL W. NORTON ... Treble	ARTHUR HARDING ... 5
THOMAS NEWMAN ... 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD ... 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 3	HARRY KILBY ... 7
EDWARD LANKESTER ... 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE SHEFFIELD
DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED
SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, July 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

JOHN THORPE Treble	J. E. LEWIS COCKEY ... 5
ROBERT HARRISON ... 2	FRANCIS WARD ... 6
ARTHUR CRAVEN ... 3	CHARLES HAYNES ... 7
JAMES EVINSON ... 4	COLIN HARRISON ... Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by A. CRAVEN.

Rung with half-muffled clappers as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Sam Thomas, who was interred at Intake on the Saturday week previously. He was a much valued member of the above societies; for many years was leader and conductor of the band at Ranmoor, and was for some time connected with the Cathedral company.

The composition is considered his best work. It contains the 6th the extent in 5th's place, and the 4th, 5th and 6th the extent in 8th's place, in the minimum number of courses. It was the second peal to be discovered with these qualities.

Ringers of 1st, 3rd and 6th belong to Cathedral band; 2nd, 4th and 8th to St. Marie's, R.C.; 5th and 7th to Ranmoor.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine 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	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5
ALLAN R. HICKTON 2	CHARLES GEARY 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JOSEPH BAILEY 7
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 4	ALBERT MARSH Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, July 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND.

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*ALBERT MARSH Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	W. RICHARD DRAGE 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JAMES PAGETT 7
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by FRED M. MITCHELL.
 * First peal of Major and first attempt. This, and the preceding peal, was arranged for Fred M. Mitchell, Gravesend, Kent, who was on a visit to the Midlands.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS LIGHTFOOT ... Treble	WILLIAM BIBBY 5
MISS NORAH M. BIBBY ... 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES ... 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

No. 48 in C.C.C. Rung in commemoration of the consecration of Liverpool Cathedral. * First peal.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOHN J. LEIGHTON ... Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5
JOSEPH W. PARKER 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
JOSEPH E. KERN 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
*MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 4	*ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Treble	C.-S. M. J. BENNETT 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	HERBERT E. AUSDLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

*ALEC MUNDAY Treble	GERALD F. GRIFFIN 5
RONALD BECK 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 3	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 7
HENRY J. TRIM 4	REGINALD BECK Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal on eight bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
WILLIAM PYE 2	ALBERT W. COLES 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, June 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

JOSEPH MELLOR ... Treble	ALBERT HOUGH 5
WILLIAM BRAMMER 2	ALBERT ADAMS 6
*GEORGE GORRINGE 3	BENJAMIN THORP 7
JAMES ADAMS 4	SAMUEL BOOTH Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP. Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for Mr. James Adams, who was on a visit from Australia.

LENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE POUND ... Treble	CHARLES H. SONE 5
MRS. H. BAKER 2	LEWIS NEWMAN 6
GEORGE KENWARD 3	LOUIS HEAD 7
HARRY BAKER 4	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

A birthday peal for G. Kenward. Rung with the 'Singled In' B Block called at the 215th treble lead.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Four Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6624 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
†FRANK TRINER 2	JOHN E. WHEELDON 6
WALTER N. ASHEY 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
*WILLIAM A. ALLMAN ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL I. INDOFF. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

† First peal of Major with a bob bell. * First peal of Major Rung as a birthday compliment to J. E. Wheeldon.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

ELLESMERE, SALOP. — On Wednesday, July 9th, in Trimpey Hall, Late's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, on handbells, in 45 mins.: A. G. Goodfellow (first quarter and first attempt) 1, T. Sharp 2, T. R. Butler 3-4, W. S. Higginson 5, T. Butler, senr., 6, G. H. Edwards (first quarter as conductor and first attempt) 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8.

LOWESTOFT, SUFFOLK. THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

BEN S. THOMPSON Treble	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 5
ROY PILGRIM 2	NORMAN R. BAILEY 6
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	WILLIAM C. ROMSEY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by W. C. ROMSEY.

* First peal on tower bells. For calling see C.C. Collection, Section III., No. 36.

KIDDERMINSTER, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 5
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	JOHN SMITH 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS 4	JOSEPH DAVIES Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTON-ON-THE HILL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 changes each of London, Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 4
ARTHUR LINTOTT 2	JAMES MARTIN 5
THOMAS W. GILMOIR 3	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung in honour of the visit of their Majesties King George and Queen Mary, and the consecration of the completed portion of Liverpool's new cathedral.

STOKE-UPON-TERN, SHROPSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Sunday, July 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5520 CHANGES;

Being 2,160 changes of Oxford Treble Bob, 2,160 changes of Kent Treble Bob, 720 changes of Plain Bob, and 480 changes of Little Bob Minor.

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM CLAY Treble	WALTER N. ASHBY 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 5
ARTHUR PEAKE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the restoration and augmentation of the bells. It was the first peal on the bells, and the first of Minor by the 3rd ringer, and the first of Minor away from the treble by the 4th ringer. The band wish through this paper, to tender their thanks to the Rector and his wife for so kindly entertaining the band before and after the peal.

NEWBURY, BERKS.—On Sunday, July 15th, at St. Nicholas' Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: E. Crocker 1, E. Smith 2, S. Quinton 3, P. C. Lovelock 4, F. Snook 5, A. T. Lovejoy 6, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 7, E. Challis 8. Ringers of 5 and 6 are from St. Lawrence tower, Reading. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

DOWNHAM MARKET.—At the Church of St. Edmund, for morning service, on Sunday, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,360 changes), in 50 mins.: E. Bullock 1, W. Curstan 2, T. Greenacre 3, J. H. Roper 4, W. J. Eldred (conductor) 5, R. Newson 6, F. Rose 7, W. Rose 8. First quarter for ringers of 1st, 2nd and 4th. All above are Lynn ringers.

RINGERS' OUTING.

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL RINGERS.

On Saturday, July 12th, the St. Albans Cathedral ringers had their annual outing. The clerk of the weather considerably switched on an extra amount of sunshine, but tempered it with a nice breeze. The party included the Cathedral ringers (one unfortunately prevented from appearing by a family bereavement), and representatives from St. Peter's and St. Stephen's, together with one whose ringing address is the real artilleryman's motto, 'Ubique.'

A pleasant ride through delightful country brought the party to Knobworth (a last minute change owing to illness at Hitchin, the original first part of call). The energetic ones trudged it across the park, the lazy ones commandeered the charabanc to take them nearer the church. Arrived here, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich filled the programme on a fine peal of bells, famous in ringing history as the place of the 12,000 of Bristol Surprise Major. The journey was then continued to Bedford, where an excellent lunch was partaken of at the Silver Grill Restaurant. Hunger appeased and thirst quenched, the party rambled round this delightful town, the riverside claiming most of them. Four very energetic souls indulged in boating exercise, and left the Ouse with regrets 'to ooze' in St. Paul's bellry at 1.45. Having tested the strength of two Kodaks, the party (having been welcomed by Mr. Harlow tackled Stedman Caters and Treble Ten. The former failed to come round, and the latter would not go at all. So Bob Royal was rung. A course of Double Norwich completed the ringing on this fine peal.

At Woburn, the next stop, Messrs. Herbert were awaiting the visitors. Many were the comments passed on this fine structure, but time pressed, and the fine peal called. The splendid ringing chamber, perfect circle, etc., at once met with approval, and after a touch of Stedman, loud was the praise of this delightful ring. Superlative and Double Norwich followed, one of the visitors expressing his determination to pay another visit at an early date to enjoy—he hopes—three hours of music. A course of Grandsire Cinques on the handbells completed the ringing here. All were loath to leave this beautiful spot, but Leighton Buzzard called another pleasing ride, crossing Watling Street en route, and brought the party to the border town an hour behind scheduled time. Ten was partaken of at the 'Ewe and Lamb,' and then the church was visited, where Mr. J. Nicholls had been patiently waiting for 1½ hours. Feeling hungry and thirsty he left Mr. F. Vickers, of Linslade, to welcome the excursionists. As time was short only Grandsire Caters and Hob Major were attempted. Loading up once more, a move was made towards Dunstable, which was reached at three minutes to eight. There, Mr. A. Sharman and two of his confreres were waiting. Visitors and locals rolled off Stedman, Double Norwich and Bob Major, and the contented party then made tracks for home. When Harpenden Common was reached the bus was pulled up, as some had a desire to search for 'wild raspberries,' and to take a little nourishment. A course of Bob Royal and a titum course of Grandsire Caters on handbells finished up the ringing, and eventually St. Albans was reached, after a very enjoyable day. Two poor souls had now five miles to cycle home, in opposite directions. One was 'fortunate' enough to get a puncture, but it was near home, so 'All's well, etc.,' and the other returned quite safely.

The conducting of the day was shared between Messrs. H. Goodenough, W. H. L. Buckingham (the veteran, and chairman of the party), and the terror of tenors, W. Ayre.

The very grateful thanks of all who undertook the journey are tendered to the incumbents of the respective churches visited, the local ringers for their welcome, the caterers for their ample preparations and attentions, and last, but not least, to Mr. W. Little, the secretary, who made all arrangements.

ALDEBURGH RINGERS' 120-MILE TRIP.

A journey of 120 miles, covering about a fourth of the area of Suffolk, was made when the ringing company of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Aldeburgh, had their annual outing on June 28th. A start was made shortly after 7 a.m., and the day proved ideal for such a trip. Framlingham, the first stop, was soon reached, and after a few good touches, Harry Hall, a local ringer got 'aboard,' and remained one of the party throughout the day. Nice touches, including Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire and Bob Major, were rung at Framsden, Debenham and Stowmarket. Canon Goldsmith, Vicar of the Cathedral Church, and late Vicar of Aldeburgh, met the company at Bury St. Edmunds, where he had arranged an excellent lunch at the Three Kings. After a substantial meal, the towers of St. James' and St. Mary's were visited. Several local ringers met the party, and these grand old peals were rung to some good touches. A. R. Moore, from the St. James' Society, then accompanied the visitors to Lavenham, where they were met by the Brothers Poulson, who had everything in readiness, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Treble Bob were rung. A course of Bob Royal was also brought round on handbells before mounting

the charabanc for Hadleigh. Here tea was the first thought, after which several methods were rung, including London Surprise. St. Margaret's, Ipswich, was reached about 7.30 p.m., and from thence the party journeyed to Helmingham, the last halt of the day. Good touches of Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Triples brought the enjoyable day to a fitting conclusion, and home was reached soon after 11 p.m. The very best thanks of all are due to the incumbents and ringers of the various parishes for helping to make the day such a grand success.

MANGOTSFIELD GUILD.

The annual outing of the Mangotsfield Guild was held on Saturday, July 5th, when an enjoyable trip into Somerset was much enjoyed. The party, numbering 28, made their first stop at Banwell, where the peal of six were set going to Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob. Winscombe was the next call, where the party were met by Mr. Hancock, the steepickeeper. The eight bells were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major were successfully brought round. Lunch followed, and the journey was then resumed to Bridgwater, where Mr. W. Hancock was waiting at St. Mary's with everything in readiness. The fine peal of eight was raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Major rung. The party went on to Burnham-on-Sea for tea, and then, met at the church by Mr. Chamberlain, rang touches of Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob on the bells. The conducting during the day was done by Mr. J. Jefferies and Mr. H. Howell. Mangotsfield was reached shortly before midnight, after a most enjoyable day.

The Guild wish to take this opportunity of thanking the incumbents of the different churches for the use of the bells; also those who had everything ready and helped to make a very pleasant day.

A HUNDRED-MILE TRIP.

The ringers of St. James' Church, Taunton, covered about 100 miles, and rang at nine towers in three counties on the occasion of their annual outing on June 28th. In addition to a charabanc load, Mr. D. G. Taylor (Ilminster) placed his car at the party's disposal, driving himself with three more, the whole party numbering 21. The towers visited during the day were South Petherton, Crewkerne, West Coker, East Coker, Yeovil, Sherborne Abbey, Dorchester, Bridport, and Axminster, embracing Somerset, Dorset, and Devon. All the above towers possess peals of eight bells, excepting Yeovil, which has a fine peal of ten, the tenor weighing 43 cwt. Sherborne Abbey claims the heaviest peal of eight bells hung for ringing in the British Isles, the tenor being 48 cwt., and forming a grand ring, which told a noble tale in the good course of Bob Major. Some excellent ringing was accomplished during the day, including Grandsire Triples and Grandsire Caters at Yeovil, and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, and rounds for the younger members of the party. Dinner was partaken of at Sherborne, and tea at Bridport. The ringers wish to express their gratitude to the respective incumbents for granting permission to ring, to the tower keepers for having everything in readiness, and to the various ringers who met them during the day. Most excellent arrangements were made by Mr. W. Cording (secretary) and Mr. W. J. Tarr (treasurer), whose efforts were much appreciated for creating a real red-letter day in ringers' outings. Taunton was safely reached at 10.45 p.m.

BANBURY RINGERS' PROGRESS.

The Banbury ringers held their second annual outing on June 24th, and enjoyed perfect weather. They motored to Oxford, thence to Dorchester-on-Thames, where they arrived at 10 a.m. Short touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Stedman were brought round on the bells, and then they proceeded to Wallingford. The party were here met and welcomed by the Rector (the Rev. H. P. Bowen). Grandsire was again rung, and a touch of 336 brought round, Mr. Fred Naish, of the local band, standing in. The party then left for Blewbury, where an excellent dinner was served at the Red Lion Hotel, and afterwards at the tower a quarter-peal was attempted, conducted by R. Rice, but unfortunately came to grief in the last course. The next tower was East Hagbourne, and following this Abingdon was reached about 5 p.m., where the company sat down to an excellent tea, provided by Mrs. Hathaway. They were afterwards met at the church by Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Lock, and several of the local company, all of whom added much to the pleasure of the visitors by assisting them with their first course of Caters. Appleton was the next call, where Mr. R. White and other members of Appleton band were awaiting them. Here Grandsire was again the method, and with the assistance of the local men a touch of three courses was successfully brought round. This concluded the ringing, and the visitors left for Kidlington, where they were due at 9.30 for supper, during which Mr. Tandy proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. R. R. Lewis for the trouble he had taken in arranging the outing.—Mr. Lewis having responded, a start was made for Banbury, which was safely reached about 11 p.m.

In concluding this report of a very successful trip, it is interesting

to note that until two years ago change ringing was unknown at Banbury, and that at the present time there is a very enthusiastic band who have mastered the Grandsire method. Nearly all have rung peals of Grandsire Triples; four of the band have rung their first quarter of Stedman, and during the above outing six of them their first course of Caters. This has been achieved by the persistent efforts of Mr. M. Smith, to whom much credit is due.

The Banbury ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking those of the local companies who so kindly attended at the different towers, and, by so doing, added much to the pleasure and success of the day.

VISIT TO CROYDON FOUNDRY.

The St. Nicholas' Society, Guildford, had their annual outing on Saturday, July 12th, when they visited Croydon, and were shown over Messrs. Gillett and Johnston's bell foundry. The inspection proved to be most interesting, and among the features of special note was the new carillon for New York. After ringing at St. Peter's, the party had tea, and then proceeded to Leatherhead, where ringing took place. The company wish to thank all those who helped to make the outing a success, especially Mr. C. Johnston and Mr. C. Dean (Croydon), and the Vicars of St. Peter's, Croydon, and SS. Mary and Nicholas, Leatherhead, for the use of their respective bells.

ST. MARY'S, ACTON, SOCIETY.

Meeting at Ealing, Broadway, fourteen members and friends of St. Mary's (Acton) Guild, visited West Wycombe to enjoy a ring on the new eight hung in an oak frame. To reach this church, which stands on a high eminence, a little mountaineering has to be done. Services are only held during the summer; in the winter they are held in a church called 'The Church Loft,' down in the village. After enjoying some Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major, a visit was made to the 'Ball,' perched on a pedestal. The steps up to the ball from the top of the tower form part of the pedestal, and it is a somewhat exciting experience to go up those steps and enter. The ball holds twelve people, sitting round a table. This is a most unusual feature for a church.

Afterwards a move was made to High Wycombe, where an excellent tea was thoroughly enjoyed, the weather being very hot. Afterwards a stroll through the beautiful Hughenden Park took the party to the church where Messrs. Goodchild and Boreham met and welcomed the visitors, and took part in some Stedman Triples and Kent Treble and Plain Bob Major. The best thanks of the company are tendered to the Vicars of West Wycombe and Hughenden, and to all those who helped to make the visit so successful.

A DERBY DAY.

The ringers of St. Thomas's, South Wigston, spent a most enjoyable day on Saturday, June 30th, when they had their annual outing. The first part of the programme comprised a visit to Loughborough, and the famous bell foundry of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. The inspection of the works proved most interesting, and afterwards ringing on the foundry bells was enjoyed. After refreshing the inner man, the journey was continued to Derby, where the visitors tried the bells both at All Saints' and St. Alkmund's, and were joined by several Derby ringers. After tea touches were rung on the bells at St. Andrew's and St. Peter's, and a social hour followed. It was nearly Sunday morning before the party arrived again, safe and sound, at South Wigston. The ringers wish to express their great thanks to those who helped to make the outing a complete success.

THORNHAM EXCURSION.

The Thornham Magna company of ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, June 28th. The party numbering 14 started at 7 a.m., Debenham being the first call, then on to Framsdon, Helmingham, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, and Saxmundham, where an old friend, Mr. F. Watling, had arranged for dinner. The party then went on to Leiston, Kelsale, Wenhamston and Halesworth, where Mr. F. Lambert had provided tea and made the visitors very welcome. After tea a ring on the bells with some of the local company and C. F. Bailey, from Leiston, took place, and on leaving all thanked Mr. Lambert for his kindness. Cratfield with a fine peal of six bells was next visited, the last call being at Laxfield, where there is a good peal of six bells. The methods rung on the eight bells were Bob Major, Kent Oxford, and Double Norwich Major, and on the six bells Plain Bob, Oxford, Kent and Cambridge Surprise Minor. The conductors were E. F. Poppy and G. Cattermole, and the party consisted of E. Youngs, A. J. Berry, C. Nunn, P. Steggalls, F. Hayward, B. Chilvers, D. Whiting, J. Betts, H. Moss, G. Kemp and G. Blaxall. The ringers wish to thank all the clergy for so readily granting permission to ring, and for meeting them and giving them a warm welcome; they also desire to thank all who made the outing so enjoyable.

BRAINTREE RINGERS VISIT SUFFOLK.

The members of the St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, held their annual outing on Saturday, July 12th. Favoured with glorious summer weather, and accompanied by their wives, the party, 14 strong, motored first to Long Melford, Suffolk, via Halstead and Sudbury, where some time was spent examining this grand East Anglian church. Unfortunately, however, the bells were under repair, and no ringing could be done. The visitors then made for Lavenham, and after ringing a few touches upon this renowned ring of bells, went on to Stowmarket, and after trying the fine ring there for about an hour, adjourned to the Fox Hotel for lunch, at the close of which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association (who was one of the party), for the care and trouble he had taken in arranging this enjoyable outing.

The excursionists then continued the journey through delightful East Suffolk lanes to Coddanham, where they found the bells ready for them, a handy little ring of eight, with the circle of ropes so close together that the ringers almost touched each other when ringing. Several touches were rung, and then the party made for Ipswich to ring on the fine bells of St. Margaret's. Here they found a band ready to start for a peal, but they gave way to the visitors to try the bells, and various touches concluded the ringing for the day, the methods having included Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire. After tea the party dispersed to view the town; others to repose in the park to listen to the peal of Double Norwich then well on its way, and to admire the splendid striking of the bells. The journey home was made via Colchester, through the beautiful Constable scenery, and all were pleased with the events of the day. Thanks are accorded to the various clergy and those in charge of the different towers for their kindness in allowing the use of the bells, and having everything in readiness for the ringing.

A SOUTH WALES' OUTING.

St. Martin's Guild, Caerphilly, held their annual outing on June 28th, when they visited Burnham-on-Sea, four ringers from Bedwas, Mon., joining the company. The journey was made via Cardiff and Weston-super-Mare, a call being made at East Brent, where Mr. Cook awaited the visitors, and the peal of six bells was set going to Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, and also a touch of Plain Bob and Kent Minor. The ride was then continued to Burnham, where they were met by Mr. Chamberlain. Touches of Stedman Triples were rung, and after dinner there was further ringing with three of the local men, several touches of Stedman, Grandsire Triples, and one touch each of Plain Bob and Kent Major being brought round. A start was then made for home, which was reached about 10 p.m., after a most enjoyable day's outing. The best thanks are due to incumbents for the use of their respective bells, and also Mr. Cooke and Mr. Chamberlain for having everything in readiness.

TRIP INTO SUFFOLK.

The Maldon ringers held their annual outing on Saturday, June 21st, when, accompanied by their wives, they travelled by charabanc via Braintree, Halstead and Sudbury, to Bury St. Edmunds, halting at Long Melford, to visit the beautiful old church, which was much admired. No ringing could be done here, however, as the bells are in the hands of the bell hangers. Bury was reached just after 11 o'clock, and ringing was soon started at the Norman tower, also at St. Mary's Church, the visitors being assisted by some of the local ringers. After a look round the churches and town a start was made for Lavenham, where the annual ringing festival was in progress. The next call was at Sudbury, where they enjoyed about an hour's ringing at All Saints' Church, and home was reached at 10.30, after an enjoyable day, which included a run of about 90 miles. The party wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and the steeplekeepers for meeting them and getting the bells ready.

STANDISH RINGERS' OUTING.

The annual outing of the Standish Parish Church ringers, who were accompanied by their wives, took place on Whit Monday, when they travelled by charabanc to Blackpool. After a pleasant run to Penwortham a halt was made, and, wending their way to the church, the ringers indulged in touches of Stedman Doubles, Kent and Plain Bob Minor on the bells. Then followed a good run to Lytham, where an hour's ringing included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent and Plain Bob Major. The party then adjourned to the Commercial Cafe, and sat down to a splendid luncheon. Afterwards, another short run brought them to St. Anne's, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman were brought round. Blackpool, with all its attractions, was soon afterwards reached, and some pleasant hours spent. The homeward journey was made via Kirkham, and Standish was reached at 12.15, after a most enjoyable day. The band take this opportunity of thanking the local ringers who met and made the party welcome to their towers; also to the incumbents of the three churches visited for kindly granting permission to ring on their respective bells.

CRITICS CRITICISED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with interest the account of the meeting of the wise ones which you have published in your most recent issues. I have often heard of 'bulls'—papal and otherwise, but I never realised what the real old Irish perpetration 'o' that ilk 'was till I read the account of their most recent deliberation: to wit—when one hon. member for somewhere did opine that you, Sir, had not treated the committee quite rightly (meaning, of course, as they thought they ought to be treated), and that you owed a certain debt to the Exercise in setting an example. Now, Sir, I maintain, whether you like it or not, that you have always striven to show us examples galore. It is the Exercise who do not rise to the occasion. Your leaders have been only the truth and to the point every time. They have been more than fair.

What is the use of you deciding on a day's fishing every Friday: going out week by week ground baiting the pitch, if the fickle trout won't rise?

In my very short memory I have read leading article after leading article which has been fairness personified. You have told nothing but the truth, and barely that. Had you hit straight and full from the shoulder those who think you had not been fair, etc., would have been gasping for breath without the legs to stand on to tell you you were not fair.

This meeting has shown that the Council have a wish to 'put up the goods,' and a special committee has been appointed to deal with names of six-bell methods (I don't see the names of any six-bell ringers on it, by the way). Now—that committee has got about the toughest job they ever struck in their lives. What's in a name?—they'll soon know. Leek to Leek people is the equivalent of heaven.

Pudsey, to those who dwell there, is but another rendering of 'Home, sweet home.' Piddletrenthide (five bells, Diocese of Salisbury) has a perfect right to bestow its name on a method as good as Geranium (which is the more euphonious?) Ye gods, what a job to be appointed to! I am obliged to agree with Hon. Member Pritchett. Like him I am left somewhat cold. No good (only further schism) will come by enforcing nomenclature. 'Tis not the name of the method we fling far and wide from our sleepies, 'tis the good striking that counts to a benign (?) public. When the great B.P. heard some ringing broadcast from St. Martin's famous steeple, did they trouble about the euphonistics of the very meaningless (to them) words 'Stedman Cinques'? No, 'twas the cadence of the striking—and that's that!

Ringers are in an unfortunate position as regards their music: we cannot call it by its first line, like a song or hymn, or So-and-So's seventh Sonata, though a lot I have heard was ragtime.

Mr. Trollope is a man I am inclined to agree with on many points: no man has a right to ownership of facts. A man has the honour of being the first to point out to his confreres that So-and-So is a fact; he has benefited posterity by pointing these things out, and has added another step to the ladder of progress: that's all. What many ringers object to is not the altering of names by two committees. It is the altering of old names and their subsequent duplication and confusion; and what is more—they object to the waste of time on names when much else of import is shelved (or ignored). That register of compositions and the 'Historianship' does not take shape, as yet, Mr. Editor. Keep on with those good leading articles, they'll at least do good, as an alarm clock. They provoke criticism, which is good. The more criticism the Council provoke the more work they will know they have done.—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting was held at St. Peter's, Droitwich, on Saturday, July 12th. The branch was fairly well represented, though holidays and hay making kept several members away. The Vicar conducted a shortened service, taken from the association's form, at which he spoke a few homely and encouraging words, which were very appropriate, as several young ringers were present.

After a splendid tea, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mrs. Longland, which was partaken of under a shady tree on the Vicarage lawn, the business meeting was held, at which the Mayor of Droitwich attended, and he and the Vicar became hon. members.

The quarterly peal is to be attempted at St. Peter's, with Mr. G. Green, one of the local ringers, as conductor.

The Rector of Madresfield invited the branch to hold the next meeting at Madresfield, and this was accepted.

The usual votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar of St. Peter's, also to all who had helped to make the visitors comfortable. The Ringing Master kept the bells going, all taking a part, the methods ranging from Grandsire and Stedman Doubles to London and York Surprise.

The church contains a very good peal of six, which go well, and it is pleasing to be able to say that there is an enthusiastic band of ringers with a helpful Vicar, which is a healthy sign of success.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Stone (Isle of Oxney) on Saturday last. The attendance was not very numerous, but made up in quality what was lacking in quantity, and some good touches were brought round in Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Plain and Oxford Bob Minor. Tea was served at the Crown Inn, at the invitation of Mr. C. W. Player, leader of the local ringers, about 15 sitting down.

At the business meeting held after, Mr. Irvine, of Rye, was elected a non-resident life member, and a meeting was arranged for the practice of Double Norwich at Appledore on August 16th.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. C. W. Player for his generous hospitality in providing the tea, and for presiding at both tea and meeting.—This was carried with musical honours.

The towers represented were Ashford, Appledore, New Romney, Idon, Canterbury, Mersham, Tenterden, and the local band.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Kirkthorpe, near Wakefield, on Saturday, July 12th. About 30 members attended from Crofton, Darfield, Horbury Sandal, Royston, Wath, Pontefract, Horbury, Rotherham, and the local company. The bells were freely rung from early in the afternoon until 8.30, in a variety of methods, and good striking was well maintained.

After tea a short business meeting was held, when sympathy was expressed to the secretary, who was unable to be present owing to severe illness, and hopes were expressed for a speedy recovery.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his personal interest in the gathering, also the local company for all arrangements so well and truly made, was accorded.—The Vicar replied in very happy terms of welcome and appreciation of the association, and with a further invitation for another visit in the near future.

Seven members of the local company were made members of the association, and Royston was decided upon for the next place of meeting, to be held on Saturday, August 9th.

CINQUES AT EXETER CATHEDRAL.

On April 26th, for practice, at Exeter Cathedral, a touch of 1,055 Grandsire Cinques was rung by the following members of the Cathedral band: J. Oke 1, F. J. Davey (cond.) 2, T. Laver 3, T. Bartlett 4, A. Searle 5, W. Lethbridge 6, J. Sandover 7, F. Gardner 8, F. Murphy 9, C. Class 10, G. Betts 11, A. Mitchell and J. Harris 12 (72 cwt.).

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The Whit Monday meeting was held at Consett in most favourable weather conditions.

At the committee meeting it transpired that the date fixed for the summer meeting at Barnard Castle on July 26th was the date of the Darlington show. By a curious coincidence the last meeting at Barnard Castle fell on the same date as the Darlington show, and suffered in consequence. It was, therefore, decided to alter the date of the Barnard Castle meeting to August 9th. It was also decided to hold a special or extra meeting at Wylam on Saturday, September 20th, 1924, when it is hoped there will be a good attendance.

Dinner was served at the Railway Hotel at 1 o'clock, when 21 sat down, the president, Mr. C. Todd, presiding, and being supported by the Rev. W. C. D. Fedden, Vicar of Consett (the other Vicars were prevented from attending through weddings, funerals, school treats, etc.), Messrs. E. Ferry, secretary, A. M. Hall, treasurer, and others.—The President proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of the various churches for kindly placing their bells at the disposal of the members.—The Vicar of Consett responded, and said he was very pleased to have the bells rung, and would be pleased to grant the use of them on any other occasion.

All the bells in the neighbourhood were at the disposal of the ringers by the kind permission of the respective Vicars, viz., two peals of eight and two peals of six. They were kept going to the tune of Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Minor and Major. The journey home by train was most enjoyable, only twenty-two in a compartment, and, it being a nice warm night, no travelling rugs were required. The president and vice-president for the Southern district missed this treat by travelling by motor-cycle and side-car.

DARLINGTON RINGERS AT HEIGHINGTON.

On Friday evening, July 18th, a party of ringers, representing Holy Trinity, Darlington, accompanied by Messrs. F. Johnson and W. Lister, of St. John's, Darlington, and Mr. W. H. Porter, visited Heighington, a pretty little village five miles distant. The old Norman tower contains six nice-toned bells (tenor 15½ cwt.), of which three date back to the days prior to the Reformation. Ringing is performed on the ground floor, the ropes falling round the font, the belfry door opening direct into the churchyard. Fine weather prevailing, an enjoyable evening was spent, touches of Kent, Oxford, London and Cambridge Minor, and Stedman Doubles being successfully brought round, and the bells were finally lowered at 9.30 p.m.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

In the Rowley Regis Parish Church Magazine there is a 'Bell Ringers' Corner,' in which the doings of the local band are chronicled. This is an example which might be copied in other places, so that the parishioners might learn something of what the ringers are doing.

A peal of 6,000 Double Oxford Bob was rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on July 26th, 1832, conducted by Samuel Thurston.

The first peal in Ireland was rung at Waterford Cathedral on July 27th, 1872.

William Shipway arrived in London on July 29th, 1785, and joined the Junior Society of Cumberlands.

This event, in itself, is perhaps of no special significance, but it probably had an influence on the future of ringing, for it is unlikely that Shipway would have done so much to further the art of ringing, by researches and the publication of his 'Campanologia' had he remained in his native city of Bath, where, he writes, there was 'a respectable and able band of ringers, yet the art did not improve so rapidly as he wished.'

Had the late Mr. James W. Washbrook lived until Sunday next he would have been 60 years of age.

'W. H. C.' should write direct to the bell founders concerned.

Home from Australia on a visit, Mr. James Adams took part in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Mottram with the Ashton-under-Lyne Society on Saturday.

The peal rung at Twerton-on-Avon, Bath, on July 8th, should have been credited in our report to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and not to the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association, as published.

Ringers friends of Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, of Devizes, chairman of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild, will be pleased to know that the steady improvement in his health has been maintained during the past week.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. THE TAUNTON PEAL TABLET SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I say a word or two with reference to the paragraph headed 'No Peal Board,' which appeared in the report of the annual meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association in your last issue. Owing to my unavoidable absence from the meeting, I asked Mr. J. Burge to put forward the suggestion that the association be asked to erect a tablet in St. Mary's ringing chamber, Taunton, recording the first peal on twelve bells (Stedman Cinques), rung there by the association, May 26th, 1923. I would like to remind the various speakers that this peal was not only rung for, but by men who have been members of the association for some years, and who, at the request of the local authorities, were privileged to open these bells when they were dedicated as twelve. The fact that eleven out of the twelve who rang the peal live practically in Somerset viz., Bristol, and the 12th man (myself) was a resident in the diocese for some years, is now a frequent visitor, and has been a member of the association for nearly thirty years (having commenced his ringing career at Taunton in 1898) entitles this first peal to be considered representative of the Bath and Wells Association, and not, as some speakers suggest, rung by an outside band. This and previous years' annual reports will show the usefulness of these members to the Bath and Wells Association, as witness the report for the year ending December, 1923, when only 26 peals were rung. These included, but evidently not worthy of mention in the Master's report, Stedman Cinques (the first peal on twelve bells for the association) at Taunton, May, 1923; Stedman Triples at Corston, Bath, May, 1923; Stedman Caters at Wells Cathedral, August, 1923; and Stedman Triples at Edmonton, November, 1923, which is clear indication of the interest these so-called outside members take in the association, and who claim to have its interests and welfare, independent of peal ringing, just as much at heart as those who live in the diocese.—Yours truly,

Birmingham, July 21st, 1924.

ALBERT WALKER.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A happy meeting was held by the Southern District of the above Society at St. Margaret's, Lee, Lewisham, on Saturday last. The tower was opened at four o'clock, and ringing commenced soon after with a few touches of Stedman, etc. At 5.30 a move was made to the small Kingswood Hall, close by, where the company sat down to a glorious tea supplied at a small cost by the Rector. A meeting followed, at which routine business was transacted, and the ringers expressed their sincere thanks for the use of the bells, and also for the sumptuous tea.—The curate replied on behalf of the Rector and the ringers, and said they were pleased to make the association welcome, and should be glad to see them again.

After tea the ringers returned to the tower, when the touches included Kent Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Major.

After tower bell ringing had concluded, a few members of the company made use of the fine peal of handbells that are in the belfry, and this brought to a close a fine meeting.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. ACTIVITY IN SOUTH WALES.

A quarterly meeting was held at Machen on Saturday last, and was exceedingly well attended. The Rector (the Rev. A. G. A. Picton) was at the tower early in the afternoon to welcome the visitors on arrival, and remained with the ringers until all had dispersed in the evening. The bells, a good going ring of eight, were kept employed during the afternoon. A committee meeting was held at 4 o'clock, and was followed by a service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Rector.

Immediately after the service tea was partaken of in the Church Room, very kindly provided by one of the very best friends of the ringers and church, namely, Mrs. Newton Wade, whose husband did so much several years ago to bring about the rehanging of the bells, and the completion of the octave.

Tea over, the business meeting was held. Mention was made of rehangers and augmentations, but there was nothing definite to propose since the last meeting. In one case it was resolved that the hon. secretary should try personally to interview the incumbent, where there is a good deal of the money in hand, and endeavour to find out the cause of the scheme not being proceeded with.

The representatives to the Central Council gave their report of the proceedings, for which they were thanked.

It was decided to hold the next Monmouth quarterly meeting at Mathern, the next Glamorgan meeting being already fixed at Bonvilston.

Application was made by one of the Skenfrith ringers to the association to try and give some instruction or introduce change ringing there. It was pointed out that as Skenfrith was several miles away from any railway station without any bus service, or any means of getting there—being in the remote northern end of the county—it is almost impossible for instruction to be given. It was eventually decided, after a few had volunteered, that at least half a dozen ringers should specially visit the tower on the first Saturday in September with a view to doing all that is possible to introduce change ringing.

The Rector then announced that he was reorganising his band of ringers as, of late, some of the older members had got slack. Young blood was now being introduced, and a little later on he would be glad of the association's help in instruction.

Many new members were made, and after the usual vote of thanks the meeting closed.

The bells were afterwards rung in various methods, bringing to a close a most enjoyable and successful meeting.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 12th, a dozen members of the Northern Division met at Great Wymondley from Tring, Hitchin, Letchworth, Welwyn, Kimpton, together with the local band. Service, with an address, was conducted by the Rev. C. E. Thomas, and was followed by tea and meeting at the Green Man.

Mr. G. T. Croft was unanimously voted to the chair, and it was agreed to hold the next meeting at Royston in September as usual.

The customary votes of thanks were returned to the clergy, organist and chairman.—A return was then made to the tower for more ringing. During the afternoon and evening Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine and Cambridge Surprise were brought home.

Wymondley is looked upon as a centre for six bell ringing in the district, and some of the county ringers and conductors (including Mr. G. T. Croft, the chairman), first handled a bell in this tower.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

The July meeting of the Western district was held at Apsley End, but another meeting in an adjacent district somewhat spoiled the attendance. Members were present from Tring, Borkhamstead, Hemel Hempstead, King's Langley, and the local tower, the methods rung being Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Minor, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Single Court, and Kent Treble Bob. Unfortunately, the Vicar was unable to be present, so no service was held.

At the meeting which followed tea, Mr. H. Cutler (Apsley) was elected to the chair. One ringing member (King's Langley) and two probationers (Apsley) were duly elected.—Tring was chosen for the next meeting—on September 20th (adjacent towers and secretaries please note)—and it is hoped a large number will be present.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the local members for having everything in readiness, and the chairman for his services, both before and during the meeting, concluded the business. Further ringing then took place until 8 p.m.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), in 48 mins.: T. Butler, senr. (conductor), 1, A. Allen 2 T. R. Butler 3, P. Cross 4, G. H. Edwards 5, F. Evans 6, R. T. Evans 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8.

THE LADIES' GUILD. ENTERTAINED AT BRISTOL.

The annual general meeting of the Guild, held at Bristol on July 12th, was without doubt the most successful which has yet been held. This was due to the efforts of the Bristol United Guilds, who did all that was possible to make the visiting members enjoy their stay.

Members who were able to get to Bristol in the morning were met at St. Thomas's Church by representatives of the Bristol United Guilds, and were taken by charabanc round some of the beauty spots of Bristol, including Clifton Suspension Bridge and the Avon Gorge. In the afternoon ringing took place at St. Mary Redcliffe and St. Thomas's Churches. The service was held at the latter church, and was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a most helpful address.

The Guild members and their friends were the guests of the Bristol United Guilds at tea, to which about 50 sat down, including the Vicar, churchwarden and organist. The arrangements had been carried out admirably, and the Bristol ringers excelled themselves as waiters.

Before the business meeting commenced, Mr. Leaker, chairman of the United Guilds, welcomed the Guild to Bristol, and took the opportunity of congratulating the members who had taken part in the first peal of Stedman Triples. He also spoke of the pleasure felt by Bristol ringers that one of their number should have been elected president of the Ladies' Guild, and on behalf of the United Guilds, he asked Mrs. Wilkins to accept a small token to mark the occasion.

This took the form of a bell brooch, suitably inscribed. The presentation came as a great surprise to the president, and the secretary of the Guild replied on her behalf, and thanked Mr. Leaker and his fellow members for their kind thought. She also thanked the Vicar for conducting the service, the churchwardens, organist, and choirboys, for their assistance; and last, but by no means least, she expressed the Guild's grateful thanks to the members of the United Guilds for their wonderful welcome and tea.

Mrs. Groves, of Birmingham, seconded the votes of thanks.

Mr. Guise, secretary of the United Guilds, also welcomed the members, and spoke of the unity existing amongst ringers at Bristol.—The Vicar also responded.

At the business meeting the chair was taken by the president, Mrs. R. J. Wilkins. Two honorary members were elected. Mrs. A. Pulling, of Guildford, was elected president for the year, and Reading was chosen for the next annual meeting.—The hon. secretary was re-elected.

The accounts were submitted subject to audit, and accepted, showing a small deficit on the year's working.

It was decided to alter the subscription year to bring it in line with the accounts, by making subscriptions due on July 1st instead of October 1st. This means subscriptions ordinarily becoming due next October are now due. In view of the expense, it was decided that no reports should be issued this year.

Ringing afterwards took place at St. Stephen's Church. Several of the visitors who were unable to take part in the charabanc trip on Saturday were given the pleasure of a motor drive on Sunday, over the same ground, accompanied by Messrs. Cave, Knight and Wilkins, and they wish to tender their best thanks to these gentlemen.

A SUNDAY MEETING.

On Sunday afternoon, July 13th, a party of ringers, numbering about 14, and representing Ellesmere, Market Drayton, Hodnet and Stanton, met at Moreton Corbet tower, Salop, and rang touches in various methods on the beautiful peal of six bells. Short touches were the order of the day, to let everyone have a pull, including the local ringers, who turned up in full force to welcome the visitors. The methods rung were Grandsire, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Simon's and Stedman Doubles; also Plain Bob, Grandsire and Kent Treble Bob Minor. Some of the party also rang at Stanton for the evening service.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

At a Gainsborough district meeting, held at Broughton on Saturday, July 5th, there was a good attendance of members from Gainsborough, Scotter, Bigby, Brigg, Burton Stather, in addition to the local company.

The peal of five bells at St. Mary's were available and kept going to the standard methods in the afternoon and evening.

A short service was held, followed by tea.

At the business meeting, the following new members from Broughton were elected: The Rev. H. A. Herbert, Vicar of Broughton; Mr. H. Nixon, churchwarden, as honorary members; Messrs. W. Brumpton, F. Laming, E. Wass, R. Bell and R. Brumpton, as ringing members.

Afterwards some members went to Appleby to ring on the peal of six.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

The annual gathering of members and friends of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, was held at Lichfield on July 5th, and proved to be a great success. Permission to use the bells at the Cathedral had been obtained, and this, no doubt, was responsible in a great measure for the additional numbers present over last year. Evensong at the Cathedral was well attended. Tea was provided at Lloyd's Restaurant, and was followed by the general meeting.

Mr. Alderman Pritchett was unanimously voted to the chair. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. W. Solly (West Bromwich), Mr. W. Evans (auditor), and Mr. Wm. Rock Small. The chairman was able to inform the meeting that Mr. Small's health had improved, and that he was able to get out for short walks (applause).

The report and statement of accounts were read and approved, the latter showing an increased balance in hand. The list of peals rung during the year is as follows: Grandsire Doubles (on handbells), 1; on tower bells, 2; Triples, 9; Caters, 1; Stedman Doubles (on handbells), 1; Triples, 12; Caters, 1; Cinques, 5; Plain Bob Minor, 1; Major, 3; Royal, 1; Double Norwich C.B. Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; London Surprise Major, 2; total, 42.

The officers were re-elected en bloc.

Places chosen for the coming meetings are Penkridge in September; Tettenhall in January; Shenstone in April; and Lichfield (annual) in June. By a happy coincidence, the Ladies' Guild (Midland branch) were holding their meeting at St. Michael's on the same day, and the two parties were thus able to join forces, both in the towers and at the tea tables—the total numbering over a hundred.

MEMORIAL BELL AT GAMSTON. DEDICATION BY BISHOP OF SOUTHWELL.

The Bishop of Southwell visited Gamston on Saturday, June 7th, for the purpose of dedicating the memorial bell, and the unveiling of the tablet placed in St. Peter's Church in memory of the seven men of the village who lost their lives in the great war. The bell is inscribed, 'Lest we forget, 1914-1918.' The following are the inscriptions on four of the bells:—

1. Thomas Hollis, Duke of Newcastle.
2. William Ibberson, William Perkin, W.C., 1721.
3. Do as you would be done by.
4. Daniel Hedderley cast us all in 1721.

There is no inscription on the fifth bell.

For many years the 'go' of the peal of five bells had been very bad, owing to the swaying of the old timbers which supported them; and the bells did not come up to the ideas of modern tuning. Sufficient money not being forthcoming to have the whole recast, early this year the tower was cleared, a new steel frame put in, and all the five bells retuned, and a new treble added to make a ring of six. The cost incurred amounted to £393, and with the laying of a new floor and making a ringing chamber, the alterations brought the total to £470. The whole work of rehanging and adding the new treble was entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The retuning and the easy 'go' of the bells leave nothing to be desired. During the afternoon, when the bells were opened, a Gamston lady rang one of the bells with perfect ease; the work reflects the highest credit on the well-known arm of bell-hangers.

In the absence, through illness, of the Vicar (the Rev. G. Postlewaite), the Rural Dean, the Rev. C. Bailey, of East Retford, conducted the dedication service, and the clergy present included the Rev. J. S. G. Bailey (Sturton) and the Rev. W. G. Roach (Elkesly), who read the lessons; A. Ball, Askham; and W. V. Tunks, curate of Ordsall. After the second lesson, the Bishop and clergy, together with the churchwardens, proceeded to the vestry in the tower, where the Bishop unveiled the memorial tablet, which bears the following inscription: 'To the Glory of God and in honoured memory of the following men of Gamston who laid down their lives in the great war, 1914-1918, a treble bell has been hung in this tower. H. Borwick, H. Orwin, J. Carnall, J. Slater, S. Holand, H. W. Steads, A. Swannack. "Greater love hath no man than this."'

The 'Last Post' was sounded in church by Ex-Scoutmaster W. H. Briggs and Scoutmaster H. Cooke, 6th Retford Troop, and the reveille in the church porch.

Then followed the dedication of the new bell, and after prayers by the Bishop, a short touch was rung by a band, selected by the hon. secretary of the North Notts Association, from Retford, Ordsall, Treeton, Anston, Gainsborough and Worksop.

The Bishop devoted his address to the subject of 'witness-bearing.' Mrs. Postlewaite was at the organ, and played at the close of the service, 'O rest in the Lord.'

The bells were rung in the following methods until 7 p.m., when they were lowered in peal: Plain Bob, Stedman, Kent and Oxford. The ringers were entertained to tea by Mr. Herbert Smith, of Gamston House, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to him for his hospitality, which included the use of a motor-car in conveying the ringers to and from Gamston.

LIVERPOOL'S NEW CATHEDRAL.

The dedication of the completed portion of the new Cathedral at Liverpool was carried out on Saturday with great ceremony and reverence, in the presence of the King and Queen.

The bells of St. Nicholas Church, the Municipal Buildings and Walton-on-the-Hill were rung during the day in celebration of the event. In addition to the local ringers, Messrs. H. Chapman, of Manchester, and Butler, of Ellesmere, took part in the ringing.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at the Unitarian Church, Todmorden on July 5th, members being present from Rochdale, Milnrow, Burnley, Heptonstall, Mytholmroyd and Todmorden. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. Double Norwich was also attempted.

The business meeting was presided over by Miss R. A. Bell.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Hamer on Saturday, August 2nd.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the tower and bells, and also to the local ringers for having everything in readiness, was then passed, after which a vote of thanks to Miss Bell for the able manner in which she had presided, brought the meeting to a close.

This was the first Rochdale branch meeting at which a lady ringer has occupied the chair.

CHESHIRE RINGERS IN WALES.

What is hoped will be the forerunner of many similar jaunts took place on Saturday, July 5th, when a party of Wirral (Cheshire) ringers made an excursion into 'Wild Wales.' Just prior to starting from Birkenhead in the early morning we were approached by a damsel in distress, who had just missed her party (bound for the same destination as ourselves), and who invoked our good offices to try and overtake them. Bursting with generosity and chivalry we invited her to 'jump in and we'll do our best!' A run was made to Capenhurst, where we were joined by the hon. secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild (Mr. E. W. Elwell). After a snapshot had been taken the ride started in real earnest, and after a delightful run through some splendid scenery, Rhyl was reached shortly after 11 o'clock, and the above-mentioned damsel was restored to her friends. A move was at once made to St. Thomas' Church, where the beautiful ring of eight were soon set going to touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major, in which the visitors were joined by Mr. A. J. Hughes (President of the North Wales Association). An adjournment was then made for lunch, and after the wants of the inner man had been satisfied, some of the more agile (?) members of the party sampled the thrills of the better-skelter, etc. By the way, one member of the party must have remarkable powers of attraction, as he tendered a 10s. note for an article and received 18s. change! Of course, he rectified the error!!

The beautiful marble church at Bodelwyddan was the next objective. This is a really wonderful church, marble of various kinds being extensively used in its interior construction, whilst the exterior is of limestone, and the gracefully slender spire stands out as a prominent landmark for miles around. Here again, coats were soon off, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major and Minor were brought round, whilst a course of Double Norwich was attempted, but not with the best results. Perhaps it was the fault of the bells—perhaps not! The clerk of the weather, who, up to now, had been extremely kind to the band of adventurers, now decided to show what he could do if he tried, and sent down some 'delightfully refreshing' showers. Tea at Ruthin was followed by a visit to St. Peter's Church. Here we came across a delightful example of local 'repairs.' After ringing the bells up the ringer of the fourth could not set his bell at 'hand,' whilst at 'back' she went almost over. Oh, Francis! what have you been doing? On going to investigate, however, it was found that a new stay had been put on the wrong way about! Whilst this was being remedied the handbells were got out, and afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung. Cambridge Minor on the back six was next attempted, but the tenor was found to 'go' so badly that Oxford, Kent and Woodbine on the front six were decided upon. The striking was certainly an improvement, but the less said about the 'musical' effect the better! From Ruthin a start was made for home, with just a couple of stops to replenish the 'engine' with oil, and thus ended a most enjoyable day. Special thanks are due to the various Vicars for the use of the bells; to Mr. A. J. Hughes for his kindness in making arrangements for the ringing; and last, but by no means least, to Mr. T. A. Rogers, of Wallasey, for his generous duties in organising and carrying out all the arrangements for the outing.

W. J. B.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY GUILD.

The members of the Westminster Abbey Guild, after consulting maps, ways and means, etc., decided this year to spend their annual week-end outing in Gloucestershire, or rather a part of that beautiful county. With the kind assistance of Mr. W. T. Pates, the well-known Cheltenham conductor (of whom more hereafter), the Belle Vue Hotel, Cheltenham, was settled as headquarters, and the party, correctly fathered by Messrs. Oxborough and Newton, left Paddington at 7.30 on Saturday morning, July 12th. Messrs. G. H. Phillott and W. T. Pates welcomed the band at the Parish Church tower, and touches of Stedman Cinques were rung, conducted by Mr. H. R. Pasmore. After lunch, a motor bus was chartered for Tewkesbury. Unfortunately the Vicar was confined to his bed, and although he readily gave permission for ringing, it was impossible to find the keys in time, so the beauties of the famous Abbey and town were enjoyed. After tea, the bells at Cheltenham Parish Church were again utilised until 8.30, after which a social evening was spent at the Belle Vue, the party including Messrs. Phillott and Pates, Messrs. J. Austin and Harris, of Gloucester, and Davis, of Lydney.

After supper, the three latter friends were elected members of that 'honourable and ancient' order, the 'Tom-Tits,' the election being performed by the Grand Primo of the Order, Mr. John W. Golding, arrayed in his robes of office, supported by Deputy Primo Hughes, and Western representative, W. T. Pates. The new members were strictly enjoined to preserve inviolate the secrets of the order, and were greatly affected by the impressiveness of the ceremony. The election was followed by the Grand Primo conferring on the Western representative, the order of the Yellow Hat, in recognition of his services.

Further orders of merit are under consideration, and mighty fine did Master Golding look in his robes. However, 'sufficient for the day is the evil thereof' (vide Shakespeare or Robbie Burns, I know not which), and so to bed for early rising on Sunday. Rumours were current at breakfast of mysterious happenings and rites in the G.P.'s room, but Rumour being a fictitious jade, we pass it by.

The glorious morning was somewhat married by a sad occurrence, to wit, the arrest of the Western representative by order of the G.P., the duty being mournfully but manfully carried out by Sergt. Clark and Brother Macdonald. The prisoner being released on probation, the tower was ascended, and three courses of Stedman Cinques were very nicely tapped. The bells are certainly a very fine peal of twelve for the weight (tenor 22 cwt.), and every bell is heard beautifully.

At 12.30, preceding lunch, the merits of the local waters were discussed, and after lunch a trip was made to Painswick, where, as is well known, hangs a remarkably fine peal of twelve (tenor 26 cwt., the back ten by Rudhall, and the trebles by Mears). These bells are not tuned on modern scientific lines, but it would be hard to imagine a finer peal for the weight.

The drive from Cheltenham to Painswick is a most beautiful one, and the range of views really wonderful.

After tea, at headquarters, came the sad clearing up, and bidding farewell to our genial friend and guide, Mr. Pates, Y.H. The journey home was quiet, for were we not rather tired with our exertions, but our irrepressible G.P. with great brain power, invented a new mechanical device, which may one day become famous. So was spent one of the most enjoyable and successful outings of the Guild.

AJAX.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Cople on Saturday last. A few earnest members were present (including Miss K. Willars, of Trumpington, Cambs), but it is hoped that more members will try and attend these meetings to make them a real success. One prominent figure was missed on this occasion, in the person of Mr. P. Inskip, who unfortunately met with an accident rather more than a week ago, and now lies in Bedford County Hospital with a fractured thigh. All the members wish him a speedy recovery.

At the business meeting, Mr. W. Stapleton being in the chair, it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Kimbolton and Keysoe at the end of August. The date and time will be announced in 'The Ringing World.'

SUDDEN DEATH OF MR. THOMAS BANCROFT.

On Tuesday, July 8th, the funeral took place at the Keighley Cemetery of Mr. Thomas Bancroft. Four of the Parish Church ringers acted as bearers, and after the committal a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells over the open grave by J. Edmondson, R. W. Jennison, H. Thorpe and A. Jackson. Afterwards a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells, with deeply muffled clappers.

The news of the death of Mr. Bancroft came as a shock to his friends in Keighley, who were expecting him on his holidays, but instead received a telegram to say he had died suddenly.

FIRST QUARTER-PEAL IN NATAL.

On Monday, July 1st, in honour of the Natal centenary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 6-8 covering, was rung in 49 minutes at St. Mary's Church, Greyville, Durban: Miss Daisy Clarkson 1, W. H. Royston (late Milton-next-Gravesend) 2, John Prickett (late Chepstow, Mon.), conductor, 3, Harold Howard 4, Thomas Nash 5, T. Ewart Prickett (late Chepstow, Mon.) 6, Chas. Clarkson 8. This is the first quarter-peal in Natal, the first on the bells, and the first by the ringers of the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th.

FIFTY-THREE YEARS A RINGER.

An interesting presentation took place at the Rectory at Winterbourne, Glos., last week, when the Rev. E. J. Burroughs, on behalf of the ringers, handed to Mr. S. C. Blisp, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, a silver-mounted walking stick, inscribed 'S. C. Blisp, from the fellow-ringers, July 15th, 1924.'—The Rector wished Mr. Blisp good health for many years to come.

The bells at the Parish Church were rung during the evening, Mr. S. C. Blisp taking part in the ringing. Mr. Blisp has been a ringer for 53 years.

FALSE PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I wish to offer my sincere regret to the band of worthy brother strings who took part with me in ringing a false peal at Rochester Cathedral in September, 1923. The composition was compiled in 1906, and luckily has not been rung before or since. The Rochester Sunday band can now claim their recent peal of Stedman Caters as the first on the bells. I further wish to apologise to the reverend hon. secretary of the K.C.A. for publishing a false peal in his report.—Yours truly,

F. A. HOLDEN.

Cranwell, July 14th, 1924.

5056 TREBLE BOB MAJOR.

COMPOSED BY THE LATE SAM THOMAS.

23456	M	B	W	H
32654	—	—	1	2
54263	1	—	2	2
23645	2	—	2	2
52436	2	—	1	2
54326	1	—	2	2
46325	2	—	1	2
35264	2	—	2	2
53462	—	1	2	2
32465	1	—	—	2
53624	—	—	2	2
56234	1	—	2	2
64235	1	—	—	2
25346	1	—	1	2
23456	—	—	1	2

This peal was first rung at All Saints', Sheffield, December 6th, 1900, conducted by its author, and was rung again as a memorial peal at Rammoor on July 8th. The figures have not been published previously.

A SEPTUAGENARIAN'S BIRTHDAY.

At Preston, Suffolk, on Wednesday evening, June 25th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Symonds 1, H. D. Lister 2, W. R. J. Poulson 3, K. Whittell 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, W. Hollocks (conductor) 6. Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. A. Hollocks, the oldest ringer in Preston, who was unable to be present, his brother ringers wishing him many happy returns.

AFTER 28 YEARS.

At St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, Surrey, on Sunday, 20th July, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Wells 1, A. J. Le Clercq 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Kemp 4, W. C. Hasted (London) 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, H. Prior 8. This is the first touch in any method by W. C. Hasted for 28 years past.

EASTBOURNE RINGER'S DEATH.

On June 16th, at St. Saviour's Church, Eastbourne a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans): F. G. Waymark 1, A. H. Gower 2, J. Sharp, senr., 3, A. C. Pankhurst 4, B. Hobbs 5, G. W. Stokes 6, E. Gower (conductor) 7, J. Sharp, junr., 8. Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a last tribute of respect to an old and much-valued member of St. Saviour's Guild, Mr. Ernest Marchant, who was interred on the above date.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BARNES.—On Sunday, July 20th, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: C. Hunt 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmer 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, W. C. Stacey 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. Willmott 8.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—On Sunday, July 20th, at the Parish Church of St. Martin, for morning service, in 45 mins., Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. B. Evans 1, W. E. Evans 2, L. Parton 3, T. W. Cattell 4, A. E. Clarke 5, C. Winwood (conductor) 6, A. Rowley 7, J. Hopson 8. Rung on the occasion of the annual festival of the day and Sunday Schools. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at the Parish Church.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Lewis 1, F. J. Lewis 2, W. H. Hayward 4, H. Gassor 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond (conductor) 7, W. G. Cook 8.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 20th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,263 changes), for evening: Miss Elsie E. Chapman 1, D. Wright 2, Miss Ellen E. Hardcastle 3, Miss Freda E. Orr 4, T. G. Bannister 5, W. S. Smith (conductor) 6, C. W. Roberts 7, S. W. Holdaway 8, C. Austin 9, G. Burt 10. The ladies are from Streatham; the ringer of the 7th from Kensington, and the conductor hails from Mitcham; the rest are of the local band.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), composed by M. J. Morris, in 41 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, H. T. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston (first quarter inside) 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.—For evening service, 503 Grandsire Triples: R. Edwards 1, R. Martin 2, J. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. T. Hughes 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, W. B. Kynaston 8.

LONDON.—At the Church of St. Andrew, Wells Street, for practice, on Thursday, July 17th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes), in 45 mins.: H. Dyas 1, G. W. Frayne 2, A. Cutmore 3, C. W. Roberts 4, P. E. Clark 5, C. Winney 6, W. E. Judd 7, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 8.

SCARBOROUGH.—On Sunday evening, July 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Haigh (York) 1, H. Ferguson 2, A. Horner (York) 3, J. R. Barton 4, L. Drake (Leeds) 5, S. Steel (York) 6, H. Walker (Doncaster, conductor) 7, H. Gibson 8. The quarter-peal was rung to commemorate the anniversary of the restoration of the church, also as a coming-of-age compliment to Miss D. Ferguson, youngest daughter of the 2nd ringer. Mr. H. Ferguson is the father of change ringing in Scarborough. In honour of the same events an attempt was made for Grove's Variation of Parker's Twelve Part Peal of Grandsire Triples, on the following evening. Unfortunately, after two hours' ringing, it was thought advisable to let the bells run home at the end of the eighth part, owing to the excessive heat and the very heavy 'go' of the tenor and one or two other bells. The band stood as follows: E. Humphreys 1, H. Ferguson 2, A. E. Earnshaw (York) 3, H. Gibson 4, L. Drake (Leeds) 5, J. R. Barton 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, F. Davison 8.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 13th, before afternoon service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. Jones 1, A. E. Richards 2, W. Clarke 3, W. Thomas 4, J. Morgan 5, H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor) 6, S. Jones, junr., 7, R. Ince 8. Rung on the occasion of the annual festival, Rushbearing Sunday.

SOUTHWELL CATHEDRAL.—On Sunday, July 13th, for evening service, 720 Kent Minor: H. F. Clulow 1, A. J. Chamberlain 2, T. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (first as conductor) 6, G. W. Kirk 7, W. D. Shorthose 8 (7-8 covering). Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. J. Richardson, who was Rector of Southwell 1900-1910, also Archdeacon of Nottingham.

GODSTONE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 6th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: K. Hoare 1, Miss G. Pulley 2, Miss P. Hoare 3, R. Hoare 4, L. Trigg 5, W. Beeson, senr. (conductor) 6.—Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1,260 changes), in 39 mins.: Miss P. Hoare 1, Miss G. Pulley 2, K. Hoare 3, R. Hoare 4, L. Trigg 5, W. Beeson, senr. (conductor) 6. First quarter in the method by all the band.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. Riley 1, W. Stevens 2, F. Smith 3, F. Alleyway 4, W. Glover 5, J. Warnken 6, I. Attwater (conductor) 7, S. Wapshere 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Whit Sunday, June 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Gotch (first quarter-peal) 1, W. R. Parker (conductor) 2, E. Sibley 3, G. W. Wehb 4, W. J. Dove 5, W. Sturgess 6, W. H. Austin 7, J. Wilkins 8.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—On Whit Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, at Tynemouth Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Robertson 1, J. George 2, E. Gosden 3, C. Waugh 4, J. E. Scott 5, E. Fern 6, Geo. Dix (conductor) 7, R. A. Sheock 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 3rd bells, and the longest touch for the ringer of the 8th and treble, and first quarter-peal called by the conductor.

MAIDENHEAD, BERKS.—At the Church of All Saints, on Whit Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Martin 1, A. W. Garraway 2, G. Martin 3, J. Marr (first quarter) 4, E. W. Eldridge (first quarter) 5, T. Goodchild (first quarter) 6, J. Eldridge (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

BROMSGROVE, WORCESTER.—On Whit Sunday, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Martin 1, H. Martin 2, J. Eades 3, T. Allbut 4, T. Wilson 5, W. E. Wilson 6, J. Mason (conductor) 7, A. Barrett 8. Arranged for Messrs. W. E. and T. Wilson, who were on a visit from Blackburn, Lancs.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, on Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Turfroy 1, J. Mustoe 2, R. Westmacott 3, W. Clayton 4, C. Westmacott 5, D. Hills 6, J. C. Acock (conductor) 7, R. Hayward 8. First quarter by the tenorman, who was a local ringer previous to joining the army.

CHRIST CHURCH, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, for choral celebration, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): S. White 1, Miss C. Sparshott 2, W. Stone 3, A. Wooff 4, G. Stone 5, W. Shave (first quarter-peal) 6, G. Preston (conductor) 7, F. Sparshott 8, W. Fowler 9, B. Kerley 10.

DONCASTER.—At the Parish Church of St. George, on Whit Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Halksworth (conductor) 1, E. Baldwin 2, J. Holmes 3, W. Lloyd 4, F. Newsome 5, H. Walker 6, R. Henson 7, H. Baldwin 8.

TEWKESBURY.—On Sunday, June 1st, at the Abbey, for evening service, 952 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: E. Cole 1, F. Harris 2, W. Yeend 3, T. Harris 4, A. Hannis 5, F. Smith 6, C. Dyson (conductor) 7, G. Watts 8.

ERITH.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): L. Cullum 1, W. Axtell 2, F. Axtell 3, F. J. Cullum 4, E. Nott (conductor) 5, G. Cullum 6, H. Holden 7, V. Robinson 8.

WRAXALL.—At the Parish Church a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by members of Portishead belfry, in 50 mins.: Miss Broad 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss Willott 4, Messrs. Goldstone 5, Nisbett 6, Gillingham 7, Rowbotham 8.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, for morning service at St. Stephen's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: W. J. Huxall (Heavitree, Exeter), 1, W. H. Hollier 2, A. Brookland 3, C. Edwards 4, P. E. Clarke 5, E. Harris 6, E. J. Walsom (conductor) 7, A. R. Macdonald 8.

HOLBORN.—St. Andrew's Guild.—On Sunday, May 18th, for evening service, in 48 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Harman 1, C. Choet 2, W. J. Norton (conductor) 3, T. Lee 4, A. Darnell 5, R. Green 6, E. C. Russell 7, J. Hawkins 8. First quarter as conductor.

UXBRIDGE, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Peddle 1, E. Wightman 2, P. Jones 3, H. Folkard 4, J. Corks 5, E. Hancox (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, J. Lucas 8.—On Wednesday, May 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: J. Lucas (first quarter away from the tenor) 1, G. Gutteridge 2, Miss P. M. Moss (conductor) 3, P. Jones 4, J. Corks 5, E. Hancox 6, R. Carter 7, S. Humphreys (first quarter-peal) 8.

PAIGNTON.—On Sunday, April 27th, at the Parish Church, for evensong, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Allwood 1, S. Ward 2, A. W. Bowers 3, T. S. Collings 4, J. S. Collings 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, H. J. Hole 7, L. Payne 8. Longest touch for ringers of 2nd and tenor.

LODDON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, April 27th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Double Court Minor: S. Copling (first 720) 1, A. C. Corbyn 2, R. A. Warman 3, H. Dennison 4, W. H. Barrett 5, F. A. Finch (conductor) 6.

LENTON, NOTTS.—On Sunday, April 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with bells muffled, in 50 mins., as a mark of respect to the memory of the Rev. Abn A. Watts, who was a Vicar for about 25 years, up to 1917, when he exchanged livings with the Rev. Felix Asher, of Brighton (now deceased): L. Middleton 1, A. Pearson 2, S. Wapstaff 3, D. Hill 4, F. Johnson (conductor) 5, F. Holehouse 6, J. Tuke 7, H. Middleton 8.

CHIPPING NORTON, OXON.—On Sunday, April 13th, for morning service, 300 Stedman Triples: D. Coombs 1, A. Newman 2, W. Gibbs 3, E. Large 4, W. Large 5, J. Jarvis 6, F. Barlow (conductor) 7, F. Candy 8. And for C.F.M.S. afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with D. Coombs as conductor.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.—On Saturday, July 5th, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: S. Hawksford 1, Miss F. Hawksford 2, S. J. Peck 3, L. J. Flint 4, G. D. Coleman (conductor) 5, G. R. Newton 6. The first five ringers are from St. Neots, and the sixth from Liverpool.

GORSEINON.—At St. Catherine's Church, on July 2nd, 420 Stedman Triples: J. Williams 1, *R. Baird 2, *Wal. Dobbins 3, *A. Sluiman 4, Harold Willis 5, *William Dobbins 6, A. J. Pitman (conductor) 7, C. Willis 8. * Longest touch in Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the local captain, Mr. Will. Dobbins.

HOPE, FLINTSHIRE.—On Saturday, June 28th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, consisting of ten six-scores each called differently, and a plain course: T. R. Butler (conductor) 1, S. J. Lewis (first quarter-peal, and is a local ringer) 2, W. S. Higginson 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. Higginson, senr., 6.

LEWISHAM.—On June 6th, on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Arthur Llewellyn Preston, M.A., to the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): H. Warnett, senr. (conductor), 1, C. H. Walker 2, J. J. Lamb 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, H. Warnett 5, Capt. W. Anderson, M.C., 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

OVER, CAMBS.—In honour of His Majesty the King's birthday, on June 3rd, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. J. Ginn 1, F. G. Gleaves (first 720 of Oxford) 2, Christopher Woolley 3, Fred Ginn 4, F. Warrington (conductor) 5, H. Dring 6. Also 720 Bob Minor: Christopher Woolley 1, F. G. Gleaves 2, W. J. Ginn 3, C. Robinson 4, A. Ginn (conductor) 5, F. Warrington 6.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—For the King's birthday, on June 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in the morning: S. Goodwin 1, C. H. Walker 2, J. J. Lamb 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, H. Warnett, senr., 5, W. W. Fox 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. — In the evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. W. Fox 1, C. H. Walker 2, J. J. Lamb 3, H. Warnett 4, H. Warnett, senr., 5, G. R. Simmonds 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8; and a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1,260 changes): G. R. Simmonds 1, C. H. Walker 2, J. J. Lamb 3, W. W. Fox 4, H. Warnett, senr. (conductor), 5, H. Warnett 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

BEESTON, NOTTS.—On June 2nd, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major: E. C. Shepherd 1, W. Clifford, senr., 2, W. A. Jones 3, A. B. Moss 4, J. C. Dicken 5, A. Coppock 6, F. S. Price 7, P. Price (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Tuesday, May 27th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. Blewitt 1, P. Bill 2, J. W. Perry (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, G. Warner 4, T. Perry 5, A. G. Hunt 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Speake 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Saturday, May 24th, at St. Andrew's Church, in celebration of Empire Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Prior 1, S. Meadows 2, H. Kemp 3, G. Upshall 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall (conductor) 6, R. Hasted 7, A. E. King 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At St. Nicolas' Church, on Thursday, May 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,275 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Chivers 1, C. Hazelden 2, E. Raddon 3, Mrs. C. Hazelden 4, W. Louder 5, G. Petter 6, G. J. Nichols 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, W. Enticknap 10. This was the first quarter of Stedman Caters for the ringers of the 1st, 6th, 7th and 10th.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Thursday, April 10th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 52 mins.: E. Jones 1, S. Hoare 2, G. Seaman 3, E. M. Elliott 4, W. Norris 5, W. E. Oakley 6, F. Edwards (conductor) 7, G. Hughes (Stanmore) 8. Rung on the occasion of the institution and induction of the Rev. Henry Edwards as Vicar of Watford.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Thursday evening, April 10th, at Great St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Welch 1, W. C. Ibbett 2, J. Taylor 3, A. T. Chenery 4, T. R. Dennis 5, E. G. Hibbins 6, W. H. J. Hooton (conductor) 7, P. Taylor 8. Rung as a welcome to the new Bishop of Ely (the Rev. J. L. White-Thomson), who held a Confirmation service in the afternoon at St. Mary's. Touches of Plain Bob, Kent, and Double Court Minor, for service, were also rung, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, Messrs. J. B. Woolley, W. H. J. Hooton, H. J. Hazell, P. Taylor and W. Welch, taking part.

WORCESTER.—On Thursday, March 27th, at the Church of St. John-in-Bedwardine, upon the occasion of the induction of the Rev. C. T. Powell to the vicarage of this parish, 720 Plain Bob: W. Thomas 1, J. J. Jeffries 2, J. Woodyatt 3, W. Page (conductor) 4, W. Lewis 5, W. Edgington 6. — Also for evening service, on Sunday, March 30th, a 720 of Oxford Bob by the same band, conducted by W. Lewis.

BULKINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, Bulkington, on Thursday, March 27th, in 41 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Thorpe 1, S. Sewell 2, J. Taylor 3, W. Thorpe 4, J. Beale (conductor) 5, R. Furberough 6. First quarter-peal on the bells, which have just been augmented to six.

NOTICES.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Reading on Saturday, July 26th (D.V.). Service at St. Lawrence's Church at 11.30. Preacher: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Hon. Sec. of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. Dinner at Central Cafe, Friar Street, at 12.30. Business meeting immediately after. Dinner tickets: members, 2/6; non-members, 3/- each. The tower of St. Lawrence will be open half an hour before Service and one hour after meeting; St. Mary's until 6 p.m., St. John's, Caversham, Tilehurst, Shiplake, Sonning, All Saints and St. Paul's, Wokingham, and Mapledurham in afternoon and evening.—R. T. Hibbert, Gen. Sec., 69, York Road, Reading.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Roxton and Great Barford on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (5) ready at 2.30, Great Barford 6 o'clock. Tea at 5 at Roxton. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, July 26th. 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.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Prestwich on Saturday, July 26th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7. A good attendance is requested.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Standish on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Eye on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.45 p.m.—A. Talbot, Dist. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Youghreave (8 bells) on Saturday, July 26th. A charabanc will leave Bakewell at 3 p.m. for Youghreave, returning to Bakewell at 7 p.m., fare 1/6 return. Tea 1/6 each, at the Bull's Head, Youghreave. Bakewell bells available from 7.30 p.m.—G. Cecil Wallace, Local Hon. Sec., 10, Goodale St., Derby.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Lockington on Saturday, July 26th (bells 6). Business meeting 4.30 p.m. Diseworth bells will also be available in the evening. All ringers welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Peckleton on Saturday, July 26th.—The bells at Kirkby Mallory will be available from 3 p.m.; those of Peckleton after 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Orston (6 bells) on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open 2 o'clock. Tea free to all who advise Rev. C. Jt Sturton, Orston Vicarage, not later than Wednesday, July 23rd. Train leaves Nottingham 2.18, return fare 1/7. Will those requiring tickets please let me know by first post Friday, July 25th? Meet at Victoria Station 2 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Loc. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Hendon on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Short service at 5.30. Tea and meeting to follow. A charge of 1s. will be made. Members and friends welcome. Bells recently rehung.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, to follow in the Village Hall. Will all who intend being present notify me by Wednesday, July 23rd, the latest? Half fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Street, Chislehurst.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 26th. Bells available 3. Service at 5. Tea will be provided on the Rectory lawn by the Rector (the Rev. Campbell Ward) and Mrs. Ward.—Fred M. Mitchell, District Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Lane, Gravesend.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Foy on Saturday, July 26th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m.—John Clark, Chase Road, Ross.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.—A Ringers' meeting will be held at Christ Church, Port Sunlight, tomorrow, Saturday, July 26th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea provided. All ringers invited.—H. Brocklebank.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Andrew's, Holborn, on July 31st; and *St. Michael's, Cornhill, 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.

HANDBELL RINGING.—A Fortnightly meeting for practice will be held at 7.30 p.m. in the belfry of St. Thomas' Church, Bristol, commencing Friday, August 1st. All those interested in handbell ringing are cordially invited to attend.—E. J. Brown, 31, Arlington Road, St. Anne's Park, Bristol.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hoddlesden on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, August 2nd. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—Fred Althorp, Hon. Sec., Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please write not later than July 29th?—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Late St. James' Society.)—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday (3rd) at 10 a.m., and Monday (18th) at 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday (25th) at 7.30 p.m.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

TACKLEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The bells of this Church having been rehung, and a new Treble added, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of the Diocese on Sunday, Aug. 3rd, at 3 p.m. All interested local ringers are invited to hear the best ring of six in the county.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 4th, at Macclesfield. Service 10.50. Meeting afterwards.—Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at North Elmham on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th. The ring of 8 bells of the Parish Church will be available. Luncheon at the George and Dragon Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the general business meeting. Tickets 2/6 per head. Luncheon will be provided for those members who notify the Secretary on or before Monday, July 28th.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th, at Ecclesfield. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. (1/- each). I would remind all those intending to be present, that, shops being closed, tea can ONLY be provided for those sending word to Mr. F. Mortimer, Cross Hill, Ecclesfield, not later than Thursday, July 31st.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th. Bells of All Saints' available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Gala day and sports, etc., cricket match in morning, proceeds in aid of new bells. A splendid programme of sports has been arranged commencing at 2 p.m. in field near church. All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided on ground at 4 p.m., 1/- per adult and 6d. for children. A special meat tea for ringers in church hall at 1/6 per head for all those who notify Mrs. Bartley, The Vicarage, Sutton-on-Trent, Newark, not later than July 31st. Cheap tickets at single fares for return journey will be issued to Crow Park or Carlton stations from Doncaster, Grantham or Sheffield and intermediate stations, available by any train due to arrive before 3.30 p.m. The express due to pass Crow Park will stop specially at this station at 8.30 p.m. to take up passengers for Retford, Sheffield and Doncaster and intermediate stations.—H. Haigh, H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting has been arranged for Bank Holiday Monday, August 4th. Bells available: Chalfont St. Peter (6) 10 a.m.; Chalfont St. Giles (6) 11.30 a.m.; Amersham (6) 2 p.m.; Beaconsfield (8) 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names of those requiring tea must be sent to me by July 31st as a definite number has to be stated.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 'Cambridge,' Wexham Wood, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The Annual Summer meeting will be held at Ranmore, near Dorking, on Bank Holiday, August 4th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. By the kind permission of Lord Ashcombe, the beautiful grounds of Denbies will be thrown open to ringers and their friends during the afternoon. All ringers welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec. Guildford District, Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, August 9th. Parish Church bells (8). Also by kind permission of the Rector of Romaldkirk Cotherstone, Cotherstone bells (6) are available. Tea at the Royal Restaurant at Galgade, Barnard Castle, at 5 p.m., 1/- per head to those who notify me on Tuesday, August 5th.—E. Sherry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

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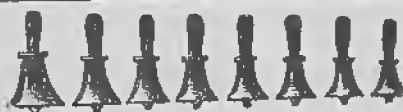
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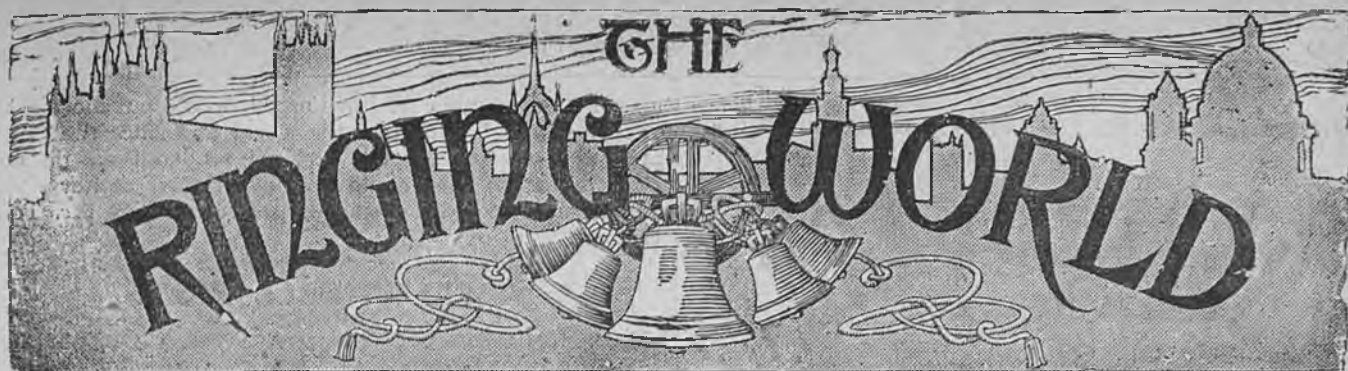
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OXFORD GUILD AFFAIRS.

There was a very businesslike air about the transaction of the affairs of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at the annual meeting on Saturday. There were several matters of considerable importance on the agenda, the most contentious being, in view of past discord on the subject, the venue of next year's festival. The claims of Buckinghamshire were put forward, and, having regard to the ultimate voting, it is by no means certain that that county would not have secured a majority had it been possible to go to High Wycombe, but, as we pointed out when the secession of this tower was threatened, the mere fact of its withdrawal from the Guild made it impossible that this Bucks centre should be chosen. High Wycombe, therefore, robbed itself of very probable selection by its action, for the little town of Beaconsfield, proposed as an alternative, was only defeated by four votes out of the 72 cast between it and Oxford. A referendum motion was defeated, for the view was taken that with those who attended the meeting should rest the fixing of the next venue—and that is a difficult argument to contest.

Although several other matters of importance to the Guild were decided, they were passed without dissent, showing that there is behind the Guild a strong body of united opinion. Even a motion that the branches shall be charged in future for the copies of the report required by their respective members was unchallenged. In some other associations this would hardly have been the case, despite the reasonableness of the claim that branch balances should be called to the aid of the central fund. In the Oxford Guild the branches may retain up to one half of the subscriptions of members, and the consequence has been that, while the printing of a report on the present lines would soon have swallowed up the reserves of the general fund, the branches have accumulated substantial amounts for which they have no pressing use. The proposal which was adopted on Saturday is one which other associations may be tempted to try, where their branches have funds that will enable them to do so.

The appointment of a paid secretary was another matter which met with no opposition. We were not quite correct when we said last week that this proposal was a new departure. We wrote from recollection, but the Master pointed out that the principle was in operation in the Oxford Guild before the war, and was only suspended when the claims of those dark days put a temporary end, or nearly so, to the work of the association. However, in their present secretary the Guild has

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a man who, whether paid or unpaid, would put more than twenty pounds' value into the work, and since the Guild are ready to pay for the services rendered we do not hesitate to say they could not invest their money upon anyone who will give them a better return than Mr. Tom Hibbert.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	COL.-SGT. JAMES BENNETT 7
WILLIAM J. NODDS 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALBERT W. COLES 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 5	*REUBEN SANDERS 11
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 6	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALBERT E. ADSTIN Treble	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	PERCY WEBB 6
* HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	CHARLES W. COOK 7
WILFRED C. IBBETT 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The hand wish to thank Mr. G. Bridge, the local captain, for having the bells ready.

Reports of peals rung on August Bank Holiday should be posted the same night, so as to reach this office on Tuesday morning and ensure publication in our next issue.

GRUNDISBURGH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, July 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM KINSEY Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING 5
CHARLES WOODCOCK 2	WILLIAM BURGESS 6
ALBERT A. FLEMING 3	JAMES ROSE 7
LESLIE WIGHTMAN 4	GEORGE W. ABLITT Tenor

Conducted by G. A. FLEMING.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, July 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight 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.

CHARLES COTTERILL Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH 5
JONATHAN PRESTON 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung in connection with the centenary celebrations of the above church.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Within-the-Walls,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING ... Treble	LEWIS J. EVANS... .. 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JAMES SWINDLEY 6
JOHN W. DAVIES 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN... .. 7
JOHN HAYES 4	†GEORGE R. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal. † 150th peal. Rung on the first anniversary of the Kent Treble Bob record length. Rung after meeting short on account of weather.

TADCASTER.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*ROBERT LANCASTER ... Treble	JOHN HARRISON 5
ALFRED BARKER 2	ERNEST LINDLEY 6
ALLEN DENNISON 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
HENRY CLAYTON 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... Tenor

Composed by Rev. C. D. P. DAVIS. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal away from the tenor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
FRANK FOX 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM JONES 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
JOHN HAYES... .. 4	JAMES H. RIDING ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Lady Ursula Grosvenor and Capt. Filmer Sankey, who were married in London on this date.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Wednesday, July 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight 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.

CHARLES COTTERILL ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RISHWORTH ... 5
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
RICHARD C. INGRAM ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	JOHN E. PYWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung to celebrate the centenary of the Parish Church, which was consecrated on July 23rd, 1824. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. W. Rishworth.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WM. J. ALDRIDGE, JUN. ... Treble	C. S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. ... 5
*ORD.-ART. A. GROVE, R.N. ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
*ALFRED CONNELLY 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 7
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE ... Treble	CHARLES W. BELL 5
GERALD F. GRIFFIN 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
WILLIAM A. CAVE 3	*JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
GEORGE TREW 4	†FRANK PEARCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

† First peal. * 200th peal. Mr. George Trew was elected a member of the association previous to starting. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE ... Treble	JOHN WILKINSON... .. 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	JAMES MARTIN 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN WATSON 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bt. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

Arranged for Messrs. Watson and Tomlinson, who were on a visit from Blackburn.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MRS. C. HAZELDEN ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT... .. 5
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 6
WILLIAM WATTS... .. 3	HARRY PARKES 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SPLICED TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

IN THE ILKESTON VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt. 9 lb.

EDMUND C. CHASTY ... Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY 5
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 2	WILLIAM THORNLEY 6
HENRY HARRISON 3	FREDERICK BAILEY 7
ALLAN R. HICKTON 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

This peal was rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Violet Glover, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Glover, of Millfield Road, Ilkeston, and Mr. Bernard Skelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Skelton, of West Hallam.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, July 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*WILLIAM E. BANKS ... Treble	GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE ... 5
GILBERT GUEST... .. 2	HORACE DOWELL... .. 6
WILLIAM GOODMAN 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUN... .. 7
JOHN GOODMAN, SEN. ... 4	WILLIAM MEEK Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were re-hung. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*ERIC G. LOCKE Treble	GEORGE W. FRAYNE 3 ^d
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
HARRY DYAS 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	HARRY A. FOLKARD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major as conductor.

MOORSIDE, OLDHAM.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

F. LAWTON Treble	V. HOWORTH 5
H. BARLOW 2	J. KAY 6
F. DUNKERLEY 3	B. THORP 7
C. PLATT 4	T. CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by B. THORP.

First peal by all the band except B. Thorp. The ringers of 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor are only 18 years of age.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
WALTER BARRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
*RUSSELL CURSON 4	FREDK. R. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by the late SAM THOMAS. Conducted by GEO. H. CROSS.

* First peal. For composition see 'Ringing World,' July 25th, 1924.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EAST HARPTREE, SOMERSET.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford and Single Court, and two each of Single Oxford and Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALEC MUNDAY 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 on the bells. First peal in five methods by all except the conductor.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 lb.

WILFRED C. IBBETT Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN 4
MISS KITTY WILLERS 2	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 5
HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	FRANK ROWLINGSON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROWLINGSON.

First peal as conductor.

WEST DEEPIING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR RIGGALL Treble	GEORGE LADD 4
JOHN G. AMES 2	JOHN CURRY 5
HORACE M. DAY 3	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Ladd.

CHURCHILL, OXON.

THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Sunday, July 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With 21 different callings.

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 27 lb. in G

ALFRED HILL Treble	JOHN KEYTE 4
ERNEST WITHERS 2	HORACE TERRY 5
WALTER LARGE 3	HENRY BAKER Tenor

Conducted by W. LARGE.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

BARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

8 different callings.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

†ARTHUR PEAKE 1	*WALTER N. ASHEY 3
*ALFRED E. BACON 2	†WILLIAM A. ALLMAN 4
JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor	

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

† First peal on five bells. * First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the preferment of the Vicar of Stoke to the Deanery of Carlisle. First peal of Stedman Doubles by the Association.

HANDBELL BELLS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5176 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1-2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3-4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 7-8
*ERNEST MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First of Stedman as conductor 'in hand,' and his 300th peal.

MONKSEATON, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE NORTH FARM,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6067 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 18 in G.

REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 1-2	THOMAS T. GOFTON 5-6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3-4	R. ALDER GOFTON 7-8
JAMES E. GOFTON 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

This peal was arranged for R. D. Marshall, of London, and is his first peal on handbells.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

GRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. SUBSCRIPTION TO BE INCREASED.

The annual meeting of the Warwickshire Guild at Nuneaton, on Saturday week, was one of the most successful in the history of the society. Ringing commenced at St. Nicholas' Church about 3 p.m., and at 4.30 the Guild's special service was taken in church by the Vicar, assisted by Canon Dodds. The Archdeacon gave the address. Upwards of 60 ringers were present from various parts of the county, including a number of ladies.

At the conclusion of the service tea was provided on the Vicarage Lawn, by the kind invitation of the Vicar, with the assistance of several ladies, including the wives of the Nuneaton ringers.

The business meeting took place immediately after tea, presided over by the Archdeacon, at which the hon. general secretary, Mr. A. Wilkerson, read a report of the Guild's activities during the past year and presented the balance sheet, both of which were duly passed.

The Hon. General Secretary, in his report, stated that quarterly meetings were held at Stoke-in-Coventry, Chilvers Coton and Southam. Meetings had also been held at Monks Kirby, Exhall, Bulkington, Whitnash and Coleshill. Two special meetings were held, at Coleshill in January, and Bulkington in March. At Coleshill the members were specially invited to hear the two new trebles installed there by the generosity of Mr. Fifield, making the peal into one of eight. At Bulkington the four original bells had been overhauled, two of them recast, and the peal augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The Guild was specially invited to open them on March 15th, when the dedication was performed by the Lord Bishop of Coventry. Upwards of fifty ringers were present, and it was a red-letter day for the village. All the meetings had been very well attended with the exception of Southam. At the meeting at Chilvers Coton a collection was taken on behalf of the Bulkington Bell Fund, and resulted in £2 being sent to that object. It was also resolved at this meeting to alter the date of the annual meeting from July to April. During the year sixteen new members had been elected—three honorary members, four non-resident, and nine ordinary ringing members. The honorary members were the Archdeacon of Aston and Vicar of Coleshill, the Rev. J. H. Richards, the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Vicar of Monks Kirby; and the Rev. Frank Melville, Vicar of Exhall. Twenty-five peals had been rung, against nineteen last year, twenty-one on tower bells and four on handbells, and including the first peal of Bristol for the Guild, rung by the Stoke band, the first peal of Bob Major 'in hand,' and the first peal of Cambridge Minor, with seven different callings. The first peal of New Cambridge Surprise for the Guild had also been rung. The peals comprised: Grandsire Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 5; Double Norwich, 1; Superlative, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 1; Bristol Surprise, 5; London Surprise, 1; Minor in five methods, 2; Minor in seven methods, 1; Stedman Caters in hand, 2; Bob Major in hand, 2; Cambridge Surprise Minor, 2; and New Cambridge Surprise, 1. The accounts showed a balance in hand of £5 7s. 5d., as compared with £10 4s. 5d. a year ago.

AN UNSUCCESSFUL INNOVATION.

The innovation of asking members to contribute 6d. towards the cost of printing the report had not been successful. Out of 200 printed less than 100 had been sold. In view of this, the only alternative when another report was issued would be to raise the subscription to 2s.

The secretary added that he very much regretted the president (the Ven. Archdeacon of Warwick) had been compelled to resign the office after a period of nine years, but he was pleased to announce that, if it be the members' pleasure, the Vicar of Nuneaton (the Rev. J. L. White) would accept the office.

The new arrangement for monthly meetings had not been a success, and the secretary suggested a return to the original arrangement. Messrs. H. Argyle and A. Roberts, the representatives on the Central Council, both attended the Council meeting on Whit Tuesday in London, and to them their thanks were due. Thanks were also due to the hon. district secretaries, Messrs. F. G. Ashbourne, T. W. Chapman, J. B. Fenton, F. E. Perrin and B. W. Mitchell for their work in that direction.

It remained to thank all other officers and members for their support and work during the past year, also the clergy who had placed their towers and bells at the disposal of the association, both for peals and meetings, particularly the incumbents and friends at Bulkington, Coleshill, Stoke, Chilvers Coton, and Whitnash, for their kind hospitality when the meetings were held in these respective places, and last, but not least, to the Vicar of Nuneaton for his kind invitation to tea that day.

The accounts showed a balance in hand of £5 7s. 5d., as compared with £10 4s. 5d. a year ago.

The election of officers for the ensuing year then took place. The Vicar of Nuneaton (the Rev. J. L. White) was unanimously elected president, in place of the Archdeacon of Warwick.

Mr. T. W. Chapman (Nuneaton) was elected Ringing Master, in place of Mr. A. Roberts, Coventry, resigned, and the rest of the

officers were re-elected. The Archdeacon was unanimously elected a vice-president, and Mr. A. Roberts' name was added to the committee, in place of Mr. James George, Birmingham.

A discussion took place respecting the printed report, and eventually the Vicar of Monks Kirby moved a resolution that a report be printed yearly, and the subscription be increased to 2s., commencing January, 1925, this being seconded and carried by a large majority.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING PRESIDENT.

Following the election of officers, a very pleasing little ceremony took place, when Mr. H. Argyle, the senior member of the committee present, asked the Archdeacon's acceptance of a suit case, suitably engraved, from the ringing members of the Guild, as a small token of their respect, appreciation of his services, and many acts of kindness during his nine years of office.

Mr. A. Wilkerson endorsed Mr. Argyle's remarks, and said the amount for the suit case was over-subscribed, and the committee decided to purchase a pair of silver candlesticks, which he asked Miss Gladys Dodds to present to Mrs. Back.

Both the Archdeacon and Mrs. Back were taken by surprise, and both very heartily thanked the ringers for the kindly thought which prompted their action, and for the beautiful and useful presents.

Votes of thanks were heartily accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for arranging with the organist and choir boys to assist at the service; also for his generosity in providing tea to the clergy who assisted at the service; the Archdeacon for his address, and to the ladies who kindly gave their assistance at the tea tables.

The tower was again visited, and ringing continued until about 8 p.m., during which time the touches included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Norwich, London, Bristol, Cambridge and New Cambridge Surprise, after which a pleasant hour was spent with the handbells.

Permission had been obtained to use Chilvers Coton bells, but owing to illness near the church this had to be reluctantly withdrawn.

MR. ERNEST MORRIS'S 300 PEALS.

With a handbell peal of Stedman Caters at Leicester, Mr. Ernest Morris reached his 300th peal, the following being the list:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Doubles, 1 method	13	13
Doubles, 2 methods	6	5
Doubles, 3 methods	4	4
Doubles, 4 methods	4	4
Doubles, 5 methods	2	2
Doubles, 6 methods	1	1
Minor, 1 method	17	16
Minor, 2 methods	4	4
Minor, 3 methods	6	6
Minor, 4 methods	5	5 (a)
Minor, 5 methods	2	2 (b)
Minor, 7 methods	3	3
Triples, Grandsire	47	30
Triples, Stedman	17	1
Major, Plain Bob	22	15 (c, d)
Major, Little Bob	1	1
Major, Kent Treble Bob	14	7 (e)
Major, Spliced Bob	3	1 (f)
Major, Double Norwich	26	7
Major, Forward	1	1
Major, Canterbury Pleasure	1	1
Major, Superlative Surprise	13	2
Major, Cambridge Surprise	15 (g)	3
Major, New Cambridge Surprise	2	
Major, Bristol Surprise	14	
Major, London Surprise	8	
Caters, Grandsire	7	5
Caters, Stedman	18	2
Royal, Plain Bob	2	2
Royal, Kent Treble Bob	3	
Royal, Cambridge Surprise	6	
Royal, New Cambridge Surprise	1	
Royal, Princess Mary Surprise	1	
Royal, Leicester Surprise	1	
Cinques, Grandsire	2	1
Cinques, Stedman	7	
Maximus, Kent Treble Bob	1	1
Totals	300	145

(a) 10.080 M.C.A. record; (b) 7,200; (c) 7,488 Northants record; (d) 13,440 M.C.A. record; (e) 10,912 M.C.A. record; (f) 9,120 record; (g) 7,008 and 12,896 record.

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PROPOSED MEMORIAL TO MR. J. W. WASHBROOK. SUGGESTED BELLS FOR AN OXFORD CHURCH.

At the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, on Saturday last, Canon G. F. Coleridge brought forward a motion, which had previously been before the Guild Committee, and recommended for adoption, 'That the Oxford Guild take the necessary steps to erect a memorial to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook in Oxford, and that subscriptions be invited from all Associations, Guilds and Ringing Societies, and from personal friends.' Canon Coleridge said there were probably very few who knew Mr. Washbrook better than he did, but he did not think it was necessary for him, on that occasion, to dilate on Mr. Washbrook's activities, his personal character, or anything else in his career as a ringer, because the preacher that morning had dwelt at length upon it. Everything they had heard from him, he (the speaker) could re-echo. They all knew what a great man Mr. Washbrook was, and they all knew it was a desire of a great many ringers that a suitable memorial should be erected to him in Oxford. He said 'in Oxford,' because originally it was suggested by him that it should be at St. Thomas', where Mr. Washbrook lived in the earlier part of his life, and where he was a boy at school. Afterwards they found out that it might be possible to erect the memorial in the cloisters at Oxford, close to the memorial to the late Master, the Rev. F. E. Robinson. Since then they heard that there was no proper space in the tower of St. Thomas's, and that the only place there for it was in the belfry. That would be most unsatisfactory, as it would not be seen by anybody except the local ringers. They had also been told that it would not be possible to get permission from the Dean and Chapter to place the memorial in the cloisters of the Cathedral. There was now a proposal that two further bells should be added to the peal at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford, and inquiries had been made as to whether the Guild would take that up as a memorial to Mr. Washbrook. He had thought it over, and had come to the conclusion that if sufficient money was forthcoming and the necessary permission could be obtained, no fitter memorial could be placed to the memory of Mr. Washbrook than by adding two treble bells to St. Ebbe's. He therefore moved: 'That a memorial be erected to the late Mr. Washbrook in Oxford, and that subscriptions be invited from all Associations, Guilds and Ringing Societies, and from personal friends.'

Mr. Hibbert seconded the resolution, that a memorial should be erected to one who was 'one of the dearest men in the world.' He was a man, said Mr. Hibbert, whose company you never left without knowing more than when you met him. He was a man without an atom of conceit, and he could do anything it was possible to do with a church bell or a pair of handbells. As to his moral character it was above suspicion in all ways, and if he (Mr. Hibbert) could help on the completion of this peal of eight at Oxford in any way, they Oxford was the place, because Mr. Washbrook was not associated with summated (applause).

Mr. T. Trollope suggested that if the memorial was placed at St. Ebbe's it would be rather buried, and he suggested the possibility of having the memorial placed in the Carfax tower. If it were recorded on the wall outside it would call the attention of thousands of people, not only to the fact that there were two memorial bells there, but that they had such a splendid man who had done such splendid work for bell ringing. As an amendment, he would like to propose that the memorial, if feasible, should be placed in Carfax tower.

The Master said the whole ringing world was looking at Oxford as the place where the memorial should be set up. Was the Guild in favour of that? The Lancashire Association, among whose members Mr. Washbrook spent the later years of his life, had said they felt Oxford was the place, because Mr. Washbrook was not associated with any particular church in Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION'S SUPPORT.

The Secretary read a letter from the Lancashire Association, in which it was stated that the Association had considered the question of erecting a memorial to Mr. Washbrook, and that they desired to know whether the Oxford Guild was doing anything in the matter. Their first suggestion had been that something should be placed on the grave, and that was favoured by the family, but the cemetery where Mr. Washbrook was buried was twenty minutes' walk from the nearest peal of bells, and the members were afraid that a memorial there would soon be forgotten. Mr. Washbrook was never a member of a tower in Manchester, and Pendleton and Miles Platting were the belfries with which he was chiefly associated. There were no bells at his own parish church. It was, therefore, suggested that the Oxford Guild and the Central Council should be written to to see if they would make the memorial a national one. Whatever the Oxford Guild did, they could depend upon the Lancashire Association giving them their fullest support.

The resolution that the memorial should be in Oxford was then put to the meeting, and carried.

It was decided that the scheme be left in the hands of a committee, consisting of the Master, the hon. treasurer, the secretary,

Canon Coleridge, Messrs. A. D. Cullum, H. Miles and W. H. Wilkins (St. Ebbe's).

In asking for suggestions which the committee might consider, the Master said he was quite sure that a scheme to increase to eight one of the many rings of six bells in the city of Oxford would find favour with other ringers throughout the country. The cost of adding the two bells at St. Ebbe's would be approximately £100. Out of this about £14 had already been subscribed in the parish, and if this scheme were adopted the Church Authorities would see about getting more.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards said that for a good many years there had been a demand for two more bells at St. Giles', Oxford, and he was under the impression the pits were already there. With all due respect to St. Ebbe's, they were tiny little bells, the tenor being only about 5 cwt., and it was a place which was very much buried. He, therefore, thought it would be very much better if they could put the memorial at St. Giles', where, it might be, the bells would form a more worthy memorial.

The Secretary said he thought Mr. Edwards had forgotten his Oxford. St. Ebbe's was described as being buried, but the ringers there could ring when they liked, and this church had been a school for ringers. St. Giles' was at the gates of the Radcliffe Infirmary, and if they put the bells there the clappers would have to be tied, and spikes put through the wheels. St. Ebbe's was a far more appropriate place, and if Mr. Washbrook knew what the Guild was doing, he (Mr. Hibbert) was sure he would like to know that the bells were being put where they could be rung.

This concluded the discussion on the matter, and the scheme is now in the hands of the special committee.

THE HEREFORD GUILD.

A MEETING AT COALBROOKDALE.

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgnorth district of the Hereford Diocesan Guild, held at Coalbrookdale on July 19th, was a great success, between forty and fifty ringers attending from Bridgnorth (St. Leonard's and St. Mary's), Broseley, Wellington, Little Wenlock, Walsall, Willey and Malinslee. Ringing commenced at 2.30, and the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe gave the visitors a most hearty welcome to the tower. The Rector of Little Wenlock and the Vicar of Wellington were present. Everybody was pleased to see Mr. Charles Edwards, the Ringing Master of the Guild, at Coalbrookdale, this being his first trip to the north section of the diocese. He spoke very highly of the very fine ring of eight bells by Messrs. Mears (tenor 20 cwt. in E, and cast in 1852), and said Coalbrookdale ought to feel proud to possess such a ring of bells. He also congratulated the ringers on the striking throughout. He added that he had often been chaffed and told that that end of the Guild could hold its own, and he admitted that he found it to be quite correct. Mr. Edwards stayed the night at Coalbrookdale, and took part in some very good ringing for Sunday morning service, leaving for Hereford on his motor-cycle in the afternoon. Unfortunately the weather was none too good for his 50 miles' journey. One thing is quite certain, he is very careful with his 'New Departure.' His greatest adventure on Saturday was to get 'fish-hooked' in a dogrose bush overhanging the Corredale Road, and it was an old one at that. He could not hide the fact, as the bush had branded his cheek. But, perhaps, this was not so bad as the experience of two members returning from the annual meeting on the '8-horse Twin Enfield.' In the Corredale, the pillion rider performed an acrobatic feat, and some of the bags, top coats, pants, etc., have not been seen since. Accidents will, however, happen to the most careful. But to resume, it was also a pleasure to have Mr. John Overton at the meeting. It was only natural that he should appeal to the ringers to listen to the striking, also to show them how to ring the treble. He has always been an advocate and ringer of the highest standard.

A very nice service was held in church, the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe officiating, and giving a fine address. The Rev. A. C. Howell, Rector of Little Wenlock, read the lesson; Mr. William D. Wase, one of the local ringers, played at the organ, in fine style for the hymns, psalms, chants, etc. 'Billy,' as he is best known, is very modest and too shy sometimes even to let you know that he is the first 'local' to ring a peal of Double Norwich. But that has given the local men a longing to get another move on.

After the service, tracks were made for Trinity Hall for tea, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. Preb. Crowe. Mr. Herbert Hughes and Mr. Fred Johnson (churchwardens) were also present. One new member was elected, and the chairman again said how delighted he was to welcome the Guild to Coalbrookdale, knowing full well that with his loyal and clever local ringers they would be sure of a really good time.

The Rev. A. C. Howell moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar. The meeting over a return was made to the tower for further ringing. Several of the Broseley men had their first pull on eight, ringing Grandsire Doubles with 4-6-8 covering. They gave a good account of themselves, and are on the right track. They also enjoyed watching the higher methods being rung.

W. S.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. VISIT TO THE 'OLD HOME.'

An enjoyable meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association was held at Hendon on Saturday, July 26th, when some 36 members and friends braved the elements to visit the home of the old Middlesex Association, the forerunner in this district of the present organisation. For many years the bells have been almost silent, it having been far from a pleasure to ring them, but they have recently been rebung by the Whitechapel Foundry with excellent results, and it is to be hoped that the Hendon band will soon be, as in the old days, amongst the leading six-bell ringers in the county. Owing to the unfortunate circumstance that the Vicar (the Rev. S. Chettoe) is seriously ill in a nursing home, the usual service had to be dispensed with.

Tea was served in the Church House, and was followed by the business meeting, the chair being taken by Mr. F. A. Milne, president. Amongst the business transacted was a vote of congratulation to the band of ladies who 'made history' at Old Windsor on May 10th by ringing the first peal of Stedman Triples in which mere man did not take part. This the hon. secretary was instructed to forward to Miss Parker, who so ably conducted the peal.

The next meeting of the district was arranged to be held at Stanmore on September 20th, whilst the hon. secretary announced that a joint meeting with the Essex Association was being held at Waltham Abbey on August 23rd. This, the hon. secretary stated, was not a meeting for business purposes, but for united practice with a neighbouring association, and he hoped it would be the forerunner of many such gatherings.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, coupled with the sincere regrets of the members at his serious illness, and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Thanks were also given to Mr. C. H. Martin and the local ringers for arranging everything to the satisfaction of the visitors. A large variety of methods were rung during the afternoon, there being opportunity given to all present to indulge in their fancy, whether it was Grandsire Doubles, Stedman Doubles, or Bob Minor, or something more advanced, such as Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, or Beverley, York, Cambridge, Wells, or London Surprise.

WIGTOFT LINGS.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Saturday, July 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 49 mins.: W. Young 1, W. E. Clarke 2, F. Dewey 3, G. Coleman 4, J. Young (conductor) 5.

THE LATE COUNCIL MEETING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There are two matters about which I should be glad if I may say a word.

The request that the Council should pay for the advertisement of their publications in our report, was an unauthorised one made in error by the printer. The matter was never discussed by the Suffolk Guild, and personally I think every association ought to freely advertise these publications whenever they can: it is one of the things that we exist for.

If I gave the impression that my Archdeacon is opposed to iron frames, I ought not to have done so. I think he told me that he has an open mind in the matter. But it was in consequence of some remarks of his, that I gathered that there is a movement in the Church Assembly, and in the Committee for the Preservation of Churches, to oppose the use of iron for bell frames in churches.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
July 24th, 1924.

ISLE OF WIGHT RINGER'S WEDDING.

A marriage was celebrated at St. Thomas' Church, Newport, on Thursday, July 24th, between Miss May Young and Mr. Walter Scott, junr., both of Newport. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar of St. John's, and during the afternoon a peal of Bob Major was rung upon tower bells by comrades of the bridegroom, who is one of the local band.

A reception at the Masonic Hall followed, the wedding guests making a large gathering, which enjoyed hospitality with the usual wedding festivities, including handbells and dancing till 10 p.m. Wedges of wedding cake and bumpers of port enabled the company heartily to wish the bride and bridegroom every happiness. The happy pair left at six o'clock for Southsea for the honeymoon.

CANON BAKER'S DEPARTURE.

At Dunstable, Beds, on Tuesday, July 22nd, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 48 mins.: B. F. Calcott (longest touch of Major) 1, Canon W. W. C. Baker 2, A. V. Good 3, C. Rollings 4, C. E. King 5, G. Heley 6, A. G. Matthews 7, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 8. This touch was rung on Canon Baker's last practice night as Rector of Dunstable.

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The Ringers' Roll of Honour, compiled by the Central Council, which is a most beautifully executed volume, has now been deposited in the Library at St. Paul's Cathedral.

At a meeting of the College Youths, a resolution was unanimously adopted congratulating the band who rang the peal at Exeter Cathedral recently.

The Birmingham twelve-bell week has been fixed for September 22nd to 27th inclusive, and four towers have so far been secured.

The opening of the ring of twelve bells at the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, Kent, took place on August 4th, 1819. There was a great fête in connection with the event, and London Societies provided the men to do the opening ringing, Wm. Shipway being among those who took part.

The first peal of Grandsire Royal was rung at Painswick on August 6th, 1815. There had previously been a peal rung at Aston by St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, but this turned out to be false.

A 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Drayton on August 7th, 1899.

THE TAUNTON PEAL TABLET SUGGESTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As one of those who spoke against this suggestion, I did so for several reasons. When the peal was arranged it was intended to ring it for the Gloucester and Bristol Association, see footnote to peal. My little experience has been, if you are fortunate enough to secure a coveted tower and bag a peal, you go away satisfied. Mr. Walker and I took part on October 3rd, 1896, in the first peal on ten bells by the association (Grandsire Caters) at St. Mary's, Taunton, and all the band were Sunday Service ringers at this church. This, in my humble opinion, was progress from a ringing point of view inside any association. The association did not provide a tablet; neither have they been asked to erect one for the firsts of Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Major and Royal, Kent Major, and some notable performances on six bells by the Norton band in years gone by. All the above were accomplished by local hands. Some may not agree with me, but from a progressive standpoint, a peal of Stedman Cinques by a band of experts from outside cannot be compared with a West Country (local) peal of Stedman Triples, or even Caters. One cannot expect to get an annual report full of peals, seeing that transport facilities are so poor. If anyone gets out to an outlying tower in the evening he cannot get back by train after about 7 p.m. So, if by any chance visiting ringers come along and satisfy a certain desire, it gives the annual report a little more dignity sometimes, which we locals cannot supply.—Yours truly,

Taunton.

J. HUNT.

STEDMAN TRIPLES AT DUNSTABLE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With reference to the peal of Stedman Triples at Dunstable on June 3rd last, and published in your issue of June 13th, the footnote of which states 'First peal of Stedman on the bells by an entirely local band.' As one of the ringers, Mr. C. Rollings, was then and is still a member of the Luton band, the remark is incorrect, and the conductor has been notified to this effect, and requested to withdraw same through the columns of your valuable paper. As he has not done so the members of the Luton band wish me to point this error out.

A. KING, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

REQUEST FOR A GENERAL MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Saxmundham District was held at Leiston on Saturday, July 19th, when members from twelve towers attended. The ringing included touches in methods ranging from Plain Bob to London Surprise Major. A short service was held, at which the Rector (the Rev. F. W. Morgan Jones) gave a brief and much appreciated address on the use of church bells. After the service an adjournment was made to the Junior Council Schools, where the ladies had prepared a sumptuous repast. After the removal of the cloth, smokes were handed round, and a short business meeting was held.

Two honorary members and four performing members were elected. A discussion took place as to a general meeting of the Guild, and it was decided that a recommendation be sent to the general secretary that a meeting be held at Woodbridge at as early a date as can be arranged.

Reference was made to the death of Mr. J. Button, for over fifty years Master of the Leiston company, and the members stood in silence, as a mark of respect.

Mr. F. Watling (Saxmundham) and Mr. C. F. Bailey (Leiston) thanked the Rector and the ladies for their untiring efforts to make the meeting a success.

Afterwards other touches on the tower bells brought to a conclusion one of the most successful meetings held in the district.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

There was a large gathering of ringers at Reading on Saturday on the occasion of the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The venue had been changed from Oxford on account of the clashing of a visit of a large number of Americans to the University city. The day's proceedings began with a service at St. Lawrence's Church, which was well attended, and was conducted by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn). Special hymns were used, and the singing was most hearty. The preacher was the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), who based his sermon on St. Paul's words to the Corinthians, 'Ever follow that which is good.' This text, he said, applied in a special degree to those who happened to hold any office in the service of the church, and as ringers they should have a high standard of churchmanship, a high standard of conduct, and a high standard of ringing. As Christians they owed a general duty of obedience to their Christian profession, and to the rules laid down by the Church for their guidance. Part of that duty was regular worship. It was their privilege as ringers to call God's people to the House of Prayer, and it obviously should be the regular habit of ringers to take part in that worship. It was their duty to join in worship not merely because they were ringers, but because they were Churchmen, and, therefore, when they were away from home on Sunday, as on occasion they might be, in order to ring at other belfries, they should make a point of joining in the act of worship in at least one of the churches where they were privileged to ring the bells. In maintaining a high standard of conduct, the first essential was a high standard of obedience to the moral law. There could be found no class of the community which could show a better record of morality than the ringers of this country, and they should be careful to maintain that record. As church officers they should take a lead among their fellow-men in maintaining temperance, fidelity and truth in all things; they should take a strong stand on the old-fashioned simple virtues that had made our nation great, and by which alone that greatness could be preserved. They should, as ringers, maintain a high sense of truth and honour, and such a standard in their own specific activities as they were proud and thankful to say were the well established traditions of the fraternity. It would be fresh in the minds of many of them how a point on this subject was discussed at the recent meeting of the Central Council in connection with umpires for handbell peals, and the Council almost unanimously decided that the best safeguard they could have against any fraudulent attempt to set up claims to unworthy performances, was to trust to the sense of honour prevailing among ringers. Another way of maintaining this standard was in keeping faith with their colleagues, and being always in their place, and punctual. They wanted these principles carried out in their dealings with their fellow-men so that ringers could be looked upon as men to be always trusted, and whose word was in very truth their bond.

THE LATE MR. J. W. WASHBROOK.

Then, continued the preacher, they wanted in a special sense a high standard of ringing. The Oxford Guild was rich in examples of ringing of a high standard. He could not pass over that occasion without paying a tribute to the memory of one whose sudden passing sent a shock to the hearts of very many ringers throughout the length and breadth of the land. To those who knew Oxford thirty years ago the name which would be most closely linked with it was that of one of the most eminent ringers of all time—James William Washbrook. Although his activities as a ringer were distributed over a wide field in the British Isles, it was in the period of his association with the Oxford Guild and during his residence at Oxford that those great achievements of his were performed, and that he won his title to undying fame as a very prince among ringers. For long years he was instructor and conductor to his Guild, and carried on a magnificent work in promoting the art of ringing. He was a man of splendid physical development, and quite exceptional intellect, with a wonderful power of concentration; a man who was frankly and simply conscious of his pre-eminent position, but entirely free from any tendency to boast of his own powers and achievements, and withal generously appreciative of the attainments and merits of others. He was ready to encourage youthful aspiration and assist an earnest beginner in his efforts. Those who knew him, and who had the privilege of being associated with him in the pursuance of our art, would fain pay their tribute of admiration and affection, and they might well take an example from that man and apply it to the principle of their text, 'Ever follow that which is good.' The preacher emphasised the importance of giving the best in service ringing, and to take as example in maintaining a high standard of ringing that of the late Mr. Washbrook.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After the service dinner was served at the Central Cafe, where the Master presided, supported by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Mrs. Jenkyn, Mrs. Norris, Miss Norris, Miss Robinson, the Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, the Rev. R. H. Hart Davis, the Rev. H. J. Mumford

(Rector of St. Lawrence), Mr. R. T. Hibbert (secretary), Mr. W. Hibbert, Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer), etc.

Nearly 100 sat down to lunch, and there were 120 present at the business meeting from the following towers: Abingdon, Appleton, Aldermaston, Benson, Bradfield, Burnham, Boyne Hill, Caversham, Cookham, Chipping Norton, Crowthorne, Drayton, Fulmer, Hitcham, Henley-on-Thames, Hughenden, High Wycombe, Harwell, Hagbourne, Hendred, Headington, Isley, Iwer, Long Crendon, Mortimer, Maple-durham, Newbury, Oxford (St. Ebbe's and University Society), Pangbourne, Reading (St. Lawrence, St. Mary and St. Giles), Stoke Poges, Sulham, Stevenage, Wallingford, West Wycombe and Wokingham.

After the repast, the Master proposed a vote of thanks to the preacher, the Rector of St. Lawrence, and the organist, and this was acknowledged by the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards and the Rev. H. J. Mumford.

The business meeting was then held, and the Master presented his report for the year 1923, in the course of which he stated: There appears to be in certain quarters a misapprehension as to the method of ordering Guild affairs. They are ordered, not by any individual, nor by any one branch, but by members assembled in general meeting. At this meeting the Guild committee presents its report, which contains the opinion of the committee on matters which it has considered. This acts as a guide to the general meeting in arriving at its decisions, but is in no way binding unless it is then and there adopted. If a branch desires to see certain measures carried out, it should notify the general secretary accordingly, and should instruct its representatives on the Guild Committee to bring these points forward at the committee meeting (held alternately at Reading and Oxford), which it is expected they should attend. Of course a matter may be brought forward at the general meeting which has not come before the committee, by giving proper notice, but it is always better for the committee to discuss a matter before it goes to the general meeting. With regard to a referendum, this can only be ordered by a general meeting, and would not naturally be resorted to unless the voting on some important matter were so close as to appear to demand it. I have attended meetings of all the different branches. The outstanding feature has been the good feeling which exists. It is quite the exception to find it otherwise. It is very gratifying to note the revival of change ringing at Banbury. Congratulation to Mr. Maurice Smith for this. I have given advice on rehanging at Chaddleworth, Lower Heyford, Kingham, Milton Keynes, Stoke Poges, Great Tew, and Wing. Restoration work has been carried out at Beedon, Brightwalton, Peasemore, Stony Stratford, Wootton, and West Wycombe. In all these cases additions have been made to the number of the bells. The Rev. R. H. Hart Davis has resigned the treasurer-ship of the Guild, and the chairmanship of the Sonning Deanery branch. He feels very strongly that he should give way to younger men. He has held both offices almost since their commencement, and for some time was also Guild hon. secretary. He retires thanked and honoured by the whole Guild, and glad to know that in each case a worthy successor has been forthcoming. We are fortunate in securing one so keen and experienced as Mr. A. J. Wright, of Reading, to be our hon. treasurer, while Canon Coleridge adds to the many duties which he so faithfully discharges that of chairman of the branch of his own deanery. Mr. G. Martin, of Boyne Hill, and Mr. P. Wilson (branch secretary), of Warborough, have been seriously ill. We congratulate them both on their recovery. It was announced at the festival that Mr. W. Newell, of Reading, had retired from all ringing, and indeed from all active work, owing to failing health. The news was received with much sorrow. He has done a wonderful work spread over many years. At the end of the year came the sad news of the sudden death of Mr. J. W. Washbrook, of Manchester, and formerly of Oxford. It is impossible here to pay a sufficient tribute to one so great in every way, so gifted, so lovable. The fact that it is some twenty years since he lived amongst us does not diminish the debt of gratitude the Guild owes to him. May he rest in peace. Once again I would acknowledge on behalf of the Guild all the good work that has been done by the hon. treasurer (past and present) and by the hon. secretary.

The Master added that he made a reference at the close of his report to the serious illness of Mr. W. Newell, who had since passed from them. He would like to take that opportunity at their first annual meeting after his death, to show they were still mindful of him, and the great services he rendered to that Guild. He would like also that their secretary should send a letter to Mrs. Newell, telling her that they thought of him with affection and respect.

This was agreed to, and the members stood in silence for a few moments.

GUILD FINANCES.

The treasurer's and secretary's reports were taken as read. The treasurer's report was as follows: The statement of accounts for 1923 show a balance of £64 11s. 1d., as compared with £51 1s. 7d. brought forward last year. The increase is largely accounted for by the arrears brought forward, which amount to £19 16s. 7d. The expenditure is practically the same. The net cost of each member is one shilling and twopence, and as the Guild only received ninepence there

is a net loss of fivepence per member. The deficiency is made up by (1) hon. members' subscriptions, and (2) subscriptions to the general Guild, which amounted to £1 11s., as compared with £1 17s. 10d. in 1904. The subscriptions from the branches amount to £67 9s. 6d., being £12 6s. 4d. less than last year. Seven branches have increased their membership, and six show a decrease. Only eight branches paid their subscriptions before December 31st. I suggest that Rule 3 (for local branches) should be amended by altering 'December 31st' to 'before the annual festival.' It is impossible for me to close the accounts at the end of the year unless I receive the subscriptions some time beforehand. It will be necessary to provide £80 before the end of the year, and I only have £64 in hand. I very much regret that there will be no funds for restoration grants this year beyond £10 passed at the annual meeting. The pressing need is a considerable increase in the number of hon. members. I feel sure that this might be accomplished if all members would make a special effort in that direction. In order to arrive at the true financial position I have inserted in the statement of accounts the balances in the hands of ten branches, which amount to £96 1s. 10d. Three have not sent me balance sheets. The committee will consider various suggestions for placing the Guild finance on a sound basis, and I hope that the proposals which will be brought forward will receive careful attention at the annual meeting. I should like to add my appreciation of the services rendered by the late treasurer. It is just 20 years since the whole question of the position of the Guild was considered, and the suggestions Mr. Hart Davis then made are responsible for the present sound financial position. I am anxious to get into personal touch with all the members, and so far I have had the pleasure of visiting five branches. I am hoping to visit the others in the near future.

TOWERS STANDING ALOOF.

The secretary's report was as follows: Another year has gone and left its marks upon our Guild in various ways. I have again been able to visit all the branches with one exception, and again must honestly say that the feeling of brotherhood is very fine, and the branches generally are very much alive. It is of no use mincing matters, so I must say that I cannot give actual figures as to membership, owing to the unsatisfactory condition of things in the East Berks and South Bucks branch, where although we know that some towers are loyal and have paid subscriptions as in the past, others are standing aloof. This also applies to a great many individual members. These conditions have been brought about by the decision of the general meeting to again hold the annual festival at Oxford, and while our rules read as at present those members who make the journey to Oxford (or wherever the festival may be held) will always have the right to select the place for the next year. It is a source of worry to the officers of the Guild, but what can be done? No one branch can be allowed to flout the wishes of the other twelve branches. Therefore, in this report I have left the returns of the E. B. and S. B. branch very much as before, but must have something more tangible to work on next year. The Ringing Exercise had a most severe loss this year by the death of James W. Washbrook, who died quite suddenly at Christmas time. He had for some years been living at Manchester. To the younger members of this Guild Washbrook was only a name heard spoken of by older ringers, or seen on tablets in a great many bellries, but to men of my own age he was an outstanding man as a ringer and conductor, an unassuming, lovable man. Our peal record is rather remarkable for one thing, and that is the absence of 'Surprise' peals. Good progress has, however, been made in 'chango ringing,' which is a fact to be pleased about. A goodly number of young members have rung their first peals, and a great number have rung first peals in other methods than Grandsire. Let me here again remind ringers that peals are of no value or satisfaction to the ringers, or to the listening public, unless well struck. I must again tender my thanks to branch secretaries and others who have given me help, and heartily thank friends all over the diocese for the welcome and pleasant hours I have enjoyed wherever I have had occasion to visit. With a sincere wish that 'an oiled feather' may be found during the next year to smooth all friction and cement the real Guild feeling.

HINT TO OXFORD ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The re-election of the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, as Master, was agreed to with acclamation, Mr. A. J. Wright was re-elected hon. treasurer, and Mr. R. T. Hibbert secretary. The twelve elected members of the committee were appointed as follows: Messrs. J. J. Parker, J. F. Barlow, G. Cudwell, G. Holfield, E. Humphrey, A. D. Cullum, J. Evans, W. Hibbert, senr., J. W. Wilkins, R. White, H. Sear, and F. Webb, and on the suggestion of Mr. Cullum it was resolved that the names should be printed in the report in the order of seniority as determined by years of service on the committee.

Canon Coleridge gave a resume of the proceedings of the Central Council, upon which, in addition to being president, he is a representative of the Oxford Guild. In dealing with the resolution passed by the Council recommending that in all cases Diocesan Advisory Boards should include at least one member with expert knowledge of bells and ringing, he pointed out that the Oxford Diocesan Advisory

Board had no such member. Miss Norris, who was present that day, and who was hoping to become a member of their Guild, might bring this matter before her father, Canon Norris, who was chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Diocese of Oxford, and impress upon him with all the force of which she was capable, the great advisability of putting on a man well acquainted with the circumstances of bells and towers generally (hear, hear). At present, although they had on the board experts representing a great many departments of church work, their particular department was not recognised.

Canon Coleridge was warmly thanked for his report.

NEXT YEAR'S MEETING.

The meeting then came to the consideration of a number of recommendations made by the General Committee. The first had reference to the annual festival in 1925. Mr. Cullum moved that the recommendation of the committee that the festival be held at Oxford be adopted.

Mr. Wilkins proposed as an amendment that it be held at High Wycombe.

A member inquired whether it would be in order to hold the meeting at High Wycombe, that tower having, he understood, withdrawn from the Guild.

Mr. Wilkins said he was sorry if this point stood in the way of visiting Wycombe. He thought the Guild ought to visit the county of Bucks, because it was owing to the fact that the annual festival of the Guild was never held in that county that High Wycombe had withdrawn from the Guild. They all regretted the exclusion of High Wycombe, because the High Wycombe tower had always been a useful acquisition to the Guild. Not all the members of the tower were in favour of withdrawing, but the decision was directly due to the fact that Bucks was not recognised as one of the places for holding the annual festival of the Guild.

The Master said High Wycombe was out of court, so far as the next annual meeting was concerned. By withdrawing from the Guild they had practically said they did not wish the Guild to come.

Mr. Wilkins thereupon proposed that the festival in 1925 should be held at Beaconsfield.—This was seconded by Mr. Berry.

On being put to the vote, 38 voted for Oxford, and 34 for Beaconsfield.

The Master said the voting was very close, and if it was the wish of the meeting that the matter should go to a referendum, that was the time to propose it. He wanted the members to understand what a referendum would mean. The secretary would send a notice to every tower, asking the secretary to state how many members in his tower voted for Oxford and how many for Beaconsfield.

The taking of a referendum having been proposed and seconded, Mr. Cudwell opposed it. Many towers, he said, were never represented at the annual meeting, and why should they have a voice in settling where the festival was to be held?

The Master said it was quite true that those who went to the meeting should be considered and consulted, and not those who stayed away, wherever the meeting was held.

The motion on being put, was lost, and Oxford declared carried for the year 1925.

The proposal to erect a memorial to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook will be found reported under a separate heading.

The Hon. Treasurer moved 'That the annual report be printed as at present, but that each branch secretary shall inform the general secretary in January in each year the number his branch requires, and that they shall be charged to the branch at 6d. per copy.' Mr. Wright said they were spending twenty pounds more than their income, and if that went on they would soon swallow up their reserve fund. If this resolution was carried it would just make up that £20, and keep them in a fair state, from a financial point of view. The balances held by the various branches was about £100, and they could, if they chose, pay this 6d. out of the branch funds without touching the general fund. If the branches liked to sell the reports to the members they could do so. It seemed to him that as the branches had been in existence long enough to create these balances they might come to the assistance of the Guild in this matter.—The resolution was carried *nam. con.*

Mr. Wright next moved a formal resolution, requiring branch secretaries to remit to the treasurer the contributions of the branch before the annual meeting, instead of, as at present, by December 31st, and also that in future cheques should be signed by the treasurer, and either the Master or one of the trustees.—Both recommendations were adopted, without discussion.

SECRETARY'S SALARY.

The Master then moved 'That the general secretary be a paid officer at a salary of £20 per annum.' He said they all enjoyed very much the leading articles which appeared in 'The Ringing World,' and he had read the one that week with much interest, but he thought the Editor was under a misapprehension. This was not a new venture. When he (the Master) joined the Guild twenty years ago they had Mr. Hart Davis as secretary and treasurer, and an assistant secretary, Mr. Pike, who was paid £20 per year. Mr. Reeves

succeeded Mr. Pike, and received the salary. When Mr. Hart Davis retired from the secretaryship and remained as treasurer, Mr. Reeves carried on as secretary of the Guild, and was paid £20 a year. When the war came, and many of them were scattered, including Mr. Reeves and himself, Mr. Hibbert came into the breach and offered to carry on. He very magnanimously refused to accept anything as salary, and said he would try to do without anything, but after a time he found he was glad to accept an honorarium, and they had given him that honorarium for two or three years. Now Mr. Hibbert felt it was no longer a question of an honorarium. The demands on his time were such that he felt he must be paid. He (the Master) knew the time which Mr. Hibbert gave up to the work of the Guild, to do the things which the members required him to do. There was a great demand, too, on the time of the branch secretaries, and he would like to see a recognition made in every branch for the time which the secretary expended on the work of the branch, but he was speaking now of a salary for the secretary of the Guild. What he proposed was that in future the payment to the secretary should be regarded as a standing charge on the Guild funds.

Mr. A. E. Reeves, in seconding, said Mr. Pike received no salary. He (the speaker) was the first to receive a salary. He assured the members, from his own experience, that in spending this money they were not wasting a penny.

Mr. Wilkins supported the motion, remarking that a labourer was worthy of his hire. Twenty pounds was certainly a very small sum for the work the secretary had to perform.

The motion was then put, and carried.

Mr. Hibbert, in thanking the members, said the question was not brought forward because he had any greed for filthy lucre (laughter). He had done the work for three years, and heavy demands were made upon the secretary.

The meeting then confirmed the election of 152 new members. The secretary pointed out that 22 of these were the transfer of probationers to full membership. He would be glad to see the time when this transfer was wiped out, and then they would know how many new members they were making each year.

The Rev. J. T. Mumford and Miss Norris, daughter of the Rural Dean of Reading, were elected hon. members of the Guild, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Master for presiding.

After the meeting the members dispersed to ring on the bells in the various towers in Reading and adjoining places, a number going to Caversham and Wokingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION AT SEAFORD.

A meeting of the Central Division was held at Seaford on Saturday, July 19th, about thirty being present. After the bells had been inspected by those who arrived early, ringing commenced about three o'clock. A short service was later held in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Phillips, M.A.), and was followed by tea, provided in a very generous manner by the Vicar and churchwardens. At the business meeting the items on the agenda were of the usual routine nature, and the following new members were elected: A. J. Inkpen (Burgess Hill), G. H. Shaker (St. Nicholas', Brighton).

The Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) then congratulated the Vicar of Seaford and the churchwarden (Mr. Fisher) on the success of their efforts in connection with the new bells, which have resulted in the acquisition of the present fine peal, and proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the service, and his inspiring address, coupling with this an acknowledgment to the kind hosts, whose hospitality added so much to the enjoyment of the day.

This being put to the meeting, was carried with acclamation, and suitable replies by the Vicar and Mr. Fisher brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

The tower was again visited until about 7.30, when the bells were lowered.

The ringing throughout the day was very good, the methods rung including Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London.

The following towers were represented: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), Burgess Hill, Eastbourne (St. Saviour's), Henfield, Lindfield, Shoreham, Southover (Lewes), Seaford, Uckfield. A number of independent members were also present.

AN AUGMENTED CORNISH PEAL.

The bells at St. Anthony-in-Meneage, near Manacann, Cornwall, which have been recast and augmented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Truro on Wednesday, August 6th, about 7.30 p.m. Ringers are invited.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable afternoon was spent on Saturday at the typical old-time English Church of Lockington, noted for its magnificent oak carving and architecture, dating back from 16th to 17th century. The church possesses a nice ring of six bells, upon which some good touches of Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. The ringers then journeyed to Disworth, which is about three miles away, and were there met by the local men. This beautiful ring of six, which has just recently been installed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were soon pealing forth Kent Treble Bob, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles.

The bells were then lowered in peal, when it was found that the bus had had a 'shift course in the last part,' and the ringers had to employ 'Shanks' pony' to get back to Loughborough.

DERBY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Derby district was held at Youlgrave on Saturday, July 26th, about thirty members being present from Derby, Duffield, Ripley, Darley Dale, Bakewell, etc. Most of the visitors journeyed from Bakewell, via Haddon Hall, and reached Youlgrave at 3.30 p.m. Youlgrave is somewhat out of the way for a ringers' meeting, but possesses a fine peal of eight bells by Mears and Stainbank (tenor 26 cwt.), and to hear their music in well-struck changes rolling over the beautiful hills and valleys of the Peak is worth making the journey. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Cambridge and London.

After tea, the business meeting was held in the belfry, and, after several places had been proposed for the August meeting, Duffield was eventually selected.

On the return journey Bakewell tower was visited, where hangs a peal of eight, also by Mears and Stainbank (tenor about 17 cwt.). This is a very ancient church standing on the side of a hill overlooking the town and valley, through which runs the River Wye, and from the churchyard a splendid view of the surrounding country is obtained.

Touches in various methods were rung, one and all being quite satisfied with the finish of a most enjoyable afternoon and evening. Incidentally it may be stated that it was the best meeting held by the Derby district during the year.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the clergy for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for arranging the various details connected with the meeting.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT ENTERTAINED.

At the kind invitation of the Rev. C. J. Sturton, a ringing member of the above association, the July meeting was held at Orston on Saturday, July 26th. The bells, a very musical peal of six, were dedicated last December, having been rehung and two new bells added as a war memorial. The bells were kept going in various methods until during the afternoon, when the visitors adjourned to the Vicarage lawn, where tea had been provided, and to which 50 ringers and friends sat down, representing the following towers: Beeston, Bulwell, Bottesford, Cotgrave, Bingham, Radcliffe, Balderton, Radcliffe-on-Trent, Shelford, St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nottingham, and visitors from Surfleet, Hough-on-the-Hill. The local officers present included Mr. A. Coppock (vice-president), F. Blood (hon. local secretary), Mr. W. E. White (committee).

At the business meeting, held on the lawn, the Vice-President thanked the Rev. C. J. Sturton for kindly inviting the members there that day.—Mr. White proposed Cotgrave as the place for the next meeting, having that morning received from the new Vicar an invitation to the association to visit Cotgrave.—Mr. G. West proposed Eastwood, but, on being put to the meeting, Cotgrave was selected, the meeting to be held on the 23rd or 30th August.

One new member was elected, and a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. J. Sturton was proposed by Mr. W. E. White for kindly entertaining the ringers. He suggested that a collection be made to help clear off the debt on the Bell Repair Fund, and the sum of £1 17s. was collected.—The Rev. Sturton, in replying, thanked those present, and spoke of the pleasure it gave him and the ladies to welcome them there that day, and also for the magnificent collection to help them clear off the debt.—This concluded the meeting.

Some remained to play bowls on the lawn, while others returned to the tower, and kept the bells going in various methods until 8 o'clock, when one of the best meetings held by this branch was brought to a close.

SHIPLEY.—At St. Paul's Church, on March 30th, touches of Oxford and New London Treble Bob Minor: T. Wilcock 1, H. Haigh 2, T. B. Kendall 3, E. H. Simpson 4, H. Stott (conductor) 5, F. Seagar 6. Also a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major: E. H. Simpson (conductor) 1, T. B. Kendall 2, F. Seagar 3, H. Davison 4, R. Humpley 5, F. Kilshaw 6, J. Broadley 7, H. Foster 8. The above touches were hung half-muffled as a mark of respect for Mr. J. Hardcastle, who had been verger at the above church for 17 years. This was the first quarter-peal of Surprise for all except treble and third ringers. First as conductor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

LONDON.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, at St. Leonard's, Streatham, S.W., 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Lee 1, Miss E. E. Chapman (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 2, Miss F. E. Orr (first quarter-peal of Treble Bob) 3, G. W. Harris 4, J. W. Chapman 5, E. J. King 6, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 7, J. R. Gammon 8.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: R. Moreton 1, Miss M. Godderidge (first 720) 2, Miss G. Dodds 3, H. Wright 4, A. Beamish (first 720 as conductor) 5, J. Moreton 6.

ROSS-ON-WYE.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: L. Nelves 1, Wm. Poston, junr., 2, E. Matthews 3, J. Bevan 4, E. Summers 5, Wm. Poston, senr., 6, Wm. Bishop (conductor) 7, G. Wilks 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples (Thurstans): W. Chapman 1, H. Norman 2, A. Tout 3, C. Tarr 4, W. Cross 5, A. J. Andrews 6, W. A. J. Knight (conductor) 7, J. Sweetland 8.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, the last 742 from Holt's Original. F. Tompkins 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, W. Mead 3, F. Stanton 4, E. Lathall 5, W. Liddy 6, W. Smith 7, A. Gregory 8.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 27th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Temple): J. Sly 1, J. Mustoe 2, R. G. Rice (conductor), Harwell, Berks, 3, R. Westmacott 4, J. C. Acock 5, C. Westmacott 6, D. Hills 7, J. Cook 8.

BRATTON, WILTS.—On Sunday, July 27th, at the Church of St. James, after evening service, in honour of the Patronal Festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: J. Francis (Trowbridge) 1, P. C. Chapman (Westbury), 1st quarter-peal, 2, W. Chapman (conductor) 3, E. White (Warminster) 4, B. Cook 5, E. C. Marlow (Warminster) 6. The Rev. E. C. Alexander, Vicar of Westbury, and patron of the living, who was the preacher at festival evensong, came to the ringing chamber, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Jeayes), and shook hands with the ringers before ringing commenced.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On July 27th, for evening service, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Doubles, rung in 42 mins.: Miss Clara Trapmore 1, G. Adley 2, G. Higgs (first quarter peal as conductor) 3, Mr. Povey (Crayford, Kent), 4, W. Tilley 5, R. Coles 6.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, July 27th, 1,120 Superlative: V. Tipton 1, H. Smaile 2, F. Whitty 3, L. A. Cordell 4, G. Dent 5, S. Clark 6, J. Cordell 7, W. Wheeler 8.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Sunday morning, July 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, A. Mills 3, F. Hodges 4, F. Good (conductor) 5.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, July 27th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. Eagles 1, A. Binfield (longest touch in the method) 2, W. Wenban 3, F. W. Elliott 4, R. H. Stevens 5, S. Binfield 6, H. J. Saunders 7, C. Turner (conductor) 8. Mr. W. Wenban, of Sandwich, was on a visit to Dover.

LONDON, W.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evensong, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: E. G. Locke 1, G. W. Frayne 2, H. Dyas 3, W. S. Garrard 4, P. L. Miles 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, C. F. Winney 7, H. G. Miles 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 560 Double Norwich Major: J. J. Symons 1, F. W. Rogers 2, T. R. Taylor 3, H. Holifield (Abington) 4, W. Tate 5, R. J. Stone 6, J. D. Harris 7, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 8.—Also on Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples.—For evening service, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. J. Symons 1, W. Tate 2, T. R. Taylor 3, T. Walker (London) 4, J. D. Harris 5, R. J. Stone 6, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, the last 700 of Holt's Original: W. Alston (longest peal) 1, G. James 2, G. Durling 3, A. James 4, P. Spice 5, G. Huxley 6, T. Emery (conductor) 7, E. Mounter 8.—On the previous day, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Knight (longest length) 1, P. Spice 2, T. Emery 3, G. Durling 4, G. James 5, G. Huxley 6, E. Mounter (conductor) 7, T. Knight 8.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, July 20th, for evensong, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: Miss C. Trapmore 1, G. Adley (conductor) 2, W. Massey 3, G. Higgs 4, W. Tilley 5, R. Coles 6.—On the previous day, the first 720 of Minor in the belfry was rung: G. Higgs 1, W. Massey 2, J. Milner 3, F. Hawthorn 4, G. Adley 5, G. Spencer (conductor) 6. Ringers of 3rd and 6th from Isleworth, remainder belong to the local band.

WINCHCOMBE, GLOS.—On Sunday, July 20th, six members of the Four Shire Guild visited Winchcombe to attempt a peal, but owing to a baptismal service could not have the use of the bells until too late. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was, therefore, rung in 50 mins., with 10 different callings: F. Jones 1, J. Gardner 2, W. Large (conductor) 3, E. Withers 4, H. Terry 5, H. Hiatt 6. On the return journey a call was made at Childs Wickham, where touches were rung for evening service.

FRAMPTON, LINGS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, July 20th, for morning service, 720 changes of Plain Bob Minor: W. Young 1, F. Dewey 2, A. Bennett 3, G. Coleman 4, W. E. Clarke (conductor) 5, S. Bennett (first 720 as conductor) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, July 20th, for service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: W. J. Huxtable 1, A. Brookland 2, T. Beadle 3, G. Spencer 4, J. Milner 5, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 6, A. Harding 7, H. Brooks 8. Arranged for Mr. Huxtable, of Heavitree, Exeter.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, June 29th, for evening service, a 720 College Exercise: V. Turrell 1, W. Denman, junr., 2, G. Warnett 3, H. Turrell 4, *R. Strudwick 5, *A. W. White (conductor) 6. * First 720.—On Sunday, June 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Trusler 1, A. White 2, G. Warnett 3, H. Turrell 4, R. Strudwick 5, W. Denman (conductor) 6.

BURGHILL, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Easter Day, for the morning service, 630 Grandsire Triples: J. Bourne 1, G. Hanks 2, W. Q. Jones 3, I. Rawlings 4, W. Williams 5, A. Probert 6, I. Probert 7, W. Davies 8.—For the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. Davies 1, G. Hanks 2, W. C. Jones 3, I. Rawlings 4, W. Williams 5, A. Probert (conductor) 6, I. Probert 7, W. Jones 8. Longest length triples by the local band, and longest length as conductor.

WICKEN.—Towcester and District Association.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): T. Roberts 1, C. Read 2, F. Case 3, D. Chexfield 4, J. Smith 5, G. Cooper 6, J. Green 7, G. Green 8. Conducted by J. Green. Longest length of Stedman by ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and longest length of Stedman as conductor. Also longest length of Stedman by a local band in the association. All are Sunday Service ringers at the Parish Church.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—For morning service, on Easter Sunday, 600 Bob Minor: A. Chamberlain 1, H. Payne 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, F. J. Tite (conductor) 5, G. Layte 6.—For evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Layte 1, W. Brown 2, C. Payne 3, F. Priestly 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6.

CHARING, KENT.—On Easter Sunday, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Good 1, W. Good 2, W. Henniker 3, J. Edwards 4, A. Good (conductor) 5, J. Collreay 6.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Tuesday, March 25th, at St. Mary's Church, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles (1,260 changes), with 6, 4, 8 covering, 10 different callings: A. W. Ward (conductor) 1, M. Bend 2, C. Briggs 3, *W. Chilvers 4, R. C. Blakey 5, *C. Hallam 6, J. W. Kirton 7, J. H. Branton 8. * First quarter-peal. First quarter of Stedman Doubles by all. Rung as a farewell to F. Martin, who was leaving the district, he having been a member of the local band for the past three years.

RINGERS' WEDDING AT LEICESTER.

MR. L. W. JACQUES—MISS HILDA F. WILLSON.

On Saturday, July 19th, the marriage of the above two change-ringers took place at St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. The ceremony was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. S. White, M.A.), and the weather was everything that could be desired. The bridesmaids were the younger sisters of the bride—Misses Muriel and Winifred Willson, who were dressed in mauve shantung, and carried sheaves of red roses. The bride was in white, with a sheaf of white roses. Mr. T. Riley, a ringer, of Bolsover, was best man, while the father of the bride (Mr. William Willson) gave her away. St. John's Society of Ringers gave their services, and as the happy couple returned down the aisle the bells crashed out their congratulations, as did Mendelssohn's Wedding March from the organ. The newly wedded pair left at mid-day for the Isle of Wight, where the honeymoon is being spent, after which they will return to reside at Mansfield Woodhouse, Notts.

In the evening the rest of the company, augmented by the ringers, were entertained to supper, after which a merry party kept the ball rolling until Auld Lang Syne at midnight brought a perfect day to a close. Numbers of congratulations and best wishes from ringers near and far have been showered upon the happy pair, who have done some service for the Midland Counties Association. Among the many presents was a set of carvers from St. John's Society.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A FIRST OUTING.

On Saturday, July 19th, the Ratby (Leicester) ringers had their first outing, the destination being Matlock, the party also including the Vicar (the Rev. F. T. Ingle), Mr. W. Ball (Vicar's warden), the ringers' wives, and a few friends. The route via Loughborough, Derby and Duffield, has a number of interesting churches, and the scenery from Duffield onward, cannot be surpassed anywhere. The writer may be a little biased, being a native of the 'Strongith' arm' county. The bus, a fine local one, did the journey both ways in great style. Of course, a 'pull' was in the programme, and Matlock bells not being available, Mr. Fox, of Wirksworth, very kindly obtained permission for ringing at that church. Most of the ladies stayed the day in Matlock, the Cromford-Wirksworth bus accommodation being limited. The trip up Cromford Hill was made in what looked like a very primitive vehicle, but even our 'motor expert' was surprised at the way she mounted the steep gradient. The church at Wirksworth is a grand cathedral-like edifice, only the aforementioned biased views and the editor's blue pencil, deterring the writer from a 'long touch.' It was a first attempt on eight for several of the band, and, as one said afterwards, it was the first time he had seen eight ropes hanging in a belfry. The few courses of Grandsire Triples and one of Bob Major were very creditably performed. The striking could not have been so very bad, as one member of the party was soothed to slumber in a corner of the belfry! Tea at Matlock brought time for departure. The expressed wish of 'Take us again next week!' was quite enough to show the day had been enjoyed, the only regret being that the captain of the company was unable to go with the party owing to an accident while at work. The company wish to thank all who helped to make the trip a success, especially Messrs. W. Fox and B. and T. H. Grestorax, of Wirksworth.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE RINGERS' TRIP.

The ringers of St. John's Parish Church, Weston-super-Mare, with Mr. Jesse Marcho (clerk), and other friends, making a party of about twenty, had their annual outing on Thursday, July 17th, journeying by charabanc to Shepton Mallet, Evercecech, Ilminster and Curry Rivel. The seashiders left at 8 a.m. (the weather being far from bright), and proceeded via Banwell and Sandford to Burrington Combe (far-famed as the birthplace of that beautiful hymn, 'Rock of Ages'), the 'cleft' being passed about 9 a.m. The landscape was greatly admired as we moved onwards, leaving Charterhouse and Priddy to the right, and Chewton Mendip on the left, whilst a magnificent view was obtained just before entering the famous old cathedral town of Wells. After a short stay here, the journey was continued to Shepton Mallet, the 'campans' being welcomed by Mr. W. Richards, the genial skipper of the band, at the Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, who kindly conducted the Westonians over the sacred edifice, and afterwards to the belfry, where several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, some good striking taking place on these very tuneful bells (tenor 25 cwt.). The church dates back to the Saxon and Norman period, and holds many interesting features, particularly the 350 roof panels which were greatly admired. Mr. Richards was warmly thanked for his courtesy, after which the company left Shepton for the pretty village of Evercecech, where they were cordially welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Williams (who was upwards of ten years curate at St. John's Church, Weston-super-Mare, prior to his taking the incumbency of Evercecech about two years ago). At the Vicarage, the visitors were invited to luncheon, to which all did full justice, the musical members of the 'team' subsequently rendering songs and pianoforte items, which were much appreciated. The Vicar then accompanied the Westonians to the church, which is a fine building (of the 12th century), and appears to be in a good state of preservation, holding a nice 'ring' of eight bells (tenor 24 cwt.). Incidentally, Mr. Jesse Marcho, one of the party, was baptized here in 1844. The bells were soon moving, and some good touches of Triples rung. The Vicar was heartily thanked, prior to a move being made for Ilminster, which was reached via the villages of Castle Cary, Sparkford, Ilchester and South Petherton, exactly to scheduled time, viz., 4 p.m., in a downpour of rain, but notwithstanding this, they were in good spirits, the more so when they espied Mr. David Taylor (the genial leader of the Ilminster team) eagerly waving a welcome as he stood at the entrance to the grand old church of St. Mary-the-Virgin, which contains one of the finest peals of eight in the country, their timbre and sonorous quality of tone being excellent. The weight of the tenor is 22 cwt. 3 qr. 9 lb., and the bells were relung in 1902. Here again many touches were rung for upwards of an hour, after which the seashiders visited the Meadowale Cafe, where a splendid tea was served them, during which reminiscences were exchanged between Mr. Taylor and the Westonians — the 'ropes' being the principal

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NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Hoddlesden on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

ASHTON - UNDER - LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. George's Church, Hyde, August 2nd. Meeting at 7 o'clock.—Fred Althorp, Hon. Sec., Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Wargrave on Saturday, August 2nd, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints', Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells available from 3 p.m., meeting at 6.30. Business: Nominations for branch president for next two years. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Seend on Saturday, August 2nd. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5.—F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—(Late St. James' Society.)—Meetings for August: St. Clement Danes, Sunday (3rd) at 10 a.m., and Monday (18th) at 7.30 p.m.; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday (25th) at 7.30 p.m.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

TACKLEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—The bells of this Church having been rebung, and a new Treble added, will be dedicated by the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of the Diocese on Sunday, August 3rd, at 3 p.m. All interested local ringers are invited to hear the best ring of six in the county.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held on Monday, August 4th, at Macclesfield, Service 10.50. Meeting afterwards.—Edward W. Elwell, Hon. Sec., Capenhurst, Chester.

NORFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting of the Guild will be held at North Elmham on Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th. The ring of 8 bells of the Parish Church will be available. Luncheon at the George and Dragon Hotel at 1 o'clock, followed by the general business meeting. Tickets 2/6 per head.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Next meeting at Sutton-on-Trent, Bank Holiday, Monday, August 4th. Bells of All Saints' available from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Gala day and sports, etc., cricket match in morning, proceeds in aid of new bells. A splendid programme of sports has been arranged commencing at 2 p.m. in field near church.

All ringers welcome. Tea will be provided on ground at 4 p.m., 1/- per adult and 6d. for children. Cheap tickets at single fares for return journey will be issued to Crow Park or Carlton stations from Doncaster, Grantham or Sheffield and intermediate stations, available by any train due to arrive before 3.30 p.m. The express due to pass Crow Park will stop specially at this station at 8.30 p.m. to take up passengers for Retford, Sheffield and Doncaster and intermediate stations.—H. Haigh, H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting has been arranged for Bank Holiday Monday, August 4th. Bells available: Chalfont St. Peter (6) 10 a.m.; Chalfont St. Giles (6) 11.30 a.m.; Amersham (6) 2 p.m.; Beaconsfield (8) 4 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Names of those requiring tea must be sent to me by July 31st as a definite number has to be stated.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, 'Cambridge,' Wexham Wood, near Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The Annual Summer meeting will be held at Ramore, near Dorking, on Bank Holiday, August 4th. Bells (8) available at 2 p.m. By the kind permission of Lord Ashcombe, the beautiful grounds of Denbies will be thrown open to ringers and their friends during the afternoon. All ringers welcome.—E. Raddon, Hon. Sec. Guildford District, Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Ecclesfield on Bank Holiday, Monday, Aug. 4th. Bells ready at 2 p.m. Frequent bus service from Firth Park to Ecclesfield. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The Summer Meeting will be held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, August 9th. Parish Church bells (8). Also by kind permission of the Rector of Romalldkirk Cotherstone, Cotherstone bells (6) are available. Tea at the Royal Restaurant at Galgade, Barnard Castle, at 5 p.m., 1/- per head to those who notify me on Tuesday, August 5th.—E. Terry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 6. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, Branch Sec.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells ready early. Tea at reasonable price. Apply, Mr. W. Hemming, 52, Church Hill, Royston, Barnsley.—C. D. Potter, Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Aug. 9th, at Dartington. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Short service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Totnes Bells (8) available after 6 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Aug. 5th.—H. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., Tauntonia, Church Street, Paignton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas at Wade on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at the Sun Inn, kindly provided by the Vicar, for all those who notify Mr. A. M. Ireland, Belle Isle, St. Nicholas, Birchington, not later than Tuesday, Aug. 5th.—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

HERTS ASSOCIATION.—Practice meeting at Elstree on Saturday, Aug. 9th, at 5.45 p.m.—C. H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Much Dewchurch on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells (6) available 3.30. Service 5 p.m. Tea, Black Lion, 5.45 p.m. Free only to those notifying me not later than Aug. 5th.—C. Edwards, District Sec., Great Bampton, Madley, Hereford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Horwich on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells available 3.30 p.m. Meeting: Cancelling outing.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Coalpit Heath on Saturday, Aug. 9th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Please notify me by Aug. 5th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastington on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (6) available from noon. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. P. Pows, Eastington, not later than Aug. 14th. For further details see circular. All ringers heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Schoolroom, near church, at 5, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. C. Fowler, North Cliff Road, Conisborough, by Wednesday, the 13th? — F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, when the Vicar will kindly entertain members who notify me by the 12th. Also a mid-week meeting at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Wednesday, August 6th. Ringing 7.30 till 9.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Woodbridge, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tea 1s. (for all sending word by Aug. 19th) at the Cafe (next the church) at 5 p.m. Woodbridge bells (8), Ufford (8) available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Benenden, near Cranbrook, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Aug. 19th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending. — W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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topic. The journey was then pursued to the pretty village of Curry River, where the ringers were welcomed by Mr. W. Proles at the Parish Church. Here the 'metal' seemed to respond remarkably well (tenor 19 cwt.), although not of such rich timbre and tone as those at Ilminster (the writer's opinion). Curry River was left at 7.45 p.m., the rain having ceased, and the boys were soon covering the historically famous Sedgemoor plain, where in the year 1685, the fate of Monmouth was finally decided by his defeat at the hands of the Royalist troops at the Battle of Sedgemoor. No doubt many of the ringers conjured by visions of the strife which had taken place over 200 years ago as they crossed the moor. Anyway, all admired the miles of waving corn and straight furrows to be seen on either side of the historic road which took them through the villages of Othery, Middlezoy and Westonzoyland, until Bridgwater was reached at 8.30 p.m., when the company sat down to dinner at one of the hotels, after which the homeward journey was begun, and Weston-super-Mare reached at 10.30 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the outing.

The Westonians desire heartily to thank the Vicars of the various places visited for the use of the 'ropes,' and everyone concerned who contributed to their comfort and pleasure during the trip.

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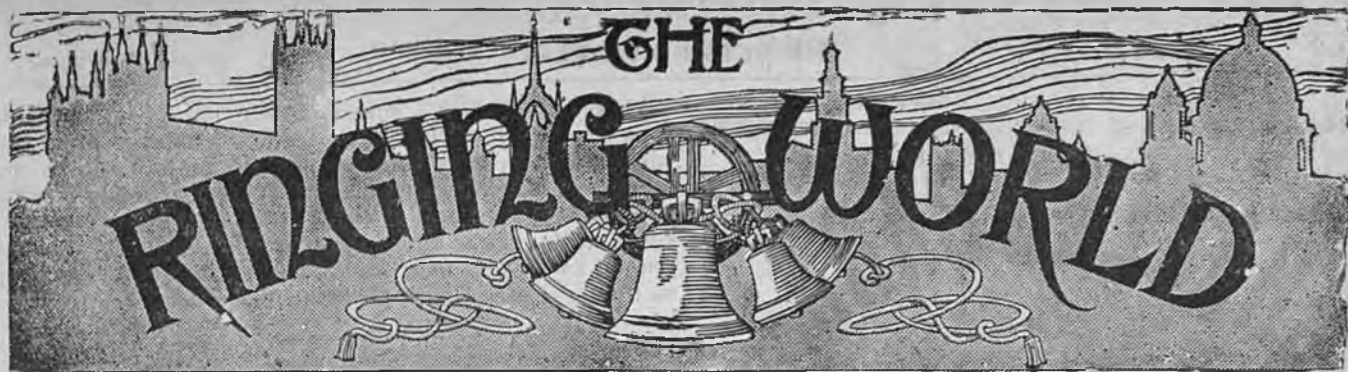
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THE PROPOSED WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

There will shortly be issued to the Exercise an appeal for funds to raise a memorial to the late Mr. James William Washbrook. The matter has already been before the Lancashire Association and the Central Council, and it has now been discussed by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, to which, as the association with which Mr. Washbrook was most intimately connected in the days of his greatest fame, is entrusted the formation of a suitable scheme. As reported in our last issue, a committee has been appointed to deal with the matter, and, from the general expressions of opinion, it would seem probable that the proposal most likely to commend itself is the addition of two trebles to the present ring of six bells at St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford. At the moment, however, the committee are tied to nothing, except that the memorial, whatever its shape, shall be erected in Oxford. That it should be in the form of two bells added to a tower which, as was pointed out, has long been a school of change ringing in this important centre, is a most practical one, and one which, as the Oxford Guild secretary not inaptly remarked, would commend itself to Mr. Washbrook could he but know.

The appeal is already assured of the backing of the Central Council and the Lancashire Association, and is to be made a national one, for James W. Washbrook was, in a sense, a national possession. In his greatest days he was the outstanding figure in the Exercise. His all-round abilities at the height of his career were unequalled in any other one person, and while, after removing to Ireland, he played a much less prominent part on the ringing stage, those who had known him still retained a feeling of admiration for his consummate skill as a ringer, conductor, composer and instructor; and those who had enjoyed his friendship cherish the memory of one who was a most amiable companion, unspoiled by his many great successes. His return to England led him to renew to some extent his activity in the belfry, but he devoted his time and talents chiefly to instructional work, for he was ever ready to help beginners and to share with them his great store of knowledge.

Now that he has gone from us—removed with tragic suddenness—it is fitting that his memory should be preserved. The older generation of ringers will need no bidding to respond to the appeal which is to be made—they will feel it an honour to be allowed to subscribe. To them James W. Washbrook was a living personality. To many of the younger generation, however, he was but a name. Nevertheless we imagine they will desire to

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take their share in commemorating one of the greatest men the Exercise has ever seen. Whatever form the memorial eventually takes we have no doubt it will be one worthy of Mr. Washbrook's great career as a ringer, and if it is the provision of bells at St. Ebbe's, or at some other of Oxford's many churches, we can imagine no fitter way of showing respect and affection for the memory of a man of remarkable attainments.

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THE NORFOLK GUILD.

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Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by W. A. CAVE.

PAINSWICK.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS)

AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JESSE GILLET Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 6
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	CHARLES GARDINER 7
GEORGE CONDICK 3	EDWARD EVANS 8
WILLIAM HARRIS 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9
JOHN AUSTIN 5	WILLIAM IRELAND Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CALDICOT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM HOOPER Treble	GEORGE POPNELL 5
FRED. WOOD 2	CHARLES GREEDY 6
ARTHUR LEWIS 3	WILLIAM MARGETTS 7
WILFRED WILLIAMS 4	*ALFRED G. PIIT Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES GREEDY.

* First peal, and elected a member before starting.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES H. RIDING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	ARTHUR NEWELL 7
THOMAS R. BUTLER 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN NOBES... .. Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	*PERCY DYKE 6
JACK HONEY... .. 3	WALTER F. JUDGE 7
ALBERT E. LOCK... .. 4	PERCY FLETCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the Rev. B. J. Littlewood, Vicar of this parish. * First of Stedman Triples.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	†THOMAS C. LARKEY 6
*WALTER FISHER 3	ARTHUR LINTOTT 7
EDWARD CAUNCE 4	JOHN WILKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by the late J. MORRIS. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on a working bell. Rung in honour of the home-coming of Mr. and Mrs. Percival W. Cave from their honeymoon. The band tender them their best wishes for their future happiness.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION AND THE
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WALTER LONGMAN Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	WILLIAM RIGBY 6
WALTER N. ASHEY 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
*JOSEPH A. COOK 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Rigby, the respected custodian of Lawton belfry.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paulinus,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Treble	JOHN J. LAMB 5
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	ISAAC G. SHADE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This is I. G. Shade's 1,300th peal.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT G. PRATT Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 5
EDWARD TALBOT 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
MRS. A. CLARK 3	JAMES E. COOPER 7
†THOMAS A. S. BLOXHAM ... 4	DANIEL COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. COOPER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the opening of Carshalton War Memorial Hospital.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

ALAN M. HICKMAN 1	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	WILLIAM WETHERBY... .. 6
WALTER N. ASHEY 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
ARTHUR PEAKE 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 204). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition contains the extent of the 5th and 6th each way in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time as a birthday compliment to Mr. Ernest Morris.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, July 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 28½ cwt. D flat.

GEORGE F. NEWMAN Treble	JOHN H. SWINFIELD... .. 5
THOMAS MEREDITH 2	*JOSEPH SLADE 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN... .. 7
MAURICE SWINFIELD 4	CLAUDE ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFIELD.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Saviour,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
BEN. A. KNIGHTS 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
JOHN POTTER 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY... .. 4	ALLAN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal of Surprise in Bolton.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

DAVID G. TAYLOR Treble	GEORGE SIBLEY 5
PERCY MERSON 2	VICTOR CRABB 6
REV. A. RHYS JAMES 3	JAMES HUNT... .. 7
HARRY BUNGAY 4	HENRY RAISON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. A. Rhys James, who was elected a member previous to starting. The ringers tender heartfelt thanks to Mr. and Mrs. James for their hospitality. It was Mr. Merson's 50th peal.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. COOPER ... Treble	*JOSEPH DAVIES 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 2	JOHN LLOYD 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. It is also J. Davies' 50th peal, which has been rung in 22 towers, six counties, and has taken over 30 years to accomplish. The peal was rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. W. Pearson, of Stinchley, and Miss Gertrude Brown, sister of one of the local ringers, the band wishing them the usual compliments.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
ALFRED E. BACON 3	WALTER N. ASHBY 7
ERNEST LONDON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 216 reversed).

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Major. Messrs. F. H. and G. H. Crawley were elected to the society before starting the peal.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY BAXTER Treble	WILLIAM ROGERS 5
*MISS KITTY MOORE 2	THOMAS LAW 6
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	ROBERT G. BLACK 7
FRED. WILFORD... .. 4	TOM TEBBOTT Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by TOM TEBBOTT.

* First peal of Major.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... Treble	GEORGE CRISP 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES... .. 2	CHARLES W. COOK 6
HAROLD J. HAZELL 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 7
FRANK WARRINGTON 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

The ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th belong to the local band. Rung as a wedding peal for the sister of the conductor, who was married at St. Mary's, Fen Ditton, on this date.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF PLAIN BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JAMES GARDNER Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY 2	ARTHUR LINTOTT 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3	EDWARD CAUNSE... .. 7
WALTER HUGHES 4	WILLIAM BETLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. First peal of Triples in the method on the bells, and by all the band, with the exception of the ringer of the fourth.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, CLAPHAM PARK, S.W.,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt. in E.

*EDWARD G. TALBOT... .. Treble	†C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
†DANIEL COOPER... .. 2	†CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 6
JAMES E. COOPER 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN... .. 7
†THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 4	†GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. G. H. Ensor, M.A., who is leaving the parish for Lancashire. First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Oxford. ‡ 25th peal.

LONDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH, S.W.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

EDWARD G. TALBOT Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 5
C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 2	JAMES E. COOPER 6
THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by CHAS. W. ROBERTS.

DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 23.

Tenor 24 cwt.

HORACE H. SMITH Treble	*GEORGE W. HELEY 5
*ALBERT FLEET 2	JOSEPH B. MARKS 6
CLIFFORD ROLLINGS... .. 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... 7
AUGUSTIN V. GOOD 4	FRANK H. RAMSEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. SHARMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell peal to Canon W. W. C. Baker for 21 years Rector of the above parish. Also as a golden wedding peal to Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, father and mother-in-law of the conductor.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

*SAMUEL W. HAWKSFORD... Treble	WILFRED C. IBBETT 5
*MISS FREDA HAWKSFORD... 2	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 6
MISS K. FIELDS... .. 3	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 7
SIDNEY J. PECK... .. 4	HERBERT FIELDS Tenor

Composed by W. HUDSON.

Conducted by S. J. COLEMAN.

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

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ALBERT E. NORMAN Treble	ERNEST MANSELL 5
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. 2	OLIVER G. NORMAN 6
*SAMUEL GROVE... .. 3	JOHN NEAL 7
MORRIS J. MORRIS 4	SAMUEL COLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. NORMAN.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Canon G. E. Badger, Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, and Hermione O'Doughty, of Oxford. Great credit is due to the tenorman, who is in his 72nd year. * 100th peal of Stedman.

SIX BELL PEALS.SHIPPAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.*On Sunday, July 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

R. AMIES Treble	C. POOLEY 4
E. KIMM 2	W. C. MEDLER 5
E. WILSON 3	W. TENNANT Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

First peal on the bells.

ROCK FERRY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)*On Tuesday, July 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

HERBERT LUDKIN Treble	*FRED. BANTAM 4
*FREDERIC C. AMOS 2	THOMAS ROGERS 5
†RICHARD BARNES 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. † First peal with an inside bell.

FINCHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)*On Wednesday, July 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GILBERT BULL Treble	WILLIAM J. PAICE 4
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 2	JOHN MOTH 5
JOHN RANCE 3	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

Arranged and rung in honour of the Patronal Festival, and also to celebrate the completion of the restoration of the tower.

BRIDGNORTH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JAMES HOUSEMAN Treble	*GEORGE E. OLIVER 4
*FRANKLIN C. COTTRELL 2	*ERNEST W. DELO 5
GEORGE E. JONES 3	GEORGE CASE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE CASE.

* First peal.

STOKESAY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, 10 different callings.

PERCIVAL R. NASH Treble	WILLIAM WAINWRIGHT 4
*THOMAS W. NASH 2	WILLIAM R. NASH 5
JOHN G. NASH 3	ARTHUR C. NASON Tenor

Conducted by W. R. NASH.

* First peal inside. J. G. Nash was elected a life member previous to starting, and this peal was especially arranged for him.

BEDWAS, MON.—On Thursday, July 31st, touches of four six-score of Doubles in four methods, viz., Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, were rung by the following: A. J. Hurford, A. E. Statter, A. Martin, W. Hurford, G. H. Martin and Rees Ridout.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

RADSTOCK, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 31, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob, 10 of Old Doubles, and 20 of Grandsire. Tenor 9 cwt.

E. PAIN Treble	W. ROOSEWELL 3
A. MUNDV 2	T. M. GRIFFIN 4
GERALD F. GRIFFIN Tenor	

Conducted by G. F. GRIFFIN.

This peal was rung as a compliment to the oldest ringer in Radstock on his 83rd birthday.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

IN ST. MARGARET'S BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	EDWARD WHITEHEAD 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 3-4	ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by Wm. Willson. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: Mr. J. MORRIS.

A birthday compliment to Ernest Morris.

CAMBRIDGE and SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR SPLICED*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I have obtained the following peal of Spliced Surprise Major, which will be found to contain some interesting features. It consists of 4,128 Cambridge and 928 Superlative, as shown, this being of interest, as there is such a scarcity of peals of Cambridge Major with tenors together, the spliced leads adding interest to the ringing. There is no change of method at a bob. The composition also has 25 Cambridge and 10 Superlative course ends. The bracketed leads may be rung Cambridge.

A. J. PITMAN.

	23456	B	H	5,056.	continued	B	H
4	23564	—	—		63254	—	—
1	36245	—	—		35642	—	—
1	64352	—	—		35426	—	—
4	64523	—	—		35264	—	—
1	42635	—	—	1	56423	—	—
4	42356	—	—		45623	—	—
1	25463	—	—	4	45236	—	—
4	25634	—	—	1	53462	—	—
1	53246	—	—	1	36524	—	—
4	34562	—	—	4	62345	—	—
4	46325	—	—	4	62453	—	—
	46253	—	—	1	62534	—	—
3 (4) 5	24653	—	—		56234	—	—
	24536	—	—	4	63542	—	—
3 (4) 5	52436	—	—		34625	—	—
	52364	—	—	1	34256	—	—
3 (4) 5	63425	M	W		23456	—	—

The numbers to the left indicate the leads which are rung Superlative.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

RINGING REMINISCENCES.

BY THE REV. CANON PAPILLON,

FORMERLY VICAR OF WRITTLE, ESSEX, AND MASTER OF
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

It was in the year 1884 that, at 43 years of age, I first learned to handle a bell in the tower of New College, Oxford, and was initiated into previously unknown mysteries of the ringer's art, in which I have ever since been interested, though I began too late in life to attain excellence. After 15 years' residence as Tutor, I had just been appointed by the College to the Vicarage of Writtle in Essex, where I found a fine ring of bells in good order, but few ringers and little or no change-ringing; and if this was to be remedied, it was better to know something about it myself. So I got one of the heads of our domestic staff in College, Mr. J. Field, an expert ringer, to teach me the elements of bell management in the tower with the clappers lashed, and in the next Long Vacation I got him to stay for a fortnight in the parish initiating myself and some younger men who were willing to learn into the mysteries of change-ringing.

Mr. Field was not only an expert ringer, but a very capable instructor, and a man of the highest character. A few months afterwards we became ambitious of ringing a peal, and he came to call it for us. It was 'Holt's' peal, and shortly after the half-way single, to our dismay, the conductor called 'Stand!' and explained that two bells had shifted, thus spoiling the peal. 'I could have called them into place again,' he said to me afterwards, 'and finished the peal; but it would not have been a true peal, nor an honest thing to do.' I have since had reason to fear that not every instructor of a young band, anxious for his own credit and theirs to get them through their first peal, where there was no chance of detection, would have resisted the temptation, and I have always honoured him for it.

Ringling was not looked on with favour by the College authorities, and in term time the tower was closed to change-ringers. Nor even in vacations was it easy to get leave to ring upon the bells. The late Rev. F. E. Robinson had a story of how, in the middle of one Long Vacation, being in Oxford with a band of ringers, he called upon the then Warden of New College to ask permission for the use of the tower. The Warden was polite, but unsympathetic, and declined to give permission without the consent of the Fellows, whose next meeting (he said) would be in October. 'But, Mr. Warden,' pleaded Mr. Robinson, 'the men are all here and ready to ring to-day.' The Warden, however, was obdurate, and they had to be content with his offer to bring their request before the next College meeting!

There was, so far as I knew, no University, Society or Guild at Oxford in those days to encourage change-ringing among the undergraduates. In that respect Cambridge has fared better—chiefly because for many years there has been among the resident Dons so keen a change-ringer as the Rev. A. H. E. Boughey, for a short time President of the Central Council in succession to Sir Arthur Heywood. Mr. Boughey was—and, I gather, still is—a tower of strength to our cause in Cambridge.

My early reminiscences do not include much connection with great lights of the Exercise. I took up ringing, as I have explained, for the sake of my own parish. I never became proficient enough to be invited to take part in special peals, nor could I have spared time in a busy life to be frequently away from home. So I very seldom foregathered with eminent ringers. I was piloted through my first peal of Grandsire Triples at Writtle and of Grandsire Caters at Chelmsford by the late George Newson, a most able, courteous and helpful ringer; through a plain course of Grandsire Cinques by the very capable band of St. Mary le Tower at Ipswich, among whom it was difficult to go wrong; and, similarly, through a short touch on the bells of St. Paul's Cathedral. I gratefully recall the kindness of these expert ringers towards a very 'lame duck'—a good example to less eminent ringers elsewhere, who, though competent themselves, have neither patience nor inclination for helping beginners. Most of us, I suppose, have come across such men.

Of clerical ringers in Essex, where I began, there were very few; of clerical sympathy very little. The only clerical ringer in my own neighbourhood was the late Rev. H. A. Cockey, a host in himself in the belfry and a genial companion, who was secretary of the recently formed Essex Association. He was my junior in years, and only an assistant curate while I was Vicar of an important parish. But in the belfry, where we all find our own level, he was an expert, I a novice; and he kindly and tactfully gave me various hints, for which I always felt grateful. Of clerical sympathy, one instance may suffice. Later on, when I had succeeded Mr. Cockey as secretary, and then Master, of the Essex Association, I felt it my duty to intercede with the Rector of a very important tower, then in possession of a body of paid ringers, who kept change-ringing at arm's length, that he should give facilities for our members to have access to that tower and should encourage change-ringing among his own band. He politely but firmly declined, adding that he did not see what ring-

ing had to do with church work! Yet he was a very influential clergyman, who became Archdeacon and finally Suffragan Bishop of the diocese. Things are happily different now. Archdeacons and Bishops smile upon us, and make genial speeches at our social gatherings. But those who in the past have blamed the parochial clergy for not doing more to encourage ringers and ringing have not, perhaps, made allowance for the discouraging influence of diocesan headquarters.

The Central Council, of which I was a member for some years as the representative of an association, and afterwards as an elected member, gave me welcome opportunities of intercourse (however transitory) with many notable ringers, such as the President himself, Sir Arthur Heywood, conspicuous alike as ringer, organiser, administrator and host; my old friend and school fellow at Marlborough, Maitland Kelly, still alive and vigorous on his ancestral estate in Devon; the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, accomplished both in the science and art of change-ringing, and no mean astronomer; the genial bulk of the present President, and others too many to record. It was in this, rather than in its actual discussions or decisions, that the Council had a value for myself. Its value for the Exercise at large I do not profess to estimate, except so far as this—that I believe some such central representative body to be a real necessity and to deserve more interest and respect than it has yet received from ringing associations throughout the country.

To the Central Council I owe my acquaintance with that outstanding figure in the ringing world, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. Of his unequalled ringing career, and his lasting services to the cause, and therein to the Church which he served faithfully, I need say nothing here. They are still, I trust, matter of common knowledge and respect.

Through him I also became acquainted with an even more accomplished ringer, the late Mr. James Washbrook. In 1889 Mr. Robinson, on his way to a ringing tour in the Eastern Counties with Washbrook and the Rev. J. F. Hastings, spent a night with me in Essex, taking part with local ringers in a peal of Grandsire Caters at Chelmsford and one of Bob Major at Writtle—the latter remarkable as being the first in that humble method rung by Mr. Robinson himself! Washbrook conducted both, in masterly fashion. Mr. Robinson told me afterwards that our conductor had probably composed the peal of Bob Major as he went along, but I did not verify this from Washbrook himself.

When Mr. Robinson was collecting his peal-ringing record, he did me the honour of asking me to assist him with its publication under the title 'Among the Bells.' He has gone from us, and his ringing career may be forgotten, as his contemporaries pass away. But that record of it, I hope, will still find a place in ringing libraries, as a mine of information about the bells in most of the principal cathedral and church towers in the kingdom, and a record of progress under the inspiration of one man who knew what he wanted, and was determined to get it. There was nothing timid or wobbly about Mr. Robinson as a reformer and propagandist.

The Essex Association, in those early days, had not yet firmly established itself, and had less than half its present membership; nor had we many ringers in the first flight. Saffron Walden, with its venerable ringing society, was the chief local ringing centre, its reputation being worthily upheld by the Pilstow family. At Waltham Abbey, Walthamstow, Barking and Romford there was also a good deal of ringing activity; but the proximity of these places to London gave their ringers more congenial company than our country towers offered, and much of their best ringing was done for the College Youths or Cumberlands or other Metropolitan societies. Some of our members were at one time inclined to grumble that the Pye brothers, whose reputation as ringers became deservedly high, did not contribute more to the credit of the Essex Association. But to me it always seemed that its reputation depended less upon sensational performances by 'star' ringers than on quiet work done in the country parishes to spread knowledge of the ringer's art and encourage beginners. We need occasional performances by accomplished experts as a standard of perfection for church bell ringing, just as cathedral music sets a standard for village choirs. But such performances should be regarded as exceptional. To this day, as I glance through the weekly peal record in the 'Ringing World,' it gives me more satisfaction as a sign of progress to read of first peals of Grandsire Triples or Bob Major by local bands, than of many peals in Surprise Methods by the 'big-wigs' of the Exercise. This may be heresy, for which I shall be condemned; but

'He that's convinced against his will
Is of the same opinion still.'

In one respect I have seen no reason to change my first impression of forty years ago, that it is well worth while for any parish clergyman who finds himself in charge of a good ring of bells, to encourage change-ringing by any means in his power, and by his own constant presence in the belfry. In a country parish—I know nothing about towns—the belfry may be an admirable school of discipline for punctuality, perseverance, steadiness, good temper and sobriety. Once get a band of ringers up to a certain point of skill in ringing and ambitious of making progress, and you have for them (and incidentally for others) an antidote to the public-house and constant tipping that fuddles so many who stop short of actual drunken-

ness; for no man can hold his own in change-ringing if eye and brain are clouded, or hand unsteady, by too much beer. It is not the least pleasant of my ringing reminiscences that only once, during many years in which I took part in the ringing on Sundays and practice nights, did one of our ringers come intoxicated to the belfry.

That, perhaps, may seem to be a very small mercy, scarcely worth mention. But I have a really pleasant recollection, from my own point of view, of the relation between ringers and the church. We had no rules aimed at securing attendance—such rules, in my experience, can never be enforced. But we did not have the scandal of men habitually walking away from church as soon as they had rung the bells for Divine service; nor did we have the friction between clergy and ringers of which, as Master of the County Association, I used to hear from clergy asking for advice in difficulties with their ringers. The majority of ours were more or less regular communicants, and on Easter morning it was good to see them present in church after meeting of their own accord to ring for the early service. Those to whom this means little or nothing must make allowance for my point of view, which was that of a parish clergyman who became a ringer, not for his own amusement, but for the sake of his church and parish.

Not that everything was always plain sailing. I have less pleasant recollections of the annoyance caused by irregularity, unpunctuality and deficient sense of the duty of keeping appointments, which at one time nearly drove me to 'chuck' ringing altogether. I was a busy man of regular habits. I had no time to waste in waiting about for men who did not care how much inconvenience they caused to others by turning up very late or perhaps not at all. Even now, when I read that some band has had to ring a different method or on fewer bells through 'meeting one short' for the peal that they meant to ring, I feel indignation with the defaulter. But I think and hope that there is now less shameless disregard of others' convenience and of the moral duty to keep appointments, than there was forty years ago.

In one respect less progress seems to have been made than might have been expected, viz., in propaganda work for diffusing knowledge of ringing and the ringer's art. The ignorance of the general public is still colossal: scarcely less so that of the journalists who profess to instruct us on every subject under the sun. When I was a member of the much-derided and sadly ineffective 'Literature Committee' of the Central Council, I had visions of its getting into touch with the Press all over England, and so helping to enlighten the dark places of ignorance; but nothing came of such dreams. I had, however, one opportunity in connection with the 'Times,' to

which I was for some years an outside contributor, not on the regular staff. Now and then the editor, instead of asking me to write upon a subject named by him, would say, 'Can you find yourself a subject?' and thus occurred the chance, in September, 1899, of getting a leading article on church bells published in the 'Times.' It was afterwards reproduced, with some correspondence arising out of it, in Sir Arthur Hepwood's 'Bell Towers and Bell Hanging' (1914), a book that one could wish were better known to church architects, no less than to bishops, clergy and churchwardens, and all who are responsible for the use made and the care taken of our church bells.

Let me end these random recollections with one personal anecdote. Some years ago, on a visit to the parish of Adderbury in Oxfordshire, where there is a fine church built by William of Wykeham, the founder and architect of New College, Oxford, the then Vicar took me into the belfry, and gave me permission to try one of the bells. I raised one of the lighter bells, and had pulled her off two or three times, when he said, 'Why, that's the fire bell!' and hurried out to warn people that it was a false alarm. A volunteer fire brigade had lately been started in the parish, the members of which were anxious to justify their existence; and the Vicar was barely in time to prevent the men leaving work, and hurrying to the appointed rendezvous. That story, I believe, is still told in the neighbourhood.

I was asked for personal reminiscences, which are of necessity egotistical. But I may be forgiven for dwelling too much upon matters that have been of great interest to me for half a lifetime, and in which I have tried to be of service to others.

T. L. PAPILLON.

St. Leonards-on-Sea.

HAWKHURST, KENT.—On Trinity Sunday, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Chapman 1, J. Blake 2, K. Pattenden 3, S. Irving 4, G. Talbot 5, O. Wagborn 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, H. M. Batehup 8. Ringers of 3rd and 4th are from Rye, Sussex, the rest local. S. Irving's first quarter-peal.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.—On Whit Sunday, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: W. J. Burrow 1, K. G. Godfrey 2, J. Hine 3, H. Stuckey 4, J. H. Godfrey 5, L. A. Wilson 6, W. G. Burrow (conductor) 7, J. Loreing 8.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Whit Sunday, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in ten different callings, in 43 mins.: S. Bray (first-quarter) 1, H. Balaam (conductor) 2, Miss S. Disney (first away from treble) 3, N. Scott 4, J. Scott 5.

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As was briefly mentioned in our last issue, the handsome volume, containing the names, regiment and association of the 1,100 ringers who fell in the war, has now been deposited in the Library at St. Paul's Cathedral. In order that ringers may know the conditions under which the book will remain in the library, we give below the correspondence between the Central Council's Librarian and Dean Inge.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn wrote:—

'Dear Mr. Deans,—

“Church Bell Ringers' Memorial Book.”

'At the meeting of the Central Council of Bell Ringers on Whitsun Tuesday, I informed the Council of our having corresponded on the matter, and I made the proposition that the Memorial Book should be entrusted to the Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's Cathedral for custody in the Library, with the proviso that it should be on view to any visitor who might ask to see it. A further proviso was suggested, namely, that the Council should have the right to take the Book out from time to time on making proper application to the Cathedral Authorities. With this proviso my proposition was carried unanimously and heartily.

'I should like to make it clear that it would seldom be more than once in the year that the Book would be asked for, and that would be the occasion of the annual meeting of the Council, when ringers are present who represent all parts of the country.

'I would also like to suggest that the application be recognised by the Dean and Chapter, if coming from either the President, Secretary, or Librarian of the Council, that the Book be always personally called for and returned, and that a receipt for the same be left with the Custodian when the Book is delivered over, and handed back when it is returned.

'It was left with me to make satisfactory arrangements with you with regard to the Book, so I shall be very glad if you will let me know if there is anything in the foregoing to which you take exception, or if there is any further suggestion you would like to make.

'There are one or two slight corrections to be made in the Book, so it may be a few weeks before it is ready to hand over to you.

'For your information I give the name of the President and Secretary of the Council:

'President: Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge, Crowthorne Vicarage, Berks.

'Secretary: E. A. Young, Esq., 155, Rushey Green, Catford, S.E.6.'

Writing from St. Paul's Deanery, Dean Inge replied: 'We are quite willing to accept the conditions about the Bell Ringers' Memorial Book.'

SHOULD OFFICIALS BE PAID?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Anent your leading article on the above, it is pleasant to note you do not condemn the proposal for payment to officials. There is much to be said in its favour; many ideas are introduced by individual talent that do not receive the appreciation by the general bodies of members; at least, frequently, credit is not passed to those to whom it is due.

There is much pioneering work done that does not meet with a response in the shape of thanks. It is invariably something or somebody that is responsible for a well-managed organisation. Not only are the actual duties performed a labour of love, but much time and hard thinking, not to mention the sacrifice he makes when a day is set apart for festivities, are required.

Is not the secretaryship, to this we might add the office of treasurer, equivalent to the position of a Managing Director, where a few individuals have more or less to look to for the well-being of their organisation?

The basis of payment should be made in accordance with the position of the association, such as you suggest. Very largely it depends upon the wealth and funds at their disposal. Certainly, a large organisation should be qualified to deal liberally with their officers. In the event of small units let there be a small honorarium according to their limits.

The writer has never aspired to any official position, or ever been approached to offer his name for election, so that he has no axe to grind.

If carried into effect the suggestion, I believe, might induce others to take up a position, especially if the office is permitted to lapse at the expiration of three years, either for re-election, or should the officer desire to retire. At the present he is often reluctant to take that step where he has quite good reasons to ask for his release, which proves that he has his heart in the right place.

Every year brings its increased burdens; let us, therefore, recognise these efforts by a reward that is long overdue.

MIDLANDER.

AN ISLAND RINGER.

THE LATE WILLIAM RAYNER, OF NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.
By W. H. FUSSELL.

'Skilled in the Mystery of the pleasing Peal,'
'Which few can know and fewer still reveal.'

Born near Newport in 1750, this remarkable man possessed a deep love for church bells and bell ringing during the whole of his life, and it is only within the last few years that any details have come to light showing all that William Rayner did for the art of change ringing in Hampshire more than a century ago. My first news of him came with the purchase of a book for ninnence, at a London second-hand shop, 'The Isle of Wight,' by W. H. Davenport Adams, 1884, wherein was a view of Arreton Church, and a copy of the verse engraved upon a brass plate rivetted to the Rayner's tomb. This purchase was made before the war, and my first opportunity of making researches into his past only began in 1921, since which date an astonishing amount of matter has been collected by Newport ringers on suggestions which I was fortunately able to offer them.

The Rayners appear to have been a well-to-do family in Arreton, as testified by the many costly tombstones (of what appears to be an extinct race locally) now standing in the N.W. corner of the churchyard. The son William, the subject of this contribution, began his art probably by watching the ringers of Arreton tower (where they ring on the ground floor often with an open west door) when a boy, and then pulling one of the five bells. He was early put to a trade, as was customary in those days, and served a long apprenticeship at Newport, where he followed his beat with the local ringers of Newport and Carisbrooke whilst still in his teens. Here he made the acquaintance of Samuel Waggett, the 'father' of change ringing, on the island, and the first man to call a peal with a band of islanders in 1774, which turned out to be untrue, and was scored again correctly in 1777. Rayner probably heard both performances, and at the age of 17 years was spurred on to emulate the old hand, soon mastering Minor, Triples and Major at the respective towers.

FOUNDATION OF THE UNION SOCIETY.

Guy Fawkes' ringing, November 5th, 1770, was an eventful day in Newport, when, no doubt, the meeting for the morrow was discussed in the belfry. At this meeting on November 6th, the first official business domgs of the United Society of Newport and Carisbrooke took place, and we now find Rayner's name conspicuous in the old official records so recently recovered. As some account of the history of this society will have to follow, I propose only to touch upon Rayner's share in it now, but I may here say that the ringing fever of the islandman had been brought up to blood heat by the College Youths peal (No. 139) of Bob Major, at Carisbrooke, Oct. 1st, 1770, conducted by George Meakins only a few weeks prior to this first meeting.

William Rayner presented to the Union Society three leather bound volumes for peal records, which were lost, stayed or stolen, for some 80 to 90 years after his death, and quite forgotten. They are well worth examining to-day, if only for the quaint notes attached to the entries, and for the beautiful penmanship.

No. 1 volume, January 30th, 1771, to December 26th, 1788. — The copy peal book.

No. 2 volume, January 6th, 1789, to March 17th, 1791.—Continuation of above.

No. 3, Nov. 6th, 1770, to July 15th, 1808.—Society records.

Rayner was an original subscriber to, and helped to found a handbell club, November 6th, 1770, the peal of twelve handbells being on the island to-day, but their whereabouts is unknown. There were twelve members, originally, governed by a severe set of rules, but by January 4th, 1805, only three survived, including Rayner, who, as early as 1771, took part in the first double-handed course of Caters and 'Sinks' ever rung on the island.

Marrying young, and eventually settling down to the business of a turner and wood worker, his shop and residence in St. James' Street was pointed out to me by the late Mr. Pinhorne, and here the whole family, it may be assumed, ended their days. Like Barham, of Leeds, and Lawrence, of Shifnal, two noted English ringers of about the same period, Rayner left no surviving children to whom to hand on his books and panors, and who would appreciate and preserved them for posterity. This misfortune makes one wonder what has become of James Washbrook's manuscripts since Mrs. Washbrook's recent death. Is anyone looking after them un Manchester way?

A CURIOUS CONTRIBUTION.

As a church bell ringer, a burgess of the borough, and tradesman, Rayner was present at the public meeting held on April 19th, 1808, to consider the addition of two new trebles for Newport Parish Church. The proposal was carried unanimously, and the meeting wisely decided not to destroy the four old bells, 1674-5, from the ancient Chertsey bell foundry. In a printed list of subscribers (preserved in the church) it is shown that the eight ringers gave a guinea

each—William Rayner, and his son Joseph, then 18 years of age, giving the same amount. The former also promised, for some curious reason we may never know, to contribute a halfpenny a day for 22 years—£16 14s. 7d., which accumulation was duly paid over to the bells' fund. At the time of the promise, 22 years added to the age of the father and son would make their respective ages 80 and 40 years, had they been spared.

Newport church bells were looked upon and valued greatly as public property by the Mayor and Corporation, who aided the scheme by personal help, and a grant from the borough funds; and generous donations were bestowed by the late Prince Consort and Queen Victoria to complete the octave.

The Union Society celebrated its existence in July, 1791, by a coming-of-age and a three days' owing to the Mainland, to take part in the opening of the celebrated ring of eight at Romsey Abbey on the 18th July. Going on the 17th, and returning on the 19th, they had ringing on the way at Holyrood Church, Southampton, and I am wondering where they put up for two nights. At the Abbey they rang a fine touch of Grandsire Triples (504), conducted by Wm. Rayner, with John 'Leyford' (a Londoner, named Lyford) on the 7th. On this occasion the College Youths rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, conducted by Blakemore, and being the first peal on the bells. It was listened to by a goodly number of ringers from all parts of the country. This three days' outing to Romsey Abbey was repeated by the Union Society on 1st June, 1801, when the company went to compete for a splendid cup presented by the town for the best 'peal' ringing. It was a handsome piece of plate, reputed to be silver, and was awarded to the island team, who rang 4,680 changes of Bob Major in 3 hrs. 2 mins. They intended to ring a 5,040, but by the 'misfortune of a rope breaking,' only 360 changes short, the peal was lost (tenor 25 cwt.).

THE HISTORY OF THE CUP.

The cup was kept at the house of John Keddie, at the sign of the Red Lion in the Market Place, Newport, for some years, and was well used at practices by the handbell club, and on 'feast nights.' One of the team that won it made a suitable stand to place it on, when not in use, with eight pieces of different kind of wood cleverly let into and spaced around the base with the name of a ringer carved upon each piece, thus considerably adding to the value of the trophy.

This prize cup business was usually treated as a mystery, and of the present-day ringers scarcely anyone credited that it ever existed. Having spent a pleasant morning with Mr. Moody—one of the old school, who resides a few miles out of the town—a twelvemonth ago, I was able to get some further particulars. Mr. Moody, foreman of Newport tower for many years, was connected with that belfry for 55 years, and retired (owing to his living so far away) during the war. The last known of the Romsey cup was that it had got into the possession of Mr. Mew-Langton, sometime Mayor of the town, a well-known brewer, possibly through his ownership of the meeting-house where the cup was stored, or as chairman of the ringers' annual dinner. At his death it passed into the hands of his sister, who married a Mr. Catt and went to live at Brighton, and it is quite possible the cup is there to-day. Should this reach the eye of any descendants of the above-named family, I trust they will follow generously the kind example of the Countess of Portsmouth, who returned to Newport in 1921, one of the peal books referred to (No. 1) which had then been discovered among the volumes of the late Earl's library, he having purchased it with several others many years ago. Mr. Moody, in his younger days, asked Mr. Mew-Langton for a photograph of the cup, and also tried to interest the then Vicar in having it returned to the Newport company, but nothing came of the proposals.

'Whether with little Bells or Bell sublime,'

'To split a Moment to the truth of Time.'

Of the numerous trips to distant towers, including the Lymington opening, 1786, it is unnecessary to go into now. That Rayner was the leading spirit is evident by the records and his conducting. How his ringing ended we can never know, for the last pages of the records have been sadly mutilated. Under date 22nd May, 1808, we find him on the 4th bell to a half-peal of Grandsire Triples at Newport, conducted by Mr. Wood.

On the south side of Rayner's tomb at Arreton, on the oval raised panel of stone, is carved this mournful eulogy on the loss of his son—in words peculiar to the period—which, even to-day will be read by all church bell ringers with a pang of regret for the sorrowing father, who himself died the following year, aged 73 years.

'A Youth of Superior Attainments,

who yielded, after a short conflict, like the tender bud to the vernal blast, his immortal spirit into the hands of his Creator in the 23rd year of his age, leaving his disconsolate parents to lament the early departure of an only affectionate and dutiful son, his friends an amiable and instructive companion and the public a valuable member of society.'

RAYNER'S UNSPARING LABOURS.

Had the son lived to carry on the work of his father there is no knowing how great would have been the advancement of method ringing in the island. This dual loss must have been a heavy blow to the Union Society, who appear to have broken up soon afterwards, and the handbells, the prize cup, the peal books and the ringers' chair were all scattered and lost for half a century. I am of opinion that Rayner's tomb was erected during his lifetime—at his son's death—his own name being added a year later. Four children and the wife are in the same vault. The brass plate has been added after the death of Wm. Rayner by his fellow members of the Union Society, who were careful to see that their 'tribute' should long preserve his fame, as it has done, when the stone is now longer readable.

For upwards of 50 years Rayner spared neither his time nor his purse in promoting the quaint old English art of change ringing; he endeavoured by means of the club (private) and the society outings and records to maintain the good character of the men of the belfry, a character which has been variously assailed from the pulpit by modern clergymen, who conveniently ignore the dissipated habits of the more educated and wealthy man of that period.

'Time so oft truly beat, at length o'ereame,'

'Yet shall this Tribute long preserve his Name.'

This account does not pretend to be complete, and if some courteous reader can send me any information or reference to old prints or newspapers of interest, to the ringers on the island, such matter will be included in historical sketch of the Union Society to follow this article.

It is gratifying to know that William Rayner was not quite forgotten, and ringers all over England were glad to see recorded in the columns of the 'Ringing World,' a peal rung at Newport, by kind consent of the authorities, on May 23rd, 1923, in memory of this veteran, conducted by Mr. George Williams, of Southampton. Visiting ringers also during the same week rang handbells at the graveside at Arreton, accompanied by Mr. Alexander Young, the hon. secretary of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers for the British Isles, so that the centenary of his death was fittingly observed.

To the Isle of Wight belongs a distinction worth noting here. It is the home of the oldest and youngest formation of church ringers in the Diocese of Winchester, viz., the Union Society of Newport and Carisbrooke, 1770, and (after an interval of 150 years) the Isle of Wight Branch of the Diocesan Guild, which is now trying to raise funds for restoring Rayner's tomb owing to its dilapidated condition.

AFTER 20 YEARS' SILENCE.

REOPENING OF A RING OF SIX AT LONG COMPTON,
WARWICKSHIRE.

On Saturday afternoon, August 1st, the pretty little village of Long Compton was enlivened by the bells, which had been unringable for over 20 years, but have now been rehung in steel headstocks and quarter-turned, and the 3rd and 5th bells, which were badly cracked, have been recast. The work of rehanging and recasting was carried out by Mr. Thos. Bond, of the Burford foundry, to whom much credit is due for the capable way in which he has done the work.

At the invitation of the Rector (the Rev. W. Manton), the honour of opening the bells was given to Ilmington band of the Four Shires Guild; 'midst a belfry full of interested onlookers, many who had never seen a bell rung, or heard these bells ring, these veterans raised the bells faultlessly, and without setting, went into changes, ringing several six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Various touches were rung during the afternoon. Afterwards the ringers were entertained by the Rector, who expressed his great pleasure of hearing his bells ringing in peal for the first time. After tea further ringing was indulged in.

The bells are a nice ring of six, with a 13 cwt. tenor, and bears the following inscriptions:—

Treble.—James Walker, Anthony Rowlin, 1652, R.K.

2nd.—Thomas Sheppard, Richard Buller, C.W., I.K., 1652.

3rd.—Henry Bagley made me, 1731. James Tapin, Benefactor. Recast by Bond and Son, Burford.

4th.—John Fowler and William Taylor, C.W., William and J. Taylor, Founders, Oxford, 1823.

5th.—Anthony Newman. John Walker, Churchwardens. James Tapin, Benefactor, 1731, H.B. Recast by Bond and Son, Burford.

Tenor.—James Compton, Earl of Northampton, Elizabeth Compton, Countess Northampton. Edward Sheldon, Esq., John Brown Vickor, Benefactors. Henry Bagley made me 1731.

RE-DEDICATION OF BELLS

AT BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.

Saturday, July 26th, was a notable day in the history of that fine old church, St. Andrew's, Brigstock, the ring of five bells being re-dedicated by the Archdeacon of Oakham, the Ven. A. J. Greaves. The well-attended service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Hooper), assisted by the Rev. C. G. Hodgson, R.D., of Aldwincle, and the Rev. F. H. Lang, of Twywell.

Immediately following the dedication 120 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by Messrs. R. C. Loveday and J. M. Nickerson (Thrapston), A. Smart (Woollaston), R. G. Black (Geddington), and F. Wilford (Northampton).

After the service, the tower was open for ringing, and representatives from various towers took part in the ringing.

The bells have been rehung in a new oak frame, which was made at Brigstock by Messrs. Braybrook Bros., builders, under the instruction of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who rehung, quarter-turned and tuned all the bells.

The 'go' of the bells leaves nothing to be desired.

The inscriptions of the bells is as follows:—

Treble.—Thos. Fayre, Campanarius, Fecit. Wm. Brawn and Wm. Viccars, Heirphylacabus, 1758. Diameter 33½ ins. Weight 6 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

2nd.—Thomas Norris made me 1647. Diameter 35½ ins. Weight 7 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

3rd.—John Barton gave me, worship God in trinitie, 1647. Diameter 37 ins. Weight 8 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

4th.—Thomas Norris, 1647. Diameter 40 ins. Weight 10 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

Tenor.—Robert and R. Harris gave x pounge toward this bell, 1647. Diameter 44 ins. Weight 13 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lb.

Total weight of peal 46 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

WINCHESTER GUILD.

WILLIAM RAYNER'S TOMB.

A special meeting of the Isle of Wight district was held at Arreton on Saturday last. The old Norman tower contains a ring of five bells, which are badly in need of attention from a bell hanger.

The meeting was the outcome of a recent decision by the Guild to raise funds to repair the tomb of William Rayner, which is situated in the north-west corner of the churchyard, and is in a very bad state of decay.

The sub-committee, comprising the Rev. C. E. Matthews, and Messrs. Barton, Upton, Williams and Pullinger, were present, together with the Rev. Orr, Dr. Williamson and Messrs. W. H. Fussell, F. Rogers, W. R. Ward, and ringers from many of the island towers.

The service was conducted by the Rector of Arreton, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews gave an address. The service touch was a six-score of Grandsire by the following: W. Upton 1, G. Williams 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. H. Fussell 4, A. R. Ward 5.

A course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung around the tomb by the following: W. H. Fussell 1—2, B. Williamson 3—4, G. Williams 5—6, H. Barton 7—8.

At the business meeting it was decided to remove the iron railings which are at present around the tomb, and to have it rebuilt on a concrete foundation. The work is estimated to cost about £16 to £20.

A subscription list has been opened, and the committee appeal for funds. This appeal is made not only to members of the Winchester Guild, but to ringers generally, as the position that the Exercise enjoys to-day is due in a great measure to pioneers of the type of William Rayner, and there is a duty to do to his memory, as embodied in the last line of the verse on the tomb, 'Yet shall this tribute long preserve his name.'

Mr. W. H. Fussell has written a very interesting account of the history of William Rayner (who was the pioneer of change ringing in the Diocese of Winchester, and who died 17/v./1823) after a great deal of time spent in searching old records, and this will be published in the 'Ringing World' in the near future.

The following subscriptions are acknowledged: Winchester Diocesan Guild, £2 2s.; collection at Farnham, £1 7s. 1½d.; Rev. C. E. Matthews, £1 1s.; Dr. Bruce Williamson, 10s.; Mr. G. Pullinger, 10s.; Mr. B. Barton, 5s.; Mr. F. Rogers, 5s.; Mr. W. Upton, 5s.; Rev. Coombes, 2s. 6d.; Rev. Orr, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. H. Fussell, 2s. 6d.; Mr. H. A. Phillips, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Scott, senr., 2s. 6d.; Mr. Bailey, 2s.; Mr. H. Roberts, 2s.; Mr. Snow, 2s.; Mr. A. R. Ward, 2s.; total, £7 5s. 7½d.

Subscriptions should be sent to G. Pullinger, Upham, Southampton, and will be acknowledged in the 'Ringing World.'

TEN BELL TOWERS.

BEDDINGTON'S JUBILEE.

By CHARLES W. GORDON.

Tuesday, July 1st last was the 55th anniversary of the dedication and opening of the back eight of the present peal of ten bells at St. Mary's Church, Beddington, Surrey. The church, which dates from the 14th century, consists of chancel, nave, north and south aisles, and an embattled tower at the west end, containing formerly a ringing peal of five, which were cast in a field close to the church. A restoration took place in 1831, when the five bells were cleared out and a chime of three fixed.



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[F. E. Dawe.

THE TOWER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BEDDINGTON.

When the late Canon Bridges took possession of the living he had a complete restoration of the church carried out, including the installation of a new peal of bells. The tenor was cast in 1867, it being originally intended for Woburn, Beds, and the largest bell of the old three was retained, and six new bells added in 1869. Two trebles were added in 1877, forming the present ten. The tenor is 20 cwt 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble and 2nd.—Mears and Stainbank, London, Founders, 1877.

On waist 'Te Deum Laudamus.'

3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th.—Mears and Stainbank, London, Founders, 1869.

On waist 'Te Deum Laudamus.'

8th.—T. Mears of London, fecit, 1831.

Cut in on waist x SIT x NOMEN x DOMINI x BENEDICTUM x Tenor.—Mears and Stainbank, London, Founders, 1867.

Cut in on waist x VIVOS x VOCO x MORTUOS x PLANGO x

St. Mary's Society was formed at the opening of the bells, and has continued uninterruptedly to the present day.

There has been a great number of peals rung on the bells (triples, Caters, Major and Royal), including the 7,777 Stedman Caters in 1913, which was conducted by Mr. Francis E. Dawe.

To celebrate the 55th anniversary of the opening (July 1st, 1869) a peal of Grandsire Triples was, as already recorded, rung on July 1st last.

In connection with the above information supplied by Mr. Gordon, it is interesting to note that he is the only survivor of the band that opened the bells fifty years ago.

In Stahlenschmidt's 'Church Bells of Surrey,' which was published in 1884, and is the standard history of the church bells of that county, the information concerning Beddington bells is meagre: 'A peal of ten bells by Mears, stated to be dated 1868; access to belfry refused.'

In the church inventory of the reign of Edward VI. there is the entry:

Item a sacris bell.

Item v belles in the steeple.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.**LEWISHAM DISTRICT.**

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at Chislehurst on Saturday, July 26th. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening.

Service, with an address by the Rector (the Rev. Canon J. E. Dawson), was held in the church. This was followed by a splendid tea in the Village Hall, kindly supplied by the Rector and churchwardens.

The business meeting followed, the Rector presiding. Five new members were elected, and the election of two members previous to peals confirmed. SS. Peter and Paul, Bromley, was chosen as the place of next meeting.

The district representative on the general committee (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) read a report of the committee meeting held at Sevenoaks on Whit Monday.—This was adopted.

Mr. W. J. Jeffries then proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address and presiding at the meeting, the Rector and churchwardens for their generosity in supplying the tea, and to the organist for his services—this was carried with applause.—The Rector and Mr. Evan Edwards (churchwarden) responded.

The members then returned to the tower for further ringing. This concluded an enjoyable and successful meeting.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION IN BUCKS.

On Saturday, July 19th, a meeting of the South and West District was held at Denham, with its beautiful surroundings, and the fine peal of eight bells (tenor 24 cwt.). Messrs. Cecil Mayne and R. Turner, and others from Bucks, there enjoyed the scenery in the old churchyard, and rang touches on the handbells while awaiting the arrival of the main contingent. The Ringing Master's order for the day was 'short touches,' and thus were fulfilled. At 3.20 the bells were pealing forth Stedman Triples, and scarcely had they ceased when the Rev. H. C. Carter arrived, and offered, on behalf of the Rector (who was on holiday) and himself, a most hearty welcome to the association. He said that while listening to the ringing of the bells he was reminded of the days, previous to his sailing to a foreign land, where he had spent 15 years without being able to hear the music he had heard there that day.

Following the clergy's welcome, Mr. W. H. Fussell, as a Bucks man, welcomed the visitors, and likewise thanked them for the great service he considered they were rendering by visiting Denham, and he would be pleased to welcome them to his church further in Bucks should they at any time make it convenient to go there.

The hon. secretary accepted, and likewise acknowledged, on behalf of the association, the warm welcome that had been given, but as Mr. Mayne was the instigator of the meeting, the thanks were due to him, as it was pleasure to the association to be allowed to pay the visit.

Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich preceded tea, in the hostess's garden, beside the old village stream, and 38 sat down.

A ringers' service was afterwards held, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Carter (Rector-in-charge), with Miss D. G. Feltham presiding at the organ. The preacher's address on the ministry of the ringers, and the message of the bells, was listened to with great interest. Further ringing followed, Cambridge and London Surprise being practised, after which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector (the Rev. H. G. Battiscombe), the Rev. H. C. Carter, the organist, Messrs. W. H. Fussell and C. Mayne, and the local ringers. The Ringing Master, and all ringing members and friends who had helped to make the Denham meeting such a success.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evensong, 742 Grandsire Triples: E. T. Sneller 1, R. T. Hibbert (conductor) 2, G. Cleave 3, C. Sheppard 4, J. Hiscock 5, W. Hibbert 6, O. W. Porter, junr., 7, R. Ailum 8. After service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: E. T. Sneller 1, W. Wicks 2, W. Hibbert 3, C. Sheppard 4, R. T. Hibbert 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave (conductor) 7, D. Darlington 8.

DARLINGTON, DURHAM.—At the Church of the Holy Trinity, on Sunday, August 3rd, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, R. Park 2, G. W. Park 3, W. N. Park (conductor) 4, F. W. Lupsom 5, W. H. Porter 6.

ASECHURCH.—On Sunday, July 27th, for evening service, 720 of Single Oxford Minor was rung by the following: E. Cole 1, T. Harris 2, F. Smith 3, J. Attwood 4, F. Harris 5, O. Attwood (conductor) 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, for morning service, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Warrington 1, W. Welch 2, R. Lathbury, W. Ibbett 4, J. Woolley 5, A. G. Rivers (conductor) 6, E. G. Hibbins 7, T. R. Dennis 8.

STAMFORD HILL.—On Sunday, July 20th, at St. Ann's Church, for morning service, a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss M. Ringrose 1, T. Deal 2, A. Howell 3, F. Ringrose 4, W. Ringrose 5, A. Putland (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by ringers of 1st and 5th.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday morning, July 20th (St. Margaret's Day), at St. Margaret's Church, 1,259 Grandsire Caters in 54 mins.: L. Johnson 1, F. Sharmian 2, A. Ballard 3, F. Wilford (Northampton) 4, G. S. Morris 5, E. Morris (conductor) 6, J. Morris 7, A. Catell 8, E. Whitehead 9, J. Grant 10. Composed by R. F. Deal.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Sunday morning, July 20th, in 49 minutes, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. Hooton 1, A. Marsh 2, F. Barks 3, F. M. Mitchell 4, H. Lewin 5, S. Pinder 6, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 7, W. Kinton 8. First quarter-peal by all except 4 and 7, and first as conductor. F. M. Mitchell hails from Gravesend, Kent.

SIMPSON, BUCKS.—On Sunday, June 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Doubles (1,260 changes), in 40 mins., being 720 of Plain Bob and 540 of Grandsire: Miss E. Higgs (first quarter-peal) 1, R. C. Underwood 2, J. Higgins 3, J. H. Clare 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5. Arranged for Mr. J. Higgins, a former member of the company.—On Sunday, June 8th, for 8 a.m. Communion service, 720 St. Simon's Doubles: J. H. Clare 1, R. C. Underwood 2, A. E. Hanks 3, G. Guest 4, C. W. Smith (conductor) 5.—On Sunday, June 15th, for morning service, 720 of Doubles (360 each of Plain Bob and Grandsire).

KENSINGTON.—On Whit-Sunday, June 8th, at St. Mary Abbots, for evening service, 1,275 Stedman Caters: A. V. Sinkins 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Dyas 4, C. W. Roberts 5, E. G. Locke 6, P. A. Clark 7, P. H. Miles 8, H. G. Miles 9, B. Goyel (Wisbech) 10.

WITHAM, ESSEX.—On Whit Sunday, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. S. Butler 1, W. Butler 2, T. Barker (Stebbing) 3, W. Mellin 4, E. Bright (conductor) 5, H. Dorking 6. Also 360 Double Court: V. Glass 1, A. Chalk 2, W. Mellin 3, T. Barker 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 New London Pleasure: W. Butler 1, W. Mellin 2, T. Barker 3, H. Dorking 4, A. Evers 5, E. Bright (conductor) 6.

WEDNESBURY.—At the Parish Church, on Whit Sunday, a quarter-peal of Darlston Bob Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., by the following: C. Mounsey 1, T. Hughes 2, T. Burkett 3, W. E. Britten 4, T. Palfreyman 5, H. Smith 6, A. Mincher (conductor) 7, H. Hubble 8. First quarter of Darlston for all the band, and first quarter as conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Whit Sunday, June 8th, for evening service, 252 Stedman Triples: W. Mead 1, F. Stanton 2, J. Mead 3, E. Marks 4, H. Norris 5, H. Sear 6, W. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Whitehead 8. This is the last touch on the bells before they are removed to Loughborough Foundry for tuning. A new frame with all the latest fittings is to be erected.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, May 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins., for evening service: J. W. Perry (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, G. Warner 2, T. Perry 3, H. E. Booth 4, J. Walford 5, A. G. Hunt 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Sneake 8. Rung for Etnire Day celebration, and also for the annual Rogation Sunday open-air service.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, July 31st, for practice, a spliced 720 'Surfleet' and 'Beverley,' followed by courses of 'Cambridge,' 'Southwell,' 'Coldstream,' 'Allendale' and 'Westminster': James Fernley, junr., 1, J. P. Fidler 2, W. Fernley 3, W. W. Wolstencroft 4, J. Fernley (conductor) 5, J. W. Hartley 6. The above methods are Surprise, and will be found in the C.C. Collection.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The first peal of Double Norwich in Wales was rung at Rhyi on August 15th, 1883.

On August 12th, 1776, a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters was rung at Leicester.

Among the peals rung by John Holt was a 5,040 Bob Triples at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on August 8th, 1749, in which year he was Master of the Union Scholars.

The peal of Stedman Triples Mr. T. H. T. Hender called on Whit Monday, June 9th, at Shiplake, Oxon, was his 200th peal as conductor, and also his 100th peal of Stedman Triples he had conducted.

Hampshire is to have a ringing week in September (about 8th to 13th), Mr. George Pullinger having kindly volunteered to fix up towers, etc. The Ringing Master of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will be glad to hear from members and friends who would like to take part in the tour.

The peal of Stedman Caters at Stephen's, Bristol, was rung as a wedding compliment to (1) the son of W. A. Cave (July 12th), (2) son of J. A. Burford (July 12th), (3) daughter of J. Gould (August 2nd), and (4) the organist of St. Stephen's, Mr. Rowland S. Shiles (July 22nd). After such an epidemic of marriages at St. Stephen's, the question naturally asked is, 'Who'll be the next?' but there is no prize for a correct answer. Owing to an accident to his foot, which is now well on the way to recovery, Mr. Burford was unable to take part.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

NOTTINGHAM RINGERS' LONG TRIP.

On Saturday, July 12th, ringers of St. Peter's, Nottingham, and friends, had their annual outing, in delightful weather. The party, numbering 26 in all, left at 8.30 a.m. by charabanc, for Loughborough, where they were shown round the bell foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co. The inspection proved to be most interesting, and among the features of special note was a new bell, for Bristol University, weighing 12 tons, the second largest to be made by the firm. The ringers then visited the foundry tower, on Mr. P. Taylor's invitation to raise the ten in peal. Touches of Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples and Bob Major, were rung. The party then headed for Melton Mowbray, a wayside halt being called while skirting Charnwood Forest. At Melton Mowbray luncheon was partaken at the Fox Hotel, and afterwards the handbells were again brought into use. It was a great disappointment to all that they had to leave without visiting the tower, but owing to flying time, and the distance before them, this was found necessary. After a run through glorious country, the tall spire of Grantham was sighted at four o'clock. After climbing the countless steps to the ringing chamber, the ringers set the bells going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Kent Royal. Tea was served at the Angel and Royal Hotel, where Mr. Cobin welcomed Mr. Proctor, of the local band; also Mr. Coppock, vice-president of the M.C.A., and expressed his satisfaction at the smooth working of the excellent arrangements made by Mr. G. West. The beautiful Parish Church at Bottisford was the final calling place, when the Lincoln men were met, and touches of Stedman Triples and a course of London Surprise finished the ringing of a most enjoyable day, Nottingham being reached at 11 p.m. The ringers wish to thank all the clergy for so readily granting permission to ring, the ringers, who gave them so warm a welcome, and Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the most enjoyable visit to the foundry, as well as their own secretary, Mr. G. West, for making the outing so enjoyable.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

OUTING OF THE EVERCREECH RINGERS.

On Saturday, July 19th, the Evercreech ringers, wives and friends, went to Bournemouth by charabanc for their annual outing. The party was under the leadership of the captain, Mr. R. Whitehead, and the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Ll. Williams) also accompanied the party. The first halt was at Blandford. The ringers made their way to the belfry of the beautiful parish church.—The Vicar of Blandford, a keen lover of bells, visited the tower, and commended the ringers on their splendid manipulation of the bells.

After an hour's pull, which was much appreciated by all the townsfolk, the journey was continued. Bournemouth Pier was reached at mid-day. Arriving at Swanage lunch was enjoyed, after which the belfry was visited, where the visitors received a hearty welcome from the Vicar of Swanage, and a member of the ringing band. The 'go' of these bells was perfect, and a good ring of Grandsire Triples was thoroughly enjoyed.

On the return journey tea was served at Bournemouth, and home was reached about 10.30 p.m., after a thoroughly enjoyable outing.

DEBENHAM MEN'S TRIP.

The Debenham ringers spent an interesting and enjoyable day among the towers of South Norfolk on July 14th. Leaving home at 7.15 a.m., the first call was made at Diss, where touches of Cambridge Double Norwich and Stedman Triples were brought round. Mr. John Souter joined the party here, and took part in most of the ringing during the day. Kenninghall was reached at 10 o'clock, and courses of Yorkshire, Superlative and Norfolk Surprise were tapped off. Quidenham was the next place visited, and Double Norwich and Superlative the methods rung. At Wymondham, Mr. Peggall was waiting to welcome the band. The fine old Abbey Church was much admired, and some good touches rung on the splendid peal of eight that hang in the lofty tower. Mr. Peggall joined the visitors at dinner, after which a move was made for Saxlingham. Alburgh was also on the list, touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob and Duffield being rung at these two places. The party then proceeded to Pulham St. Mary, where Mr. Souter had to take leave of them in order to catch a train for Diss. Tea was obtained at the King's Head Inn, and afterwards Stedman Triples and Yorkshire were rung on the church bells. Pulham Market was then visited, when Cambridge, Yorkshire and Stedman were the methods rung here, and home was reached at 10.45. The visitors wish to thank the various incumbents and those local men who met them and helped to make the outing a success.

HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON RINGERS' SOCIETY.

On Monday, July 28th, the members of the above society had their annual outing. Starting from Halesworth at 9 a.m., by charabanc, the party made their first call at Wrentham, where several touches were rung on the six bells. The Rector (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey) and Mr. E. Chatten joined the ringers. St. Margaret's, Lowestoft, was reached about 11.30, and here Mr. R. T. Woodley, the Lowestoft instructor, with Mr. A. Walker, of Pontefract, Yorks, received the visitors. Ringing was indulged in on this musical new peal of eight until 1.30, when a capital lunch was partaken of at the Crown Hotel. —A hearty vote of thanks was here accorded to all the clergy, tower keepers and ringing friends, who helped to make the outing a success. —Mr. Woodley responded, and expressed his pleasure in meeting them in Lowestoft, and assured them of a hearty welcome whenever they came to St. Margaret's. Accompanied by their Yorkshire friend, Somerleyton tower was next visited, and several touches were brought round on this pretty peal of six, in which the veteran Somerleyton ringer, Mr. J. Orford, took part. Tea was partaken of at Beccles. Mr. E. Goate, the conductor of the Beccles company, met the party at the church, and an hour's ringing on this beautiful peal of ten, with several members of the local band, was enjoyed. The kindness of the Beccles ringers in giving up their practice night for the visitors was much appreciated. —Mr. A. Harwin, of Gospel Oak, and Highgate, London, who was present, congratulated them on their excellent ringing.

During the day the following methods were rung: Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Bob Minor. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters. Home was reached at 9.30, one and all having spent a most enjoyable day.

LYDNEY SALMON SUPPER.

AN ENJOYABLE WEEK-END.

The annual salmon and green pea supper, held on Saturday last at Lydney, proved, as usual, a very pleasant and social gathering. Ringers from Berkeley, Cardiff, Gloucester, Lydney, Newport, Ruardean and St. Briavels put in an appearance. The bells of the Parish Church were available during the afternoon, and good use made of them until 6 o'clock, when a move was made to headquarters, the Queen's Head Hotel, where fresh Severn salmon and home-grown green peas were in evidence galore.

Following the supper, the best thanks of the company were accorded to the organisers, and to the hotel proprietor and his good wife for the excellent repast. Then followed a social evening, consisting of songs, handbell ringing, etc., and when time arrived to get to bed all were instructed to be punctual in the morning at nine o'clock for a drive through the Forest of Dean to St. Briavels Church, where hangs a good ring of eight, on which touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung for the 11 a.m. service.

The hospitality of Mr. Coates, the local enthusiast, was then much enjoyed, he having arranged early lunch at the local hotel. The drive was then continued to Newland Church, known as the Cathedral of the Forest of Dean, where hangs a heavy ring of six. Permission to ring having been obtained from the genial Vicar, who accompanied the ringers to the ringing chamber, the bells were raised, touches rung, and the bells lowered in peal. Congratulations were showered on the visitors by the locals, who had not heard their bells rung in changes for some time.

A return was then made for Lydney, through the charming forest, and for evening service touches were rung, including a 672 of Triples.

The weather was delightful until the close of the week-end, when the usual downpour reappeared. It is hoped to repeat the arrangements next year.

BECCELES RINGERS' TOUR.

On Saturday, July 26th, the Beccles ringers, with friends from Bungay and Loddon, held their annual outing. Journeying by motor charabanc to Keeppham and Salle, they were met by Mr. W. Duncan, who had the bells ready for them. After touches at both towers, a short run brought them to Aylsham, where dinner awaited them at the Black Boys Hotel. After dinner more ringing was done at Marsham and Aylsham, and then a long run brought the party to Great Yarmouth, where, after a tea, they were met at St. Nicholas' Church by Mr. D. Hayward, who had the bells ready for them, and some good ringing was done. The best thanks of the ringers are due to Messrs. Duncan and Hayward for making arrangements, and the incumbents of the various churches for the use of the bells.

VISIT TO MANY TOWERS.

On Saturday, July 5th, the Wrentham company had their annual outing by motor-cars. A start was made about 8.15 a.m. for Kelsale, where Mr. Fenton Thompson met the party, and touches of Bob Major and Treble Bob Major was rung. A move was then made for Earl Soham. Here Mr. W. G. Crickmer welcomed the visitors, and touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and Norwich Surprise were rung.

After lunch, at the Falcon Inn, Framsdon was visited, and the steeplekeeper being away from home with the belfry key, the Rector kindly fetched a ladder from the Rectory, and the belfry was reached by getting over the tower screen. Touches of Treble Bob Major and Bob Major were successfully brought round. The next stopping-place was Otley, where Double Oxford and Double Court were rung. A move was then made for Hasketon, and Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob were tapped off. As the party were loading up, Mr. H. Burch arrived, but only just had time to shake hands with some of his old friends whom he had not seen for years. At the Lion at Ufford dinner was served, and Mrs. Ward was thanked for the excellent way in which she had catered for the party. Ringing at Ufford tower had to be omitted from the programme, owing to a wedding being in progress, and a peal attempt fixed to take place immediately after by a mixed band of 'Charles.' The party, therefore, made for Pettistree, where they were joined by Mr. F. Fisher, who took part in a touch of Cambridge, and accompanied them to Wickham Market, where touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent and Norwich Surprise were brought round. At Benhall, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Court were rung, and tea was partaken of at Saxmundham. Mr. F. Watling arrived on the scene, and accompanied the party to Sweffling, taking part there in touches of Kent, Double Court, and Cambridge. The next and last place of call was Rendham, and here touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were brought round. The party then made for home, which was reached at 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank, through 'The Ringing World,' all the Rectors for the use of their respective bells, Mr. C. E. Fisher, and Mr. F. Watling for their help in the arrangements, and especially the Rector of Wrentham (the Rev. F. R. Bonsey); Mr. W. C. Walker and Mr. E. Mortimer for the use of their cars, the two former gentlemen accompanying the party, and acting as chauffeurs; Mr. A. E. Austin, of Cambridge, being on holiday at Lowestoft, also had the pleasure of joining the party.

HARWICH RINGERS' EXCURSION.

On the occasion of the annual outing of the St. Nicholas' Guild, Harwich, on July 19th, a visit was paid to Lavenham, and Hadleigh, Suffolk. The party, numbering 20, had a splendid ride via Bergholt, Ipswich and Hadleigh, and Lavenham was reached at 4.15 p.m. On arrival the visitors were met by Mr. A. Symonds, who had everything in readiness for ringing on the splendid peal of eight, which were soon set going to Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples, with the assistance of the local band. A little difficulty was experienced owing to the ropes running the opposite way. The fine church was inspected before resuming the journey to Hadleigh, where a capital meat tea was awaiting the party at the King's Head Hotel. Selections on the handbells by the tune ringing team and a course of Grandsire Triples, double-handed, were then very much appreciated, and afterwards the company adjourned to the tower of St. Mary's Church, and touches of Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples were brought round on this fine peal of eight. The return was made via Bergholt, Manningtree and Great Oakley, Harwich being reached at 11.15, 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, and Mr. Read (Hadleigh) and Mr. A. Symonds (Lavenham) for having the bells in readiness, and all others who assisted to make the trip a success.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Aug. 12th; Southwark Cathedral on Aug. 19th; St. Magnus on Aug. 21st; *St. Michael's Cornhill on Aug. 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Aug. 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. —William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eastington on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (6) available from noon. Service in church at 4.30 p.m. Tea in the Parochial Hall at 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea please notify Mr. J. P. Powls, Eastington, not later than Aug. 14th. For further details see circular. All ringers heartily welcomed.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Conisborough on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Bells (8) open from 3 o'clock. Tea in the Schoolroom, near church, at 5, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head. Will those requiring same please notify Mr. C. Fowler, North Cliff Road, Conisborough, by Wednesday, the 13th? —F. Clark, Hon. Sec., 18, Royston Avenue, Doncaster.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday, Aug. 16th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.45. Tea 5.30, when the Vicar will kindly entertain members who notify me by the 12th. Also a mid-week meeting at St. Stephen's, Ealing, on Wednesday, August 6th. Ringing 7.30 till 9.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Keevil, on Saturday August 16th. Bells (6) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5, short meeting directly after tea. F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Clifford District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Norton Canon on Saturday, August 16th. Bells (5) available 3 p.m. Service 5. Tea 5.45. Intending visitors please advise me by August 11th.—J. P. Hyatt, Hon. Dis. Sec., Dulas Terrace, Hay, Hereford.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined Practice will be held at Barkham and Arborfield on Saturday, August 16th. Barkham from 4 till 6 p.m. and Arborfield from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ledbury on Saturday, August 16th. Bells 3 p.m. A Church Service will be arranged, followed by tea and business meeting.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Shepton Beauchamp on Saturday, August 16th (8 bells). Tea at 5 o'clock can only be supplied to those who give notice on or before Tuesday, August 12th, to F. Farrant, North Street, Martock.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Yateley on Saturday, August 23rd. Bell available from 3 p.m. Short Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and a business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The August meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday the 23rd. Ringing to commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Woodbridge, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tea 1s. (for all sending word by Aug. 19th) at the Cafe (next the church) at 5 p.m. Woodbridge bells (8), Ufford (8) available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Benenden, near Cranbrook, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Aug. 19th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting, tea and social will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 23rd. The bells (10) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish School. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Social 7 p.m. Tickets 1/6 each. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers and friends. The bells of Holy Trinity and St. Michael's will also be also be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Will all those who intend being present for tea please send in their names to W. E. Wilson, 22, Brantfel Road, Blackburn, not later than Tuesday, the 19th?—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-Western Division) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (N.E. District).—A joint meeting for practice and social intercourse will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head will be arranged at 5.30 p.m. for all those who advise either of the undersigned by Tuesday, August 19th. Members and friends of above associations cordially welcomed. Trains from Liverpool Street at 2.48 and 3.8, from Stratford at 3.30.—W. Theobald, 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15; C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 16th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. All ringers welcome, as a good meeting is requested.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Kempsford Road, Sandy.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Crich on Saturday, August 16th. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/- each, to those who notify Mr W. Pigginn, Church Street, Crich, Matlock, by Thursday morning, August 14th.—H. G. Fretwell, Secretary.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Roxton and Great Barford on Saturday, July 26th. The attendance at Roxton was very small. After tea the small company journeyed to Great Barford, being joined by two more Bedford ringers, and one from Turvey, and several of the local company. The bells were got going, and a touch of Stedman Doubles was rung. During the afternoon and evening, though the company was small, some good touches were rung, viz., Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, New Doubles and Stedman Doubles. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 16th, when the secretary wishes all towers in the district to be represented. Any unpleasantness which has arisen at the conduct of the opening of Tempsford bells can then be explained, and amicably settled, for the sake of the association. A good meeting is hoped for.

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With this issue 'The Ringing World' completes another 'century.' This is our seven hundredth number, and it is not without some gratification that, despite the vicissitudes of the past—difficulties not of our own making, but above and beyond our control—we look back upon the fact that we have been able, uninterruptedly, to continue this journal in the interests of the art of ringing. It is also a pleasure to us that, from the first number to the present, the articles upon this page have been written by one pen, and, if we may be allowed to say so, with one persistent aim—ever to encourage a higher standard of ringing and to elevate the art. Our hope is that in this we have not been altogether unsuccessful, but the task is not an easy one. Let us say in the friendliest way that ringers are difficult people to move. This is not only due to the fact that in matters relating to ringing they are collectively an extremely conservative body, but there is among them, in the mass, an extraordinary apathy. Only those who have tried to stir up an interest in any particular phase of ringing can fully realise how deeply seated this apathy is. In all that has appeared in these articles it has been our aim to get ringers to think and talk about the matters we have discussed. Whether or not they have agreed with the views we have put forward is of no real consequence, indeed, disagreement is usually more productive of interest than is unanimity of opinion. We often wish that our readers would discuss more freely in our columns—which are open to their use in reason—the various matters which are from time to time treated on this page. But there again the demon of apathy is constantly to be found.

It is always a matter of gratification when we see that subjects which have been ventilated here are debated at a meeting of ringers in some part of the country. That is an indication of interest, and anything which fosters interest is all to the good. It is often difficult, we know, for ringers to find anything more than the merest routine business to transact at their meetings, but a little time occasionally given to the discussion of matters suggested outside would lead to a development of ideas and eventually to progress. Except when they gather for their annual general business, ringers are too prone to look upon meetings as social affairs at which business should be swept aside as quickly as possible. This is really a mistake, for district meetings form the most suitable occasions for testing the feeling of members, and we are surprised that more advantage is not taken of this means of ventilating matters which might be of considerable advantage if they were submitted and discussed throughout an association in

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this manner. All this may seem rather a long way from the title of this article, but it emphasises one phase of the policy which has been at the root of our endeavours. Our desire has consistently been, not only to interest our readers but to stir them, if possible, to action. We know that these articles have always been kindly received, even by those who have disagreed with us on any particular subject, and for that we return our thanks. Our desire will always be the elevation of the art and the standard of ringing, and in this we are sure we shall have the support of our readers as a whole.

RINGING TOURS.

The following peals were rung by the following parties of ringers while on tour.

MORTONHAMSTEAD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM T. POWELL ... <i>Treble</i>	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	JOHN PARRY 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by J. T. DYKE

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

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, August 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ... <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH T. DYKE 5
WILLIAM D. WASE 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 7
EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 4	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

THORVERTON.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ... <i>Treble</i>	WILLIAM D. WASE 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
JOHN PERRY 3	JAMES L. HAYWARD 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 4	WILLIAM BAYLISS ... <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal in the method with a working bell.

ABINGDON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

PERCY DYKE <i>Treble</i>	THOMAS T. GOFTON 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	RICHARD F. DEAL 7
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GEORGE R. PYE 4	ALBERT W. COLES 9
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE <i>Tenor</i>

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... Treble	*JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
WILLIAM PYE ... 2	*FRED. C. MAYNARD ... 7
*HENRY ROMENS ... 3	*JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	†WILLIAM J. NODDS ... 9
†CHARLES T. COLES ... 5	*REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Royal in the method.
First peal in the method on the bells.

DORCHESTER, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

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A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
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CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 6
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 9½ cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... 6
ALBERT W. COLES ... 3	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

ERNEST F. POPPY ... Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM ... 2	WALTER ARNOLD ... 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt. in E flat.

JOSIAH HARRIS ... Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 5
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 2	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 7
WALTER ARNOLD ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt. in D.

JOSIAH HARRIS ... Treble	WALTER ARNOLD ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

This was A. H. Pulling's 750th peal.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

HOBART E. SMITH ... Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	GEORGE WILSON ... 6
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 7
JOSIAH HARRIS ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... Treble	JOSIAH HARRIS ... 5
HOBART E. SMITH ... 2	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
GEORGE WILSON ... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lb.

JOSIAH HARRIS ... Treble	JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	CHARLES BAILEY ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. in E.

JOHN HALL ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 5
JAMES G. RUMSEY ... 2	CHARLES BAILEY ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of St. James,

(The Norman Tower.)

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt. in C sharp.

ISAAC G. SHADE ... Treble	*ARTHUR E. MOORE ... 6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 7
JOSIAH HARRIS ... 3	JOHN SOUTER ... 8
FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 9
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ... 5	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	LESLIE BRETT 6
LEWES W. WIFFIN 3	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... 7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D.

CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... Treble	LEWES W. WIFFIN 5
ERNEST F. POPPY 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	ALFRED H. POLLING 7
LESLIE BRETT 4	EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

WEEKLEY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

ROBERT G. BLACK Treble	*BERTIE O. SODEN 4
HERBERT E. FROSSELL ... 2	HARRY BAXTER 5
MISS KITTY MOORE 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods as conductor.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

† TOM TEBBUTT Treble	BERTIE O. SODEN 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	ARTHUR C. MANNING ... 6
MISS KITTY MOORE 3	*HARRY BAXTER 7
*RUPERT R. LEWIS 4	ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

* First peal in the method. † 100th peal.

CRANFORD, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

MISS KITTY MOORE Treble	MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... 4
*MISS SYLVIA THURFIELD ... 2	ROBERT G. BLACK 5
† HARRY BAXTER 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in four methods. † 25th peal.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ROBERT G. BLACK Treble	FRED STANFORTH 5
† MISS KITTY MOORE 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... 6
WALTER T. WILSON 3	HARRY BAXTER 7
HERBERT E. FROSSELL ... 4	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

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

MERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 3, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. in G.

*MISS ROSE THOMAS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
ARMIGER J. TROLLOPE ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	ROBERT J. DAWE 7
REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise, and believed to be the first Surprise peal on the bells. This was the 100th tower in which Mr. Trollope has rung a peal.

ST. PETER, THANET.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F sharp.

FRED HILTON Treble	HARRY PARKES 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ROBERT J. DAWE 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Tenor

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD. Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

ELHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 5
MISS ROSE THOMAS 2	HARRY PARKES 6
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 3	HENRY C. CASTLE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALBERT CASTLE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

It being the 64th birthday of Mr. H. C. Castle, the usual congratulations were offered.

ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

FRANK BENNETT Treble	FRED HILTON 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY 2	ALBERT E. JARMAN 6
WILLIAM J. JARMAN ... 3	HARRY PARKES 7
*WILLIAM G. BIRCH 4	*JOHN JARMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

BENENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 7th, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.

*MRS. H. BAKER Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 3	HARRY PARKES 7
*HARRY BAKER 4	CHARLES TRIBE Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman; also on the bells.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	HARRY PARKES 5
WILLIAM WATTS 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	BENJAMIN HOBBS 7
ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 4	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

A NORTH KENT TOUR.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 1½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	CHARLES WATERMAN ... 5
SAMUEL TAYLOR ... 2	CHARLES E. J. NORRIS ... 6
WILLIAM HAIGH ... 3	WILLIAM SPICE ... 7
GEORGE BASFORD ... 4	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

The ringer of the 4th was elected a non-resident life member of the above association previous to starting.

NORTHFLEET, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
JOHN BURLES ... 3	GEORGE MORRAD ... 7
*GEORGE BASFORD ... 4	*HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. For calling, see K.C.A. report for 1896, page 29.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Wednesday, August 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE BASFORD ... 5
WILLIAM HAIGH ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JOHN BURLES ... 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Friday, August 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... Treble	WILLIAM HARPER ... 5
JOHN WEADON ... 2	GEORGE BASFORD ... 6
JOHN BURLES ... 3	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	GEORGE MORRAD ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

These peals were arranged for Mr. G. Basford, Finedon, Northants, who wishes to thank Mr. F. M. Mitchell, Rochester, district secretary, for getting the towers and bands, and all the ringers who "stood in" and made these four peals possible out of four attempts.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM LATTER ... Treble	HENRY T. WILSON ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 2	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
BERNARD COLLISON ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
WILLIAM COLLISON ... 4	T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. ... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

The thanks of the band are due to Mr. Wm. Collison for taking a vacant rope after having met one short.

HEADCORN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Sunday, August 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 24 cwt.

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... Treble	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 5
RICHARD SMITH ... 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	JAMES GEORGE ... 7
HENRY T. WILSON ... 4	PHILIP HODGKIN ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Quickest peal on the bells.

BIDDENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.*On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

CHARLES TRIBE ... Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE ... 5
RICHARD SMITH ... 2	HENRY T. WILSON ... 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 4	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN.

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.*On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 6
GEORGE WARD ... 2	WALTER WALLACE ... 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	— WALLACE ... 8
CHARLES E. HART ... 4	ARTHUR BRAINES ... 9
JOHN FLINT ... 5	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER (No. 2 on Broadsheet).

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung and increased to a peal of ten by Messrs. Taylor and Co. It is also the first peal ever rung in the method in the town of Derby, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Wallace.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.*On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

THOMAS HASTINGS ... Treble	HERBERT BECKETT ... 6
WILLIAM HASTINGS ... 2	THOMAS PRICE ... 7
THOMAS BALDWIN ... 3	LESLIE BARRY ... 8
ALBERT WRIGHT ... 4	JOHN B. ALLINGER ... 9
GEORGE ORCHARD ... 5	P.-SGT. GEORGE HASTINGS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WANTAGE, BERKSHIRE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

*EDGAR HUDSON ... Treble	ERNEST A. GREGORY ... 5
*HAROLD SIMS ... 2	RICHARD G. RICE ... 6
†JOHN NOBES ... 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... 7
JACK JUDGE ... 4	PERCY J. DYKE ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since 1909.

WICKEN, NORTANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

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

ALBERT J. GREEN Treble	LEONARD A. SMITH 5
*W. CLAYTON READ 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 6
FREDERICK C. CASE 3	THOMAS E. ROBERTS 7
*E. DUDLEY CHEXFIELD 4	THOMAS E. READ Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

* First peal.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lb.

JOHN MONK Treble	*FREDERICK NAISH 5
*MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	*NOBLE SPINDLOW 6
OSWALD J. HUNT 3	*GORDON CAUDWELL 7
*JACK HONEY 4	WALTER F. JUDGE Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER.

Conducted by W. F. JUDGE.

* First in the method. Mr. Hunt hails from Coventry, and was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

DEPTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Three Hours,

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.

*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN...Treble	†WALTER GLOVER 5
†MISS FRED A. ORR 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES... .. 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	DANIEL COOPER 7
JOHN R. WARNEKEN... .. 4	WILLIAM MERRITT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. ‡ First peal in the method away from the tenor. This is the first time ladies have taken part in a peal at this tower. The ringers of the 6th and tenor are members of the local company.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb. in G.

WALTER FARROW Treble	GEORGE MAYERS 5
SYDNEY T. RACKHAM 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 6
FREDK. R. BARRETT 3	CHARLES CUTTING 7
GEORGE T. PEGNALL 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method by the ringer of the 2nd, who hails from Abergavenny, South Wales, for whom this peal was arranged. This ringer was elected a member of the Guild previous to commencing the peal.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. approx.

MATTHEW KEARNEY Treble	RICHARD STANCLIFFE 5
THOMAS STANCLIFFE 2	JOHN WATSON 6
FRED CHAMBERS 3	WILLIAM ED. WILSON 7
THOMAS WILSON 4	ARTHUR TOMLINSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON

J. Watson's 100th peal.

GRIMSBY.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DEXTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*H. RUSHBY... .. Treble	J. BENJAMIN BUDD 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE... .. 2	HAROLD POOLE 6
*†J. NORMAN DALES 3	H. I. MINGAY 7
F. OVERTON 4	CHAS. W. TAYLOR Tenor

Conducted by H. POOLE.

* First peal in method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. Rushby. Also to record the first preferment, as a vicar, of the Rev. F. Russell Warrilow to St. Andrew's. The ringer of 2nd hails from Peterborough, and 6th from Leicester.

WEST WYCOMBE, BUCKS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM HIBBERT Treble	JAMES R. MACKMAN 5
EDGAR C. RUSSELL 2	JOHN C. TRUSS 6
JOHN EVANS 3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT 7
ARTHUR J. HOING 4	RICHARD WHITE Tenor

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

This was arranged for Mr. A. J. Hoing to ring his first College Youths peal, the band being all members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Rung on the eve of St. Lawrence's Day.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Tenor	BENJAMIN FOSKETT 5
CECIL V. EBBERTSON 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
ROBERT A. FARDON 3	HARRY KILBY 7
*MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES.

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

* First peal of Major.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	*JOHN F. MILNER 5
HENRY W. WILDE 2	CHARLES MASON 6
JOHN T. BROTHWELL 3	WALTER ALLWOOD 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Major. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 5th, he never having previously made a bob in the method.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5920 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

†GEORGE W. BIDDULPH ...Treble	WILLIAM A. ALLMAN 5
*WALTER LONGMAN 2	ARTHUR PEAKE 6
ERNEST KING 3	WALTER N. ASHBY 7
ALFRED E. BACON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 273).

Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

† First peal of Treble Bob Major and first attempt. * First peal of Treble Bob Major on a working bell. Mr. King has not rung a peal for 19 years, and this is his first peal in the method. This composition is now rung for the first time as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. N. Ashby.

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:**

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... Treble	CHARLES S. BIRD ... 5
ALBERT DISCRENS ... 2	ARTHUR HARDING ... 6
JOSEPH MILNER ... 3	EDGAR WIGHTMAN ... 7
WILLIAM E. JODD ... 4	WILLIAM WARNE ... Tenor

Conducted by EDGAR WIGHTMAN.

ROTHBURY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,***A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:**

Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES ... Tenor	WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 2	R. ALDER GOFTON ... 6
RICHARD A. GOFTON ... 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
JAMES E. GOFTON ... 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,***A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:**

Tenor 15 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... Treble	JAMES FLEETY ... 5
*JOHN MALYAN ... 2	GEORGE W. MOSS ... 6
WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 3	WALTER ARNOLD ... 7
GEORGE WIFFEN ... 4	WILLIAM ELLIOTT ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

First peal in the method; also on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CRAFTON, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BARNSELY AND DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Treble, Primrose,
London Scholars' Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in F.

WILLIE GREEN ... Treble	THOMAS W. HILTON ... 4
GEORGE HUNT ... 2	ARTHUR GILL ... 5
ARTHUR PANTHER ... 3	CHARLES WALSH ... Tenor

Conducted by A. PANTHER.

First peal on the bells. A. Gill's 50th peal.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(LEICESTER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:Being one 720 each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob,
and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob
called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

C. PRIESTNALL ... Treble	P. INGRAM ... 4
V. WADE ... 2	T. CHANTRELL ... 5
J. H. SPENCER ... 3	C. ALLSOP ... Tenor

Conducted by C. ALLSOP.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss May Love and Mr. Alan
Geary. First 720 of Canterbury, and first peal in five methods by
all.LEVERINGTON, CAMBS.—On Wednesday, July 30th, a quarter-
peal of Bob Minor (1,320 changes): C. Butters (longest length) 1, O.
Cousins 2, H. Shinkins 3, W. Cousins 4, Bert Gogle (conductor) 5, F.
Wigmore 6. Rung as a farewell to the conductor, who is leaving
the district.**EMPIRE PAGEANT AT WEMBLEY.****July 21st to August 30th.**The Bells used in the Pageant
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NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS.

4,000 PEALS.

SUMMARY OF PEALS RUNG BY THE GUILD SINCE ITS
FORMATION, APRIL 4th, 1877.

Method.	Total to July 27th, 1924.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	3
Double Norwich Court Bob Maximus	4
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	3
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	65
Bob Maximus	5
Stedman Cinques	36
Grandsire Cinques	9
Cambridge Surprise Royal	3
Double Norwich Court Bob Royal	11
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	13
Kent Treble Bob Royal	69
Bob Royal	27
Little Bob Royal	1
Stedman Caters	50
Grandsire Caters	30
London Surprise Major	33
Bristol Surprise Major	33
Cambridge Surprise Major	89
New Cambridge Surprise Major	28
Superlative Surprise Major	208
Norfolk Surprise Major	7
Suffolk Surprise Major	2
Yorkshire Surprise Major	1
Brighton Surprise Major	1
Guildford Surprise Major	2
Dublin Surprise Major	1
Duffield Major	2
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	434
Double Oxford Bob Major	7
Forward Major	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	517
Kent Treble Bob Major	441
Bob Major	419
Grandsire Major	2
Canterbury Pleasure Major	3
St. Clement's Major	1
Little Bob Major	3
Stedman Triples	158
Grandsire Triples	188
Darlaston Bob Triples	1
Oxford Bob Triples	1
St. Clement's Triples	1
Bob Triples	33
Erin Triples	1
On Six Bells	909
On Five Bells	148
4,000	

The first peal was rung at the Church of St. Mary, Redenhall, Norfolk, on Tuesday, November 8th, 1877, 5,152 changes of Superlative Surprise Major, in 3 hours and 27 minutes (tenor 24 cwt., E flat), composed by J. Cox, conducted by B. Smith.

The 4,000th peal was rung at the Church of All Saints', Shipdham, Norfolk, on Sunday, July 27th, 1924, 5,040 changes of Bob Minor in 2 hours and 38 minutes (tenor 12 cwt.), conducted by Walter C. Medler.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

LUTON DISTRICT.

A meeting of this district was held at Aspley Guise on Saturday, August 9th, and proved very enjoyable, members being present from Bedford, Luton, Cranfield, Woburn, Houghton Regis, Dunstable, and the local tower, and a visitor from Preston, Lancs, calling in the evening while motor-cycling in the district, whom the members were very pleased to meet. The bells, a light peal of six, were kept busy during the afternoon and evening in a variety of methods, Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Oxford, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise being rung.

By the kindness of the Vicar, tea was partaken of in a room adjoining the Vicarage. After tea a short business meeting was held, presided over by Mr. A. King, president of the branch.

Westoning was selected for the next meeting, on September 20th. This will be the first meeting to be held there, and it is hoped members will keep this date open.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the room and bells, and Mr. W. Chibnall for making arrangements for tea. The tower was again visited until 8 p.m.

THE NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.

A general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at North Elmham on Bank Holiday Monday, August 4th. By kind permission of the Rev. E. H. Townsend (Vicar of North Elmham) the ring of eight bells at the Parish Church of St. Mary were placed at the disposal of the members. Luncheon was served at the George and Dragon. Mr. George P. Burton (Norwich) presided, in the absence of the president, supported by the Rev. J. W. Lea (locum tenens at North Elmham), Mr. Geo. Mace (churchwarden), Messrs. Arthur L. Coleman (secretary), W. J. Howson (district secretary), and representatives from Aylsham, Fakenham, Norwich, North Elmham, Wymondham, Gressenhall, King's Lynn. The business meeting followed.—The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) delivered a message of regret from the president (the Dean of Norwich) at his inability to attend the meeting that day, wishing the Guild a pleasant and successful meeting.—The minutes of the previous general meeting were read and confirmed.—On the motion, moved by the General Secretary, the following members were elected: The Rev. Joseph P. Quigly (Vicar of Happisburgh), hon. member; Mr. George Mace, North Elmham, hon. member; Mr. Cecil Wm. Steward, Gressenhall, performing member; Mr. George Stephen Steward, Gressenhall, performing member; also the following belfry elections were confirmed as life members (non-resident): Miss Kitty Willers, Trumpington, Cambs.; Messrs. Herbert E. Audsley, Crayford, Kent; George W. Steere, Broadford, Surrey; Harry Parkes, Mersham, Kent; Fred Blood, Nottingham.—The Secretary announced that the rehanging of the bells at St. Peter Mancroft in a new iron frame would not be completed much before Christmas, and that being so he had been in consultation with the President (the Dean of Norwich) with respect to the rendezvous for the annual meeting of the Guild. Under the circumstances of St. Peter Mancroft bells not being available, it was decided to hold the annual general meeting of the Guild at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, October 9th, in the Chapter House of St. Nicholas' Church, when the preacher would be the Rev. Canon R. A. Aitken, Vicar of Great Yarmouth.—The Secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman) stated that 4,000 peals had been rung by the Guild since its formation, on April 4th, 1877, which stands as a record amongst the associations and Guilds of England. The first peal was rung at St. Mary's Church, Redenhall, Norfolk, on Tuesday, November 6th, 1877, the method being 5,152 changes of Superlative Surprise Major, and the 4,000th peal was rung at the Church of All Saints, Shipdham, Norfolk, on Sunday, July 27th, 1924, 5,050 changes of Bob Minor. A summary of peals appears on another page.—A vote of thanks was moved by the chairman to the Vicar and churchwardens of North Elmham.—The Rev. J. W. Lee and Mr. George Mace responded.—Mr. A. L. Coleman moved a vote of thanks to Mr. W. J. Howson (district secretary) for his services and kind assistance in the arrangements for the general meeting that day.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held at Swanscombe on Saturday, July 26th, over 40 members attending. The belfry was opened at 2 o'clock, when some of the members met to ring for a wedding, and the bells were going until 5 p.m., when the association form of service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Campbell Ward), Mrs. Ward accompanying on the organ. The Rector gave an interesting address on Church Bells, from which it was learned that he knew more on that subject than many ringers. The Rector and Mrs. Ward had invited the members to partake of tea on his beautiful lawn, but the weather ruled otherwise, and the Parish Room had to be requisitioned. Needless to say, their hospitality was much enjoyed.

After a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells, the Rector presided over the business meeting, which was short, sharp and sweet.—Two new members were elected, and three non-resident life members.—Chatham was chosen for the annual district meeting, on the last Saturday in October.—The District Secretary congratulated, on behalf of the district, the Rochester Cathedral band on their local peal of Stedman Caters, which proved to be the first true peal on the new bells, as the previous peal had turned out a false composition. Mr. W. Haigh offered the district's hearty thanks to the Rev. Campbell Ward and Mrs. Ward for their many kindnesses to them during the afternoon and evening, which was loudly applauded.—The Rector said he was always pleased to welcome them to Swanscombe and he much regretted that they could not enjoy tea on the lawn, but next time they must choose better weather. After a touch on the handbells the tower was again visited, and during the ringing all methods were tried up to Cambridge and Superlative, and the ringing at this meeting was highly creditable.

BRISTOL.—On Tuesday, Aug. 5th, at the Church of SS. Philip and Jacob, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Mrs. E. J. Brown 1, Mrs. R. J. Williams 2, Miss N. Williams (Bath) 3, Miss A. Brown (conductor) 4, I. Long 5, E. J. Brown 6, H. T. Howell 7, F. J. Porch 8.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. DEDICATION OF A NEW TREBLE BELL.

On Sunday, August 3rd, a service of dedication was held at 3 p.m., when the Right Rev. Bishop Shaw, D.D., Archdeacon of Oxford, was present, and officiated. After the second lesson, the act of dedication was performed by the Bishop at the foot of the tower in the chancel, the rope of the new bell being presented by Mr. W. Evetts, junr., with the usual request. On the conclusion of the dedicatory sentences, the new bell was committed to the care of the Rector (the Rev. G. Perry-Gore), late of St. Mary's, Oldham.—Bishop Shaw brought the service to a close with a most inspiring address, taking for his text, Psalm 150, verse 5, 'Praise Him upon the well tuned cymbals; praise Him upon the loud cymbals.'

Despite the steady downpour of rain the village church was filled for the occasion, several clergy from the district being present, including the Rural Dean (the Rev. F. R. Marriott), and the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild.

Before the service, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung (the first on the bells) by the following (120 Stedman): Walter Judge 1, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 2, W. Stone 3, William Judge 4, R. White 5, 120 Grandsire: William Judge 1, J. Keyte 2, J. H. Sheppard 3, R. White 4, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 5.

After the dedication of the new bell, the local band rang the first opening rounds. At the conclusion of the service, a 720 of Plain Bob (the first on the bells) was rung by R. White (Appleton) 1, J. Keyte (Charlbury) 2, J. H. Sheppard (Swindon) 3, Walter Judge (Kidlington) 4, W. Judge (Tackley), conductor, 5, W. Stone (Oxford) 6.

For evening service, touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung by Walter Judge 1, V. R. Hickman 2, William Judge 3, W. Stone 4, R. White 5, A. Whitlock 6.

The following towers were represented: St. Giles, Oxford, Swindon, Kidlington, Burford, Spilsbury, Wootton (Oxon), Eynsham, Barton and Piddington.

The 'go' of the bells was excellent, and reflected great credit to Mr. R. White, of Appleton, to whom the work of rehanging and strengthening the old frame (about 400 years old) had been entrusted.

The new treble bears the inscription: 'Tackley folk gave me, 1924. R. Perry-Gore, Rector. W. Evetts, junr., and E. F. Evetts, Churchwardens,' and was cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and proved a grand splice, the pitch being exact. The old bells are inscribed as follows:—

2nd bell.—Cast by J. Warner and Co., 1859.
3rd bell.—1689, no inscription or founder's name.
4th bell.—Recast by J. Warner and Co., 1859.
5th bell.—1664. Compton Reid, Knight and Baronet.
Tenor bell.—1664. Compton Reid, Knight and Baronet.
The last two appear to have been presented by Compton Reid, at that date, of Shipton-under-Wychwood.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. MEETING AT SUTTON-ON-TRENT.

Beautiful weather favoured this meeting on August Bank Holiday, and ringers assembled from places far and wide to test the 'go' of the new bells installed in the tower two years ago, and which are reported to be the best ring of six in North Notts. The meeting was held to help the sports and gala committee to clear off the debt on the bells, and upwards of £110 was raised, the attendance at the sports and gala being the largest of the three previously held.

The bells were at the disposal of ringers from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and ringers hailed from Barlborough, Gamston, Retford, Ordsall, Norton Cuckney, Worksop, Southwell Cathedral, Bolsover, Bottesford, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Gainborough, North Collingham, Surfleet, and the local company. The visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson and Flight-Serjt. Holden, R.A.F., of Cranwell, and the lady ringers.

During the day, the following methods were rung: Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Stedman Doubles. A word of praise is due to Mr. J. Semper, of Ossington, for the pains he has taken to teach the Sutton-on-Trent band the art of change ringing during the last four months, including two ladies who can now ring 360 changes.

Tea was served at 4 p.m., and a large number of ringers and friends sat down to partake of the good things provided by the lady workers of the church. The business meeting followed, presided over by Mr. J. H. Clayton, of Collingham, the Vicar, who sent an apology, being busy on the sports ground.

The following new members were elected: Mr. Wilson Allen, of Sutton-in-Ashfield; Mr. William Marshall, Sutton-on-Trent; Mr. Kenneth Orgar, of East Retford.—There being no reply from Laxton re the September meeting, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Misson, in September, same to be advertised in 'The Ringing World.'—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. C. Bartley) for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to all the visiting ringers, who on the sports and gala ground and in the ringing chamber had helped to make the fête and gala a success. This brought the meeting to a close, and further ringing was indulged in until 8.15 p.m.

ANCIENT NORWICH BELLS.

ST. MICHAEL COSLANY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The tower of St. Michael Coslany contains a peal of eight bells, Tenor 43½ inches diameter, 14 cwt.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble and Second. CHARLES HARWOOD & JAMES COBB, CHVRCHWARDENS. J.S. 1726. (Cast by John Stephens.)

Third and Fourth. EDW: TOOKE MADE ME 1676.

Fifth. + Sancta Maria ('ora' obliterated) Pro Nobis (in 'black-letter' with Lombardic capitals. On the crown ☐ ☐ ☐ three shields charged with a bell, cross-keys, cannon, and arrows, saltire, Bury St. Edmunds foundry mark). This bell came from Rockland, All Saints, to replace the old fifth, which was cracked in 1841. It was inscribed 'Nos Thome Meritis mereamur gaudia Lucis.'

Sixth. JOHN BREND MADE ME 1638.

Seventh. + Virginis Egrege ☐ (lion's face) Vocor Campana Marie (3 shields charged with 3 bells, ermine—Brasyer)¹

Tenor. + Munere Baptiste ☐ (lion's face) Benedictus Sit Chorus Iste (3 shields as on seventh).

called by Edward Crane before mentioned, and was rung and completed in 3 hours 18 minutes by us whose names are underwritten:—

RICHARD BARHAM 1st	WM. PETTINGILL... .. 5th
EDWARD CRANE 2nd	THOS. CRANE 6th
JNO. HARVEY 3rd	RICE GREENE 7th
ROBT. NOCKALL 4th	R. CRANE Tenor

W. WOOLBRIGHT } Churchwardens.
B. ELDEN }

The next peal is recorded in the Osborne MSS., as follows:—

ST. MICHAEL COSLANY, NORWICH, January 15th, 1771, was rung by Norwich Scholars a peal of 6,720 Changes of COURT BOB, in 4 hours and 25 minutes, by the underwritten members, as follows:

JNO. CHAMBERLAIN 1	WILLIAM WARNER 5
JNO. PEAKE 2	JNO. DYE 6
JNO. HAVERS 3	JAMES VINE 7
SIMON WATLING 4	JNO. FROWSE 8

Conducted by JOHN CHAMBERLAIN.

The next is not recorded on a tablet, but the 'Norwich Mercury' gives the following account:—

On January 13th, 1772, was rung at St. Michael Coslany, Norwich, 6,048 Changes of IMPERIAL the THIRD, in 3 hours and 58 minutes, conducted by John Chamberlain. Stations of ringers thus:—



The inscriptions on this and the seventh are in 'black-letter,' with Lombardic capitals.

The two trebles were bought by public subscription, and hung in February, 1726. They weigh 3 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb., and 4 cwt. respectively.

The following is a copy of the tablets in the belfry:—

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 hrs. 28 mins., on the 1st day of April, Anno 1727. There was no change alike or bell out of course. Performed by:—

RICHARD BARHAM 1	THOMAS GARDINER 5
THOMAS MELCHIOR 2	THOMAS BARRET 6
JOHN HARVEY 3	EDWARD CRANE 7
JOHN WEBSTER 4	ROBERT CRANE Tenor

In this steeple on the sixth of December, 1731, was rung that most incomparable, as well as intricate, peal of STEDMAN TRIPLES, which had long been ye study of many well skilled in the art of ringing, but without success, till Edward Crane, one of the company, with much pains and application, brought it to perfection with two Doubles. The peal contains 5,040 Triple Changes, 2 Doubles only excepted, and is allowed by all judges of the art to be the most ingenious peal that till now has ever been composed. The Bobs were

JOHN CHAMBERLAIN Treble	JAMES WATLING 5
WILLIAM WARNER 2	JAMES VINE 6
JOHN HAVERS 3	JOHN DYE 7
JOHN DIXON 4	SIMON WATLING Tenor

We now return to the tablets in the belfry:—

Monday, December 18th, 1815, 5,040 changes of that intricate method called NORWICH COURT BOB were rung in 3 hours and 20 minutes, in this steeple, without the misplacing of a bell or the repetition of a single change. The peal was conducted by Mr. Robt. Chesnutt, with his accustomed precision, and the bold and regular striking reflects great credit on the ringers. After which a short length of that ingenious and harmonious peal, Stedman Triples, was rung by the same company, and performed by the following persons:—

JNO. CLARKE Treble	ROBT. CHESNUTT 5
WILLM. MANN 2	THOS. BORELL 6
JNO. GIDDENS 3	SAML. HAVERS 7
FREDK. WATERING 4	JOSH. LUBBOCK Tenor

This board was erected by the Churchwardens to commemorate the above display of genius in the extensive of Campanologia.

Wm. Hawks, Esq., Mayor; Thos. Troughton, Esq., Churchwardens.

On Tuesday, Nov. 1st, 1831, were rung a true and complete peal, comprising 6,160 Changes of the DOUBLE Method of COURT BOB

MAJOR, which by reason of the intricacy of the composition might be properly called a performance of first-rate eminence, and with respect to the superiority of striking it was no less worthy of notice. The utmost regularity being retained from beginning to ending, which included an interval of 3 hours and 45 minutes. It was composed and expertly conducted by Mr. Samuel Thurston, and rung by the under-mentioned persons:—

PECKER HILL Treble	HENRY HUBBARD 5
ELIJAH MASON 2	ROBERT BORRELL 6
FREDK. WATERING 3	CHARLES PAYNE 7
JAMES TRUMAN 4	SAMUEL THURSTON Tenor

THOMAS ROBINSON, AMBROSE GEDGE, Churchwardens.

July 21st, 1832, was rung a peal comprising 5,260 Changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, in 3 h. and 12 m. Composed by J. Reeves, and called by H. Hubbard:—

P. HILL Treble	J. COLEMAN 5th
F. WATERING 2nd	WM. ALDIS 6th
J. GREENWOOD 3rd	J. TRUMAN 7th
S. THURSTON 4th	H. HUBBARD Tenor

June 10th, 1843, was rung a peal of 5,248 Changes of OXFORD TREBLE BOB, in 3 h. and 8 m. This peal by J. Reeves, has the most changes possible in 13 courses. Called by J. Truman.

J. TRUMAN Treble	W. FREEMAN 5th
F. WATERING 2nd	R. BORRELL 6th
J. GREENWOOD 3rd	G. SMITH 7th
R. COLE 4th	H. HUBBARD Tenor

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A FIRST OUTING.

On August Bank Holiday, the ringers of St. Lawrence's, Reading, had their first outing, the day being spent in London. The party consisted of thirteen ringers, including two ladies, accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. J. T. Mumford). Arriving at Paddington at 9 a.m., the party at once made tracks to St. Clement Danes, in the Strand, a church built by Wren, and attended by Dr. Johnson. An hour's ringing on the beautiful peal was much enjoyed, and they left to the strains of 'Oranges and Lemons' played upon the chimes. No time was lost in getting to St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, where Mr. Garrard and other Kensington ringers were awaiting them, and the fine peal of ten were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire Caters, etc. The band dispersed for the afternoon to see the sights of London, some of the band having never been to London before. Among the places visited were the Abbey, the Cenotaph, St. Paul's and Southwark Cathedrals, the National Gallery, Mansion House, etc. All turned up again punctually for tea, and afterwards adjourned to the neighbouring tower of St. Botolph's, where Mr. James Davis was in readiness, and an hour's good ringing in various methods—standard and otherwise—was put in on the musical ring of eight. That finished the ringing for the day, and the party made their way to the London Coliseum for the last item in the day's programme. The midnight train from Paddington was caught, and the party, tired but happy, reached Reading just before 1 a.m. The first outing was voted a huge success by everybody, and it is to be hoped that it will be followed by a good many more equally as enjoyable. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Plain Bob, Kent and Double Norwich Major. The band would like to take this opportunity to thank the Vicars of the several churches for allowing the use of the bells; to the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness, and to Mr. Garrard for his help in making the arrangements.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 23rd, the ringers of St. Peter's, Sible Hedingham, for their annual outing went a round of towers in the Ipswich district. Going via Sudbury, the first call was at Assington, a nice peal of six, touches of Treble Bob and Cambridge being rung. The next stop was made at Hadleigh, and the fine ring of eight were made use of for touches of Grandsire and Stedman and Bob Major. Dinner was partaken of at Ipswich, and afterwards St. Margaret's tower was visited. There the ringers had a good ring. None of the other towers were visited as the bells went so well at St. Margaret's. Touches of Major Treble Bob and Stedman were rung, and then on to Stratford St. Mary, where a nice ring of six for Treble Bob were found. After tea, at Colchester, St. Peter's tower on North Hill was visited, and touches were rung for the 7.30 service, with touches of Major and Stedman. An enjoyable day's ringing was spent, and the band would like to thank the steeplekeepers at Assington, Hadleigh, etc., for making the arrangements for the bells.

STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

The Stanmore ringers held their first outing on Saturday, June 28th, and travelled by charabanc to St. Albans, calling at St. Stephen's, a six-bell tower. Dunstable Priory Church was the next stop, the ringers being met by Mr. A. Sharman. The bells were set going to Grandsire Triples. The Rev. Canon Baker visited the tower, and gave them a hearty welcome. After tea the party journeyed to Luton, where they were met by Mr. Goodenough, and once again Grandsire Triples were set doing on these beautiful old bells. Harpenden was next visited, Mr. Day welcoming the party. After ringing some Triples, one of the ringers rang his first course of Stedman Doubles on the back six. All the ringers wish to express their thanks to the Vicars of Dunstable, Luton, Harpenden, and St. Stephen's and St. Albans for their respective bells, and also to those who helped to make the outing such a great success.

LINSLADE BUCKS.

On Saturday, August 9th, the Linslade ringers held their annual outing, journeying by motor to Swanbourne, where the handy ring of six were soon going to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Then on through Winslow and Whitchurch to Aylesbury, the county town of Bucks, where a stop was made for tea. After tea a move was made for Wendover, where several of the local ringers welcomed the visitors. The bells were raised in peal, and some good touches of Doubles and Minor were rung. Going on through Halton Camp (R.A.F.) and Tring, the party arrived at Ivinghoe, and were lucky enough to find the foreman ringer standing outside the church. After obtaining permission for a pull the tower was visited for the first time by members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The best thanks of the ringers are due to the Vicars of the towers visited, and to the foremen for making all arrangements.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

The St. Peter's, Tunbridge Wells, ringers held their annual outing on August Bank Holiday, accompanied by wives and sisters, and also three of the Lambert family of Horsmonden.

After leaving Tunbridge Wells the first stop was Mayfield, where a touch of Stedman Triples was rung. A course of Superlative was attempted, but came to grief. The next stopping-place was Heathfield, where more Stedman Triples were rung, and a course of Superlative. Thence to Buxted, where Stedman and Kent were brought home. The next stop was Uckfield, and the methods rung were Stedman, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Superlative. Thence to Lewes, where an excellent lunch waited. In the afternoon the belfry of Southover was visited. Here they were met by some of the local ringers, and with their help courses of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Plain Bob and Kent Royal were rung, several of the visitors ringing on ten bells for the first time. Superlative and Oxford Treble Bob Major were also rung. A move was then made for East Grinstead. After a welcome tea, at the Church Institute, the grand peal of eight were set going to Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative, and afterwards lowered in peal. The next stop was Withyham, Stedman and Superlative being the methods. Tunbridge Wells was reached at 9.30, after a very pleasant day, which reflected the greatest credit on the secretary and organiser, Mr. W. Latter. This outing makes a record for the Tunbridge Wells band in the diversity of methods rung. It is desired, through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' to thank the incumbents of the various churches for the permission to ring, and the steeplekeepers and local ringers for their kindness in having everything ready.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The members of the Romney Marsh Guild held their annual outing on Saturday, August 2nd. The first contingent from Stone was picked up at 6.45 a.m., Appledore at 7, Tenterden 7.20, reaching the first tower, Withyham, at 9.30. These are a nice handy ring of eight, and an hour's ringing was much enjoyed. The Rector met the party, and extended a hearty welcome. A lovely ride over Ashdown Forest brought them to Rotherfield, where the Ashford contingent was met. Here was a very good peal, and several touches were brought round. After lunch, at Mayfield, an hour's ringing was indulged in, Mr. A. Miles, the sexton having a pull. Uckfield was the next stop, and here the party were met by Mr. J. Hart. Several touches were rung on this handy little ring. They next moved on to Heathfield, and were soon enjoying a substantial tea provided by the hostess of the Rose Inn, and the wants were well attended to by one of the local lady ringers, Mrs. Barrow, to whom best thanks are due. After tea, a good hour's ringing on this fine peal, both in 'go' and tone, and then the order 'all aboard' for the last tower on the day's list, viz., Salehurst. Here they were met by Mr. W. H. Head, and some good ringing enjoyed in the standard methods. This concluded the ringing for the day. There were about 50 in the party, of whom nearly half were lady ringers, wives, etc. The unanimous opinion of all present seemed to be that they had come to the end of a perfect day.

BELFRY GOSSIP.

The correct version of the inscription on the tomb of William Rayner at Arreton, Isle of Wight, is as follows:—

Skilled in the mystery of the pleasing peal,
Which few can know and fewer still reveal.
Whether with little bells, or bell sublime,
To split a moment to the truth of time.
Time so oft truly beat at length o'ercame,
Yet shall this tribute long preserve his name.

The first peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus was rung at Ipswich on August 15th, 1908.

On the now silent bells of St. Michael's, Coventry, a peal of 5,000 Oxford Treble Bob Royal was rung on Monday, August 17th, 1812.

Mr. J. Watson, member of the Lancashire Association (Blackburn Branch), rang his 100th peal on August 7th, 1924. Details of peals: Minor Methods, 6; Bob Major, 6; Grandsire Triples, 30; Stedman Triples, 19; Stedman Caters, 3; Kent Treble Bob Major, 19; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Granta Treble Bob Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 8; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Palatine Surprise Major, 1; London Surprise Major, 1; total, 100. Rung in 27 different towers.

Members of the Suffolk Guild desire to express their thanks to all the friends in Suffolk who helped to make their tour such a pleasant and successful one, especially to Mr. W. C. Rumsey, of Debenham who made all arrangements of towers, etc.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.**

An enjoyable day was spent by members of this branch, and visitors from various parts, on Bank Holiday, when Chalfont St. Peter, Chalfont St. Giles, Amersham and Beaconsfield were visited, and the following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge, Superlative and London Surprise Major. The towers represented were: Ashton-under-Lyne, Chertsey, Guildford, Hillingdon, Leatherhead, Putney, Rochester, St. Albans, Southgate, Swindon, and Tring, by the visitors; and Amersham, Beaconsfield, Chalfont St. Peter and St. Giles, Cookham, Fulmer, Hitcham, Hughenden, Old Windsor, Slough and Stoke Poges, by members of the branch. The enthusiasm of the party augurs well for the future of the branch.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LEICESTER.—On Thursday, July 31st, at St. Martin's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: P. Harrison 1, H. W. Needham 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, J. Carter 4, S. Burton 5, E. R. Whitehead 6, T. Valance 7, H. G. Jenny 8, H. J. Poole (conductor) 9, S. E. Poole 10. Rung to commemorate the marriage of Miss E. M. Cotton to Mr. E. V. Bakewell, which took place at St. Luke's Church, Leicester, the same day. Miss Cotton is the eldest daughter of Mr. S. Cotton, of St. Martin's company.

LIVERPOOL.—At the Church of St. Nicholas, on Friday evening, August 8th, in 1 hour 19 mins., a date touch of Stedman Triples (1,924 changes): W. Fisher, C. Smith, T. C. Larkey, T. Hammond, A. Lintott, G. R. Newton, E. Caunce, W. Betley. Composed by W. Walmsley, of Macclesfield. Conducted by G. R. Newton. Rung on the back eight bells (tenor 39½ cwt.). First date touch of Stedman Triples by all the band. Mr. Smith hails from Uttroter.

GREENWICH.—On Saturday, July 26th, at St. Alfege Church, Hubbard's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins., as a compliment to Thomas Jakeman, on his 57th birthday anniversary: H. Hoskins 1, W. Berry 2, E. E. Richards 3, J. J. Lamb 4, W. Shimmans 5, P. W. Thornton (conductor) 6, T. Jakeman 7, G. E. Daynes 8. Also 504 and 336 in the same method, conducted by Messrs. F. W. Thornton and I. G. Shade respectively.

THORNHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Saturday, July 26th, a 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Nunn 1, E. Youngs 2, H. Moss 3, G. Kemp 4, J. Betts 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6. Also on Saturday, Aug. 2nd, a 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: C. Nunn 1, E. Youngs 2, H. Moss 3, E. F. Poppy 4, J. Betts 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. E. F. Bingley).

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On Tuesday, June 3rd, to celebrate the King's birthday, the bells of St. Mary's Church were rung at intervals. At 12 noon, the bells were 'fired,' and afterwards the following touches were brought round: 672 Bob Major, 504 and 546 Grandsire Triples, six courses of Stedman Triples, and a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) Grandsire Triples, this last being rung in 48 mins. by Messrs. L. Hammond 1, F. Peck 2, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 3, W. Pierce 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, C. Moss 7, J. Jolly 8.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, Aug. 10th, at All Saints, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. H. Hollier 1, W. H. Hewitt (conductor) 2, A. Cutmore 3, J. W. Driver 4, A. Harding 5, F. Skevington 6, C. W. Grimwood 7, — Page 8.

SHILDON.—At St. John's Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 10th, a 720 of Bob Minor, with 42 Singles, and tenor covering, in 26 mins.: E. Elliott 1, T. Wick 2, S. Bryant 3, J. Beck 4, W. Vickers 5, R. B. Robinson (conductor) 6, J. Henderson 7. For composition see 'Rope Sight,' page 75.

FAKENHAM, NORFOLK.—The Norwich Association.—On Sunday, August 3rd, 672 Oxford Treble Bob Major: C. Wybrow 1, C. S. Tull 2, J. A. Godfrey 3, A. Baldwin 4, C. V. Ebberson (Willesden) 5, W. E. Bason (conductor) 6, G. Cooke 7, R. Cooke 8. Also for evening service, 360 Little Bob Major and 120 Grandsire Triples, with Harry Cooke taking part.

ELHAM, KENT.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. E. Whitnall (Elham) 1, F. Castle (Elham) 2, S. Baker (Cheriton) 3, F. Nye (Lyminge) 4, A. Nye (Bagshot) 5, G. Webb (Lyminge) 6, A. Castle (Elham) 7, — Obden (Lyminge) 8. Conducted by A. Nye.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBRIDGE.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for Matins, 720 Doubles, three six-scores each of Grandsire, Oxford Singles and Plain Bob: K. Willers 1, F. Haynes 2, A. Wilson 3, H. Wilson 4, W. Rayner (conductor) 5. Also for evensong, 720 Grandsire and Plain Bob: J. Harper (first 720) 1, K. Willers 2, F. Haynes 3, H. Wilson 4, A. Wilson (first 720 as conductor) 5.

SWINDON.—For morning service, at Christ Church, on Sunday, August 3rd, 448 Cambridge Surprise Major: A. Lawrence 1, H. W. Bishop 2, K. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, S. Palmer 5, H. A. Hearl 6, W. Trueman 7, C. J. Gardiner 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, R. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaten 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, for morning service, on Sunday, August 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1,260 changes, Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: R. Beer (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Wonnacott (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 2, W. Hicott (first quarter-peal as conductor) 3, W. Rundle 4, A. H. Kentfield 5, W. Richards 6, J. Woodley 7, S. Symons 8. Rung in celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. S. Symons, the ringers of the tenor, the band wishing them many happy returns.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1,260 Stedman Triples: S. C. Moye, E. J. King (conductor), W. A. Batten, T. H. Taffender, G. W. Harris, J. R. Gammon, C. Routley (first quarter-peal).

ILMINGTON.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 3rd, for morning prayer, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with ten callings, in 48 mins.: A. Large 1, W. Large 2, H. Terry (cond.) 3, E. Withers 4, G. Hands 5, J. Terry 6.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples: F. S. Wilson 1, B. Harrison 2, W. Wiskins 3, G. Archer 4, T. Ford 5, W. Steggalls 6, C. J. More (conductor) 7, J. Souter 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: T. Ford 1, T. Chenery 2, W. Wiskins 3, C. J. More (conductor) 4, A. Leeder 5, W. Steggalls 6, G. Archer 7, J. Souter 8. Mr. T. Chenery was on a visit from Cambridge.

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RINGERS' WEDDINGS.

A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday, August 2nd, at the Church of St. Mary, Shirehampton, near Bristol. The bride was Miss Elsie J., eldest daughter of Mr. Joseph Gould (Past Master of the Bristol United Guild, chairman of the Bristol branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association, and captain of the Henbury ringers), of Shirehampton, and the bridegroom Mr. Ernest D. Collier, an esteemed member of the Henbury Parish Church bell ringers. The church was packed to overcrowding, the bride having been a well-known church worker. She was given away by her father, and wore a gown of cream schappe de chine, with veil and orange blossom, and carried a bouquet of a sheaf of lilies. She was attended by four bridesmaids, Misses Minnie, Laura and Dolly Gould (bride's sisters), and Marie Covington (cousin), and two wore pale heliotrope, with pale pink carnations, and two wore cream schappe silk, with pale mauve sweet peas. The page boys, Allen Clark and Kenneth Godfrey, were dressed in cream schappe silk. The bridegroom was attended as best man by Mr. Wm. Gould. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. C. W. Dixon, M.A.), and the organist played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. After the ceremony the bride and bridegroom had to run the gauntlet, and they were met at the gateway of the bride's house by a band of ringers from Bristol, Henbury and Westbury-on-Trym, who rang the handbells (there being no peal at the church at Shirehampton). The reception was held at the bride's house, where all relatives, ringers and guests were received. Later in the afternoon the bride and bridegroom left for the Cheddar Valley, where the honeymoon is being spent. The bride's going-away dress was of grey crepe de chine, with hat to match. Mr. and Mrs. Collier were the recipients of about sixty presents. A peal of Stedman Caters was successfully brought round at St. Stephen's, Bristol, the same afternoon, in honour of the event.

On Saturday, August 2nd, at St. Francis' Church (R.C.), Holbeck, Leeds, the marriage of Mr. Thomas McHale to Miss Mary Marlett took place. The ceremony was conducted by the Very Rev. Canon McAuliffe. The bridegroom's brother was best man. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. George Marlett. As the happy couple came down the aisle the bells rang out their congratulations, and concluded with a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples. The company were afterwards entertained at the residence of the bride and bridegroom, and the best wishes of those present were conveyed to the bridal pair.

ELMDON (ESSEX) CHURCH BELLS.

The peal of six bells at the Parish Church here, during the last few weeks, been rehung and all new fittings added, and put in perfect ringing order by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The work was tested by ringers from towers in the district on Friday evening of last week, when various touches were rung, and a 720 of Oxford Treble Bob by the following: F. Bowtell 1, R. Clements 2, H. Welham 3, P. Webb 4, R. G. King 5, A. Bowell (conductor) 6. One and all were highly pleased with the 'go' of the bells.

EXMINSTER'S BELLS.

A band of visitors from Exeter recently paid a visit to Exminster, where a pull on the fine peal of six bells, which have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with new fittings and frame, was greatly enjoyed. Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire were the methods indulged in, and the 'go' of the bells was found to be perfect, and all that could be desired. It is hoped the local band will soon join the Devon Guild, and get the assistance of some of the visitors to help them to learn method ringing now their bells go so beautifully. With the addition of two trebles these bells would make a splendid peal of eight, and it is hoped means will soon be found for putting them there. Mr. F. Gardner made the necessary arrangements for the visit, while Messrs. Laver and Davey acted as conductors.

ANNUAL CARILLON PERFORMANCE AT CATTISTOCK.

The pretty little village of Cattistock was on Thursday invaded by large crowds who had come from all over Dorset and the neighbouring counties to hear the music performed on the bells in the tower of the Parish Church by Monsieur Kamel Lefevre (assistant carillonneur to Monsieur Jos. Denyn), of Malines Cathedral. The programme was as follows: Prelude; 'God bless the Prince of Wales' (Brinsley Richards); 'The Sunshine of your Smile' (Lilian Ray); 'Sally in our Alley' (17th century); 'March of the Men of Harlech' (A.D. 1468); 'Yn nyffryn clwyd' (The Missing Boat); 'In an Old-fashioned Town' (W. H. Squire); and 'Red, White and Blue' (Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean); Rondo (1st Sonata); old Flemish songs—'Het Visschertje' (The little fisherman); 'De Minnehode' (Love Messenger); and 'Naar Oostland willen wij rijden' (To Eastland we will go) (old emigrants' song); 'The Flemish Lion' (K. Miry) and 'La Brabanconne'; 'God Save the King.'

NOTICES.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on Aug. 19th; St. Magnus on Aug. 21st; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on Aug. 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Aug. 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.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Yateley on Saturday, August 23rd. Bell available from 3 p.m. Short Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and a business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The August meeting will be held at Brown Edge on Saturday the 23rd. Ringing to commence at 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. Committee meeting 6.30 p.m.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Woodbridge, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tea 1s. (for all sending word by Aug. 19th) at the Cafe (next the church) at 5 p.m. Woodbridge bells (8), Ufford (8) available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Benenden, near Cranbrook, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, Aug. 19th. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting, tea and social will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 23rd. The bells (10) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish School. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Social 7 p.m. Tickets 1/6 each. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers and friends. The bells of Holy Trinity and St. Michael's will also be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Will all those who intend being present for tea please send in their names to W. E. Wilson, 22, Brantfel Road, Blackburn, not later than Tuesday, the 19th?—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-Western Division) and the MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION and LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD (N.E. District).—A joint meeting for practice and social intercourse will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head will be arranged at 5.30 p.m. for all those who advise either of the undersigned by Tuesday, August 19th. Members and friends of above associations cordially welcomed. Trains from Liverpool Street at 2.48 and 3.8, from Stratford at 3.30.—W. Theobald, 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15; C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

WORCESTERSHIRE & DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Offenham on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. 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, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, August 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting after service. Please notify me not later than August 19th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m. Will all those requiring tea notify me not later than August 20th?—B. W. Wittchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Mew Street, Erdington, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Barley on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available afternoon and evening.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Will all those requiring tea kindly inform me by Tuesday, August 19th? All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, August 23rd. All ringers are cordially invited. There will be a service in the church at 4.15 p.m., after which tea in the school. All those intending to be present are requested to notify Mr. A. Redgwell not later than August 21st.—W. H. Dyson, District Sec., High Street, Braintree.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Rothwell on Saturday, August 23rd. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, August 23rd, at Stoke Poges. Six bells, from 3 to 5 p.m. G.W.R. bus leaves at 5.9 p.m. Tea at Farnham Royal 5.30 p.m. Bells (8) available after tea. Names must be sent in by August 19th, otherwise visitors will find difficulty in obtaining a meal.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., "Cambridge," Wexham Wood, Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Monday, Aug. 25th. Bells available from 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The new peal of eight at Bourn, Cambs, will be dedicated on Saturday, August 30th, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. It would facilitate arrangements if ringers would notify me of their intention of being present.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—At the invitation of the new Vicar the next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, August 30th, which also includes tea on the Vicarage lawn. Will those intending being present please advise the Rev. A. Chaplin, The Vicarage, Cotgrave, Notts, not later than August 27th?—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tymme District.—A meeting will be held at Newton Hall on August 30th. Bells (6) will be available at 2 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me before August 27th.—C. Symm Newton, Stockfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Election of branch president for next two years. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September.—St. Clement Danes, Mondays the 1st and 15th, at 7.30; Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 22nd, at 7.30. Outing to Chertsey on Saturday, the 27th. Details will be announced later. Please reserve date.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, September 13th, at Hinckley. Details later.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, September 20th. The Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.) will take the chair at 5.45 p.m. prompt. Applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than Tuesday, September 16th.—P. I. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

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PROPOSED WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It would seem folly to augment such a light peal as St. Ebbe's, Oxford, to eight, with a tenor of only 5 cwt. Perhaps some of your readers may not be aware that the experiment has already been tried and found unsatisfactory.

The history of these bells briefly is as follows: In 1790 the present light peal of six, cast by John Briant, of Hertford, was put up in place of an old peal of three. In 1803 two trebles were added, the gift of Mr. Baker and Mr. Searsbrook; but being so light and small the result was not satisfactory; and so somewhere about fifty years ago they were taken down and utilised for a district church. This being the case, it would be a waste of money to repeat the experiment. Could not a peal of eight be hung at St. Peter-le-Bailly? I believe there is still only the single bell cast by Robert Wells of Aldbourne, in 1792, in the tower, together with a small call-bell. The inscription on the large bell is as follows:—

'With seven more I hope soon to be
For ages joined in harmony.'

The Rev. W. C. Lukis, writing in 1857, remarks: 'This very reasonable wish has not yet been realised,' nor does it appear to have been realised even now. Here is a chance for doing some useful work.—Yours, etc.,
J. R. JERRAM.
August 9th, 1924.

RINGING AT OXFORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I find that I was mistaken in supposing that there was no University Society at Oxford during the time of my residence at New College. I had never heard of it, but that was not sufficient reason for implying that it did not exist.

As a matter of fact (so a correspondent informs me) the society had, on Feb. 8th, 1882, celebrated its 10th anniversary by ringing its first peal entirely by members. Some of those who took part in the peal are no doubt still surviving, and I owe them an apology for my ignorance of their services to University ringing.—Yours faithfully,
T. L. PAPILLON.

PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The method published last week by W. E. Bason is Dublin Duplex, and has been rung by, I believe, the Whitley Bay band, Mr. G. Lindoff being the author, who gave it to me about 1909. Any peal of Treble Bob Major will run true, repeated with two singles.—Yours truly,
W. KEEBLE.

DOUBLE FAKENHAM COURT BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The method in last Friday's 'Ringing World' as, as Mr. Bason says, a good method. But I must point out that it has previously been published many times, that it is in the forthcoming Central Council book of Major Methods, and that it already has a name. It bears exactly the same relationship to Bristol Surprise that Double Norwich does to Norfolk Surprise. To avoid disappointment, composers should know that the Method Committee's collection includes every possible Major method with a Plain Hunting Treble; and that the more limited group which includes this method has been worked out in formula on all numbers to infinity.—Yours,
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METHOD AUTHORSHIP.

The letters which appeared in our last issue go not only to prove that Double Fakenham Court Bob is not a new method, but also to show that there is no scope for authors of plain methods in these days. The fact that every possible Major method with a plain hunt has either been actually figured out or obtained in formula, should save those who enter freshly upon the very fascinating study of method construction from wasting their energies in search of something new. Casual discovery can, in future, bring no laurels to the aspiring author who restricts his investigations to this class of method; indeed there seems little opportunity for getting upon conventional lines anything new that is really worth ringing on eight bells. There are still a number of good methods in existence which have not yet been rung, and now that experts are constantly engaged in working out all possible systematic permutations upon a mathematical basis, the ringers who set out to compile a method by the laborious stages, by which composers of old carried out their task, are almost certain to find that theirs is a case of love's labour lost.

At present there are a good many enthusiasts who spend much of their leisure in delving into this very attractive phase of the art, and as the fruits of labour go to the first in the field, there may still be some rewards awaiting those who seek out the more complicated methods. But those who are devoting their time and talent to this form of composition—or ought we to say authorship?—are in a position of much uncertainty. They cannot know whether anyone else has a prior claim to what they have discovered, and it is high time something was done to put this matter on a better basis. We have constantly urged the setting up of a register of methods, as well as of compositions, by the Central Council; and until this is done ringers will continue to waste their energies and suffer disappointments in their endeavours to get new methods, simply because there is practically no means of ascertaining whether or not the figures which they have evolved have already been produced by someone else. A register of methods would be nothing like so stupendous a task as a register of peal compositions, and the Council might turn their attention to it at once. It may be urged that in time this task will be accomplished by the Methods Committee, but their rate of progress is inevitably slow, because their labours are devoted to exhausting the whole of the possible methods in the various classes. What is wanted at the moment, is that all existing methods should be filed with the Council, so that a man may ascertain at once whether or not his figures really belong to him or to an earlier author, and to secure to the legitimate composer the rights which are his.

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FREDERICK DICKENS	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
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ALBERT E. NORMAN	4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
ALBERT WALKER	5	JOHN NEAL 11
ALBERT T. SRIVENS	6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER.

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On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5141 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

KEITH HART	Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
ALBERT D. STONE	2	HENRY PAGE 7
CHARLES W. CLARK	3	JOHN DEARLOVE 8
WALTER PERKINS	4	ERNEST MORRIS 9
CHARLES PALMER	5	RICHARD STREDWICK ... Tenor

Composed by F. H. DEXTER.

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

CHARLES W. CLARK	Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 6
FREDERICK W. ROGERS	2	RICHARD STREDWICK 7
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	JOHN DEARLOVE 8
ERNEST MORRIS	4	ALBERT D. STONE 9
WILLIAM ROGERS	5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS.

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*WALTER HUGHES	Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND	2	JAMES MARTIN 7
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	*ARTHUR LINTOTT 8
*THOMAS C. LARKEY	4	†PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
†THOMAS R. BUTLER	5	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by G. R. FARDON. Conducted by PERCIVAL W. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. ‡ First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells.

WREXHAM, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING	Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 6
WILLIAM JONES	2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 7
*ARTHUR PRINCE	3	ARTHUR WATKIN 8
GEORGE R. JONES	4	JAMES SWINDLEY 9
ALBERT J. HUGHES	5	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Royal. W. Saunders belongs to Coalbrookdale and A. Prince to Bath.

STAFFORD.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY ... Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE ... 6
ERNEST LONDON ... 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY ... 7
ERNEST KING ... 3	CHARLES H. PAGE ... 8
WILLIAM A. ALLMAN ... 4	WALTER N. ASHEY ... 9
ALFRED E. BACON ... 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by ERNEST MORRIS. Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

First peal of Royal by the Association and Mr. G. H. Page's 50th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ... Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS ... 2	ALBERT D. STONE ... 6
CHARLES W. CLARK ... 3	JOHN DEARLOVE ... 7
WALTER PERKINS ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PISTOW. Conducted by KEITH HART.

HADDENDHAM, BUCKS.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NORTON ... Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 5
ROBERT W. GREEN ... 2	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS ... 6
CHARLES CHOERT ... 3	EDGAR C. RUSSELL ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 4	JAMES BULLOCK ... Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by JAMES BULLOCK.

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(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS ... Treble	ROBERT MATTHEWS ... 5
† HAROLD V. COOPER ... 2	EDWARD LLOYD ... 6
WILLIAM POTTER ... 3	JOHN LLOYD ... 7
† CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 4	* WILLIAM CHUTER ... Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

LYMINGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND EADBURGA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

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ALBERT TANTON ... Treble	ALBERT CASTLE ... 5
GORDON WEBB ... 2	FRANK VERNEY ... 6
FRANK SLINGSBY ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
STEPHEN BAKER ... 4	ALEC WEBB ... 8

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

First peal on 8 bells by F. Slingsby. 3rd and 4th from Cheriton, 5th and 6th Elham, conductor Maidstone, rest local band.

WORCESTER.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

* JOHN BAYLISS ... Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD ... 5
WILLIAM NIBLETT ... 2	WILLIAM LEWIS ... 6
SIDNEY T. HOLT ... 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 7
WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by J. J. JEFFERIES.

* First peal of Surprise Major.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

ARTHUR WEBBER ... Treble	BEN. S. THOMPSON ... 5
GEORGE T. PEGNALL ... 2	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 6
THOMAS FAULKNER ... 3	GEORGE H. CROSS ... 7
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ... 4	GEORGE MAYERS ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

ELVEDEN, SUFFOLK.

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With 6—8 covering. Being seven 720's each called differently.
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WALTER G. PAUL ... 2	CHARLES D. TURNER ... 6
JAMES BROWN ... 3	FREDERICK A. SALTER ... 7
WILLIAM PAUL ... 4	WILLIAM L. RICKWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by F. A. SALTER.

First peal and first attempt by all excepting the conductor, who was on holiday from Nottingham.

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WALTER GODDARD ... 3	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 7
JOHN MCKEAG ... 4	ARTHUR E. WEST ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. T. S. Morton, who is shortly leaving for New Zealand.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 12½ cwt.

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THOMAS C. LARKEY ... 2	EDWARD CAUNCE ... 6
WALTER HUGHES ... 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT ... 4	WILLIAM BETLEY ... Tenor

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JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	CHARLES J. FRAY 6
RICHARD PAINE 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKERTenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Arranged for the ringer of the 5th, who thanks the members of the band for having kindly met him.

MORTIMER, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JOSEPH W. HIGGS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM FORD 5
*ALBERT HAMM 2	STANLEY C. DAVIS 6
ARTHUR T. LOVEJOY 3	GEORGE PARSONS 7
*FREDK. H. J. SNOOK 4	*FREDERICK HAMM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY C. DAVIS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Holloway, the foreman of the tower.

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

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF ANNABLE'S COMPOSITION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... ..Treble	WILLIAM E. JUDD 5
CHARLES T. COLES 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	THOMAS NEWMAN 7
CECIL V. EBBERTSON 4	HARRY KILBY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5038 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE WORTHY ... ..Treble	THOMAS METCALFE 5
CYRIL J. POLLARD 2	WILLIAM AINSWORTH... .. 6
SIDNEY TUNNELL 3	THOMAS HENSHER 7
JOHN G. HALL 4	THOMAS LANCASTER ... ..Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late John William Passman, one of the local ringers. * First peal in the method and first attempt.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three 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.

GEORGE R. JONES ... ..Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 6
JOHN W. DAVIES 3	ARTHUR WATKIN... .. 7
*ARTHUR PRINCE... .. 4	EDWARD V. RODENHURST... ..Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method and belongs to Bath, Somerset.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... ..Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 2	GEORGE RADLEY... .. 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	KEITH HART 7
MAURICE SMITH 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... ..Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*HERBERT G. PRATT ... ..Treble	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 5
ERNEST J. TRIMMER... .. 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
FRANK E. DARBY 3	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 7
JAMES E. COOPER 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... ..Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

The conductor's 50th peal. * First peal of Major.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in F.

*EDWARD WILSON ... ..Treble	ERNEST J. AYLIFFE 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	GEORGE GRANT 6
WALTER G. ROWE 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 4	CHARLES AYLIFFE ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor. Ringers of 2, 3, 4 and 7 hail from North Stoneham, the rest belong to Bishopstoke.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

WALTER BARRETT ... ..Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
EDWIN GOATE 2	FREDERICK ROOPE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
ALPHBUS BERRY... .. 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*PETER BOARDMAN ... ..Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER... .. 6
BENJAMIN TREVITT 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	*SEPHTON LAWRENSON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. Butler and to enable two of the local company to score their first peal.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... ..Treble	THOMAS R. BUTLER 5
THOMAS C. LARKEY 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS W. GILMOUR... .. 3	EDWARD CAUNCE... .. 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	ARTHUR LINTOTT... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

The ringer of the 5th hails from Ellesmere, Shropshire.

LONGSTANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

JOHN T. NEWINGTON... ..Treble	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 5
CHARLES W. COOK 2	ABRAHAM WILKINSON 6
WILFRED C. IBBETT 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS... .. 7
HAROLD J. HAZELL 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... ..Tenor

Composed by DANIEL PRENTICE. Conducted by A. G. RIVERS.
Mr. Rivers' first peal of Major as conductor for 20 years.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*FRANK REYNOLDS ... ..Treble	*JOHN YATES 5
GEORGE POWNALL 2	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW... .. 6
*WILLIAM GOULD 3	GEORGE PYE 7
*WILLIAM HAMPSON 4	JAMES ORME ... ..Tenor

Composed by FRED BANKS. Conducted by J. LEATHERBARROW.
*First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect to Arthur Withington, late of Culcheth Hall, who died on November 29th, 1923, and was interred at Helsby Parish Church on December 3rd.

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

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... ..Treble	JOHN FLINT 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	*A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS 6
BERNARD DITCHER 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS 4	WALTER ALLWOOD ... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by B. A. KNIGHTS.
*First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's No. 1.

Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lb.

ALBERT H. WARD ... ..Treble	ARTHUR BRAINES... .. 5
MAURICE SWINFELD 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
HENRY FLETCHER 3	JAMES PAGETT 7
JOHN S. SWINFELD 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Beryl Lillian Ward, the youngest daughter of the conductor; also as a birthday peal to Mr. E. C. Goby.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE R.C. CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ...Treble	EDWIN J. STRINGER 5
JAMES W. REYNOLDS, JUN. 2	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM 6
SAMUEL GROVE 3	JAMES F. CLARKE 7
RICHARD C. INGRAM 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS ... ..Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Witchell on the 37th anniversary of their wedding.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt. in F.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... ..Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5
CHARLES H. KIPPIN 2	FRANCIS W. CHAPMAN 6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 3	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 7
ERNEST J. TRIMMER 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Conducted by C. W. ROBERTS.

NORTH MIMMS, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, 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	ALBERT W. COLES 5
*HAROLD G. CASHMORE 2	CECIL V. EBBERSON 6
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ..Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE
*First peal in the method.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ..Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY... .. 5
ALBERT J. HUGHES 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 6
FRANK W. PERRENS 3	ARTHUR WATKIN... .. 7
ARTHUR PRINCE 4	JAMES H. RIDING... ..Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by ARTHUR SPERRING.
Mr. F. W. Perrens belongs to Coventry.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELDERSFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 6040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS ... ..Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 2	ERNEST GIBBS 5
SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 3	CHARLES CAMM ... ..Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

First peal in seven methods rung upon the bells.

HUISH CHAMFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Four 720's of Kent and three of Oxford, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb.

ALBERT TOUT ... ..Treble	WILLIAM COLES 4
*SYDNEY WYATT, JUN. 2	ARTHUR W. HAYWARD 5
ALFRED J. WYATT 3	S. GEORGE COLES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED J. WYATT.

*First peal. First peal in the methods by all. First peal of Minor on the bells. Ringer of treble from Milverton, the others from Wilton, Taunton. First peal as conductor.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and two of Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

*STANLEY C. RYLES Treble	WILLIAM WHEELDON... .. 4
JOHN E. WHEELDON... .. 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
HENRY CARNWELL 3	JAMES WALLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WHEELDON.

* First peal. The peal was rung, by representatives of the rural towers in the ecclesiastical area of Stoke-on-Trent, in honour of the Rev. H. V. Stuart (Rector of Stoke) becoming the Dean of Carlisle. Messrs. S. C. Ryles, J. Wallely and J. E. Wheelton hail from Morton-le-Moors, W. Wheelton from Bucknall, H. Carnwell from Kingsley and A. W. Hall from Cheadle.

HALSE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor about 12½ cwt.

*JAMES SWEETLAND Treble	GILBERT JONES 4
FRED POLE 2	ALBERT TOUT 5
*ARTHUR GREEDY 3	WILLIAM COMINS Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First peal.

DALLINGTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ALBERT CARLEY Treble	†JAMES WINCHESTER... .. 4
†WILLIAM S. DALE 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS 5
*THOMAS W. PANKHURST 3	GEORGE PONT Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on inside bells and first attempt. Mr. Edwards hails from Robertsbridge, the rest from Brightling.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, August 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON... Treble	JOHN DASS 4
*HAROLD V. COOPER 2	WILLIAM H. COOPER... .. 5
ROBERT MATTHEWS... .. 3	JOHN LLOYD... .. Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in seven methods.

BURSLER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*HAROLD WHITFIELD... .. Treble	JOHN E. WHEELDON 4
*ERNEST GATER 2	THOMAS HURD 5
FRANK TRINER 3	THOMAS HILDITCH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN E. WHEELDON.

* First peal.

BURTON-UPON-STATHER, LINGS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, August 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Treble	HAROLD EASTOR 4
JACK BRAY 2	*GEORGE HOBBS 5
*ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. 3	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, August 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY CROSS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

C. THOMPSON Treble	A. SHARMAN... .. 4
E. MALLINDER 2	F. W. KNOWLES, JUN. 5
F. SWAIN 3	W. SWAIN Tenor

Conducted by W. SWAIN.

First peal by all and first on the bells. Rung at the second attempt.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
*ALFRED ROWLEY 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY P. HOLT.

* First peal of Surprise Minor; also first peal of Surprise on the bells. Specially arranged for Mr. A. Rowley to enable him to ring his 100th peal on the bells of his native parish.

VENTNOR, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, August 14th, 1924, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT SOUTHCLIFF.

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

E. G. BENSON (ST. CATH.) 1-2	W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEENS') 3-6
E. M. ATKINS (ST. CATH.) 3-4	*J. BUTLER (FITZW. HALL) 7-8

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method 'in hand.'

THE NAMING OF METHODS.

A SUGGESTION FOR THE COMMITTEE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There has lately been a discussion in 'The Ringing World' about the naming of methods. I want to put forward a suggestion which I hope the committee will seriously consider.

I wonder how many of us realise that bellringing is the one popular mediæval church ceremony that has survived to us without any break at all. It is true that in the 17th century Puritans raved against it as being one of the deadly sins, but, as all of us know who have had any experience in the ringing chamber, bellringers are not easily broken of their habits, so that when all the popular plays, processions, holidays, music and ceremony were stopped, the ringers, safely out of the way in their bellries, continued to ring and steadily to improve their art.

Now had they, in the Middle Ages, reached the stage of method ringing, the ringers would, as a matter of course, have named their methods after the Christian saints. My suggestion is that we should recognise that we are practising a mediæval Christian art, and do as they would in naming our methods in future after the saints. Is not there a mediæval jocularly about such a name as St. Peter's Surprise or St. Catharine's Delight, most suitable for our 'merry bells'?

GEOFFREY BENSON.

Berkhamstead.

RINGING IN BOSTON, U.S.A.

VISIT OF MR. CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

Mr. Charles Willshire, of Montreal, and formerly of Guildford, Surrey, writes:—

Having decided to take a short vacation in New York, I thought I would return via Boston, and I therefore wrote to Mr. R. Newton, asking him if he could arrange some ringing for me on Sunday, August 3rd. He replied almost by return, saying how pleased he would be to see me, and that he had arranged some ringing for me at the Perkin's Institute for the Blind on Sunday afternoon and also in the evening for service at the Church of the Advent. On arriving at the first-mentioned place, I was given a hearty welcome by all, including Mr. and Mrs. Newton and Mrs. Shurtleff. The bells were soon going, and a touch of 168 Grandsire Triples was rung by the following: Anthony R. Price treble, Charles Willshire, sen., 2, Mrs. Shurtleff 3, Philip J. Allfrey 4, William Bashford 5, James F. Laker 6, Richard Newton (conductor) 7, Joseph Goodhead tenor. Afterwards we attempted a 700 of Kent Treble Bob Major, but it was unfortunately lost after ringing 600 changes.

Time being up, the bells were lowered, and, by the kind invitation of Mrs. Shurtleff, we all adjourned for tea, after which the handbells were brought out, but by the time a course had been rung, we had to go to the church, where a touch of 572 Grandsire Triples was rung by: Richard Newton treble, Philip J. Allfrey 2, Charles Willshire, sen. (conductor), 3, Mrs. Shurtleff 4, William Bashford 5, James F. Laker 6, Anthony R. Price 7, Joseph Goodhead tenor. The striking, on the whole, was very good.

After ringing and a chat about the old country, I had to take my leave, owing to a previous arrangement to meet a travelling companion, but not until I had promised Mr. and Mrs. Newton to visit them on the following evening. Accordingly I met him as he was leaving business, and enjoyed the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Newton, after which the former took us for a trip in his motor-car, visiting Ingham, where there is a peal of bells in a campanile entirely separated from the church, but we were unable to get in to see them. We then proceeded through beautiful scenery over the Blue Mountains, and returned to Boston after a ride of 35 miles. After an hour spent with them we had to say 'Good-bye,' and thus ended one of the most pleasant days I had spent for a long time. I wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank all those who met me, and especially Mrs. Shurtleff and Mr. and Mrs. Newton for making my visit such a pleasant one.

AUTHORSHIP OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Keeble says that Mr. G. Lindoff is the author of the method given in your issue of August 8th. Now I should be the last man to belittle Mr. Lindoff's work as a composer, but to say that anybody is the 'author' of that method is, to one who knows anything about the matter, simply ridiculous. Further, even according to popular standards, the method is not Mr. Lindoff's. It was published in the 'Bell News' as far back as 1899.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

A FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Peal No. 2,832 in the Yorkshire Association Report for 1922-23, 5056 Plain Bob Major, composed by the late Mr. Sam Thomas, and rung at Rawmarsh on Saturday, January 13th, 1923, is false, the fifth lead in the first course, repeating as the fourth lead in the fourth course.—Yours faithfully,

W. BARTON,

Peal Secretary, Y.A.C.R.

5040 ORIGINAL TRIPLES.

BY ERNEST MORRIS (LEICESTER).

123456	3	4	5	6
465312	—	—	—	—
425613	—	—	—	—
435216	—	—	—	—
261543	—	—	—	—
231645	—	—	—	—
251346	—	—	—	—
364125	—	—	—	—
354621	—	—	—	—
314526	—	—	—	—
561234	—	x	—	—
541632	—	—	—	—
521436	—	—	—	—
462153	—	s	—	—
432651	—	—	—	—
412356	—	—	—	—

Repeat 23 times, omitting the s at 4 in all except the 13th part; and adding a Bob at the same place in the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 10th, 14th, 17th, 20th and 22nd parts.

Has the 7th undisturbed throughout; the 6th alternately in 2nd, 4th and 6th's place at course ends; while the 5th follows the same sequence in every part.

EMPIRE PAGEANT AT WEMBLEY.

July 21st to August 30th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The meeting of the Northern Division of the Hertford County Association, arranged for Barley to-morrow, has been postponed.

The Annual Report of the Hertford County Association has just been circulated. The membership for the current year consists of 392 attached to 48 bands, 19 unattached, 86 non-resident life, 40 non-resident ordinary and 49 honorary, a total of 586.

Details of the peals rung in the two years 1922 and 1923 appear in this year's Report of the Chester Diocesan Guild, which has just been issued. The report of the committee will be found on another page.

An interesting feature of the list of Norfolk Guild peals in our last issue was the fact that peals of Oxford Treble Bob Major far outnumber those in the Kent variation. We wonder whether any other association can claim to have rung more peals of Oxford Major than of Kent!

A correspondent would like to know who 'blowed the organ' at Denham?

American visitors at the London hotels are complaining of the shortage of salmon and green peas, since the recent feast of the ringing 'cannibals' at Lydney.

There is a talk of three peals of Stedman Cinques in 24 hours at Quex Park in the near future.

Readers are invited to give their answers to: (1) Why does the clapper fly? (2) When is a bell hung? (3) Is the sound bow inside or out?

The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Huish Champflower on July 6th was erroneously reported as being rung for the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

The old peal of six bells at the ancient church of Whalley have been recast and augmented by the addition of a new treble and tenor (22 cwt.) by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The dedication service will take place to-day (Friday) at 1.30 p.m. It is expected that a branch meeting of the Lancashire Association will be held at Whalley shortly.

Next Tuesday is the anniversary of the first peal of Grandsire Triples, which was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, on August 28th, 1718. It was composed by John Garthorn, 'who, with long Study and Practice, have perfectly discovered those Intricate methods which were hidden from the eyes of all the ringers in England.'

A peal of 5040 Bob Major St. George was rung at St. George's Church, Southwark, on August 27th, 1750, conducted by Benjamin Anable.

Wednesday is the 110th anniversary of the 12,320 Treble Bob rung at Otley on August 27th, 1814. This was rung in 7 hrs. 15 mins.

Matt. Wood, of Bethnal Green, died on August 27th, 1912, at the age of 87 years.

Mr. E. King, of 6, Slaney Street, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffs, would like to get into touch with other ringers of the surname King, with a view to ringing a King's peal at one of the many King's towns or villages.

'A REMARKABLE MAN OF LITCHURCH, DERBY.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—The account of the first peal of Caters at Litchurch, Derby, in your last issue, brought to my mind the following verses I have had by me for some years, and which bear the above title. Who this 'remarkable man' was I have no idea, but perhaps our Derby friends can tell us.—Yours truly,

ERNEST MORRIS.

Leicester.

A wonderful man at Litchurch dwells,
Who is very fond of ringing bells;
If you would like to know his name,
A Trent-side village bears the same.

At eight o'clock on Sunday morn,
When men are sleepy, tired and worn;
A thrilling sound runs through the brain,
Telling the old man's at work again.

With jacket off, and rope in hand,
Under the bell he takes his stand;
To have a pull just at his ease,
With no one but himself to please.

And when he's done, off home he goes,
Thinking nought of friends or foes;
He finds the breakfast table set,
And does his duty, you may bet.

LLANDAFF. — At the Cathedral on Wednesday, August 13th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes, composed by Cornelius Charge) was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Buckley, wife of the Venerable Archdeacon J. R. Buckley, Vicar of Llandaff: R. Bailey 1, F. J. Bailey 2, C. O. Hobbs 3, G. Large 4, S. Dawe 5, L. Wright 6, J. W. Jones 7, E. Coombes 8, W. Bolton (conductor) 9, E. Coles 10.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL FESTIVAL AT MACCLESFIELD.****PRESENTATION TO THE REV. A. T. BEESTON.**

The Chester Diocesan Guild held its annual meeting at Macclesfield on August Bank Holiday, when over seventy members were present for the business meeting, and more joined the company during the afternoon. The proceedings commenced with a service in the Parish Church at 10.50 a.m., conducted by the Vicar (Rev. H. E. Stevens), at which Canon H. J. Elsee (President of the Lancashire Association) preached the sermon.

At the business meeting afterwards the Master presented the Rev. A. T. Beeston, secretary of the Guild from 1907-1923, with an easy chair, that may, perhaps, best be described as 'commodiously soporific,' and, in lieu of the traditional 'purse of gold,' a cheque for £20. To this gift nearly every member of the Guild had subscribed, and the chair bears on a silver plate the inscription: 'Presented to Rev. A. T. Beeston, honorary secretary of the Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers from 1907-1923, by the members of the Guild. Macclesfield. 4th August, 1924.'

The Rev. A. T. Beeston, in acknowledging the gift, said that he regarded it to some extent as a judgment passed on him. Evidently his service to the Guild had been satisfactory. He had seen it grow from very small beginnings, and the present members of the Guild must go on trying to improve it.—Mr. J. P. Fidler also spoke, and gave those present the slogan, 'Copy Mr. Beeston.' He felt they could not do better.

The Master (Mr. H. Fairclough), the treasurer (Rev. A. T. Beeston), the secretary (Mr. E. W. Elwell) and the auditors (Messrs. H. and W. Jackson) were all re-elected for the ensuing year.

It was decided that, with a view to economy, in future the composition of peals rung should not be included in the report.

A long discussion took place on the advisability of holding the annual meeting in future on Easter Monday. It was pointed out that in some parts of the diocese August Bank Holiday is not a recognised industrial holiday. On the other hand, there were felt to be practical difficulties in getting the annual report ready for the earlier date. It was eventually decided to make the change, and, after 1924, the Guild's year will end at Michaelmas to make this possible.

After the meeting those present had an excellent lunch at the Victory Cafe in Well Street, and then adjourned for united practice in the art at the various towers.

The Vicar of Macclesfield entertained the ringers to tea at the Vicarage, and so made a delightful close to a very good meeting.

In the annual report it was stated: The year has been one of difficulty from a monetary point of view. It cannot be too clearly understood by members of the Guild that, under our present system of working, by which subscriptions are paid at various times throughout the year, the Guild income does not come into the hands of our treasurer from the branch secretaries till the beginning of the year following. It is therefore necessary that we should carry forward at the end of the year a large cash balance to meet current expenses, until revenue again flows in at the end of the period. The balance is, then, more apparent than real. At the end of 1922 we had £17 7s. 5d. in hand, out of which had to be paid all expenses till the 1923 subscriptions were paid in at the end of the year. That is why, with £17 in hand, the committee found themselves unable to print a report costing £40, without drawing on their capital, a step which they did not feel justified in taking. By careful economy, however, the balance was increased to £45 13s. 7d. by the end of the year, and this allows us more latitude in the future. The committee met early in February, 1924, to consider what additional steps they could take to improve our financial position. An appeal was sent out to Parochial Church Councils asking them to vote us half a guinea each, and this appeal has already met with a certain amount of success. The effect, however, will not be felt till next year, as we are unable to bring the results into the 1923 account.

For the third year in succession we have had to face a declining membership, but there are now signs that this contraction is slowing up, and the branch secretaries, who are alive to the position, are beginning to make headway. The most hopeful sign is that, while last year subscriptions in arrears numbered 117, this year they are only 78. Six towers have lapsed, but two others have come into union.

The number of our members is: Honorary life members 5, honorary members 58, ringing and probationary members 587, non-resident life members 169, total 819. Towers in union 75, out of union 26.

Last year we were congratulating ourselves on a record in peal ringing, and the progress that was so marked then has continued at an equal rate during the year under review, no less than 80 peals having been rung by 127 members of the Guild, among whom are the large number of twenty first pealers. Six members have conducted their first peals and 57 have rung their first peals in new methods. Mr. G. R. Jones has rung in 35 peals, while of the 32 that Mr. R. Sperring has taken part in he has conducted 22. The Guild has also established two records during the year. The record length of 17,280 Treble Bob was rung at Over on July 21st, in ten

hours, and the Norbury band have succeeded in ringing spliced peals in 29, 30 and 35 methods.

The committee have decided to print the report again this year in its old form, and to include in it the peals rung in 1922. While the financial position still remained acute, it is felt that the absence of our report last year has caused us to lose a certain amount of ground, which it is very desirable should be retrieved as soon as possible. On many occasions this year again the Master has been present at branch meetings and has very much encouraged us. Mr. Beeston visited some of the branches in the spring, and the new secretary has tried during the latter part of the year to get to know some of the members of the Guild. The branch secretaries and other officials have again worked willingly for their branches' good, and our best thanks are due to them. The only other important matter is that the Guild offers its hearty congratulations to the Rev. A. T. Beeston, and wishes him very many years of happy married life.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting was held at Barnard Castle on Saturday, August 9th. The bells of the Parish Church were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening, while ringing also took place at Staindrop Parish Church in the morning and at Cotherstone Church in the evening. At the latter place only a plain course of Bob Minor was brought round on account of the shocking condition of the bells. One of the locals kindly suggested that the visitors should ring the changes written on the blackboard: 'lead off the tenor and change to the next row of figures when the conductor stamps on the floor' were his instructions. This method was too intricate, so the ringers didn't follow his advice.

Tea was served at the Royal Restaurant, where 26 sat down, Mr. Todd (the President) presiding, supported by the general secretary, one vice-president and three district secretaries.

The Tanfield branch arrived in style with 'Tin Elizabeth,' by whose aid the journey from Barnard Castle to Cotherstone and back was made.

The following towers were represented: Darlington, St. John's and Holy Trinity; Shildon, Bishop Auckland, Sunderland, St. Ignatius, Tanfield, Newcastle Cathedral, St. George's, Jesmond, Staindrop and the local band. The last train saw those away who were not motor-ing.

The next meeting will be held at Wylam on September 20th.

E. F.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**SOUTHERN DIVISION MEETING.**

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Division was held at Conisborough on Saturday, August 16th, when a fairly good number of members were present, the towers represented being Doncaster, Ecclesfield, Wath, Rawmarsh, Tickhill, St. Marys, All Saints and the Cathedral, Sheffield; Rotherham, Wortley, Arksey, Killamarsh, Norton, Horbury and Pontefract. Upwards of 30 sat down to an excellent tea, provided by the local company in the Church School.

The business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the Vicar of Conisborough (the Rev. W. A. Strawbridge), who gave the association a very hearty welcome to his church.

Mr. F. Wilby (vice-president) moved that a letter of condolence be sent to the relatives of the late Mr. S. Thomas, of Sheffield, and this was carried by those present standing in silence.

Two new members were elected, viz., N. Fisher, of Dore, and C. Timpon, of Tickhill.

Subject to the bells at Rotherham Parish Church being ready, it was decided to hold the next meeting there, failing which Eastwood was selected, the meeting to be held on December 20th.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and the school and to the local company for the excellent tea and arrangements were carried, and replied to by the Vicar.

Some very good ringing took place, the methods being Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Little Bob and Original Major.

THE PEAL AT STAFFORD.

The band wish to tender their thanks to the authorities for the use of this splendid peal of bells, and wish to place on record their appreciation of the kindly welcome accorded them by the curate, the bright and well ordered state of the fine ringing chamber, and the splendid 'go' of the bells, and, after the peal, the hearty invitation to 'come again.'

It was the first peal on ten bells by the treble ringer, of Royal by the 2nd ringer, the first time the 3rd ringer had rung on ten bells, the first peal on ten by the 4th ringer and the 5th ringer, the first of Kent Royal by the 7th ringer, the 50th peal by the 8th ringer, the first peal on ten bells by the 9th ringer, and the first peal of Royal by the Stoke Archidiaconal Association. Is it the first peal of Royal on the bells, also?

A DATE TOUCH

At Stroud, Glos. for evening service at the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 17th, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1924 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 10 mins. by: T. Prichard 1, B. Latham 2, H. Scrivens 3, T. Wits 4, A. Wright (composer and conductor) 5, L. Barry 6, G. Orchard 7, E. Paul 8.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—As the memorial to the late J. W. Washbrook is a matter of national interest to ringers, it is well that the questions arising in connection with it should be fully discussed.

At the annual meeting of the Oxford Guild it was decided that a memorial should be erected in Oxford, and the further suggestion that it take the form of two bells to augment a ring of six to eight met with general approval.

It will be agreed on all hands that such a memorial will be of a most suitable character, and it will naturally be accompanied by some sort of inscriptive tablet recording its object.

The next question that presents itself is, in which tower the two new bells should be placed. Three were named at the Oxford Guild meeting, St. Ebbe's, Carfax and St. Giles'. The proposal showing real vision was that made by Mr. Trollope. An inscription placed on an outer wall at Carfax Corner recording the augmentation of the bells to eight in memory of Mr. Washbrook would hold an unrivalled position as a witness to posterity of his great work in the cause of change ringing. On the other hand, an obvious objection is that Carfax bells are, to the best of my belief, municipal property, and used only on civic occasions. They are not to be heard week by week in the ordinary course of Sunday ringing, nor is any regular practice held at that tower. There is indeed no reason why the tower should not be open for practice once or twice a week, as is the case with Manchester Town Hall, but the ringers would always be at the mercy of the civic authorities, and a few unfriendly rate-payers might at any time make trouble. Another argument against Carfax is, that it is preferable to place the bells in a church tower, where their presence will tend to the maintenance of an efficient band of ringers to serve the church.

For the immediate requirements of change-ringing in Oxford it is probable that the addition of two trebles at St. Ebbe's would be of the greatest practical utility. This church is at the moment the principal centre of change-ringing, and, as Mr. Hibbert aptly pointed out, the ringers there are in the happy position of being able to ring when they like. But the question must be asked, 'How far would the augmentation of St. Ebbe's bells fulfil the main purpose, namely, that of a perpetual memorial to the late Mr. Washbrook?' It must be admitted that, so far as the public at large are concerned, it would be entirely ineffective. Only the congregation of this quaint little church and ringers visiting the belfry would know anything about the memorial. Even an inscription on the outside of St. Ebbe's tower would be seen by comparatively few people. Nor would the audible witness of the bells at all adequately serve the purpose in view. Shut in by buildings on every side, the diminutive bells at St. Ebbe's are heard but a very short distance, and their sound naturally fails to convey anything of that sense of grandeur and dignity, which should characterise a worthy memorial to so great a man.

Whether my memory served me right or not, when I expressed my belief that St. Giles' tower contained the pits ready for two more bells, it certainly does carry six massive bells, which, by the addition of two trebles, are capable of being made into a sonorous ring of eight, which would be well heard all over Oxford, and would constitute a fine, dignified memorial to the greatest ringer of his day. In raising the objection that owing to their position bells placed in this tower would be little used, Mr. Hibbert gently hinted that 'the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards had forgotten his Oxford.' Although, like the President of the Central Council, I find my undergraduate days receding into the background, I venture the assertion that in this instance my memory of Oxford is more accurate than Mr. Hibbert's own.

In those days St. Giles' was the only church in Oxford in which the bells were regularly rung three times every Sunday, besides a practice on Wednesday evening, and one never heard of any complaint being raised at the Radcliffe Infirmary. Further, in the printed rules hanging on the belfry wall it was stated, that in addition to the appointed hours of ringing the bells might 'also be rung on the festivals of the church and their eves.' Thus it was open to the ringers to hold an additional practice on the eve of any saint's day, if they so wished, and to ring on Holy Days as well as Sundays. Indeed, few hands of ringers would expect or desire more facilities for ringing than those prevailing at St. Giles'. And if a more active use of the bells than of late did evoke any complaints from the infirmary or elsewhere, the simple expedient of shutters, such as those in use at Clifton and Caversham, would effectually obviate the difficulty. In fact, the tone of the bells would be improved, from the standpoint of the listener outside, by some such modification of the outlet for sound, while one of the best ways to disarm hostility would be to give the assurance that after the augmentation of the bells to an octave their sound would be less heard than before.

'Some letter,' Mr. Editor, but I submit that the points of view thus fully, and, I trust, fairly set forth are worthy of consideration by the Exercise at large.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

THE MUSINGS OF 'CRITICUS.'

HOLIDAY DREAMS.

This is the month when folk are mostly in a holiday mood. They may not always be lucky enough to have a holiday, but the holiday feeling is there right enough. I happen to be fortunate enough to be one of those able to steal away for a few days 'far from the madding crowd,' and when one finds oneself on a sandy shore with little but cliffs and placid sea to look at, one cannot help becoming contemplative. In these circumstances it is natural that a ringer's thoughts should turn to matters campanological, and in my day dreams I have successfully worked out a scheme for reforming all things relating to ringing that are in need of reformation. There are a score of things which I would do, such as excluding from the records all bad peals—although a friend of mine, who is not too particular about striking, sometimes tells me that there are no bad peals, only that some are better than others. Then, I would make the Central Council award peal points, not for method, but for merit. I know that in my scheme of things this would involve the appointment of official umpires for all peals, and it may have its difficulties, but little questions like that the Analysis Committee may well be left to work out for themselves. Another thing that needs looking into is the possibility of gingering up some of our associations. This may mean putting dynamite under most of the members, which is more than a one man job, but I could mention one or two societies who really need it badly. But I need go no further. When one wakes, and sits up and faces facts, one realises the futility of trying to attempt anything in the nature of reformation in ringing. We are a queer old lot we ringers, and one doubts if even an earthquake would quicken our pace or change our methods (by methods I do not mean the things we ring, but the things we do).

After all, is not ringing, for the most part, a 'holiday' job, except perhaps for those who set out to ring anything from fourteen to twenty peals in a week? Englishmen, it is said, take their pleasures sadly, and ringers generally, to my way of thinking, take their peal ringing too seriously. I sometimes wonder, what do mere peals matter; isn't it—apart from our Sunday duties—the social side of our ringing which leaves the most lasting impressions? I retain the pleasantest memories of many a little 'do,' in which I have shared, when we have been out for a peal, but whether our ringing on those occasions was successful or not, I have not now the slightest recollection. The memory of the happy social intercourse remains, the ringing, good bad or indifferent, has faded. But there are some men I know who, making peal ringing more or less a 'business,' live a life full of regrets for the peals they have lost! Ah no! They lose the best in ringing when they do this.

The interesting historical contribution published a fortnight ago in 'The Ringing World' is another reminder that among the things we lack as an Exercise is a real historical record. Scraps from the story of the past are to be found in all sorts of places, but nothing has ever been done to bring these things together in one collective whole. There is a fine chance here for some enthusiast, and the longer the job is left the harder will be the task. I believe it was the Literature Committee of the Central Council that was to have done a lot in this direction—at any rate much was expected of it; but this part of its work—the *raison d'être* of its inception—fizzled out miserably after several years' ineffectual endeavour to ascertain what, exactly, the principal member of the committee had done. Now, the committee seems to have changed its functions, and we hear nothing of the bibliography, or whatever it was, that was being undertaken. But that is no reason why a fresh effort should not be made to collect and collate the historical records of the Exercise, so that something like an authentic account of the ringers of the past, and their performances, may be made available for future generations. The way in which old records have, from time to time, disappeared, is a warning. As the years go by others may similarly be lost, and every endeavour should be made to prevent this. A work of this kind would be a big undertaking, but it would be well worth while. I should like to see the Central Council take this in hand straight away, and, if necessary, appoint some salaried person to do it—it is almost too much to expect such a labour to be undertaken voluntarily.

Up to the present all the Council's work has been done by honorary officials, purely for the love of the thing, but the time is coming, I believe, when our Parliament will have to take a bigger outlook, and, in order to tackle some of the tasks to which it might well put its hand—tasks which, indeed, it ought to undertake—will have to make some sort of recompense for the work done. It is obviously becoming increasingly difficult to find men who can give up their time to do the work of the Council, for much of it, in fact one may say most of it, is done in the privacy of the study and the home, and as the Council takes up some fresh subject or phase of work in connection with the art, so it finds that men with the necessary leisure are increasingly hard to discover. The Council will, in my opinion, eventually be forced into paying for some of the services which will be required, and this will necessitate bigger funds. As 'The Ringing World' pointed out, in a recent article, the only means of obtaining these funds at present is by increasing the subscription demanded

in respect of each representative. A paltry half-a-crown per annum from about eighty members or so is a meagre revenue for a central body, and now that the rules of the Council are, as we read, to be revised, this would be a very appropriate time to increase the contribution. I wonder if the Standing Committee will have the courage to recommend it? To tell the truth, 'I ha' ma doots.'

Now that a memorial for the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook has been decided upon, I should like to add my own expression of hope that the scheme will be taken up as a thoroughly national one. A great deal has already been written and said about Jim Washbrook's wonderful capabilities as a ringer, and those who actually knew him in his prime will always tell you he has had no superior in all round ability. My first recollection of Washbrook was when I was quite a green hand at ringing, somewhere in the Grandsire Doubles stage. Washbrook and others were touring in our district, and they came to our tower for a peal of Major. Our lumpy-going tenor had never before been turned in to a peal—our local tenorman, who used to take about twenty minutes over the three hours to ring her behind to Triples, was of opinion that she was too big to be rung to Major. She weighed about a ton, and we believed the tenorman. We all assembled at the tower to worship at the shrine of these super-peal ringers, who were to attempt the seemingly impossible, and we peeped through the window while the ringing was in progress to see how the tenor ringer, which was Washbrook, was getting on. The bells were going so fast, he must surely be quickly exhausting himself! But when they ran into rounds in just three hours, and Washbrook, to our amazement, came out of the tower looking as fresh as paint, our tenorman went straight home, while we youngsters stared in open-mouthed wonder at this Hercules who had accomplished such a feat.

CRITICUS.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Seeing by the latest performance of the Leiston ringers that Mr. Lindoff has once more struck the same seam as myself, allow me to state that I discovered Rochester Surprise, along with several more of the same family, in May, 1923. They have been well circulated in our Northern Counties. The Rev. A. T. Beeston has had possession of them for twelve months. The remainder of them are as under.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

'NORTON' SURPRISE.	'RIPON' SURPRISE.	'LINCOLN' SURPRISE.	'NEW LONDON' SURPRISE.
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12346857	12537486	12537486	12537486
21438675	21357846	21357846	21357846
24136857	23158764	23158764	23158764
42318675	32517846	32517846	32517846
42136857	32158764	32158764	32158764
24318675	23517846	23517846	23517846
42381657	25371864	32571864	32571486
43286175	52738146	35278146	35274168
34821657	57231864	53721864	53721486
38426175	75328146	57328146	57324168
83246715	57382416	75238416	75234618
38427651	53784261	57324861	57326481
34826715	35872416	53728416	53724618
43287651	38574261	35274861	35276481
34278561	83754621	32547681	53726841
43725816	87356412	23456718	35278614
47328561	78534621	24357681	32576841
74235816	75836412	42536718	23758614
47325186	57863142	24356178	32578164
43721368	75681324	23451687	35271846
34275186	76583142	32546178	53728164
32471568	67851324	35241687	57321864
23417586	68715342	53214678	75312486
32145768	86173524	35126487	57134268
32417586	86715342	35214678	57312486
23145768	68173524	51326487	75134268
21347586	61875342	51324678	71532486
12435768	16785432	15234768	17352846
21345678	61874523	51327486	71538264
12436587	16847253	15372846	17583624
14263857	16482735	15738264	17856342
4th's place Bob.	4th's place Bob.	4th's place Bob.	4th's place Bob.
False Course and	False Course	False Course	False Course
24365	24365	24365	24365

These two methods are remarkable in the manner the course bells work together. In 'Lincoln' they are parted only 42 changes in the course, while in 'New London' they are only apart 36 changes in the whole course, and 24365 is the only false course.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

THE ST. GILES' SOCIETY, READING.

On Saturday, August 16th, members and friends of the above, numbering 20, journeyed to Old Windsor, leaving Reading by motor coach at 2 p.m. Arrived at Old Windsor, they were met by Mr. J. Gutteridge. The bells were soon raised, and some really capital touches of Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung, the striking being almost perfect, Mr. W. Welling taking a rope with the visitors. The journey was continued to Windsor, where a capital tea was prepared by Mr. J. Wilson at the Ship Hotel. Afterwards the usual votes of thanks were accorded, and a move was made to the Parish Church, where Mr. T. Smith was awaiting the visitors' arrival, and conducted the party to the tower. Here again some splendid ringing was indulged in. Returning to The Ship a social hour was spent, songs being sung by Messrs. A. Harding, H. Egby, G. Essex, A. Jeffery, and last, but not least, Mr. H. Simmonds. Reading was reached on the return journey at 10.45 p.m. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' the ringers desire to convey their thanks to Mr. W. Welling, Mr. J. Gutteridge and Mr. T. Smith for their kindness in securing permission to use the bells, and thus adding so much to the pleasure of the outing, which was a most enjoyable one.

HAWKHURST RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The first outing of the Hawkhurst (Kent) company took place on the second Wednesday in August. Starting in a charabanc shortly before eight o'clock in the morning, the party travelled to Tonbridge. Mr. W. Steed had kindly obtained permission for them to ring at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, and Mr. Aylward conducted them to the tower. About three-quarters of an hour was occupied in ringing these delightful bells, after which the excursionists went on to Sevenoaks, where Mr. H. J. Ford had kindly made arrangements for ringing to take place. A member of the local band met the party, who thoroughly enjoyed ringing on Sevenoaks' splendid eight. A very nice lunch was served at the Sevenoaks Services' Club. Early in the afternoon the party assembled at Wrotham Church, being welcomed by the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Pascoe), Mr. G. Barham and another local ringer. The peal of eight at this tower were a pleasure to ring on, as also were the bells at the next stopping place, West Malling, where Mr. J. W. Leonard and Mr. Sloman greeted the party. Tea was partaken of at Aylesford, followed by ringing at Aylesford Church. On the return journey a short stop was made at Staplehurst, Mr. J. W. Head having made arrangements for the company to ring there, and Mr. and Mrs. H. Baker (Frittenden) and Mr. T. E. Sone welcomed the party. The outstanding feature of the outing was that the band never broke down in their ringing at any of the churches visited. The company may be criticised for ringing Grandsire Triples all day, but when it is announced that about 5,500 changes were rung, including quarter-peals at Sevenoaks, Wrotham and Aylesford, with most satisfactory striking at all the places, it is obvious that the day's record is highly creditable to a village like Hawkhurst, situated as it is, on the outskirts of Kent, and consequently obtaining little outside assistance in training change-ringers. Three of the company (Messrs. G. Talbot, V. Penfold and S. Saxby) were unable to join the party. The change-ringers who went were: Messrs. G. Billenness, F. Chapman, O. Waghorn, J. Blake, H. M. Batchup, W. A. Penfold, J. G. Powell and F. Pattenden. The last-named ringer belongs to Kiln-down, and kindly came to assist, in order to fill one of the places of the unavoidable absences. A Hawkhurst lady (Miss E. Field) journeyed with the party, and rang in all the churches visited. The outing was very successful in every respect. Wherever they went the company found the hand of friendship extended to them. They heartily thank the clergy and persons at the various churches for arranging their visit, and those who so kindly met them at the different places.

GREEN'S NORTON BAND'S FIRST OUTING.

On August Bank Holiday the ringers of St. Bartholomew's Church, Green's Norton, with their wives and friends, had their first outing. The trip was made by charabanc, and at Twycroft Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilfred Sharp and Mr. W. Hammond joined the party. At Northampton Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hopper were picked up, and at Weston Favell Mr. Tom Law also 'joined up.' At Earls Barton Mr. Fred Jones, of the local band, met the visitors, and gave them a cordial welcome. Short touches of Plain Bob, Oxford Single and Kent Treble Bob were rung, and the fine old church was admired by all, a good many of the party not having had the pleasure of visiting Earls Barton before. The charabanc ('Black Lizzie') was then given 'one round, rapid,' and landed the party very quickly at Wollaston, where Mr. Amos Smart and another member of the local band extended a hearty welcome. The bells here were soon going to Double Court and Double Oxford. The long draught upset some, but everyone was well pleased with the very musical peal of six.

According to programme, the next halt was to be at Great Addington at 12 mid-day, but as the wedding of Miss L. Wilkinson and Mr. C. Wilkins from Green's Norton was to be solemnised at 2 p.m., with the Rev. H. Hoskin, R.D., Rector of Green's Norton, officiating, the company were specially asked to be at Addington about the

time of the ceremony. The bride's father had at one time been one of the local band at Green's Norton, and, under the circumstances, the visitors felt it a duty to try and meet the request. To kill time they took things easy, and made a short stay at Irthingborough, arriving at Addington just before 2 p.m., when, to their surprise, they found a band of ringers waiting to ring as the happy couple left the church. The visitors were rather disappointed, especially as they had had to leave out Ringstead, owing to being behind the fixed time. Travelling on to Woodford, they found another wedding couple just leaving church, and, no ringers being on parade, they were in clover. The Rector gave the party a hearty welcome, and remarked what a grand idea it was to spend a Bank Holiday by going from tower to tower and cheering people up by ringing the bells. He said the local band were out on holiday, and asked the visitors to carry on as they wished. The bells were soon going to Plain Bob, Oxford Treble Bob and Cambridge. The next stop was at Sudborough, where they were met by Mr. Walter Height, one of the local band. The fact that the treble was minus the stay was no detriment to the ringing, and some well struck 120s of St. Simon's and Bob Doubles were brought round. At the Vane Arms an excellent tea was ready. The Reading Room was also at the party's disposal. At Lowick the visitors were heartily welcomed by Mr. Richard Dunkley, and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung. After looking round the lovely church the company made their way to Islip, where they arrived too late for ringing. The return journey was made via Wellingborough and Northampton. Home was reached about 11 p.m., and everyone was so well satisfied with the first outing that it was proposed at once to make an annual event of it. The party wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank all clergy for so willingly granting permission to ring and members of local bands for having everything in readiness, thus making the day's outing such a success.

AN OXFORDSHIRE TRIP.

On Saturday, August 16th, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Witney, Oxon, accompanied by friends from Eynsham, Southleigh and Duckington, spent most enjoyable afternoon. Visiting Buckland, the party were met (in the absence of the Vicar) by a gentleman, who, after showing them the various objects of interest, conducted them to the tower, where a few touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. Faringdon was then visited, where the party were met by the local ringers. The bells were raised in peal, and the Rev. E. B. Lock accorded the ringers a hearty welcome. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and, after looking round the church, the party moved on to Clanfield. After partaking of an excellent tea, provided by Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, of the Plough Inn, they were received at the church by the Vicar (Rev. W. Bryant). The church contains a merry little peal of bells, which were raised in peal. Several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, which were much appreciated by friends present. The next tower visited was Bampton, which contains a beautiful peal of eight bells, upon which several touches of Grandsire Triples (including 504) were rung.

The newly-appointed Vicar (the Rev. Gegg) and his wife ascended the tower, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome. Witney was reached about ten o'clock, after a most enjoyable afternoon. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the various churches for the use of the bells, and also all those who helped to make the outing a success.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

On August Bank Holiday the members of the above Guild, with friends, held their annual outing. The party, numbering 28, included their old friend, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport.

A start was made at 7 a.m. by charabanc, in very doubtful weather, through the beautiful county of Somerset, the first halt being called at Yeovil, where, on the very fine peal of ten (tenor 45 cwt.) touches of Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal were indulged in. The tone of these bells was greatly admired, and the 'go' of them was perfect. At Beaminster, the next stop, the church was visited, and touches of Stedman Triples and Cambridge Major were rung. The party then left for Bridport, where an excellent dinner awaited them at the Wessex Hotel. After dinner the party divided, the ladies proceeding by charabanc to West Bay for the sea breeze, and the ringers to the church, where this very pleasing peal was soon going to Stedman Triples and London Surprise Major. The party was joined by Mr. T. Hervey Beams, who would not be satisfied until a band was made up for his tower at Bradpole, where there is a very nice light peal of eight, and touches of Stedman were rung. The ringers then returned to West Bay to join the main party for tea, after which the return journey was begun. With a short stop at Evercech, Bristol was reached at 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The weather, which had been threatening at first, remained delightfully fine almost the whole day, and it was not until the last few miles that it was necessary to cover up. The beautiful scenery of Somerset and Dorset through which the journey was made was greatly admired.

The Guild wish to thank, through the columns of 'The Ringing World,' the Vicars of the various churches for the use of their bells, the steeple keepers for their kindness in having the bells ready, and all those gentlemen who helped in making the outing so enjoyable.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHELMSFORD.—On Sunday, August 17th, for Matins, at the Cathedral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, 1,277 changes (composed by R. F. Deal), in 55 mins.: A. Talworthy 1, C. Gentry 2, A. Saltmarsh 3, L. Green 4, J. Wood 5, A. Head 6, W. Chalk 7, H. Kirton 8, C. Pease (conductor) 9, W. Pease 10. Arranged for Mr. Lewis Green, who is home on a visit from Woodstock, South Africa.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church for morning service, on Sunday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. H. Tippet (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Myers 2, W. Wonnacott 3, A. H. Kentfield 4, W. Rundle (conductor) 5, H. Burner 6, J. Woodley 7, R. J. Baldry (first quarter-peal) 8.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, 360 Bob Minor. For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: G. Layte 1, E. Chamberlain 2, E. Payne 3, F. Priestly 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6.

BUCKNALL.—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Bob: Reg. Preston (first 720) 1, Alice Wheelton 2, H. Billings 3, Alice Preston (conductor) 4, W. Fradley 5, C. Bowen 6. For evening service, 720 City Delight: H. Billings 1, C. Bowen 2, W. Wheelton, jun., 3, Alice Preston (conductor) 4th, W. Fradley 5, C. Preston 6.

GRIMSTON, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, August 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. R. Smith 1, Mrs. A. W. Clark 2, A. W. Clark 3, J. H. Raper 4, E. Greenacre 5, R. E. Greenacre (conductor) 6. Mr. and Mrs. A. Clark are from Croydon, Surrey.

WITHYCOMBE, DEVON.—At the St. John's Church, for morning service on August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. G. Stocker 1, R. G. Manley 2, A. E. Jones (Putney) 3, F. Dimond 4, W. S. Hornbrook (Plymouth) 5, J. M. Skinner 6, R. J. Hayman (conductor) 7, G. Rendell 8.

HORNSEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor in 28 mins.: H. J. Ross 1, T. Langdon 2, J. G. Nash 3, H. Blee 4, M. Fensom 5, C. H. Ross (conductor) 6. First 720 on the bells since they were overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the 'go' being excellent.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Marie's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, out of Holt's Original, in 50 mins.: G. Lewis 1, C. Harrison (conductor) 2, T. G. Sarel 3, J. A. Dixon 4, C. Lake 5, J. Evinson 6, R. Harrison 7, H. Hurst 8.

LOUGHBOROUGH.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on August 17th, 576 Bob Major: R. P. Lane 1, E. W. Cartwright 2, W. Johnson 3, J. Grundy 4, H. Stubbs 5, J. Saddington 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, W. Thorley 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: F. G. Giddard 1, A. Beckensale 2, A. Brookland 3, W. Hollier 4, J. Milner 5, W. Liddbetter (conductor) 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Sheard 8. Rung to commemorate the silver wedding of the conductor. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes) in 46 mins.: T. Beadle 1, W. Sparrow 2, G. Spencer 3, S. D. Breese 4, H. Wincote 5, J. Milner 6, A. Beckensale 7, Robert Farden (conductor) 8.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows Church, on August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: A. Racher 1, H. A. Barnett (conductor) 2, S. W. Crabb 3, H. W. R. Strickland 4, W. Dickinson 5, F. Barker 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Lewisham, S.E., 1,260 Grandsire Triples: G. H. Simmons 1, G. H. Walker 2, S. C. Move 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, E. J. King 5, J. R. Gammon 6, H. Warnett, sen., 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 486 Grandsire Caters, composed by G. Hollis: W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, W. Trueman 4, H. W. Bishop 5, E. Bishop 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, S. Palmer 8, J. H. Shepherd 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

READING.—At St. Laurence's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Gardener 1, W. Hensley 2, S. C. Davis 3, J. W. Higgs 4, A. T. Lovejoy 5, E. Humfrey 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, W. Rampton 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1, 2 and tenor, and first quarter-peal of Stedman by 3, 4 and 5. Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of the tenor man.

EALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 49 mins.: F. S. Palmer, jun., 1, A. J. Moore 2, J. E. Churchill 3, H. A. Harding 4, J. H. Hunnisset 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

ST. LEONARD'S, STOREDITCH.—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Cinques in 48 mins.: J. D. Matthews (conductor) 1, A. Hardy 2, R. Elkington 3, R. Brough 4, G. Hollis 5, T. Newman 6, R. Bevan 7, G. Card 8, F. G. Newman 9, F. Smith 10, W. Bottrill 11, T. Bevan 12. Arranged for Messrs. Elkington and Hollis, from Leicester and Chesterfield respectively.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, 480 Kent Treble Bob, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Layte 1, E. Chamberlain 2, C. Payne 3, W. Brown 4, J. W. Priestly 5, F. J. Tite (conductor) 6.

SANDIACRE, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Freeman 1, W. Halford 2, J. Hall 3, W. Thorale 4, W. R. Drage 5, H. Turner (conductor) 6.

KENSINGTON.—At the Church of St. Mary Abbots, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,287 changes): Miss P. Upsher 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss F. Orr 3, Mrs. R. F. Deal 4, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 5, Miss E. K. Parker (conductor) 6, W. E. Garrard 7, F. J. Hairs 8, R. F. Deal 9, G. W. Fletcher 10.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 3rd, in 2 hrs. and 48 mins., at the Church of St. Mary, a peal of Minor (5,040 changes), being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, Lenor 14 cwt.: John Bayliss 1, Robert G. Knowles 2, William Ranford 3, John J. Jefferies 4, Sidney T. Holt (conductor) 5, Charles Camm 6. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Viscount Elmley.

PAINSWICK.—For evening service, on Sunday, July 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes) in 50 mins.: T. Wright 1, F. Cole 2, W. Ryland 3, W. Ireland 4, A. Wright (composer and conductor) 5, G. Goulding 6, W. Hastings 7, L. Barry 3, T. Price 9, C. Barnfield 10.

MISCELLANEOUS.

SOUTHILL, BEDS.—On Wednesday, August 6th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss E. Steel 1, E. H. Tingey 2, G. Heley 3, H. L. Harlow 4, A. E. Sharman 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6. This 720 was rung after the induction of Canon W. W. C. Baker as Vicar of the above parish by the Bishop of St. Albans.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.—On Thursday, July 24th, for practice, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 49 mins.: William Shaw 1, Arthur Haughton 2, John Brierley 3, Samuel Wood 4, Albert Marshall 5, James Shaw 6, Tom Wilde (conductor) 7, Albert Hough 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, also by all the band, except the ringers of the 4th and 7th. First in the method as conductor.

SOUTHWELL, MINSTER, NOTTS.—On Friday, July 18th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. E. Padgett 1, H. F. Chulow 2, A. J. Chamberlain 3, F. Pickhard 4, G. R. Goodship (conductor) 5, E. Foster 6, F. M. Mitchell 7, W. D. Shortoss 8.

TRING, HERTS.—At the Parish Church, on Whit Tuesday, for the children's festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 mins.: H. Bull 1, F. J. Reeve 2, F. Keen 3 (first on a bob bell), W. Dedman 4, W. Jeffs 5, F. C. Reeve 6, F. Vickers (conductor) 7, N. Brackley 8 (first quarter). The ringers of 4, 5 and 7 hail from Linslade, the rest belong to the local band.

LAMBETH.—On Tuesday, August 12th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles in 45 mins., 10 120s each, called differently: W. Hardy 1, C. Maul 2, W. A. Batten (conductor) 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, B. Clark 5, S. Neill 6. Rung on the back six. Longest length by the local band.

NOTICE

BARNSLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at Rawmarsh. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head for those who send their names to Mr. E. Pammenter, 11, Spolton Road, Parkgate, not later than Sept. 3rd. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—A. Bamther, Sec., *pro tem.*, Wath-on-Dearne.

MR. T. TEBBUTT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples 11, on handbells 1, conducted 6; Grandsire Caters 2; Bob Major 6, on handbells 5, conducted 1; Bob Royal 2; Double Norwich Court Bob Major 7, conducted 2; Stedman Triples 14, conducted 10; Stedman Caters 4, on handbells 1; Superlative Surprise Major 7; Cambridge Surprise Major 5, conducted 3; Cambridge Surprise Royal 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal 3; Erin Triples 1, conducted 1; Minor, 1 to 7 methods, 26, conducted 19; Doubles, 1 to 3 methods, 4, conducted 2; total 93, on handbells 7, conducted 44.

WELCOME TO A BISHOP.

On Sunday afternoon, August 10th, several members of the Cheltenham branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association met at Prestbury Church and rang touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples to welcome the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, who visited the parish to consecrate the new ground added to the churchyard.

For evening service a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 40 mins.: T. Pendry 1, H. Voyce 2, G. Walters 3, W. Townsend 4, W. Hale 5, C. Tovey 6, J. Causon (conductor) 7, E. Smith 8.

NOTICES.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Yateley on Saturday, August 23rd. Bell available from 3 p.m. Short Service 4.30 p.m., followed by tea and a business meeting.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in St. Mary's Hall, Woodbridge, at 4 p.m., on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tea, 1s., at the Cafe (next the church) at 5 p.m. Woodbridge bells (8), Ufford (8), available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Benenden, near Cranbrook, on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting, tea and social will be held at the Blackburn Parish Church on Saturday, August 23rd. The bells (10) will be available from 2 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. in the Parish School. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Social 7 p.m. Tickets 1/6 each. A hearty welcome is extended to all ringers and friends. The bells of Holy Trinity and St. Michael's will also be available from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South-Western Division) and the **MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION** and **LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD** (N.E. District).—A joint meeting for practice and social intercourse will be held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 1/- per head at 5.30 p.m. Members and friends of above associations cordially welcomed. Trains from Liverpool Street at 2.48 and 3.8, from Stratford at 3.30.—W. Theobald, 49, Portway, West Ham, E.15; C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, E.17.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Sharnford on Saturday, Aug. 23rd. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Flixton on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting 7 o'clock.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—The next meeting will be held at Harpenden on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells available 3 p.m.—Wm. Nash, District Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—A meeting will be held at Bearsted on Saturday, August 23rd. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting after service.—C. H. Stone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (10) available at 3 p.m.—B. W. Witchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 58, New Street, Erdington, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Winscombe on Saturday, the 23rd inst. Service 5 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Titchfield on Saturday, August 23rd. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Rayne on Saturday, August 23rd. All ringers are cordially invited. There will be a service in the church at 4.15 p.m., after which tea in the school.—W. H. Dyson, District Sec., High Street, Braintree.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting will be held on Saturday, August 23rd, at Stoke Poges. Six bells, from 3 to 5 p.m. G.W.R. bus leaves at 5.9 p.m. Tea at Farnham Royal 5.30 p.m. Bells (8) available after tea.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., "Cambridge," Wexham Wood, Slough.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at St. Michael's, Wood Green, on Monday, Aug. 25th. Bells available from 7.15 to 9.15 p.m. All members and friends invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on August 26th; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on Aug. 28th; all at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The new peal of eight at Bourn, Cambs, will be dedicated on Saturday, August 30th, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. It would facilitate arrangements if ringers would notify me of their intention of being present.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—At the invitation of the new Vicar the next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, August 30th, which also includes tea on the Vicarage lawn. Will those intending being present please advise the Rev. A. Chaplin, The Vicarage, Cotgrave,

Notts, not later than August 27th? — F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne District.—A meeting will be held at Newton Hall on August 30th. Bells (6) will be available at 2 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me before August 27th.—C. Symm Newton, Stockfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Election of branch president for next two years. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Fishlake on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (6) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 26th.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing commencing at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the Parish Mission House, Wood Street, at 4.30, with a meeting after and evensong at the Church at 6 p.m. Will ringers kindly inform Mr. John Howes of 9, Hawks Road, Norbiton, Kingston-on-Thames, of their intention to take tea so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Dis. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford district.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, August 30, at Kimbolton, at 3 p.m.; Tea at 5 p.m.; after tea Keysoe bells will be available from about 6 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Weldon (6), on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Usual arrangements. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Aug. 26th?—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Ged-dington.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—A special meeting will be held on Saturday, August 30th, at Little Houghton. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, August 26th.—T. Tebbutt, Branch Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at New Mills, on Saturday, August 30th. Service 4.30. Tea and Business 5.15. Please notify Mr. Clifford Smith, Whittle Road, New Mills, near Stockport, by Tuesday, Aug. 26th, numbers attending.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec., Hazel Grove.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, September 6th. Tower open from 2.30. A free tea will be provided at the parish rooms at 5 o'clock. Arundel bells will be also available in the evening. All those intending being present kindly notify me by August 26th.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Audries, on Saturday, Aug. 30. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Kindly advise me by Aug. 25, how many members from your tower will be present.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September.—St. Clement Danes, Mondays the 1st and 15th, at 7.30; Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 22nd, at 7.30. Outing to Chertsey on Saturday, the 27th. Details will be announced later. Please reserve date.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at St. John's, Hagley, on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Old members specially invited to attend.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—There will be a meeting at Overton, on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4. Tea at 4.45.—C. D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be at Hinckley, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. The Committee will meet in the School at 3.45. There will be a service in church at 4.15. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. Fred Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, not later than 11th September?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, September 20th. The Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.) will take the chair at 5.45 p.m. prompt. Applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than Tuesday, September 16th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

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TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

A Guild about which the Exercise hears very little is that for the Truro Diocese. A copy of its report, covering the years 1915—1924, has, however, just come into our hands, and it is gratifying to know that 'there are signs of a great revival of interest in the bells and fresh opportunities for the work of the Guild are opening out.' From the details which the report contains, it is quite obvious that the Guild has a great task before it to live up to one, at least, of its objects—the cultivation of change ringing. The Guild offers many inducements in its rules for the encouragement of the art, but the number of change ringers throughout the county is apparently not more than about one-tenth of the total number of members.

Only those who have attempted to promote the art of ringing in a county such as Cornwall is, with few means of intercommunication and many scattered and isolated towers, with a body of men many of whom are openly averse to the introduction of half-pull methods, and with a widespread apathy among the clergy, can have any conception of the almost heart-breaking struggle which faces the handful of workers who have the knowledge and opportunity to carry on the crusade. The adjoining county of Devon was in similar plight not so many years ago, but constant effort on the part of a few undaunted spirits has worked wonders, and doubtless what Devon has done the diocese of Truro can do in the process of time.

May we offer the suggestion to the Guild that they should follow the example of nearly all the other societies which cover large areas, and divide their organisation into districts? Devon did this a few years ago, with really wonderful results, and the experience of every large Association is that the district system of encouraging interest and promoting change ringing is the most effective of all. It is true that the Truro Guild holds occasional 'minor festivals,' but they seem to be all in the west of the county, where the real moving spirit is Dr. Symons, to whose efforts, almost entirely, change ringing in that part of Cornwall exists to-day. The members of the Truro Guild, even though they are largely cut off from outside assistance, would find much mutual help and encouragement if they could attend frequent district meetings—meetings which for their own benefit are brought more or less to their own door as it were. There is a lot to be done in Cornwall, and we look forward to a gradual improvement in the position. It is uphill work and the pioneers are few, but we feel sure that the establishment of self-contained and self-supporting branches, in place of a centralised management, with, perhaps, only one general meeting in a year, would lead to a new enthusiasm, which, in the end, would not only benefit the Guild itself, but serve in larger measure the objects for which the Guild exists.

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5037 CHANGES;

Tenor 30½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS Treble	RICHARD BEVAN 7
ARTHUR N. HARDY 2	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 8
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 10
JOHN SPARROW 5	JOHN W. CORNFORD 11
THOMAS NEWMAN 6	GEORGE A. CARD... .. Tenor

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A welcome peal to the King's second grandson.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILLIAM ROGERS Treble	FRANK ROWLINGS 6
ALFRED H. POLLING 2	HARRY SEAR 7
THOMAS LAW 3	WALTER SEAR 8
JOHN T. HENSMAN 4	FRED WILFORD 9
TOM TREBUTT 5	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE.

Conducted by W. ROGERS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. A. H. Pulling, of Guildford, and the Bros. Sear, of Bletchley. Mr. Hopper has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HOLIFIELD Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
HENRY C. WHITE 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
WALTER F. JUDGE 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, JUN. 8
JACK JUDGE 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
WILLIAM JUDGE 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed by G. HOLIFIELD, SEN. Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, JUN.

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On Saturday, August 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
ALBERT E. NORMAN 2	ALD. J. S. PRITCHETT, M.A. 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	JOHN NEAL 7
OLIVER G. NORMAN 4	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

First peal of Major on the bells, and rung in honour of the marriage of the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church, to Hermione O'Doughty, the ceremony being performed at Oxford on July 31st by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

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Tenor 18 cwt.

*Miss Phoebe Upsher ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS 5
*Alick Cuyler 2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
*EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HERBERT C. SPENCER ... Treble	JONATHAN PRESTON 5
WILLIAM J. MEERS 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
GEORGE F. SWANN 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. Preston, of Erdington.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Wycliffe Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ERNEST MORRIS Treble	WALTER MALINS 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	† WALTER WILLIAMS 6
JOSEPH A. FENTON 3	ERNEST W. TIPLER 7
JOSEPH B. FENTON 4	* ARTHUR B. WEBB Tenor

Composed by the late J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by H. J. POOLE

* First peal. † First in the method. Rung on the occasion of the Feast. The ringers desire, through this medium, to thank the Rector for his kind hospitality after the peal.

WHITTLESEA, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*Miss Cecil E. Hepburn ... Treble	RUPERT RICHARDSON 5
*Miss Kitty Moore 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
Miss Phyllis Hare 3	FRED WILFORD 7
Mrs. F. I. Hairs 4	ALFRED H. POLLING Tenor

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GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS 5
HAROLD EASTOE 2	WALTER GODDARD 6
WALTER AYRE 3	CHARLES TAYLOR 7
RALPH S. LONG 4	ERNEST HOODLESS Tenor

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. W. E. Varah), and the Rev. H. T. Parry, Rector of Bigby, and a vice-president of the Northern Branch.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, August 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	WALTER RUFFLES 6
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 4	FREDERICK J. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GEO. H. CROSS.

Conducted by WM. C. RUMSEY.

DISS, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

WILLIAM STEGGALL Treble	JOHN SOUTER 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
ALPHABUS BERRY 3	CLEMENT MORE 7
GEORGE ARCHER 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

STOKE-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter ad Vincula,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
WALTER N. ASHEY 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 6
WILLIAM A. ALLMAN 3	CHARLES H. PAGE 7
ERNEST LONDON 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (No. 196).

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition contains the 5th and 6th their extent each way in 5-6, and is now rung for the first time. The peal was a farewell tribute to the Rector of Stoke-on-Trent (the Rev. H. V. Stuart), who leaves Stoke for the Deanery of Carlisle.

ASHFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

MISS ROSE THOMAS Treble	EDWARD S. RUCK 5
*CHARLES W. EVERETT 2	ERNEST W. POWELL 6
*THOMAS TABBERTT 3	HARRY PARKES 7
*PERCY PAGE 4	ARCHIBALD C. KAY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman rung by members of the Ashford district only. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. and Mrs. Blackburne to the town of Ashford.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT
SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6008 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5
*ARTHUR K. GOWER 2	GEORGE W. STOKES 6
ERNEST GOWER 3	EDWARD W. BRAY 7
ALFRED C. PANKHURST 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by REV. E. B. JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method away from the treble. Messrs. Hooton and Johnson, for whom the peal was arranged, were elected members of the Sussex County Association in the belfry.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Thursday, August 14th, for evening, 1,484 Grandsire Triples in 51 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Kynaston 3, H. Jarman 4, R. Evans (conductor) 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, W. B. Kynaston 7, G. Beaton 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 19, 1924, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.
GEORGE R. PYE... .. Treble | ERNEST J. BUTLER 5
WILLIAM THEOBALD... .. 2 | *GEORGE MILES 6
*FRANK RINGE 3 | ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN... .. 7
ALFRED PYE 4 | WILLIAM LEGGETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.
*GEORGE BURT Treble | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, JUN. 5
BERNARD V. COLLISON 2 | ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3 | CHARLES H. SONE 7
JOHN WHEADON... .. 4 | FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD.

Conducted by C. H. SONE.

* First peal on eight bells. The conductor's 80th peal. Peal No. 32 in C.O. Collection.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble | GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HOWLETT 2 | FREDERICK SMITH 6
WALTER MOBBS 3 | RUSSELL RICHES... .. 7
WALTER BARRETT 4 | CHARLES CUTTING Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Edward Smith, whose funeral was at Alburgh that day.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JACOB,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. BENNETT Treble | WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
MISS ANNIE BROWN 2 | EDWIN J. BROWN... .. 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 3 | WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4 | RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN J. BROWN.

* First peal. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Deal, of London, and Mr. Bennett, of Bournemouth, and rung as a compliment to the conductor on the anniversary of his wedding.

CHURCH LAWTON, CHESHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION AND THE
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY Treble | WALTER N. ASHBY 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2 | CHARLES H. PAGE 6
ERNEST KING 3 | ALBERT CRAWLEY 7
ARTHUR PEAKE 4 | JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This peal was rung half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the Rev. A. H. Waller, Vicar of the adjoining parish of Alsager, who passed away suddenly on the Wednesday previous while on holiday in Scotland, and was interred on this date. The band wish to thank the incumbent and officials of Lawton for granting the use of the bells at short notice, and to Messrs. Rigby and Longman for their attention to the 'go' and muffling of the bells.

FRISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, August 22, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble | JAMES M. BAILEY 5
GABRIEL LINDOFF 2 | JAMES G. RUMSEY 6
GEORGE WILSON... .. 3 | CHARLES SAMPSON 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4 | CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Arranged for Mr. G. Lindoff, who was paying a visit to his native home after 22 years. It is 28 years since he rang a peal on these bells.

KINVER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

†HUBERT LEE Treble | ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
JOHN BASS 2 | WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
†HAROLD V. COOPER... .. 3 | JOHN LLOYD 7
†WILLIAM GIBBS... .. 4 | *ALFRED JONES Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. ‡ First peal of Grandsire 'inside.' First peal in the method on the bells.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.

THE ST. OSWALD'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS MARSHALL Treble | HARRY JARMAN 5
REGINALD KYNASTON... .. 2 | WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 6
ROBERT T. EVANS 3 | CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
HAROLD T. HUGHES 4 | E. HARVEY KYNASTON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. B. Kynaston. The last time this composition was rung in this tower was in 1785, when a peal was scored by the Anacreontic Society. Mr. C. L. Lilley hails from Shrewsbury.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE DURLING Treble | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2 | AMOS W. CLARK... .. 6
ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 3 | CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4 | THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor approximately 25 cwt.

THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble | THOMAS W. GILMOUR... .. 5
FREDERICK J. HANCOCK 2 | GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
THOMAS HAMMOND 3 | JOHN WILKINSON... .. 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT... .. 4 | EDWARD CAUNCE... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal on this grand ring of bells, which were founded by Rudhall in 1733. Rung in honour of the birth of a second son to Viscount Lascelles and Princess Mary. The band desire to thank the church authorities for permission to attempt the peal, and the local company for having all in readiness.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Lawrence.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS LIGHTFOOT Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	FRED LAMBETH 6
CYRIL VALENTINE 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES... .. 7
HENRY C. COLLYER 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Conducted by J. C. BIBBY.

No. 88, C.C.C. This peal was arranged for Mr. Lambeth, who belongs to Chippenham, Wiltshire.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 13 lb.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 2	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	EDWARD WHITEHEAD... .. 7
WILLIAM A. JAMES 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by ALBERT J. PITMAN. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The composition, on a new plan, is now rung for the first time.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Martin.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

EDWARD RADDON Treble	WILLIAM BEESON, JUN. ... 5
GEORGE COOK 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN 6
GEORGE MARRINER 3	ALBERT HARMAN... .. 7
JOHN BEAMS 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by JAMES HUNT. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, August 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Matthias.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. Treble	C. CLEVELAND ELLIS... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 2	ERNEST GIBBS 6
ERNEST E. BARBER 3	CHARLES CAMM 7
GEORGE POPNELL 4	ALBERT RICHINGS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES CAMM.

G. Popnell is from South Wales; C. C. Ellis is from Edinburgh, and this is his first peal in his native county.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of Bishop Ryder.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 35.

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb.

ALBERT T. SCRIVENS... .. Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
LOUIS S. GRIFFITHS 2	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 6
WILLIAM H. BALL 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
CHARLES WEBB 4	MORRIS J. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung to welcome the Rev. Canon G. E. Badger, M.A., Vicar of Bishop Ryder's Church, with his wife, on their return from their wedding tour. Rung on the 56th birthday of the tenorman.

HINOKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: P. Aldham 1, J. Ison 2, G. Thompson 3, C. Payne 4, T. Wright 5, B. Ridgway 6, F. Cotton (conductor) 7, L. Perrin 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of treble and tenor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 4
ROBERT G. KNOWLES... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Viscount Elmley.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Luke.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 4 extents of Plain Bob, and 3 extents of Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*WALTER N. ASHEY Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 4
WALTER LONGMAN 2	†ARTHUR W. HALL 5
ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal, and rung as a birthday compliment to him.

KEELE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6 cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 4
WALTER LONGMAN 2	WALTER N. ASHEY 5
ARTHUR W. HALL 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was the 150th tower in which the conductor had rung a peal, in 34 counties for 30 associations.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Bob and two 720's each Plain Bob;

Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER CLAYDON Treble	HUGH R. THORPE 4
ALFRED J. BULL 2	HARRY PARKES 5
GEORGE ILLMAN 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Rung on the back six after meeting short for Major.

WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, August 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN BAYLISS Treble	WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 4
ALFRED ROWLEY... .. 2	SIDNEY T. HOLT... .. 5
WILLIAM RANFORD 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY T. HOLT.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

SHREWSBURY.—On June 19th. at St. Chad's, a 4-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 55 mins.: J. Bain 1, U. Lee 2, J. Griffiths 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, F. Lycett 6, C. R. Lilley (cond.) 7, D. J. Boucher 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by 1st, 2nd and 6th. Rung on the induction of the Rev. F. Overton to St. Chad's.—On July 23rd, 315 Stedman Caters: J. Bain 1, G. Griffiths 2, C. Lee 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, J. Evans 6, W. Fairhead 7, D. J. Boucher 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, H. Jones 10. First touch of

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 7½ cwt.

JOHN COLEMAN Treble	AMOS SMART... .. 4
DANIEL REDHEAD 2	FRANK KIRK... .. 5
LEONARD J. WYMAN 3	JAMES M. NICKERSON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

MISS KITTY MOORE Treble	WALTER T. WILSON... .. 4
MISS CECIL HEPBURN 2	C. ARTHUR MANNING 5
PERCY J. LENTON 3	HARRY BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

A birthday peal for C. A. Manning, and his first peal in three methods. * First peal of Minor as conductor.

ROXTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve 120's each of St. Simon's and Bob Doubles, and eighteen of Grandsire with twelve different callings.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HERBERT J. HARLOW... .. Treble	TOM BARTRAM 3
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	HENRY STAPLETON 4
HUBERT FOLBIGG... .. Tenor	

Conducted by H. L. HARLOW.

First peal of Doubles in three methods by ringers of 3, 4 and 5.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz., St. Clement's, Single and Double Oxford, Double Court, Single Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM TILLEY... .. Treble	JOHN H. RODEN 4
WILLIAM NEAL 2	HORACE M. DAY... .. 5
JOHN LENN 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

This peal was arranged for Mr. John J. Jutson, of Peterborough, who was unfortunately too ill to ring, Mr. Wells taking his rope. First peal in eight methods inside by ringers of 2, 3 and 4.

OXFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Sunday, August 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Ebb,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*VICTOR BENNETT Treble	HARRY TOLLEY 4
†FREDERICK A. H. WILKINS 2	CHARLES COLES 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS... .. 3	WILLIAM HARRIS... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in seven methods. The above peal was rung and brought round for evensong.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, August 21, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

FREDK. G. MANN 1	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3-4
LAURENCE POULSON 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 5-6

α Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Witness: ALEC. JARVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Mann, this being his first peal.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

Kent has been justly named 'The Garden of England,' and only those who have been privileged to travel through this county can appreciate its glorious beauty. The above ringers and their wives, with friends from Gravesend, Northfleet, Cobham and Swanscombe, started off at 8 a.m. by charabanc on Saturday, August 2nd, down through the Weald of Kent into Rye, Sussex. The first stop was at Mereworth, where the peal of six were tried in methods up to London Surprise. On the peal of eight at Hawkhurst Stedman was tried (not too successfully), and touches of Kent Major and Grandsire brought round. From Hawkhurst to Rye, Kent was seen at its best, and judging from the show of apples and hops en route, we should not be short of cider and beer this year. Dinner was waiting at the Railway Hotel, Rye, to which full justice was done. The bells at this church, which, by the way, is a grand structure, and noted for the clock pendulum swinging in the church, have been receiving the attention of Messrs. Taylor, and they had completed the job so that permission had been granted to ring, which was taken advantage of with Kent, Stedman and Grandsire. The homeward journey was by way by Tenterden and Biddenden to Smarden, where the peal of six was tried in methods up to Cambridge. After tea, at the Royal Oak, Bearsted, the final ringing of the day was at the Church of Holy Cross, where, after touches in various methods, a 720 London Surprise was rung in true Milton style by F. A. Mitchell, H. Argent, J. Burles, F. M. Mitchell (conductor), L. Beckett and G. Morrad. The ringers would like, through the 'Ringing World,' to thank the friends who met them at the various towers, and to the clergy for the use of the bells. All were delighted with the outing, and were as one in saying, 'For lovely scenery, give us Kent.'

IN WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE.

The annual outing of the Edgbaston ringers took the form of an excursion into Worcestershire and Herefordshire. Starting from Selly Oak, they were favoured with a pleasant morning, and, on reaching Worcester, took the Ledbury-Bromyard road. A halt was called at Knightsbridge, where the 'guide,' Mr. W. Ranford, joined the party. The secluded Herefordshire village of Winterbourne provided the first ringing, and Suckley was the next call. At lunch, at the Nelson Inn, the visitors were joined by the Rector of Suckley, who extended a hearty welcome. In the afternoon the company enjoyed a pleasant run through beautiful country to Mathon, and then turned back to Cradley, ringing taking place at both towers. The concluding ringing was at Malvern Link, where touches of the eight bells gave great pleasure. Leaving Mr. Ranford at Worcester, with many thanks for his kindly services, the run to Selly Oak was completed at 11 p.m., after a delightful day's outing. The party wish to thank Mr. Ranford for his assistance, and also all who helped in various ways to make the outing a success.

CHESHIRE RINGERS VISIT STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 16th, the ringers of All Saints' Church, Lawton, Cheshire, accompanied by friends and relations, numbering 31, spent a most enjoyable afternoon. Travelling by charabanc, in very doubtful weather, the party were met at Brewod by Mr. Perry and Mr. Hunt, who conducted them to the tower. The bells were raised in peal, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and all were loud in their praise of this lovely ring of bells. Going on to Cannock the party were met by Mr. T. Benton, and after an excellent tea the belfry was visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were again rung. These bells, which have recently been rehung and made into a peal of eight go splendidly, and all were reluctant to leave. The return journey was begun about 8 o'clock, and home was reached about eleven. The party wish, through 'The Ringing World,' to thank the clergy for granting permission to ring, and members of the local bands for having everything in readiness.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING CELEBRATION. YORKSHIRE VETERAN HONOURED.

On Saturday last the ringers of Armitage Bridge Church, Yorks, met to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Senior, the former better known to all the West Riding ringers as 'Bonny thro' t' Armitage Bridge.'

Mr. Senior was born at Kirkheaton, a neighbouring village, but he went to Armitage Bridge when quite a lad. He was soon attracted to the church, and learned to ring there, and has remained firm at his post ever since.

He has worked all his life for the old-established and well-known firm of William Brooke and Sons, was married at the parish church, and has always lived within a stone's throw of the tower he loves so well, his reason being (so he says) to see that nobody steals the bells.

Four years ago he was presented with a gold watch and chain by a few ringing friends, on completing 50 years as a ringer at Armitage Bridge Church.

After the local company had rung a short 'Golden Wedding' touch, the ringers from Meltham, Almondbury and Huddersfield, joined in the celebration. Then all adjourned to tea, which was served at the Fleece, where the host (Mr. Hirst) had spread a capital meal. Vocal and other musical items and handbell ringing followed, and were much enjoyed by all the company.

Congratulations had hardly ceased to flow when 'Time' was called, and brought the rejoicings to a close, but 'Bonny' promised to try to be present when the diamond jubilee was due, and asked all there at the party to join him then, when he hoped time would not pass as quickly as it had done that afternoon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Biggleswade District was held at Biggleswade on Saturday, August 16th, and was a great success. Members and friends were present from Sandy, Clifton, Everton, Roxton, Bedford, Turvey, Woburn, Hitchin, Luton, Baldock, Royston, Cambridge, Long Stanton, and the local company. There were 26 present at tea at the White Horse. At the business meeting, the Rev. R. Copeman, of Cambridge, was in the chair. It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Arksey on September 13th.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought the business meeting to a close. The tower was again visited, and the bells were kept going till 8 o'clock. Some good touches were rung, including Superlative Surprise, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, Kent, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major.

ESSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Walter John Sadler, which took place on Sunday, Aug. 17th, at the early age of 46 years. The deceased had been in indifferent health for some time, and underwent an operation early in the year. When away from home recruiting his health, he had a relapse from which he never recovered. He had been a regular service ringer at Braintree for many years, and had rung peals in most of the standard methods up to London Surprise. He had a keen sense of appreciation for punctuality, was never known to break an appointment without some very urgent cause, and was very highly respected by a large circle of friends outside the ringing fraternity, for his honesty of purpose and upright character.

The funeral took place at Braintree on Saturday, the Rev. G. P. Basset Kerry, M.A., Vicar and Rural Dean, officiating. Among those present, in addition to the mourners, were Messrs. C. H. Howard (Master of the Essex Association), L. W. Wiffen and W. H. Dyson (District Master and secretary, respectively), H. E. Hammond, W. H. Hammond, G. Melbourne, F. Ely, Geo. Wiffen and F. Webb. Among the many floral tributes were a cross from the St. Michael's Guild of Ringers, and a wreath from Braintree Branch of the British Legion, of which deceased was a member. A widow and four children are left to mourn their loss, and with them much sympathy is felt, as well as with the deceased's father, Mr. John Sadler, who has been a ringer at Coggeshall for over 40 years.

Immediately after the funeral a long touch of Treble Bob Major was rung, with the bells half-muffled, and in the evening 928 Cambridge Surprise Major was rung by a representative band of the Essex Association: Geo. Wiffen 1, C. H. Howard 2, W. Keeble (conductor) 3, W. J. Nevard 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, W. Arnold 6, W. Elliot 7, A. Saunders 8.

'DOUBLE HANDED' ON TOWER BELLS.

Very few ringers can manage two tower bells at a time, the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook having been the greatest exponent of this kind of performance. Others who have proved their ability in change ringing have been Messrs. J. E. Groves, J. Thomas and W. Lawrence. Now we have to record a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples at Measham, Leicestershire, in which two bells were rung by one man. This was accomplished on Wednesday, August 20th, the band being J. Pagett (Derby) 1 and 2, G. Verrey 3, M. Swinfield (conductor) 4, T. Meredith 5, E. Beadsmore 6, J. H. Swinfield 7, L. Bradwell 8.

EMPIRE PAGEANT AT WEMBLEY.

July 21st to August 30th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The bells at Great Budworth, Cheshire, were cast by Rudhall in 1733. It has remained for a Lancashire Association band in this year of grace 1924, to ring the first peal on them. Many attempts have been made on them in the past, but never before has a peal been successful. The bells have recently been rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The first ten-bell peal in Scotland was Grandsire Caters, rung at St. Mary's Cathedral, Edinburgh, on August 31st, 1886.

The record handbell peal, 19,738 Stedman Caters, rung in 9 hours 32 minutes at Guildford, commenced on August 31st, 1912, and concluded, after midnight, on September 1st.

A band of Cumberland Youths rang the first peal in a railway train a year ago—August 31st, 1923.

The first peal in Salisbury was rung at St. Martin's Church on September 3rd, 1887.

The ringer of the 7th in the peal of Stedman Caters at Brighton on August 4th was Charles H. Page, and not Henry Page, as reported.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett, the Presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, who is Recorder of Lincoln, will sit as Deputy Stipendiary Magistrate in Birmingham all through September.

Many times have Birmingham ringers sat under the genial chairmanship of the alderman, and no doubt with the above announcement before them they are likely to be on their very best behaviour during next month. It would be embarrassing for the Deputy Stipendiary if any of them should come before him in his official capacity, but the result might be even more embarrassing for the other party. Verb. sap.

By the way, it would not be a bad opportunity for some crank to test in the court, by way of summons for a 'public nuisance,' the ringing of St. Martin's bells, with, say, Albert Walker and Alfred Paddon Smith as defendants, coupled, perhaps, with the Rector of Birmingham and his churchwardens. We should dearly like to hear the arguments, and the judgment.

NAMING OF METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Benson's suggestion that methods be named after the Christian saints is a good one.

As change ringing is a purely English art, he would we may suppose, restrict his choice to English saints in the main. A little discretion would have to be used, as there might not be much enthusiasm in the Exercise for naming the four standard methods after the Four Evangelists, for example.

There are plenty of good names with noble associations, such as St. Alban, St. Chad, St. Cuthbert, St. Hilda, St. Audrey, etc., not excluding the well-known St. Peter, St. Catherine, etc., as Mr. Benson has suggested.

This would also give our peal ringers valid reasons for ringing peals, if they were attempted on or about the Saint's day after which method was named. At present some of the reasons given, such as 'a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, and also to Miss Smith, the verger's daughter,' though polite, sound rather thin.—Yours faithfully,

E. CORNER.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

AN ANNIVERSARY MEETING AT NORTON CANON.

A very pleasant and successful meeting of the Clifford District was held at Norton Canon on Saturday, August 16th, the bells, a ring of five, by Rudhall, 1759, were rehung twenty years ago, and there were twenty ringers present on the occasion of the anniversary, Clifford, Eardisley, Lyonshall, Almeley, Kinnersley, Letton, Bredwardine and the local tower being represented. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and at 5 o'clock the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. T. Simey) conducted the Guild's service in church, and gave a very helpful address. Afterwards all were cordially invited to tea at the Rectory.

The Vicar presided at the business meeting, which was of short duration.—Almeley was chosen for the next meeting, October 18th being the provisional date. Two probationers and one hon. member were duly elected, and two probationers were presented with the Guild's certificate.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar, Mrs. Simey and Mrs. Ward for their kindness in providing such an excellent tea, and looking after the ringers' wants at the table.—The Vicar suitably responded, and the ringers then adjourned to the tower for further ringing, a very pleasant gathering terminating at 9 p.m.

THE CALAMITY BELL.

The following story is now going the round of the papers (it has appeared in more than one): The verger of a little old country church was showing a party of visitors round. They ascended the belfry. 'Now, this 'ere bell,' said the verger proudly—'a bit remarkable this bell is. It is only rung on the occasion of a visit from the lord bishop, a fire, a flood, or any other such calamity!'

RINGING IN CORNWALL. TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD REPORT.

In a report covering the years 1915 to 1924, the committee of the Truro Diocesan Guild say that so many of the ringers were on active service in the war, and so many laid down their lives for their country, that the tradition in the towers was almost broken. Now, however, there are signs of a great revival of interest in the bells, and fresh opportunities for the work of the Guild are opening out. The reports from the affiliated towers and the lists of members of the Guild give great encouragement. Several peals of bells in the county have been restored and enlarged, and others have been taken in hand. And as the principles of the Guild spread, the value of the ringer and the honour of his office and the increase of his skill will grow. There are several towers which have taken in hand the highest form of bell ringing, the peculiarly English art of scientific changes. The Ringing Master (Dr. Symons) will endeavour to get instructors where they are invited.

The Guild, adds the report, gives silver medals to members who qualify in scientific change ringing as well as certificates of merit for round ringing and call changes, and it is to be hoped that there will be more entries for these distinctions than in former years. There are now 42 affiliated towers, and some 450 members of the Guild, of which the new Bishop is patron. The Guild sets itself against prize ringing, on the ground that the church bells should not be rung for money prizes, and that its certificates of proficiency for individual members of the bands are more likely to raise the standard of ringing than a competition as to efficiency of a band as a whole.

Individual tower reports are appended, and some of them make interesting reading, although there are a number who have 'nothing to report.'

At St. Mary's Cathedral, Truro, the bells are rung regularly before morning and evening services on Sundays, and on any other special occasions. Recently the 'Guild Evening' was restarted, and Kea and Kenwyn ringers then join the Cathedral band. 'We soon hope to be able to ring Triples,' is the comment.

Cardynham.—The ringing is punctual and regular. Half-pull changes would be attempted if there were some local centre in instruction.

Gulval.—Members turn up exceedingly well for Sunday Service ringing; they look upon it as a duty. Practically every Sunday touches, either of Grandsire Triples, Grandsire Minor, Bob Minor or Grandsire Doubles, are brought round. At present, under Dr. Symons' tuition, we are working up Stedman.

Camherne.—We have nine ringers who are regular attendants at ringing and Divine service. Though there are only nine ringers we seldom ring less than eight bells for service; wet or shine they are in their places.

Madron.—Of our ringers, all with the exception of two, have won their medals for change ringing. These two have their certificates for proficiency in round ringing. The only method is Grandsire Doubles. Four of our younger ringers—medalists—have gone to America, and we feel their loss very much.

Stoke Climsland.—We have a splendid band of 20 ringers. Unfortunately No. 7 bells needs recasting owing to an accident a few months ago.

Other extracts could be quoted, but enough have been given to show the work which is being carried on in the diocese—and some of the difficulties.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. BLACKBURN BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Blackburn Branch of the Lancashire Association, followed by a most successful social, was held at Blackburn on Saturday. The bells of the Parish Church, Holy Trinity, and St. Michael's, were kept busy during the afternoon, and over 100 ringers and friends sat down to an excellent tea, provided by the ladies of the Parish Church. After tea, Mr. J. R. Taylor, of Penwortham (vice-president, Lances Association) presided at the business meeting, when the following officials were appointed: secretary, Mr. J. Watson (who has just completed 18 years' service in this office); committeeman, Mr. R. Hartley, of Burnley. Both appointments are for two years. It was also decided to nominate for the respective positions of the Lancashire Association, the Rev. Canon Elsee, M.A., president; Mr. William H. Shaker, general secretary; Mr. H. W. Jackson, treasurer.

The best thanks of the meeting were accorded to the Vicar of Blackburn (the Rev. J. Sinker), the Vicar of Holy Trinity (the Rev. G. Stewart Perry), and the Vicar of St. Michael's (the Rev. E. Hanson) for the use of the bells, and to the ringers at the various churches for their kindly welcome, also to the ladies who took charge of the tea, and to Mr. J. R. Taylor for presiding.

The rest of the evening was spent in a social and dance. Ringers were present from Clitheroe, Whalley, Colne, Burnley, Rishton, Church Kirk, Oswaldtwistle, Standish, Brindle, Horchton, Chorley, Leyland, Penwortham, Preston, Whittle, Bolton, Deane, Walkden and Blackburn.

ESSEX AND MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATIONS. SUCCESSFUL JOINT MEETING AT WALTHAM ABBEY.

A joint meeting of the adjoining districts of the above associations was held at Waltham Abbey on Saturday last, and was pronounced, by all who attended, as a great success. Upwards of sixty members of one or both of the associations were present at some time or other during the afternoon, and some good practice was obtained in Grandsire Caters and Cinques, Stedman Caters and Cinques, Treble Twelve, and Cambridge Royal. Several ringers rang their first touches on ten or twelve, and efforts were made to give all an opportunity of ringing what they desired.

Tea was served in the Cock Hotel, some 50 ringers sitting down to a good meal. Mr. W. H. Theobald (district hon. secretary, Essex Association) presided, and was supported by several officers of both societies, including Mr. F. J. Pittsow (general secretary, Essex), Mr. W. Pye (Master, Middlesex), Mr. W. Pickworth (vice-president, Middlesex), Mr. G. B. Lucas (District Master, Middlesex), and Mr. C. T. Coles (district hon. secretary, Middlesex).—The Chairman welcomed the visitors from the neighbouring county, and said he hoped the meeting would be an annual one. He read a letter from Mr. C. H. Howard (Master, Essex), apologising for his unavoidable absence, and expressing his entire agreement with the idea of a joint meeting, which he hoped would have good results.—Mr. Coles responded, on behalf of the Middlesex Association, and said he would do his best to give their Essex friends a good welcome if they were able to hold such a meeting as this in Middlesex next year. It was very gratifying to see such a large gathering, which proved that the meeting was a popular one. There was no reason at all why societies should not fraternise, for they were not rivals, but were all animated with the one idea, that of furthering the art of change ringing.

Mr. Fred J. Pittsow also expressed his sympathies with the objects of the meeting, and after a vote of thanks to the Waltham Abbey ringers had been moved and passed, the ringers adjourned to the tower for further ringing, or to the pleasant glades of Epping Forest to listen to the sound of a very fine peal of bells.

It is to be regretted that the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. F. B. Johnston), on holiday, made it impossible for a service to be held, but the thanks of all are due to him for alloying the bells to be rung, and making such a meeting a possibility.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES SCOTT, DONCASTER

It is our sad duty to record the death of one of Doncaster's oldest bell ringers, in the person of Mr. Charles Scott, who, after a painful illness, was called home by the Divine Conductor on August 26th, at the age of 60 years. For 28 years he had done his duty, as a Sunday service ringer, faithfully and well, only being absent from his place in the belfry when reasons of health demanded that he should be. He was a real churchworker in every sense of the word.

As a ringer he was one of the best, and to use a ringing expression, he always 'rang a good hell.' Peal ringing did not appeal to him much, and he only rang two peals of 5,040 changes, being content to do his duty as a service ringer. The first peal was one of Grandsire Triples, which was rung in 1897, on the bells of St. George's. The second was also rung at St. George's, and was a peal of Stedman Triples, in 1906. He was chairman of the St. George's Society, a member of the Doncaster and District Society, and was formerly a life member of the Yorkshire Association. He was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

The funeral took place on Saturday, and was attended by his fellow ringers, and also by his workmates from the Plant Works. Archdeacon Sandford conducted the service. Afterwards the bells were rung with half-muffled clappers; a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples being rung in 48 minutes as a last token of respect. Deepest sympathy and condolence are extended to the bereaved widow and son.

'THE REMARKABLE MAN OF LITCHURCH.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—The remarkable man of Litchurch, Derby, was the late Mr. Shardlow, who was the tower keeper at St. Andrew's. He used to pride himself that he had the best kept belfry in England, and it certainly was the best I had ever seen, and I've been in a good many.

One little anecdote is worth recalling. The first meeting ever called to form an association for Derby and district was got together first of all by Mr. Richard Redgate, and was held in the school at St. Andrew's. (I believe this was somewhat late in 1881; the association was eventually founded on April 10th, 1882.)

After the meeting was closed, permission was obtained from the Vicar to have a ring on the fine peal of eight. We had not got far in a touch of Stedman Triples when up came Mr. Shardlow, white with rage, into the centre of the belfry. Then, eyeing each one round, he jumped at one, pulled his bell down, then another, and another. All being confusion, he got quite exhausted, and sat down in the belfry window on the late Mr. J. Withersley's top hat, which he squashed. Anyway, he was got round after a lot of fuss, and was afterwards a much-respected member of the M.C.A.—Yours, etc., Oldbury.

JOHN JAGGAR.

JAMES GEORGE—800 NOT OUT.

Born Eighteen Fifty-Three,
Still feeling young,
Rung his Eight Hundredth Peal,
Still going strong.

(With apologies to the proprietors of a famous 'food'.)

It does not seem long ago, indeed it is not very long ago, since we announced in these columns Mr. George's 700th peal, and now he has perpetrated his 800th, which will be found recorded in its proper place.

Where he will stop goodness only knows, but his is a most remarkable record for a man who did not start until he was 36 years of age. He is almost a Peter Pan—we say 'almost' advisedly, for while Peter refused to grow up, James George has certainly grown up, but he refuses to grow old. Maybe some day he will even grow old, for he shows some signs of maturity, and occasionally evinces a disposition to settle down, or perhaps to give thought to the best way of spending life. Yes, there is undoubtedly some hope for him yet.

In the meantime he goes merrily along, scoring peal after peal, never caring the least bit where or what he may be asked to ring.

It doesn't matter a jot to him whether it be the treble of the lightest eight, or the Great Bell of Bow, he takes them in his stride and passes on to the next job. And he doesn't look the least little bit like it either. He has no fierce mien, protruding jaw, huge shoulders or bulging biceps, but is just a kindly looking man of medium build, with benign countenance, and a benevolent expression. But he can deliver the goods, and seriously, we doubt whether there is or has been any man of his age who so positively enjoys a heavy job.

Why he does it is best known to himself, and the writer of these presents has frequently pointed out to him that he has no one to blame but himself. He usually says, 'Well, someone has got to ring the big ones, and I like it.' There you are!

One might have thought that as he neared the '70' mark he would have slackened off a little, but did he? Here are some of the odd jobs he has brought off since he rang his 700th peal:—

Between the age of 68 and 69:

Two peals of London Surprise Major with a working bell.

The treble at Lye to peal of Stedman Triples (tenor 3½ cwt.).

The tenor at Bow, Cheapside, London (53 cwt.) to peal of Stedman Cinques.

Between the age of 69 and 70:

The 11th at Newcastle-on-Tyne to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 37½ cwt.).

The 10th at Bow, Cheapside, London, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 53 cwt.).

The tenor at Southwark Cathedral, London, to peal of Treble Twelve (tenor 50 cwt. and 22 lbs.).

The 11th at Bow, Cheapside, London, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 53 cwt.).

The tenor at St. Martin's, Birmingham, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 36 cwt.).

The 11th at St. Giles', Cripplegate, London, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 36½ cwt.).

The 11th at Winchester Cathedral to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 30 cwt. and 4 lbs.).

The 11th at Liverpool to peal of Grandsire Cinques (tenor 40 cwt.).

The 10th at St. Margaret's, Leicester, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lbs.).

The tenor at Southwark Cathedral London, to peal of Bob Maximus (tenor 50 cwt. and 22 lbs.).

The tenor at Bow, Cheapside, London, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 53 cwt.).

The 11th at St. Martin's, Birmingham, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 36 cwt. on his 70th birthday).

Between the age of 70 and 71:

The 7th at Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham, to peal of Stedman Triples, which he conducted (first peal on the new bells).

The tenor at Bow, Cheapside, London, to peal of Grandsire Cinques (tenor 53 cwt.).

The 11th at Bow, Cheapside, London, to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 53 cwt.).

The tenor at Sheffield Cathedral to peal of Treble Twelve (tenor 40 cwt.).

The tenor at St. Martin's, Birmingham, to peal of Stedman Cinques (36 cwt.).

The tenor of Great Yarmouth to peal of Treble Twelve (tenor 30 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.).

The 8th at Exeter Cathedral to peal of Stedman Cinques (tenor 72 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs.).

It will be noted that on his 70th birthday he rang the 11th in the Bull Ring to a peal of Stedman Cinques, and he rang it well, taking great care to put it in its place all the time. It is very doubtful whether there are many other men who would be able to celebrate their 70th birthday in this manner, and he ought to be grateful to his forbears for endowing him with such a robust constitution.

Mr. George is a member of practically every society in the coun-

try, among them the following: Essex, Midland Counties, Middlesex, Winchester, Salisbury, Sussex, Hertford, Oxford, Archdeaconry of Stafford, Worcestershire, Hereford, Lancashire, Kent, College Youths, London County, Waterloo; All Saints', Fulham; St. Martin's, Birmingham; Durham and Newcastle; Raunds, Wellingborough and District; St. Margaret's, Westminster; Bedfordshire, United Counties, Ashton-under-Lyne, Gloucester and Bristol; St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester; St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich; Norwich Diocesan, St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich; Nuncaton; St. Andrew's, Rugby; Surrey; Warwickshire, Cheltenham and District, Llandaff, Irish, Lincolnshire, Yorkshire, Salop, Dudley and District Guild, Chester Diocesan, Worcester Cathedral.

Appended is the list of his 800 peals, which have been rung in 291 different towers, and 42 different counties, in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

	Tower Bells		Hand bells
	Rung.	Conducted.	Rung.
Bob Minor	1		
Grandsire Triples	62	14	6
Grandsire Doubles	1		
Stedman Triples	130	4	4
Union Triples	1		1
Bob Triples	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples	2		
Grandsire Major	2		
Bob Major	30 (A)	1	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2		
Kent Treble Bob Major	46 (B)		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	35 (C)		
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major	75		
Cambridge Surprise Major	16		
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1		
Bristol Surprise Major	4		
London Surprise Major	8		
Grandsire Caters	30 (D)		1
Stedman Caters	125		11
Grandsire Royal	1		
Aston Royal	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	38 (E)		
Bob Royal	10		
Little Bob Royal	1		
Forward Royal	1		
Grandsire Cinques	5		
Stedman Cinques	114		16
Bob Maximus	1		
Grandsire Maximus	1		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	14 (F)		
Forward Maximus	1		
	761	19	39

(A) including 6000 } Both rung. (D) including 6011 and 8009.
(B) including 6336 } in one day. (E) including 6080 and 7280.
(C) including 6720 (F) including 6000 and 12,240 Record.

In conclusion, we may add that Mr. George's energies are not solely confined to peal ringing. He is Ringing Master at Bishop Ryder's Church in Birmingham, where he rings on Sundays, and where he is endeavouring to get together a band.

To him, too, more than to any other person, with the single exception of the man who paid the bill (Councillor Gelling) is due the credit for the fact that Bishop Ryder's tower contains now a beautiful new peal of eight by Taylor, put in as a memorial. It is peculiarly appropriate, therefore, that Mr. George's 800th peal should have been rung on these bells, and for such an auspicious occasion.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**HINCKLEY DISTRICT.**

A meeting of the Hinckley District was held at Sharnford on Saturday, and was well attended by members from Broughton, Astley, Croft, Desford, Hinckley, Monks Kirby, Peckleton, Ratby, Sapcote, Stoney Stanton, Thurlleston and Sharnford. Touches rung on tower bells included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Canterbury Doubles, Bob Minor, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, the bells being made good use of until 8 p.m.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. C. H. Briggs, owing to the vice-president (Mr. C. H. Webb) having to leave early.—Two new ringing members were admitted to the association, viz., Thomas Preston, of Kirkby Mallory, and G. Wright, of Thurlaston.—Barwell was selected for the next place of meeting, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells.

JUBILEE OF ST. MARIE'S BELLS, SHEFFIELD. INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

On August 20th, 1874, Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of White-chapel fame, installed in the above tower a very fine peal of eight bells in the key of 'D,' with a tenor of 25½ cwt. This peal was preceded by eight steel bells, made by Messrs. Naylor, Vickers and Co., Sheffield, who specified that if they were not considered suitable, they should be returned to their works at Millsands, Sheffield. From the reports of those who heard this peal, it is not to be wondered that the authorities concerned unanimously agreed not to pay for the bells, with the result that the founders took them away, and eventually sold them to the church authorities at Mossley, Birmingham, and it is thought that after a time the latter people were so sick of the terrible noise these bells made that they eventually despatched them to Blackpool. The late Duke of Norfolk then made a handsome offer; if the congregation of St. Marie's would find half of the amount to purchase a peal of bells worthy of their church, he would give the remainder. The money required was soon forthcoming, and, as previously stated, the present peal was duly installed.

At that time, Mr. James A. Dixon was a member of the company, and in due course became steeple keeper. He thus completed his 50 years' service during the same year as the bells celebrate their 'jubilee.'

On Wednesday, August 20th, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted in recognition of the dual event, but after an hour and ten minutes' excellent ringing, unfortunately came to grief.

The Very Rev. Canon Dolan, with his usual thoughtful generosity, had a treat in store for Mr. Dixon, for immediately the ringing had finished, he invited the members of the company to the Presbytery, where he presented a cheque to the veteran ringer, on behalf of the congregation and himself, in recognition of the faithful services rendered by Mr. Dixon. It is also very pleasing to recall the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Barnasconie, the first couple to be married at St. Marie's after the installation of the bells, and who are thus celebrating their 'jubilee' of married life, for in appreciation of the triple event, i.e., the 'jubilee' of the bells, Mr. Dixon's services and their own wedding, they also made a very acceptable present to Mr. Dixon.

The present company at St. Marie's, desiring to do their bit also, held a dinner on Friday last at the Talbot Hotel, Sheffield, Mr. Dixon being the guest of honour. The Rev. Canon Dolan, Father Bradley, and the old ringing friends of Mr. Dixon, were also invited, a party of 17 sitting down to an excellent repast.

During the course of the evening, a gold pendant, in the shape of a bell, suitably inscribed, was presented to the guest of honour, on behalf of the company at St. Marie's, as a token of their appreciation of the long association Mr. Dixon has held with that tower.

Handbell ringing (both tunes and changes) and general jollification brought 'turning out' time all too soon.

A short time ago, one of the present members of St. Marie's had the misfortune to suffer bereavement by the loss of his mother, and in order to commemorate her memory, Mr. Hurst, her son, presented to the church a set of 19 handbells which the Canon has had augmented to a peal of 30 in E flat, size 21. To make the gift more worthy Mr. Hurst also had a very fine oak cabinet made in which to keep the bells, these being hung in terrace style on the back of the cabinet, whilst on the front are two inscription plates, one recording the gift of the original 19 bells, and the other the augmentation to 30. The handbells are also the product of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

On Sunday last, the Canon, assisted by other priests, ascended the tower and gave his blessing to the bells and cabinet, and accepted them from Mr. Hurst as the property of the church.

After suitable remarks had been made by the donor, the Canon said how pleased he was to accept such an appropriate gift, and he would be glad to avail himself of the services of the company for any social event where the handbells could be brought into use.

The cabinet in question is of plain oak with glass panels, and beautifully made in ecclesiastical style, and in addition to its utility for preserving the bells, makes a fine ornament for the tower, which everyone connected with the church greatly appreciates.

KINGSBRIDGE BELLS.

The peal of eight bells at St. Edmund's, Kingsbridge, are being restored and rehung on patent adjustable bearings, with new steel gudgeons and modern fittings, by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of the Bell Works, Chagford, Devon, who have also received orders for the complete restoration of the peal of five bells at Thornbury Church, N. Devon. These bells are to be removed, and the old frames, beams and fittings cleared out of the tower. Now steel joints are to be erected, carrying a massive self-supporting iron bell frame. The bells are to have new headstocks and fittings, and will be hung on the most modern principles.

WHALLEY BELLS AUGMENTED. A NEW TREBLE AND TENOR.

The bells at the fine old Church of Whalley, Lancashire, have been increased to eight, and were rededicated on Saturday last. The ceremony, attended by a crowded congregation, was performed by the Rector (the Rev. E. W. Wallis), and after the dedicatory prayers the local company rang a few rounds. The address was given by the Rev. J. Newman (Rector of Church Kirk).

Immediately after the service, the local company again rang a short touch, and then the tower was open to visitors, and many ringers enjoyed the magnificent peal. The Oswaldtwistle company, along with the Bolton company, ringing touches of Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise.

The six old bells have been rehung in a new iron frame. The new bells are a tenor (22 cwt.) given by a lady in memory of her husband and son, and a treble given by subscription, in memory of the fallen in the great war. The work has been carried out by the Loughborough foundry, and great credit is due to Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the 'go' of the ring.

The Blackburn Branch intends to hold their branch meeting at Whalley the Saturday previous to the Lancashire Association meeting at Oldham.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Essex Association was held at Rayne on Saturday, August 23rd. Despite the stormy weather, 25 were present from Hull, Great Bentley, Kevedon, Rayne, Maldon (St. Mary), Braintree, Great Dunmow, Broomfield, Great Bardfield, Feering, Stebbing and Earls Colne. The District Master (Mr. L. W. Wiffen) presided.—Four new members from Rayne and two from Braintree were elected, and Mr. J. Malyan, of St. Albans, was elected a life non-resident member.

Regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. W. H. Dyson owing to the very serious illness of his wife.

A vote of condolence was passed with the father and widow of the late Mr. W. J. Sadler.

Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the association) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. Redgwell and ladies in making arrangements for the tea.—Mr. Redgwell suitably replied.

The next meeting is to be held at Feering on All Saints' Day, Nov. 1st.

Touches of Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal were rung upon the handbells, and Cambridge, Double Court and Treble Bob on the tower bells.

PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Trollope, in your last issue, states it is ridiculous to say that Dublin Duplex belongs to Mr. Lindoff. That I will leave your readers to judge for themselves. Will Mr. Trollope tell us who is the 'author,' if Mr. Lindoff is not, and why a claim was not made to the method when it was first rung, as I am under the impression no such claim was ever previously made? Will the band who rang the peal of Dublin Duplex tell us where they received the method from, and when the peal was rung? If memory is not at fault, I believe it was conducted by W. H. Barber.—Yours truly,
W. KEEBLE.

DEATH OF A NORFOLK VETERAN.

The funeral took place at Alburgh, Norfolk, on Wednesday of last week, of Mr. Edward Smith, an old and esteemed member of the Norfolk Guild, who passed away in his 81st year. The deceased was conductor of the Redenhall company for a considerable period, and rang in the first peal of the Norwich Diocesan Association. Altogether he rang 79 association peals as well as several before its formation.

A half-muffled peal was rung at Alburgh after the funeral.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Tenby, on Thursday, August 21st, to celebrate the birth of a second son to Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes), in 1 hour and 34 minutes, the first half of Holt's Ten-part: W. Richards 1, R. H. Jenkins 2, G. Jenkins 3, W. Jenkins 4, J. John 5, H. Jenkins 6, D. C. Williams (conductor) 7, J. Williams 8.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—At St. Lawrence Church, for Sunday morning service, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Pudwell 1, J. Hope (conductor) 2, D. K. C. Birt (Surrey County Association) 3, P. Kirby 4, A. King 5, J. H. Mata (Archdeaconry of Stafford first quarter-peal) 6.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth District was held at Titchfield on Saturday last, when, despite the unsettled weather, members were present from Alverstoke, Curdridge, North Stoneham, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ringwood, Titchfield, and Wickham. The company also included Messrs. G. Williams (Master), G. Pullinger (Guild secretary), and C. W. Ridgway, of Abbots Langley (Herts).

A short service was held, at which the curate (the Rev. F. R. Chambers) officiated, in the absence of the Vicar. About 20 sat down to an excellent meal, followed by the usual business meeting, which was mostly of a routine nature.

Mr. W. Tato (representative) gave an account of the Central Committee's doings at Winchester in July last.

Mr. G. Pullinger (general secretary), in reply to a question concerning the restoration of William Rayner's tomb in Arretton Churchyard (I.O.W.), said that he proposed sending subscription cards to all towers affiliated to the Guild, and he hoped all would contribute.

It was decided to hold the annual district meeting at St. Mary's, Portsmouth, on November 15th next, due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks to the Vicar, curate and also to the local company for having everything in readiness, concluded the business meeting.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise Minor.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The August meeting of the South and West District was held at St. Peter's, Staines, on Saturday week, when nearly 40 ringers, representing 18 towers, attended. The bells were set going to Stedman, and several other methods were practised before service, which was conducted by the Rev. Huxley Williams. Afterwards the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea by the Vicar (the Rev. F. G. Marriott). The Rev. H. Williams presided over the business meeting, which followed, and was supported by the vice-president and hon. secretary, the Ringing Master being away on holiday on this occasion.

Three new members were elected, viz., Stafford H. Green, of Tunbridge Wells, Kent; W. J. G. Brown, of Raxfield, Suffolk; and F. J. Fowler, of Cookham, Berks.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his kind hospitality, which was very much appreciated; to the Rev. H. Williams for conducting the service and presiding at the meeting; to the organist; to the Misses W. Griffin and D. M. Gundry for preparing tea; and to Messrs. W. C. Parker and G. Walsley, of the local band.

The tower was again visited, when Cambridge and Superlative, and other methods, were rung. The bells at St. Mary's Church were also open during the evening, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for allowing the visitors the use of them, and to Messrs. S. Greenwood and W. E. Butler, of St. Mary's band.

The meeting was a very pleasant and successful one.

The September meeting to be held at Sunbury; October at Twickenham; November at St. John's, Hillingdon, particulars of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

DEVON GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Mid-Devon Branch was held at Dartington and Totnes, and ringers were present from London, Exeter, Buckfastleigh, Dartmouth, Collaton, Paignton and Christow. Ringing commenced at Dartington about 3 p.m., and some well-struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round.

A short service was held in the church, at which the Rector (the Rev. J. S. Martin) officiated, and the Rev. L. W. Browne (Collaton) gave a very appropriate address.

Tea was partaken of at Clarke's Temperance Hotel, Totnes.

At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. W. H. Wilkes occupied the chair. The place and date of the next meeting were discussed, and ultimately Ipplepen, with Littlehempstone, were decided on.

Mr. E. Shepherd urged the branch to stick to their work. He was glad to see some young blood present, because it was a good sign, but he regretted the number was not larger, and said 'Don't despair.' He could remember attending an annual meeting of the Devon Guild when only 17 were present, all told. Last Whit Monday, at the annual meeting of the Guild, over 300 were present, which was a clear proof that 'scientific ringing' was spreading.

The Chairman then gave 'The Visitors,' and Mr. J. W. Golding, one of the Westminster Abbey ringers, replied, and said he had rung in Devon before, but had not had the pleasure of attending a meeting. He thought if more help was forthcoming from those who were further advanced in campanology the branch would soon make rapid progress.

Votes of thanks were proposed to the Vicar of Totnes for the use of the bells, and the Rector of Dartington for the use of bells and the service.

Further ringing was continued on the Totnes bells till 8.30 p.m.

THE SUFFOLK TOUR. ELEVEN PEALS RUNG.

The 'week' in Suffolk which terminated on August 9th was a most successful one, eleven peals, as already recorded, having been rung. The party were to meet at St. Margaret's, Ipswich, at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 2nd, but the majority were delayed by the holiday traffic, and a start was not made until an hour later, with two Ipswich men to make up the band. Word came up, however, soon after, that the Essex men had arrived, and the Ipswich ringers at once said 'Stop, and let them ring.' Restarting, the first peal of the tour, Cambridge Surprise, was brought round. The usual rush after tea and bus separated the company, but the motorists met at the rendezvous, and then came a hurried drive of 19 miles, which had to be covered before lighting-up time, one of the riders having copied the example of the foolish virgins.

Sunday at Debenham resulted in a peal of Superlative, during the ringing of which Josiah arrived and introduced himself. After the peal the band met round Mrs. Collins' table. She must be quite used to getting tea for ringers.

On Monday the Alton representative had a busy time transporting ringers to Eye in reliefs, and lost his gloves in the process, but he helped to add Cambridge to the bag. Mr. Day kindly took most of the band to Diss in his car for which they were very grateful. Superlative was rung here. The striking for the first twenty minutes was not what it ought to have been, so the bells were stopped. After a move over and a fatherly talk a good peal was rung, though the Norfolk man wished all the rest of the week that it had been five minutes longer.

The towers for Tuesday were Framsdon and Helmingham, and again a 'double' was scored. At the former church Messrs. Wilson and Rumsey met the visitors. The key had to be obtained from the Rector, and also a ladder wherewith to climb into the belfry. His Kent friends would be surprised to see how the veteran can climb, when there is a peal on the board. At Helmingham, Mr. Last was to have been in the peal, but stood out to allow an earlier start to be made. The writer wondered why the Suffolk men were shy of the 7th, but found out after the ringing started. After the peal a lady in the church was making inquiries about the ringing, and on being told what the method was, caused great amusement by exclaiming, 'What, Stedman Triplets!' The Kent veteran made his five miles' walk to the spot where the caravan rested for the night, in company with a member who set a leg-aching pace, and it is said he arrived home disgusted and anxious to borrow a pair of slippers which, in a previous peal attempt, had been somewhat conspicuous.

Another 'double' came off on Wednesday. At Worlingworth, with two of the brothers Bailey and J. G. Rumsey, a London band was secured, and everyone was well pleased with the result. At Framlingham, Superlative came to grief, after an hour's ringing, through a broken rope, but tea was hurried on while the rope was being spliced, and another start was made, with the most fortunate of endings. The last hour had given some of the band an uncomfortable feeling, for the fifth and sixth men could see right through the tenor rope every time it went up at backstroke. But it held until, after the peal, the bell was pulled off to be lowered, when it broke. It was a narrow escape!

Only one peal had been arranged for Thursday. This was at Bury St. Edmunds, and Stedman Caters was decided on for the fine peal of bells in the Norman tower. The first quarter was rung quite well, and then the conductor had an argument with himself over the bells at the single, and 'stand' was called, but after dinner the peal was safely rung.

Great things were expected on Friday from the visit to Leiston and Ufford, but 'blessed are they who expect nothing.' London would not 'go' at Leiston, and an hour's ringing put 'paid' to the attempt. It was thereupon decided to cut out Ufford and make another start at Leiston, but a broken rope two and a half courses from home settled the question of a peal that day. There was then nothing left but to enjoy tea and a talk about what had been done. It was the only blank day of the week.

Saturday's programme meant an early start for everyone, for Lavenham and Hadleigh were to be visited. Mr. Poppy and the veteran were to be picked up at Ipswich at 8.30 a.m. The former was there, but the Kent man, knowing the reputation of Lavenham bells, went for a shave. However, the tower was safely reached, but this is no place to put on record what the motorists said about the roads. The veteran wanted Double Norwich, and after the two back-end men had tossed to see who should ring the tenor, 'go' was called. With a musical method and composition, the band quickly realised the beauty of this famous bell.

At Hadleigh, where the excursion concluded, two of the Ipswich men joined in the ringing. After all the trouble Mr. Rumsey had expended on the tour, it was only a well-deserved compliment to ring his favourite method, Superlative, at his birthplace, and a really good peal was rung to finish a very successful week.

The visitors feel they cannot adequately express their thanks for the many kindnesses they received from their friends in Suffolk and over the border. Special thanks are due to Mr. Rumsey, of Debenham, for making all arrangements.

A. H. P.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Sunday evening, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 46 mins.: E. Webb 1, Miss V. Shorter 2, C. Hull 3, J. Giddens 4, J. T. Newington 5, A. Page 6, G. D. Bridge 7, C. E. Patten (conductor) 8.

GULVAL, PENZANCE.—For evening service, on Sunday, August 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original), in 45 mins.: A. W. Brighton (London) 1, W. Wood 2, John Symons 3, W. Hiscott (Plymouth), conductor, 4, P. C. Jelbert 5, A. Triggs 6, P. Hitchens 7, J. Corkell 8. Visitors always welcome.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), ten callings, in 45 mins.: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton (first quarter-peal inside) 2, W. Leaning 3, G. Hobbins 4, J. Bray (conductor) 5, J. Crawshaw (first quarter-peal) 6.

FULHAM.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, 1,283 Stedman Cutters: W. H. Hollier 1, A. Cutmore 2, A. Coles 3, F. Norriss 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, F. Skovington (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, M. E. Smith 10. Rung as a compliment to M. E. Smith on his 70th birthday.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 651 Stedman Cutters: A. Lawrence 1, G. W. Townsend 2, R. W. Hyner 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, H. A. Hearl 5, J. E. L. Cockey 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop (conductor) 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

TENBY.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: T. John 1, S. C. Williams (conductor) 2, G. Jenkins 3, W. Jenkins 4, J. John 6, H. Jenkins 6, R. H. Jenkins 7, J. Williams 8.

RHYL.—For the evening service, on Sunday, August 17th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: M. Bailey (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Griffin 2, B. R. Collis 3, J. Ellis 4, F. W. Perrins 5, J. Evans 6, A. J. Hughes (conductor) 7, F. Bailey 8. Messrs. Griffin and Perrins hail from Walsal and Coventry, respectively.

PASSENHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 3rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: R. Foddy 1, T. Roberts (conductor) 2, H. Ridgway 3, E. Percy 4, H. Edwards 5. First 720 of Doubles by the ringer of the treble.

KEIGHLEY.—On Sunday, August 3rd, at St. Andrew's Church, Keighley, a 1,158 of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in honour of Mr. William Thorpe, of Grantham, whose marriage took place the day before at Grantham. The ringers were as follows: R. W. Jennison (conductor) 1, J. Edmondson 2, E. Green 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hogg 5, A. Jackson 6, J. Hall 7, S. Murgatroyd 8.

WATFORD, HERTS.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. Jones 1, W. E. Oakley 2, G. Seaman 3, W. Greenaway (Ware) 4, W. Norris 5, W. Hewitt 6, C. H. Horton (conductor) 7, W. J. Norris 8.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCs.—On Sunday, August 3rd, for evening service, at St. John's Church, 504 and 252 Stedman Triples: Adam Blogg 1, Alfred Blogg 2, E. B. Coxhead 3, C. Salisbury 4, H. Lucas 5, A. Hartley 6, Wm. Lancaster (conductor) 7. These were the first touches of Stedman ever rung by a local band for Sunday service.

APPLETON, BERKS.—On Sunday, July 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: W. Holfield 1, C. G. White 2, W. Harris 3, H. C. White 4, F. S. White 5, G. Holfield, junr. (conductor), 6, R. White 7, F. White 8. Rung also as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

NOTICES.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Talgarth on Saturday, the 6th September. Tower open 2 p.m. (6 bells). Glasbury bells (8) also available. Tea at 5 p.m. and meeting to follow. Please notify me by 1st September numbers to be expected for tea.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Ringing for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on September 4th and 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th. All at 7.30 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall, on Saturday, Aug. 30th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—The new peal of eight at Bourn, Cambs, will be dedicated on Saturday, August 30th, at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5, followed by meeting. All ringers welcome. It would facilitate arrangements if ringers would notify me of their intention of being present.—A. E. Austin, District Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—At the invitation of the new Vicar the next monthly meeting will be held at Cotgrave on Saturday, August 30th, which also includes tea on the Vicarage lawn.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—West Tyne District.—A meeting will be held at Newton Hall on August 30th. Bells (6) will be available at 2 p.m.—C. Symm Newton, Stockfield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Rochdale Parish Church on Saturday, August 30th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. Business: Election of branch president for next two years. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kingston-on-Thames, on Saturday, August 30th. Ringing commencing at 3 o'clock. Tea will be provided in the Parish Mission House, Wood Street, at 4.30, with a meeting after and evensong at the Church at 6 p.m. Will ringers kindly inform Mr. John Howes of 9, Hawks Road, Norbiton, Kingston-on-Thames, of their intention to take tea so that the necessary arrangements may be made?—Charles Dean, Hon. Sec., 59, Wellesley Road, Croydon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Duffield, on Saturday, August 30th. Bells (10) available from 2.30. All ringers welcome.—G. Cecil Wallace, Dis. Sec., 10, Goodale Street, Derby.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford district.—A meeting of the above will be held on Saturday, August 30, at Kimbolton, at 3 p.m.; Tea at 5 p.m.; after tea Keysoe bells will be available from about 6 p.m.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Dunster Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Audries, on Saturday, Aug. 30. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.15. Tea at Parish Room at 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—G. Stacey, Hon. Local Sec., 6, Park Street, Minehead.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for September.—St. Clement Danes, Mondays the 1st and 15th, at 7.30; Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 22nd, at 7.30. Outing to Chertsey on Saturday, the 27th. Details will be announced later. Please reserve date.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 6th, at Rawmarsh. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 1/- per head for those who send their names to Mr. E. Pammenter, 11, Spolton Road, Parkgate, not later than Sept. 3rd. Business meeting at 6 p.m.—A. Panther, Sec., *pro tem.*, Wath-on-Dearne.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, September 6th. Tower open from 2.30. A free tea will be provided at the parish rooms at 5 o'clock. Arundel bells will be also available in the evening. All those intending being present kindly notify me by September 2nd.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at St. John's, Hagley, on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Old members specially invited to attend.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 6th, at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available all day. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea will be provided. — W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. Will those requiring tea please write by September 3rd to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes?

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, September 6th. 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 August 30th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Darlington on Saturday, September 6th, when the bells of St. Cuthbert's (8), St. John's (8) and Holy Trinity (6) will be available after 2 p.m. Will ringers please meet at St. Cuthbert's? Will all those requiring tea please notify by the 4th September?—A. Hunter, Hon. Dist. Sec., 22, Dickinson Street, Darlington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., Garthmor, Neath.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Staveley on Saturday, September 5th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea 1/- each at 5 p.m., only to those who notify Mr. F. E. Parsons, 10, Bell House Lane, Lowgates, Staveley, not later than Wednesday, September 3rd. Members please note that reports of peals must be sent to the Assist. Hon. Sec. *pro tem.*, Mr. T. E. Lee, 31, Hackthorne Road, Woodseats, Sheffield. Will committeemen let me have suggestions from their respective towers, re the Sunday Service Cup as soon as possible?—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, September 6th, at the County Tavern (opposite Shire Hall), High Pavement, Nottingham, at 7 p.m. St. Mary's Tower will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 6.45 p.m. All M.C.A. members welcome.—Fred Blood, Hon. Sec.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be at Hinckley, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. The Committee will meet in the School at 3.45. There will be a service in church at 4.15. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. Fred Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, not later than 11th September?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (8), tenor 18 cwt., available throughout the day. A short service will be held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. All applications for tea tickets, for which a charge of 1/6 per head will be made, must reach Mr. F. Robertshaw, 38, North Gate, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, Yorks, not later than first post Tuesday, September 9th, 1924.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Will hold their annual meeting at Bromsgrove on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available all the afternoon. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea, election of officers. Subscriptions due. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than September 10th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bishop's Lydeard on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Tea provided by the Vicar, to all who give me notice by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, September 20th. The Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.) will take the chair at 5.45 p.m. prompt. Applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than Tuesday, September 16th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

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BERTRAM PREWETT, killed in action, August 31st, 1918.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**APPEAL FOR THORNE BELLS' RESTORATION.**

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District of the Yorkshire Association was held at Eastrington on Saturday, August 16th, when representatives were present from York, Selby, Hull, Goole, Thorne, Market Weighton, Sherburn-in-Elmet, Howden and Hemingbrough. A choral service was held in the Parish Church of St. Michael, and in the course of his address, the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Hains) extended a hearty welcome to the association, this being the first occasion that a meeting had been held in the village. The art of change ringing, he said, was one which required no little skill and practice, but he would like to impress those present with the real object for which church bells were rung. They were to call people to the worship of God. The bell ringers should surely be the first to set an example in this respect, and yet there were many ringers who seldom, if ever, attended a church service. He would like to suggest that the association make a move towards impressing upon its members the importance of their realising the real object of their art.

An excellent tea was afterwards provided, and served by ladies of the parish in the Parochial Hall, to which some 40 members sat down.

At the business meeting, which followed, Mr. J. H. Howell, of Hull, occupied the chair, in the absence of the vice-president (Mr. A. E. West, Sutton). Two new members were elected: Mr. H. Howell (Hull) and Mr. J. Bradley, junr., of Sherburn-in-Elmet.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Goole, in December.

An appeal was made by the Thorne ringers with the view to the different towers in the district, subscribing towards the restoration of the Thorne bells, which have been in a dilapidated state for a considerable period. An estimate has been given for recasting and re-hanging by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at a cost of £467, and of that amount, £244 has already been promised. The members present agreed to convey the appeal to their respective towers.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, choir, and organist, the ladies who provided and served the tea, and the local ringers for their efficient arrangements during the day.

DEATH OF A MIDDLESBROUGH RINGER.

Middlesbrough has lost a valued member of the Parish Church company by the death of Mr. John William Passman, who passed to his rest on August 5th. He was connected with the church nearly all his life, and took a keen interest in all its affairs. He was a ringer for many years, and took part in the work of the Sunday School. He will be much missed from the tower, and his place will be difficult to fill.

The funeral took place at Middlesbrough Cemetery on August 7th, and on Tuesday of last week a muffled peal of Kent Treble Bob rung.

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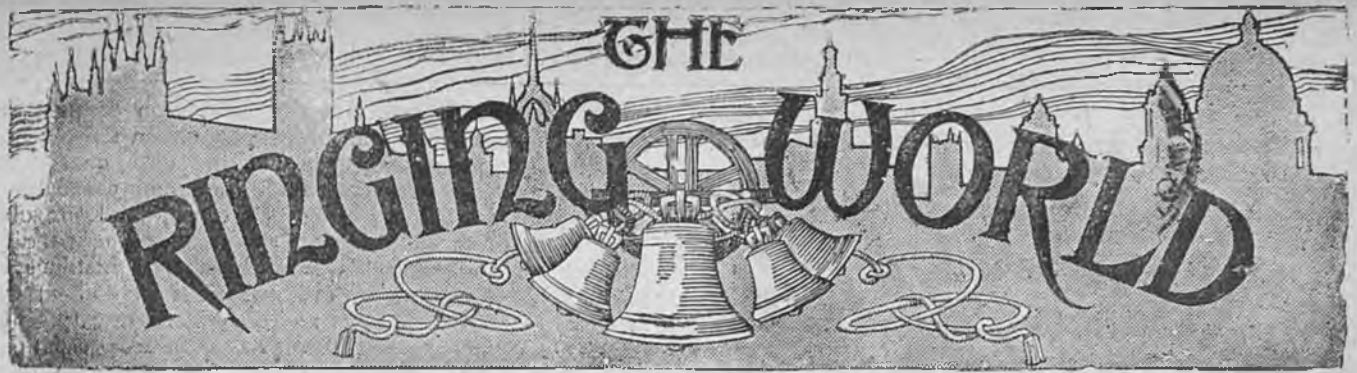
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GUILD MEMBERSHIP.

With some of the views put forward by a correspondent in another column on the subject of the membership of Guilds, there may be many who will agree. The point which he raises is, briefly, this: As ringing associations are now recognised as bodies of church workers, ought they to exclude from full membership any ringer, whatever his qualifications, if he desires to join? At the present time there are a number of associations which differentiate between those who are change-ringers and those who are not, but there are few who exclude a man because he is not a change-ringer. Where both are admitted and differentiation is made between round ringers and change-ringers, it is usually by way of defining the former as 'probationers,' who pay a smaller subscription and have no voting power.

That is the general position as it stands at the moment, but the conditions vary with each association. That all ringers should, if possible, be embraced, is a principle which, if we admit that all ringing is to be accounted as service to the Church and all ringers as church workers, cannot be denied, and it is a principle towards which we must inevitably move, if our ultimate object is to be that full recognition by the Church authorities for which there has been years of patient striving. But we have to recognise the constitution of our associations as it at present exists. There are many of them, like the Lancashire, the Midland Counties, the Hertford and the Sussex, which deliberately take the title of 'Association of Change Ringers,' and we must conclude that the association was intended to be what its name implies, an organisation of change-ringers. Some open the door to round ringers by admitting them as probationers, but it was not for the benefit of round ringers that they were formed. Other associations, like the Devon and the Hereford, have not prefixed 'change' to the word 'ringers' in their title. It may be, in some cases, that such a limitation was impossible by the circumstances of the case, for, in the areas which they cover, change-ringers were very much in a minority.

Is it possible to place all the associations on one basis; that they shall admit all who can ring a church bell and who desire to be admitted, without restriction as to qualification? Doubtless when the constitution of many of the associations was drafted, full membership was accorded only to change-ringers as a direct inducement to the non-change-ringers to learn; and that is a strong argument in favour of keeping the status quo in the organisations covering those districts where change-

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ringers predominate. But the promotion of the art of change ringing, while an essential point in the objects of the ringing associations, is not the only one. Such objects as 'the observation of good and peaceable behaviour in the belfries of our churches,' and 'to obtain full recognition of the ringer's office as essentially a branch of the Church's work,' as, for instance, the M.C.A. Report puts it, are matters which affect every ringer, whether he knows anything of change ringing or not. It is likely to be difficult to get collective action on a matter of this kind, but it should be worth the discussion of associations, and eventually of the attention of the Central Council, who could give a lead on the subject, if nothing more.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	JEFFREY R. GAMMON 7
FREDERICK G. SYMONDS 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 8
EDGAR C. RUSSELL 3	HERBERT LANGDON 9
ALFRED B. PECK 4	WILLIAM WOODHEAD 10
ROBERT W. GREEN 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
EDWIN F. PIKE 6	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Mr. W. Woodhead is from Leeds, Yorks. This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the recent wedding of Mr. Eric H. S. Truscott, son and heir of Sir George Truscott, Bart., to Miss Mary D. Irving, daughter of Canon Irving, Vicar of Hawkshead. Mr. and Mrs. Truscott heard a great part of the peal, and warmly thanked the ringers at the conclusion.

BIRCHINGTON, KENT.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes,

AT THE WATERLOO TOWER, QUEX PARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN SPARROW Treble	LEWIS W. GOODWIN 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 2	WILLIAM BOTTRILL 8
FRANK SMITH 3	CECIL J. MATTHEWS 9
RICHARD BEVAN 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 10
THOMAS NEWMAN 5	GEORGE A. CARD 11
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6	THOMAS BEVAN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. D. MATTHEWS.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF CAMBRIDGE YOUTHS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in D flat.

HAROLD J. HAZELL Treble	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 6
YORK GREEN 2	A. GEORGE RIVERS 7
JOHN TAYLOR 3	ERNEST G. HIBBINS 8
* A. TOM CHENERY 4	WILBURN WELCH 9
T. REGINALD DENNIS 5	PERCY TAYLOR Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First attempt for a peal on ten bells.

KELVEDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. L. Goffin 1, W. Arnold 2, W. H. Fussell 3, W. J. Nevard 4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5, W. Elliott 6.

LONDON, S.W.

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DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 8
HENRY S. ELLIS 4	WILLIAM H. HEWETT 9
ALFRED PRIOR 5	ALBERT W. COLES Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by C. T. COLES.

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On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5069 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt. in D.

WILLIAM BALL Treble	EDGAR C. SHEPARD 6
JAMES E. GROVES 2	*ERNEST MANSELL 7
STANLEY BRAGG 3	JOHN BRAGG 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 4	JOHN NEAL 9
*CHARLES H. WEBB 5	ALBERT WALKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES RAMPLEY Treble	GEORGE P. BURTON 5
GEORGE MAYERS 2	WILLIAM STEELE 6
GEORGE A. SPARKS 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT 7
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and by the ringers of the treble and 3rd, and first attempt. Mr. Charles E. Borrett's 150th peal. First peal rung in the method in Norwich by a local band, since the peal rung at St. Giles', on February 6th, 1835.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

MRS. M. WHEWELL Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
WILLIAM RILEY 2	JNO. WHEWELL 6
MISS ELLEN SHAW 3	JAMES HOULDSWORTH ... 7
*RICHARD TOWNLEY 4	†JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. HOULDSWORTH.

* First peal. † 100th peal for the above association.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WALTER MASTERS Treble	CHARLES E. PERKINS 5
*CLIFFORD SKIDMORE ... 2	†WILLIAM H. COOPER 6
†JOHN BASS 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS 7
†HAROLD V. COOPER 4	JOHN LLOYD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob Major.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

†JOHN W. PASSMAN Treble	CECIL ROBINSON 5
THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 2	*HENRY CLAYTON 6
GEORGE WORTHY 3	WILLIAM AINSWORTH 7
THOMAS LANCASTER 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. R. HENSHER.

† First peal in the method, and first away from the tenor. * First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for H. Clayton, who hails from Tadcaster.

WOLSTANTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5344 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM FITCHFORD Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	THOMAS HURD 6
WILLIAM A. ALLMAN 3	CHARLES MORLEY 7
WALTER N. ASHBY 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS (No. 326). Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

This composition contains the extent of the 6th in all positions, and is now rung for the first time.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

REGINALD BECK Treble	*FRANK D. RICHARDS 5
RONALD BECK 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
ARTHUR PRINCE 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON ... 4	*WILLIAM G. MOON Tenor

Conducted by WALTER FARLEY.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a daughter to the ringers of the 4th.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*RALPH JACKSON Treble	CECIL ROBINSON 5
GEORGE WORTHY 2	WILLIAM AINSWORTH 6
GEORGE KEMBALD 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
HENRY CLAYTON 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by T. LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt to ring Bob Major.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. A. CLARK Treble	JOHN HOYLE 5
HERBERT J. SKELT 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	AMOS CLARK 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

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

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On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter, Woolton,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
WALTER HUGHES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
CHARLES TRIBE 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	ARTHUR LINTOTT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Tribe, who hails from Tenterden, Kent.

UTTOXETER, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5866 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*GEORGE ELLIOTT Treble	WALTER N. ASHEY 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	ROBERT G. LEWIS 6
ARTHUR PEAKE 3	*CHARLES SMITH 7
*FRANK L. OLIVER 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

* First peal of Major. This composition is now rung for the first time as the first peal of Major on this grand peal of bells, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Charles Smith.

TITCHMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb. in E.

†GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. Treble	*FRANK KIRK 5
DANIEL REDHEAD 2	†AMOS SMART 6
JAMES M. NICKERSON 3	†JOHN MAIN 7
†LEONARD J. WYMAN 4	†ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS Treble	THOMAS CHINNERY 5
WILLM. R. J. PODLSON 2	ALBERT CATTERWELL 6
ARTHUR MAXIM 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7
FRANK A. TURNER 4	SAMUEL EVANS Tenor

Composed by FREDK. PITSTOW. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Aug. 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen-and-half Mins.,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD (GT. BENTLEY) Treble
WILLIAM L. GOFTON (MONKSEATON) 2
WALTER ARNOLD (EARLS COLNE) 3
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL (SLOUGH) 4
WILLIAM MILLER (LEYTONSTONE) 5
WILLIAM ELLIOTT (KELVEDON) 6
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. (WALTON-ON-THAMES) 7
WILLIAM KEEBLE (FEERING) Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

Rung to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the founding of the original peal of five bells in this tower, cast by Miles Graye, 1624, and also the 63rd birthday of W. Elliott.

MARGATE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

CHARLES W. PLAYER Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT 5
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE 2	CHARLES W. BRETT 6
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	ARTHUR H. SAXBY 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN 4	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. C. Brett, F. Fairbeard and Flight-Sergt. F. A. Holden.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. POWELL Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
WILLIAM D. WASE 2	*JAMES LESLIE HAYWARD ... 6
JOHN PERRY 3	ALFRED ROWLEY 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

* First peal of Bob Major.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb. in G.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES BAKER 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 2	CHARLES CUTTING 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	FREDERICK SMITH 7
FREDERICK HOWCHIN 4	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

SIX BELL PEALS.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Hull, Bourne, Primrose, Norwich, Annable's London, Netherseal and Cambridge. Tenor 11 cwt.

FREDERICK FARR Treble	GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2	WILLIAM H. TURTON 5
*FREDERICK HALL 3	CHARLES SEVERN Tenor

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

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

ASH PRIORS, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

† Tenor about 10 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble	WALTER JOHN SMITH 4
GILBERT JONES 2	ALBERT TOUT 5
FRED POLE 3	WILLIAM COMINS Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

CHALFORD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ST. DUNTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS WRIGHT Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 4
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	THOMAS PRICE 5
FRANK COLE 3	JOSEPH HAWKES Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung as a birthday peal for Joseph Hawkes, and also to commemorate his completion of 50 years as a ringer.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four 720's of Cambridge Surprise and three of Oxford Treble
Bob, rung alternately and each called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F sharp.

"CYRIL M. MITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE MORRAD 4
JOHN BURLES 2	† HARRY ARGENT... .. 5
FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

* First peal, and first attempt. † 25th peal. 100th peal by F. M. Mitchell, who has now rung and conducted peals from 1 to 7 and 10 methods on these bells. First peal in two methods by all.

HANDBELL PEALS.

The following peals were rung during a week at Surfleet :

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4	WALTER AYRE 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.
Mrs. F. I. Hairs' 150th peal.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 13 in E.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4	† WALTER AYRE 7—8

Composed by JOHN THORPE. Conducted by WALTER AYRE.
* 100th peal 'in hand.' † 1st peal of Treble Bob 'in hand.'

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At Bryngwyn,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor, size 13 in E.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4	WALTER AYRE 7—8

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal in the method 'in hand' as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, August 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	WALTER AYRE 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON... 3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON... 3—4	WALTER AYRE 7—8

Composed by WALTER AYRE. Conducted by R. RICHARDSON.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 13 in E.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	WALTER AYRE 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK I. HAIRS.
First peal as conductor.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At Glyn Garth,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

MRS. FRANK I. HAIRS ... 1—2	WALTER AYRE 5—6
ROBERT RICHARDSON ... 3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by FRANK I. HAIRS.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1—2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5—6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3—4	ERNEST MORRIS 7—8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9—10	

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
First peal on ten bells as conductor.

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

On Thursday, August 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
In the Cathedral Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1—2	THOMAS MILLER 5—6
ALBERT WALKER... .. 3—4	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7—8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9—10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 23rd, a good meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Yateley. The following towers were represented: Bagshot, Bramley, Chertsey, Finchampstead, Leng Cross, Oatlands Park, Sandhurst, Wokingham, Worplesdon, Yorktown and Yateley. Various methods were rung from 3 p.m. till 4.30, when the members attended the Guild service, conducted by the Rev. A. J. Howell. Tea, arranged by Mr. S. J. Riddell, was served at the Parish Hall.

At the business meeting the Vicar occupied the chair, and was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for the use of the bells, and for presiding. The tower was then again visited, and further ringing enjoyed.

WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Twyford on Saturday last, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. H. S. Morris). Tea was provided in the Parish Hall by Mr. L. R. Walker, of the local band, and was presided over by the Vicar, supported by Mr. Geo. Williams (Master of the Guild), Mr. Geo. Pullinger (general secretary), and members from North Stoneham, Curdridge, Ringwood, and the local band. After tea a short meeting was held, at which three probationers were elected from Twyford.

It was resolved to hold a special meeting at Lockerley on Saturday, Sept. 27th.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Twyford for presiding and for the use of the bells was then accorded.

Owslebury bells, a ring of six, were available to members in the afternoon, thanks to the Rev. Briggs, and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. At Twyford in the evening, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were tapped off. Messrs. Cheater and Collins cycled 40 miles from Ringwood to attend this meeting.

The annual meeting will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 1st, due notice will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

ROAMING IN DEVON.

SMALL PEAL 'BAG,' BUT A DELIGHTFUL WEEK.

Some time ago a few members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford decided to spend their holiday by roaming in Devon, making Exeter their headquarters. They met at Wolverhampton Station at 10 a.m. on August 2nd, the party consisting of Messrs. E. V. Rodenhurst (Hodnet), S. L. Hayward (Wellington), W. D. Wase (Coalbrookdale), J. Perry (Brewood), B. Gough (Coseley), W. Bayliss (Bradley), W. Powell (Walsall), C. Wallater (Willenhall), and H. Knight, E. F. Mitchell and J. Bradney (Wolverhampton), the last named being 'the policeman.' It had been arranged to pick up A. J. Hughes, of Rhyll, at Birmingham, but upon arrival there no trace of him could be found among the crowd of holiday makers on the station. However, he managed to roll out of the train at Exeter. The journey down was enlivened by handbell ringing, Mr. Hayward having very kindly brought his handbells with him, but no amount of ringing could entice friend Hughes from his hiding-place—probably he had a good seat and wished to retain it.

A surprise awaited the party at Exeter, for upon arrival they were met by Messrs. J. Screen and Reeves, of West Bromwich, who were on their way to Paignton, and had motored down, starting in the wee hours of the morning, and breaking their journey at Exeter for the night. Accommodation for the whole party had been secured at the Franklin Hotel, where, upon arrival, the visitors found the organiser of the tour, the Rev. E. V. Cox, awaiting them, and who gave them a very hearty welcome. Unfortunately he could not spend any time at all with the party, but gave them their marching orders on a neatly typed sheet, which contained the list of churches, where he had arranged for ringing to take place, and also the route, and bus and train times. At the hotel, also, was found the last member of the party, Mr. J. T. Dyke, who had already taken up his residence, having arrived earlier in the afternoon.

During tea-time the well-known local ringer, Mr. E. Shepherd, found the company, and he also gave them a very warm welcome, and afterwards piloted the party round the city, and pointed out the various historic buildings, etc.

At St. Sidwell's, on Sunday, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were rung for morning service, and after the ringing the 'Shepherd' again piloted the flock round other parts of the city, finishing up in one of the pleasure parks, where the photographer brought his camera into use. Rain set in during dinner-time, and the party remained indoors until 4 p.m., when a move was made to the Cathedral, where permission had been given for half-hour's ringing. Here the visitors were met by Mr. Davey, who very kindly secured a ten minutes' extension of time. Mr. Davey led the party up the winding staircase, and some were not sorry when the top step was reached. The fine view of Exeter from the Cathedral roof was marred by the wet afternoon. At the Cathedral the visitors were joined by Mr. W. Wakley, of Dawlish, late of Burton. Needless to say, no time was lost in getting the bells up, and the following had the pleasure of ringing a course of Grandsire Cinques on these magnificent bells: J. L. Hayward, W. G. Wakley, W. D. Wase, J. Perry, E. F. Mitchell, C. Wallater, A. J. Hughes, J. T. Dyke, W. Powell, B. Gough, H. Knight, and E. V. Rodenhurst, and J. Davey (tenor). After this a few rounds and queens were rung for the benefit of the other members of the party. An inspection of the bells followed, and these were greatly admired, after which Mr. Davey took the party to St. David's, where they had the pleasure of ringing a course of Double Norwich and a touch of Stedman Triples for evening service. Mr. Davey very kindly acted as pilot for the remainder of the evening.

The peal ringing programme began on Monday at Sowton, where, upon the arrival of the visitors, the tower keeper was waiting, and conducted them to the belfry. Here was found a nice ring of eight bells, but the ringing chamber is somewhat cramped for room. After raising the bells in peal a start was made for Double Norwich, but after one hour's good ringing it came to grief, owing to an omitted bob. After consulting watches it was found there was time for another attempt before the bus again claimed attention. A start was then made for Stedman Triples at a pace which certainly was exhilarating if not comfortable, and, although not the same conductor, an omitted bob brought this attempt to an end also, after 50 minutes' sharp ringing. A course of Bob Major and a touch of Grandsire, in which the tower keeper took part, brought the ringing to a close.

While the ringing had been going on, other members of the party had the pleasure of inspecting the Vicarage gardens, where the Vicar warmly welcomed them. A stroll along the narrow Devonshire lanes brought the party to the main road again, and they had some time to wait for the bus. Some of the members tried their skill at skittles, but the prize (a pig) did not come their way. In the afternoon an attempt was made for Stedman Caters at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, but unfortunately after 2 hours 25 minutes' ringing, 'stand' was called, the turning course having proved the obstacle. This concluded the ringing for the day, and tracks were made to headquarters.

Tuesday morning's task was at Cullompton, where there is a very fine peal of ten bells recently hung. After the usual preliminaries, 'go, Stedman Caters,' was called, but again disappointment was in store, for after 2 hours and 35 minutes of excellent ringing the attempt came to an abrupt end. What really happened no one seemed to know, but a general mix up followed, which ended by 'stand' being called. Owing to a funeral a further attempt could not be made. A hot luncheon was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, after which Tiverton was the objective, where there is an excellent peal of eight (tenor about 25 cwt.). As a peal attempt here had been denied for very good reasons, touches of Double Norwich, Plain and Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung.

Wednesday morning's order gave a little more leisure time, and the party joined the 10.15 bus to Moreton Hampstead. The scenery en route was beautiful, and very much admired. Upon arrival at the destination, the visitors were met by Mr. Wakley, who had arranged to spend the day with them. The bells were soon raised, and a start was made for Double Norwich, and all went well for 1 hour and 20 minutes, when this attempt also failed. The ringers began to wonder what was the matter with them, and whether the number of the party, which was 13, had anything to do with it, or whether the Devon climate was exercising some undue influence. However, nothing daunted, the same band started off again this time into Bob Major, and had the satisfaction of securing the first peal of the tour in 3 hours and 11 minutes. It also happened to the first peal of Major on the bells. Upon leaving the belfry the band received the congratulations of the other members. They also found that Mr. Shepherd had arrived during the ringing. The return journey in the evening was made in an open charabanc, which made it possible to view more of the lovely scenery en route. Arriving on the outskirts of the city about 8.30 p.m., a halt was made at St. Thomas' Church, where it happened to be practice night. Here the local ringers very kindly placed the bells at the visitors' disposal for the rest of the evening, when touches of Stedman Triples were rung. Regret was expressed that some misunderstanding had arisen at this church, as the party had been expected at 3 o'clock, although it was not on their programme.

On Thursday morning, at Withcombe Raleigh, a well-struck peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 2 hours 55 minutes. Just after the start for the peal the other members of the party received a surprise visit from Mr. A. P. Smith, of Birmingham, who had motored over from Budleigh Salterton, where he was spending his holidays. Dinner was partaken of at Thorne's Hotel, during which it was suggested that as Dame Fortune had smiled upon them at last, the ringers should return to Exeter earlier than arranged and endeavour to obtain permission to make another attempt for Stedman Caters at St. Sidwell's. After spending an hour by the sea they returned to Exeter, but unfortunately permission to make another attempt to St. Sidwell's could not be granted. Mr. Shepherd, however, very kindly obtained permission to have a ring at Alphington, where touches of Oxford Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major were rung. Mr. Wakley and Mr. Shepherd were the guests of the visitors that night at supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent together.

Crediton, with its beautiful and historic church, which contains some very valuable relics, and possessing an extraordinary fine ring of eight bells (tenor about 28 cwt.), was planned for Friday morning, where the Rector gave the visitors a great welcome, and also very kindly piloted them round the church, giving a short account of its history, and pointing out the various relics and valuable possession. The bells having then been raised, a start was made for Stedman Triples, when, sad to relate, owing to the beautiful tone of the bells and the splendid music they were pealing forth, one of the band forgot what he was doing, and the end came after 1 hour 15 minutes' practically perfect ringing. For some time after one could hear in one's mind the beautiful tone of the bells, and the perfect beat rolling onwards. The 'policeman' had been very quiet for two days, having contracted a chill, but he was able to get to Crediton in time to hear this noble ring of bells. Hurried refreshments were partaken of, after which Mr. J. T. Dyke took his departure for home. Honiton Cyst was the afternoon's order, so thither the party wended their way in an overloaded bus. Arrived at the destination, a start was made for Bob Major, but one hour sufficed in the heat, the band being more or less drowsy, with the result that the treble ceased to be a plain hunt bell, and the end came. After the ringing, the Rector's wife very kindly invited the visitors to tea, and a very pleasant time was spent. Before leaving, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector and his wife for their warm welcome and hospitality.

Saturday's programme was Thorveton, if required, and as the peal bag was very light eight of the party boarded the 8.15 train, and arrived there about 9 o'clock. The bells were soon set going to Stedman Triples, and a good peal was scored in 2 hours 55 minutes. Tracks had then to be made to the station to catch the 12.30 train back to Exeter.

The holiday was now at an end, and very little time left to pack up and catch the required trains. The Rhyll and Salopian mem-

bers, together with the 'policeman' and his friend, left by the 2.18 train, while three more Staffordshire lads returned at 3.30. The other three members of the party (lucky bounders) left in different directions to spend the remainder of their holidays elsewhere.

Before concluding the account of this trip, the roamers desire to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to the Rev. E. V. Cox, who so very kindly arranged such an enjoyable programme, to Mr. E. Shepherd for the very kind 'shepherd' that he proved during the whole of the visit, to Mr. Davey for his efforts, to all the incumbents for the permission to ring at the various churches, and for the very warm welcome they extended on each occasion, and last, but not least, to all those tower keepers who had everything in readiness for the visitors when they arrived. Although the peal bag was light, they left Devon with no disappointments, for one and all had spent a most enjoyable time together, having received a very warm welcome wherever they went.

The ringing on each occasion had been of a very high standard, and the very many congratulations received on the excellent striking more than compensated for the loss of peals. Not an evening was passed but the handbells were brought into use, and many surprising methods were rung; in fact, had was a secondary consideration when handbells were about. This is believed to be the first tour organised by the Stafford Archdeaconry Society, and the place chosen was an ideal one. May it not be the last. They bid adieu to Devon, cherishing many happy thoughts and the faces of many new friends, also memories that will linger for many years. J. P.

BURSLEM AND NORTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 30th, the ringers at Burslem and Norton held an outing, and visited Ecclestone and Mayfield, travelling by motor through the beautiful countryside. On arrival at Ecclestone they were met by Mr. Udale, and soon set the bells going to Oxford and Cambridge, all being loud in their praise of this lovely ring of bells. Going on to Mayfield, where they first partook of an excellent tea, they were met at the church by the Vicar, and a few of the local men, who gave them a hearty welcome. Touches of Oxford and Kent and 720 of Violet Treble Bob were rung in fine style. These bells are a fine ring of six, and go very well, and everyone expressed the wish to pay them another visit in the near future. The return journey was begun at 8.30, and home was reached about 11 p.m. The party, through 'The Ringing World,' wish to thank the clergy for granting the use of the bells, and also the tower keepers for having everything in readiness.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL BAND.

Canterbury Cathedral ringers visited Margate and Quex Park for their annual outing. The party numbered 14, and at the Waterloo tower rang touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and afterwards inspected the wonderful big game collection of Major P. H. G. Powell-Colton, of Quex Park. The party then motored back to Margate for tea, and subsequently visited St. John's Church, where they found the bells in good order, and rang some touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Double Norwich. The outing proved most enjoyable, the more so because Minor Canon F. J. O. Helmore (president of the ringers) accompanied the party. Thanks are due to Mr. G. Wiltshier, of Birchington, who made the arrangements for Quex Park, and to Mr. A. Saxby, of Margate, who arranged for the tea and the ringing at St. John's Church.

ST. MARY'S, STAFFORD.

The second annual outing of St. Mary's, Stafford, ringers took place on Saturday, August 16th, when Loughboro' and Leicester were visited. A start was made at 7.15 by motor coach, the foundry at Loughboro' being reached at 9.45. From that time the day was full of interest. Mr. Stubbs (of Messrs. Taylor's) conducted the party round the works, and he and the foreman spared no pains to explain every detail connected with bell founding. The visitors were not in time to see the enormous 12-ton bell cast, but they saw it being tuned, and also where it was 'hatched out.' Afterwards the foundry peal of ten was placed at their disposal. The small bells take some handling, so that the ringers were perhaps fortunate in bringing round Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Next they visited the carillon tower, but the pleasure of hearing and seeing these bells had to be left for another day. The next stage (Leicester) was reached in time for dinner. Afterwards St. Martin's Church (ten bells) was first visited, and then the ringers went on to St. Margaret's (12). These are a very fine peal, the tone and 'go' being perfect. Messrs. Morris and Whitehead welcomed the visitors, and considerably strengthened the band. After tea another move was made to St. Martin's, the party being further reinforced by Messrs. Dexter and Elkington. Subsequently a very enjoyable day concluded with handbells and tunes on the English concertina, etc. The society would like to take this opportunity of thanking Messrs. Taylor and Co. for their great kindness; the incumbents for the use of the respective bells; the Leicester ringers for their kindly welcome; and last, but not least, Mr. S. Burton, who had made all arrangements on the spot.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Saturday the 'evil' spell cast about Major attempts at Uttoxeter, Staffs, was broken, and a peal of Kent Treble Bob was rung on this grand peal of eight. There have been various attempts made by different bands in the past, but all without success. Perhaps the luck has now been changed.

Apropos of one attempt, it is related that a band from Manchester had a tour in the neighbourhood, and had got 'Toxeter marked for the star turn—a 'mustn't-be-lost' tit-bit. On their return a certain Mancunian of jovial (not to say Monkish, were he tansured and cowed) mien, was asked if they had a good time and a full programme. 'Yes,' quoth he, 'extra good.'

And how about the 'Toxeter job; you got him?' 'No,' was the reply. 'Oh dear, how did you lose it?' The jovial one led his interrogator on one side and said, 'Look here, if you must know, the — tower fell down.' On Saturday last, however, no such calamity happened, and a grand peal was rung.

The energetic hon. treasurer of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Guild (Mr. A. M. Hall) is organising a campaign to improve the finances of the association, by a direct appeal for honorary members.

Mr. William Rock Small writes to say that the first peal of Major rung at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, was on April 1st, 1872, when a band, all born at Wednesbury, rang a 5,040 Bob Major, composed by Sottanstell. It was conducted by Thomas Foster, and Mr. Small is the last survivor of the band.

Mr. Small, by the way, is in very indifferent health, and cannot leave his home. He will be very pleased to see any ringers who can call upon him at 244, Whitehall Road, Great Bridge, Tipton. He will be 85 years of age on November 5th next.

On Sunday, Sept. 6th, 1897, a peal of Bobb Major Royal was rung at St. Michael's, Coventry, in 4 hours 23 minutes, by the Society of Coventry Youths. A board recording the peal is, we believe, stowed away in the crypt. 'The unknown art despised by the ignorant' is the comment added beneath the record.

When, by the way, will Coventry people replace their bells in a suitable steeple? For years now they have hung 'dead'—the bells, not the people—in the octagon, and can be chimed only. To place them in the present beautiful tower seems out of the question, and there appears little prospect of any scheme for once more making the bells a 'ringing' peal being considered—at any rate, in this generation.

John Holt took part in a peal of Bob Triples at St. George's, Southwark, on September 9th, 1750.

The Crowfield Society rang '5,040 Gathrine Triples' (Garthorn's peal of Grandsire), at Coddham, Suffolk, on Sept. 10th, 1741. The treble was rung by Theodore Eccleston, the squire of Coddham, who had given the bells, and also the ring at Stonham Aspell.

The first peal of Double Norwich in Cheshire was rung on Sept. 11th, 1844, at Christleton. It was a 5,376 by John Lates, and had the 6th 24 times right, and 24 times wrong.

A correspondent suggests it is time that some of the towers in the Winchester district should 'wake up.' A district meeting of the Winchester Guild was held last Saturday at a tower three miles from the Cathedral city, but only one company, in addition to the local band, was represented out of the 13 or so towers in the district. There were visitors from neighbouring districts, two enthusiasts cycling just on 40 miles, but Winchester itself, only three miles away, was unrepresented!

By the Rector's order, all applications for the bells or ringing at the Church of St. Dunstan-in-the-East must be made to Mr. T. H. Taffender, 10, Northlands Street, Camberwell, S.E.

Another set of bell ropes to be given away! We have been asked to say that Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, Sussex, have a set of eight bell ropes to give to a tower with a ring of eight bells. The ropes are of 45 feet length, and are suitable for a peal, with a tenor about 20 to 25 cwt. Applications will be considered only from a voluntary band of ringers who are in need of ropes, and should be sent to Mr. J. Livermore, 2, Hughenden Road, Hastings, Sussex.

Leiston, and not Friston, is the place where the peal of London, published last week, was rung.

'Some time ago,' writes 'Sim Pull,' a contributor to your valuable paper, 'explained the reason for "tired" bells. I would that he gave us the formula for tired ringers. I do not mean physically, but mentally tired. One sees in the peal reports men who ring perhaps three peals a week, and then, like the song of the soldier, they do not die, they fade away. Could anything be gained by either re-hanging with ball bearings or quarter turning and Simpson tuning?'

Mr. E. Hims, of Bicester, is another ringer who has rung two church bells to a touch. His name should have been included with those given last week in the paragraph on 'double-handed' tower bell ringing.

BARLBOROUGH.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, at St. James' Church, in 26 minutes. 720 Duke of York Treble Bob: L. Hibbard 1, H. Hibbard (first in the method and first attempt) 2, P. Morris 3, R. Reece 4, W. Sturman 5, P. Hibbard (conductor) 6.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT BOURN.

The Church of SS. Mary and Helena, Bourn, a small village, about nine miles west of Cambridge, now possesses what is considered by many to be the finest peal of eight bells in the county outside of Cambridge. A new steel frame has been provided, the six old bells rehung, and two new trebles added, the whole of the work having been splendidly carried out by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The two trebles were given by the Rev. Canon G. H. Kidout, M.A., St. Alban's, Ferreiras, Johannesburg, South Africa, in memory of his parents.

The dedication of the bells took place at a service held on Saturday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by the Right Rev. Bishop Price, D.D., Archdeacon of Ely. During the service the bells were rung in rounds by the local ringers, and immediately after the conclusion of the service a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung by York Green (Cambridge) 1, Ernest G. Hibbins (Cambridge) 2, Percy Webb (Ickleton) 3, Herbert Fields (St. Neots) 4, Christopher Woolley (Longstanton) 5, Basil D. Buttress (Fulbourn) 6, T. Reginald Dennis (Cambridge) 7, Alfred G. Rivers (Dry Drayton), conductor, 8. Afterwards touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, and Cambridge Surprise, were rung by various visiting ringers.

At five o'clock the ringers had tea in the school, presided over by Bishop Price. This was followed by a meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association, the Bishop being in the chair. Fen Ditton was decided upon as the place for the next meeting.

Mr. A. G. Rivers pointed out that there had been occasions when visiting bands of ringers had come into the Ely Diocese and rung peals there, but that such peals had not been rung for the Ely Diocesan Association. He considered that it was only right and fair that a peal should be credited to the Association of the Diocese in which it was rung. He proposed, and Mr. T. R. Dennis seconded, that the general secretary should write to all incumbents in the Diocese asking them, when they were approached by a visiting band of ringers for the use of bells for a peal, to inform such ringers that the peal should be rung for the Ely Diocesan Association.

After some discussion Bishop Price mentioned that the 'Diocesan Gazette' had a large circulation in the Diocese, and he suggested that instead of writing to the incumbents it might be better to put the matter in the 'Gazette.' The Bishop's suggestion was agreed to.

Votes of thanks were passed to Bishop Price for presiding, to the Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Joyce) for the use of the bells, and to the ladies for their services in arranging tea. — The Bishop, in reply thanked the ringers for their vote of thanks; he was glad to get into touch with the association, and hoped to be able to get into closer touch in the future. — The Vicar thanked the ringers for coming, and also responded on behalf of the ladies.

The weather was rather unsettled, but about 40 ringers were present during the afternoon and evening, including Mr. Pryce Taylor and Mr. J. Saddington, Loughborough.

On the following day (Sunday) the first peal, Kent Treble Bob Major, was rung on the bells.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

STOCKPORT BRANCH AND MINOR METHOD NAMES.

The third quarterly meeting of the branch for the year was held at New Mills on Saturday last, and, despite the unsettled state of the weather, was fairly well attended, some thirty members and friends being present. The Rev. J. L. Knowles, Vicar, conducted the service, and gave a most helpful address. The assistance of the organist and choir to lead the singing was very much appreciated. Through the kindness of Mrs. A. T. Beeston, the visitors were entertained to tea in St. James's Schoolroom, instead of on the lawn at Watford 'Castle.' After a very cordial vote of thanks to Mrs. Beeston, a collection for the branch funds realised £1 3s. 2½d.

Under the able chairmanship of Mr. J. H. Jackson the business of the evening was transacted. A report on the Guild's annual festival was given, and, arising out of this, much discussion took place on the names of Minor methods.

In view of the fact that it is chiefly due to the activities of the members of this branch that Minor method ringing has reached the standard it has, and that they have first rung and named a large number of methods, which names have not been given haphazard, but with a view to assisting the Analysis Committee in their work, the secretary was instructed to forward to the hon. secretary of the Central Council a copy of the following resolution: 'It is the opinion of this branch, that the existing names of Minor methods should stand as at present.'

No new ringing members were elected, but on the proposal of Mr. E. W. Elwell (Guild secretary) Mrs. A. T. Beeston was elected a hon. member. — The usual votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

Further ringing took place on the tower bells, and a number of members took the opportunity of visiting Watford Lodge to see 'the chair.'

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Kingston-on-Thames on Saturday last, about 30 members attending from the various towers. Ringing commenced soon after 3 o'clock, and at 4.30 the members adjourned to All Saints' Mission Room, where tea was taken. The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. Gibson. — The Secretary presented the annual report for 1923, and the accounts were passed.

Sympathetic allusion was made to the Master of the Association (Mr. J. D. Drewett), his continued illness giving great concern to the ringers, and the hope was expressed that he would soon be able to attend the meetings with his former good health.

The meeting for next year was fixed to take place in January, and hope was expressed that secretaries of towers would make their returns so that the report could be got out more promptly. It was also suggested that conductors of peals rung in the last week or so of the year should send a report of such peals to the secretaries.

The officers of the association were re-elected as before, namely: Master, Mr. James D. Drewett, J.P.; treasurer, Mr. C. F. Johnston; hon. secretary, Mr. Charles Dean; assistant hon. secretary, Mr. Chas. Reading; central district secretary, Mr. A. J. Trappitt; southern district secretary, Mr. Henry Ewins; western district secretary, Miss Nora E. Shorter; representatives on the Central Council, Messrs. Dean and Johnston.

A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. Gibson for presiding at the meeting, concluded the proceedings, and the members then attended evensong at the Parish Church, the service being conducted by the Rev. A. R. F. Hyslop, who afterwards showed the ringers the improvements which had been made in the church, more especially in the renovated chapel, the expense of which has been borne by the East Surrey Regiment.

The Secretary expressed the appreciation of the members to the Vicar for his kindness, and the members concluded an enjoyable afternoon by ringing various touches on tower bells, including Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Royal and Cambridge Surprise Major.

THE MEMBERSHIP OF GUILDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your leading article this week prompts me to pass my no doubt unacceptable opinion, even as you have done, on the abilities and membership of our various Guilds, the Truro Guild in particular. You note that about 'one-tenth' of the total membership are change ringers. What of it? Have the other nine-tenths not got a right to membership of a Guild whose primary object is the fostering of the art of change ringing? Of course they have! And when our Bishops have looked into the facts of the case they will say, 'We will have a word in the formation of these Guild rules; you shall place no criterion of fitness on the price of membership; every wight who pulls a bell to call people to worship shall be eligible for membership, or else—our patronage will cease.'

I dare, Mr. Editor, say now to the austere few who govern each association that the time has come to change their names to Diocesan Guilds: associate themselves not only by name, but by nature, with their Bishop, and follow out in every way the teaching of our Master, 'Suffer little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not.' Our Master meant, not those of scanty years only, but those of every walk of life who were in need of enlightenment, and there it stands. I would ask you, sir, why should A, who cannot ring 120 Grandsire Doubles, be shut out from membership of his Bishop's Guild, and B elected because he can? Certainly not, sir, let all who call the faithful to worship join our Guilds, and let our Bishops see that our Guilds are serving the purpose they blazon from their rules—the forwarding of the art. If they become real 'change ringers,' the peal records will show their abilities. But—do away with the senseless qualification for membership; let all who call folk to worship join our Guilds, leave none out in the cold, obey our Master's edict in this as in all other matters.

I have the temerity to predict that my 'passing of opinions' will emulate the old adage re coming events; it will be the shadow before them. Too much stress is laid on this fitness for membership. Let us be broad-minded and embrace each one who sends out a call to worship, whether he rings on three bells or twelve; if he prefer call changes it matters not. Our Master laid down no rules as to the legitimacy of methods. He told His followers that 'those who gathered' together would He receive. Let our pompous Guilds do likewise. —Yours faithfully, ONCE A BEGINNER.

Our correspondent has misconstrued the intention of our article. If he will read it again, he will see we made no suggestion that those who are not change ringers should be excluded from an association. The statement which he quotes, that apparently not more than about one-tenth of the members of the Truro Guild are change ringers, was given to show that the organisation has a big task before it in cultivating change ringing.—Ed., 'R.W.')

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A MEETING AT COTGRAVE.

The Nottingham District of the Midland Counties Association had an extremely pleasant meeting at Cotgrave on Saturday. Far from the madding crowd, the village is snugly situated on the borders of the Nottinghamshire Wolds. As visitors approach, the church spire is silhouetted against the sky, and the bells are going to a merry tune. There had been, some time before, a jangling of the bells, when an indifferent attempt at hymn playing had been made, and this had led to a controversy on bells and ringers appearing in the local press. Ringing had been described by one correspondent as an 'autocratic calling,' but the critics' letters appeared to emanate from those quite uninterested in the church. There is evidence, however, that good ringing, like good music, receives a large percentage of approbation. The Kent Treble Bob sounded well as the church was reached. 'They would make just a splendid octave,' says a colleague, and he is right. It is a consummation devoutly wished.

Many scores of ringers responded to the hearty invitation by the new Rector (the Rev. A. Chaplin), and greetings were extended to the visitors by Messrs. White and the local stalwarts. Many touches were brought round prior to the service, which was conducted by the Rector, assisted by the Rev. C. J. Sturton. Mr. Walter White ably presided at the organ, and the address was given by the Rev. A. Chaplin, who based a masterful sermon on Haggai ii. 9. At the close of the enjoyable service the visitors were conducted to the Rectory, where they received an individual welcome, and found a bountiful tea awaiting them. The Rector's hospitality and the kindness of the ladies who waited upon the guests were much appreciated.

Mr. A. Coppock (vice-president of the district) presided over the business meeting which followed, at which there were present members from St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nottingham; Beeston, Bulwell, Bottesford, Basford, Barton, Radcliffe, Orston, Greasley, etc., as well as the Cotgrave ringers.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Sawley: Greasley being defeated by one vote.

The vice-president thanked the Rector for his kind invitation to Cotgrave, and the Rev. A. Chaplin, in reply, spoke of the value of such meetings to the organisation and the excellent training which they afforded the younger element. He thanked the ringers for their response to his invitation, and expressed pleasure at making their acquaintance.

Mr. Coppock had an interesting story to tell the members. He told them of a dream he had once had, in which he had seen a man, whom he had never met in his lifetime. This man was short of stature and broad of build. He had, in a sense, made a mental note of his cut and colour, but beyond this, he thought nothing further of it. But one day, with Mr. F. Blood (the secretary), he visited the Castle Museum in Nottingham, quite ignorant of the fact that there was anything on view that could be associated with bell ringing. There, however, was a portrait of the man he had seen in his dream: the portrait of none other than the great William Doubleday Crofts, the celebrated old Nottingham ringer. Mr. Coppock hopes to have some further interesting statements to make at a later date.

Before the close of the meeting a discussion took place on the lackadaisical methods of some ringers in not keeping abreast of the times. If ringers supported their own paper, they would see what others were doing, and would find that it conduced to a healthy organisation and to sociability.

The meeting having closed, some went back to the tower bells, others enjoyed handbell ringing, and the Rector introduced the remainder to various games on the lawn, including bowls, bumble-puppy and clock golf. It was interesting to watch Mr. John Hobbs trying conclusions in clock golf with 'Happy Tommy' from Bulwell; and later on there should be some amusing pictures to be seen of certain of the visitors, photographed astride the strange looking, but artificial, and therefore harmless animals, which were found in the gardens.

It is pleasing to put on record that the Rev. A. Chaplin permitted himself to be elected an honorary member of the Midland Counties Association.

Under the rapidly approaching canopy of night the visitors took their departure from Cotgrave with recollections of a most enjoyable visit, and with the thought that the weather had been most friendly for the occasion.

Mr. F. M. MITCHELL'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles, rung 1: Minor, 1 method, 2 (conducted 2); Minor, 2 methods, 1 (1); Minor, 3 methods, 1 (1); Minor, 4 methods, 4 (3); Minor, 5 methods, 4 (4); Minor, 6 methods, 3 (1); Minor, 7 methods, 19 (15); Minor, 10 methods, 1 (1); Grandsire Triples, 2 (1); Stedman Triples, 11; Plain Bob Major, 1 (1); Double Norwich Major, 13; Victory Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 19 (9); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2 (1); Granta Treble Bob Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 2; Stedman Caters, 4; Plain Bob Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; total, 100 (conducted 40). Rung in 34 towers, in five counties, for five associations, with 140 ringers.

REHANGING AT GREAT TEW.

It is proposed to rehang the fine ring of eight at Great Tew, Oxon, as they are at present quite unringable.

A large sum of money has been raised, but still about £300 is needed, as the amount required for the work is over £1,000.

The church is a very old and most beautiful one, with a fine tower situated in about as picturesque a village as can well be imagined.

The bells are well worthy of the church, tower and village. The founder and date of the treble are unknown, but the 5th was recast in 1842 by W. and J. Taylor, of Oxford. The remainder are all by Rudhall: the 3rd by John, and the others by Abraham. The tenor is a grand bell of about 23 or 24 cwt. Probably the last peal rung upon them was in 1893, viz., 5,040 Stedman Triples, composed and conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

SUFFOLK GUILD.

CLOCKING OF BELLS: ARCHDEACON'S INTENTION.

This Guild held the first of its quarterly meetings at Woodbridge on Saturday, August 23rd. There was a good representative attendance of ringers from all over the east of the county. The Ven. Archdeacon Darling (vice-president) was in the chair.

The question of 'clocking' of bells (i.e., the tying a cord round the clapper for ease in ringing) having been discussed, the Chairman said he would get the matter brought before the Archdeacons and Rural Deans in the Diocese, in order that they might inquire in their visitations whether the bell or bells were clocked, and see that such a dangerous practice be stopped. This offer was gratefully accepted.

It was decided to hold the next meetings at Eye on September 20th, and at Lavenham on October 4th.

Mr. Stedman Symonds, of Lavenham, was elected assistant secretary pro tem.

Touches in a number of different methods were rung both at Woodbridge and at Ufford. It was remarked that it was a pity that so fine a ring of bells as those at Woodbridge are not heard to better advantage. They were all cast by Osborn at the end of the eighteenth century, and are an unrivalled instance of the work of that able Master of his craft. If rehung in a more secure position in a lower part of the tower, they would be better heard everywhere, and not be so noisy in the neighbourhood of the church. Also, in a place the size of Woodbridge, proper efforts should be made to form a permanent band of change ringers.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

ENCOURAGING MEETING AT SIX-BELL TOWER.

A district meeting of the West Tyne division was held at Newton Hall on Saturday, when nearly 40 ringers, representing Newcastle Cathedral, St. George's, Jesmond; All Saints', Gosforth; Whitley Bay, Chester-le-Street, Newburn, and Winton towers, attended, also members of the local band.

The ring of six bells were set going early to Stedman Doubles. Bob Minor, London Court, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Surprise and several other methods were practised, conducted by Messrs. Giffons, J. E. R. Keen, E. Lowery, J. Symm, and J. Bird.

At the interval the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea kindly provided by the Vicar, and the members of the local band, who were ably assisted by their lady friends.

The Vicar (Canon Nicholson), who presided, cordially welcomed so many ringers, and was especially pleased with the ringing on the handbells kindly provided by the Whitley Bay contingent.

Hearty votes of thanks proposed by the late president of the association (Mr. W. Story), and seconded by Mr. A. Payne, were accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Symm and the ladies for their kind hospitality, which was much appreciated.

The Vicar very kindly escorted a party round the Vicarage and its beautiful gardens, where there were to be seen red rambler roses in great profusion. Before the close one of the local members kindly took a photograph of the party. The outing altogether was most enjoyable, and a very successful one.

The meeting was supported by Mr. E. E. Ferry, hon. secretary, and Mr. A. M. Hall, hon. treasurer of the association, and the opinion was expressed on all sides that such gatherings at six-bell towers in other districts would considerably help to remove the feeling that the smaller towers were ignored by the association. As evidence of what can be done, this splendid meeting has proved, beyond question, that the association can achieve something when the officers make their minds up to do it. It was noticed that the towers of Wylam, Hexham, Corbridge and Allendale were not represented.

It is hoped the local secretary will now be encouraged to get some good ringing in his division in the future, also more meetings, the latter to be duly announced in 'The Ringing World.' They are sure to receive plenty of support from their other brethren.

The last meeting of the association prior to the general meeting in October, is at Wylam-on-Tyne on Sept. 20th, where all members are cordially invited, and it is hoped there will be a good response.

It was interesting to hear that one of the party of three who courageously set out on foot to walk home was more than rewarded for his daring.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read the letter from the Rev. Ll. Edwards in your issue of August 22nd, I feel I should like to add a few words to the very practical and useful suggestions therein outlined. Although I am ready to agree that the idea of facility for change ringing practice is an important feature, I think we must not lose sight of the fact that the 'Washbrook Memorial' point of view should have by far the greater consideration.

I have been acquainted with St. Giles' tower (though not a member of the band) for some considerable time, and have never heard of any complaint being raised by the Radcliffe Infirmary against the ringing, and should feel rather inclined to think that the inmates of the infirmary would be more pleased at hearing the bells than wishing to complain of them.

The Rev. Ll. Edwards is quite right in stating that the tower contains pits for two trebles, and one could not wish for a better ring of six, which, with the addition of two trebles, would undoubtedly constitute a memorial worthy of so great a ringer as the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

In conclusion, I would beg to say that the suggestions contained in the Rev. Ll. Edwards' letter have the unanimous approval of a fair number of Oxford ringers.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER F. JUDGE.

ST. MICHAEL COSLANY, NORWICH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the article contributed by Mr. J. R. Jerram to your issue of the 15th inst. under the heading, 'Ancient Norwich Bells,' there is a serious omission as regards the peal tablets in the belfry of St. Michael Coslany, as no mention is made of the three following peals recorded on two tablets:—

TABLET, No. IV.—This Tablet was erected by the Churchwardens and a few Gentlemen of the Parish to commemorate a Great Performance of Oxford Treble Bob, rung in this steeple on the 18th November, 1824. This great Task, containing 8,448 changes, was perfectly completed in the space of 5 hours and 18 minutes, without the Bells being misplaced or changes alike, and for Bold and regular Striking, the harmonious changes and the Number of them must be allowed by all Impartial Judges to be a performance if ever equalled, never to be excelled on eight bells. The Peal was conducted by Samuel Thurston, with his usual Ability and Precision, and will long stand a Master Piece untouched by the lovers of the Ancient and Ingenious (sic) science of Ringing.

TABLET, No. VI.—May 5th, 1843, was rung in this Steeple 5,120 changes of Oxford Treble Bob Major, in 3 hours and 6 minutes. Composed by H. Hubbard.

Thos. Hurry	Treble	Robt. Palgrave	5th
Edwd. Goose	2nd	Geo. Smith	6th
Jas. Thorpe	3rd	Jas. Truman	7th
J. R. Sharman	4th	Hry. Hubbard	Tenor

Conducted by Jas. Truman.

Also, on March 3rd, 1853, was rung an excellent Peal of Triples, on Stedman's Principle, consisting of 5,040 changes, in 2 hours and 57 minutes, composed by T. Thurston, Birmingham.

Edwd. Goose	Treble	Hry. Hubbard	5th
Jas. Truman	2nd	Chs. Middleton	6th
Jas. Thorpe	3rd	Geo. Smith	7th
Robt. Cole	4th	Robt. Palgrave	Tenor

Conducted by C. Middleton.

J. A. Gorell, J. Howes, Churchwardens.

Mr. Jerram gives details only of tablets of Nos. I., II., III., and V., taking them in chronological order. There are six tablets in all, recording seven performances. Furthermore, the two peals last quoted in the article, viz., 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major, July 21st, 1832, and 5,248 Oxford Treble Bob Major, June 10th, 1834, are NOT recorded on tablets in the belfry of St. Michael's.

The tablet No. I. starts off: 'Whereas by Publick Contribution two smaller bells were hung up in this Steeple, making therein a Peal of Eight, on the 5th day of February, Anno 1725. Mr. Charles Harwood and Mr. James Cobb, Churchwardens,' and then continues as Mr. Jerram's article. (The date is old style.)

Tablets Nos. I., II., and III. are surmounted by a bell raised. While all the inscriptions are still perfectly legible, yet the boards would be all the better for a coat of varnish after a very careful cleaning.

May I also point out the following typographical errors in the text of Mr. Jerram's article:—

- (a) The name of the treble ringer, peals (1) and (2) is Richard Barnham.
- (b) In peal (2) omit the word 'ever' in last line of column.
- (c) In peal (3) the tenor ringer should be 'Jno. Trowse.'
- (d) Peal (5) should read 'that intricate method of Norwich Court,' and the word 'extensive' should be followed by 'science.'
- (e) In peal (6) the last line of the column should read 'Double Method of NORWICH Court Bob.'

Yours very truly,

G. P. BURTON.

Bracondale, Norwich.

PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

An interesting letter by Mr. J. A. Trollope upon the construction of plain Major Methods will be given in our next issue.

DUBLIN COMPLEX.

Dear Sir,—In answer to Mr. Keeble, re Dublin Complex. The peal was rung on September 27th, 1913. I have no idea as to the date on which I received it from Mr. Lindou.

We rang it with 4th's place bobs, and I think it is the only Plain Major method yet rung with lengthening leads.

The 6th's place bob is more suitable to this method, as it cuts out the repetition work of the bells in 5678.—Yours sincerely,

W. H. BARBER.

A MUCH PUBLISHED METHOD.

Dear Sir,—I regret occupying your valuable space and time, in publishing the method under the name of 'Double Fakenham Court Bob Major' in your issue of August 8th, 1924. At the time, I was not aware it had previously been rung or published, but in addition to the instances pointed out by Messrs. Keeble and Trollope, I can now find the same method, row for row, in the 'Ringing World' of March 21st, 1913, under the name of 'Netherton Complex Major,' by Mr. Alfred Davies, so altogether it has had quite a good advertisement.

I am unable to trace 'Dublin Duplex' in print, but can find 'Dublin Complex' by Mr. G. Lindoff in the 'Ringing World,' October 3rd, 1913, the latter being first rung at Gosforth, conducted by Mr. W. H. Barber.—Yours truly,

WILLIAM E. BASON.

A QUIET WEEK AT SURFLEET.

AND SEVEN HANDBELL PEALS.

Saturday, August 23rd, saw the arrival at Spalding of the people of 'luggage' fame, but, to their surprise, no 'rubber bus' awaited them, instead style and finish was the order. Sunday afternoon welcomed the remainder by a 'refreshing' shower for the last 'three miles,' but as they were well protected, nothing resulted. This year there were two additions to the party, but as yet they have not mastered the art of ringing. Tea-time was a real family gathering, with the mere males in minority, only 3 to 15.

Monday morning, Rupert 'rolled home' his favourite, Pritchard's 5,056, which gave great satisfaction, as this was Mrs. Hairs' 150th peal. The afternoon was taken easy, and in the evening, Treble Bob was essayed, and a good peal resulted—the conductor's first of Treble Bob 'in hand,' and Rupert's 100th peal on handbells.

Tuesday morning was spent in Spalding, where the ladies went shopping, and the gentlemen visited the pig and poultry markets, later adjoining to the Club for billiards, etc. In the afternoon the new house was christened with Groves' Variation, and then the family gathering once more sported themselves round the table. The evening was passed with songs, recitations, pianoforte solos, etc., the younger element causing an early retirement. Wednesday was a blank day—Stedman Triples being lost after 45 minutes' good ringing. In the early evening two of the members tried 'picking' hand-tied oat sheaves, and found it good for neither wind nor limb.

The orders for next morning were, 'Be ready for a peal at 8 a.m.'—which meant moving weary limbs for an early breakfast. A clean start, peal and finish and Bob Major again rolled home, leaving time, as we imagined, to get the two Rotherham ladies to Spalding to catch the 11.9 Parkstone to Liverpool express.

Gents! Be warned—don't let the ladies look up trains. It went at 10.30!

Friday morning another peal of Bob Major was safely piloted home, and in the evening, Frank, after much persuasion, had the satisfaction of completing his first peal as conductor.

Saturday should have been an excursion day to Skegness, but evidently we had upset the Clerk of the weather, for he severely frowned on us. However, we had to go, so came back as soon as possible. The afternoon, being decidedly more cheerful as regards weather, was spent roaming round selecting various articles to be 'sneaked' into 'trunks,' and making preparations for long Sunday journeys, but the week was completed by another peal of 'Robert,' with F. I. H. in charge.

All good things come to an end, and all were up early next morning to ensure an early start for home. As of yore, the luggage had somehow managed to increase, but all was safely stowed away—the party moving off with regrets at the end of a quiet but happy week.

Friend Rupert and his worthy spouse cannot receive too many thanks for their manifold kindnesses at all times.

W. A.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held on Saturday last, at Kimbolton and Keysoe. A goodly number were present, though the weather was very stormy. Most of the members did the journey on bicycles, but two or three were rather more fortunate, being taken in Miss Steele's beautiful car, and feeling safe with her at the wheel. At the business meeting, Mr. A. Robinson presiding, it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Biddenham, notice of which will appear in 'The Ringing World.'

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church, for evening service, on August 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. J. Shobbrook 1, B. Shepherd 2, E. W. Biffen 3, T. J. Stokes 4, A. Monkley 5, J. Moss 6, C. G. Routley 7, A. H. Goad 8. First quarter-peal conducted by E. W. Biffen, and from his own composition.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 31st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Edwards 2, R. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss G. Stadden (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss A. Stokes (conductor) 2, J. Nisbet 3, Miss D. Willett 4, Miss G. Dobbs 5, J. H. Collier 6, W. Gillingham 7, A. E. Colbourn 8. Mr. J. H. Collier hails from Flixton, Manchester.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, August 31st, 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, W. C. Cuss 3, H. Gassor 4, F. J. Lewis 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, August 17th, 629 Grandsire Caters: F. W. Bond 1, W. G. Cook 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, J. C. Eden 4, H. Gassor 5, W. C. Cuss 6, H. C. Bond 7, H. Lewis 8, J. Hope (longest length of Caters) 9, W. H. Hayward 10; and on Sunday, August 24th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Bond 1, H. Lewis 2, H. Gassor (longest length) 3, W. G. Cook 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, S. R. Hicks 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. Edwards 8.

LAVENTHAM.—On Sunday, August 31st, was rung, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich: F. A. Turner 1, M. T. Symonds 2, F. L. Leeks 3, A. Symonds 4, F. A. Poulson 5, L. Poulson 6, S. H. Symonds 7, W. R. J. Poulson (conductor) 8.—For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: M. T. Symonds 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, F. L. Leeks 3, F. A. Poulson 4, F. F. Mortlock 5, F. A. Turner 6, W. Faiers 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, August 31st, for evensong, 1,088 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. Upton 1, W. Chambers 2, W. Johnson 3, W. Scott 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, H. Jennings 7, H. Barton (conductor) 8.

HABBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, August 31st, 504 Stedman Triples: W. E. Napper 1, A. H. Webb 2, J. Butler (conductor) 3, H. K. White 4, W. V. Webb 5, R. G. Rice 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. A. Goodenough 8. Longest touch of Stedman by ringers of 2nd and 4th.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 31st, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples, for evening service, 480 Stedman Triples: R. Foddy, C. Read, D. Chexfield, F. Case, L. Smith, T. Read, T. Roberts, G. Green, J. Green, taking part.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, August 31st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 575 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, L. A. Wilson 4, H. A. Hearn 5, J. E. L. Cockey 6, T. Townsend 7, S. Palmer 8, C. J. Gardiner 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, from Carter's Odd and Even Bob, in 50 mins.: E. Spiller 1, L. Head (conductor) 2, A. Tawney 3, H. Way 4, A. Gasson 5, L. Mantering 6, J. Morton 7, A. Amos 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.—For morning service, on August 31st, 720 Woodbine: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, E. Overall (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter 2, S. Head 3, E. Sharpe 4, A. Phillips 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: W. C. Stacey 1, H. Barrett 2, A. Cutmore 3, R. Mackrill 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, J. Willmott 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. H. Cook and J. Willmott.

LONDON.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, S.E., 1,280 Cambridge Surprise Major: S. C. Moye 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, W. Bibby 3, J. E. Bibby 4, G. W. Harris 5, F. Bibby 6, E. J. King 7, J. R. Gammon 8. Messrs. Bibby are from Frodsham, Cheshire.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 31st, for morning service, 594 Stedman Caters: L. H. Page 1, G. Bacon 2, J. H. Hunnisett (South Ealing) 3, J. Barrett 4, H. T. Wilson (conductor) 5, L. Babutt 6, W. Bedwell 7, S. Corden 8, W. H. Judd 9, W. A. Hunnisett 10. J. H. Hunnisett hails from South Ealing.

NOTICES.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Wimborne (St. Giles) to-morrow (Saturday), September 6th. Ringing from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5, followed by business meeting. Service at 6; address by the Vicar (Rev. J. A. Bouquet).—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—Dedication by the Bishop of Hereford of two trebles to complete the octave on Saturday, September 13th. Ringing on old six at 2.45 p.m. Service at 3.30 p.m. Eight bells available after service. Tea for ringers free to those who notify me not later than September 10th.—W. Poston, Bridstow, Ross, Herefordshire.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Wylam on Saturday, September 20th. Further particulars next week.—E. Ferry, Hon. Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police have again put their Bowling Green and Athletic Ground at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, September 20th. Please let me have names (wives and friends included) by September 17th.—Peter Crook, Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A highly successful meeting was held at Solihull on Saturday, Aug. 23rd, when, despite the inclement weather, a good muster of members was present. The holiday season accounted for the absence of several of the regular attendants at these meetings, including Messrs. T. Chapman and A. Wilkerson, the Master and secretary, respectively, but amongst the welcome visitors was Mr. A. E. Parsons, of the Worcester and Districts Association.

A bountiful tea was provided, through the generosity of Mr. G. A. Martineau, to which full justice was done, and the thanks of the Guild are due to him for his kindly action. The fine peal of ten bells was made full use of during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Kent Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich, and Cambridge and London Surprise Major. Fortunately the weather improved during the evening, thus enabling the cyclist section to journey homeward in some degree of comfort.

The next meeting of the Guild will be held at Monks Kirby, in September, due notice of which will be given, and a record attendance is requested and anticipated.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

A successful meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held on Saturday last at Stoke Poges and Farnham Royal. The following towers were represented: Beaconsfield, Burnham, Caversham, Fulmer, Farnham Royal, Hitcham, Chalfont St. Giles, Windsor, Old Windsor, Slough, Stoke Poges, Waltham St. Lawrence, Reading (St. Lawrence) and Maidenhead. Touches in various methods up to Cambridge Surprise were rung, but although London was attempted, only the Minor was accomplished. The members were honoured by a visit from the Rev. E. V. Cox, of the Devon Guild, who was staying in the neighbourhood, whilst Canon Barnett extended a hospitable invitation to the branch to visit Stoke Poges again.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE IN NORWICH.

The peal of Superlative Surprise rung last week at St. John de Sepulchre's Church, Norwich, was the first in the method rung by a Norwich band since the peal at St. Giles' Church, 1835. This peal was claimed as the first true peal of Superlative, as will be seen from the following record on a peal board in St. Giles' tower.

ST. GILES', NORWICH.

On Feb. 6th, 1835, was rung in this steeple 5,376 changes of that intricate method, Superlative Surprise; this great achievement was perfectly completed (at the first attempt), in 3 hours and 16 minutes, and was rung by the following persons:—

JOSHUA HURRY Treble	ROBERT BURRELL 5
ELIJAH MASON 2	JAMES TRUMAN 6
FREDK. WATERING 3	CHARLES PAYNE 7
HENRY HUBBARD 4	SAMUEL THURSTON 10

Composed by W. SHIPWAY.

Conducted by S. THURSTON.

Third peal ever rung in the method, the first one known to be false, and composition of second not known, the ringers mentioned above claimed their peal to be the first true one rung.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was interested in Mr. Arthur Craven's letter in your issue of August 22nd, and his examples of Surprise Methods; it set me wondering whether his discoveries followed upon reasoning similar to my own, when thirty years ago I worked out the following, as to which I am curious to know whether anyone claims to have since discovered it.

	12345678
	21436587
58	12346857
	21438675
16	24183657
	42816375
12	42183657
	24816375
38	42861735
	24687153
14	26481735
	62847153
58	26487513
	62845751
16	68254713
	86527431
78	68254731
	86527413
16	85672431
	58764213
58	85674123
	58761432
14	57864123
	75681432
38	57613342
	75163824
12	75618342
	57163824
16	51736842
	15378624
58	51738264
	15372846
12	15738264

When a bell strikes in the same place in two successive changes I call it a stationary bell; the figures in the margin show the sequence of pairs of stationary bells, and it is by varying that sequence that so-called methods are evolved. It will be observed that in the lead given above stationary bells occur only in alternate pairs of changes, so that each pair of changes are alternately in and out of course. If you mark the stationary bells in Superlative Surprise you will find that this method has the same structure, differing from the above only in the sequence of stationary pairs. So far as I know these are the only two methods having this characteristic that will run a full course. I consider them to be perfect methods in the sense that they are formed with a minimum of stationary pairs. In my view, Cambridge is not a perfect method, as two pairs of stationary bells occur in two successive changes twice in the same lead. In all of the four methods given by Mr. Craven it will be found that pairs of stationary bells occur in three successive changes, so that, instead of in course and out of course changes occurring always in pairs, they occur sometimes alternately, while as before the number of stationary places is not a minimum, and consequently those methods are theoretically imperfect. Moreover, unless the method is a perfect one in my sense of the word, the difficulty of peal composition is greatly increased as, for instance, in Cambridge, where only one peal (with its variations) has ever been composed with tenors together!

I have only to add, that if one is content with an imperfect method one can 'discover' an almost infinite number by employing one or both of the deviations from perfection I have mentioned, i.e., by having two pairs of stationary bells in two successive changes, or by having stationary bells in three or more successive changes. It was by observing that Superlative was a perfect method in the sense I have explained that I was led to inquire whether it was possible to obtain other perfect methods and succeed in discovering the one I have given, which, however, is inferior to Superlative in that the latter is a double method, while mine is not. I would add that Double Norwich is the only perfect plain method so far as I am aware.—Yours faithfully,

J. S. PRITCHETT.

BELLTHORPE.

Dear Sir,—I have received a letter from Mr. Geo. Baker informing me that he produced the figures of 'New London' Surprise on Oct. 5th, 1921. In that case Mr. Baker has the prior claim to authorship, as my date was April, 1923. Mr. Baker named the method 'Bellthorpe.' I congratulate Mr. Baker, for the method is exceptional, and affords scope for compositions containing the 6th's 18 times home with the 4th 6 times in 7th's place.—Yours truly,

ARTHUR CRAVEN.

NOTICES.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Lymminster on Saturday, September 6th. Tower open from 2.30. A free tea will be provided at the parish rooms at 5 o'clock. Arundel bells will be also available in the evening.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at St. John's, Hagley, on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3.30. Service in church at 4.30. Business meeting afterwards. Old members specially invited to attend.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness & Lake District Branch.—The Annual meeting will be held at Broughton-in-Furness on Saturday, September 6th, at 5 p.m. Bells (8) available all day. Service 3.45 p.m. Tea will be provided. — W. T. Clark, Branch Sec., Broughton-in-Furness.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Westbury on Saturday, September 6th. Bells (8) ready at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.40. Tea at 5. Meeting directly after tea. — F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Overton on Saturday, September 6th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 4.30.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Gorseinon on Saturday, September 6th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., Garthmor, Neath.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—A meeting of the above Society will be held on Saturday, September 6th, at the County Tavern (opposite Shire Hall), High Pavement, Nottingham, at 7 p.m. St. Mary's Tower will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 6.45 p.m. All M.C.A. members welcome.—Fred Blood, Hon. Sec.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Talgarth on Saturday, the 6th September. Tower open 2 p.m. (6 bells). Glasbury bells (8) also available. Tea at 5 p.m. and meeting to follow.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlsey on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be at Hinckley, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. The Committee will meet in the School at 3.45. There will be a service in church at 4.15. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. Fred Cotton, 4, Gladstone Terrace, Hinckley, not later than 11th September?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The September general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (8), tenor 18 cwt., available throughout the day. A short service will be held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m. All applications for tea tickets, for which a charge of 1/6 per head will be made, must reach Mr. F. Robertshaw, 38, North Gate, Heptonstall, Hebden Bridge, Yorks, not later than first post Tuesday, September 9th, 1924.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Will hold their annual meeting at Bromsgrove on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available all the afternoon. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea, election of officers. Subscriptions due. Gentlemen invited. Names to be sent in not later than September 10th to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bishop's Lydeard on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after. Tea provided by the Vicar, to all who give me notice by the previous Tuesday.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (12) from 3 o'clock. Meeting, 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Hawarden on Saturday, September 13th. Service at 2.30 p.m. Meeting after service. All ringers invited. Those intending to be present, please notify me as early as possible.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Misson (near Bawtry L.N.E. Station) on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided, at 1s. 6d. per head, only for those who advise Mrs. D. Williamson, Church Street, Misson, Bawtry, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 10th. Visitors welcome.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Masham on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8, tenor 16 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at Peacock and Verity's Cafe (members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d.) at 4.30 p.m. Those intending to be at tea must notify the secretary not later than Wednesday morning's post, Sept. 10th, or will not be provided for. Trains for Masham leave Melmerby Station 9.23 a.m. and 12.20 noon.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting at Halberton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 1s., 5.15 p.m. Numbers for tea should reach me by Tuesday, Sept. 9th.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Hon. Sec., Witleigh Vicarage, Tiverton.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at

Kington Magna on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, past secretary of the Central Council. Tea in the School Room at 5.45 (members free, visitors 6d.). Business meeting to follow. Will all who wish to have tea inform Rev. F. L. Edwards in good time? Bells available: Kington Magna from 2 p.m., Buckhorn Weston after 7 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Important business. Tea, at 1s. 6d. per head, will be arranged for all who notify Mrs. J. Bailey, Roach Bridge, Samlesbury, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 9th.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Ringing for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Sept. 18th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 9th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th. All at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, September 20th. The Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.) will take the chair at 5.45 p.m. prompt. Applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than Tuesday, September 16th.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Sonning, on Saturday, September 20th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service in Church, with address 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Please send word by the 16th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Mitcham, on September 20th. Tower open 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.; business after. All will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Sept. 16th?—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each, to those who advise me by the 17th at latest. Harrow Weald bells open after tea. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Sept. 20th. Tea, 4.30, in the Reading Room (1s. for all sending names by Sept. 15th to Mr. Hubert J. Day, Eye, Suffolk), followed by meeting. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Brading, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must communicate with me not later than the 17th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—W. Upton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Christow on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. The following towers will be open: Christow, Bridford, Trusham, Ashton, Dunsford and Ide. Convenient train service. Full programme next week.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Romford (Hornchurch not available) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, at 1s. each, to members and friends who notify me by the 16th inst. Will the secretaries of towers kindly collect outstanding subscriptions for the current year and forward to me as early as possible?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kemerton (by invitation of the Rev. J. A. B. Mercer) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Will all those wishing to attend please notify me not later than the 16th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Room (9d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Arthur Craven's new address is 79, Carver Street, Sheffield, and not 70, as previously published.

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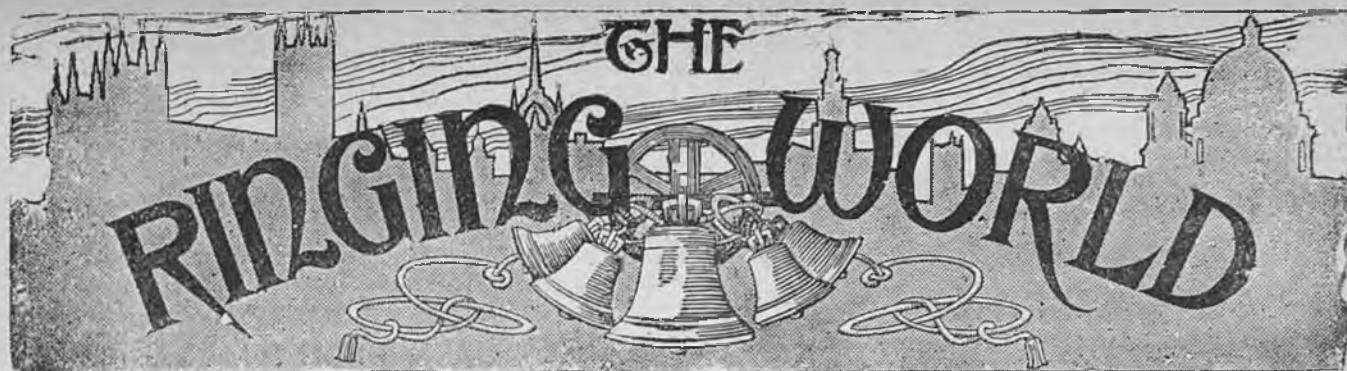
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AN ELY DECISION.

An interesting point was raised at the meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association at Bourn, and recorded in our last issue. It was the decision to endeavour to ensure that peals rung by bands of ringers visiting the Diocese should be rung for the Ely Association. The decision, at the suggestion of the Archdeacon, is to be published in the 'Diocesan Gazette'—an excellent way of bringing before the clergy any matters of general importance in connection with bells and ringing which might with advantage be more often resorted to by associations. The idea behind the Ely proposal is, it would seem, to get the incumbents to make it a condition of the use of their bells that the peal shall be an Ely Association peal. The idea may be good in principle, although even that is debatable, but we think the Ely Association will find that in practice it will be impossible of attainment, unless, at least, the rules are altered. What is to happen if a band of, say, eight non-members visit Cambridgeshire—as has been the case in the past—and are desirous of ringing a peal? Who is to elect them as members of the Ely Association. Obviously they cannot elect themselves, and if the decision of the Association is to be made effective, it may result in putting an unpleasant barrier in the way of visitors ringing peals in the area of the Association, and might conceivably cause friction.

The question, in a much modified form, was discussed at the Central Council meeting last year. It was merely that 'first or record peals should, if possible, be rung for a society within the limits of that society's area,' but even this was held to be impracticable, and one member described it as 'unnecessary, unreasonable, unworkable and unintelligible.' What then could be said of a decision which would have the effect of applying practically the same principle to all peals? As a rule, when one or two individuals visit a tower in the area of some association other than their own, they join the local association, if they desire to ring a peal, not only because the majority of the band are members, but because it is felt to be, in a sense, an obligation. So, too, would a complete band, if it were possible, but in a case where the non-members outnumber the members there is, as far as we know, no provision for the minority to elect the majority.

We are quite sure the Ely Association has no desire to act in a dog-in-the-manger spirit, nor to set up unnecessary barriers to visiting ringers ringing peals in their area, but the resolution passed at Bourn strikes a note which seems discordant. Even the argument that the difficulty of election could be got over by submitting the

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names at some meeting of the Association previous to the peal attempt would not necessarily always meet the case, and we imagine the Association will find it desirable to review this resolution. If it could be shown that the principle was a reasonably workable one, there would be less argument against it, but if it should prove to be, as we believe it is, a decision which cannot effectively be put into practice, it is better left alone.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, August 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. in E.

EDWIN J. BROWN Treble	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 6
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	JAMES R. JONES 7
EDGAR GUISE 3	WILLIAM KNIGHT 8
MISS R. F. DEAL 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5078 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

JOHN S. GOLDSMITH Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	CYRIL C. PEASE 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	ROBERT J. DAWE 9
ALBERT W. COLES 5	JAMES A. HART Tenor

Composed by J. S. GOLDSMITH. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was specially composed and rung in honour of the 78th birthday of Mrs. E. Goldsmith, mother of the ringer of the treble. It also celebrated the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Pease, of Chelmsford, parents of the ringer of the 8th, and was a birthday compliment to Mr. J. A. Hart.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ROBERT J. DAWE Treble	ALBERT H. WARD 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	KEITH HART 7
JOHN FEIST 4	WILLIAM STENNING Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BOURN, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 31, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELENA,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt. in F.

JOHN T. NEWINGTON Treble	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	CHARLES W. COOK 6
A. TOM CHENERY 3	T. REGINALD DENNIS 7
FRANK WARRINGTON 4	A. GEORGE RIVERS Tenor

Composed by FRED DENCH.

Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

This is the first peal on this beautiful ring of bells, which have just been restored, and two new trebles added by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the tone and 'go' being splendid. * First peal of Treble Bob on an 'inside' bell.

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

On Tuesday, September 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES,
Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES H. CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK H. CROOK 5
THOMAS NEWMAN 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	HARRY KILBY 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb. in F.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES ROOPE 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	EDWIN GOATE 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	CHARLES CUTTING 7
ALPHAEUS BERRY 4	FREDERICK ROOPE Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. BORRETT.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 25 cwt.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN Treble	Cecil V. EBBERTSON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	FREDERICK R. BORRETT 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
CHARLES CUTTING 4	GEORGE T. PEGNALL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18½ cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL 2	GEORGE MORRAD 6
C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN BURLS 4	EDWARD HADLOW Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* 50th peal during 1924. Rung as a birthday peal for Mr. E. Hadlow (65), who did such valuable work towards the restoration of these bells. The ringer of the 2nd has now rung every bell in the method in a peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. in E.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	PETER CROOK 5
ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	FRED PAGE 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JOHN POTTER 7
EDWARD EDWARDS 4	GEORGE PINCOTT Tenor

Composed by E. BULWER. Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung with the bell half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dean McCormick, of Manchester Cathedral, who was interred on the 4th inst. Also Mrs. Ellen Halliwell, an ardent worker at the above church, who had been interred that day. * First peal in the method.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Thursday, August 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,359 changes): G. Large 1, W. B. Biss 2, J. F. Bailey 3, W. Heath 4, J. Davies 5, S. Dawe 6, A. Parnell 7, E. Coombs 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Baker 10. First quarter-peal by all the band.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 12 lb.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	BEN S. THOMPSON 5
HERBERT GREENHALGH 2	ARTHUR RIDYARD 6
SAMUEL WOOD 3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH 7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM 4	ALLAN BAILEY Tenor

Composed by S. WOOD.

Conducted by ALLAN BAILEY.

The bells were rung half-muffled for the late Dean McCormick, Dean of Manchester.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Etheldreda,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

LEONARD SHEPHERD Treble	GEORGE T. CROFT 5
ARTHUR R. LAWRENCE 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
ERNEST J. NEWELL 3	ARTHUR SHEPHERD 7
LEONARD FIDLER 4	JOHN T. KENTISH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal of Major. Mr. G. H. Cross desires to thank those ringers who took part in the ringing during his holiday.

BROUGHTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 5
ALFRED E. BACON 2	ALBERT CRAWLEY 6
FRANK TRINER 3	WALTER N. ASHBY 7
THOMAS HURD 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains fifty of the sixty course ends, and is the fiftieth peal Messrs. Sykes and Bacon have rung together. Great credit is due to the 5th ringer, who, owing to a severe accident to one finger of his right hand at the last moment, was obliged to ring his bell with one hand: this also speaks volumes for the splendid 'go' of Messrs. Taylor's job.

FRINDSBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Treble

JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	CHARLES WINSER 5
WILLIAM HAIGH 3	WILLIAM J. WALKER 6
JOHN BURLS 4	C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT 7
	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the treble has now rung every bell in the method in a peal, this being his first on the treble, other than Stedman.

NANTWICH, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lb.

WILLIAM WEATHERBY Treble	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	HARRY OVERTON 6
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING 7
GEORGE R. JONES 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by R. SPERRING

* First peal of Double Norwich. † 150th peal. First peal of Major on the bells. The band wish to take this opportunity of tendering their thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Messrs. H. Edwards and W. Sutton for having everything ready.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT E. LOCK... ..Treble	JACK HONEY... .. 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 6
WALTER JUDGE ... 3	PERCY DYKE... .. 7
JACK JUDGE ... 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ...Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING. Conducted by GORDON CAUDWELL.

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On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

*HARRY MORGAN... ..Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD ... 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	*JOSEPH DIXON ... 6
GEORGE FLINTHAM ... 3	*CHARLES A. HEWITT ... 7
*EDWARD DALINGWATER ... 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN ...Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by J. A. FREEMAN.

* First peal in the method. Rung for the coming-of-age of the ringer of the 7th, and as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

LEWISHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt.

GEORGE R. SIMMONDS ...Treble	HARRY WARNETT, JUN. ... 5
HARRY WARNETT, SEN. ... 2	ERNEST B. CROWDER... 6
JOHN J. LAMB ... 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
ISAAC EMERY ... 4	JIM HORRELL ...Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Marjorie Elizabeth, only daughter of Charles H. Walker, 34 years' member and now secretary of the St. Mary's, Lewisham, band, to Frederick William Rischmiller. Also as a compliment to Miss Elsie May Cavanagh and Lionel Redvers Simmonds, youngest son of the ringer of the treble, who were married earlier on the same day at the Church of St. Margaret, Lee, Kent.

ROTHERHITHE, SURREY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ...Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 5
EDMOND G. TOMLINSON ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
*WALTER PERKINS ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
†GEORGE H. CROSS ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ...Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PISTOW. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

† First peal in the method. * 250th peal.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHARINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY ...Treble	HARRY BUNGAY ... 5
REV. A. RHYS JAMES ... 2	GEORGE SIBLEY ... 6
*S. VICTOR CRABB ... 3	DAVID G. TAYLOR ... 7
*CHARLES GUMMER ... 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE ...Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE.

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Major.

BOCKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE WIFFEN ...Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE ... 5
WALTER ARNOLD ... 2	HENRY F. COOPER ... 6
FRANK CLAYDON ... 3	LEWIS W. WIFFEN ... 7
*EDWIN WIFFEN... .. 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ...Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung as a welcome home to Edwin Wiffen, after 10 years' residence in Canada.

CHESTER-LE-STREET, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

*MISS ADA DONNISON...Treble	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... 5
JAMES E. GOFTON ... 2	*FREDERICK SHERATON ... 6
GEORGE R. HOLMES... 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD... 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON ... 4	ALBERT M. HALL ...Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First peal of Stedman; and both belong to local band.

PRESCOT, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lb.

THOMAS C. LARKEY ...Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR ... 5
THOMAS W. GILMOUR... 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 6
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 3	JOHN WILKINSON... 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE...Tenor

Composed by JAMES MARTIN. Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

This is the first time this composition has been rung. It was also the first peal in the method on the bells. Mr. W. Taylor hails from Penwortham. It was the conductor's 222nd peal.

RINGMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 7, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ...Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	CYRIL C. PEASE ... 6
ROBERT J. DAVE ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
GEORGE R. PYE ... 4	ALBERT W. COLES ...Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 27, 1924, 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 10 cwt.

FREDK. DERRICK ...Treble	JAS. H. COLLIER ... 4
ERNEST GOLDSTONE ... 2	LEWIS MOORE ... 5
THOMAS WYATT ... 3	HERBERT KNIGHT ...Tenor

Conducted by H. KNIGHT.

Rung in honour of Mr. James H. Collier, Flixton, Manchester.

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PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, August 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with different callings.

*S. H. PICKERING Treble	H. V. HURD 4
†L. JORDAN 2	‡J. TAYLOR 5
F. MEARS 3	*E. PICKERING Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First peal as conductor.

OVER, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1924, 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 Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN NEWINGTON Treble	CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY 4
FRANCIS GLEAVES 2	FRANK MARRINGTON 5
HAROLD HAZELL 3	JOHN WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WOOLLEY.

Fastest peal on the bells.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN SPENCER Treble	FREDERICK WADE 4
JOHN LARTER 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 token of respect to the Rev. E. R. Yerburgh, for 27 years Rector of this parish, who was interred in Wrentham Cemetery on the above date. He only resigned the living in September last year, and went to live at Bath. Also rung to the memory of Bertram Prewett, a great friend of the local company, who was killed in action, August 31st, 1918. He rang his last peal at this church on May 14th, 1916, this being his 953rd peal.

HORSELL, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob alternately. Tenor 10 cwt. in G.

*MISS VIOLET SHORTER ... Treble	WILLIAM T. BERSON, JUN. 4
†MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... 2	‡SPR. R. B. F. HAMMOND, R.E. 5
HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 3	C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal in three methods away from the treble. ‡ First peal of Minor, also first peal away from the treble.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. E. BANKES JAMES' ARRANGEMENT.

HARRY MARLOW Treble	HARRY BAXTER 4
FRANK ROLLINGS 2	FRED WILFORD 5
BERTIE O. SODEN 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

First peal of Surprise Minor rung by the Guild, and by the band.

BICESTER, OXON.—On August 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hatfield 1. R. G. Rice (Harwell, Berks) 2. W. Scarrott 3. P. Neale 4. F. J. Baldwin (Banbury) 5. E. F. Mitchell (Wolverhampton) 6. E. Hims (composer and conductor) 7. B. Cox 8. Also a 'touch' of 98, with E. Hims ringing 2-3.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 Six-Scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 10 cwt.

*ARTHUR E. HALL Treble	†THOMAS M. JORDAN 4
SAMUEL WHITE 2	FRED COYTON 5
LEONARD JORDAN 3	‡WILLIAM J. E. HALL ... Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal on the treble. † First peal, and first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells. Also Mr. and Mrs. L. Jordan for their kind hospitality after the peal.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH & CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDK. C. LAMBERT Treble	THOMAS CRANE 4
FREDK. PECK 2	HERBERT G. PRATT 5
WILLIAM PIERCE 3	JAMES HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Arranged for H. G. Pratt, London. The ringer of the 4th is 73 years of age.

HANDBELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Friday, September 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY LE TOWER CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 18 in G.

CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 1-2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 5-6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 3-4	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7-8
FREDERICK J. TILLET 9-10	

Composed by G. NEWSON. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.
Umpire: HOBART E. SMITH.

First peal in the method on handbells by all except the ringer of 3-4. First peal of Stedman on handbells rung in Ipswich. First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells by the above Guild.

CLAPTON-IN-GORDANO RINGERS' TOUR.

A band of change ringers from the tiny village of Clapton, near Bristol, with a few friends, including Mr. Herbert Jas. Collier, of Flixton, Manchester, met together at the Batch, Clapton, in the sunshine on Saturday, August 30th. And how that sunshine was enjoyed, after the many wet days, and even a semi-wet morning. Then, at the quarter-past one o'clock, two motor-cars picked up the happy party, and off they set on a most enjoyable trip. Gliding along the Gordano Valley, they turned off at Clevedon, but an involuntary stoppage at Yatton to change a wheel (for these motor-cars have a nasty habit of 'striking' sometimes) delayed them for half an hour. During this halt some of the party spent an interesting time looking over the beautiful church. Off once again, they headed for Wrington, where Mr. F. Nipper awaited them, and accorded a genial welcome. Of course, the bells were soon swinging, and Grandsire Triples were heard booming from the belfry tower. The bells went well, too.

En route to Blagdon, the lake looked very picturesque, but being already half an hour behind, no stopping could be allowed to drink in all the beauty. At Blagdon, where they have a splendid ring of eight, the bells were quickly raised, and sent into the tune of Grandsire. And how sweetly they echoed over the expansive waters of the Blagdon Lake! Boarding the cars again, and driving straight away over the Mendips (and what balmy fresh air there is on these hills!), the mystic tints of the heather soon gave place to the steep cliffs of the Cheddar Gorge. The caves were explored by some of the party, and others explored the belfry (of course they did). But everybody explored the restaurant, and justice was done to a good tea. However, the bells did not go as well as they might, but in front of the Rectory the ringers gave a good touch on the handbells, and the much admired Cheddar was then hidden adieu.

Axbridge was the next tower visited, but the bells were under repair, and through the delay at the start of the run, it was decided not to call at Winscombe, it being too late to ring. So, homeward bound, all agreed that they had had a real good treat, and all were highly delighted at the programme of events.

THE LUCK O' THE BILLS.

THE STORY OF A PEAL OF LONDON—AND OTHER MATTERS.

One of the 'Jacks' of the Exercise was good enough to help the 'Williams' recently by inserting a short notice in 'The Ringing World' announcing the intention of Mr. Keeble to raise a band of Bills to ring, if possible, a peal of London Surprise Major. The day and place selected for the attempt having been notified to eight willing Wills, a muster was effected at Feering, Essex, but unfortunately one was not able 'to get.' Mr. Rogers, of Northampton, on his journey to Liverpool Street, E.C., was so delayed that he could not reach Feering in time, and had to send a 'wire' with apologies. However, a peal in the method was quite successful on Saturday, August 30th, as duly reported in these columns, the absentee's place being ably filled up by 'Walter,' one of the local team, so that 'all's well that ends well,' or should it be 'Wal'?

The company were kindly entertained to tea, at the hotel adjoining the tower, by the local men, the actual date coinciding with the 63rd birthday of Mr. Wm. Elliott, of Kelvedon. After the performance we were able to discuss many matters of horticultural interest, such as Sweet William—the William pear—with thoughts of other Williams of the bell rope, who have, in the past, done yeoman service for the art. Both young Bill Nevard and his old friend Elliott, became anxious to change some of their Treasury Notes—real Treasury Bills—that the party might 'wet their whistles,' whilst the engine whistle of passing trains reminded those staying over Sunday, that the Miller of the Lee, and Beeson-on-Thames would be short-winded if they caught their train up to town. Little Willie Gofton all the way from Monksheaton, was as wide awake as ever, when rounds came up, although he travelled all night for the peal, which he makes his 'dozen' in this method in a list of 27 at 18 years of age.

Those who stayed over Sunday rang Cambridge Minor for evening service at Kelvedon Church, after attempting a double-handed peal of Bob Major lasting 1 hour 43 mins. (W. H. Fussell 1—2, W. J. Nevard 3—4, W. Keeble (conductor) 5—6, and W. Gofton 7—8), at the residence of Mr. Elliott in Church Street.

INTERESTING KELVEDON HISTORY.

Amongst matters of local interest to readers of 'The Ringing World' may be mentioned: Miles Gray, the famous early 17th century bell founder, who cast Kelvedon's original ring of five (tenor 21 cwt.), in 1608, and Feering, also five, in 1624—300 years ago—and the bells are there to-day full of music.

Felix Hall, a fine mansion and estate, where the boy Keeble began his career as a gardener and seedsman before spending years of his manhood at Leytonstone.

Braxted, the resting-place of William Nevard, grandfather of our Bill, laid to rest in 1872, in his 82nd year.

Coggeshall, a noted six-bell tower, where early Victorian bell ringers met on Saturday, a practice still kept up when the bells were increased to eight. At this church a crowd of 40 to 50 people assembled to hear the first peal of Major rung upon them—5,184 of Kent Treble Bob on 25th June, 1888, conducted by Sillitoe, with Nevard on the tenor. Bets were freely made that one man would never 'do the tenor,' but the peal was well finished, also a beefsteak supper afterwards at the Woolpack. David Elliott was the man who ordered this feed, unknown to the band, and he lies in Kelvedon Churchyard, his headstone, having a carved bell upon it, recording his death on August 7th, 1898, aged 72 years.

The Rev. G. P. Bennett was Vicar of Kelvedon when the church (and bells) was restored in 1877: his son, H. Curtiss Bennett, afterwards K.C., and H. Temperley Hicks, were churchwardens. At the opening of the extended burial ground, Mr. H. C. Bennett remarked, 'Who will be the first to occupy the new churchyard, I wonder?' Readers will remember the sudden end of the late H. Curtiss Bennett—a Metropolitan magistrate, of well-known leniency—who was the very one to be buried there soon after the opening ceremony.

Joseph Elliott, brother of the above David, was a chorister and bell ringer for over 60 years at Kelvedon, and the recipient of a presentation in March, 1903. He died at 77 years of age, and left behind good representatives of the Elliott ringing family, in Wm. Elliott, whose birthday we celebrated, and a grandson.

Charles Elliott, brother of David and Joseph, who died in Australia over 80 years of age, was a very strong man, and a fine ringer in his day. He went to Australia when the gold rush was going on, and made, lost and remade, a small fortune. When living near Bury St. Edmunds, he became possessed of a MS. book, written with a quill pen about 1835-5. Most of the matter consists of extracts from 'Shipway' and 'The Clavis.' From Charles the book was handed to David, and, with a number of letters, it passed on to William's keeping, and here are two extracts, in Charles own handwriting: 'St. Peter's, Norwich, in 1778: 6,240 Ox: T: B. Maximus' (in 5 parts), conducted by Thomas Barton' (with the figures as rung for the first time). A list of peals of bells in the county of Suffolk, roughly 100 years ago: 'Four of ten, 20 of eight, and 55 of six.'

The three brothers frequently corresponded on ringing matters, and the closing of one of Charles' letters to Joseph reads: 'I hope you will write soon and tell me what you think of all I have sent you, and tell me if you will come this summer.—Your affectionate brother, Charles. Good-morning, it is nearly one o'clock.' W. H. F.

ST. MICHAEL COSLANY, NORWICH.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am very much obliged to Mr. G. P. Burton for his corrections and further information about the peal boards in the belfry of St. Michael Coslany.

My information, as far as the peal boards are concerned, was obtained from old records published in 'Church Bells' fifty years ago. I was fully aware that they were not complete; and, judging from other records obtained from the same source, I thought it possible that some of the names of the ringers might have been wrongly transcribed.

From Mr. Burton's additions and corrections I shall now be able to put my notes on Norfolk bells right as far as St. Michael's is concerned.—Yours truly,
J. R. JERRAM.
September 5th, 1924.

CLEOBURY MORTIMER BELLS.

A RESTORATION SCHEME.

Strenuous efforts are being made in the little town of Cleobury Mortimer to raise funds for the restoration of the Parish Church bells. It is estimated that about £400 will be needed, and a recent garden fete resulted in a sum of about £100 being realised.

The church has been standing in its present position for about 750 years, the date of the old tower—a fine example of late Norman times—being somewhere between 1160 and 1195. Recently the bells were inspected, and the report as to their condition was alarming. The bells, six in number, have been in existence since 1757, and in that year they were recast by Rudhall, of Gloucester. The date of their first casting is unknown. The inscriptions are: 1, 'Hark to our melody'; 2, 'Abel Rudhall cast us all'; 3, 'Peace and good neighbourhood'; 4, 'J. Atwood, Vicar'; 5, 'Richard Dorset, Will Oseland, ch. war.'; and 6, 'I to the church the living call, and to the grave do summon all.'

At a recent inspection of the bells, Mr. C. Edwards (Ringing Master to the Hereford Diocesan Guild) reported that the original timbers were all decayed and must be renewed, that the bells had never been quarter-turned since 1757, and that the clappers had worn the bells so much that they were liable to crack at any time. He further reported that some of the timber swayed and endangered the safety of the tower. He suggested that steel girders should take the place of timber, and that there should be a new bell frame, and new fittings to the bells.

CHESTER GUILD RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, August 23rd, a few members of the Chester branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild, viz., Messrs. H. W. Wilde, J. Morgan, W. Thomas, A. E. Richards, G. Jones, and J. W. Clarke, had a most enjoyable ringing tour in the Wirral. Chester was left shortly after nine in the morning in pouring rain, and a few miles along the road the cars had to plough through a foot of water for a considerable distance, to the discomfort of the occupants! However, Neston was reached in due course, and a well-struck 720 of Oxford Treble Bob was brought round on the back six. The tower here has been much improved by raising the ringing floor, which before was on the ground level. Thurstaston was visited next, and 120 each of Stedman, Grandsire and Bob Doubles was rung on the light ring of five. A move was then made to West Kirby, where 720 of Kent was rung on the back six. At Wallasey, touches of Oxford and Kent Spliced and Cambridge Surprise were rung on the heavy ring of six at the church of St. Nicholas.

The next item on the programme was dinner, and then, accompanied by two friends, Liscard was reached, and touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples were enjoyed. At Bidston, a touch of Double Oxford Minor was rung. Here the 'circle' of ropes is nearly reduced to a straight line, as the ringing chamber is on the ground floor, and the organ is built across the front of it. The beautiful ring of six at Rock Ferry was next visited, and touches of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob brought round, after which a move was made to Port Sunlight. On this fine-toned ring, touches of Oxford and Kent Major and Grandsire Triples were rung, and afterwards tea was partaken of. The final halting place was Capenhurst, where Mr. E. W. Elwell, Guild secretary, joined in the ringing of Cambridge Surprise Minor, Double Bob and Plain Bob. Chester was reached again about 9.30 p.m., after a most happy day. The band are very grateful to the Rectors and tower keepers of the many towers visited for their kind help, and to the friends who 'made up' at various places. This kind of 'outing' was certainly found worthy of repetition.

ARCHDEACON'S HELP.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—In two of the reports of meetings which appeared in your last issue there were recorded certain actions which must have given gratification to many of your readers, as they did to me.

The first was in connection with the Ely Diocesan Association meeting at Bourn, where, at the suggestion of the Archdeacon of Ely, it was resolved to issue a request to the clergy of the diocese through the agency of the official 'Diocesan Gazette.' Whether this particular request is well-advised or not is of no concern in this letter. What I am glad to see is that the Archdeacon invited the association to reach the clergy through the official diocesan organ, and that the suggestion was accepted. I am convinced that much good work in the cause of bells, ringing, and ringing organisations, could be achieved by the use of this channel of imparting information to the non-ringing clergy, and I would suggest to the officials of all our Guilds and Associations that they should make use of these publications, which are to be found in every diocese.

The second point was the action taken at the Suffolk Guild meeting, where Archdeacon Darling, who presided, undertook to bring before the other Archdeacons and the Rural Deans of the Diocese the dangers of 'clocking,' so that they may inquire, in their visitations, to what extent this dangerous practice is in operation, and see that it is stopped. A personal action of this kind will go a great deal further than any number of letters from association secretaries, whom incumbents may look upon as interfering busy-bodies, because it will come with the force of authority of a 'superior officer.' The letter of an association secretary can be dropped into the waste paper basket and ignored; but an Archdeacon cannot be treated in exactly the same way. I look upon this action in Suffolk as one of great importance, and I hope it may not be long before similar steps can be taken in every other diocese in the country.—Yours truly,

A RINGER.**OATLANDS TOWER AND WINCHESTER GUILD.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your issue of to-day (page 565) there is a statement to the effect that Oatlands Park tower was represented at the Yorktown District meeting of the Winchester Guild held at Yateley on August 23rd last. The Oatlands Park ringers do not belong to the Winchester Guild, neither do they wish themselves, nor the tower, to be represented at any meetings of this Guild.—Yours faithfully,

W. SHEPHERD.

September 5th, 1924.

**BRIDGEND RINGERS IN GLOUCESTERSHIRE
CHARABANC TRIP OF 180 MILES.**

On Wednesday, August 27th, the Bridgend ringers, together with a few friends, journeyed by charabanc to Gloucester, Painswick and Cheltenham. Leaving home at 7.30 a.m., the first stop was at Lydney, where the party were met by Mr. W. J. Davis, who showed them round the church, and then to the ringing chamber, where the bells were up in readiness. There is a much longer draught here than at Bridgend and unfortunately the ringing was not of the best. The party then adjourned to the Ringers' Coffee House, where a pleasant half-hour was spent with a few of the local campanologists. Proceeding to Gloucester, a splendid dinner awaited the visitors at the Gresham Restaurant. Dinner over, the party scattered for a while, some having a look round the venerable Cathedral, the others going to various places of interest. Boarding the charabanc again, Painswick was the next stop, and here Mr. Albert Wright was awaiting them. It was not long before the bells were going up in peal. The ringing here on these famous bells was much enjoyed. Several good touches of Grandsire Triples were successfully brought round on the back eight, and a few rounds rung on the full peal, this being the first time that several of the band had rung on twelve bells. All were delighted with this lovely peal, and had time permitted they would have liked to stay much longer. Bidding adieu to their new friends, Painswick was left a good deal after scheduled time, and, after a lovely drive, Cheltenham was reached about 5.30. After tea at the Criterion Restaurant the party were conducted to the Parish Church by Mr. W. T. Pates. Short touches were the order here, and several were successfully brought round. While ringing was in progress the ladies with the party amused themselves in the town, and indeed it was thought at one time that the town crier would be needed to round them up. However, they all put in an appearance eventually, but were very loath to leave this lovely town. Mr. J. Austin had kindly made arrangements for the party to ring in Gloucester on the return journey, but to the disappointment of all this had to be abandoned, time flying all too quickly, and there being a long journey in front of the party. As it was Bridgend was not reached until the early hours of Thursday morning, the excursionists having covered something like 180 miles. Tired, but happy, everyone was satisfied that this was one of the best outings the Guild has ever had. The band take this opportunity of thanking the various incumbents for the use of the bells, also all those gentlemen who helped to make the outing such a success.

C. H. P.

The Military Torchlight Tattoo AT WEMBLEY.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

A handsome peal board of Gothic design has been placed in the belfry of Winchester Cathedral to record the first peal of Stedman Cinques rung on the bells, and the first twelve-bell peal in Hampshire. The peal was rung on Sept. 8th, 1923.

In a footnote to a recent peal at Oswestry, Salop, reference was made to a peal rung there by the Anacreontic Society in 1785. Local researches have failed to bring to light any further information about this society, beyond the one peal, recorded on a board in the tower, as follows: 'March 3rd, 1785, Holt's peal of Grandsire Tripples, containing 5,040 changes, was rung by the Anacreontic Society in 3 hrs. 15 mins.: Owen Owen treble, Wm. Evans 2, J. Williams 3, Jno. Price 4, Robt. Salter 5, B. caller; Thos. Price 6, Baln. Lloyd 7, Jno. Howell tenor.' We are indebted to Mr. W. B. Kynaston for this information.

The attention of readers is drawn to the annual Commemoration Dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowden and past officers of the Yorkshire Association, which will be held this year, on September 20th, at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, when the chair will be taken by the Dean of York (Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.), at 5.45 p.m. prompt.

The York company are sparing no effort to make the dinner a record gathering, and have arranged an excellent programme of handbell ringing and music in the evening, and all who can do so are urged to pay a visit to this venerable old city, with its many charms. Tickets can be had at 5/6 per head, and all applications for same must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16 Clifton Green, York, not later than first post on Tuesday next. A special announcement for visitors staying overnight will be found in the notice columns.

The ringers of Manchester have lost a great friend in Dean McCormick, who was ever willing to encourage the ringers in their work. A great leader of men, and one to whom all looked up, he has left the work of restoring the Cathedral to others. Would it not be timely to suggest that the present ring of ten bells at the Cathedral might be made into twelve in memory of the late Dean?

There was a disappointment in store for the start of the 'Hampshire Week' last Saturday. There was to have been an attempt for Stedman Cinqes at Winchester Cathedral to open the programme, but at the last minute—and too late to communicate with all the ringers, we believe—it had to be abandoned owing to the eleventh having to go into the bell hanger's hands. We hope those who arrived on the scene found consolation at North Steneham.

'Mislaide, in the neighbourhood of Lewes, Sussex, a five-seater motor-car, by well-known American maker. Owner will be glad to hear from the proprietor of the garage where he left it on Saturday night, as the address is unknown to him. Write ———.'

But happily it is not necessary to complete the advertisement, as a long search on Sunday morning led to the discovery of the elusive Elizabeth. Ringers, however, should be more careful where they leave their belongings.

The first peal of Superlative in Wales was rung at Llangollen on September 13th, 1907, conducted by the late Bertram Prewitt.

Charles Middleton, composer of the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, died on Sept. 14th, 1886.

The first peal by the Society of St. Martin's Youths, Birmingham, the lineal descendant, of which is the present St. Martin's Guild, was rung at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on Monday, Sept. 16th, 1755. This was a peal of Bob Major.

Next Wednesday is the anniversary of the peal of 11,328 London Surprise Major, the then record length, rung at Drayton by the Oxford Diocesan Guild, in 1896.

Among the numerous ringers who have visited Liverpool recently, there is none who has proved more interesting to Liverpool ringers than Mr. Joseph Waghorn, senr. In spite of his advanced age—he is in his 82nd year—he is as 'game' and fit for a peal as many a much younger man.

During his visit to Liverpool he took part in two unsuccessful attempts, each of over one hour's duration, and it was through no fault of his the peals were lost. The ringers hope to try again with him at no distant date.

Incidentally, the primary reason of his visit to Liverpool was to see its new Cathedral. Mr. Waghorn has now the satisfaction and distinction of having seen all the Cathedrals of England. May he live long.

As announced in our last issue, two new trebles to complete a light peal of eight (tenor 9 cwt.), at Bridstow, Herefordshire, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Hereford on Saturday, September 13th. All ringers are welcomed. Bridstow is 1½ miles from Ross. The work is being carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—If Mr. Keeble will look at my letter again he will see that I did not write 'it is ridiculous to say that Dublin Duplex belongs to Mr. Lindoff,' but that 'to say that anyone is the "author" of that method is, to one who knows anything about the matter, simply ridiculous.' And, further, as sufficient evidence that it was known long before Mr. Lindoff published it, I pointed out that it was printed in 'The Bell News' as far back as 1899. The exact date is October 21st, and Mr. Keeble, or anyone else who has a file of 'The Bell News,' can easily verify this statement.

But it will be much more interesting, if, instead of wrangling about authorship, real or imaginary, I explain what the method really is.

First, I want you to examine a course of Bob Major, preferably by ringing it in the tower.

It is founded, you will see, on the Hunting Course of sixteen changes, in which all the bells plain hunt, and which we call the Plain Principle. In this Hunting Course the Coursing Order of the bells is the same throughout, and is 312468753, etc.

At the lead end, second's place is made, and directly this is done the Coursing Order is 132468751, etc. What has happened is that the Coursing Order of the Working (or Extreme) bells is the same as before, but the Treble has made a step by changing positions with the third.

At the next lead end second's is again made, and now the treble changes positions in coursing order with the fifth.

Write out the coursing orders of the seven leads, and you get

3124687531
1324687513
5324687153
5324681753
5324618753
5324168753
5321468753
5312468753

What has happened is that the Treble has successively changed positions in coursing order with each of the working bells, until by completing the cyclical movement it returns to its original position, and the bells run round.

This cyclical movement of the Treble through the coursing order of the working bells is what we call a 'Constructional Shunt,' and is the foundation law of method construction.

You will see it consists of a definite number of similar steps, each one of which is made by changing positions with the bell coursing next before it. Each step by itself will produce a lead end, which is to the previous lead end as 3527486 is to 2345678.

If instead of making second's place you make seventh's when the treble is behind you get exactly the same results. We call either of these an Extreme Constructional Shunt.

The simplest group of methods will be that constructed by

1. The Extreme with the treble before.
2. The Extreme with the treble behind.
3. The Extreme with the treble before, and also that with the treble behind.

The lead ends of the first two will be 3527486; of the third 3527486, transposed by itself, equals 5738264.

The next Constructional Shunt is made as follows: The bell which is coursing next before the treble makes any one internal place, crosses the treble's path, immediately makes another place and follows up behind the treble.

1 0 3 0
1 0 3
0 1 3 0
0 3 1 0
0 3 0 1 0
0 3 0 1 0

The result is exactly the same as with the Extremes. The treble has changed positions in coursing order with the bell next before it. If you make this Shunt once only in a lead the lead end will be 3527486, as with the Extremes.

This kind of Shunt we call a Court Shunt. A Court Shunt can be made at either hand-stroke or back-stroke. The first we call a P. Court Shunt, the second an R. Court Shunt. A P. Court Shunt, will, by itself, as you will find, cause one bell to lie still at lead or behind for four blows, otherwise the effect is exactly the same as the R. Court Shunts or the Extremes. Here is an example of each.

R. Court Shunt.	P. Court Shunt.
12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
24135878	24163857
42316587	42613587
24361857	48231857
42638175	42638175
46283715	46283715
64827351	64827351
68472531	68472531

86745213
87654123
78561432
75816342
57183824
51738264
15372846
13527486

86745213
87654123
78561432
75816342
57183824
51738264
15372846
13527486

On eight bells there are two positions in which you can make an R. Court Shunt with the treble going up, viz., 4th's and 3rd's, and 6th's and 5th's. And three positions in which you can make a P. Court Shunt, viz., 3rd's and 2nd's; 5th's and 4th's, and 7th's and 6th's. But wherever you make any one the effect is always the same. There are also the corresponding positions with the treble going down.

When you have got these facts, you work out all the combinations of the Shunts, and you get the full extent of the methods on this plan.

But that is not all.

On any number of bells from four upwards there are two positions, and two only in which you can make Extremes, but since with a greater number of bells the path of the treble is increased, the number of positions in which you can make Court Shunts is increased also.

With four bells there is one Court Shunt possible, thus:

On five bells there are two positions, on six bells there are three positions; on seven bells four positions, and so on in regular order. Thus you have only got to prepare a formula in the form of a mathematical progression to get the whole of the methods on this plan to infinity. And each of these has four variations.

1. Without Extremes.
2. With Extreme at Treble's lead.
3. With Extreme with Treble behind.
4. With both Extremes.

If you count the number of Shunts in the lead you have got the lead end. Thus, four Court Shunts and two Extremes, is a total of six Shunts, transpose 2345678 by 3527486 six times and you have the lead end.

And now for the method in question. It is constructed by two R. Court Shunts, i.e., 4th's and 3rd; and 6th's and 5th's (this by itself is Double Norwich), and one P. Court Shunt between them.

These three Shunts are with the treble going up, and the corresponding ones are made with the treble going down. You have thus six Shunts in each lead, and the lead end is, therefore, 4263857.

Now, if you add one Extreme that will make seven Shunts in all. But seven Shunts will complete the treble's cyclical path through the coursing order of the working bells, and, therefore, the bells will come round at the lead end. Adding two Extremes will make eight Shunts, and 12345678 transposed by 3527486 eight times equals 3527486, which is the lead end.

Just one word about the name of the method. It has had at least four (if not more), but since it has been rung the name under which it was rung must stand. But with this qualification Mr. Keeble says it was rung as Dublin Duplex. My recollection (which may be at fault) is that it was Dublin Complex. Whether it was one or the other the second word must go. Duplex means either double or nothing at all. If it does mean double then double is the right word and no other. And Complex won't do either. In construction the method is the very reverse of Complex. And though it is not the easiest of methods to ring, 'Complex' would be one of the last words to describe the work. The real name of the method is Dublin Court Bob. To be strictly accurate it should be Double Dublin Court Bob, but the combination of syllables is very awkward to the ear.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE METHOD.

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	24135678	R Court A 1
	42315768	P Court B 1
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P Court B 2	23457168	
R Court C 2	32547618	
	24365871	
	23456781	
	42638517	
R Court D 2	24368157	
P Court E 2	23461875	
R Court F 2	32416857	R Court F 1
	23146587	P Court E 1
	21345678	R Court D 1
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MEMBERSHIP OF GUILDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—What you and your contributor 'Once a Beginner' say is quite true. I have had the experience of being secretary for Dorset, in the Salisbury Guild, when we had not a change ringing band in the county, and if we had not enrolled as many round ringers as we could, we never should have had such bands. And now I am secretary in a county where there are so many change ringers, that they are quite sufficient to make a Guild, and, to tell the truth, do not see what use it is to have round ringers in the Guild.

In both cases what we have done is to mark those who are change ringers with a star in the list, but to reckon round ringers just as much members as change ringers. Also in the Suffolk Guild, we are now arranging to have a certificate, which will not be a mere certificate of membership, but a certificate of proficiency, and will be available to mark different stages in a ringer's career, and will be something always to look forward to.

It seems strange that there should be any opposition to round ringers being members, when they bring in both numbers and income, but there is a fear that they may become so numerous as to outnumber change ringers, and cause the Guild to be run for their own benefit. This is never likely to take place. Round ringers are not so keen as a rule as to be very willing to join the Guild at all. They will always be few in number; and if by some change of character they were to join in large numbers, the change ringers would always be the most intelligent and active members, and be those who would keep affairs in their own hands.

Again, if round ringers are not to be members, how are such bands ever to become change ringers? Apparently only by the accident of a change ringer happening to go and live in such a place. That means centuries before one can get a chance of making them all change ringers. But if one has them already as members, it will not be many years before there is change ringing in every tower.

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

THE CASE OF THE M.C.A.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me a small space to refer to your leader, 'Guild Membership.' I quite approve of what was said, but you mention the 'Midland Counties Association,' amongst others. I wish to say it is quite easy for any 'ringer' to become a member of this association. If you turn to the rules of the association you will find that anyone may be proposed a member, if able to ring the treble or tenor bell to 120 changes on tower bells. Now, is it not an easy matter for a man who can ring 'rounds' (and strike it) to be able to ring the tenor to 120 changes with a few minutes' practice?—Yours,

C. H. WEBB.

Vice-President M.C.A., Hinckley District.

ANCIENT BELLS AND TOWERS.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND S.P.A.B.'s REPORT CIRCULATED.

According to a recent issue of 'The Times,' the Central Committee for the Protection of Churches have circulated the memorandum on church bells agreed some two years ago between the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings and the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers.

A letter accompanying the circular covers the ground which has already been dealt with. It emphasises '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 a large number of additions of heavy ringing bells, improperly hung and of unsuitably designed frames, placed in ancient towers, especially in the 19th century. Those concerned with ringing should bear in mind that, while some ancient towers can stand such additions, there are many which cannot.'

The committee 'suggest that diocesan committees should not advise the granting of faculties for repairs to bells without a definite understanding 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 expressed on the desirability of tuning new bells according to the Simpson method, though it is pointed out that technical opinion is by no means agreed as to its merits.

The letter adds that the committee express serious concern at '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.'

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.

A well-attended meeting of the Western Division was held at Lymminster on Saturday last, when over 30 members and friends were present from the following towers: Angmering, Arundel, Pulborough, Heene, Shoreham, Warnham and West Tarring, and members of the local band. The bells were kept going in the standard methods till 5 o'clock, when the company wended their way to the church rooms, where they were met by the Rev. Tickner Edwards (curate-in-charge), who had kindly provided an excellent tea.

At the business meeting which followed, with the curate presiding, the following new members were elected: Messrs. H. Charman, J. Charman, W. Yates and W. Stanford, of Warnham; H. Thorpe, West Tarring; T. Wells, C. Wolven, P. Carpenter, Rosie Carpenter, C. Jeffery, and the Rev. Tickner Edwards, of Lymminster; Messrs. H. Russell and R. Welch, Heene; and the whole of the Arundel band.

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Heene, in November.

A vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Tickner Edwards for presiding, for granting the use of the bells, and also for providing the excellent tea, and to Mr. Cheal for making the necessary arrangements for the meeting.

The company then proceeded to Arundel by motor-bus and charabanc, and some very good touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich, were rung to conclude a very enjoyable half-day. These bells, which are some of the best in the county, are sadly in need of overhauling, which would make it much easier for the young hand just starting change ringing at this church.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

THE ROWLEY REGIS BELL FUND.

On Saturday, August 23rd, the quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Offenham, when, despite the unsettled weather, there was a good attendance. Service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. B. Greening) officiated, and gave an original and inspiring address. A collection taken on behalf of the Rowley Regis Bell Restoration Fund realised 11s. 6d.

Tea, provided through the generosity of the Vicar, was partaken of in the Schools, and he presided at the business meeting which followed. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Bretforton.

Owing to the condition and indifferent 'go' of the Offenham bells, it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Bretforton, with Mr. J. Hall as conductor.

As for several meetings, the branch committee have taken upon themselves to arrange for a collection on behalf of the Rowley Regis Bell Restoration Fund, it was thought that the wish of the members should now be ascertained, and, after discussion, it was unanimously decided to continue the collections until such time as the members saw fit to reopen the subject, or, alternately, while no local towers were in need of financial assistance.

On the proposition of Mr. C. A. Binyon, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and all who had assisted in making the meeting such a success.—This was carried with applause, the Vicar briefly replying.

Although the bells are badly in need of attention from a bell hanger, they were utilised throughout the afternoon and evening, methods up to Treble Bob and Double Oxford being rung.

FAIRFORD RINGERS VISIT OXFORDSHIRE TOWERS.

On Saturday, Sept. 6th, the ringers of St. Mary's, Fairford, Glos., with Mr. W. C. Cuss and Mr. W. Cook, had their annual outing, and made an excursion by car through Oxfordshire. Clonfield was the first stop, where they were met by the Rev. William Brvant, the Vicar, who gave them a hearty welcome. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from J. J. Parker's twelve-part, was scored in 45 mins. Going on to Witney they were met by Mr. J. Monk, and other local ringers, and another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung. Then the band left for Charlbury, where Mr. J. Keyte (foreman) had kindly arranged dinner at the Royal Oak Temperance Hotel afterwards on this peal of six, touches of Old Doubles, Canterbury, Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles were tapped off. At Chipping Norton the party was welcomed by several of the ringers, and on a beautiful ring of eight another quarter-peal of Triples was scored. Mr. A. S. Newman (foreman) had kindly arranged tea at the Restaurant, after which the visitors proceeded to Shinton-under-Wychwood, where they were met by the Vicar (the Rev. E. C. Freeman) and several ringers who gave them a hearty welcome. Another quarter-peal of Triples was attempted, but failed through a shift. Taking car again, Burford was soon reached, and another quarter-peal of Triples scored, this being the last ringing of the day. This was the first quarter-peal for most of the ringers with the bells going the reverse way. Home was reached by 10.45, after a most enjoyable day. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' the visitors desire to convey their best thanks to all who helped to make the day such a success.

DUBLIN COMPLEX MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There appears to be a mistaken idea with regard to the method published on the 8th ult. It is not Dublin Complex, nor does it belong to me. It was first published by the Rev. E. B. James. I am sorry I did not see this sooner, but, being away on holidays, had not noticed it.—Yours faithfully,

G. LINDOFF.

Sir,—I do not wish to appear as a correspondent, but the figures of the Major, Royal and Maximus of Dublin Complex appeared in 'The Bell Ringer' issue for May 1st, 1907, together with a good composition in each instance under G. Lindoff's name. It was published with a 4th's place bob.—Yours,

A. H. WINCH.

LASSITUDE ET LASSITUDISSIMUS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Your 'Belfry Gossip' contains an inquiry re tired ringers. Now, there are varying degrees of tiredness among ringers. Shall we deal with a few of them? First, there is the ringer who is so tired that he wants his peals left at his door with the milk and the morning paper. Just send him along for a course of my special Kruschen Salts, and a peal or two with Uncle. I always put a chair alongside of 'em to keep 'em from falling out of bed when in slow, and I tell 'em not to bother looking at the clock, I will call 'em when it is time to go home, and if they show signs of dozing off too soundly I (just casually, of course) inquire for what time they would like the alarm set to go off!

Then there is the ringer who is so tired that he swears his own local Guild is no use, and suggests forming a new one. Well, sir, just tell them that good ringers make good Guilds; a good Guild is spoilt by men who are too idle to work their Guild up to the top of the tree. Men, real men I mean, make Guilds what they should be; lazy men make some Guilds what they unfortunately are. Lazy men who won't go to meetings; and, if they do go, are too lazy to interest themselves in Guild welfare; are responsible for the election of Ringing Masters, committeemen, etc., who have got no ability to Command or Organise (capitals, please, sir).

Let us not forget that in ringing, as in all else, as soon as Jack is as good as his master, the master must get a move on to keep his mastership. If he doesn't, he must be removed or the canker sets in. Personality, ability to command, born leadership, is the sure and only cure for lazy ringers. If you don't possess these—abdicate in favour of those who do.—Yours very sincerely,

CHANTICLER.

THE BELLS OF BOURN.

Previous to the present restoration at Bourn, Cambridgeshire, the peal was one of six bells, recast at St. Neots by Robert Taylor in 1807, the 5th of the six being recast by John Taylor and Co. in 1882. The whole peal has been hung in a new cast-iron framework on steel supporting girders, with Messrs. Taylor's latest type of fittings. The weight of the tenor is 14½ cwt., note F.

TANFIELD RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, August 9th, the members of the Tanfield Branch of the Durham and Newcastle Association held their annual outing, the venue being Barnard Castle. Leaving the church at 9 a.m., the party wended their way through some beautiful scenery, and the first halt was made at Staindrop, where there is a nice toned peal of six, but the bells are sadly in need of rehanging. Nevertheless the visitors enjoyed their stay. They went on to 'Barney,' where a meeting was being held, and some good ringing was enjoyed at the fine old church. After spending a good day the party left 'Barney' at 9 p.m., and all went well till within 14 miles from home, when the bus got a puncture, so that the destination was not reached until the early hours of the morning, everyone declaring they had never spent a better day.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, Sept. 6th, 1,008 Stedman Triples were rung at Old Basford by A. Marsh 1, H. Lewin 2, J. Hobbs 3, A. Barrett 4, G. R. Widdall 5, S. Pinder 6, G. R. Goodship 7, A. Hooton 8, the occasion being the marriage of Mr. Ralph Cook to Miss K. B. Sunderland, daughter of Mr. A. Sunderland, of Old Basford. A touch of 360 Bob Minor followed, conducted by A. Barrett.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Wednesday, August 21st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): Percy J. Spice 1, W. E. Pitman. Mus. Bac., 2, S. Taylor 3, H. Parker 4, Thos. Jull 5, G. Kenward 6, W. Spice (conductor) 7, H. Lamkin 8. Also 448 of Cambridge Surprise Major, with E. H. Spice in place of H. Lamkin.

SUPERLATIVE ON A NEW PLAN.
By ALBERT J. PITMAN, PORT TALBOT, GLAM.

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A	2745683	—	—	—	—	—
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	3764285	—	—	—	—	—
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	5742386	—	—	—	—	—
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This composition contains 216 7-8's at back stroke, the largest number yet obtained in a peal of this length.

Rung at Loughborough Bell Foundry, August 23rd, 1924, called by Ernest Morris.

A RINGER'S THANKS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have just spent two very pleasant weeks in Liverpool, and as I was prevented from attending the last meeting that was arranged to meet some ringing friends from Manchester, I wish, through this medium, to thank most sincerely Mr. G. R. Newton and all his ringing friends in Liverpool for their great kindness to me in taking so much trouble to arrange for peals and ringing at so many towers in and around the city, as I know from personal experience these things cannot be arranged without a great deal of trouble and personal inconvenience. I appreciate them at their true value, and hope we may all be spared to meet again on some future occasion.

C. TRIBE.

Tenterden, Kent.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEWMARKET.—At All Saints' Church, on Sept. 3rd, 1,260 Bob Major, in 49 mins.: Leon Moon 1, R. Lathbury 2, L. Warner 3, D. Fordham 4, W. H. Paget 5, S. Forwood 6, R. Sharpe 7, P. Pinder (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 3rd and 5th.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Monday, Sept. 1st, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 51 mins.: J. Pole 1, L. H. Whitehead (first quarter-peal inside) 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, K. R. Elliott 4, A. Disney 5, R. Barrow (conductor) 6, H. Reeve 7, A. Bishop 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. G. Ward, a former churchwarden.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Monday, Aug. 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) in 48 mins.: W. Hughes 1, A. Woosnam 2, J. Hughes 3, F. Woosnam 4, T. Ashley 5, D. Hughes 6, W. Woosnam (conductor) 7, F. Winstanley 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Phyllis Youde to Mr. William Allen.

EASTBOURNE.—At Christ Church, on Wednesday August 27th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. D. Smith 1, A. K. Gower 2, E. Gower 3, G. W. Stokes 4, F. W. Chapman (first quarter-peal as conductor, London), 5, W. H. Daynes (London) 6, C. H. Chapman (London) 7, E. W. Savage (first quarter-peal) 8.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, August 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Allwood 1, S. Ward 2, J. W. Golding (London) 3, T. S. Collings 4, F. E. Parnell 5, J. S. Collings (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, F. T. Gover 7, H. J. Hole 8.

BURBAGE.—On Sunday, August 8th, at Christ Church, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. W. Hampson 1, W. Moss 2, Thos. R. Flint (Warsop, Notts) 3, W. Longden 4, S. Kirk (conductor) 5, J. R. Backhouse 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BOURN, CAMBS.—On Sunday, August 31st, at SS. Mary and Helena's Church, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major, for morning service: J. T. Newington 1, E. G. Hibbins 2, A. T. Chenery 3, F. Warrington 4, W. H. J. Hooton 5, C. W. Cook 6, T. R. Dennis 7, A. G. Rivers (conductor) 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 31st, for evensong, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins.: F. A. Burnett (conductor) 1, Mrs. F. A. Burnett 2, C. A. J. Aitken 3, P. Giles 4, W. L. Ayles 5, L. P. Cook 6, H. L. W. Aitken 7, T. Clemens 8. Rung in honour of the home-coming, on holiday, of W. L. Ayles, and the return of C. A. J. Aitken from Bermuda.

DERBY.—On Sunday evening, August 31st, at the Church of St. Alkmund, 1,400 Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: E. H. Clarke 1, E. Summerside 2, H. Waterfield 3, W. Slater, junr., 4, W. Slater, senr., 5, G. Freebrey (conductor) 6, E. Plant 7, W. Oritcheley 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—For evening service, on Sunday, August 24th, at St. Iltyd's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 minutes (1,260 changes): T. Petty (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Evans 2, B. J. Toby 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. C. Jones 6, D. R. James 7, H. Wright (first quarter-peal) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, at St. Edmund's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 48 mins.: W. Gammage 1, H. Marlow 2, I. Bennett 3, J. Metherall 4, J. Mackay 5, J. W. Sharp 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, A. Monk 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: H. E. Hammond 1, G. Lindridge 2, C. H. Howard 3, W. G. Melbourne 4, Geo. Wiffen 5, G. F. Williams 6, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

BARTON-IN-FABIS, NOTTS.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, 720 College Single: E. Brogdale 1, A. Chamberlain 2, F. Priestley 3, W. Brown 4, F. J. Tite (conductor) 5, G. Layte 6.

COLLINGTON, NORTANTS.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: A. Turner 1, W. Faulkner 2, F. Newman 3, C. Yates 4, J. Townsend (conductor) 5.

SPRINGFIELD ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 17th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. H. Myhill 1, E. P. Buckingham 2, W. Hawks 3, E. Runter 4, E. Kemp (conductor) 5, I. J. Poulton (conductor) 6. Also 360 of Oxford, with W. Pratt taking part. Also on Thursday, August 14th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. H. Myhill 1, E. Kemp 2, J. Clarke 3, E. Runter 4, I. J. Poulton 5, E. P. Buckingham (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th; and first on the bells.

THORNHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, August 24th, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. Cattermole 1, W. E. Garrard 2, A. J. Berry 3, G. Kemp 4, B. F. Poppy 5, G. Cattermole (conductor) 6. Rung to oblige W. E. Garrard, of London.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church of All Saints, on Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: John Cotterill 1, A. Mills (composer and conductor) 2, T. Taylor 3, F. Bendall 4, W. Peart 5, W. Reynolds 6, E. Pagett 7, S. Leach 8.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Spice 1, H. Parker 2, S. Taylor 3, E. J. Bobbie 4, Thos. Jull 5, J. W. Unwin 6, Percy J. Spice (conductor) 7, W. Spice 8. This was rung after ringing 1 hour and 15 minutes for peal of Cambridge Surprise Major by the same band.

EAST HAGBOURNE.—On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Butler (conductor) 1, W. V. Webb 2, W. J. Napper 3, F. H. J. Snook 4, A. T. Lovejoy 5, T. East, senr., 6, T. East, junr., 7, W. A. Goodenough 8. Arranged for the ringers of the 4th and 5th, who had cycled from Reading.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday, July 20th, 480 Bristol Surprise, conducted by Keith Salter.—On Sunday, August 3rd, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Woodberry 1, N. Davies 2, G. Davies 3, K. Salter (conductor) 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Smith 6, E. J. Brooks 7, J. Bennett, Also 603 London Surprise: G. H. Woodberry (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, August 10th, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. E. Olliver (Bridgnorth) 1, G. Davies 2, N. Davies 3, K. Salter 4, J. Woodberry 5, J. Davies 6, E. J. Brooks (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8. Also 576 Bristol Surprise: C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 8.—On Sunday, August 17th, 420 Oxford Bob Triples.

EXMINSTER, DEVON.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung on Sunday, July 13th, for divine service: F. J. Davey (cond.) 1, J. Oke 2, F. Gardner 3, P. Taylor (Loughborough) 4, W. Lethbridge 5, S. Milton 6. First quarter on the bells.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—For divine service, on Sunday, July 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. Townsend 1, T. Laver 2, P. Taylor (Loughborough) 3, W. Lethbridge 4, F. J. Davey (conductor) 5, Mr. Green (Wellingham, Kent), 6, A. Mitchell 7, W. Bedford 8.

OLD BASFORD, NOTTS.—On Sunday morning, July 20th, at the Church of St. Leodegarius, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: Miss F. Hooton 1, A. Marsh 2, Fred Barks 3, F. M. Mitchell 4, H. Lewin 5, S. Pinder 6, G. R. Goodship (conductor), 7, W. Kinton 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 6th and 8th, and first as conductor by G. R. Goodship. F. M. Mitchell hails from Gravesend, Kent.

NOTICES.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Branch meeting at Aldford on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tower open 3 p.m.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea provided for those only who notify me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th.—A. Tomkins, Dist. Sec., Bredenbury, Bromyard.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Batley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. A set of medals, kindly given by the Batley company, will be presented with the Cup. Tenor is 10 cwt., not 16 cwt., as previously mentioned. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each to all who send word not later than Sept. 22nd, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—R. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Arlsey on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. All ringers welcome. — C. J. Ball, 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The quarterly meeting will be at Hinckley, on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available at 2 o'clock. The Committee will meet in the School at 3.45. There will be a service in church at 4.15. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock, followed by general meeting.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The September general meeting of the Yorkshire Association, will be held at Heptonstall on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (8), tenor 18 cwt., available throughout the day. A short service will be held in the Parish Church at 4 p.m.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—Will hold their annual meeting at Bromsgrove on Saturday, September 13th. Bells available all the afternoon. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Business meeting after tea, election of officers. Subscriptions due. Gentlemen invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bishop's Lydeard on Saturday, September 13th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting after.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Ashton Parish Church on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (12) from 3 o'clock. Meeting, 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Hawarden on Saturday, September 13th. Service at 2.30 p.m. Meeting after service. All ringers invited. Those intending to be present, please notify me as early as possible.—C. H. Jones, Hon. Sec., 33, Liverpool Road, Buckley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Samlesbury on Saturday, September 13th. Bells (8) ready at 3 p.m. Important business. Tea, at 1s. 6d. per head.—W. Taylor, Branch Sec., Tower House, Penwortham.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Kington Magna on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Service at 4.45 p.m. Preacher: Rev. C. D. P. Davies, past secretary of the Central Council. Tea in the School Room at 5.45 (members free, visitors 6d.). Business meeting to follow. Will all who wish to have tea inform Rev. F. Ll. Edwards in good time? Bells available: Kington Magna from 2 p.m., Buckhorn Weston after 7 p.m. All ringers will be welcome.—R. E. P. Gorringer, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Masham on Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (8, tenor 16 cwt.) available for ringing all day. Tea will be provided at Peacock and Verity's Cafe (members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d.) at 4.30 p.m. Trains for Masham leave Melmerby Station 9.23 a.m. and 12.20 noon.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Sec., 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS. — N.E. Branch.—Annual meeting at Halberton, Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bells (6) available 2.30 p.m. Committee meeting 4 p.m. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea, 1s., 5.15 p.m.—Rev. Fitzwilliam Carter, Hon. Sec., Witthleigh Vicarage, Tiverton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Ringing for practice will be held at St. Magnus' on Sept. 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 16th; *St. Mary-le-Bow on the 23rd; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 25th. All at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER. — The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, September 20th. The Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.) will take the chair at 5.45 p.m. prompt. Applications for tickets, for which a charge of 5s. 6d. each will be made, must reach Mr. G. Horner, 16, Clifton Green, York, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th. The peal of 12 at the Minster will be available from 2 to 4 p.m., while the peals of 6 at Bishophill and Clifton will be at the disposal of visitors throughout the day. Arrangements have been made for visitors, who intend staying overnight, to have accommodation at the rates of from 5s. 6d. to 7s. 6d. for bed and breakfast. Requests for such accommodation to be sent with order for dinner tickets.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The Bolton Borough Police have again put their Bowling Green and Athletic Ground at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, September 20th. Please let me have names (wives and friends included) by September 17th.—Peter Crook, Secretary, 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD. — The quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service in Church, with address 4.45. Tea at 5.30. Please send word by the 16th inst.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul Church, Mitcham, on September 20th. Tower open 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.; business after. All will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30, 1s. each, to those who advise me by the 17th at latest. Harrow Weald bells open after tea. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Sept. 20th. Tea, 4.30, in the Reading Room (rs. for all sending names by Sept. 15th to Mr. Hubert J. Day, Eye, Suffolk), followed by meeting. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch. — A combined practice will be held at Sonning, on Saturday, September 20th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Sept. 16th?—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Brading, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Those requiring tea must communicate with me not later than the 17th. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—W. Upton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Christow on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. The following towers will be open: Christow, Bridford, Trusham, Ashton, Dunsford and Ide. Convenient train service. Full programme next week.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division. — Quarterly meeting will be held at Romford (Hornchurch not available) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, at rs. each, to members and friends who notify me by the 16th inst. Will the secretaries of towers kindly collect outstanding subscriptions for the current year and forward to me as early as possible?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify me early for tea.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea 5.30. Meeting 6. Tea 1s. 3d. per head. Members who intend to be present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3 —A meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, Sept.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —A meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea at 4.15 p.m., meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. — Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kemerton (by invitation of the Rev. J. A. B. Mercer) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30. Will all those wishing to attend please notify me not later than the 16th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea at 5.15, at 1s. 3d., to those who notify Mr. H. Wragg, Lower Market Street, Clay Cross, by Thursday, 18th.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION. — The September meeting of the association will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. — A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next meeting will be held at Mathern, near Chepstow, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District. —A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Sept. 20th. Bells: Godmanchester (8), Huntingdon, St. Mary (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. All who wish for tea please notify the secretary by Sept. 15th.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 16th.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch will be held at Henbury on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock. Please notify me by Sept. 15th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Brigstock on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Kindly advise me by Tuesday, Sept. 16th, those requiring tea. — J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division. —A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 5.15 p.m., 1s. 3d. each. All intending to be present please notify me by Tuesday, the 16th inst., as only a limited number can be catered for. National bus leaves Colchester at 2.10 p.m. Book Great Totham Post Office, returning at 8.15.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Monks Kirby on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m. The Vicar will provide tea for those who send me word not later than Sept. 17th.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District. — The next meeting of the above will be held at Sawley on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 till 8 p.m. Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. R. Hickton, 40, Charnwood Avenue, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 17th? The secretary would also be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District. — A meeting will be held at Limpsfield on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcome. — H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Wylam on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea at the Bird Inn at 5 o'clock (1s. to members and 1s. 6d. to non-members) to those who notify me by Tuesday, Sept. 16th.—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be arranged for all who let me know by the 18th. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew, Whitworth, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Annual branch party at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tickets—2s. gentlemen, 1s. 9d. ladies—obtainable from the local secretaries.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Visit to Chertsey on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Trains from Waterloo at 1.54, 2.15 and 3.15, fare 2s. 10d. return. Tea about 5 p.m. Good attendance requested. Meeting at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Sept. 29th, at 7 p.m., instead of 7.30, owing to committee meeting. — A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 24th?—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District. — The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Visitors requiring tea should notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th, so that adequate arrangements can be made.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Whalley (new peal of 8) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., will be provided for all who send in their names to O. Exton, West View, Billington, near Whalley, not later than the 24th. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Room (9d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Oldham on Oct. 4th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

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It is, however, not merely with beginners, that the present offers the brightest opportunities. There are bands who will be starting afresh, after the summer's suspension, and others who, by putting their hearts into it anew, could make substantial progress before the winter ends. In these respects there is great scope for our ringing associations to give help, if only they would really set about the task. It is true that many ringers lack enterprise, and it is often said that these deserve to get on only so far as they help themselves. But we do not look at it quite in this light. There are, of course, some who are not only helpless, but hopeless; and it is of no use to waste time in endeavouring to rouse in them enthusiasm for ringing. There are, however, many others who, with the least encouragement, would well repay any effort made to help them, and we should like to see far more extensive efforts made to assist struggling bands.

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ments of ringing? The practice is really absurd when you come to think of it. What our associations ought to do is to formulate much more extensive schemes of instruction than any of them at present put into operation, and they might also do a great deal more in the way of organising regular interchange of visits between the ringers of neighbouring towers, which should take place not once or twice in a year, but more or less every week. If such a scheme should be asking too much of the district secretaries there ought to be little difficulty in putting this special work in the hands of a capable man in each centre, and the more centres there are, within limits, the better. Much progress might be made by this means, which would not only benefit the ringers, but react to the advantage of the association.

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ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	HARRY PARKES ... 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5	† HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 11
* JOHN W. JONES ... 6	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX.

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Maximus. † 50th peal during 1924.

TEN BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE
ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ABBOTS, KENSINGTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM E. JUDD ... Treble	R. CONGREVE-PRIDGEON ... 6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 2	PERCY H. SMITH ... 7
HARRY DYAS ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 8
GEORGE W. FRAYNE ... 4	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 9
ALBERT V. SELBY ... 5	HENRY G. MILES ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by H. G. MILES.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

* EDWARD H. SPICE ... Treble	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... 5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... 2	* THOMAS JULL ... 6
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR ... 3	HARRY PARKES ... 7
WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 4	WILLIAM SPICE ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal of Stedman.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS NORAH M. BIBBY Treble	GEORGE H. RANGLES 5
HENRY C. COLLYER 2	JOHN E. BIBBY 6
WILLIAM BIBBY 3	FRANCIS BIBBY 7
EDWARD JENKINS 4	CECIL RADDON Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE (No. 3). Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung in honour of the silver weddings of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bibby and Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Collyer.

CLIFTON, BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, September 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1.	Tenor 13 cwt. in G.
*MRS. W. H. THOMAS Treble	GEORGE C. PRICE 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM H. THOMAS 6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 3	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
CHARLES H. GORDON 4	JAMES R. JONES Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE M. KILBY Treble	CECIL V. EBBERSON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
JEFFERY R. GAMMON 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
EDWARD LANKESTER 4	PERCIVAL W. NORTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 19½ cwt.

HERBERT E. AUDSLEY Treble	ISAAC EMERY 5
PERCY J. SPICE 2	WALTER SMITH 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
GEORGE DERLING 4	EDMUND MOUNTER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung to commemorate the 21st anniversary of Bromley's Charter of Incorporation.

COLERNE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE Treble	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 5
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
RONALD BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 4	JOEL WEEKS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

* First peal.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, an attempt for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples failed, after ringing 600 changes.—On Tuesday evening, August 26th, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: T. Perry 1, P. Bill 2, J. W. Perry 3, F. Blewitt 4, J. Perry (conductor) 5—6. A. G. Hunt 7—8. Rung to celebrate the 53rd anniversary of the wedding of the Rev. Prebendary Dunkley and Mrs. Dunkley.

STANSTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS J. WATTS Treble	ALFRED E. PITSTOW 5
LEONARD E. PITSTOW 2	WILLIAM T. PRIOR 6
THOMAS JORDAN 3	FREDERICK DENCH 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by FREDERICK DENCH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Brothers Prior.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HORACE F. STUBBS Treble	PRYCE TAYLOR 5
JOHN SADDINGTON 2	FRANK J. DAVEY 6
WILLIAM PERVIN 3	EDWARD READER 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT 4	WILLIAM THORLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

The peal was arranged for Mr. F. Davey, of Exeter, who was on a visit to Loughborough.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

†JOSEPH CHESTER Treble	*FRANK WALLINGTON 5
MISS CECIL HEPBURN 2	†WALTER WALLINGTON 6
WALTER T. WILSON 3	HARRY BAXTER 7
†FREDK. WALLINGTON 4	C. ARTHUR MANNING Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON. Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

Miss Hepburn is the first lady to ring a peal on these bells. * First peal. † First peal of Major. Ringers of the 2nd and 3rd are from Isham, 7th from Broughton, the rest belong to the local company.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lb.

†STANLEY C. MOYE Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE A. CARD 6
*MRS. R. F. DEAL 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER

† First peal of Major. * First peal in the method.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S.

Tenor 20½ cwt.

MRS. R. J. WILKINS Treble	C.-Q.-M.-S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 5
GEORGE UPSHALL 2	THOMAS UPSHALL 6
MISS H. F. MILLS 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
GEORGE W. STEERE 4	RICHARD HASTED Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Le Clercq. The band wish to place on record their appreciation of the 'go' of the bells, a credit to the steeplekeeper.

SHIFNAL, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BRIDGNORTH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 19½ cwt. in E flat.	
WILLIAM SAUNDERS Treble	JACK GARRETT 5	WALTER LAGO 6	WILLIAM D. WASE 7
ROBERT EVANS 2			JAMES L. HAYWARD Tenor
JOSEPH HANLEY 3			
LEONARD HEWITT 4			

Conducted by W. D. WASE.

The ringers are a section of Coalbrookdale local band, and are also all members of the Salop Guild. They would like to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. William Page, local captain, for making excellent arrangements, and meeting them at the tower, etc. First peal of Stedman as conductor.

BISHOP'S CANNINGS, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt. in E.	
*WILLIAM CHAPMAN Treble	SIDNEY HILLIER 5	HORACE TAYLOR 6	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. 7
JESSE FRANCIS 2			BENJAMIN COOK Tenor
†WILLIAM WEST 3			
LOUIS A. WILSON 4			

Conducted by WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. W. T. Beeson, of Walton-on-Thames.

WARE, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 22 cwt.	
JOHN T. KENTISH Treble	JOSEPH LADLEY 5	ALBERT R. LAWRENCE 6	BARNARD PATMORE 7
GEORGE H. BARKER 2			P. S. ALBERT LAWRENCE Tenor
REGINALD DORE 3			
WALTER GREENAWAY 4			

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

First peal by Mr. W. Greenaway, aged 58 years. Also first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

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

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
WILLIAM GIBBS Treble	ALFRED HACKETT 5	SAMUEL GROVE 6	*CHARLES E. PERKINS 7
JOHN BASS 2			*JOHN LLOYD Tenor
ROBERT MATTHEWS 3			
JOSEPH DAVIES 4			

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 22 cwt.	
*JOHN WALFORD Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5	ROBERT PICKERING 6	JOHN PERRY 7
HERBERT KNIGHT 2			ERIC SPEAKE Tenor
ED. F. MITCHELL 3			
†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4			

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal of Triples. † 150th peal. Rung on the occasion of the Dedication Festival.

COLN ST. ALDWYN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, September 1st, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.	
WILFRED G. COOK Treble	H. CHARLES BOND 5
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 2	JOHN HOPE 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	EX-SERG. J. WILLIAMS 7
WILFRED H. HAYWARD 4	M. WILLIAM MINCHIN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM C. CUSS.

Arranged for Ex-Sergt. J. Williams, of Newent, and rung on the occasion of Coln Feast.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SANDY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and Three of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr.	
MISS CATHERINE FIELDS ... Treble	JOHN T. NEWINGTON 4
WILFRED C. IBBETT 2	CHARLES J. BALL 5
FRANK WARRINGTON 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

The ringer of the 3rd hails from Long Stanton, and of the tenor from Barley, Herts. They were elected members before starting.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, called differently. Tenor 6½ cwt.	
*JABEZ PREECE Treble	WILLIAM EVANS 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	JAMES HYETT 5
ALFRED TOMKINS 3	ALFRED TALBOT Tenor

Conducted by A. TALBOT.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to A. Talbot, who is leaving the district, he having been hon. secretary of the Presteigne-Leominster branch of the Guild since its formation.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 changes each of College Single Reverse and Oxford Single, and 2,160 of Bob Minor.

*FREDERICK COTTERILL ... Treble	ERNEST BOSTOCK 4
GEORGE VERNON 2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT 5
*FREDERICK HINDS 3	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by J. H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal in three methods. First in three methods as conductor. Rung in honour of the anniversary of the conductor's wedding day.

ESHER, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two 120's with ten different callings. Tenor 7½ cwt.	
WILLIAM A. TILLEY Treble	GEORGE HIGGS 4
GEORGE F. ADLEY 2	FRANK E. HAWTHORNE 5
WILKINS MASSEY 3	JOHN HOWES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

First peal on the bells.

CAMBRIDGE.—On Sept. 11th, at the Church of Our Lady and English Martyrs, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor was rung on the back six (tenor 32 cwt.): A. T. Chenery 1, Y. Green 2, W. C. Ibbett (first in the method) 3, A. E. Austin 4, T. R. Dennis 5, E. G. Hibbins (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH & CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK C. LAMBERT Treble	*WILLIAM BARBER 4
FREDK. PECK 2	WALTER KERRISON 5
THOMAS CRANE 3	HERBERT G. PRATT Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Arranged for H. G. Pratt, London. * Proposed a member before starting for the peal.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT HOWARD Treble	WALTER MANSFELD 4
WALTER F. SERMONS 2	ROBERT HOWARD 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	*HAROLD J. HAZELL Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. HAZELL.

* First peal as conductor, and elected a member of the association in the tower. The conductor hails from Cambridge, the rest are local ringers.

STISTED, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE Treble	HENRY F. COOPER 4
GEORGE WIFFEN 2	*EDWIN WIFFEN 5
*LEWIS W. WIFFEN 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung for evening service, with half-muffled clappers, as a token of respect to the late Rev. C. B. Lee Winter, Vicar of Bradwell-by-Braintree.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in One Hour and Forty-Nine Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven 720's called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONDS 1-2	WALTER JARVIS 4
REGINALD DENT 3	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5-6

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS. Witness: ALICK JARVIS.

9 CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD PEALS.

LONG STANTON.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five and a Half Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

J. H. R. FREEBORN (CLARE) Treble
THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (TRINITY) 2
E. M. ATKINS (ST. CATH.) 3
E. G. BENSON (ST. CATH.) 4
THE REV. R. H. WHITFORD (PEMBROKE) 5
THE REV. H. G. BENSON (KING'S) 6
W. J. H. HOOTON (QUEEN'S) 7
THE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE (PEMBROKE) Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 3, 1924, in Two Hours and Sixteen and a Half Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHREY (TRINITY) 1-2
THE REV. H. G. BENSON (KING'S) 3-4
W. J. H. HOOTON (QUEEN'S) 5-6
THE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE (PEMBROKE) 7-8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, September 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE UNIVERSITY CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

THE REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) Treble
W. J. H. HOOTON (QUEEN'S) 2
*THE REV. H. G. BENSON (KING'S) 3
†J. BUTLER (FITZW. HALL) 4
*E. G. BENSON (ST. CATH.) 5
†THE REV. R. H. WHITFORD (PEMBROKE) 6
E. M. ATKINS (ST. CATH.) 7
THE REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE (PEMBROKE) 8
J. H. R. FREEBORN (CLARE) 9
THE REV. C. W. O. JENKYN (TRINITY) Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal on ten bells in the tower. † First peal of Royal on tower bells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

IN TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 20 in F.

*THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHREY (TRINITY) 1-2
†E. M. ATKINS (ST. CATH.) 3-4
W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEEN'S) 5-6
*THE REV. H. G. BENSON (KING'S) 7-8

Composed and Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

First peal in the method 'in hand' by the Guild. * First peal in the method. † First peal in the method 'in hand.'

SURFLEET.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5248 CHANGES,

Tenor, size 17 in A.

THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHREY (TRINITY) 1-2
THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES (CAIUS) 3-4
W. H. J. HOOTON (QUEEN'S) 5-6
THE REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) 7-8

Composed by THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

This composition contains the 60 course ends without singles.

SURFLEET.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHREY (TRINITY) 1-2
THE REV. E. BANKES JAMES (CAIUS) 3-4
W. J. H. HOOTON (QUEEN'S) 5-6
THE REV. H. LAW JAMES (CAIUS) 7-8

Composed by THE REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

The 60 course ends without singles.

ST. PETER MANCROFT BELL FRAME.**OLD TIMBERS DECAYED.**

St. Peter Mancroft Parish Magazine for August contains the following with regard to the bell frame at this famous Norwich Church. The bells, as our readers know, are already in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co. for rehangings.

'For some time past it has been known that the condition of the bell frame and bell fittings was far from satisfactory, and several of the larger bells had been going almost too badly to be rung. From time to time small fragments of decayed wood have fallen in the ringing room. The bell frame was showing considerable movement when the bells were being rung, and it was thought that this movement was attributable in part to the condition of the frame itself, and in part to the failure of the main beams which carried the frame.

'On removing the bells it was found that the joints of the bell frame were loose, and, what was worse, that some of the timbers were in too bad a state to allow of their further service.

'The bell frame was accordingly taken to pieces and the under beams, which supported it, were examined. It was found that there were three sets of beams. The upper ones, presumably of 1775, were fairly sound, but the second set of much older beams was in very bad order, and some beams badly rotted. These beams had at some time (probably because the ends had decayed) been wedged up from the bottom set of beams—those which are visible from the church. The result of this was that nearly all the weight of the bells came ultimately on to the lower set of ceiling beams, and of these it was found that several were in very poor condition and the ends much decayed.

'The lower beams, forming the ceiling visible from the church, will not be removed. They will be repaired and made perfectly safe. The bells in future will be carried on new beams of steel, and quite independent of the old oak beams, which will henceforward be relieved of any duty except that of carrying themselves and the wood flooring laid on them.

'The work will need considerable time, but when it is done we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that everything in the tower is sound and in good order, and that the strain of the bells is more evenly distributed on the tower walls, which will henceforward be much less likely to be injured by the ringing of our heavy peal of bells.'

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—I have no fault to find with Mr. Trollope's letter in your last issue, his explanation of the construction of Double Dublin Court Bob Major is quite correct, but the letter serves to remind me that my challenge to himself and the Rev. E. S. Powell has never been replied to by either gentleman.

I have stated before, and I repeat the statement, that the construction of every method, principles and system, can be proved, and I shall be much obliged to either of the above gentlemen if they will prove the construction of the two following methods by their particular formula.

The first half lead is London Surprise Major, the second half lead is a variation of London Surprise Major obtained by shifting two places only indicated thus —

12345678	12345678
21354768	21354768
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52731486	52381476
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In London Surprise we all know the lead head is 14263857. In the variation here given the lead head is 15738264.

Will either gentleman explain how it happens that with exactly the same number of interior places, and an equal number of bells shifted in each method, the lead head in one is 14263857 produced by six or more constructional shunts, and in the other is 15738264 produced by two or more constructional shunts?

I shall await with interest for their reply.—Yours faithfully,
GEORGE BAKER.

SNOWDON COMMEMORATION PEAL.**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—When the 'Snowdon Dinner' was held at Leeds there was some sort of understanding that there ought to be a peal at-tempt by men who had, at some time, taken part in a peal in company with Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon. For a while the proposal appeared to be maturing, as if everything was arranged except the date —

Though we are none of us two years younger, I think such a band could be got together. I need not say that, beside being an interesting peal, it would be a well-deserved tribute to the memory of a very charming man. Now, just let's see what can be done!—Yours truly,
J. McKELL.

OATLANDS TOWER AND WINCHESTER GUILD**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. W. Shepherd's letter in your last issue, I should like to say that Oatlands Park tower was represented at the Yorktown district meeting, held at Yateley, by a young and enthusiastic member of the Guild, who is also a member of the St. Mary's Guild, Oatlands Park. His presence at our meeting represented the tower. If at any time any members of the St. Mary's Guild wish to join in our meetings, and wish to belong to the Winchester Diocesan Guild (Yorktown district), with the view of progressing in the art of change ringing, let them do so, and no obstacle should be put in their way.

I am very glad to state that the ringing in the district is improving, especially among the younger members.—Yours faithfully,

J. B. HESSEY,

Hon. Dis. Sec.

OVER 50 YEARS A RINGER.

The death occurred, on Friday, Sept. 5th, at his residence, Town End, Ormskirk, Lancashire, of Mr. James Sholicar, a veteran ringer of the Parish Church. Mr. Sholicar commenced his ringing career in 1873, and was for many years prominent as an exponent of Grand-sire ringing in South-West Lancashire, both as a composer and conductor.

The funeral took place on Monday, Sept. 8th, at Ormskirk Parish Church. In addition to the family mourners, there were amongst those present Messrs. W. Gibbons, J. Marsh and W. Rimmer, from Christ Church, Anghton; Mr. Edward Caunce, Liverpool; and Messrs. James Pilkington, Alfred Halton, and James R. Park, of the local company. Amongst the many beautiful floral tributes was one from the Ormskirk ringers, and one from his employers and fellow-workmen. During the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the deceased) was rung with the bells half-muffled as a last tribute of respect to his memory by the following: John Pilkington 1, Ernest Fyles 2, James Pilkington 3, William Pilkington 4, John Gardner 5, James R. Park (conductor) 6, Alfred Halton 7, William Draper 8.

CARDIFF RINGERS' EXCURSION.

The ringers of St. John's Church, Cardiff, held their annual outing on Saturday, August 23rd, when they were accompanied by some of their wives, and by ringing friends from Llandaff, Penarth and Pentre. The party of twenty set out by charabanc via Newport, Usk and Raglan to Monmouth, where it was hoped to have had a pull on the bells, but owing to the steeple being under repair ringing is suspended for the time being. After a short stay the journey was continued to Ross, Herefordshire, where, on arrival, they were met by Mr. John Clark. After dinner, at the Carlton Cafe, a move was made to the tower, and an hour's ringing of Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire on this beautiful peal of eight was much enjoyed. An hour was also spent in sight-seeing. The journey was then continued to Ruardean, Glos, Mr. Clark accompanying the party, who were met on arrival by several of the local ringers. The bells, a fine ring of eight, were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire, several touches being brought round. A move to Chepstow was next made, and shortly after leaving Ruardean, Mr. Clark took leave of the party to return to Ross. The drive was continued through the heart of the Forest of Dean, via Parkend, Whitecroft and Lydney, to Chepstow, by which time everyone was ready for tea, after which a visit was made to the tower. The visitors were welcomed by the curate and some of the local ringers, and the bells were soon going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples. The party arrived back at Cardiff at 10.45 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves, the drive, views, ringing and catering, each contributing to make the outing a great success. The party wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of the towers visited for permission to ring; the steeplekeepers for having everything ready, and the excellent 'go' of the bells; and Mr. Clark, Ross, who kindly arranged for the ringing at Ross and Ruardean.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Sept. 19th, 1775, a peal was rung on the new peal of ten bells at Grantham. This was a 5,130 Grandsire Caters, and occupied 3 hours 40 minutes. It took thirteen men to ring the peal, ten being from Nottingham and three from Newark. There were two men on the 9th, and three on the tenor, and the peal was called by W. D. Crofts.

Matt. Wood, of Bethnal Green was born on Sept. 22nd, 1826.

The first peal of Double Norwich Caters was rung at St. Stephen's, Bristol, on Sept. 22nd, 1894.

What is believed to have been the first 'peal' of Stedman Doubles was rung at Chesterton on Sept. 25th, 1873.

The bells at Braughing, Herts, were opened with a peal of Triples on Sept. 25th, 1745.

The many friends of Mr. C. D. Heginbotham (chairman of the Devises branch of the Salisbury Guild) will be pleased to know that his second operation for peritonitis was most successful. Mr. Heginbotham is now making excellent progress.

The peal at Clifton, Bristol, was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the son of the conductor of the Clifton Society (Mr. R. Clark), who died on September 3rd, and was buried on the 8th. Before his illness, Gilbert, who was 12 years of age, often came to the tower with his father on the practice night.

A correspondent suggests that a Jasper Snowden commemorative peal, by a band who had rung a peal with that great pioneer of change ringing, might be arranged, in connection with the annual dinner.

The proposal was first made two years ago at Leeds but has not yet matured. It is too late, probably, to do anything in this direction in connection with to-morrow's gathering at York, but—well, perhaps next year.

THE 12-BELL WEEK.

Peal ringing weeks are becoming more and more a feature of the summer months, but that which begins next Monday at Leicester is quite a fresh departure, inasmuch as the tour is confined to twelve-bell peals. Birmingham is to be the centre, but it is somewhat of a far cry from Leicester to Cirencester, where the 'week' terminates. The following is the programme:—

Monday, Sept. 22nd: Leicester, 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 23rd: Birmingham, 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 24th: West Bromwich, 3 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 25th: Wolverhampton, 1 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 26th: Painswick, 12 noon.

Saturday, Sept. 27th: Cirencester, 10.30 a.m.

A social evening has been arranged to take place at St. Martin's Hotel, Birmingham, on Thursday, Sept. 25th.

ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

The annual outing of the above Society took place on Saturday last. A party of twenty ringers left by motor coach at 6 a.m. for Thetford. After breakfast several touches were rung on the eight bells at SS. Peter and Andrew's Church. The next call was SS. Andrew and Patrick's, Elvedon, where Lord Iveagh has built a grand tower, with eight highly tuned bells, a short distance from the church. After looking round the well-kept park, etc., the company were en route for Mildenhall, along a road, straight as far as the eye could see, passing a splendid war memorial over 100ft. high. Upon arriving, shifts were formed so that ringing, light refreshments and lunch could be in operation simultaneously. Mine host from the Black Horse, Dry Drayton, now joined the party, and continued till the bitter end(ed). The eight bells at St. Andrew's, Mildenhall, are from several foundries, the tenor being about 17 cwt. The ten bells at St. John the Baptist, Soham, Cambs, were the next objective, and Stedman Caters, Double Norwich Royal, were rung. A tablet here records 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob on November 20th, 1899, by three brothers Tebbit and their sons.

One of the visitors wished to photograph the party, and thought it advisable to do so before dinner to ensure getting them in the camera. After a substantial meal, the next call was made at Newmarket (no tips heard), part of the company ringing on the eight at All Saints, whilst others rang on the six at St. Mary's (tenor 21 cwt.). The latter are a grand peal, and deserve two good trebles to complete the octave.

On the return journey a halt was made at Stowmarket to renew old acquaintances and for handbell ringing, Ipswich being reached at 11 p.m., after a most successful and enjoyable outing. The methods rung were: London and Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Stedman, Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Grandsire, also Double Court Minor.

The society wish to thank the incumbents and steeplekeepers for their co-operation.

THE TOURING SEASON.

BY CRITICUS.

The season of ringing tours is upon us; indeed, this year it seems to have been upon us for quite a long time. I never remember having read of so many organised 'weeks' as there have been this long-drawn-out autumn—or should I have said spring? Summer is certainly not the term to apply, for that is a season of the year no longer vouchsafed to the people of these islands. At least, it comes and goes in a mere flash. Last year, the weather experts tell us, it happened on a Wednesday afternoon, about 4.30; this year we are still waiting for it, and the Press photographers are kept constantly on duty in readiness to snap it when it passes. Certainly those who have been out on ringing 'weeks' have not been on summer tours, but there you have one of the advantages of ringing. You are not dependent on the weather. If the weather is bad it may be unpleasant to get from one tower to another; but, once in a belfry, rain or shine makes no difference to the ringing. There is no need for delays or abandonments because the pitch is waterlogged or frost bound, no postponement for fog or snow. Once at the tower there is nothing to prevent the ringers getting down to the job; and that is where ringing scores over nearly every other pastime. And the public—what of them? They do not have to pay any charge for admission or take out any license to 'listen in'; they get it free, gratis, absolutely for nothing—whether they like it or not.

Of course, we pride ourselves that our art is a purely English one; and as a consequence the public really love it. There are some few individuals who may say they don't, but then they are usually the type of people who are anti-everything. But, on the whole, English people are fond of their bells, especially those who are fortunate enough to live close to the towers, where all the beauties—and other things—of the ringing permeate the air and float around them by the hour, without let or hindrance. Why, therefore, should we ringers concern ourselves about the noisy cacklings of a vocal minority? So let us go merrily on; and broadcast our music from the turrets.

I am afraid, however, I have rambled somewhat from the subject which I intended to write about, namely, ringing tours. Now, there are tours and tours. There is the tour that begins at 2 o'clock, and, taking in two towers, a tea, in which 'the course ends come up in perfect order,' and two (or more) stops to cool and oil the engine, ends about 10 p.m. There is the tour which begins about the time that the milkman calls in the morning, with additional towers, meals and oiling points, and concludes about midnight. There is the tour which extends over the week-end, and includes a peal or two, according to luck, and there is the grand tour, which, under present custom, extends to a week—a week, by the way, that usually includes two Saturdays and as many Sundays. Shortly we shall probably find these super-tours lengthening out to a fortnight, or maybe, a month. Such a departure would not be altogether surprising, because there are some ringers who seem to be able to 'manage' more than one week for this form of holiday. There's I.G.S., for instance. I am not quite sure how many times this year he has run away from Greenwich to gather more laurels for his wreath which now comprises leaves enough to make an imposing bush, let alone a crown for his brow. It's nearly fourteen hundred now, isn't it? You go so fast that I seem to have lost count. Then there is the historian of the Exercise, to whom time seems of little moment when ringing tours are to be had, and one or two others, including the Company Sergt.-Major, R.M., who seem able to fit themselves into any old arrangement which will shape itself into a ringing expedition.

Usually we find that these peal ringing excursions, though covering a lot of towers, are confined to a comparatively small area—perhaps half a county, but one is now about to take place, if it is not already in progress when these notes appear, in which nearly half the country is to be covered. The 'twelve bell week' is a big order, for you cannot find enough twelve bell rings in any one centre to give you a full week's ringing—unless you go to London, where there are certain obstacles in the way of any one society 'getting in.' No, this twelve-bell week must almost of necessity be spread over a wider field, and it departs considerably from the conditions under which most tours are carried out. Perhaps it is the precursor of 'tours de luxe,' arranged by Thomas Cook. Will the time come when we shall see an advertisement in 'The Ringing World' something on these lines: 'Grand Ringing Tours, by luxuriously equipped motor coaches; first-class hotels; all the best bells; peals personally conducted and guaranteed. Inclusive fees, including tips and steeples—' What a fine opportunity this would present! If Cook's cannot take it on, someone else might. Think it over, Mr. Fussell. There is plenty of time to get going by next year.

Mention of that great little man of Greenwich, who not long since gave up work to go in for ringing, leads me to say that to me he has always been somewhat of a marvel. He hasn't altered a lot since I first met him, something like thirty years ago. His hair may be a little thinner, as it is a little whiter, but his energy is as great as ever. He is not a 'hefty' chap, but he must be all wire. I don't

know if anyone knows quite how old he is—he may be a hundred for all I can tell you—and I don't suppose even he could say exactly how many peals he has rung—without consulting his secretary. I believe this official has had to work overtime this year in his endeavour to keep the record going, and even he may not be quite up to the minute. There isn't a lot of limelight about the doings of this little man either—the ringer, I refer to, not the secretary. In fact, all his actions are carried on in the Shade, and if his name appears a good deal in print it is because a peal record would not be complete with only seven names. With him, the peal's the thing, and I believe he would go to the North Pole—or the other place—if there was half a chance of ringing one there.

Then there's that other young fellow, who is now well in the running for a four-figure total. When a man is past 70, and has still a couple of hundred peals to ring to get up to this record, one would not, in the ordinary way, give much for his chances. But George, of England—not King, or Saint or Lloyd—but just plain James—has wonderful possibilities. We are told he gets younger every day, and it seems to me the only fear is that he may get back to the boyhood stage, and then into the cradle again, which would put him out of the running for some of his customary big jobs. But if he can only keep in trousers, instead of getting into swaddling clothes, all records will go by the board before he is finished—if he keeps going long enough. His record is an extraordinary one, not so much for the number of peals he has rung, but for the 'jobs' he has done. There is one little matter, however, in which I would suggest he might save himself some trouble, and you, Mr. Editor, some space. When next that list appears, there is no need to tell us all the associations the Birmingham Wonder belongs to; it would be much easier and quicker to give us a list of those which he hasn't joined. Also, Mr. George must have had wide experience among ringers all over the country. Could he not add interest to the record of his peals by telling us something about the men he has rung with? His opinions of some of these would be well worth reading. It was this latter point which prompted a friend of mine (no, I will not tell you the perpetrator of the deed) to pen the following lines, which he passed on to me with the hope that I would 'use my influence with the Editor,' etc.:

We all have heard the story of a man of great renown,
Who, though he's now past seventy, rings the biggest bells in town.
He travels o'er the country, to north, south, east and west,
And where'er there is a giant's task you see him at his best.
To look upon his record makes me feel with envy green,
For 'gainst his wondrous list of peals my own looks very 'lean.'
They say that down the ages like Methuselah he'll roam,
And hopes that for a thousand years he'll hear the peals roll home.

But if for every hundred we're to have the tale retold,
When he reaches his obituary 'twill then be rather old.
As none of us can manage to ring peals upon our own,
May I suggest we have a change of dressing for this bone,
And when we read the record, which appears just now and then,
We may know some of the story of those other useful men,
Who have helped to make the picture which is painted for our view —

Who have to ring the other bells; the men like me and you.

My only comment on the above is that the author (or should it be 'composer'?) need not have dragged me into it as a sort of afterthought, or an 'also ran.' I don't in the least mind coming in last, but, having written publicly about Mr. James George I shiver to think what Mr. James George might say if he expressed his personal and private opinion of

CRITICUS.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.

The Southern branch of the Swansea and Brecon Guild held its first quarterly meeting at Gorseinon on Saturday, Sept. 6th, when a very enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent. The bells, a nice ring of eight, were kept going from 3.30 p.m. to 5 o'clock, when the Vicar (the Rev. Thomas) conducted a short service in St. Catherine's Church. After service the ringers were entertained to an excellent tea, provided by the Vicar, who cordially welcomed the ringers, and said he was especially pleased to see such a good muster.

The Rev. J. R. Thomas, Vicar of Llanstephan, Carmarthen, also addressed the ringers, giving them a hearty invitation to visit Llanstephan in the future.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for so kindly giving the use of the bells and entertaining the ringers to tea; also to the ladies who had assisted at the tables.

The towers represented were Gorseinon, Morriston, Neath, Cadoxton, and Aberavon and Llanstephan. The ringers of Llanstephan were admitted to the Guild en bloc. There were also two hon. members and two ringing members elected.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Neath.

The ringers afterwards visited the tower again, and the bells were kept going to Bob Doubles Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples till well after 8 o'clock.

OLD PEAL BOARDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I read with interest the contribution by Mr. G. P. Burton in your recent issue re the Peal Boards at Coslany, and agree with him that it is a matter for regret that these things should 'require' attention. We can't do too much to preserve to posterity such priceless relics which, in many cases, have been the only means we have had of piecing history together. I have long been of the opinion that all these ancient boards should be a standing charge on the belfry repairs fund of the association, in whose area they exist. Were a small grant made perhaps the church would do the rest. Re the board stowed in the crypt at Coventry, the note on the board is all too significant in that case anyhow.—Yours faithfully,
ONCE A BEGINNER.

TAUNTON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 6th, St. Mary's Guild, Taunton, had a tour in Devon. They went first to Ottery St. Mary, via Blagdon Hill and Honiton. The very nice ring of eight bells was soon set going to Stedman Triples and Bob Major, and some well-struck touches were soon brought round. Having had a look round this very fine old parish church, tracks were made across country to Bradninch, where another good peal of eight bells was found. Stedman Triples were also rung here, and the Vicar congratulated the band on their excellent striking. They next visited Cullompton, with its fine ring of ten bells, and here Stedman Cateters were rung, some good touches were brought round, and the bells lowered in peal. After tea, at Paul's Restaurant, a move was made to Tiverton, where there is one of the best peals in Devon, quite new, and tuned on the five-tone principle by Messrs. Taylor and Co. Some very good Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round, with some of the local men standing in. The homeward journey was completed about 10.30 p.m., after a thoroughly enjoyable day's outing. The ringers wish to thank all the Vicars and those who so kindly met them at the various towers.

YOUNG BAND'S PROGRESS.

The ringers of Sutton-on-Trent, who includes two ladies, have been working very assiduously under the tuition of Mr. J. Semper, of Ossington, since last February, to ring their first 720 changes on the new bells, and succeeded in doing so on Wednesday, Sept. 10th: N. Moxon 1, L. Pierrpoint 2, Miss Grace Burchall 3, Miss Kate Burchall 4, H. Haigh (Worksop) 5, J. Semper (conductor) 6.

Great credit is due to all the band. The ladies have not missed a practice, and their punctuality is worthy of emulation by all beginners.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Saturday, August 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 minutes, at Paignton Parish Church: F. Allwood 1, S. W. Ward 2, A. L. Bennett 3, T. S. Collings 4, J. S. Collings 5, F. T. Gover 6, W. B. Cartwright (conductor) 7, H. J. Hole 8, to celebrate a wedding. Ringers of 3rd and 7th hail from Buckfastleigh and Birmingham, respectively. Arrangements had been made for a peal, but one of the band failed to turn up, and under the circumstances only a quarter could be attempted.

The wedding took place at Whittle-le-Woods, Lancs, on Saturday, Sept. 6th, of Mr. Adam Blogg, one of the ringers at St. John's Church, the bride being Miss Beatrice Cooper. In honour of the event, a touch of 1,008 Stedman Triples: E. B. Coxhead 1, F. Blackledge 2, W. Sharples 3, J. H. Gartside 4, A. Hartley 5, C. Salisbury 6, W. Lancaster (conductor) 7, Alfred Blogg 8.

At the Parish Church, Swindon, Wilts, on Thursday, Sept. 11th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Norah Christine Skurray, daughter of Mr. E. C. Skurray, J.P., M.B.E., and of Mrs. Skurray, of West Lodge, Swindon, and Mr. Joseph L. McElhew, Victoria Road, Swindon, son of the late Mr. J. McElhew, and Mrs. McElhew, of Dumbarton, Scotland, a quarter-peal of 1,259 Stedman Cateters: H. W. Bishop 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, C. J. Gardiner 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, H. A. Hearl 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop (conductor) 9, A. E. W. Smith 10.

SHIREOAKS.—On Sunday, August 25th, 720 Duke of York Treble Bob, for evening service: H. Mills 1, E. Knowles 2, H. Hall 3, H. Haigh 4, H. Rogers (Mansfield Woodhouse) 5, F. Hargreaves (conductor) 6.

WANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, August 24th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: A. Reeves 1, W. Miller 2, A. Prior 3, C. Pettv 4, W. Theobald 5, E. Smith (conductor) 6.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday evening, August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: S. Steele 1, F. Overton 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, J. B. Rudd (conductor) 4, N. Dales 5, F. Metcalf 6, S. Bromfield 7, H. Mingay 8. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. F. Russell Warriolow to St. Andrew's.

SPLICED CAMBRIDGE AND SUPERLATIVE.

By A. J. PITMAN.

Seeing that there is such a dearth of peals of Cambridge Surprise Major with tenors together, I have composed the enclosed peals, in which the ringing is chiefly Cambridge, and they should provide further scope for those able to ring both methods. They will be found to consist of 37 and 40 courses, respectively.

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42356 1

25463 1

25634 4

53246 1

34562 4

46325 4

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62534 1

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56342 4

64523 1

42635 1

23456 4

The figures to the right of the course-ends indicate the leads of those courses which must be rung Superlative. All the other leads to be rung Cambridge.

Thus the 5024 has 27, and the 5408 27 leads, which are to be rung as Superlative. There is no change of method at a bob. These compositions and the 5056 previously published are the first in Cambridge and Superlative Major to contain more than thirty courses.

5,093 DOUBLE NORWICH CATERS.

By F. BENNETT.

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Round at hand 2 leads before the last course end.

DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR.

By the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES.

These peals contain the 60 course ends without singles.

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26543	—	—				26435	—	—		2	
35264	—	—	2			42563	—	—	1		
56234	—	—				35426	—	—	2		
43652	—	—				52436	—	—	5		
63254	—	—	1			34256	—	—			
52364	—	—		—		45362	—	—	4		
35426	—	—	1			53462	—	—			
54326	—	—		—		36524	—	—	4		
35642	—	—	1			65324	—	—			
26354	—	—	2			52643	—	—	4		
46253	—	—		5		26543	—	—			
43265	—	—		1		64523	—	—			
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64235	—	—				Once repeated.					
36425	—	—	4			Rung on handbells by the C.U.G.C.R.					
54632	—	—		3		on Sept. 9th at Surfleet Vicarage.					
42635	—	—		1		5,440.					
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36524	—	—		5		26435	—	—	1		
34562	—	—		1		46532	—	—	1		
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63542	—	—				28543	—	—			
46325	—	—	4			35264	—	—	2		
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SURPRISE METHODS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir, — Re the Surprise Method published in 'The Ringing World' by Mr. J. S. Pritchett, who asks if anyone else had discovered it, I may say that I have had the method for some years, but certainly not 30, neither can I say if it has been previously published. I herewith give another of the same group; this may possibly have been published before.—Yours faithfully,

E. A. RIDGWAY.

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SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

STOKE POGES.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for harvest festival, 720 Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Shaker 1, T. G. Hawkins 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3 Mrs. A. D. Barker 4, E. C. Hartley 5, W. L. Gutteridge 6. This is the first spliced 720 by the whole band, and in the E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Lockwood's Variation, in 45 mins.: J. Eagles 1, E. B. Crowder 2, R. H. Stevens 3, C. R. Walker 4, C. R. Millway 5, C. Turner (conductor) 6, F. W. Elliott 7, L. Sibley (first quarter-peal) 8. The above quarter was arranged for Mr. E. B. Crowder, of St. John's, Deptford, who was on a visit.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—At St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, on Sept. 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Hitchman (longest touch) 1, W. A. Goodenough 2, W. J. Napper 3, J. Butler 4, W. V. Webb 5, T. East 6, J. S. Napper (conductor) 7, H. Goodenough 8. —For evening service, Thurstan's quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Napper 1, W. V. Webb 2, J. Butler (conductor) 3, T. East 4, A. H. Webb 5, G. Caudwell (Drayton) 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. A. Goodenough 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

ACTON.—On Sept. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. England 1, S. D. Breeze 2, Miss Hawksworth 3, H. Wincole 4, W. Sparrow 5, Robt. Holloway 6, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 7, W. Elliott 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Sear 1, W. Mead 2, E. Yates 3, W. Pedley 4, E. C. Lambert 5, H. Edwards 6, E. Reader (conductor) 7, J. Sear 8. Also 336 Double Norwich Major. E. Reader hails from Loughborough; H. Sear and W. Mead from Bletchley; and J. Sear from Linslade.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 14th, at St. Margaret's, 1,122 Grandsire Cinques: E. Morris (conductor) 1, F. Sharman 2, E. Mullins (Birmingham) 3, J. Morris 4, A. Ballard 5, T. Bent 6, F. Hopper (Northampton) 7, W. P. Whitehead 8, E. Whitehead 9, G. S. Morris 10, A. Cattell 11, H. Monk (Northampton) 12. First touch of Grandsire Cinques by the three visitors for whom this was arranged.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Taylor's six-part, in 45 mins.: A. Biggs (first quarter) 1, E. Barker (first quarter on a bob bell) 2, T. Butler 3, J. Gibson 4, W. Baron 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, T. R. Butler 7, H. Taylor 8.

LEICESTER.—At the Pro-Cathedral, for evensong, on Sunday, Sept. 14th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: E. Mullins 1, S. Cotton 2, H. W. Needham 3, P. Harrison 4, F. Hopper (Northampton) 5, A. Cattell 6, E. Whitehead 7, H. J. Poole (conductor) 8, H. Broughton 9, A. Bonk (Northampton) 10. Arranged for the ringers of 5th and tenor.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—For evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 14th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: Jas. Goodsell 1, F. Morgan 2, C. Creasey 3, P. S. Thompson 4, H. S. Hobden (conductor) 5, A. Hobden 6, T. Booth 7, G. King 8. The quarter-peal was arranged for the ringers of 4th, 5th, 6th, who are from Waldron. The rest belong to the local band.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (1,260 changes): J. Sly (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Mustoe 2, R. Westmacott 3, J. C. Acock 4, W. Clayton 5, D. Hills 6, C. Westmacott (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 7, J. Cook 8.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' Church on Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 49 mins.: A. White 1, A. Brading 2, P. S. Parker 3, H. Barton 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, A. R. Ward (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Major by all except the ringer of the 4th.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for Matins, 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Billinge 1, F. Triner 2, J. E. Wheelton 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, C. Preston (conductor) 6. Messrs. Preston and Billinge hail from Bucknall. Also for evensong, 720 (being 360 each) of London and Wells Surprise: H. Wibberley 1, F. Triner 2, J. W. Walker 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheelton (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6.

CHEDISTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for afternoon service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, F. Peck 3, T. Crane 4, A. H. Took 5, H. G. Pratt 6. Also 240 in the same method.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob (15 hobs): F. Webb 1, G. Melbourne 2, C. H. Howard 3, H. E. Hammond (conductor) 4, F. Ely 5, W. H. Hammond 6.

WEST EALING.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, at St. Stephen's Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. S. Palmer, junr. 1, C. Edwards 2, G. Harboure 3, W. H. Hollier 4, P. E. Clarke 5, E. Harris 6, E. J. Walsom (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer, senr., 8.

Sunday Service Touches—continued.

FULBOURN.—For evening service, on Sept. 7th, at the Church of St. Vigor and All Saints, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 47 mins.: L. Foreman (first quarter-peal) 1. D. Buttress 2. C. Hall 3. J. Giddens 4. G. A. Peck (Saltburn, Yorks), 5. A. Page 6. G. Bridge 7. C. E. Patten (conductor) 8.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for evensong, on Sept. 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 240 of Kent Treble Bob: W. C. Lindsey 1, Fred. Webb 2, A. W. Lindsey 3, F. W. Croft 4, R. E. Croft 5, Geo. T. Croft (conductor) 6. Also 360 of Woodbine Treble Bob, with Geo. Cherry taking part.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—At the Church of St. Mary, for evensong, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): E. Waller 1, R. Dale 2, H. W. Mance (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, F. Knight 4, J. Burdfield 5, H. Mance (conductor) 6, S. Paice 7, J. Dean 8.

LLANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 minutes: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, T. Davies 3, W. B. Kynaston 4, H. Jarman 5, C. E. Williams 6, R. T. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Messrs. Davies and Williams are local men, the remainder hail from Oswestry, Shropshire.

PERRY BARR, STAFFS.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Cooper 1, R. C. Ingram (conductor) 2, G. T. Mitchison 3, F. W. Rishworth 4, E. Price 5, C. Davies 6, W. Davies 7, H. Cook 8. Arranged for Messrs. P. Price and W. Davies.

WOOLTON HILL, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 minutes: J. Challis 1, S. Bevon (first away from treble) 2, Miss Stella Disney 3, N. Scott 4, J. Scott (first attempt as conductor) 5.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, for morning service, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, Miss F. E. Orr 2, Mrs. F. I. Hairs 3, J. Lee 4, T. W. Welbourne 5, F. I. Hairs 6, J. W. Chapman (conductor) 7, W. E. G. Hewson 8. All are members of the local band. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Skevington (conductor) 1, W. C. Stacey 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Dyas 4, H. Cook 5, H. Rivers 6, R. Mackrill 7, S. Stratton 8.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, 1,253 Stedman Caters: J. W. Driver (conductor) 1, A. Cutmore 2, F. Norriss 3, W. C. Stacey (first quarter-peal of Stedman Caters) 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, F. Davey (Exeter) 6, F. Skevington 7, A. Harding 8, J. A. Trollope 9, H. Rivers 10.

BEACONSFIELD.—On Sunday, August 24th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Wingrove 1, C. C. Mayne 2, H. Bolt 3, A. Bateman 4, R. Turner 5, J. Batting 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, J. Blackmore 8.

SLOUGH.—On Sunday, August 24th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: Rev. E. V. Cox (Exmouth) 1, W. Henley 2, W. H. Fussell 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bateman 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, G. Barkus 8.

BANBURY.—On Sunday, August 17th, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, in 45 mins.: H. Impey 1, R. Lewis 2, W. Tandy 3, T. Impey (first quarter-peal) 4, F. Baldwin 5, E. Mitchell 6, R. W. Burrows (conductor) 7, R. Higham 8. The ringer of the 6th hails from Wolverhampton.

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SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The annual commemoration dinner to Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association will be held at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, York, on Saturday, September 20th. The Dean of York (the Very Rev. Dr. W. Foxley Norris, D.D.) will take the chair at 5.45 p.m. prompt. The peal of 12 at the Minster will be available from 2 to 4 p.m., while the peals of 6 at Bishophill and Clifton will be at the disposal of visitors throughout the day.—P. J. Johnson, Hon. Gen. Sec., Yorks Association, 90, Blackman Lane, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Bolton Borough Police have again put their Bowling Green and Athletic Ground at the disposal of ringers on Saturday, Sept. 20th.—Peter Crook, Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penkridge on Saturday, September 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service in Church, with address 4.45. Tea at 5.30.—H. Knight, Hon. Sec., 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Mitcham, on September 20th. Tower open 4 p.m. till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.; business after. All will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dist. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Short service at 5 o'clock. Harrow Weald bells open after tea. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held at Eye on Sept. 20th. Tea, 4.30, in the Reading Room, followed by meeting. Bells available from 2 p.m.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Cobham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.45. Tea 5.15.—Miss N. E. Shorter, Hon. Sec., Ferndene, 15, Russell Road, Walton-on-Thames.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Mary's, Brading, Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea 5 p.m., followed by business meeting. Subscriptions are now due, and should be paid at this meeting.—W. Upton, Hon. Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport, I.W.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Clay Cross on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea at 5.15, at 1s. 3d.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Christow on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. The following towers will be open: Christow, Bridford, Trusham, Ashton, Dunsford and Ide. Excursion fare 1s. 3d. return to Christow.—W. J. Southwood, Hon. Sec.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Quarterly meeting will be held at Romford (Hornchurch not available) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30, at 1s. each. Will the secretaries of towers kindly collect outstanding subscriptions for the current year and forward to me as early as possible?—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Sec., 49, Portway, E.15.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—The next meeting will be held at Tring on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Short service 5 p.m., followed by tea. All ringers cordially invited. Please notify me early for tea.—W. Ayre, School House, Leverstock Green.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Tea 5.30. Meeting 6. Tea 1s. 3d. per head. Members who intend to be present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3 Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea at 4.15 p.m., meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon and evening.—E. E. Burgess, Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Kemerton (by invitation of the Rev. J. A. B. Mercer) on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells open at 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5.30.—Walter Yeend, Hon. Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The September meeting of the association will be held at Uttoxeter on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Mathern, near Chepstow, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea (free) and business meeting to follow.—J. W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Hunts District.—A meeting will be held at Godmanchester on Sept. 20th. Bells: Godmanchester (8), Huntingdon, St. Mary (8). Service 4.30 p.m. Tea in Parish Room 5 p.m., followed by business meeting.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rowley Regis on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.45.—A. J. Skelding, Branch Sec., 7, Cecil Street, Stourbridge.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Monks Kirby on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. General Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch will be held at Henbury on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea 5 o'clock.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Branch.—Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Sept. 20th, at Stogursey. Bells at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., at Acland Arms, 1s. each.—C. Evans, Local Sec., 14, Redgate Street, Bridgwater.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Brigstock on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Totham on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided at 5.15 p.m., 1s. 3d. each. National bus leaves Colchester at 2.10 p.m. Book Great Totham Post Office, returning at 8.15.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Sawley on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (8) will be available from 3 till 8 p.m. The secretary would also be pleased to receive all outstanding subscriptions.—F. Blood, Hon. Local Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at Limpsfield on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells available 3 p.m. Service 5.30. Tea 6 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. F. Ewins, Hon. Sec., 27, Eversfield Road, Reigate.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A special meeting will be held at Wylam on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Tea at the Bird Inn at 5 o'clock (1s. to members and 1s. 6d. to non-members).—E. Ferry, Hon. Sec., 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Sunbury-on-Thames on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Ringing from 3.15. All ringers and friends welcome.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew, Whitworth, on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells ready at 3 p.m., meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. Annual branch party at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tickets—2s. gentlemen, 1s. 9d. ladies—obtainable from the local secretaries.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chester Branch.—Branch meeting at Aldford on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Service 4 p.m. Tower open 3 p.m.—J. W. Clarke, Hon. Sec., Aldford, Chester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bromyard District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pencombe on Saturday, Sept. 20th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—A. Tomkins, Dist. Sec., Bredenbury, Bromyard.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Ringing for practice will be held at *St. Mary-le-Bow on Sept. 23rd; St. Andrew's, Hol-

born, on the 25th. All at 7.30. *Business meeting afterwards.—Wm. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Batley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. A set of medals, kindly given by the Batley company, will be presented with the Cup. Tenor is 10 cwt., not 16 cwt., as previously mentioned. Tea will be provided at 1/6 each to all who send word not later than Sept. 22nd, to 30, Bankfield View, Halifax.—R. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Visit to Chertsey on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Trains from Waterloo at 1.54, 2.15 and 3.15, fare 2s. 10d. return. Tea about 5 p.m. Good attendance requested. Meeting at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Sept. 29th, at 7 p.m., instead of 7.30, owing to committee meeting.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea please let me know by Wednesday, Sept. 24th?—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea and meeting 6 p.m. Visitors requiring tea should notify Mr. F. G. Woodiss, 28, Strathearn Road, Sutton, not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th, so that adequate arrangements can be made.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Whalley (new peal of 8) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. Tea, 1s. 6d., will be provided for all who send in their names to O. Exton, West View, Billington, near Whalley, not later than the 24th.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Room (9d. per head). Business meeting to follow. Will those intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Wednesday, Sept. 24th?—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Stokesay on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Please advise number coming not later than Sept. 23rd.—P. Lane, District Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow, Salop.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will only be arranged for those who notify me by the 25th inst.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service in St. Peter-at-Arches Church 4.30. Tea at the Co-operative Hall 5.15, for those who notify Mr. G. Chester, 16, Carline Road, Lincoln, by the 23rd inst. Members free. Non-members 1s. 9d. The city bells (except Cathedral) and Washingborough will be available. St. Peter-at-Arches 8 to 9, other towers afternoon and evening.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Sept. 27th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. — Dale). Bells available at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, provided by the association, and general business meeting to follow for the election of officers, etc. Folkestone tower will be available for ringing in the evening from 7 till 8.30. Those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Sept. 23rd.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Wickhambreux (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. B. W. Chancellor, M.A.). Will all those intending to be present let me know not later than Monday, Sept. 22nd?—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting has been arranged for Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Warfield (8 bells) at 4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Winkfield (6 bells) 8 p.m. Names of those requiring tea must reach me by Sept. 22nd.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., Cambridge, Wexham Wood, Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Ash bells (6) will also be available in the evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m., tea at 5.—L. Turner, Hon. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ardington on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Please notify me those requiring tea by Wednesday, Sept. 24th. Other towers available for ringing will be given out at the meeting.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon, Berks.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hatfield on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 23rd. Will all members who have not paid their annual subscription kindly do so as early as possible?—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The September meeting of the Western Division will be held at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. Tea will be provided at a charge of 1s. 6d. to all who notify Mr. A. Bottomley, 1, Albert Street, Mytholmroyd, not later than Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hornsey on Monday, Sept. 29th. Bells from 7-9.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Oldham on Oct. 4th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at the Swan Hotel for those who advise me not later than Sept. 30th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in the Church Rooms, Lavenham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, Archdeacon Farmiloe presiding, at 4.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Bells available 2. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pickering on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Further particulars will appear next week. All ringers and friends are cordially invited.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for October: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 13th, at 6.30, quarterly business meeting at 8 o'clock, and the 27th, at 7.30. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 20th, at 7.30. Special Northern District meeting on Saturday, the 18th, at St. Mary, Islington, to which members of both districts are invited. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea about 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, Oct. 9th, the President (the Dean of Norwich) presiding. By kind permission of the Vicar (Canon R. Aubrey Aitken) the ring of 12 at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas will be open to the members. Divine service will be held in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas at 12.30 p.m. The address will be given by Canon R. Aubrey Aitken. Luncheon will be served at Hills' Restaurant, 168, King Street, at 1.30 p.m. Members who intend to be present must notify the secretary on or before Monday, Oct. 6th. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will be held in the Priory Hall, Church Plain, at 2.30 p.m. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

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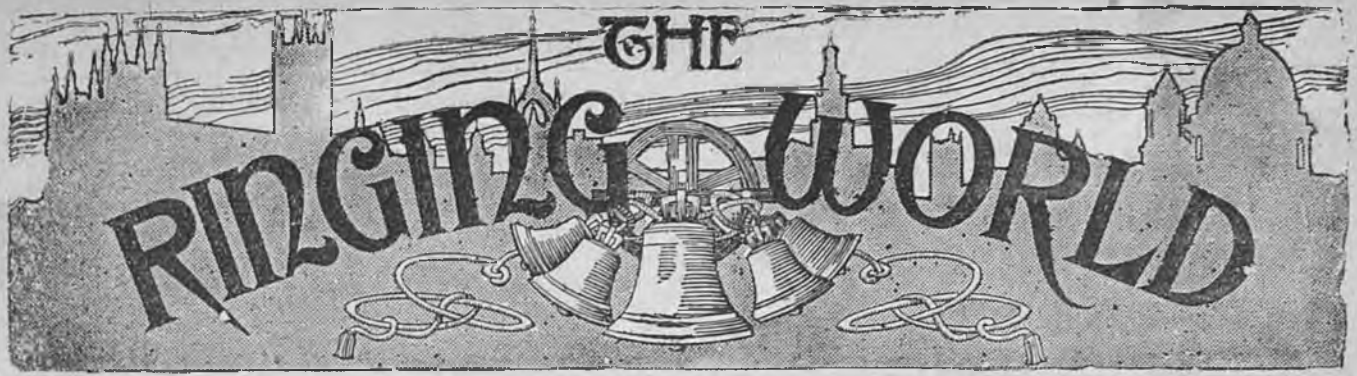
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RINGING COMPETITIONS.

'Prize ringing' has to a very considerable degree gone the way of most of the things supposed to be characteristic of the belfry in 'the bad old days.' There are very few instances of a survival of this phase of ringing, although we are not certain that it can be said that it is absolutely extinct. With the rise of the Associations, which have as one of their principal objects, 'belfry reform,' an influence was exerted which has almost, if not entirely, got rid of the old practice, with the abuses which accompanied it, and the Exercise has been all the better for it.

That, however, does not by any means exclude consideration of the proposal put forward by a correspondent this week, that ringing contests should be revived. We are not quite sure that 'revived' is the correct term, for in the North of England there are already in existence in one or two societies periodical competitions, in which it is considered an honour to win the trophy offered for the best ringing performance of the day. These contests take place in church towers, with the full consent of the incumbents, and in their conduct there appears nothing to which exception can be taken. The object of these competitions is to improve the quality of the striking among the bands belonging to the association, and it must be admitted that nothing conduces to perfection so much as friendly rivalry in an effort to excel. As our correspondent points out, there are competitions for choirs, and a competition for ringers, properly conducted, can be no more harmful.

In our view, everything would depend upon the spirit in which such a competition was run. If it were organised and carried out purely as an incentive to ringers to improve in their ringing, and to test their skill by comparison with others, little exception could be taken to a much wider adoption of these contests. It may seem a heresy to put forward such a view, but if rivalry is encouraged in peal ringing among associations by the allocation of points for these performances, there is not much to be said against offering a reward to the band which, on a given date, can ring the best-struck touch. At any rate, the views put forward by our correspondent are worth consideration, and need not be hastily rejected because in past days the association of 'prize' ringing with the churches led to proceedings which were by no means creditable. We can see very little that would be objectionable, for instance, in a dozen bands, each ringing a touch in a highly commendable style and the awarding of a medal to each of the company adjudged to have accomplished the best performance. On the other hand,

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it is quite certain that the practice that would necessarily take place before either team competed would permanently improve the quality of the ringing in every one of those twelve towers. And if that could be done—as it could be—without introducing any of the vices which we are told accompanied the old prize ringing events, the Exercise would gain by it and the Church and the public would benefit by the higher standard of ringing which would be attained.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	* HERBERT J. SKELT 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 8
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 9
ERNEST J. KING 4	* EDWARD D. SMITH 10
FREDERICK R. BORRETT 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
JOHN H. CHESMAN 6	GEORGE A. CARD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First attempt, and first peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 2 lb. in D.

* CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... Treble	* WILLIAM H. LLOYD 6
* HAROLD MARCON 2	ERNEST NIDD 7
* H. LESLIE PASK 3	WILLIAM DICKINSON 8
* THOMAS HUMBERSTONE 4	FREDERICK W. STOKES 9
SYDNEY PROCTOR 5	GEORGE R. SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by SYDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th hail from Lincoln; 5th and 7th Grantham; 8th Heckington; 4th Great Hale; 9th Blankney; tenor from Ewerby. Mr. Smith very kindly stood in at the last moment, after the band had met one short, and was elected a member of the Guild previous to commencing the peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY
SAML. HARRISON 2	ALBERT HELLIWELL 6
WM. A. WOOLER 3	JNO. R. BREARLEY 7
JNO. A. BREARLEY 4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by W. SHIPWAY. Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

This is Shipway's 5-part taken from Snowden's 'History of Double Norwich,' and was rung as a birthday compliment to the popular secretary of the Bolsterstone company, Mr. Samuel Harrison.

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On Monday, September 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

THOMAS W. BOND Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL 5
LESLIE OLIFFE 2	JOHN MONK 6
MRS. A. E. LOCK 3	NOBLE SPINDLOW 7
ALBERT LOCK 4	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

MISS PATTIE CLARKE ... Treble	† FRANK BRASSINGTON ... 5
† MISS EVA LEWIS ... 2	* ARTHUR H. BEAMISH ... 6
MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... 3	† JOHN E. MORETON ... 7
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 4	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING. Conducted by A. WILKERSON.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 6th and 7th, belong to Chilvers Coton band, the rest are members of the Nuneaton Society. The ladies deserve special praise for the way they rang their bells throughout the peal.

BOURN, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At the Church of SS. Mary and Helena,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

CHRISTOPHER W. WOOLLEY Treble	ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 5
REV. H. B. WOOLLEY ... 2	HAROLD J. HAZELL ... 6
FRANK WARRINGTON ... 3	JOHN WOOLLEY ... 7
FRANCIS GLEAVES ... 4	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WOOLLEY.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NUNEATON,

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, September 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	HARRY STONELEY 5
MISS GLADYS DODDS ... 2	* FRED COTTON 6
JOHN THOMPSON 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

† First peal. * First peal of Stedman Triples, and was elected a member of the Warwickshire Guild before starting for the peal. T. W. Chapman's 100th peal for the Guild.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.	
* WILLIAM MILLARD ... Treble	HENRY BOSLEY ... 5
PERCY MERSON ... 2	HENRY NORMAN ... 6
WILLIAM H. TARR ... 3	JAMES HUNT ... 7
† WILLIAM H. COLES ... 4	JOHN CARRIER ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. Rang as a token of respect to Major J. R. F. Lightowlers, 10 years churchwarden at St. Mary's Church.

BUCKLEBURY.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: Miss E. Franklin 1, Miss R. Hazell 2, Miss S. Davis 3, Miss D. Futter 4, J. Hazell 5, W. Wigmore 6, W. Mathews (conductor) 7, T. Goddard 8. First quarter-peal by ringers of 2nd, 4th and 8th.

WORTLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
SAML. HARRISON 2	ALBERT HELLIWELL 6
WM. A. WOOLER 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
JOHN A. BREARLEY 4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. MILLER.

Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

Rung to celebrate the birthday of Master Reuel Harrison. All the ringers hail from Bolsterstone, with the exception of the 3rd, who is a local ringer.

HYDE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 11 lb. in E.

JOSEPH MELLOR Treble	ARTHUR HAUGHTON 5
JAMES ADAMS 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 6
JOHN BRIERLEY 3	ALBERT HOGG 7
HARRY NORGROVE 4	BENJAMIN THORP Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORP.

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of esteem and respect to Councillor Joshua Howcroft, a much-esteemed member of the local band, who was interred on the previous day.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mark,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

* WILFRED GRUNDY ... Treble	JOSEPH HENRY RIDYARD ... 5
FREDERICK GRUNDY ... 2	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6
* JAMES HOWARD 3	ARTHUR RIDYARD 7
* JOHN FREEMAN 4	STANLEY HARRISON Tenor

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by J. H. RIDYARD.

This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Moore, of Monton, to Miss E. Derbyshire, of Beesley Green, Worsley, the ceremony taking place at the above church. Miss Derbyshire is the youngest daughter of Mr. Percy H. Derbyshire, chief ringer at St. Mark's, where he has been a member for 29 years.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	C. V. EBBERTSON
* A. CRANE 2	NORMAN G. TOMLINSON ... 6
H. J. ELDERED 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
R. ROFFEY 4	W. LANGLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMSTRONG.

* First peal 'inside.' This peal was originally attempted on July 5th, at Barnet, as a compliment to Mr. F. A. Milne, president of the Middlesex Association, on his 70th birthday, and was then lost after two hours' ringing on account of the bad 'go' of the 7th.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

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

JOHN BROWN Treble	* WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 5
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 2	* WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 6
* THOMAS WILSON 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON ... 7
JAMES H. BANKS 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for W. Robinson, of Ambleside, and rung as a birthday compliment to T. Wilson.

HASLEMERE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 6 lb. in F.

† JAMES A. WISDOM Treble	HARRY MULLARD 5
† FRED BOWDEN 2	* JOHN A. COLE 6
RICHARD HAYES 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Composed by J. HOWES.

† First peal of Major. * First peal of Major on an inside bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. Gilbert and the conductor.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

* T. GUNNING Treble	* F. BROOKS 5
T. HERVEY BEAMS 2	JESSE TYLER 6
D. G. TAYLOR 3	† F. BUGLER 7
G. SIBLY 4	W. S. B. NORTHOVER Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Minor repairs to this grand peal have recently been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and they now 'go' like the proverbial 'tops.'

WESTERHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ISAAC EMERY Treble	ROBERT BREIT-SMITH 5
ERNEST B. CROWDER 2	EDMUND MOUNTON 6
GEORGE DURLING 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 7
WALTER SMITH 4	HARRY DURLING Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HAROLD J. HAZELL Treble	CHRISTOPHER WOOLLEY 4
FRANCIS GLEAVES 2	FRANK WARRINGTON 5
JOHN T. NEWINGTON 3	JOHN WOOLLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN WOOLLEY.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

CHELFORD, CHESHIRE.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(MAGGLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

W. L. SLACK Treble	* S. HYDER 4
WILFRED MATTHEWS 2	HERBERT DAVENPORT 5
TOM MOTTERSHEAD 3	EDWARD JOHNSON Tenor

Conducted by H. DAVENPORT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

DERBY.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 7th, at the Church of St. Alkmund's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,302 changes), in 46 mins.: E. H. Clarke 1, E. Summerside 2, H. Waterfield 3, W. Slater, junr., 4, W. Slater, senr., 5, C. Draper 6, Geo. Freebury (conductor) 7, W. Critchley 8.

ASH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob, and two 720's each of Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb. in A.

* GEORGE PETTER Treble	HUBERT J. CHAFFEY 4
MISS BERTHA M. MILLS 2	† SPR. R. B. F. HAMMOND, R.E. 5
MISS HILDA F. MILLS 3	C. Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E. Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE GILBERT, R.E.

* First peal on six bells. † First peal of Minor in five methods.

BRINDLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRED BLACKLIDGE Treble	HERBERT BLACKLIDGE 4
THOMAS STOTT 2	WILLIAM SHARPLES 5
JOHN R. STOTT 3	WILLIAM FOWLER Tenor

Conducted by W. SHARPLES.

First peal of Surprise by all; and on the bells. First peal of Cambridge Surprise by the branch.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, 22 different callings.

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED PARKER Treble	JOSEPH W. DOWNES 4
FREDERICK G. GRIFFITHS 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
JOSEPH W. RUSHTON 3	ALBERT WEAVER Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

Rung to oblige A. Weaver, of Penarth, who was elected a life member in the tower. First peal on the bells since being augmented to six.

WINCHESTER GUILD TOUR.

The following peals were rung during a week in Hampshire by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lb.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 5
† WILLIAM H. FOSSELL 2	* HARRY PARKES 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	FREDERICK W. ROGERS 7
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by G. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method. † 550th peal.

EAST TYTHERLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

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

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lb.

W. H. FOSSELL Treble	HARRY PARKES 5
FREDERICK S. BAYLEY 2	GEORGE WILLIAMS 6
ERNEST J. HOBBS 3	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF.

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

DIBDEN, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... Treble	HARRY PARKES 5
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
ERNEST J. HOBBS 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK PITSTOW. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE PRIORY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Treble	HARRY PARKES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	*ERNEST J. HOBBS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES GEORGE 8
ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 4	CECIL C. MAYNE 9
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 5	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Royal.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM UPTON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
KEITH HART 2	CECIL C. MAYNE 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS 3	ERNEST J. HOBBS 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by ARTHUR SHARMAN.

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

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt. in D.

ARTHUR E. SHARMAN ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS 5
WILLIAM UPTON 2	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ... 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	KEITH HART 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	CECIL C. MAYNE ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HIGH WYCOMBE RINGERS' TRIP.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, members of the High Wycombe belfry spent a very pleasant afternoon and evening, on the occasion of their annual outing. The party left by the mid-day train, the first tower to be visited being Shiplake. After leaving the station, a walk of about a mile through typical rural scenery brought them to the church, and the bells were soon on the move, some good touches being enjoyed. After about an hour, steps were turned towards the station, with the intention of training to Henley, but a charabanc appearing on the road it was at once 'commandeered,' and once aboard, the party were so comfortable that there was no 'slight course' till the famous town of Henley was reached. On arrival here, the first item was 'a rattling good ten' at Mr. Hawker's restaurant, the meal being well served, and much enjoyed. At the church all was in readiness for ringing, and some of the local men, as well as the visitors, kept the bells on the go for pretty well a couple of hours. 'By the 6.45 for Wargrave' was the concluding item, and this renowned tower and church held the attention of the party till half-past eight, when with 'pipes in full blast, and cigarettes aglow,' they sauntered to the quiet little station to catch the 8.45 for home, which was reached in good time, after an enjoyable and interesting outing. The ringers wish to tender their sincere thanks to the Vicars and foremen of the towers for their kindness.

THE ELY 'RESOLUTION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As one of the members of the Ely Diocesan Association who was present at the Bourn meeting, I feel a few words are necessary in reply to your unjust criticism in your 'leader' of the 12th, also to the letter of 'Once a Beginner' for trying to label certain members of the Ely Association 'Dogs in the manger.' The resolution requesting bands of visiting ringers to credit peals they ring to the Ely Association was intended as a friendly hint to such bands that such an association as the Ely does exist. To refuse outside bands the use of towers, under the area of the 'Ely,' never entered the minds of one of those present; also I am quite sure no such feeling exists amongst the whole of its members. I do not pay much regard to anyone who writes and finishes a letter without his or her name. 'Once a Beginner,' however, begins by criticising our resolution. Then goes on to ask other Guilds to do the very thing he criticises us for. We are quite intelligent enough to know that after all it is the incumbents who are in sole command.—Yours faithfully,

E. G. HIBBINS.

[It is quite easy for our correspondent to say our criticism is 'unjust.' Will he point out, however, wherein it is unjust in view of the report of the meeting as supplied to us? The resolution to be conveyed to incumbents requested that they should inform visiting ringers that the peal to be attempted 'should be rung for the Ely Diocesan Association.' That is a form of command, and our article, while expressly indicating our view that the Ely Association had no desire to put obstacles in the way of visiting ringers, merely pointed out the practical difficulties of carrying out the resolution—difficulties which, we venture now to say, were not fully realised by all those who voted for the motion. If, as our correspondent states, the resolution was intended merely as a friendly hint, then it was rather unfortunately framed, and unless this qualification of the terms is conveyed to the incumbents, through whose agency it is hoped to make the resolution effective, it is quite certain that in some cases the interpretation will be different to that which, according to Mr. Hibbins, was intended by the meeting. Therefore, rather than regretting what we said, we think we may emphasise the point which we made that 'the Association will find it desirable to review this resolution.'—Ed. 'R.W.')

VALUELESS PEAL POINTS?

Sir,—The Ely Association's resolution at Bourn, concerning peals rung in their area, leads me again to wonder what minute value, if any, can be assigned to the points given for peals in the annual peal analysis.

It seems reasonable to assume that the points were meant to be an index to the standard of ringing in the area occupied by each association; yet it is possible for a band of ringers on tour from all parts of the country to ring many Surprise peals for the association in whose area they are touring, thereby scoring many points for that association, although they may be in no way actively connected with that association beyond having paid a life subscription. Thus the points cannot give anything but a false idea of the standard of ringing in that area.

The Ely Association's idea may be that its peal book shall be a record of all peals rung in its area. Excellent, but still the peal points will give an erroneous idea of the efficiency of the resident members of the Ely Association.

The resolution seems to show that there is dissatisfaction with the present state of affairs, and surely the first thing to do is to abolish the peal points—they are as obsolete as the beltry beer jug. Then, perhaps, it would be possible for each association to keep a record of all peals rung in its area, but only to take credit for peals rung by bands whose members are all either resident in, or natives of, the district covered by that association.

'MEDICUS VECTENSIS.'

WEDDING BELLS.

At Belgrave, Leicester, on Monday, Sept. 15th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: R. Barrow 1, L. H. Whitehead 2, W. P. Whitehead 3, G. H. Straw (first quarter-peal of Triples) 4, A. Disney 5, W. H. Clarke (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, H. Reeve 7, A. Bishop 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. H. S. Sibson, one of the local ringers, to Miss E. S. Sharpe, which took place at this church the same morning.

On Monday, Sept. 15th, for a wedding at Green's Norton, Northants, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Booth 1, G. F. Lucas 2, Geo. Mansfield 3, A. Mansfield 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6. Also 720 Oxford Single: W. Wise 1, G. F. Lucas 2, A. Mansfield 3, Geo. Mansfield 4, A. Booth 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6.

At the Church of Bartholomew, Birmingham, a quarter-peal of Stedman Doubles, consisting of 1,260 changes: Harry Withers (conductor) 1, John Withers 2, John Withers, junr., 3, George Pigott 4, R. Russell 5, Harry Parkes 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss Louise Ward and Mr. V. G. Hemus.

THE HAMPSHIRE WEEK.

'Ye hand for worke, ye heade for wytte,
'Ye hearts for worshippes part.'

This county ringing holiday was a sort of 'go-as-you-please' this year, and those who held a rope when 'go' was called were more pleased than those who did not. Twelve peals were arranged, half of which were successfully 'rounded,' the other half going 'West'—Southampton West. Mr. George Pullinger, who has more 'pull' in one arm than most people have with two, kindly obtained the necessary permission and help of the respective clergymen and steeple-keepers for the use of the towers and bells on behalf of the visitors, who greatly appreciated, and desire me to express their gratitude and thanks for the favours bestowed. There being no hitch to mar the daily task, no tale of woe can be related, and a happy, comfortable holiday was enjoyed by all, with headquarters at Swaythling the whole of the time. Several men were old 'campaigners,' and the activities of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and the Oxford lad he 'brought out' (J. W. Washbrook), were gone over again, in our conversations, with the same zest as ever. Some arrived a day late, and others left a day or so before the week's close, but, by carefully revising the daily roll call we managed to find a 'spare part' at each tower visited, which raised the question of 'standing out.'

The unfortunate bell hanger who came to rehang Winchester Cathedral 11th bell was 'blessed,' as his coming meant hasty postponement of Stedman Cinques, planned to start this tour on Saturday, Sept. 6th. However, we spliced Superlative Major into the gap at North Stoneham, and discussed future attempts at 'The Fleming Arms' before going to our additional billets at 'The Mason's Arms' and 'Kennard's,' because one house could not manage us all.

Sunday morning, a 'gathering of the Clans' at North Stoneham Church, with introductions to the local band, enabled several methods to be performed for the morning service, and a vacant pew in the nave to be filled by ringing visitors. Southampton was visited after dinner by tram car, and touches rung for the children's service at 3 o'clock, and again for evensong at St. Mary's. We were discovered on the pier by flower sellers, and enjoyed a pier concert in the afternoon, thus patronising the local collecting fund for the hospital. One piece of band music employed a set of tubular bells, with good effect, and another brought in the Westminster chimes—euphonium solo—and one gentleman in the audience, a stranger, much interested in our 'jollity,' courteously mentioned, prophet-like, the name of the coming winner of the St. Ledger on Wednesday—'Salmon Trout.' On the day of the race we had boiled cod-fish for lunch, and our host's daughter, by drawing 'S.T.' won the 'sweepstake,' which a dozen of our party made up.

A motor-bus was hired for Monday to drive us to Sherfield English and East Tytherley, a picturesque drive through Hampshire forest country. Both peals of eight are by Taylor, of Loughborough, with good tuning and banging, and the loss of the peal attempt at the former tower was due to war's ravages upon the constitution of one of our men. It was the first 'attempt' on the bells—all other peals hitherto at Sherfield having proved successful. How the landlady of the village inn, 'The Axe,' was disturbed in her needlework by the request for a 'dinner for twelve' in an hour or so should be noted. She placed boiled ham and greens—a Berkshire dish—upon the table in prompt time, and we found that her husband lived near Twyford for years in connection with the Garth Hunt. How the ghost of Richard Gifford—1598—paraded the nave during a musical touch of Major at Tytherley, wearing the original helmet and visor, created wonder for the ringer concerned. Our way homeward was broken at Lockerley (six bells), with two old bells preserved in the porch, and again at Dunsbury for tea and handbells, before Romsey and Swaythling were reached.

The two days following were peal-less, but full of interest, Hursley and Stoneham on Tuesday, and Southampton on Wednesday. Men not ringing in the attempt for Stedman at St. Mary's obtained permission to see over the mighty liner 'Mauretania' lying at the Docks, by careful use of a silver-lined cigarette card. This day we were augmented by the arrival of Messrs. Pulling, Scott and Upton, which just about compensated us for the loss of our portly shepherd.

On Thursday the bus proprietor failed us, his 'wire' coming after the birds had flown. Three motor-cycles and two sidecars were brought out by the owners, and, fully loaded with eight men for Diben, the remainder took tram and steamboat across the estuary to Hythe pier, and walked to the church, leaving a weighty legacy in the cars to let the pealmen know of their visit. We all dined at 'The Fleming,' at two o'clock, on leg o' mutton served 'à la Gifford.' Bishopstoke in the afternoon was reached via Eastleigh, by train and walk, and we had tea with Mr. Nevard on the way back, and gave Keith Hart a welcome. All were attracted to the Fleming later on to ring handbells and gossip till eleven o'clock. Regarding the latter, our Birmingham hero amused the company by revelations of his trivings through the crowded streets of the city, where he is well known to the police.

By previous ordering we were granted cheap travelling tickets as a picnic party on Friday to and from Christchurch. There being just a dozen of us for the Royal at the Priory, two went on to Bournemouth to look round, and rejoined us later. One of our number—like one of the twelve apostles—failed his comrades, preferring to use his 'director's pass' to taking a share in the picnic. At the finish of the Treble Ten we were informed of the vain attempts of an infuriated resident, newly come to the town, to break into the belfry, and it seemed at one time as if the Ringing Master of the Guild would be 'pitched into' by him. Time did not permit of any physical argument, with our dinner waiting for an hour, and the car for Ringwood ready for us. We said good-bye to George Preston, and hoped the Church Council would pay the court fines—and if the case was too serious—he wouldn't get more than 14 days' hard. Here we sent off flying to the station Messrs. Parkes, Shade and 'Birmingham,' whose peal 'calls' in London and Quex Park had to be met on the morrow, according to promise.

At Ringwood a good peal of Major was rung, without spare time for sight-seeing, or even a call for refreshments. The local band congratulated us, and mentioned that the organist had been trying to get into the belfry to us, with a view to our 'stopping' whilst the three or four choir-boys had a practice. As the door was locked, we had, instead, half an hour's organ recital below the ringing-room, which is in a central tower, but this was like water on a duck's back to our band.

The winding road amidst creeks and waterways between Ringwood and Christchurch would not suit an amateur motor driver, and so we did not make the journey so quickly in the rain and darkness as it was hoped. When alighting at the entrance door of the station the Swaythling train pulled in to the platform, and we hastily changed our seats, reaching headquarters with 1½ hours to the good, or, like the handbells, 'in hand.' Would the end of the week furnish two doubles in the last two days? If 'yes,' then amends would be made for the 48 hours and four failures.

Saturday, our final day, was bright and summerlike. The ride by road through Botley was enjoyed, our fleet of sidecars again conveying the party to the church—Curdrige this time—where Stedman was accomplished. The only peals scored in this tower hitherto (15) have all been conducted by Mr. G. Williams. Even the bells seem to know him. On this occasion, however, Mr. Hart broke the magic spell as conductor, by rattling off Thurstan's bobs with the regularity of a 'pulsometer.' Curdrige are a fine octave of bells (tenor 26 cwt.), sister peal to Ryde, by Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, but neither equal the newer peal at Southampton (tenor 23 cwt.), by same founders, beautifully tuned upon their modified system. At North Stoneham in the afternoon London Surprise for the third time of asking lasted twenty minutes only, although half the band had rung three peals in 24 hours in the same method some twenty years ago. Various touches followed, with other friends joining in, and the last touch of all, with the glass to the lips—'here's to our next happy outing amongst the dear old Churches of Motherland.'

W. H. F.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

INCREASED CONTRIBUTIONS.

Two meetings of this association have been held this year. The annual meeting was held at Rhyl on Whit Monday, when members were present from Rhyl, Bangor, Portmadoc, Wrexham, Gresford and Buckley. The balance sheet showed a balance in hand of 26 6s. 1d., and the secretary reported that during the past year six peals had been rung by the association, which showed a slight improvement on the previous few years. The retiring president, master, treasurer and secretary were re-elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to them for their work during the year.—Three new members and one life member were admitted into the association.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hawarden on Saturday, Sept. 6th, 1924, but as this day was not convenient, it was postponed until the following Saturday, Sept. 13th, when members attended from Rhyl, Wrexham, Hawarden, Bangor, Gresford and Buckley, and the Rev. C. F. Lyttleton, Rector of Hawarden, was in the chair.

It was decided to raise the members' annual subscription from 1s. to 2s., and the life members' fee from 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. The object of this is to provide funds to pay the Master's expenses to visit various towers to teach and encourage the art of change ringing.

A motion was brought forward to alter the date of the annual meeting from Whit Monday to Easter Monday each year, but it was decided to leave the question over until the next meeting, which was fixed for Whit Monday, 1925, at Portmadoc.

The members were entertained to tea at both meetings by the home ringers, and touches in various methods were rung during the day.

INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Could any reader tell me how to fix up a silent practice apparatus for six bells, and the cost of such an apparatus, not including the small bells to be fixed in ringing room: or give an address where it can be got?

NOVICE.

DUNSTABLE PRIORY CHURCH RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 6th, the Dunstable company held their annual outing, when Northamptonshire was the venue. Accompanied by the Rev. H. H. Fauvel (curate-in-charge), and Messrs. C. C. S. Benning and P. W. Ashwell (churchwardens), the party, 15 in number, left Dunstable at 8 a.m. by charabanc for Higham Ferrers, via Bedford, where Canon Baker was taken aboard. Higham Ferrers was reached as the clock was striking 10. Mr. G. Randall met the visitors, and escorted them to the church, where the magnificent ring of bells (tenor 22 cwt.) was raised in peal. The opening touch of 252 Stedman, followed by 320 of Double Norwich, was a good send-off for the day's ringing. A good course of Superlative Surprise with Mr. Martin, one of the local ringers standing in, concluded the ringing at this tower. After the church had been inspected, and some of the camera men had taken several snap shots, the 'bus' was again boarded for Finedon, where the party were welcomed on arrival by the Ven. Archdeacon Greaves (Rector). Another fine peal of bells, with a tenor 22 cwt., was found. After raising the bells in peal, and a touch of Bob Major and Double Norwich rung, Erin Triples was attempted, but wouldn't go at all. Mr. G. Basford joined in the ringing at this tower. Kettering was the next stop, where at the Cross Keys Cafe a sumptuous hot dinner was awaiting the party. After full justice had been done, the parish church was visited, and awaiting the visitors were Messrs. Sawfoot, Payne and Black, of the local band. Grandsire and Stedman Caters and a course of Kent Treble Bob Royal were rung, some of the younger members ringing their first course of Royal. Rothwell was the next place on the programme, Messrs. Sawfoot and Black also making the journey. Mr. A. York was awaiting the visitors' arrival. The bells are a magnificent peal (tenor 21 cwt.), and were considered by most to be the gem of the trip. Stedman Triples, Superlative Surprise, and 560 Double Norwich, with Mr. A. York taking part, were successfully brought round. Most of the visitors also took the opportunity of visiting the ancient bone crypt at this church. Tea was then partaken of before making the last call, which was at Burton Latimer. Mr. G. Lines and other members of the local band welcomed the visitors. The bells here were quite a contrast to the heavy rings which had been tackled earlier in the day, the tenor (10½ cwt.) being lately rehung in ball bearings by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The 'official' tenorman would not tackle this light and easy-going ring, so the amusing spectacle was witnessed of one of the little-bell men 'drumming' Stedman Triples, Superlative Surprise was also rung here. The Vicar (the Rev. R. Lethbridge) visited the belfry, and

extended a hearty welcome to the party. This concluded the day's ringing, and preparations were made for the return, Dunstable being reached at 10.30, after one of the most enjoyable days it was possible to imagine. Good bells, a hearty welcome at every tower, good fellowship, and good ringing, all helped to make the day memorable. The visitors desire to express, through 'The Ringing World,' their best thanks to the clergy of the various churches visited for so readily granting permission to ring, also to all the local ringers who met them, and the hearty welcome extended to them; and, lastly, to their own church authorities for making such a pleasant day's outing possible.

LEICESTERSHIRE OUTING.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the ringers of All Saints' Church, with friends, to the number of twenty, had an outing which they hope to make an annual event. The venue was Rothwell, the place of many bones, and although on pleasure bent, the art of campanology was not overlooked, as arrangements had been made by the energetic secretary and captain, Mr. W. J. Brewin, for ringing at Desborough en route, and also at Rothwell. Journeying by charabanc, the party passed through some of the most beautiful scenery in the Midlands. Touches were successfully brought round of Wigston Major, Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples at both churches. The 'go' of the bells at Desborough was excellent, but those at Rothwell required careful management. Tea was well served at the Cosy Tearooms, Rothwell, and afterwards the party became split for a time, some visiting Kettering to view the beautiful park given by Earl Winstead to the inhabitants. Home was eventually reached about 11 p.m., and the ringers take this opportunity of thanking the clergy for the use of the bells, and Mr. Wells, of Rothwell, for making the afternoon an enjoyable one.

STOKE-ON-TRENT RINGERS' VISIT TO LIVERPOOL.

On Saturday, Sept. 6th, the ringers from Stoke-on-Trent held their annual outing, and visited Liverpool and New Brighton. Travelling by train from Stoke they arrived at Liverpool about 10.30, and paid a visit to the new Cathedral. After dinner and a look round the city, the party took the ferry to New Brighton, where a very enjoyable afternoon was spent. The ringers would have liked to ring at Wallasey, but owing to a peal attempt this was impossible. The return journey was made from New Brighton about 8.45 p.m., and Stoke was reached soon after midnight, after a very enjoyable outing.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal rung at East Tytherley, Hants, recalls the fact that just twenty-five years ago, while another ringing tour was in progress, three Surprise peals in a day were almost accomplished on the bells at this picturesque church.

Cambridge Surprise was rung in the morning, Superlative in the afternoon, and a big slice of London in the evening. It was because one of the band got a whole pull out and would not be convinced he was wrong, that the third peal was lost.

There have probably been as many ringing tours in Hampshire as in any county in the kingdom.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at the Loughborough Bell Foundry on Sept. 11th was Heywood's Variation, and was rung in 2 hrs. 40 mins., not 2 hrs. 14 mins., as printed.

The peal rung at Colerne, Wilts, on Sept. 10th, was the first on the bells since they were overhauled by the local ringers, previous to which they were in a dangerous state.

Visitors to Stanmore should note that the practice night, advertised in the report of the Middlesex Association on Mondays, has now been altered to Thursday, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Two new bells were to be dedicated by the Bishop of Crediton at Ipplepen, Devon, yesterday.

The Exeter Branch of the Devon Guild is inaugurating a winter series of social gatherings. The first is to take place on October 11th, and a ringing clergyman is to preside. Four others have also promised to take their turn in the chair.

William Shipway was born in Bath on Sept. 29th, 1760. He learnt his ringing there, his first access to the belfry being gained through the fact that he was apprenticed to a Mr. Handcock, a cabinet maker, who was appointed sexton of the abbey.

The first peal of Bristol Surprise on handbells was rung at Romford on October 1st, 1907.

On October 1st, 1793, a peal of 15,360 Bob Major was rung at Aston, conducted by Joshua Short.

St. Lawrence's Church, Thanet, is to be a ten-bell tower in the near future. The order for two new trebles has been placed with Messrs. Mears and Stainbank (whose work in this tower bears the best recommendation for at least a century), the cost being £230. The bells are to be completed by Armistice Day, November 11th. One is to be inscribed 'Peace' and the other 'Remembrance.' The augmentation will be greatly appreciated by ringers in that corner of Kent.

THE SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER.

The Dean of York presided at the Snowdon Commemoration dinner, held at the Windmill Hotel, York, on Saturday last. The company numbered over 130, and included many visitors from outside the county of York. The gathering was a most successful one, and we hope to give a full report of the proceedings in our next issue.

DEATH OF THE REV. W. E. COLCHESTER.

FORMER SECRETARY OF THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

We regret to record the death of the Rev. W. E. Colchester, Rector of Alresford, Hants, which took place on Sept. 12th, after a long and painful illness. Mr. Colchester was for a time general secretary, and afterwards hon. treasurer, and for many years an enthusiastic member of the Winchester Diocesan Guild. He was the author of a very valuable work, entitled 'Hampshire Church Bells,' which was published in 1920, and while he was Rector of St. Maurice, Winchester, he had the old ring of five bells rebung and made into a ring of six, as a memorial to the men of that parish who fell in the war. He was also largely instrumental in getting the Cathedral bells increased to twelve.

At the funeral, which took place at Alresford on Sept. 15th, the Winchester Guild was represented by Mr. W. Andrews and Mr. G. Pullinger (the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president, and Mr. G. Williams, Master, were unavoidably absent). Amongst the many beautiful floral tributes was a wreath from the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

The 7th and 8th bells at Alresford require rehangings, and it has been suggested that an appropriate way of commemorating the Rev. W. E. Colchester's incumbency would be to rehang these two bells and to overhaul the others.

SHALL WE REVIVE PRIZE RINGING?

By W. W.

Steady now! Easy with the brickbats, there's no need for a rough house. I merely ask the question, and the reader, gentle or otherwise, had better think twice before he answers it. Probably no other cult contains so much smug hypocrisy and cant as the art of ringing. Now you have it in the neck. There was a time when paid ringers were called 'scruffers,' probably because they scooped up all the filthy lucre they could get their hands on. What an unholy lot of fellows! Let us give thanks that we are not like them. Selah! Ringers nowadays always refuse remuneration — or nearly always (so I hear).

Those were the decadent days of ringing, and yet somehow, history deponeth that some of the greatest achievements took place in those terrible times.

Again, ringers used to frequent places known as public-houses, now abbreviated to the first syllable. How shocking! Yet I remember once at the opening of a new ring of bells, how the Bishop, clergy, Mayor and Corporation, were entertained at the principal hotel of the place, where the loyal toasts, 'Church and State,' and a lot more, were drunk in honour of the event. The ringers not being invited, made their way to another place, designated by the vulgar, a 'pub,' and did likewise. How demoralising! Yet the liquid nourishment was the same. At least, if any difference, the ringers had it (so I hear). Ahem!

In the days of prize ringing, the church belfry was made a rendezvous for 'sport.'

I have an hazy impression that peals of 5,040 and upwards, also records, are also brought off at the same place, and is there any man with an ounce of honesty prepared to say that such are done for the glory of God? So much for the facts that cannot be refuted, and which should be well digested before we hold up our hands in (pious) horror at the suggestion at the head of this article.

The Victorian age has much to its credit, but it cannot be denied that it was rampant with Chadbandism. The line of demarcation between classes and masses was sharply defined. The petty delinquencies of the latter were exaggerated by the former, especially in our art. Times have changed, and we to-day are inclined to take a wider view of men and manners. In all spheres emulation is applauded, and few will deny that with a goal set before us, the end nearly always justifies the means. The painter now able to write R.A. after his name, had to live in the early days by his 'pot-boilers' until the day dawned when his ambition was achieved, for to be 'hung on the line' not only meant honour, but fortune. In music, Eisteddfod, and competitive festival, has always produced the desired results, as Sir Henry Wood and Landon Ronald could bear witness. In fact, in every sphere where competition has obtained, the process of elimination has borne fruit.

The King himself is patron of the Brass Band contest, and would anyone care to say that such competition is demoralising?

Let us come to ringing. I dare say my readers have noticed that at ringers' meetings, as a rule, the striking is not exactly superlative. The reason is not far to seek. If there are eight or ten bells, those who have hitherto rung only on six, see that here is a chance too good to be missed. No one can blame them, for what good is an association if it does not provide something otherwise unobtainable? Quite so. One passenger is all very well, but when the bus is overloaded with them the result is obvious, and no one is satisfied. The public ear is not considered in the least as it should be, and as I am convinced it will have to be considered sooner or later, for clanging is not music. I will anticipate the retort that everyone must have a chance if he wishes to improve. Again, quite so: but that is not any reason why a better way should not be tried. The accomplishment of a peal in the higher methods is not always a criterion of ability. A famous carillonneur recently said, 'I would sooner hear you ringers ring good rounds than bad changes.' A hard saying to those of us who feed on figures, but nevertheless the view is a correct one, for many learners jump into changes before they can ring rounds fit to be heard. Whatever may be urged against prize ringing in the old days, it cannot be denied that wherever it obtained—in Yorkshire especially—they could ring like clockwork.

I am induced to this line of thought from the fact that the public love emulation and the fighting spirit. Given a competitive festival (better name than prize ringing), nothing but good would accrue. As a rough outline, I would allow each band to choose its own method, each band to be a recognised company of a tower; and the verdict to rest on the striking alone. The company ringing 168 of Grandsire Triles faultlessly would beat a jangled touch of London Surprise, and I think rightly so. There should be no test piece, on the ground that it might shut out some whose ability was limited to certain methods.

I do not propose here to give anything but a general outline. I do not suggest what the prize should be. It might be a cup, or a bell, a sum of money in the winning companies or their fund, or take the form of a dinner to the winners, or anything that conveys satisfac-

tion to the fortunate bands. One thing is certain. The ideal would be perfection in striking. A day or half-day could be set aside for the competition, and it would bring pleasure not only to the contestants, but to the listeners outside. To those who ask, 'Who will provide the funds?' I answer: 'I do not know, it might be a useful expense on the part of the respective associations that approve, to find the means.'

I would like to have other views, hostile or not, as I have an impression that more than one patron of the Exercise would be pleased to put up the trophies or funds for the purpose.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

SPREADING THE ART.

A quarterly meeting was held at Matherne, near Chepstow, on Saturday last, but owing to the very wet afternoon was not so well attended as is generally the case. The bells, a ring of six, by Evans, were rehung by Messrs. Taylor well over 30 years ago in a iron frame, and still go like the proverbial fiddles. Service was held at 4.30, fully choral, with a surpliced choir, and conducted by the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Williams), who gave an excellent address. Tea, which had been very generously provided, immediately followed in a building, close to the church, which is part of the old palace, in which, prior to Llandaff, the Bishops made their home. Four of them are buried in the Parish Church.

Tea over, the business meeting followed, at which a report was made on the instructional visit to Skenfrith. It was gratifying to learn that at this tower where call changes prevail, it has been decided to practise half-pull ringing. An instructor was discovered, and it is hoped one more tower will be added to the change ringing list shortly.

It was also reported that at Usk, where the bells have been idle for years, a band has been got together, and are now ringing for the Sunday services. It was a surprise to find on arrival at Matherne that a young band has been got together, and are now practising half-pull ringing, and all were unanimously elected as members of the association.

The usual votes of thanks closed the meeting.

Invitation was then extended and accepted for a walk through the very beautifully laid-out grounds and gardens of the Old Palace now occupied by Colonel McNab. Then followed more ringing, which included the four standard methods, which brought to a close a most enjoyable afternoon and evening regardless of the very wet weather.

The next meeting is at Bonvilston, near Cardiff, on October 11th.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

PEAL RINGING AT MONKS KIRBY.

The last of the monthly meetings for the year took place at Monks Kirby on Saturday, and in spite of the unpropitious weather, was attended by upwards of 30 ringers, including several ladies. Bulkington, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Exhall, Marton, Nuneaton, Rugby, Southam, Stoke, Wolvey, and the local band, were represented.

The Vicar (the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver) and Mrs. Oliver kindly provided tea, at the conclusion of which Mr. T. W. Chapman (Ringing Master), on behalf of the members present, cordially thanked both for their kindness in so doing.—The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased Mrs. Oliver and himself were to welcome the Guild. They would have liked to see more present, but no doubt the very wet afternoon kept some away. He also said he very much regretted to have to refuse the bells on several occasions recently for peals. Complaints had been received that too much peal ringing had been going on, and although he himself loved to hear the bells rung, he did not wish the bells to become unpopular, and, therefore, he had reluctantly stipulated that attempts for peals must in future be limited to once a month.

The Vicar himself is an enthusiast, and is teaching a band to become change ringers. They meet once a week at the Vicarage for handbell practice and once in the tower. He also took part in the ringing on Saturday. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, Cambridge and Sumerlative Surprise.

The next quarterly meeting is at Warwick on October 18th.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Saturday, September 20th, six members of the Norton-le-Moors branch of the Stoke-on-Trent Association visited the Cheddleton, Staffs, and were successful in ringing a date touch (1,924 changes), in 1 hour and 10 minutes, comprising 360 each of London, Wells and Cambridge Surprise, 240 each of Duke of York, Woodhine and Violet, and 124 of Kent: H. Wibberley 1, J. W. Walker 2, F. Triner 3, W. P. Deane 4, J. E. Wheelodon (conductor) 5, J. Walley 6. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. W. G. Burgess) for kindly allowing them the use of the bells, and Mr. T. Willsaw for having everything in readiness.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SUGGESTED FURTHER DECENTRALISATION.

The second quarterly meeting of the above was held at Hinckley, Leicestershire, on Saturday, September 13th. Hinckley is famous in the Midlands for several things. Inter alia, it is the home of the notorious Tin Hat, though since 1914 more men have worn a tin hat than ever before, and to some purpose. Hinckleyites would not care to claim the origin of the army type, for theirs was of a highly respectable shape—to wit—the stovepipe style. Anyway, Hinckley and Tin Hat Town are synonymous terms.

Also the local postman-bellringer is a celebrity worth knowing. He spends his days in his retirement seeking out comic songs with which to bombard ringers' meetings, and his nights in awaiting a message from Mars. The constellations, planets, stars, Jupiter, Venus, and all their family, are to him an open book, and any stargazing student can gain a lot of information and be bored stiff free of any charge.

Jupiter Pluvius must have been at home on Saturday week, for a good soaking was in waiting for the 40 to 50 members who turned up to ring at St. Mary's, but the pelting rain had no effect once inside the belfry, where most methods from Grandsire to London and Bristol were rung. Tea was served in the Parish Room, well catered for by the local branch, after which the general meeting took place. In the absence of the president (Ald. R. B. Chambers, J.P.), and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. C. Wright), the chair was taken by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, M.A., of Mansfield, supported by the curate (the Rev. G. H. Harrison, Messrs. Pryce Taylor, A. Coppock, and the hon. treasurer (Mr. W. Willson). Apologies for the absence of the president and secretary were made.

It was agreed to place on the list of free members, the names of four Nottingham veterans. This is a happy departure, providing as it does, free membership for life, for old and indigent ringers who in days gone by have given of their best.

Messrs. Coppock and Taylor, delegates to the Central Council, gave a resume of the Westminster meeting, the former saying that he was not very much impressed with his first meeting, far too much levity being allowed. (Thank goodness, there are no Clydesiders!)

The election of new members again produced a big list, 34 fresh adherents being added to the M.C.A., now approaching its thousand.

Votes of thanks to the clergy and the local committee were carried with acclamation, the Rev. G. H. Harrison responding.

It may be here mentioned that a feeling exists, and was discussed in committee, that the time was ripe for decentralisation, i.e., that each district should assume local autonomy of its funds, with a capitation fee to the central body. This system obtains in several other associations with success, but the situations are not parallel. It should be borne in mind that a large percentage of the revenue of the M.C.A. comes from honorary members' subscriptions, and chiefly from one or two counties, moreover, these may not be permanent. In the opinion of the writer, if decentralisation comes, it should be on the condition that at first, at least, all honorary subscriptions should go to a central fund, local control remaining over ringing members only. These comments are made at this juncture in order that no measure may be sprung on the members without full and careful consideration.

The remainder of the evening was spent at a neighbouring hostelry yepte Ye White Hart, where handbell ringing and song filled the bill—also the audience until the time of departure, and as Samuel Pepys always ended up his diary—'so to bed.' W. W.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

PRESENTATION AT CRANLEIGH.

Mr. William Charman, of Yew Tree Cottage, Cranleigh Common, has been a bell ringer at the Parish Church, Cranleigh, Surrey, for half a century, and to mark this interesting record he was the recipient of a presentation on Wednesday, Sept. 17th.

The gift was an appropriate one—a silver inkstand in the form of a bell—and with it was a framed list of the subscribers, neatly done by Mr. R. W. Whittington, the organiser of the fund, whose service as a bell ringer also extends over fifty years. Inscribed on the bell were the words: 'Presented to Mr. W. Charman by the Rector, churchwardens, and ringers on the completion of 50 years' service ringing, and 30 years as leader, 1874-1924. S. Nicolas, Cranleigh.' Ex-churchwardens and other church officers also subscribed.

The presentation took place in the church tower, and the gifts were handed to the recipient by the Rev. Philip Cunningham (Rector), who made suitable reference to the services Mr. Charman had rendered. Mr. Charman, who was obviously taken by surprise, returned thanks for the gifts.

Mr. Charman's father was a ringer, and his brother and two sons still perform these services. Mr. Whittington, who organised the fund, and his wife were the first married couple to take part in a peal on tower bells.

DEVON GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL VILLAGE MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at Christow on Saturday. Service was conducted in the Parish Church by the Rev. Bassett Pike, who extended a very hearty welcome to the Guild. After service a move was made to the Y.M.C.A. Hut, where an excellent tea was provided by the ringers and their wives, and a few friends.

The meeting that followed was well attended. Those present included Messrs. E. Shepherd (chairman of the branch), W. J. Southwood (hon. secretary), J. C. Oke (assistant secretary), the Rev. E. V. Cox (hon. secretary of the Guild), Mr. T. Barlett (hon. treasurer of the Guild), the Rev. Bassett Pike, the Rev. F. Knight, and about 80 members representing the following bands: St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas', St. Petrock's, Heavitree, Exminster, Upton Pyne, Topsham, Withycombe, Littleham, Newton St. Cyres, Crediton, Christow.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector for conducting the service, the organist for playing, and the ringers of Christow and their wives and friends for providing tea.

It was decided to hold a supplementary meeting at Woodbury, on Saturday, November 1st, and to have fraternal meetings monthly, at the Franklin Hall, Exeter, these meetings to be in the nature of social gatherings, with chats on bells and bell ringing generally.

Several new members were elected, including two life members.

Ringing was indulged in at Christow, Ashton, Bridford, Dunsford, Trusham, and Ide.

Christow is nearly ten miles from Exeter, and it was a bold venture to expect a large meeting in a small, outlandish village, but the optimism of the Guild officials was fully justified, for there was an attendance of nearly 90 at the church service. This in itself caused some surprise to the Rector and the local friends. To find men so keenly interested in Divine worship fully demonstrated the fact that the Guild does inculcate some very lofty ideals, besides mere rope pulling.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A pleasant meeting of the North and East District of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Stanmore on Saturday last, when some 30 members attended. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., and continued until 5.30 p.m., touches in several methods, ranging from Grandsire Triples to Bristol Surprise, being rung. Unfortunately the absence of the Rector, on holiday, prevented the usual service being held.

After a very nice tea had been enjoyed, the business meeting was held. The hon. secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) apologised for the non-attendance of the president (Mr. F. A. Milne), through illness, and of the Master (Mr. G. B. Lucas), on holiday. Mr. W. Pickworth, in the absence of the former, took the chair.

Five new members all of the local band, were elected, and the hon. secretary congratulated the Stanmore ringers, who were fortunate in having the able assistance of Mr. F. Edwards, of Bushey, on the progress they were making.

Tottenham was chosen as the place for the next meeting, on Nov. 1st, whilst it was announced that a practice meeting was being held at Hornsey on Monday, Sept. 29th.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector (the Rev. S. F. L. Bernays) for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Heading and Mr. Hughes, of the local band, for the excellent arrangements made.—Mr. Hughes briefly replied, with a welcome to the association, and stated that they were looking forward at Stanmore to ringing their first peal at no distant date. He also mentioned that visiting ringers, who were always welcome, should note that the practice night was now Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Afterwards the bells were kept going until nearly 9 o'clock, whilst several of the company paid a visit to Harrow Weald where they were met by Mr. J. Furness, and rang touches of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Kent, and Plain Bob Minor.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held on Saturday at Great Totham, 25 members being present from 11 parishes. Owing to a breakdown on the National Bus Service the secretary, and others, were stranded for two hours, and were unable to reach their destination till after the service at 4.30 p.m.

The Vicar presided at the tea at the Bull Inn. Thanks were accorded to the Vicar and all who had assisted, the Hon. Secretary voicing the opinion of the visitors as to the pretty little churchyard. He thought it to be the neatest and best-kept churchyard in the diocese.—Nine new members were elected, and Great Bentley was selected for the next place of meeting.

METHOD 'CONSTRUCTION.'

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is usually little profit in a conversation in which the speakers make use of different languages which they do not both understand. Mr. Baker is fond of using the expression—prove the construction. What does he mean by it? Or does it mean anything at all? I confess I have not myself the faintest idea. According to my understanding of English, you can prove a theorem; my dictionary describes construction as the act of building or of devising and forming. Where is the connection?

If Mr. Baker will only leave his sheets of figures alone for a short time and do a little real thinking, so as to clear up in his own mind what it is he wishes to convey to others, we may hope for progress; without it we shall never get any further.

Moreover, in his first sentence he expresses his agreement with Mr. Trollope's letter of September 12th. In the question he puts at the end of the letter he tells us in so many words that he has failed to grasp the meaning of a single sentence of that letter.

At the same time he has done more than he knew. For members of the old school of empirical constructionists who proclaim that the place is the method, he has set a pretty problem in his examples of two methods, apparently closely allied, but perhaps as far apart as the Poles in their actual construction.—Yours faithfully,

Holbeton, Devon.

E. S. POWELL.

A NEW TERM SUGGESTED.

Sir,—One must thank Mr. Trollope for his interesting letter, and especially for his clear explanation of a 'Constructional Shunt.'

At the same time one may be permitted to raise an objection to so clumsy a term, and to wonder how it got its name. It is not the same as the 'Shunt' in the Glossary, and though there is a connection in the meaning of the two terms, the connection has nothing to do with the meaning one usually attaches to the word 'Shunt.'

Shunts are not things which usually bring you back to where you start from, even if you take all there are—up to infinity.

Might I suggest the word 'Lift' instead?

Then the construction of a method, if treble-dominated, would be, perhaps, as follows (I speak subject to correction):—

First, a 'Hunt,' which might be either Single or 'Twin': Plain or Dodging (for the latter, the old word for Dodge, viz., Bob, is used).

Second, the Hunt receives a cyclical 'Lift.' A Lift may be 'Forward' or 'Backward': 'Extreme,' or 'Court' (i.e., internal): P (odd) or R (even).

Third, the 'Work' of the other 'Working' bells. This may be 'Consequential' on the 'Lift' (as the dodge of the two bells behind at the third's place in Grandsire Doubles—they cannot do anything else), or 'Independent' or 'Varied.'

Then there would be three kinds of 'Lift':—

First, the 'Constructional Lift,' which we have just considered.

Second, the 'Method Lift,' caused by a call.

Third, the 'Composition Lift,' caused by the cut-out, or insertion of a block of changes.

Nothing has been said about 'Hunting Backward' or the 'Pivot Bell,' as no clear definition of these terms has been given to the Exercise.

Mr. Trollope is undoubtedly correct in what he says about Duplex and Complex. Duplex means that a thing is double, with a further complication or fold. Complex means with several complications or folds. Anything which is merely Double should never be called Duplex. 'Twin' also is not merely Double, it means that two things are not only a similar pair, but that they fit in with one another so as to be almost as one.

HERBERT DRAKE.

Ufford Rectory, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Sept. 16th, 1924.

LONDON RINGERS AT COOKHAM.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the St. Giles-in-the-Fields Guild held their annual outing, the members and their friends paying a visit to Cookham-on-Thames. The party numbered 15, and although London was left in a good deal of cloud, there were bright intervals at Cookham.

On arrival, the party proceeded to the church (Holy Trinity), the bells of which had been kindly placed at their disposal. Ringing was enjoyed for the greater part of four hours. The 'going' was excellent, and these beautiful bells are probably so well known to ringers that more need not be said about them. A good spread awaited the party at the King's Arms, which was much enjoyed. More ringing, boating, light refreshments and a 'sing-song' concluded the very happy afternoon's programme. All were grateful to Dr. Batchelor and Mr. Fowler for their kind welcome and arrangements for the enjoyment of the visitors.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DISTRICT.

As last year, the September meeting of the Western district struck a bad day, but, unlike the previous meeting, the attendance was much better than anticipated, ringers being present from Hinckley (Leicestershire), Maldon (Essex), Linslade (Bucks), King's Langley, Hemel Hempstead, Berkhamsted, and the local tower. The bells were early pealing forth Grandsire and Stedman Triples, followed by Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Forward Major. A short service was held at 5 p.m., when the Rev. S. Meade gave a very straightforward address on 'Bells and Ringers.'

After the inner man had been satisfied, a business meeting followed, at which the Rev. S. Meade kindly presided.—Two new members (one a lady) were elected from King's Langley, and that tower was chosen as the place of next meeting, some time in November, to suit the local conditions.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the Rev. S. Meade for his able address, the organist for her kind services, and Mr. Reeve for his good offices.

The Secretary wished the Berkhamsted friends to 'pass on' the advice given in the address, then he was sure their bells would not long remain in the condition they now are.

The general secretary paid a flying visit during the meeting, but could not stay, as he wasn't his own 'shover.' Better luck next time.

After further ringing, the bells were lowered in peal, and the ringers wended their way homewards, one or two having ten miles to cycle through the rain.

LADIES' GUILD.

MIDLAND DISTRICT OFFICIALS.

The annual meeting of the Midland District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, Sept. 13th, when there was a good attendance in spite of the rain. Members were present from Smethwick, Cleat, Evesham and Handsworth.

The local ringers had the bells going when the visitors arrived, and helped the ladies to keep them going the whole of the afternoon.

The Guild form of service was used, the Vicar (the Rev. T. C. de la Haye) officiating. After service, ample justice was done to a splendid tea kindly provided by the Vicar, and Mrs. de la Haye, who, with other ladies, attended to the wants of the visitors. A party of 25 sat down, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and the ladies, also to the local ringers.

No new ringing members were elected, but one hon. member, Mrs. Price, of Old Hill, was elected. Mrs. Groves wished to retire from the secretaryship, but was re-elected, as were all the members of the committee except Mrs. White, of Coventry. Miss Dodds, of Chilvers Coton, being appointed in Mrs. White's place.

In accordance with the resolution passed at the annual meeting at Bristol, it was decided to have the annual branch meeting in June instead of September.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On the subject of the Washbrook Memorial bells, I should like to enter a very earnest plea in favour of St. Ebbe's tower being chosen. In the first place, St. Ebbe's is the one really 'live' tower in Oxford. All its members are enthusiastic and progressive ringers, who are regular and punctual both at Sunday ringing and at week-day practice. Careful record is kept of their successful 720's, which include peals in many different methods, and often amount to more than 80 in a year—many more than all the other ringers in Oxford together can claim. No other tower in Oxford ever attempts such a peal as a 5,040, consisting of seven Surprise Minor methods, and St. Ebbe's is always the best represented tower whenever there is ringing on a larger number of bells. Of course, these ringers could not be expected to desert their own Parish Church on Sundays for the purpose of ringing elsewhere on eight bells. Now, I am sure I am not alone in my conviction that if the late Mr. Washbrook himself could have the ordering of the matter he would have the bells placed where they would be of most use to the ringers, and there could be only one choice.

My second point is in answer to Mr. Judge's statement that a fair number of ringers in Oxford are in favour of St. Giles' as the most suitable tower for the memorial. I am quite sure that if the opinions of the really active ringers of Oxford were recorded the balance would weigh heavily in favour of St. Ebbe's. A very large proportion of the ringers of Oxford have 'passed out' through St. Ebbe's, and they, including one of the most prominent of St. Giles' own ringers, remain loyal to the tower to which they owe so much.—

Yours faithfully,

W. G. COLLETT.

St. Aldate's Tower.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

SANDIACRE.—For morning service, on Sunday, Sept. 21st, at St. Giles' Church, 720 of Spiced Violet and New London Pleasure: J. Hall 1, W. Halford 2, W. R. Drage 3, A. Freeman 4, R. H. Cox (conductor) 5, H. Turner 6.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evening service, at St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C., 1,440 Cambridge Surprise Royal: G. W. Harris 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, E. J. King 3, C. V. Ebberson 4, G. H. Cross 5, F. R. Borrett 6, J. R. Gammon 7, G. A. Card 8, W. J. Nudds 9, E. D. Smith 10; and, afterwards, two courses of Stedman Caters. Messrs. G. Cross and F. Borrett are from Norwich and Pulham, Norfolk, respectively.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, at the Church of St. Ebbe, for the harvest festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob: W. G. Collett 1, F. Beckett 2, S. Hounslow 3, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 4, C. Coles 5, F. A. H. Wilkins 6.

THANET, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, at St. Lawrence Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 44 mins.: H. Williamson (first quarter-peal) 1, W. J. Jarman 2, T. Scott 3, W. G. Birch 4, A. E. Jarman 5, P. E. Clark 6, E. J. Watson (conductor) 7, F. S. Palmer 8. Ringers of 6th, 7th and 8th are from St. Stephen's, Ealing. A compliment to the ringer of the 3rd on his silver wedding.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evensong, at the Church of St. Mary, 720 Burslem Delight, and 240 Cambridge Surprise: W. Wheeldon, junr., 1, Alice Wheeldon 2, C. Bowen 3, Alice Preston (conductor) 4, J. E. Wheeldon 5, W. Wheeldon, senr., 6.

CARDIFF.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, at St. John's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,359 changes), in 52 mins.: G. Large 1, F. Smith (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 2, W. Biss 3, W. Richards (first quarter of Stedman Caters) 4, J. Davies 5, S. Dawe 6, A. Parnell 7, E. Coombes 8, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. H. Lucas 1, Miss G. Baker 2, P. Jones 3, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, W. Corke 5, R. Carter 6, H. Chandler 7, W. Honor 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), composed by G. F. Swann, in 43 mins.: C. Chapman 1, J. Preston 2, G. T. Swann 3, R. Ingram 4, J. Pratt 5, W. J. Meers 6, J. W. Pemberton (conductor) 7, H. C. Spencer 8. Specially arranged for the treble and 5th ringers, who hail from Tamworth, Staffs.

BUCKNALL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: Reg. Preston (first in the method) 1, Alice Wheeldon 2, C. Bowen 3, Alice Preston (conductor) 4, Wm. Wheeldon, senr., 5, W. Fradley 6. Also 720 Violet Treble Bob, standing as above.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, for afternoon service, in 50 mins.: W. Gibbs 1, H. Cooper 2, J. Bass 3, W. Potter 4, R. Mathews (cond.) 5, W. Cooper 6, E. C. Perkins 7, J. Lloyd 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

WILTON, TAUNTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, 720 College Exercise Minor, in 24 mins.: W. Hayward 1, S. A. Wyatt 2, A. Wyatt 3, W. Coles 4, A. W. Hayward (conductor) 5, G. Coles 6. First in the method by all, and first attempt. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble, on his 70th birthday.

FENNY STRATFORD.—At St. Martin's Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, 720 of Bob Minor: F. Vickers (first 720) 1, A. B. Corden 2, G. Grove 3, D. Hurst 4, F. A. Gilby 5, J. Searcy (conductor) 6.

NORTH SHIELDS.—At Tynemouth Parish Church, on Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Robertson 1, J. E. Scott 2, E. Gosden 3, C. Waugh 4, A. Tully 5, W. Robson, South Shields (first quarter-peal) 6, G. Dix (conductor) 7, R. E. Skeoch 8.

SOUTHGATE, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 6th, for evening service, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: A. G. Crane 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, J. Armstrong (conductor) 3, H. E. Balsam 4, J. E. Arnold 5, W. J. Bowder 6, J. E. Miller 7, H. Miller 8, N. A. Tomlinson 9, G. Besler 10. Arranged for J. E. Arnold, of Leighton Buzzard (first quarter-peal of Caters), and H. E. Balsam, of Woolton Hill, Hampshire.

WALTHAM ABBEY.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, on the bells of the Abbey Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Ellis 1, G. Peace 2, W. H. Hewett 3, G. Thurgood 4, F. Perrin 5, W. A. Alps (conductor) 6, G. Radley 7, G. Cole 8. This was rung on the back eight of the peal of twelve.

DORCHESTER, OKON.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): W. Judge (conductor) 1, A. E. Lock 2, J. Judge 3, P. Dyke 4, W. J. Napper 5, G. Caudwell 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. F. Judge 8.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.—For evening service, at St. Wulfram's Church, on Sunday, August 31st, 1,259 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: W. Thorpe 1, F. Proctor 2, S. Proctor (conductor) 3, E. Nedd 4, E. Cassell 5, A. Parker 6, A. Ward 7, T. Hall 8, F. Turner 9, R. Peck 10. Arranged for E. Cassell, of Hammersmith, and A. Ward, of Bottesford.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, August 17th, at the Church of St. Matthias a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Stedman Triples: R. G. Knowles (conductor) 1, W. Niblett 2, F. Stanton 3, W. Ranford 4, E. Gibbs 5, H. T. Knowles 6, S. T. Holt 7, A. Richings 8. Also two courses of Double Norwich. Rung half-muffled as the annual 'In Memoriam' for the donor of the bells.

WICKHAMBEAUX, KENT.—On Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: O. Masters 1, H. Castle 2, J. Walter 3, S. Walter 4, H. Smith 5, S. White (conductor) 6. First 720 of Treble Bob by ringer of treble.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday, August 17th, for morning service, a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Bob Major was rung in 55 mins.: J. W. Bell 1, J. Taylor 2, T. Grant 3, J. Hallett 4, S. Holt 5, G. James 6, H. D. Taylor 7, C. W. Bell (conductor) 8. The ringer of the 5th hails from Middleton, Manchester, and the 7th from Melksham, Wilts.

DOVER.—On Sunday, August 17th, at St. Mary's Parish Church, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: R. H. Stevens 1, A. Binfield 2, C. Turner 3, T. G. Bartlett 4, F. Elliott 5, C. R. Walker (conductor) 6, C. R. Millway 7, L. Sibley.—576 Kent Treble Bob: J. Engles 1, C. R. Millway 2, T. G. Bartlett 3, C. R. Walker 4, F. W. Elliott 5, R. H. Stevens 6, H. J. Saunders 7, C. Turner (conductor) 8. T. G. Bartlett hails from Exeter.

COLLATON, DEVON.—At the Parish Church, recently, for evening service, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, the first quarter-peal on the bells: F. T. Gover 1, T. S. Collings 2, F. Norrish 3, F. E. Parnell 4, H. J. Hole (conductor) 5. The ringers were from Paignton.

RESTORATIONS IN DEVON.

The peal of eight bells at St. Edmund's Church, Kingsbridge, Devon, have been under restoration by Messrs. W. Aggett and Son, of Chagford. The bells have been rehung on the firm's patent adjustable bearings, and entirely new fittings have been installed. Recently a test was made, and the ringers were well satisfied with the improvements carried out.

The fine peal of eight at St. Mary's, Lifton, have been removed, prior to rehanging by the same firm, as are the peal of five at Cornbury, North Devon. The latter are to be rehung in a massive iron frame, on steel joists, and equipped with modern fittings.

SURPRISE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was not surprised to find the method given by me in 'The Ringing World' of the 5th inst. has been independently worked out by my old friend, John Carter, and by Mr. E. A. Ridgway. The former gentleman published it in 'The Ringing World' of December 26th, 1919, together with several other Surprise Variations worked out on the same principle as that used by myself. I think if Mr. Ridgway will refer to Mr. Carter's article he will find his method amongst the others.—I am, yours faithfully,
Birmingham. J. S. PRITCHETT.

OATLANDS TOWER AND WINCHESTER GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hessey's letter in your last issue is misleading. The writer of the report of the Yateley meeting used the word 'represented,' and now Mr. Hessey seeks to imply a different meaning to the word. My last letter made it quite clear that the Oatlands tower and ringers are outside the Winchester Guild, and no Guild can reasonably claim representation on the lines that Mr. Hessey suggests.

I agree with Mr. Hessey that the Winchester Guild should not put obstacles in the way, and, speaking for myself, I shall be very pleased to rejoin again when they are removed. I have no desire to appear in print, and my only object was to ensure correctness in future reports.—Yours faithfully,
W. SHEPHERD.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern district of the London County Association held a business meeting at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Mitcham, on Saturday. The tower was opened at 4 o'clock, but ringing was late in starting. After a few touches, a move was made for tea, after which the usual business was transacted. There was some good ringing after tea, and among the methods rung were Cambridge Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob and Stedman. The evening finished with a nice touch of Stedman. It was the wish of the ringers that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells.

NOTICES.

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HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will take place at Batley on Saturday, Sept. 27th. A set of medals, kindly given by the Batley company, will be presented with the Cup. Tenor is 10 cwt., not 16 cwt., as previously mentioned.—R. Hargreaves, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Visit to Chertsey on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Trains from Waterloo at 1.54, 2.15 and 3.15, fare 2s. 10d. return. Tea about 5 p.m. Good attendance requested. Meeting at St. Clement Danes on Monday, Sept. 29th, at 7 p.m., instead of 7.30, owing to committee meeting.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

LADIES GUILD.—Western District.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Evercreech on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Service 5 p.m.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—The next meeting will be held at Banstead on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available 2.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea and meeting 6 p.m.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dist. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Whalley (new peal of 8) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Tower open at 2.30. Service at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock in the Parish Room (9d. per head). Business meeting to follow.—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Div. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ludlow and Church Stretton District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Stokesay on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—P. Lane, District Hon. Sec., 19, Castle View, Ludlow, Salop.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Tortworth on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells from 3 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Swindon Branch.—The next quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Swindon on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (10) available from 2.30 p.m.—H. A. Hearl, Branch Hon. Sec.

OXFORD GUILD.—North Berkshire Branch.—A meeting will be held at Ardington on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.30 p.m. Other towers available for ringing will be given out at the meeting.—A. E. Lock, 6, Vineyard, Abingdon, Berks.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Service in St. Peter-at-Arches Church 4.30. Tea at the Co-operative Hall 5.15. Members free. Non-members 1s. 9d. The city bells (except Cathedral) and Washingborough will be available. St. Peter-at-Arches 8 to 9, other towers afternoon and evening.—F. S. W. Butler, Hon. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Hythe on Saturday, Sept. 27th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. — Dale). Bells available at 2.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, provided by the association, and general business meeting to follow for the election of officers, etc. Folkestone tower will be available for ringing in the evening from 7 till 8.30.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dis. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Wickhambreux (6 bells) on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Divine service 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. B. W. Chancellor, M.A.).—E. G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—A ringing meeting has been arranged for Saturday, Sept. 27th, at Warfield (8 bells) at 4 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Winkfield (6 bells) 8 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., Cambridge, Wexham Wood, Slough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Aldershot on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30, followed by tea and business meeting. Ash bells (6) will also be available in the evening.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 15, Baillie Road, Guildford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Biddenham on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells 2.30 p.m., tea at 5.—L. Turner, Hon. Sec., 7, High Street, Kempston, Beds.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The September meeting of the Western Division will be held at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Bells (8, tenor 14 cwt.) will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A practice meeting will be held at Hornsey on Monday, Sept. 29th. Bells from 7-9.30. Members and friends cordially invited.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on Oct. 2nd, 16th and 30th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; 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.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in the Church Rooms, Lavenham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, Archdeacon Farmiloe presiding, at 4.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Bells available 2.—H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Oldham on Oct. 4th. Tea will be provided for those sending their names to Mr. James Cox, 144, Horsedgate Street, on or before Wednesday, Oct. 1st; price 1s. 6d.—W. H. Shaker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be arranged at the Swan Hotel for those who advise me not later than Sept. 30th of their intention to be present.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Owing to the inability of the Vice-President and the Secretary to be present at the meeting at Pickering, on Oct. 4, the meeting is postponed. It is hoped to publish a definite date next week.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Dore on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tea will be provided if not less than 20 applications are received by Mr. J. E. Lewis Cockey, 'Leamwood,' Rushley Road, Dore, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 1st. Tea can only be guaranteed to those sending notice. There will be a meeting of the committee and also one of the Cup Sub-Committee during the afternoon.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bishop's Cannings on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Service, tea and meeting as usual.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Westoning on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A ringers' festival will be held at Great Dunmow on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m. Free tea, at 5 o'clock, to all who notify W. Smith, 11, The Causeway, Dunmow, not later than Wednesday, Oct. 1st. All ringers will be welcomed.—W. H. Dyson, Hon. Sec., Northern Division.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested. Will those requiring tea please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 1st?—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday Oct. 4th. Bells (8). Meeting 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Oct. 4th. Tower opened for ringing from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for October: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 5th, at 10 a.m.; Mondays, the 13th, at 6.30, quarterly business meeting at 8 o'clock, and the 27th, at 7.30. St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 20th, at 7.30. Special Northern District meeting on Saturday, the 18th, at St. Mary, Islington, to which members of both districts are invited. Tower open from 3 p.m. Tea about 5 o'clock, to be followed by business meeting.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, Oct. 9th, the President (the Dean of Norwich) presiding. By kind permission of the Vicar (Canon R. Aubrey Aitken) the ring of 12 at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas will be open to the members. Divine service will be held in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas at 12.30 p.m. The address will be given by Canon R. Aubrey Aitken. Luncheon will be served at Hills' Restaurant, 168, King Street, at 1.30 p.m. Members who intend to be present must notify the secretary on or before Monday, Oct. 6th. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will be held in the Priory Hall, Church Plain, at 2.30 p.m.—Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea in School at 4.30. Tickets (2s. gentlemen and 1s. 9d. ladies) obtainable from the local secretaries, or additional supplies from Mr. A. Smith, 58, Cook Street, off Halifax Road, Rochdale. All ringers and friends welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided (1s. 6d. per head) for those who apply by Wednesday, the 8th, to A. Panther, 25, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

LADIES GUILD.—Southern District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Further particulars later.—H. F. Mills, Hon. Dis. Sec.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Yalding on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Hunton tower will also be open from 7 o'clock. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. Please notify me not later than Oct. 8th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 7th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

ST. CLEMENTS YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday evening 6.30 to 8.30. Ringing Sunday mornings, 10 o'clock to 11 o'clock, except the first Sunday morning in each month. Ringing, Sunday evening Oct. 19th, 5.30 to 6.30, for harvest festival. Business meeting last Wednesday evening of each month.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

CHURCH CONGRESS.—Any ringers purposing to attend the Church Congress at Oxford will be welcomed for Sunday Service ringing at the towers of St. Ebbe's or St. Mary Magdalene's.

PUBLICATION.

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PRESENTATION AT UPHILL.

Prior to the ringing of the bells at the old church on Sunday, Sept. 14th, an interesting presentation was made to Mr. H. T. Hawkins, who has been a member of the Uphill ringing company for upwards of seven years, but who will shortly be moving to Wrington to reside.—Mr. G. R. Masters, on behalf of the ringers, in handing the gift (a safety razor and all accessories in handsome leather case) to the recipient, expressed the regret they all felt at his impending departure, and thanked him heartily for his past services at the tower, and in the interest of campanology. They could not allow him to go, he said, without marking their appreciation in a practical manner, and asked his acceptance of that gift just as a small token of their esteem and respect, also of their gratitude for his regular services. In conclusion, he wished Mr. Hawkins every happiness for the future, and invited him to visit his old friends whenever he could do so, especially at Christmas for the annual dinner.—Messrs. E. Parker and W. Popham (members of the Weston-super-Mare Parish Church company) were also present for the purpose of extending their good wishes to the recipient, and during the afternoon took part in several touches of Grandsire.

Mr. Hawkins, in replying, thanked Mr. F. Stuckey for his kind thought, and feelingly remarked that he was very sorry to have to break his long connection with the ringers of Uphill. He heartily thanked them for the very useful present that he had just received, which would tend to remind him of the happy times they had spent together. He hoped to visit them from time to time.

After several other members had spoken in similar terms, ringing was carried on for about an hour.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of this Guild was held on Sunday, Sept. 6th, in ideal weather, at Hagley, where the bells (eight) of the Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist were placed at the disposal of the members from 3 o'clock. The Guild's beautiful service was said in church, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. Burns), who also gave a very interesting and helpful address. The business meeting took place in the vestry, under the chairmanship of the Rector, who gave the members a hearty welcome to Hagley, and said he hoped that they would pay another visit on some future occasion.

Other business of a routine character having been disposed of, a vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. Ben Gough, and seconded by Mr. J. Price, was accorded to the Rector for his permission to hold the meeting at Hagley, also for his kindness in conducting the service, and his eloquent address, for the use of the tower and bells. Thanks were also given to Mr. Fred Molineux for making the necessary arrangements. Some of the members afterwards returned to the belfry for a little more ringing, while others strolled round the beautiful country until the time arrived for departure to their several homes.

The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Hagley, and the arrangements were left in the hands of the Ringing Master. It was also proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Old Hill, subject to the usual permission being obtained.

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SHOULD PEAL POINTS BE ABOLISHED?

The letter which appeared in our last issue from 'Medicus Vectensis' reopens the question of the allocation of points for peals in the Central Council's Analysis. His allegation that they are obsolete as an indication of the standard of ringing in an association is certainly one which bears much truth, while, as an index to the relative value and merits of the performances which they profess to appraise, they are as useless as they can well be. The manner in which points are allotted is on a more or less rough and ready estimate of the difficulty which a method is supposed to present to the ringers, and no allowance is made for any of the other numerous factors which enter into the merits of a peal. As has so often been pointed out, there are many features in a peal which affect its merit, yet none, save the simplicity or complexity of a method, is considered in allocating points; so that the best that can be said of the system is that it is a half-measure for indicating the standard which an Association, by the combined efforts of its resident and visiting members, has reached. It is no real test of the progress which is being made.

That the Council itself has lost, at any rate, some of its faith in the value of its point scheme is evidenced by the fact that for some years now its Analysis has been published with the Associations given in alphabetical order, instead of, as was formerly the practice, in point order. This may have been done partly to eliminate the competitive idea, but it was principally because the members recognise that the points indicate very little that is of value by comparison with all that they ignore in connection with peal ringing. The question is whether the points are worth retaining at all. Their inclusion in the Analysis adds greatly to the work of those responsible for compiling the tables, and their omission would greatly lighten the burden of this heavy task. If they are to be retained, they ought to take account of many other factors in regard to the peals that are rung—that is, if they are to be any real indication of the comparative worth of the performances. We venture to suggest that the time has now arrived when the Central Council should review the whole position, and either make the peal points serve a useful purpose by drawing up a scheme much wider in its scope so as to embrace the principal features that go to the merit of a performance, or else drop them altogether. To widen the scope would probably involve a labour that would not be justified by results; to drop them would save the Analysis Committee endless work and grieve nobody. But to leave the point system where it is serves little purpose, and may even, as our correspondent points out, give a false idea of the standard of ringing in any area.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, September 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
FRED. F. RIGBY 2	ERNEST CUTSFORTH 6
JOHN POTTER 3	THOMAS B. WORSLEY 7
JAMES BOLTON 4	FRED PAGE Tenor

Composed by T. B. WORSLEY.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	WILLM. R. J. POULSON ... 5
FRANK A. TURNER 2	ARTHUR MAXIM 6
THOMAS CHINERY 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS 7
LAWRENCE POULSON 4	HARRY RICHOLD Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method by Messrs. Maxim and Chinery, and rung as a birthday compliment to W. R. J. Poulson.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*FRANK BARBER Treble	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 5
JOHN APPLETON 2	THOMAS LANCASTER 6
CECIL ROBINSON 3	*ROBERT LAUGHTON 7
JOHN C. POLLARD 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE.

Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal in the method.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*JOHN M. POYNITZ ... Treble	JOHN WOOD 5
HENRY W. KIRTON 2	CYRIL C. PEASE 6
LEWIS GREEN 3	ARTHUR HEAD 7
LESLIE J. CLARK 4	WILLIAM PEASE Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL C. PEASE.

* First peal.

DARTFORD KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PIRSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

JOHN WHEADON Treble	C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... 5
FREDK. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... 2	FREDK. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 6
HERBERT ADDSLEY 3	GEORGE DAYNES 7
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On Monday, September 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*REGINALD JELLEY Treble	JOHN E. CLARKE 5
EDWARD WHITEHEAD 2	*GEORGE A. BURTON 6
J. LESLIE WILLIAMS 3	ERNEST J. JELLEY 7
SYDNEY O. CHENEY 4	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal, and elected members of the association before the attempt. J. E. Clarke has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 6120 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
*THOMAS C. LARKEY ... 2	ARTHUR LINTOTT ... 6
EDWARD CAUNCE ... 3	*CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 4	JAMES MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. PAGETT. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the front eight of the twelve. Mr. E. Caunce has now rung the twelve bells round in this tower to a peal. In addition to this he has completed the circle in five eight-bell towers.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	D. CECIL WILLIAMS 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Edward Charles Augustus, younger son of Mr. and Mrs. Willis Fleming, of Binstead, Ryde (I.W.), to Barbara, younger daughter of Col. Sir William Robert Campion, K.C.M.G., D.S.O., and Lady Campion, of Danny Park, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, which took place at St. Margaret's, Westminster, on the above date. The 100th peal on the bells.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LITTLE ALBION TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ANABLE'S VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
CHARLES T. COLES ... 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
GEORGE M. KILBY ... 3	THOMAS NEWMAN ... 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	HARRY KILBY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Believed to be the first peal in the method ever rung.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

HERBERT J. SKELT ... Treble	AMOS W. CLARK ... 5
MRS. AMOS W. CLARK ... 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER ... 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... 3	DANIEL COOPER ... 7
*FRANK E. DARRY ... 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal in the method.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 26, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN WHEADON ... Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 5
WILLIAM HARPER ... 2	WILLIAM LANE ... 6
JOHN H. CHERSMAN ... 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 7
C.S.M. BENNETT, R.M. ... 4	JOHN AVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHERSMAN.

A birthday peal for ringers of 6th, 7th and tenor.

ASSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

REGINALD D. MARSHALL ... Treble	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 5
CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 2	DANIEL COOPER ... 6
*MISS FRED A. ORR ... 3	ARTHUR DEAN ... 7
CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by R. D. MARSHALL.

First peal as conductor. * First peal of Major.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDERICK CLAYTON ... Treble	SAMUEL GROVE ... 5
*WILLIAM H. BALL ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
*WILLIAM C. DOWDING ... 3	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 7
JAMES F. CLARKE ... 4	ALFRED HACKETT ... Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This is the first peal of Major on the bells. * Proposed country members previous to starting.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WALTER J. BOWDEN ... Treble	MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 5
ALICK CUTLER ... 2	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 6
CHARLES V. HARE ... 3	WILEY J. HAZELL ... 7
JOHN THOMAS ... 4	GEORGE W. FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*EDWARD ILOTT ... Treble	GEORGE CULLUM ... 5
FREDERICK J. CULLUM ... 2	C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... 6
JOHN H. CHERSMAN ... 3	HERBERT AUDSLEY ... 7
FREDERICK J. CULLUM, JUN. 4	RICHARD A. CULLUM ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHERSMAN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung in honour of the 93rd birthday of Mr. F. Cullum, for over 50 years a ringer at the above church. The above band included three sons and one grandson. Mr. R. A. Cullum was elected a member of the association previous to starting.

'SILENT' PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt for a 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was made at Kidlington on Saturday, Sept. 20th, but was lost in the 17th part. The ringers were J. H. R. Freeborn 1, W. Judge 2, H. Miles 3, W. E. Judge 4, J. Butler 5, A. E. Lock 6, J. Judge 7, W. Stone 8.

EDINBURGH.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At St. Cuthbert's Parish Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE R. HOLMES Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 3
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 6
RICHARD A. GOFTON 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 7
JAMES E. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

First Surprise peal in Scotland. The band thank Mr. Heathcote, Mr. Ellis and friends, for their kind welcome and hospitality after the peal.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Chad,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 5
JOHN W. DAVIES 2	GEORGE R. JONES 6
WILLIAM JONES 3	REGINALD LEE INCE 7
ARTHUR NEWELL 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by C. PRICE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Ringers of 1st and 7th and the composer were born at Farnon. Believed to be first peal of Major on the bells since 1841.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lb.

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FODR-PART.

JOSEPH B. FENTON Treble	ERNEST W. TIPLER 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
ALFRED G. GRANT 4	GEORGE BROUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. Ringers of 4th, 5th and tenor, elected association members before starting.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FREDRICK MOLINEUX Treble	WILLIAM GREEN 5
JOHN GOODMAN, SENR. 2	SAMUEL J. HUGHES 6
JOHN PRICE 3	JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR. 7
WILLIAM DEVEY, SENR. 4	WILLIAM PUGH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUN.

Quarterly peal for the Guild. Great credit is due to the treble man, as it is over 32 years since he rang a peal.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

STEDMAN G. MORRIS Treble	JOSIAH MORRIS 5
WILLIAM THORLEY 2	HARRY SEAR 6
HORACE STUBBS 3	EDWARD READER 7
SAMUEL COTTON 4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

Treble, 4th, 5th and tenor ringers are from Leicester; 6th from Blechley, for whom the peal was arranged. It was also a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ALBERT FLEMING Treble	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 5
GEORGE WHITING 2	GEORGE A. FLEMING 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	T. WILLIAM LAST 7
LESLIE G. BRETT 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

First peal in the method by all excepting Mr. G. H. Cross, of Norwich, and first attempt by ringer of 5th.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MRS. HILDA F. JACQUES Treble	*JOHN HALL 5
*REV. R. F. WILKINSON 2	PERCIVAL PRICE 6
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 3	*CHARLES CARR 7
ALBERT COPPOCK 4	*L. WILLIAM JACQUES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by L. W. JACQUES.

* First peal in the method. The ringer of the 5th hails from Bretforton, Evesham. Rung to commemorate the first peal on the bells rung 150 years ago.

SAWSTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN Treble	ROBERT HOWARD 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ALBERT J. BAYNES 6
PERCY WEBB 3	FRANK RAWLINSON 7
WILFRED C. IBBETT 4	T. REGINALD DENNIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF

Conducted by E. G. HIBBINS.

Mr. Baynes is from London, and was spending a holiday in the district.

SIX BELL PEALS.

DEEPISTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5048 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 19½ cwt.

JOHN H. RODEN Treble	HORACE M. DAY 4
CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY 2	JOSEPH LONDON 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	GEORGE H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

Arranged for Mr. Bradley, of Folkingham, and was his first peal inside.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

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 14 cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	*WILLIAM BARBER 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2	THOMAS CRANE 5
FREDK. PECK 3	JEPHTHAH JOLLY Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Doubles. Rung to celebrate the 69th birthday of the treble ringer.

FIVE BELL PEALS.

BICKENHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor about 10 cwt.

SAMUEL COLEY Treble	GEORGE E. LARGE 3
EDWARD LARGE 2	ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 4
JAMES GEORGE Tenor	

Conducted by ALBERT T. SCRIVENS.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of the wife of Mr. S. Coley. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. T. C. Baines for his kind hospitality before the peal. All the above are Sunday Service ringers at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. This is supposed to be the first 5,040 ever rung on the bells. The treble, second and fifth were cast by Joseph Smith, the third by Thomas Hancox, and the fourth by John Martin, of Worcester. Three of the bells were placed in this tower in 1552, and the other two in 1750.

WOOTTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 42 six-scores with ten different callings.

RAYMOND MALTBY Treble	GEORGE PARKER 3
THOMAS WISE 2	ISAAC BENNETT 4
TOM TEBBUTT Tenor	

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT KINGTON MAGNA.

A well-attended meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Kington Magna on Saturday, Sept. 13th. In spite of persistent rain, some 50 ringers, gathered from over an extensive area, took part in the proceedings. The five musical bells, with pre-Reformation tenor, were raised in peal about 3 p.m., and were kept in active use during the afternoon and evening.

At 4.45 p.m. a congregation, numbering about 70, took part in the Guild service, which was fully choral, and was sung to the accompaniment of violin, violoncello, tenor horn, organ and handbells. The office was intoned by the Rector, and the lesson read by the Rev. J. D. Vincent, of Gillingham. The anthem, 'Awake, awake, put on thy strength' (Leaning), was effectively rendered by the choir and orchestra.

The pulpit was occupied by the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who founded a most practical and apposite address on the text, 'Endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.' Emphasising the general absence of 'hardness' and steadfast adherence to principle in these lax and undisciplined days, the preacher pointed out how in various ways the duties of a ringer call for the exercise of self-discipline in a marked degree, and exhorted his hearers to render their service to the church in a spirit of ready obedience to the Apostle's precept.

After service, a large company sat down to tea at the School. At the business meeting, which followed, the Rev. F. L. Edwards took the chair. The branch secretary (the Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe) read the minutes of the last meeting, and subsequently announced that the next meeting would be arranged at Sherborne. Two new members were elected.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the preacher for his admirable address, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart remarked that, while he had known Mr. Davies for many years as a leading light of the Central Council, that afternoon was the first time that he had had the pleasure of ringing with him.—Mr. Davies, in his reply, modestly disclaimed the description of his connection with the Council as that of a 'leading light,' and went on to say that it always gave him great pleasure to find himself among ringers. He congratulated the North Dorset Branch on such a fine gathering.

A vote of thanks to the Rector was carried, and suitably acknowledged, and the proceedings terminated with changes and tunes on handbells.

The following towers affiliated to the branch were represented at the meeting: Buckhorn Weston, Kington Magna, Zeals, Stourton, Manston, Shroton, Shaftesbury, Okeford Fitzpaine, Hazelbury, and Bryan. Ringers were also present from Gillingham, Poole, Wimborne, Templecombe, Deane, and Goring-on-Thames. Several well-struck six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round on the bells.

BRIDSTOW'S NEW BELLS.

TREBLES DEDICATED BY BISHOP OF HEREFORD.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the Bishop of Hereford dedicated two new trebles to complete the octave at Bridstow. Unfortunately, the date chosen turned out to be one of the wettest days in this wet year, but in spite of this a good number of parishioners attended the service, together with over 40 ringers, including Mr. C. Edwards (Guild Master), Mr. J. Austin (Gloucester), Mr. and Mrs. R. Richardson (Surfleet), Mr. J. G. Jefferies (Mangotsfield), Mr. C. J. Partridge (Sutton-in-Ashfield), and ringers from Hereford, Ruardean, Ross, and the surrounding towers.

The surpliced clergy present, in addition to the Bishop, were the Rev. H. E. H. Probyn (Vicar), the Dean of Gibraltar (the Very Rev. James Cropper), brother-in-law of the Vicar, and the Rev. G. W. Turner (Guild secretary), who carried the pastoral staff. The service commenced with the hymn, 'When morning gilds the skies,' sung to a tune composed by the organist of Bridstow, Mr. H. Byolin (who was away on holiday), followed by the prayers of evensong, intoned by the Vicar, and Psalm 150. The special lesson was read by the Dean of Gibraltar, and this was followed by the Magnificat and Creed. After this the surpliced choir and clergy, accompanied by the Bishop and churchwardens, proceeded to the tower, where the ropes of the two new bells were presented by Mr. F. Armitage and Mr. W. Poston to the Bishop, with the request that he should dedicate the bells 'to the glory of God, and the use of this church.'

The Bishop dedicated the bells by reciting three special prayers, afterwards handing the ropes to the Vicar, saying, 'Receive these bells as a sacred trust, etc.' A few rounds were then rung, after which the choir and clergy returned to the nave, and special prayers were recited by the Rev. G. W. Turner.

The Bishop, in the course of an appropriate address, dwelt upon the uses of bells in times past, the market bell, the gleaming bell, the curfew bell, how bells were used for national rejoicings, marriages, and for muffled peals, and concluded by saying that these bells should be a call to the men and women of the parish to assemble themselves together for the worship of God, and that their ringing should be of great assistance in that respect.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' and the Benediction, pronounced by the Bishop.

Immediately after the conclusion of the service, 168 Grandsire Triples were rung by R. E. Summers 1, W. T. Poston 2, W. Poston (conductor) 3, A. E. Gwynne 4, J. J. Bevan 5, J. G. Jefferies 6, W. Bishop 7, A. T. Poulton 8. Further touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major followed, with rounds for beginners, everyone present having a pull. A meat tea was provided in the Parish Room by the Vicar, to which 46 sat down. The thanks of those present to the Vicar for his hospitality were voiced by Mr. C. Edwards, who congratulated Bridstow on the success of its undertaking, and remarked that he should expect great things from the Bridstow band in the future.—The Vicar welcomed those present: thanked the ringers for their great help in carrying out the scheme; incidentally touched upon the rumour that the youngest ringer in England was present, in the person of Miss Richardson, of Surfleet; and invited those present to enter their names in a visitors' book. Further ringing followed after tea.

It was the general opinion that Messrs. Mears and Stainbank had effected as good a 'splice' as could be expected under the circumstances. The old tenor, a pre-Reformation bell dating from about 1480, and just a few pounds under 9 cwt., seemed determined that day to assert its superiority, but with experiments since made she has now shown an inclination to settle down and live in harmony with her new companions.

The small bells in half bearings had some terrors for those ringers who had never made an acquaintance with these 'new-fangled ideas,' but it was observed that the 'men of weight,' as well as friend Austin, of Gloucester, managed them best. The gentleman from Surfleet, who owned the 'rubber bus,' seemed very happy indeed ringing the second, and sitting on the window ledge at the same time.

For service on the Sunday morning the local band, assisted by Messrs. Jefferies and Partridge, rang a touch of Grandsire, two courses of Bob Major, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major.

W. P.

DUKE'S BIRTHDAY.

At Workop, on Saturday, Sept. 27th, in honour of the Duke of Newcastle's birthday, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): G. Hardwick 1, Miss A. Taylor 2, G. Tansley (first quarter on an inside bell) 3, A. Johnson (conductor) 4, H. Jordan 5, A. Craven (Sheffield Cathedral) 6, W. H. Johnson, V.C., 7, E. Clarke 8. First quarter-peal in the method as conductor. Also 720 Bob Minor: W. Roberts 1, Miss A. Taylor 2, G. Tansley 3, A. Johnson 4, G. Hardwick (first 720 as conductor) 5, H. Jordan 6.

A RINGERS' MECCA.

ROTHERHAM RINGERS VISIT LOUGHBOROUGH.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the Rotherham Parish Church company held their annual outing, when they visited Loughborough. A start was made at 7.20, by charabanc, and after a short ride, a halt was called to pick up two men from Treeton, and then, after a good trip, Loughborough was reached at 10 o'clock. The foundry was the piece de resistance of the day, and this proved very interesting, as some of the Rotherham bells were seen in their new guise. A move was then made to the foundry campanile, there to try conclusions with the peal of ten. These proved a fairly tough proposition, but by perseverance and no broken stays, some fairly decent ringing was indulged in. Then a move was made to the Parish Church for a ring on the peal there, but owing to a time limit and a host of visitors, nothing much in the way of ringing was done; still, there was sufficient to enable everyone to admire the tone and 'go' of the bells, and to wish that the peal for Rotherham, when finished, may be as good, if not better.

A start was made on the homeward journey at 4.30, arrangements having been made to call at Mansfield on the way. Here, after a good tea, the party were met by Mr. Bettinson, who had everything in readiness in the belfry, and some time was spent in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major. The homeward journey was completed at 11 p.m. The company desire to express their thanks to the incumbents and churchwardens of the churches visited for the use of the bells, and to all who helped to make the day a great success.

KING'S NORTON RINGERS AT THE FOUNDRY.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the above ringers had their annual outing. Leaving King's Norton at 8 a.m., accompanied by Churchwardens Moore, Lyon and Boffey, and the esteemed chairman of the bells committee, Mr. Frank Yates, they were soon at the Big House, Baker Street, to pick up the St. Martin's contingent. The delay here was rather prolonged, owing to the serious indisposition of one of the party. Passing through the Three Spires City, a stop was made at Monks Kirby, and the bells were soon going to Grandsire, Stedman and Cambridge. This grand peal was very much admired, also the 'go' of them. After light refreshment, the party made for Leicester, and arrived just in time to hear some good Treble Bob by the Northants men at St. Margaret's. Ascending the tower, the King's Norton men soon had this grand peal, by Taylors, going to Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Cambridge Major, the striking again being very satisfactory. An adjournment was then made to the Victoria Hotel, where full justice was done to a good hot spread. After brief speeches by Messrs. Yates, Moore, Lyon and Walker, thanking those responsible for arranging the outing, tracks were made for Loughborough. Boarding the charabancs, the company were surprised to find two of the younger members missing, so the main party had to depart without them, leaving the writer and his Leicester brother to find them. This they eventually did, and ascertained that the missing ones had done their best to 'twist' a marine store dealer, and had come off second-best. Taking the first bus to Loughborough, they arrived just in time to have a look round the foundry and see recast bells, and observe the antics which experienced ringers can cut on a light peal of ten. The visitors were kindly provided with a substantial meat tea by Messrs. Taylor and Co., at the Fearon Hall, the party being presided over by the Vicar of Loughborough, in the absence of Mr. D. Taylor, who was unavoidably away on business. Afterwards, at the Parish Church, well-struck Grandsire and Stedman Caters brought the ringing to a close, and the journey home was commenced, King's Norton being reached about 10.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable, though wet day. Through 'The Ringing World,' the visitors desire to thank Messrs. Taylor and Co. for their generous hospitality, and the various Vicars and towerkeepers for granting them permission to ring. P. O. L.

PETERBOROUGH GUILD.

A pleasant afternoon's outing took place on Saturday, Sept. 13th, when ringers and their relatives of the Kettering, Wellingborough, and Northampton branches of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild paid a visit to Loughborough. Messrs. Taylor and Co. kindly allowed the visitors to make a tour of the foundry during the afternoon and evening, and the visit was very interesting to all. Ringing was also indulged in on the foundry peal and at the Church of All Saints. The new carillon was also heard for a short period in the afternoon. Another pleasing feature was the finding of other contingents of ringers there from Rotherham and Birmingham. Messrs. Taylor and Co. generously provided tea for the whole of the visitors, who numbered upwards of 200. — The Rev. G. W. Briggs (Rector of All Saints) extended a hearty welcome to everyone, and expressed regret that Messrs. Taylor were not able to be with them. — The Rev. J. P. Frend, president of the Northants, and the Rev. R. C. Thurstfield, president of the Kettering branches of the Peterborough Guild, briefly responded for the clergy. — Mr. Moore, Mr. A. Walker, and

Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Guild, responded for the laity. — A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Messrs. Taylor for their kind hospitality, and to everyone who assisted to make the outing such a success.

A PARTY FROM IRTHLINGBOROUGH.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, the Irtlingborough ringers and their friends, had their annual outing, and this year (the Peterborough Diocesan Guild having decided to pay a visit to Loughborough to hear the carillon, and by the kind invitation of Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. to inspect the bell foundry) they decided to make it their 'day,' and to include a call at St. Margaret's, Leicester. It had been arranged to start at 8 a.m., by charabanc, and it was very obvious it was not practice night, for every man was present on time, and a start was at once made. After a call had been made at Finedon for other ringing friends, the party, to the number of 36, settled down very comfortably for the run, to Market Harborough, where a stop was to have been made to cool the engine, and to 'oil' the bearings, but as it was not ten o'clock no 'oil' was available; so the halt was postponed until Oadby was reached. After a stay of about half an hour, during which a course of Stedman Caters was rung on the handbells, the conductor took his place beside the man at the wheel (as he knew where St. Margaret's, Leicester, was), and another move was made. All went well until the well-known clock tower was reached, and then, whether the conductor called a 'bob' in the wrong place is not known, but there was a change of course, and in a very few minutes the party arrived at St. Mark's instead of St. Margaret's. However, under the kindly direction of a policeman, matters were soon put right, and the visitors arrived at the fine old church of St. Margaret, where Mr. Josiah Morris was present to receive the party. The magnificent peal of twelve bells were soon raised, and rounds and call changes, under the direction of Mr. Ernest Morris (who had by this time arrived), were the first order, as several of the party had not previously had the opportunity of ringing on twelve. Afterwards, a well-struck course of Bristol Surprise Major was rung, followed by a touch of Stedman Triples, also a course of Double Norwich on the front eight, and three leads of Treble Ten. Everyone enjoyed the privilege of ringing on this beautiful peal. It was very interesting at this stage to meet and exchange greetings with the members of the Birmingham and King's Norton companies, who were met again later in the day at Loughborough.

After luncheon at the Co-operative Hall, Mr. Perkins proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ernest Morris for the arrangements he had made, and to all the ringers, also to the Vicar of St. Margaret's for the use of the bells. — Mr. Barber, who seconded, said they were all delighted with the beautiful tone and 'go' of the bells, and he specially mentioned the kindly welcome extended to them by Mr. Josiah Morris. — The vote of thanks was replied to by Mr. E. Morris.

The journey was then resumed to Loughborough, and Messrs. Taylor's Foundry, where, meeting other branches of the Peterborough Guild, the party proceeded to inspect the foundry, and most interesting it was, too, particularly the large bell recently cast for Bristol University, weighing about 11 tons, and the third largest bell in the country. Having finished the tour of the works, some made their way to the Parish Church, and its fine peal of ten. Various methods were attempted, and everyone was pleased with the tone and 'go' of the bells. Others stayed at the foundry campanile to have a ring. The party next proceeded to the carillon situated in the park. Here, however, some members were disappointed at the results, as the bells were not heard to best advantage, but there is no doubt that when the full tone of the whole carillon is poured forth the effect must be very fine. Returning to Fearon Hall, the visitors found a splendid tea, very kindly provided by Messrs. Taylor and Co., awaiting the now large party of about 200, and the generous hospitality of the firm was much appreciated. After the tea some of the party again visited the church tower, and others the foundry campanile for further ringing, before leaving for home. The return journey was commenced at 7.30, and with a short call at the now famous 'Greyhound,' where there was harmony, selections, and touches on the handbells, home was safely reached, the party breaking up after joining hands in 'Auld Lang Syne.' Best thanks are due to all those who in any way helped to make the outing such a success. F. B.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Putney, on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, after an attempt for a peal of Bob Major, a half-peal of the same method was rung by C. Moody 1, H. G. Owen 2, C. J. Choct 3, S. S. Brown 4, W. H. Worsley 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, E. C. Russell 7, J. Herbert (conductor) 8. Time, 1 hour 30 minutes. This was rung as a birthday compliment to the genial Master of the local band, Mr. Tom Bolton, as, unfortunately, there was not time to ring the peal at the second attempt. The ringers afterwards adjourned to a near-by hostelry, where the usual good wishes were conveyed to Mr. Bolton, who suitably responded.

FIRST PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD PEAL.**BOARD UNVEILED AT DESBOROUGH.**

On Saturday, Sept. 20th, a peal board erected in Desborough Church belfry was unveiled by the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, of Cranford, the president of the Kettering branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. It records the first peal rung for the Guild, and the first peal of Major on the bells, which was a 5,056 of Bob Major, composed by John E. Burton, and rung on February 9th, 1924, in 3 hours and ten minutes by B. O. Soden (Northampton) 1, M. Hobbs (Barton Seagrave) 2, F. Rollings (Weston Favell) 3, R. G. Black (Geddington) 4, A. Manning (Market Harborough) 5, T. Law (Weston Favell) 6, S. Burditt (Desborough) 7, H. Baxter (Broughton) 8, conducted by H. Baxter.

At the service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. Cole-Hamilton), the Guild form was used. During the singing of the last hymn an adjournment was made to the belfry, where the Rev. R. C. Thursfield unveiled the board, and the Vicar offered the dedicatory prayers.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, an excellent tea was partaken of in the school, and afterwards Mr. Fred Wilford (Master of the Guild) congratulated the band, and tendered best thanks to the Rev. Cole-Hamilton for the use of the bells, and for allowing the board to be put up.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the Rev. R. C. Thursfield for unveiling the board, and for the splendid way in which he was helping the Guild.

Thanks were accorded to the donor of the tea and to Mr. S. Burditt, and the ladies who arranged the tea.

Methods up to Cambridge and Superlative Surprise were rung on the bells by ringers from Northampton, Market Harborough, Weston Favell, Cranford, Weekley, Geddington, Isham, Broughton, Rothwell, and the local band.

It is worthy of note that of the eight ringers in the peal five of them came from five-bell towers.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bedford District was held at Biddenham on Saturday, 27th September. A good number were present, but owing to illness near the church the tower bells were not rung after tea, so the handbells were brought into use.

At the business meeting (Mr. W. Stapleton presiding), one new member was elected, and Milton Ernest was chosen for the next meeting, to be held on Saturday November 1st, the time to be notified later in 'The Ringing World.' It is hoped that a special effort will be made by all members to attend this meeting.

ST. MICHAEL-AT-COSLANY. NORWICH.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—After having set out to correct Mr. Jerram's account of the peal tablets at St. Michael-at-Coslany ('R.W.' 15th August, page 552), I find that the further information I sent you 'R.W.' 5th Sept., page 571) itself needs amendment, or, to be precise, amplification.

Tablet IV. is obviously incomplete without the performers' names, which, together with the last three lines on the board, were omitted from my copy:—

'Elijah Mason 1, George Hames 2, John Greenwood 3, John Coleman 4, John Cooper 5, Joseph Lubbock 6, Thomas Burrell 7, Samuel Thurston 8. William Hanks, Esq., George Coleby, Esq., Churchwardens. Perseverance overcometh Great Difficulties.'

I am extremely sorry, that as a result, this corrigenda becomes a piecemeal arrangement, for which I would ask your readers' pardon, not to mention this further demand on your space.

It has, likewise, been pointed out to me, that I failed to notify the two following (additional) typographical errors in the text of the original article, page 522:—

Peals 3 and 4.—The ringer of the 7th and 6th bells respectively, should be James Vines.

Peal 5 should read Wm. Hanks, Esq., Mayor, etc.

The numbers refer to the numerical order as given in Mr. Jerram's article. The name of James Vines appears, also, I might mention, on the peal tablet at St. Peter Mancroft, Grandsire Cinques, 1775.

In the belfry of St. Michael-at-Coslany, there is, in addition to the tablets, a framed printed record of the peal of Oxford Treble Bob, 1727, the text of which follows that tablet, to all intents and purposes, verbatim. This print, which is contemporary with the tablet, was discovered in the church some few years ago by a former churchwarden—the late Mr. Sturgess. It bears, at the head, an engraved device of the St. Peter Mancroft Society, a point which may be of some importance, seeing that it connects the ringers of that peal definitely with St. Peter Mancroft.

It has, I think, been held that at that period, St. Michael-at-Coslany and St. Peter Mancroft had each its individual band of ringers, and that St. Peter's did not ring at St. Michael's. This heading (of the St. Peter Mancroft Society) seems to show that such was not the case in 1727, although in 1731, we have the two rival bands in bitter newspaper controversy over the first 'peal' of Stedman Triples, which each was claiming.—Yours very truly.

G. P. BURTON.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Some comparative figures have just been published with regard to ringers in the West of England, compiled from the Church Official Year Book and Association reports. The Diocese of Bath and Wells is credited with 2,564 ringers, and of this number 1,239 are claimed as members of the diocesan association. In Somerset there are 301 towers with five or more bells, 141 of which are affiliated.

The Diocese of Salisbury has 1,948 ringers, with 804 in the Guild. There are 263 towers with five or more bells, and 110 of these are affiliated.

The following are the percentages of affiliated towers and ringers: Bath and Wells, 45.6 towers, 48.3 ringers; Salisbury Guild, 41.8 towers, 41.2 ringers. Devon Guild, 12.1 towers, 14.2 ringers.

For the sake of accuracy, we are asked to state that the name of the ringer in the Hampshire tour was Edmund J. Hobbs, and not Ernest J., as published.

The many friends of Mr. Frederick Wells, of Glemsford, Suffolk, will be grieved to hear that he is very feeble in health, and is now unable to recognise even his most intimate friends.

The handbell peal of Minor rung at Lavenham, on Thursday, Sept. 11th, and published in 'The Ringing World,' Sept. 20th, should be credited to the Suffolk Guild, and not the Norfolk Guild.

Three sons and a grandson of Mr. F. Cullum rang in a peal of Stedman Triples at St. John-the-Baptist's Church, Erit, on Saturday, to celebrate the 93rd birthday of the veteran, who has been a ringer at this church for over 50 years.

The first Surprise peal in Scotland was rung on Saturday, when the accomplished Whitley Bay (Northumberland) band scored a peal of London at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh.

The Dean of York, who presided at this year's Snowdon Dinner, has been a practical ringer since he was quite a small boy.

Since the bells at North Stoneham, Hants, were augmented to eight 15 years ago, exactly one hundred peals have been rung on them, viz.: Grandsire Triples 5, Stedman 20, Bob Major 18, Kent Treble Bob Major 14, Double Norwich 32, Superlative Surprise 5, Cambridge Surprise 6.

Like the increase in the number of bells, the building up of the eight bell band at this church has been almost entirely due to the efforts of Mr. George Williams.

It was twenty-five years ago last Saturday that the first peal of Stedman Caters was rung in Hampshire (at Winchester Cathedral), and twenty-two years ago next Monday that the first peal was rung at Exeter Cathedral. Mr. Williams conducted both these.

The first 'silent' peal of Kent Treble Bob Major on record was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, on October 3rd, 1863.

On October 6th, 1788, a peal of 6,024 Stedman Cinques, 'the first on record,' was rung by the College Youths at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, London.

William Booth, one of Sheffield's ringing stalwarts of a century ago, died on October 6th, 1849. He was born in 1783, and was Charles Henry Hattersley's grandfather.

A correspondent informs us that at the meeting of the Southmolton Deanery (Somerset) ringers on October 25th, a silver cup is to be given for the best ringing performance. There is, he says, no half-pull ringing in this district, yet they get an average attendance of over fifty members annually.

Reports of the dedication of new bells at Old Cleeve, meetings of the Worcestershire and Surrey Associations, and numerous outings, and letters to the Editor, are unavoidably held over.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I will not comment on the tone of Mr. Powell's reply to Mr. Baker, but hope, if he deigns to answer me, to receive something more satisfactory, and to be let down more lightly.

There are, apparently, at least two schools of thought on this question, one being, according to Mr. Powell, the unscientific old fogies who say the places are the method, the other is composed of a mixed lot of old and young who think they have progressed far beyond that stage, and speak with some disdain of the 'stick-fasts.' My own conclusions, up to now lead me to back up the old school, but I am anxious for knowledge.

Mr. Powell, or any of the advanced school, can do a great deal towards advancing my education by examining closely the two methods published by Mr. Baker and answering the following question: Which part of the work of either method, whether it is called dodging, snapping, or a reversal of hunting direction, is not caused by a place or places?—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

THE SNOWDON COMMEMORATION DINNER. SPLENDID GATHERING AT YORK.

The old city of York was the meeting-place of a large body of ringers on Saturday, Sept. 20th, on the occasion of the third annual dinner 'to the memory of the late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association.' London, Birmingham, Newcastle-on-Tyne—to mention three places only outside the county—sent representatives; whilst the bulk of the gathering was made up of Yorkshire Association members from the various towns in the three Ridings. Sheffield sent a strong party, who arrived quite early, and this band had the peal of twelve bells at the Minster going soon after morning service, these being available from 11 to 12.15. The Newcastle men went on from York to Selby, in the morning to try for a peal on the Abbey bells, but after an hour's ringing something went wrong, and the attempt failed—the band being back in York in time for dinner. The bells at the Minster were again available from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, as also were the peals of six at St. Mary's, Bishophill, and St. Philip and St. James's, Clifton.

At 5.45 p.m. the gathering of ringers, to the number of 133, assembled at the Windmill Hotel, Blossom Street, for the dinner. The Very Rev. the Dean of York (Dr. W. Foxley Norris) presided, and he was supported by the Rev. Canon Solloway (Selby), the Rev. C. C. Marshall (president of the Yorkshire Association, Leeds), Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), Mr. A. Walker (Birmingham), Mr. Cyril Johnston (Croydon), Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), Mr. F. Willey (Sheffield), Mr. P. J. Johnson (general secretary, Yorkshire Association, Leeds), Col. Otley (York Minster Chamberlain), and the local committee, Messrs. T. F. Earnshaw (treasurer), G. Horner (secretary), A. C. Fearnley, H. Imeson and G. Worth.

After the dinner (which was most admirably served under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Handsley, of the Windmill Hotel), had received that attention which tradition says ringers—and especially Yorkshire ringers—are capable of paying, the Dean proposed the loyal toast, 'The King,' which was enthusiastically honoured.

CLERGY AND RINGERS.

Mr. F. Willey proposed 'The Church and the State,' and said that they felt gratified with the results that had been achieved by the Yorkshire Association in the past two years. They, as ringers, should take a very firm and determined stand for a more generous support of the Church, and he urged them to help forward the work in more ways than they perhaps did in the belfry. He thought they would agree with him that nobody could visit the ancient city of York and look at the Minster without a spirit of awe as they stood under the shadow of its walls and thought of the men who tried to ring out the religion and the teaching of Christ for all. Mr. Willey said he had no fear in saying that some clergy did not even know their own ringers. How many clergy visited the belfry? If they visited such gatherings as that they would find a spirit of conviviality and of comradeship. He trusted that the Church would go on with its steady work. The ringers wanted to see the Church make progress, and they did not want any altering of the Prayer Book. They wanted a plain thing put before them, without any dogmas or pacifist teachings, because that was not true religion. He trusted that those at the head of affairs would see they proceeded in the right direction.

The Dean of York, replying to the toast, offered a hearty welcome to the association on behalf of the ancient city of York. He liked to hear the sound of bells, but only when they were rung by men who knew how to ring—he could tell the difference when he lived so close to bells as he did. He wished to echo the spirit of what Mr. Willey said about the Church. He was no pessimist in regard to either the Church or the State, and had no sympathy with pessimistic views. He did not believe in those who were constantly questioning whether the Church had the same hold upon the people as centuries ago. He did not believe that the Church of England ever had a stronger hold upon the people of this country than it had to-day. Neither did he believe religion ever had a stronger hold—essential religion, real religion—than it had to-day. Those things were easy to say and very difficult to prove, but personally he had not much fear about the Church. It was active, vigorous, as strong as ever and going ahead in really important matters, perhaps more rapidly and more strongly than it had done before in our generation. They were strongly led by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and the Church was rallying to their lead.

What about the State? Plenty of croakers thought that when the present Government went into office the end of everything was about to come. It had not come, and it was extraordinary how men, when they got into high office and had heavy responsibility, found how a steadying influence came over them. We got gradually better results from men when they got into those positions than, perhaps, we were accustomed to expect when they first took office. Our duty was to support the Government in everything it did which was right and for the good government of the people, and to check it the moment when something was not right and proper. The general

common sense of English people, he thought, would take up that attitude and prevent this or any other Government from doing any real harm. Personally, he was not anxious about the Church or the State. Proceeding to speak of bell ringing, the Dean said his first lessons in ringing were started when he was quite a small boy. He had had steeples with good bells, and now, of course, he had splendid bells at York Minster. He never heard better ringing than in the first old parish of his in Yorkshire, in the neighbourhood of Huddersfield, and it had always been his standard of what good bell ringing should be. That was largely due to the efforts of the Yorkshire Association, and they developed a good deal under the association's policy. They, as ringers, were not only in his judgment, trained musicians and essential elements in the organisation of the Church, but he always had maintained, and always would, that the singers in the choir and the ringers in the steeple had a ministry, and that they had a duty to perform with the people and with the Church just as the clergy had. He agreed with the remarks about the clergy and ringers. There should be closer contact; and they should support one another as much as possible.

JASPER SNOWDON.

The chief toast of the evening, that of 'The late Jasper Whitfield Snowdon and past officers of the Yorkshire Association,' was entrusted to Mr. F. E. Dawe (London), who, in a really brilliant and eloquent speech, paid tribute to the memory of his old friend. After first thanking the Yorkshire Association for honouring him, by placing him in that position, he asked for a show of hands by the company of all those who personally knew the late Jasper Snowdon. Eleven hands were held up. 'Ah!' exclaimed the speaker, 'Jasper has been dead 39 years, and time is rapidly thinning those who knew him.' He then went on to trace the career of the great Yorkshire campanologist, showing how enthusiastic he was as a ringer, the part he took in the formation of the Yorkshire Association, of which he was president until his death; also of his writings on the subject of bell ringing and his introduction of coloured diagrams showing the working of the bells; and finished a brilliant appreciation of the late master by relating the tragic circumstances connected with his death. Mr. Dawe then recalled other stalwarts connected with the Yorkshire Association—Mr. Charles Henry Hattersley (of Sheffield), Mr. William Horner Howard (of York), a vice-president of the association for 25 years; Mr. William Snowdon, who followed his brother in the presidency; Mr. Charles Jackson (of Hull); and Mr. Breed (of York), a famous heavy bell ringer—all of whom Mr. Dawe knew personally, and to whose memory he paid rare tribute. The speaker wound up an eloquent and highly interesting address, by again thanking the association for giving him the opportunity of being present.

At this stage of the proceedings, the Dean of York had to leave to fulfil another engagement, but before doing so, Mr. T. F. Earnshaw (president of the York Minster Society) proposed a vote of thanks to the Dean for his presence that evening, and said how willingly he had acquiesced when approached as to his taking the chair on that occasion. During the course of his remarks, Mr. Earnshaw hinted that certain work was about to be undertaken that would improve the condition of the peal at the Minster—information which was heard with satisfaction by all concerned.

The Dean, in reply to the vote of thanks, mentioned that he had been amongst the bells at the Minster, accompanied by the clerk of works, and that in course of time certain improvements would be carried out. He thanked the company for the reception they had given him, and spoke of the pleasure it had been to him to meet such a representative body of ringers.

On the departure of the Dean, the chair was taken by the Rev. Canon Solloway, Vicar of Selby.

YORKSHIREMEN'S TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY.

The toast of 'Kindred Ringing Societies' was submitted by Mr. P. J. Johnson, who extended a hearty welcome on behalf of the Yorkshire Association to the visitors gathered from the Ancient Society of College Youths, the Surrey Association, the Midland Counties Association, the Durham and Newcastle Association, the London County Association, the Birmingham St. Martin's Guild, and other associations, and conveyed to the gathering the sincere regret of Mr. J. Rowbotham, of London, and Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of Birmingham, at their inability to be with them to do honour to their old acquaintance, the late J. W. Snowdon.

In replying to the toast, Mr. A. Walker, of Birmingham, related a legal complication with another distinguished member of the Exercise, which proved highly diverting to the company, and an earnest wish was expressed that, in case of necessity, a surety could be found for Mr. Walker, so that he would be at liberty for the projected 'twelve bell week.'

Mr. C. F. Johnston also replied, and expressed his pleasure and satisfaction at the cordial reception accorded to the visitors, and wished the association every success in its future activities.

The next toast 'The continued prosperity of the Yorkshire Association,' was proposed by the Rev. C. C. Marshall, who conveyed

to the meeting the sincere regret of their old friend, Mr. George Bolland, of Tong, who was absent through illness. The speaker pleaded for the continuance of the old tradition of hospitality for which the county was noted, and stated that, in his opinion, the Yorkshire Association owed much of its success to the famous teas with which visitors were received in pre-war days at the association meeting.

Mr. Marshall also announced that Bradford Cathedral ringers had invited the association to visit Bradford for the annual meeting, and as he (the speaker) had information that Bradford intended to make the meeting a high-water mark in the annals of the association all members were urged to visit Bradford on the occasion of the meeting.

This toast was enthusiastically honoured, after which Mr. F. E. Dawe took the opportunity of proposing 'The Ringing World.' In an interesting speech, Mr. Dawe traced the history of the ringing press, through its many vicissitudes, and pointed out the great debt that the Exercise was under to the Editor of 'The Ringing World' for keeping the paper going throughout the difficult days of the war, and urged that all ringers should do their utmost to give a more generous support to the paper than was its present lot, and further stated that, provided the paper was taken even by one in every six ringers, it would be possible to give a much better paper than at present.

Train time here compelled the second chairman to leave, the Rev. C. C. Marshall officiating in that capacity for the rest of the evening.

Mr. Albert Walker paid an eloquent tribute to the York quartette, whose magnificent singing had added so considerably to the success of the dinner, this leading the company rashly to attempt musical honours for the entertainers. Time brought, all too soon, an end to a most enjoyable evening, in which the splendid handbell ringing by the Sheffield Cathedral ringers, and the excellence of the programme, will leave a vivid impression on the memories of all present. Acting in his presidential capacity, the Rev. C. C. Marshall duly saw all his charges housed for the night, but was not equally successful in seeing all the 25 visitors who had stayed, on the following morning.

So ended a most enjoyable and memorable gathering, train time on the Sunday finally dispersing the visitors to their various destinations. This opportunity is taken to thank the clergy of York, who kindly granted the use of their bells for the day, and so materially added to the success of the occasion, and also to thank the York Minster ringers for the energy with which they entered into all the arrangements, and for the hearty welcome extended to all who visited York.

P. J. J.

PAINSWICK'S ANCIENT SOCIETY. CELEBRATION OF THE 238TH ANNIVERSARY.

On Saturday, Sept. 20th, the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths celebrated their 238th anniversary. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., with touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Cinques and Stedman Caters. Later, about 40 sat down to an excellent meat tea at the Institute, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. C. H. Vicary), who, at the conclusion of the repast, extended a hearty welcome to the company.—Mr. Evans, of Gloucester, one of the visitors, acknowledged the welcome of the Vicar, and said he had much pleasure of restoring to the society one of Shipway's books on campanology, dated 1816, with Mr. W. Estcourt's name in it.

Mr. Albert Wright, Master of the Painswick Youths, accepted the book with considerable pleasure, as he was one of an unbroken line of ringers belonging to Mr. W. Estcourt's famous band. He said they had two of their clergy with them, but he thought they were unaware that they also had two Bishops, namely, the 'Bishop of Swindon' and the 'Bishop of Wandsworth,' and he proposed that these two Bishops should be made members of the Painswick Youths, namely, Mr. Ernest Bishop and Mr. Herbert Bishop.—Their 'lordships,' in acknowledging the compliment, thanked the Youths for the honour that had been done them by making them members of the society.

Mr. M. E. Ireland expressed the pleasure it afforded him again to be with them once more on the occasion of the celebration of their anniversary, and referred to the interest he had taken of recent years in the Painswick bells and ringers. The latter were essentially a united body, for change ringing could not be properly carried through unless the ringers were in accord one with the other. He drew from that a lesson of unity for the general community, and went on to speak in terms of deserved praise for Mr. Wright and his brother ringers at Painswick.

A few courses of Triples on the handbells brought these proceedings to a close, and the tower was again visited, when touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Cinques, Stedman Triples and Caters and Bob Major were rung. On Sunday, the 'Feast Day,' ringing was carried on at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5 o'clock, for the services, with touches of Grandsire Triples, Caters, Cinques, Stedman Caters and Cinques, there being a great number of ringing visitors.

THE 'TWELVE-BELL' WEEK.

The result of last week's ringing tour to half a dozen twelve-bell towers was very gratifying. All the peals were rung, except at Wolverhampton, on Thursday, where a rope broke after an hour and a half. The successes were at Leicester, Birmingham, West Bromwich, Painswick and Cirencester, a peal of Stedman Cinques being rung at each tower.

Further details will appear next week, but we have been requested to express the thanks of the ringers to the 50 or so clergy, ringers and steepkeepers, whose united help and kindly co-operation enabled St. Martin's Guild to accomplish so much.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Lincoln on Saturday, and was well attended by members from various towers. Mr. F. Wilford, Master of the Central Northamptonshire Association, was also present. The bells of St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts, St. Botolph's, and Washingborough, were at the disposal of the members, and a service was held in St. Peter-at-Arches Church, a good number being present. The Rev. R. Bond (Rector) officiated, and a very appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. Canon Townroe, Vicar of St. Peter-at-Gowts. An excellent tea was provided at the Co-operative Cafe, 85 members and friends sitting down.

The business meeting followed, at which Mr. F. E. Linley presided, supported by members of the committee, also the Rev. H. T. Parry, vice-president of the Grimsby district, and the Rev. A. Hunt, Welton. Apologies of absence were read from the Dean of Lincoln, and the Rev. H. C. Frith, Elsham.

The whole of the officers were re-elected en bloc. As the formation of a new district at Sleaford had not met with the success anticipated, it was decided to let the matter stand over for the time being.

The secretary's report from May 1st to September 20th inclusive was submitted to the meeting, and approved by the members.

The following new members were elected: Mr. Douglas Hewitt, Welton; Miss E. Cade and Mr. Geo. Cade, Scotherne; Mr. G. Smith, Ewerby; and Mr. W. J. Cleaver, Blankney.

With regard to the new rules, certain alterations, suggested by the committee, were brought forward, and carried. Other amendments were then considered, and after discussion, were also carried.

As the amendment of rules 4 and 5 necessitate the reversing of the annual and half-yearly meetings, it was agreed to hold the next half-yearly meeting at Stow in the autumn of 1925, the fixing of the date being left in the hands of the general secretary, and the members of the Stow company.

Mr. G. Chester read a letter which he had received from Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, who is recuperating his health at Woodhall Spa. It was very gratifying to learn that he hopes to return to Lincoln a better and stronger man.

The usual votes of thanks were unanimously carried, and brought the business meeting to a close.

DEATH OF MAJOR LIGHTOWLERS. TAUNTON RINGERS LOSE A FRIEND.

Major J. R. F. Lightowers passed away at his residence, Wellington Road, Taunton, on Tuesday, Sept. 16th, at the age of 73 years. The deceased gentleman, who took a leading part in the scheme to increase the bells at St. Mary's Church to twelve, was first commissioned in the army on August 10th, 1889, and attained the rank of Major on April 1st, 1904. He retired from the Royal Artillery, in which he had been serving, on October 14th, 1904. The deceased went through the South African war, and received the Queen's medal with clasp, and the King's medal with two clasps.

He was a staunch Churchman, and served ten years as churchwarden at St. Mary's Church from 1913 to 1923, being the senior of three wardens from 1918 onward. He identified himself very prominently with the important work in connection with the installation of the new frame and the augmentation of St. Mary's peal to twelve, and the reinstating of the carillon (there being 15 bells in all in the tower). He presided at all committee meetings, and took a most active part in collecting the necessary funds.

The deceased was laid to rest on Saturday, Sept. 20th, the funeral being carried out with military honours. His efforts will be ever remembered with gratitude by the ringers for his work in connection with the only peal of twelve bells in the diocese.

To perpetuate his memory, and as a token of respect, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on St. James's bells after the funeral.

COLNE ENGAGE, ESSEX.—On Saturday, Sept. 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Double Court: G. Wiffen 1, J. Turner 2, F. Ridgewell 3, E. Wiffen 4, J. French (conductor) 5, L. W. Wiffen 6. Also 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: E. Wiffen 1, F. Claydon 2, J. Turner 3, G. Wiffen 4, L. W. Wiffen (conductor) 5, A. Saunders 6.

THE ELY (?) 'RESOLUTION.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In fairness to the Ely Diocesan Association the following two points should be made quite clear:—

(1) The 'resolution' was not a resolution of the Ely Diocesan Association at all, but was brought forward at a district meeting, and is now referred back to the association for discussion, if necessary, at its annual meeting.

(2) Among the causes underlying this resolution not the least potent is the fact that the Ely Diocesan Association has undoubtedly suffered considerably by the ringing, within its area, of peals for other associations, by ringers, the majority of whom are members of the Ely Association. This is particularly the case in one part of Cambridgeshire, where the great majority of peals rung in the last five years have been rung, chiefly by local ringers, under the name of another diocese. This is altogether different from the case of 'ringers on tour' contemplated by your correspondent, 'Medicus Vectensis'.—

Yours faithfully,
Long Stanton.

H. B. WOOLLEY.

**RINGING COMPETITIONS.
EFFECT IN THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I was very pleased indeed to read the interesting articles in this week's 'Ringing World,' re ringing competitions and prize ringing. 'W. W.' invites opinions on the subject, may I venture to give mine? In the area covered by the 'Four Shires Guild,' on the borders of Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire, change ringing was unknown till the formation of our little Guild. In October, 1909, a few bold spirits, led by that veteran ringer, Walter Large, met and decided to form a Guild, and to hold ringing competitions, twice yearly, to encourage the art in a district where the only ringing done was a few rounds, and, perhaps, half a dozen call changes. At the competitions, which were the result of this meeting, the teams were allowed five minutes to raise the bells, five minutes round ringing, five minutes call changes, and if there was a band which could ring a six-score, they rang it, and five minutes were allowed to lower the bells. The maximum number of points allowed for each event was 100, and every bad blow, or clash of two bells together, meant a point deducted from the 100. The tower which gained the most points was declared the winner, and awarded a handsome certificate of merit. Many of these may now be seen hanging in the belfries in the district. As the years rolled by, competition grew very keen, and one by one the towers took up method ringing, so that they could gain more points, and eventually round ringing was cut out of the competition. The bands could ring a six-score in any method they liked, the points being awarded for the striking alone. No money or personal prizes were given at these competitions.

In 1920, the Guild decided to purchase a 'challenge shield' at a cost of £20, to be put up for competition, and this was awarded to the band which gained the most points on the year's ringing. This acted as a great stimulant to the ringing in the district, the bands straining every nerve to obtain this coveted trophy, and at the last competition held, the present holders, who a few years ago were a poor struggling 5-bell band, ringing only rounds and a few call changes, obtained the grand total of 299 points out of a possible 300, while their runners-up gained 296 points.

I think this will prove that where competitions are carried out in the proper manner, they are a help to ringing.

We are holding our next competition on October 25th at Quinton, near Stratford-on-Avon, and we shall be very pleased to welcome anyone who would like to see how the competition is carried out. The home team is not allowed to compete on their own bells, but are allowed the average points on the day's ringing.—Yours faithfully,

Tunmington.

HORACE TERRY.

MASHAM'S NEGLECTED BELLS.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association met for the autumn meeting at Masham on Sept. 13th, but ringing on these very musical bells was found to be anything but a joy. The condition of the bells is described by one member as 'disgraceful,' and the opinion was expressed that unless a bell hanger is soon called in there may be a serious accident. The neglected state of the bells is in marked contrast to the rest of the church, where no pains are spared to maintain the fabric and its contents. But the dilapidated condition of the bells, being out of sight, is, alas, conveniently out of mind. It is sincerely hoped the church authorities at Masham will awake to their responsibilities in regard to the bells, and have them put into reasonable order.

Ringers were present at the meeting from Thirsk, Northallerton, Darlington (St. John's), Ripon, Sharow, Tanfield, Wath, Stockton-on-Tees and Middlesbrough.

'WIGSTON MAJOR.'*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—In your last issue it was stated the above method was rung by a Leicestershire band. No mention was made as to where the ringers came from. I should like to see the figures of 'Wigston Major,' and learn who is its composer. Perhaps Mr. W. J. Brewin (as mentioned last week) or one other of the band will kindly oblige.—Yours,

'METHODS.'

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at Evercreech, Somerset, on Saturday. The weather was glorious, and the attendance good. The towers represented were Bristol, Bath, Paulton, Clapton-in-Gordano, Burnham, Ditchet and Evercreech. The members were heartily welcomed by the local ringers, and touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. At tea, the Vicar (the Rev. E. B. Ll. Williams) extended a very hearty welcome to all the visitors, and gave a short address.

The business meeting followed, and three new members were elected.—Notice was given that the yearly meeting would in future be held in June instead of September, the year ending on the 30th June.

The next meeting will be held at Bristol, either on the 6th or 13th December.

Service was held in the beautiful church, which had been tastefully decorated for the harvest festival.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the vicar, organist, and to the ladies who had prepared tea.

Before leaving, the visitors said that they had thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to Evercreech.

NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL GUILD.

The annual trip of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild took place on the 20th and 21st September. Unfortunately, the full company could not take part, owing to business and other calls. Leaving Newcastle at 7.35 a.m., York was reached shortly before 10 a.m., where Mr. G. A. Pickering (who had travelled all the previous day and night from County Kerry, Ireland), Mr. F. E. Dawe, London, and Mr. T. Haigh, York, joined the company, which then journeyed on to Selby. Here the Abbey bells were at their disposal for a peal attempt, Mr. H. Fairlamb, a local ringer, kindly taking the vacant rope. After a few preliminaries a start was made for Stedman Caters, W. H. Barber calling one of his usual 'twisters.' Unfortunately, the attempt came to a climax owing to a member missing his sally, after ringing 55 minutes, a change course resulting. Back to York, where the main attraction was 'The Snowdon Dinner.' Sunday was spent quietly, at the Minster, and exploring York in the afternoon, under the guidance of Mr. T. Haigh, and in the genial company of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. A. Walker, and others. After tea, the party were 'seen off the premises' at 6.43 by 'Brum,' Leeds and Rotherham friends. Home was reached shortly after 9 p.m., all having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The writer takes this opportunity of thanking all who helped to make the trip a pleasure; Dr. Selloway for the use of the Abbey bells; Mr. Horner, of York, for arranging accommodation; Mr. Cryer, of Selby; and, last, but not least, Mr. P. J. Johnson, who did big things for the visitors.

LOUGHBOROUGH RINGERS' OUTING.

The ringers of All Saints' Church, Loughborough, held their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 20th, when some twelve members assembled outside the Parish Church, waiting patiently for the 'tin lizzie' to arrive. At 1.40 the party were in 'high jinks,' en route for Earl Shilton, and an hour soon elapsed, when the tower was sighted, standing very high above the village. The ringers were met by Mr. Harry Webb, who had everything in readiness, and this new peal of eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co. were soon pealing forth Stedman. Bob Major, also Grandsire. The party were joined by Mr. John Oldham and Mr. Billinghamurst, and after about an hour's ringing proceeded to Thurlaston, where they partook of an excellent meat tea, for arranging which the secretary, Mr. Horace Stubbs, was suitably thanked. Regret was expressed at the absence of Mr. Pryce Taylor, who, however, left a reminder that he was with them in spirit if not in the flesh. After tea the party were met by Messrs. White, of Thurlaston, who again had everything ready in the belfry for the visitors, and standard methods were indulged in on this musical peal of six. After an hour or two's ringing the company had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Harry Webb's handbell quartette party, who tapped off in fine style a number of well-known airs. Further handbell and tower bell ringing was enjoyed until 9 o'clock, when the return journey was made. Although the day was wet, it was nevertheless enjoyable. The company wish to kindly thank those who helped to make the outing so successful; not least the Vicars of the various churches for the use of their respective bells.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EXHALL, COVENTRY.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, at St. Giles' Church, for the harvest festival, 360 Grandsire Doubles. Also 120 Plain Bob Doubles. An attempt for a quarter-peal in the morning came to grief, owing to the 2nd and 4th changing course, after some excellent ringing.

DUNSTABLE.—At the Priory Church, on Sept. 28th, for evening service, 789 Stedman Triples: J. B. Marks 1, G. Heley 2, A. G. Matthews 3, A. V. Good 4, C. Rollings 5, C. E. King 6, A. E. Sharman (conductor) 7, C. T. King 8.

KING'S LANGLEY.—On Sept. 28th, for harvest festival (Matins), 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Ayre (conductor) 1, J. W. Lane 2, R. S. Cook 3, A. E. Dollimore 4, A. Hill 5, F. I. Hairs 6, A. E. Rogers 7, F. Dollimore 8.

THATCHAM, BERKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, for harvest festival, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: F. Tilling 1, A. Smith 2, W. Adkins 3, A. W. J. Bird 4, S. Quintin 5, H. W. Curtis (conductor) 6. Ringers of 5th and 6th are from Newbury.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 28th, at St. Mary's Church, for the harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: R. Turrell 1, C. Carr 2, A. Woodden 3, F. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 28th, for harvest festival, evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: J. Willmott 1, H. Barrett 2, H. Rivers 3, W. C. Stacey 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. Hunt 7, S. Stratton 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, for evensong, on Sept. 28th, 1,344 Superlative Surprise: R. E. Lambert 1, S. H. Green (conductor) 2, R. Collison (first quarter on an inside bell) 3, Miss D. E. Orlebar 4, W. Latter 5, R. T. Lambert 6, H. Markwell 7, F. White 8.

WALTHAM ARREY.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 28th, for harvest thanksgiving, at the Church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (on the back eight), in 48 mins.: M. Pettitt 1, G. Peace 2, G. Maxim 3, E. Adams 4, G. Thurgood (conductor) 5, F. Perrin 6, G. Radley 7, G. Coles 8.

WINDSOR.—On Sunday morning, Sept. 28th, a quarter-peal (from Parkers' 6-part) of Grandsire Triples: J. W. Croft, W. P. Cross, T. Smith, T. Farr, W. Henley, A. Bateman, L. Stilwell (conductor), G. Barkus. Rung on the occasion of the annual hospital parade.

HOLBORN.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, in 49 mins., a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), for evening service: H. Franks, C. Choct 2, W. J. Norton 3, R. W. Green 4, A. Darnell 5, J. S. Hawkins 6, J. Bullock 7, R. T. Deal (conductor) 8.

KINGSNORTH, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, for harvest festival, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: W. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, A. Mills 3, F. Hodges 4, F. Good (conductor) 5.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evensong, in 46 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Coppins 1, A. Rinfeld 2, Miss E. Jarvis 3, E. Bridges 4, S. Binfield 5, T. Farley 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8. W. J. Jeffries is from St. John's, Deptford.

LISCARD.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evening service, at St. Mary's, Liscard, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Woosnam 1, A. Woosnam 2, J. Hughes 3, F. Evans 4, W. Catterall 5, W. A. Woosnam (conductor) 6, H. Williams 7, F. Winstanley 8. The ringers of the 4th and 5th hail from Wrexham, and the remainder are members of the regular Sunday Service band at the above church.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 504 of Stedman Triples: A. Mears 1, J. Ryves 2, C. Fray 3, W. Linter 4, W. Ryves 5, A. Pook 6, A. Mears, senr. (conductor) 7, G. Dowdy 8. W. Linter hails from Swanmore, and all are members of the Winchester Guild.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 21st, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples: A. J. Le Clercq 1, H. Prior 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Kemp 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.—For evening service, 504 in the same method, C. Wells ringing the treble, the rest standing as above.

FALING.—On Sept. 21st, at Christ Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. A. Folkard 1, G. Harbour 2, A. Brookland 3, W. H. Hollier 4, C. Edwards 5, A. Harding 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, A. F. M. Tuke 8.

FULHAM.—For evening service, on Sept. 21st, at All Saints' Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. A. Folkard 1, F. Norris 2, A. Cutmore 3, W. H. Hollier 4, J. W. Driver 5, F. Skevington 6, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 7, H. Page 8.

FALING, MIDDLESEX.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 21st for evensong, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 44 mins.: A. J. Moore 1, G. W. Stevens 2, H. A. Harding 3, H. J. Hunnisett 4, A. M. Stacey 5, A. H. Fulwell 6, J. H. Hunnisett 7, F. W. Goodfellow (conductor) 8. This was the conductor's 50th quarter-peal for Sunday service at the above church as conductor.

ROTHWELL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The report of the Leicestershire outing, which appeared in last week's issue of 'The Ringing World' is rather misleading. The writer, in commenting on the 'go' of the bells at Desborough, says they were excellent, with which I quite agree, but he goes on to say, 'But those at Rothwell require careful management.' This rather implies that all is not well with the 'go' of the bells.

May I say that every ringer in this district is always glad of the opportunity to ring on these beautiful bells, and are loud in their praise of the ease with which they can be rung, owing to the very great care the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. M. Morley) and the Rothwell ringers give to them.

The report goes on to say that some of the party went on to Kettering to view the beautiful park given by Earl Winstead to the inhabitants. I beg to say the park (which is a private one) was laid out, and made by Alderman C. Wicksteed, J.P., C.C., who very kindly allows the public free use of it.—Yours faithfully,

DAVID J. NICHOLS.

PRESENTATIONS TO A RINGER.

There was a happy little gathering of choirmen, bell ringers and parishioners in the Parish Room at Clun, Shropshire, on Monday evening, Sept. 15th, when Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Watkins were presented with a notecase, containing £11 11s. 6d., on the occasion of their silver wedding.

The Vicar presided, and the presentation was made by the Rev. H. J. Scott, who, in a few well-chosen words, conveyed the hearty congratulations and cordial wishes of the donors, and Mr. Watkins suitably expressed his acknowledgment.

Mr. Watkins, who is a native of Clun, has been employed most of his life at the business carried on at No. 1, Market Place, and for the long period of forty-five years has been a member of the parish church choir, and also a bell ringer since 1914, when the church tower and bells were restored, and his services have been much appreciated. The bells were rung during the evening to celebrate the event.

Included among other numerous gifts was a set of solid silver teaspoons, suitably inscribed, from Mr. W. Mead, his employer, and Mrs. Mead.

A FIRST PEAL COMMEMORATED.

A MANSFIELD PERFORMANCE OF 150 YEARS AGO.

To commemorate the first peal at Mansfield, Notts, which was rung a hundred and fifty years ago, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major was rung there on Saturday, the method being the same as in the first performance.

This first peal was rung on Monday morning, the 26th September, 1774, and consisted of 5,280 Oxford Treble Bob Major in 3 hours and 35 minutes, by the following persons: R. Peat 1, J. Wilkinson 2, R. Metheringham 3, W. Bradley 4, J. Mason 5, J. Fettiplace 6, F. Draper 7, William D. Crofts (composer and conductor) 8.

The Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, who took part last Saturday, was particularly keen on ringing the same bell as his namesake, although, of course, there is no relationship. Several suggestions were made for emulation of the previous performance, one being that the Nottingham men should walk home. This, however, was respectfully declined. The band cordially thank Mr. Wilkinson for the sumptuous tea provided after the peal. He makes a 'tin-top' host, and may feel interested to know that his namesake was the only 'first peal in the method' in the original band.

FARNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The members of St. Andrew's band, Farnham, Surrey, with their wives, had their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 6th, when, accompanied by Mr. Cleaves (the vergier) and Mr. Smith (organ blower), and his wife, they journeyed by charabanc to Southsea.

Leaving Farnham at 7.45 a.m., a halt was made at Privett for a pull on the beautiful peal of bells at Holy Trinity Church, permission having been given previously by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Edge). After a couple of touches of Grandsire Triples, the visiting party were greeted, and warmly welcomed, outside the church, by the Vicar, who was thanked for the use of the bells. After this the journey was continued through the Meon Valley, in beautiful weather, amid lovely scenery, which was thoroughly enjoyed. On arrival at Southsea (Clarence Pier) the company dispersed, some enjoying a trip on the water to the Isle of Wight and some to Southampton and Gosport, the rest making their own pleasures, and sight-seeing in Southsea and Portsmouth. The return journey was commenced at 6.45 p.m., through Petersfield and Bordon Camp, but unfortunately the weather had changed, and it was raining heavily for nearly the whole of the journey. However Farnham was again reached at 9.20 p.m., everyone having thoroughly enjoyed the outing in spite of the elements.

R. H

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The 287th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m., preceded by a service at St. Michael's, College Hill.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A general meeting will be held in the Church Rooms, Lavenham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, Archdeacon Farmiloe presiding, at 4.30. Committee meeting 3.30. Bells available 2. — H. Drake, Ufford, Woodbridge.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Oldham on Oct. 4th.—W. H. Shuker and A. Tomlinson, Hon. Secs.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A meeting will be held at Coleshill on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available from 3.30.—A. Paddon Smith, Hon. Sec., 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Westoning on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells (6) at 3 p.m. A hearty welcome to all.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—A ringers' festival will be held at Great Dunmow on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing to commence at 3 p.m. A short service at 4.30 p.m. Free tea, at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcomed.—W. H. Dyson, Hon. Sec., Northern Division.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Wellingborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Doddington on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea at 5. A good attendance is requested.—F. Barber, School House, Gordon Road, Wellingborough.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Barwell on Saturday, Oct. 4th. Bells available 4 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—The usual monthly meeting will be held at Hugglescote on Saturday Oct. 4th. Bells (8). Meeting 5 p.m. All ringers and friends welcome. — J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

NOTTINGHAM.—Goose Fair.—Saturday, Oct. 4th. Ringing has been arranged as follows: St. Mary's (10 bells) 2 to 4 p.m.; St. Peter's (10 bells) 6 to 8 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A practice meeting will be held at All Saints', Fulham, on Oct. 4th. Tower opened for ringing from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Keynsham on Saturday, October 4th. Particulars as previous advt.—E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., Dunkery, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

NORFOLK GUILD OF RINGERS FOR THE DIOCESE OF NORWICH.—The annual general meeting of the Guild will be held at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, Oct. 9th, the President (the Dean of Norwich) presiding. By kind permission of the Vicar (Canon R. Aubrey Aitken) the ring of 12 at the Parish Church of St. Nicholas will be open to the members. Divine service will be held in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas at 12.30 p.m. The address will be given by Canon R. Aubrey Aitken. Luncheon will be served at Hills' Restaurant, 168, King Street, at 1.30 p.m. Members who intend to be present must notify the secretary on or before Monday, Oct. 6th. Tickets 2s. 6d. per head. The annual business meeting will be held in the Priory Hall, Church Plain, at 2.30 p.m. — Arthur L. Coleman, Sec., High Croft, North Walsham, Norfolk.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea in School at 4.30. Tickets (2s. gentlemen and 1s. 9d. ladies) obtainable from the local secretaries, or additional supplies from Mr. A. Smith, 58, Cook Street, off Halifax Road, Rochdale. All ringers and friends welcome. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided (1s. 6d. per head) for those who apply by Wednesday, the 8th, to A. Panther, 25, Sandymount Road, Wath-on-Dearne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m. — Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Yalding on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Hunton tower will also be open from 7 o'clock. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending. Please notify me not later than Oct. 8th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 7th.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open for ringing 2.30. Service at 3.45, followed by tea and meeting. Canon Elsee, President of the Association, will be present. Tea, at 1/- per head, will be provided for those who notify Mr. J. Eccleston, 8, Mafeking Road, Ashton-on-Ribble, not later than Tuesday, Oct. 7th.—Fred Kigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Nicolas bells after 6.30. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, 7th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael Road, Aldershot.

NOTTINGHAM.—Society of Sherwood Youths.—The next meeting and practice will be held on Oct. 11th. St. Mary's tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 6.45 p.m. Meeting at County Tavern, 7 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Shiplake on Oct. 11th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea at Parish Hall, 5.45 sharp. Visitors the guests of Vicar. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bonvilston, Glam., on Saturday, October 11th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Pitsford on Saturday, October 11th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 4.45. It is important that all those requiring tea notify me not later than Tuesday, October 7th.—T. Tebbutt, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Crowland on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District and Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells, St. Mary's (6), during afternoon, and Woodston (6) evening. Service at St. John's, 4.15. Tea in Co-op. Cafe, 5 p.m., 1s. each. All intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, Oct. 8th.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, New England, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 (by request). A good turn-up is desired.—J. Hull, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available 3 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on Saturday, October 11th. Evensong, 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Tea will be provided only for those who inform me of their intention to be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Clipstone on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service, 4.30. Tea at 5. Will those requiring tea please notify me by 8th?—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next district meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5.15 p.m., with an address by Mr. W. O. Times, followed by tea and business meeting at the Grange. Ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol Branch of the above Association will be held at Abbotsleigh on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. Members requiring tea please notify me by Oct. 6th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The meeting for October will be held at Biddulph on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on October 11th at Ware, when the newly rehung bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be held in church at 5 o'clock; tea and business meeting after. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on October 16th and 30th; *St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Castle Inn (1/6 per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Oct. 14th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. The Vicar and Churchwardens will entertain to tea all those who notify me by the 14th inst., Hillingdon, Nov. 8th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing from 4.30 to 7, followed by meeting.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. Talbot has removed from Staunton-on-Arrow to Garden Cottage, Nottage Court, Porthcawl, Glam.

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WALTHAMSTOW RINGERS IN KENT.

On Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13th and 14th, members of the St. Saviour's Society, Walthamstow, favoured by excellent weather, had a most enjoyable outing to Edenbridge. When those of the band who had to come after mid-day had arrived, a quick visit to the tower was made, and a touch of 210 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. D. Lillywhite, was rung before dinner. After dinner, at headquarters (the King and Queen Hotel), the band proceeded by car to Penshurst, where they were met by Mr. G. Edwards, who had everything in readiness, and over an hour's good ringing, including touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, was thoroughly enjoyed on the lovely peal of bells. In the evening, at Edenbridge, with several members of the local band joining in good touches of Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman were brought round. Later, an hour of music, and handbells, at headquarters, brought the evening to a close. For Sunday morning service, a fine quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 43 mins.: J. Heasman 1, H. A. Edwards 2, E. Leigh 3, C. A. Hughes 4, D. Vincent 5, E. Collinson 6, W. Steed (conductor) 7, E. D. Lillywhite 8. A long and somewhat fruitless walk in search of apples, nuts and blackberries, filled in the afternoon, and then, after tea, and ringing for evening service, it was time to say 'good-bye.' The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicars of Edenbridge and Penshurst for allowing them the use of the bells, and Mr. G. Edwards, of Penshurst, and Mr. J. Heasman, and Mr. Steddy, of Edenbridge, for all they did to make the outing such a success.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Farnham, Surrey, on Saturday, 27th September, at St. Andrew's Church, Farnham, on the occasion of the wedding of Lieut. Webb Tatham Temple, R.A., of Chobham, Surrey, and Miss Vera Geraldine Hurly, of Firdale, Tilford Surrey, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: A. J. Le Clercq 1, H. Prior 2, S. Meadows 3, G. Upshall 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (composer and conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

On Saturday, Sept. 20th, at St. Paul's Church, Hammersmith, for the wedding of Miss M. O. Walsh, daughter of the Rev. G. N. Walsh, Vicar of St. Paul's, and Mr. A. H. Mellows, of Peterborough, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: F. Skevington 1, W. C. Stacey 2, H. Dyas 3, E. Rivers 4, H. Cook 5, R. Mackrill 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, S. Stratton 8.

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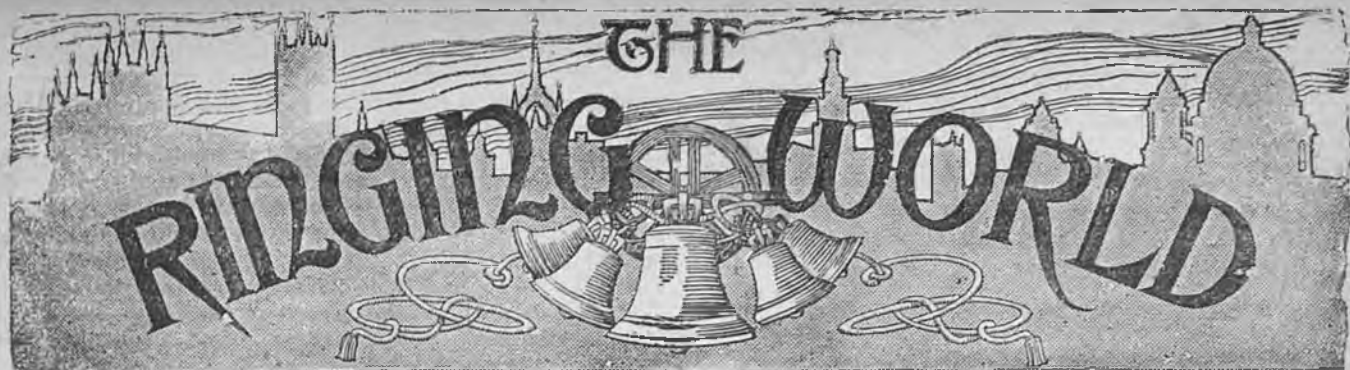
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CLERGY AND RINGERS.

The relationship between clergy and ringers is not always as intimate as it ought to be, and there is not always between them the sympathy that is necessary to full understanding and successful co-operation. From time to time we hear of the serious neglect of a belfry and its valuable contents by the incumbent; such an instance as was, for example, brought to light in our last issue in connection with the meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at Masham. If our correspondent's description (not fully published) of the condition of the bells in this tower was only half true, then it warrants action by the Association in carrying the matter beyond the local church authorities, and calling the attention of the Archdeacon and the Bishop to a state of affairs which would not, for a moment, be permitted in any other part of the church. Ringing associations are now recognised in most dioceses as official bodies, and they ought to have a status which would enable them to bring before the diocesan authorities any glaring instances of neglect in a church belfry which come to their notice.

Such cases as that at Masham usually arise from the fact that no one interested in the welfare of the church ever troubles to visit the belfry or the ringers, and often, as a corollary, the ringers are seldom or never seen in the church. And thus a mismanaged "west end" leads to a growing neglect on both sides. At the York dinner recently the same point was emphasised when an appeal was made for a more generous support of ringers by the clergy, and a more generous support of the Church by the ringers. Although we have progressed a long way in the last thirty years, there is still much room for more extended mutual co-operation on the lines thus suggested; and if a greater number of clergy could be brought to see the value of taking a real interest in their ringers, they would find their recompense in an even more devoted support than they already receive from a body of men who now give their time and talents to the work of the church without, perhaps, the slightest acknowledgment.

There are some clergy, of course, who never will be interested in their ringers. They would be as content to have one bell chimed for service as to hear the whole peal rung. Indeed, it is not too much to say that they treat their ringers with studied discouragement. A case in which a clerical writer in the public press has recently done his best to show the inhabitants of his city how much nicer it is to be without bells than with them has just been brought to our notice. Writing in "The Eastern Daily Press," Canon Meyrick, of Norwich, says of St. Peter Mancroft peal, "We are glad that for a time the

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bells are silent." He qualifies his statement by adding that they will welcome the bells back with great rejoicing, but still, for the sake of those "wonderfully patient people" in the neighbourhood of the church—well, "we are glad" of the silence. He adds that "the number of peals which will be rung annually on the rehung bells will be very strictly limited." Canon Meyrick is Vicar of St. Peter Mancroft, and it is surprising, to say the least, to hear that he is glad of the silence of his bells—one of the most famous peals in the country. And his declarations are hardly encouraging to the ringers.

THE TWELVE-BELL WEEK.

The following peals were achieved by members of St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, during the Twelve-Bell Week.

LEICESTER.

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

On Monday, September 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt. 3 qr. 14 lb. in C.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	CECIL C. MAYNE 7
EDWARD BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	* JOSIAH MORRIS 10
ERNEST MORRIS 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
SIDNEY F. PALMER 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* Elected a member.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	* HARRY SEARS 7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 3	CECIL C. MAYNE 9
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	ALBERT WALKER 10
ERNEST MORRIS 5	JOHN NEAL 11
A. PADDON-SMITH 6	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

The 200th peal on the bells, 141 of which were Stedman Cinques.
* Elected a member.

WEST BROMWICH.

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

On Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt. in E flat.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	JOHN JAGGER 7
JAMES E. GROVES 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 8
EDWARD BARNETT, SEN. ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
CECIL C. MAYNE 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

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PAINSWICK.

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

On Friday, September 26, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lb. in D.

ISAAC G. SHADE... ..	Treble	*EDWARD EVANS... ..	7
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	2	HARRY CHAPMAN	8
ALBERT WALKER	3	JAMES E. GROVES	9
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	CECIL C. MAYNE	10
*WILLIAM H. THOMAS ...	5	JOSEPH E. SYKES	11
ERNEST E. DAVIS	6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ...	Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES.

Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.

* Elected members.

CIRENCESTER.

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

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. in D.

ISAAC G. SHADE	Treble	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	CECIL C. MAYNE	8
EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...	3	ALBERT WALKER	9
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ...	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	10
JOHN AUSTIN	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
ERNEST E. DAVIS	6	JOSEPH E. SYKES	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

*ERNEST WALLACE	Treble	ALFRED PEARCE	6
†EDGAR GUISE	2	WILLIAM HUNTER	7
*JACK CARMAN	3	WILLIAM H. PARKER ...	8
*RAYMOND C. SEAGER ...	4	HENRY T. HOWELL	9
GILBERT PEARCE	5	GEORGE TREV	Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARRER.

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

† 50th peal. * First peal of Royal.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. WOOLDS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lb.

ALFRED E. REEVES	Treble	GEORGE TREV	6
MRS. R. J. WILKINS	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT	7
WILLIAM H. THOMAS ...	3	THOMAS F. KING	8
JOHN W. JONES	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	5	JAMES R. JONES	Tenor

Composed by FRANK HOPGOOD.

Conducted by ALFRED E. REEVES.

First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

WALTER D. WHITEHEAD ...	Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ...	6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ...	2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ...	7
*CHARLES H. WEBB	3	HAROLD G. JENNEY	8
PERCY HARRISON	4	ALFRED MARTIN	9
ARTHUR CATTIL	5	THOMAS TAYLOR	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by H. H. DEXTER.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.

ST. THOMAS' GUILD, DUDLEY.

On Tuesday, September 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*G. DETHERIDGE, JUN. ...	Treble	W. GREEN	5
†W. H. DETHERIDGE	2	J. GOODMAN, JUN.	6
T. CLARKE	3	A. TIMMINS	7
E. HOMER	4	S. DETHERIDGE	Tenor

Conducted by A. TIMMINS.

* First peal as conductor, and first peal in the method. † First peal inside.

SOWTON, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REEVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD	Treble	JOHN OKE	5
WILLIAM REEKS	2	WILLIAM HOWE	6
JOHN SELWAY	3	GEORGE BETTS	7
†JOHN STOKES	4	*HARRY NEWBURY	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

* First peal. † First peal inside.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM KEEBLE	Treble	P.S. FRED. REDGEWELL ...	5
FRANK CLAYDON	2	WILLIAM ELLIOTT	6
GEORGE WIFFEN	3	*EDWIN WIFFEN	7
WALTER ARNOLD	4	ARTHUR SATNDERS	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.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, September 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

T. DAY'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*HERBERT BLACKLIDGE ...	Treble	WILLIAM SHARPLES	5
*ALFRED BLOGG	2	FRED RIGBY	6
HERBERT LUCAS	3	JOHN H. GARTSIDE	7
WILLIAM LANCASTER ...	4	GEORGE HEWITT	Tenor

Conducted by FRED RIGBY.

* First peal in this method. Rung after meeting short for Spliced Treble Bob, the tenor man obliging at the last minute.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ALBERT RAINEBIRD	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
ERNEST J. BUTLER	2	ALFRED PYE	6
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	3	*WILLIAM LEGGETT	7
WILLIAM THEOBALD	4	SAMUEL CARROLL	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

HARRY ARGYLE Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
CHARLES DRAPER 2	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 6
*ARTHUR BRAMISH 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... 7
FRANK BRASSINGTON ... 4	THOMAS DICKINS Tenor

Conducted by DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*WALTER GLOVER Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
*ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
*ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
*FRANCIS W. CHAPMAN ... 4	*CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

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

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF SPLICED KENT AND OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR,
5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

First peal of 'Spliced' Treble Bob by all the band, and by the above association.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

JAMES G. RUMSEY Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
*LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	GEORGE WILSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

* First peal of London Surprise. J. G. Rumsey has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal of London.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 7008 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

WILLIAM THORLEY Treble	WILLIAM A. JAMES 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	CHARLES DRAPER 6
*J. EDWARD CAWSE 3	EDGAR C. SHEPHERD ... 7
GEORGE FREEBERRY 4	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE FREEBERRY. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal in the method. Longest peal by all except Messrs. E. and G. S. Morris. Ringers hail from—Treble, Loughborough; 2nd and tenor, Leicester; 3rd, Tickhill, Yorks; 4th and 6th, Derby; 5th, Nottingham; 7th, Beeston, Notts.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday Sept. 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Roberts 1, J. W. Sharp (conductor) 2, J. W. Haynes 3, H. Mariow 4, F. Hopper 5, A. Monk 6.

BIRMINGHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF BISHOP RYDER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lb. in F sharp.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... 2	JAMES F. CLARKE 6
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

CYRIL C. PEASE Treble	LESLIE J. CLARK 5
THOMAS LINCOLN 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
LEWIS GREEN 3	JOHN WOOD 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by CYRIL C. PEASE.

Rung as a farewell peal for Lewis Green, who sails for South Africa to-day (October 10th). First peal in the method as conductor.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWES Treble	PERCY MARCHANT 5
ALBERT HOBDEN 2	JAMES A. HART 6
HAROLD S. HOBDEN 3	FRANK HAMMOND 7
ALFRED J. PIERPOINT ... 4	*GEORGE FROST Tenor

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

* First peal. The ringers of the treble hail from Lewes; 2nd and 3rd, Waldron; 4th, 5th and 6th, Uckfield; 7th, Rotherfield; and tenor, Little Horsted.

FEERING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in F.

JOHN C. NEWMAN Treble	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 5
WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 3	WILLIAM ELLIOTT 7
*FRANK CLAYDON 4	WALTER ARNOLD Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Arnold, and to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevens, of Kelvedon, uncle and aunt of the conductor.

REDHILL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble	WALTER CLAYDON 5
GEORGE MARRINER 2	ALFRED BULL 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	HARRY PARKES 7
HUGH R. THORPE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by SAM THOMAS.

Conducted by FREDERICK W. RICE.

Rung as a welcome peal to the new Vicar, the Rev. Charles Erskine Clarke. Mr. E. C. Merritt was elected a member of the association before starting for the peal.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*SYDNEY A. WYATT 2	...Treble	HENRY NORMAN 5	
ALFRED J. WYATT 2		ARCHIBALD ANDREWS 6	
ARTHUR H. HAYWARD 3		PERCY MERSON 7	
†WILLIAM H. COLES 4		JAMES HUNT Tenor	

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN.

Conducted by JAMES HUNT.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE 2	...Treble	ALFRED H. PULLING 5	
ARTHUR J. BARTLEY 2		*JOHN A. COLE 6	
RICHARD HAYES 3		MAURICE SMITHER 7	
*JOHN P. PELLOE 4		THOMAS ATTWELL Tenor	

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt. This was Major Hesse's 300th peal.

LONG ASHTON, BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S No. 6. Tenor 30 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lb.

HENRY PRING 2	...Treble	*REGINALD C. SEAGER 5	
FREDERICK G. LEAKER 2		*JOHN G. JEFFERIES 6	
RICHARD CLARK 3		WILLIAM A. CAVE 7	
EDGAR GUISE 4		URIAH BRAVEN Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE,

* First peal of Stedman.

HONITON CLYST, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

(EXETER DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt

EDWIN SHEPHERD 2	...Treble	FRED DIMOND 5	
JOHN OKE 2		JOHN SKINNER 6	
WILLIAM HOWE 3		GEORGE BETTS 7	
JOHN STOKES 4		ALFRED MONKLEY Tenor	

Conducted by EDWIN SHEPHERD.

SUFFOLK TOUR.

The following seven peals were rung, with the peal of London, at Framlingham, during a holiday spent by G. H. Cross in Suffolk. Through the medium of 'The Ringing World,' he desires to thank the incumbents for the use of their bells, also the many ringers who took part in the peals, and Mr. Leslie C. Wightman for making the necessary arrangements.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, September 28, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	...Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5	
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2		LESLIE G. BRETT 6	
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3		WALTER RUFFLES 7	
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4		GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor	

Composed by the late CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, September 29, 1924, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 2	...Treble	WILLIAM T. LAST 5	
WALTER RUFFLES 2		THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6	
LESLIE G. BRETT 3		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7	
WILLIAM J. GROOM 4		GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	...Treble	WILLIAM T. LAST 5	
LESLIE G. BRETT 2		*THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 6	
GEORGE PRYKE 3		GEORGE H. CROSS 7	
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 4		JOHN GOOCH Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. N. R. Bailey.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY HALL 2	...Treble	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 5	
LESLIE G. BRETT 2		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6	
NORMAN R. BAILEY 3		WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7	
WALTER RUFFLES 4		GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb.

REV. WM. C. PEARSON 2	...Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5	
GEORGE A. FLEMING 2		ALBERT A. FLEMING 6	
GEORGE H. CROSS 3		WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 7	
JAMES DURRANT 4		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor	

Composed by the late CHARLES MIDDLETON.

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	...Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 5	
WILLIAM TILLET 2		GEORGE H. CROSS 6	
JAMES DURRANT 3		FREDK. J. TILLET 7	
CHAS. H. CATCHEPOLE 4		LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN Tenor	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Sunday, October 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	...Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5	
*ROY PILGRIM 2		GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 6	
DAVID COLLINS 3		THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7	
LESLIE G. BRETT 4		NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor	

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS

* First peal in the method.

SIX BELL PEALS.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, Treble Bob, and 1,440 each of Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN THOMPSON Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 4
EDGAR VALLANCE 2	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

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

On Saturday, September 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single and Oxford Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... Treble	SIDNEY T. HOLY ... 4
WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	CHARLES CAMM Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

BROMFIELD, HEREFORDSHIRE.

On Sunday, September 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

With ten different callings. Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES TIPTON Treble	WILLIAM J. MAPP ... 4
MAURICE WM. BOTT 2	GEORGE RANDLE ... 5
JOHN W. HARDWICK ... 3	GEORGE H. JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by G. RANDLE.

First peal as conductor. * First peal. First peal ever rung in this tower by a resident band. Rung as a farewell to Mr. Bott, a member of the local band, and for thirteen years stationmaster as Bromfield.

GOTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Monday, September 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Single Court, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

*JAMES P. HAYES Treble	DAVID BURTON ... 4
WILLIAM E. WHITE 2	THOMAS SQUIRES ... 5
REV. CHARLES J. SHERTON 3	WALTER WHITE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

Rung to commemorate the 60th birthday of William E. White, and the 5th anniversary of the wedding of David Burton. * First peal.

NEWBURN-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 30, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, St. Clement's Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17 cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble	*HENRY TAYLOR ... 4
*J. OLIVER 2	*JOHN LOWREY ... 5
*THO COLVIN 3	ED. LOWREY ... Tenor

Conducted by ED. LOWREY.

* First peal.

POTTERNE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS RADDON Treble	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 4
GEORGE WELLS 2	CECIL RADDON ... 5
*SIDNEY HILLIER 3	*WILLIAM MEAD ... Tenor
	LEONARD SWIFT ...

Conducted by SIDNEY HILLIER.

* First peal. This peal was rung by past and present members of the Potterne band. Mr. Burden hails from London; C. Raddon from Cheshire, for whom the peal was arranged. Owing to the bad going of the tenor it was necessary to have two to ring it. This was the first peal on the bells.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At Christ Church.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Oxford and Kent, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS BUTLER Treble	JAMES R. GRIFFIN ... 4
*THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 2	HERBERT LODKIN ... 5
THOMAS ROGERS 3	SYDNEY F. BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. R. GRIFFIN.

* First peal of Minor. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Triples.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 1440 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... Treble	*MISS SYLVIA THURFIELD 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	HARRY BAXTER ... 5
FRANK LEWIN 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in five methods. First peal in five methods as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Lewin. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory by the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Thurfield), the President of the Kettering branch.

TIMBERSCOMBE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Petrock,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings, and 22 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER YEANDLE Treble	EDWIN THORNE ... 4
SAMUEL GRABHAM 2	EDWARD GOULD ... 5
ISAAC FARMER 3	*FREDERICK BOND ... Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC FARMER.

* First peal.

KELMARSH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Deny,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's.

WILLIAM BOTT Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... 4
FRED WILFORD 2	HARRY MARLOW ... 5
*NORMAN HEEPS 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
At 35, ALBANY ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 21 in E flat.

FREDERICK GROOMBRIDGE	1—2	ROBERT BRETT SMITH	... 5—6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.	3—4	CYRIL BRETT SMITH	... 7—8

THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 9—10

Composed by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN.

Umpire: James Ford. A birthday peal for Cyril Brett Smith.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,

At THE RINGERS' HANDBELL ROOM,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE	... 1—2	WILFORD H. J. HOOTON	5—6
FRANK E. PERVIN	... 3—4	*HUBERT SUMMERS	... 7—8

Composed by E. M. ATKINS. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal of Major 'in hand.'

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A most enjoyable meeting of the Central District was held at Bantled on Saturday week, when over 30 members and friends, taking advantage of a fine afternoon, were present. The fine peal of bells was much appreciated. A short service was conducted by the Vicar, and was brightened by the assistance of the organist and choir. Thirty-six members sat down to tea at the Institute, and the usual business meeting which followed was presided over by Mr. George Huggett, in the absence, through illness, of the Master, Mr. J. D. Drewitt.

It was decided to hold an extra meeting on November 29th, at Wimbledon, and the next quarterly meeting at Croydon in January. Ringing was continued until 9 o'clock, good practice being obtained in all the standard methods from Grandsire to London Surprise.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION MEETING AT RINGMER.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Ringmer on Saturday, Sept. 27th, when members representing the following towers were present: Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), South-over, Lewes; St. Saviour's, Eastbourne; Christ Church, St. Leonards, and Waldron, together with members of the local band. A service was held in the church, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. R. Leefe) officiated, and gave an appropriate address, which was much appreciated.

Tea was served in the Parish Room, and between 20 and 30 were present. The usual meeting followed, the Rev. G. R. Leefe presiding. The election of Mr. P. J. Johnson and Mr. W. H. J. Hooton, as non-resident life members, was confirmed.—After a short discussion it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Eastbourne.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for his eloquent address at the service. He also thanked the organist for his services.—This was supported by the hon. secretary, who expressed the wish that Ringmer would again join the association.

The Vicar, in response, said how pleased he was to be able to welcome the association members to Ringmer, and stated that he wished it was possible to make the visits more frequent.—This terminated the meeting, and the members returned to the tower, and kept the bells going in methods ranging from Grandsire to Superlative until 8 p.m.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A quarterly meeting of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Penkridge, and a fair muster of members and friends were in attendance. A short service was held in church, conducted by the Rev. J. H. Kempson (Vicar), and an inspiring address delivered by the Rev. F. W. Jones, Vicar of St. John's Stafford. The Rev. C. H. Barker presided at the organ.

Tea was laid at the Littleton Arms Hotel, and between 40 and 50 partook of the good things provided.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. J. H. Kempson for the use of the bells, etc.; the Rev. F. W. Jones for the address; the Rev. C. H. Barker for his help on the organ; and last, but not least, to the towerkeeper (Mr. J. Plant).

Touches in the standard methods were rung upon the bells during the afternoon and evening.

The next meeting is arranged to take place at Tettenhall on January 10th.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Major J. H. B. Hesse rang his 300th peal at Chiddingfold on Saturday. These peals consist of Doubles, Minor, Triples, Major, Caters, Royal, Cinques and Maximus, and three of Grandsire Triples on handbells. They have been rung in 99 different towers in 15 counties, and for 19 different associations.

It will be a matter of interest to all past and present members of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association to know that all the peals rung up to the end of 1922 are now actually written up in the peal books, which it is proposed to have on view at the annual dinner of the Bristol United Ringing Guilds on January 10th, 1925. In future they will be kept right up to date; this being made possible by the 'peal tax,' introduced about five years ago, viz., a contribution of 2d. by each member of the band ringing a peal.

The credit of introducing an affiliation fee for towers also belongs to this association, having been introduced about a year previous to the peal tax.

To our notice of the death of the Rev. W. E. Colchester, A.K.C., formerly hon. secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, in the issue of the 26th September, may be added the fact that on the occasion of the dedication of the ring of six at St. Maurice, Winchester, by the late Venerable Archdeacon Fearon, in Oct., 1919, Mr. Colchester, we believe, established a record, i.e., he as Rector, conducted the first 720 of Plain Bob Minor on the bells, and this was his first attempt as conductor in the method. This was also the first 720 by the local band. It would be interesting to know if this is actually a record.

The bells at Petworth, Sussex, are to be reopened on Sunday. It recalls the 'good old days' when one reads that two men were required to ring an 18 cwt. tenor behind to a peal of Doubles, as was the case at Potterne, Wilts, last week. Is it not time the authorities called in a bell hanger?

F. H. Whittle, a promising young ringer, only son of Mr. Harry Whittle, of Stamford-on-Sear, has joined the Royal Navy, and is stationed at Portsmouth.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Worsley (Lancashire Association), on Sept. 20th, was James Howarth. It was the first peal by the ringers of the 3rd and 4th, and not by the treble ringer.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Lavenham on Saturday, Sept. 20th, and published in 'The Ringing World' on Oct. 3rd, was rung in 3 hours and 8 minutes, and not 3 hours and 18 minutes.

One hundred and seventy years ago next Sunday Holt's ten-part was rung for the first time. Although Holt was a Union Scholar, and afterwards a College Youth, it was the Cumberlands who first rang the peal, and they scored it at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch. It was not until 1771 that the College Youths rang a peal of Grandsire Triples.

Samuel Wood and Francis Wood rang the fifth and sixth, respectively, in the first performance of the ten-part. Francis Wood, who died suddenly about 1780, left a family of eight boys and two girls, and one of the former, who was then ten years old, afterwards became the father of the late Mr. Matt. Wood, of Bethnal Green. The family were of Huguenot extraction, their original name being Debois, which was anglicised to Wood. They came to England at the time of the persecution, and brought their silk weaving industry with them.

A peal of 7,020 Stedman Caters, composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, was rung at Aston, on October 14th, 1850.

The longest peal of Grandsire Major rung on handbells was composed and conducted by Mr. John Carter, and rung on October 16th, 1883, by the Birmingham Amalgamated Society. The ringers were T. Russam, J. Carter, T. Miller and J. W. Cottle.

On Oct. 16th, 1820, a peal of 6,030 Grandsire Caters was rung at Wakefield.

Two peals of Little Albion Treble Bob Major were rung before that at Willesden on Sept. 23rd. The first was a 5,040 at Pulford on Oct. 24th, 1913, composed by H. W. Wilde, and conducted by E. H. Lewis; and the second, a 5,008 at Eccleston, Cheshire, on Dec. 13th, 1913, composed and conducted by H. W. Wilde.

The copy of Shipway's 'Campanologia,' containing William Estcourt's signature, which was returned to the Ancient Society of Painewick Youths at their Feast, as reported last week, was handed over by Mr. E. Evans, on behalf of Mr. E. Pemberlon, of Ipswich, who was unable to undertake so long a journey.

His many friends, particularly those at York, who were anxious as to his future, will be glad to learn that bail will not, after all, be required for Mr. Albert Walker. He appeared before the Birmingham Deputy Stipendiary in due course, and was let off with the modest fine of five shillings.

By the way, it should be mentioned that it was not for causing any annoyance to the public with St. Martin's bells, but for an erring son, who rode his bicycle round the wrong side of a street refuge. But boys will be boys, and fathers must pay. The Ringing Master, however, will not miss any practices—nor any sleep—on account of this breach of the law.

The South Molton Deanery, where a ringing competition is to be held on the 25th, is in Devon, and not Somerset, as stated in our last issue.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL. ST. EBBE'S OR ST. GILES?

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Please forgive me encroaching on the space in your valuable paper, but I feel I must have a word to say in reply to Mr. Collett in your issue of Sept. 26th.

To put forward the plea that St. Ebbe's is the most suitable tower because its members are enthusiastic, punctual and regular at Sunday ringing and week-day practice, seems to me rather weak. Most of the other Oxford towers are just as regular both for Sunday service and weekday practice. St. Giles stands on the same footing. It has, at the present time, an efficient band of change ringers. Its bells are rung regularly for service and practice. Its belfry is ever open to all classes of ringers. It has played a very important part in promoting the art of ringing amongst members of the University, and it has maintained a change ringing band through all its 32 years' connection with the Oxford Diocesan Guild.

But all this is no argument as to which is the most suitable tower. The memorial to the late Mr. Washbrook must be one of dignity as well as usefulness; one of which all ringers can be proud. St. Giles is a fine old church standing in a large open space. Its massive tower raised in the 13th century contains an excellent ring of six in F sharp (tenor 15 cwt. approx.). They can be heard all over the city. They were all rehung in a stout oak frame in 1906 with pits for eight. There is every facility for change ringing, as its past history testifies, and by placing the two new bells in the places waiting for them, the committee entrusted with this difficult task, will receive the gratitude of present and future generations of ringers, and will also have the satisfaction of knowing they did their job thoroughly, and to the best all-round advantage.

In conclusion, please permit me to say that the points herein mentioned in favour of St. Giles, have the support of a large number of Oxford ringers, as I could show by names and addresses if space would permit.—Yours faithfully,

St. Giles' tower.

V. BENNETT.

METHOD MAKING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am sorry Mr. Parker dislikes the tone of my letter. The last thing I desire is to be rude, but experience has taught me that in these matters unless one hits straight from the shoulder one is completely misunderstood. An instance in point is afforded by Mr. Trollope's recent letter. Mr. Parker is mistaken in supposing that I regard the older school of experimentalists as unscientific; my criticism of them, on the contrary, is that they slavishly follow the mechanical methods of the Victorian natural scientists. The discovery of radium and the like has revealed the inadequacy of the system under which we were brought up.

Mr. Parker's use of the word 'cause' is particularly interesting in this connection. It is a word about which there has probably raged more controversy in theological and philosophical circles than any other word in the English language. Let us try to come to some agreement as to what we mean exactly by the term. Suppose it is found that in our experience some one event always accompanies or follows another, then the first event may be said to be the cause of the other. That does not imply that there is any necessary suggestion of active agency; indeed, sometimes either event may be regarded as the cause or as the effect, according to the angle from which the question is approached. To take Mr. Parker's instance: I agree that in the sense in which I have used the word 'cause' the place causes the dodge, but I hold that it could equally well be argued conversely that the place is caused by the insertion or omission of a dodge. If this be so, surely it disposes of the theory that the place has any function of active agency. It is merely an invariable accompanying phenomenon. And I hold that we are justified in claiming that to find what I would describe as the active or actuating cause, we must seek further afield.

It is here that my difficulty arises. I confess that to the best of my belief it is beyond all expectation that a demonstration can be given of the truth of the more modern theory which will satisfy those who do not wish to be convinced or perhaps who cannot make a venture of faith. But I believe that the younger generation now growing up is out of patience with the older school of scientists with their mechanical and materialistic outlook. A theory which affords a logical and reasonable explanation of method construction and in laying down general principles provides in every individual instance for the particular is, perhaps, worthy of serious consideration, even if its truth can only be shown by the circumstance that it does in fact meet the case. The placemaking theory cannot from its very nature do this. By hypothesis every method stands alone, and has no constructional relationship with any other method.

May I add one word dealing directly with the instance supplied by Mr. Baker? The dilemma in my mind did not apply to those who are content to cling to the place and nothing but the place. If I understand his position aright, Mr. Parker belongs to this group. But the majority of the experts have abandoned part of the pass. Most of those who have studied London Surprise Major have come to re-

gard it as compounded largely of plain backward hunting on the bells below the treble. Now, in the second method put forward by Mr. Baker I think it will be agreed that this feature has disappeared. Here, then, are two methods which on any placemaking theory are closely allied, but at the same time differ fundamentally in their essential characteristics.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It may be fresh news to the Rev. E. S. Powell to learn that proving the construction of a method is practically the same as proving a peal composition; it will not be fresh news to Mr. Trollope, as this fact has been demonstrated to him.

There are very few practical ringers who do not know that the first lead of a method contains all the place-making, the remaining leads being but repetitions.

To prove the construction of any method all that is necessary is a table of the result of every possible SINGLE shunt that can be made in the Primary Principles or in the Treble Bob Principle; it is then only a matter of a few minutes for anyone who knows anything of transposition to prove the construction of any method, principle, or system from the table.

Just as bobs at M.W.H. all have their part in forming the C. End 65432, so also every single shunt has its part in forming a method.

London Surprise and the Variation of London Surprise, published in 'The Ringing World' of 19th September, each contain 22 single shunts, and the result of each shunt made separately in the Treble Bob Principle is here given:—

London.	Variation.
(1) 12537486	12537486
(2) 12537486	12537486
(3) 12547386*	*12347685
(4) 14325678	14325678
(5) 16325478	16325478
(6) 18325476	18325476
(7) 18325476	18325476
(8) 17325486*	*12385476
(9) 15327486	15327486
(10) 15327486	15327486
(11) 12357486	12357486
(12) 12537486	12537486
(13) 12537486	12537486
(14) 12547386*	*12347685
(15) 12547683	12547683
(16) 12547683	12547683
(17) 12547638	12547638
(18) 12543678	12543678
(19) 17325486*	*12385476
(20) 15327486	15327486
(21) 15327486	15327486
(22) 13527486	13527486

Anyone who examines the two columns will see that every shunt except the 3rd, 8th, 14th and 19th, is the same in each method, and these four alterations make the difference between the lead-heads of London 14263857 and Variation 15738264.

In the Variation the 3rd and 19th shunts are orthodox 6th's place bobs, instead of 4th's, as in London, and the 8th and 14th shunts are orthodox 3rd's place bobs instead of 5th's, as in London, consequently there are only eight less bells shifted in Variation than in London, and yet the great little WE would tell us that the Variation consists of two or more constructional shunts, and London six or more constructional shunts!

Once more I challenge the two gentlemen to prove the construction of London and Variation by their particular formula, or, failing that, to try and disprove anything that I have written above.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—Anyone who cares to take the trouble of transposing the fundamental row by the shunts of each method in their consecutive order will be able to prove what I have written for themselves.—G.B.

YORKSHIRE VETERAN'S DEATH.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Nowell, who passed away at the advanced age of 80 years, at his residence, West Laithe, Heptonstall, on Wednesday, Sept. 24th. Mr. Nowell commenced ringing in 1873, and was a regular ringer at the Heptonstall Parish Church for 50 years.

The funeral took place on Saturday, Sept. 27th, at the Parish Church. As the cortege left the house, the 'whole pull and stand' was rung, with the bells deeply muffled.

Members of the Oddfellows Society, of which Mr. Nowell was a member, were the bearers to the church, and his fellow-ringers from the church to the graveside.

After the funeral, and at the services on the Sunday, various methods were rung, with muffled bells, as a last tribute of respect to his memory by the following: W. Spencer 1, A. Ingham 2, L. Bates 3, T. Robertshaw 4, J. Robertshaw 5, L. Greenwood 6, F. Robertshaw (conductor) 7, J. A. Robertshaw 8.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT IN SOMERSET.

VALUABLE ADDITION TO DUNSTER DEANERY.

At Old Cleve, Somerset, two trebles have been added to the existing peal of six to make a ring of eight, and they were dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells on Tuesday, Sept. 23rd. One of the new bells (the treble) has been given by the parish, and bears the inscription, 'Parochia dedit dono.' The 2nd is the generous gift of Mr. G. S. Lysaigh, and is inscribed 'Gerald Stuart Lysaigh—Chapel Cleve—dedit dono.' Each bell also bears the names of the Rector (the Rev. A. C. Harman) and the churchwardens (Messrs. G. S. Lysaigh and T. C. Gooding), the date and the name of the founders. Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The original six bells by the same founders, were placed in the tower in 1885, by the Misses Annie and Susan Halliday, in memory of their mother. Before that time there were three bells, one cast in 1633, or earlier, one probably pre-Reformation, and one cast in 1722. These bells, with the remains of another broken one, of a total weight of 33½ cwt., were used in casting the new six in 1885. The work of hanging the two trebles was satisfactorily carried out by Mr. John Sully, of Zinch.

Ringers from Minehead, Dunster, Timberscombe, Withycombe, Carhampton and Bridgwater, as well as the local band, were present at the dedication ceremony, which was also attended, despite a wet night, by a big congregation. Grandsire Doubles on the old six bells summoned the people to the service. The Bishop and clergy, choir and churchwardens, entered the church during the singing of the processional hymn, 'We love the place, O God.' The Rev. E. Parry Liddon (Vicar of Minehead) acted as Bishop's chaplain, and other supplied clergy present were Preb. A. C. Harman (Rector of Old Cleve), Preb. W. T. Reeder (Rural Dean and Vicar of Dunster), Revs. W. Burgess (St. Decuman's), T. S. Dawson (Carhampton), G. W. Govan (Withycombe), C. C. Sharpe (Nettlecombe), and C. H. Shaw (Leighland). The Rev. C. C. Parker, of Corston Rectory, near Bristol, Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, was to have been present, but he was unfortunately taken ill in the church porch, and had to return to the Rectory, where he was staying.

During the singing of the Psalm, 'I was glad when they said unto me: We will go into the house of the Lord,' the Bishop, clergy and churchwardens proceeded to the tower, and here the churchwardens, each taking a rope of the new bells, asked the Bishop to dedicate them, whereupon the Bishop pronounced his desire to 'solemnly set apart and dedicate these bells to the glory of God and to the use of this church, separate from all profane and unhallowed uses,' and then committed the bells to the trust of the Rector. Subsequently the Rector chimed the bells, and they were then raised by two of the ringers, after which a few rounds were rung on all the eight bells. The dedicatory proceedings were followed by the singing of the hymn, 'Lifted high within the steeple, all our bells are set on high,' and prayers by the Bishop, in which he invoked heavenly benediction on the bells.

RINGERS' OFFICE IN CHURCH LIFE.

The Bishop preached an eloquent and appropriate sermon. At the outset he expressed the pleasure he felt at being present in that old church on such an occasion and to rejoice with their Rector and all the parishioners in the completion of this godly work and the spirit of enterprise which it implied, and also to thank one servant of God in that parish into whose heart God had put it generously to bestow such a gift on His house. From the text (Isaiah lxii. 6), 'I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night,' the Bishop then passed to the theme of his address—'the Lord's remembrancers'—for such, he said, were the watchmen, who, from the walls of Jerusalem, described the hosts of the people of Israel returning from their captivity in the arid plains of Babylon, and lifted up their voices for that Israel was come back to Zion and the Lord's covenant was fulfilled. Church bells and their agents, the ringers, continued the Bishop, were like the watchmen on the walls. They were the Lord's remembrancers summoning God to be mindful of man and man to approach God in reverence, and the ringers' office was a great one in church life. No great event in individual or national life took place without the Lord's remembrancers. 'As I stand in a belfry,' said the Bishop, 'I always feel a sense of awe. Bells seem to me to epitomise life. They are the remembrancers of individual life. They ring for birth, for joy when a man is born into the world. They greet merrily youth and maid as they quit the church man and wife, and they speed them on their way. And they utter their deep slow solemn notes to tell of the passing of a spirit from the world. Remembrancers, too, in church life, the bells celebrate our great Christian festivals. Bells are almost human in their appeal to worship, and the sound of the bells on a still summer day bring back memories of Sundays in the home of childhood, of days gone by. Bells and their memories tear out our very heart strings, and bells are remembrancers of public life. In national life they play their full part. Each great event their mellow tongue tells forth: they are the people's common expression, whether of joy or of sorrow. The anniversary of an historic date, the death of some great one, a victory of arms, a settlement of peace, all these are proclaimed alike from the belfry tower. 'May the

bells,' concluded the Bishop, 'as the Lord's remembrancers, peal out over the vales and combs, the moor and sea, the great fact bringing home to your hearts that God is behind and in and over all life, to call you to remember Him, lest you forget, lest you forget.'

During the hymn, 'Angel voices ever singing,' a collection was taken for expenses yet to be met in connection with the hanging of the bells, there being a balance outstanding, the Rector mentioned, of about £10. The Bishop subsequently pronounced the Blessing, and the service closed with the singing of the recessional, 'Saviour, blessed Saviour.'

While the congregation left the church, those whose interest inclined to ringing went back to the tower, where the bells were again set in motion by alternate bands of ringers. Among those who took a turn were the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, of Charlynch Rectory, and Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater. They rang first a 504 of Grandsire Triples, from 'Holt's Original,' conducted by Mr. T. Elliott, of Dunster, and afterwards Stedman Triples and Bob Major, and the opinion generally was expressed that the addition of the new bells had made 'a very good splice.'

A meeting of the Dunster Deanery branch of the Bath and Wells Association is to be held on October 11th, when the Rector has invited them to hold a formal 'opening' of the bells.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN BRANCH AT ROWLEY REGIS.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern branch was held at St. Giles' Parish Church of Rowley Regis, on Saturday, Sept. 20th, and was attended by members from the following towers: Bromsgrove, Dudley, Kidderminster, Stourbridge, Swinford, Brierley Hill, King's Norton, Harborne, Northfield, Smethwick, Sedgley, Tipton, Oldbury, Cradley, Wollaston, Wolverley, Lye and Selly Oak. The bells were available from 3 o'clock, and were kept going in various methods until the service, which was conducted by the Vicar, Lieut.-Col. (retired) the Rev. F. J. Cheverton, and the Association form of service was used. Mr. D. Wright (clerk to the Rowley Regis Urban District Council) read the lesson. The Vicar gave a very appropriate address on bells and their use from ancient times. The organ was splendidly played by a young member of the Oldbury company. Immediately following the service, tea was served in the Church Room, about 90 members and friends sitting down.

The business meeting followed. The Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Ringing Master, Northern branch), Mr. R. Matthews (Ringing Master, Worcestershire Association), Mr. T. J. Salter (C.C. representative), and Mr. A. J. Skelding (branch secretary and treasurer). Among the visitors were Mr. B. Witcomb, of the Warwickshire Guild, and Mr. J. E. Jones and Mr. W. Froggatt, of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Apologies were received from Dr. Beasley, Rev. T. C. de la Hay, Mr. J. Hemming (secretary, Southern branch), Mr. W. Short, Mr. H. Sheppard (hon. secretary, Dudley and District Guild), and Mr. A. E. Parsons.—In his letter of apology, Mr. A. E. Parsons suggested that a collection be taken on behalf of the Rowley Regis Church rebuilding fund.—This was unanimously agreed to, and realised the handsome sum of £1 16s. 8d.

The Ringing Master for the branch, Mr. W. B. Cartwright (Solly Oak), was re-elected, as was also Mr. A. J. Skelding, branch secretary and treasurer, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their good work.

The entirely new companies of Oldbury Church and Lye Church were elected as performing members of the association, and received a cordial welcome.—Mr. J. Price, of Old Hill, was elected representative of the branch on the Central Committee.—It was decided, with the Vicar's permission, to attempt the quarterly peal at Rowley Regis, the peal to be a local company effort, with Mr. A. Timmins to conduct.

Cradley was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, to take place on the third Saturday in January, 1925.

On the proposition of Mr. W. B. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. R. Matthews, supported by Messrs. T. J. Salter and J. Price, the best thanks of the meeting were given to the Vicar for arranging his service, his splendid address, and for presiding at the meeting.—Votes of thanks were also accorded to Mr. T. Clarke and his band of ringers for providing the magnificent tea, and to the ladies who had so kindly looked after the needs of the members.

The Vicar, in reply, said it was the first meeting of bell ringers that he had ever presided over, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to have their association at Rowley Regis. He thanked them very heartily for their collection and other assistance that had been given to get their bells restored. He then gave a very graphic description of the bells from the time they were originally cast in 1648 until the new peal was recently installed in the new tower by Mr. J. E. Groves.

Mr. D. Wright also gave an interesting historical survey of Rowley Regis Church, and expressed the pleasure of the Church Council at the Association's visit.

Returning to the tower, touches in various methods were brought round, and this brought to a close one of the best and greatest meetings ever held in the history of the branch.

SUFFOLK GUILD AT LAVENHAM.

A general meeting of the Suffolk Guild was held at Lavenham on Saturday, when 30 members attended from 17 parishes.—Mr. A. Symonds, secretary, who had the bells in readiness, welcomed the visitors, who included the Rev. H. Drake, general secretary (Ufford), the Rev. Copeland, Mr. H. Day, Eye, district secretary; Mr. E. Poppy, Stoke Ash, and others. Touches ranging from Bob Minor to Double Norwich were rung. Tea was kindly provided at the Rectory, and the business meeting followed, with the president (the Ven. Archdeacon Farmiloe) in the chair, supported by the Rector, the Rev. G. Lennox Conyngham, and the district secretary.

Mr. S. H. Symonds, Lavenham, was elected assistant secretary, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at Stowmarket, in November, to be followed by one in December at Long Melford, where a handy peal of eight is shortly to be rung. Two new members were elected, viz., the Rev. Bree and Mr. W. H. Pearman, both of Long Melford.

The young band of Elveden, who were present, were complimented on their splendid progress.

Hearty vote of thanks were accorded the president for taking the chair, the Rector and Mrs. Conyngham for providing tea, and Mr. A. Symonds for having the bells ready.—The Chairman and Rector both suitably responded, commenting on the good church work which is performed by ringers in general.

This terminated the business, and the tower was again visited, when other touches were rung on this grand peal of bells.

ESSEX FESTIVAL AT GREAT DUNMOW.

Fifty members of the Essex Association were present at the ringing festival at Great Dunmow on Saturday, October 4th, from Dunmow, Stebbing, Rayne, Great Bardfield, Braintree, Shelford, Cambridge, Fulbourn, and Sawston, including Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association; Mr. W. H. Dyson, hon. secretary, Northern Division; and Mr. R. Buttress, Archdeaconry hon. secretary of the Ely Association. A short service was held in the Parish Church. The Rev. W. J. House, D.D., Vicar, officiated, and in a short address gave the visitors a warm welcome to his parish.

A bountiful free tea was provided in the Parish Room, after which a social evening was spent. Songs were contributed by Miss Furniss, Mr. John Gibbons, Mr. A. E. Floyd, who gave a selection of West England dialect songs. Miss Bacon accompanied at the piano. Tunes were rendered on the handbells by the Stebbing band, and Miss Dottie Smith, daughter of Mr. W. Smith, Dunmow, gave two excellent recitations.—On the proposition of the Master, seconded by the hon. secretary, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells; to the ladies who provided the tea, including a huge iced cake, of which everyone was bidden to partake; and to the artists for their excellent programme. Touches of Cambridge Surprise, Treble Bob and Grand sire Doubles were rung upon the heavy ring of six during the afternoon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A special meeting was held at Wylam-on-Tyne on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The bells, a fine ring of six, with a tenor 22 cwt., were kept going during the afternoon and evening to the tune of Bob and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent, and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, and London Surprise Minor, several young ringers having their first touches in Doubles and Minor. Twenty-nine sat down to an excellent tea at the Bird Inn, presided over by the president (Mr. C. Toft), who was supported by the Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Barff), the hon. secretary and hon. treasurer, the vice-president for the Southern district, and secretaries of the Western and West Tyne Districts, and others. The vice-president of the Eastern district arrived, with several other ringers, after tea. The following towers were represented: Newcastle Cathedral and St. John's, Benwell; St. George's, Jesmond; Gosforth; St. Mary's, Gateshead; Tanfield; Holy Trinity, Darlington; Houghton-le-Spring, Newburn, Newton Hall, Winlaton, and Wylam.

This being an extra meeting there was no business to transact, and all the time was, therefore, spent in the tower except when tea occupied attention.

The President thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, and reminded those present that the annual meeting would be held on Saturday, October 25th, in Newcastle. He hoped everyone present would attend that meeting, and bring two or three with him.—The Vicar, in responding, said how pleased he was to lend the bells, and said he enjoyed hearing them whilst he was going round the Ryton golf course, across the river. He would be nearer during the evening, so hoped they would not clash or ring them too loudly. Both these wishes were materialised. Just at it was time to make tracks for home the weather turned very wet, and the poor hon. secretary had an eleven-mile cycle ride home in the dark and rain. Three packed in or on a motor-cycle and sidecar, splashed through the rain and mud to Newton Hall; yet another three did the same to Gosforth, but despite the watery conclusion it was the unanimous opinion that it had been a very successful meeting. E. F.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**ASHFORD DISTRICT SECRETARY RETIRES.**

The annual meeting of the Ashford District was held at Hythe on Saturday, Sept. 27th. Ringing commenced at 2.30, with a well-struck touch of Stedman Triples, followed by other touches in the standard methods. Tea was served at the Wilberforce Temperance Hotel, High Street, about 30 sitting down, with the Vicar (the Rev. H. D. Dale) presiding. The general business meeting followed.

Before the election of officers was brought on, Mr. C. Tribe asked to be relieved of his duties as hon. secretary, which, he said, he had carried out (more or less satisfactorily) for the past 16 years, owing to failing eyesight.

Mr. H. Parkes, of Mersham, was then duly elected to fill the post. Messrs. E. S. Ruck and C. Tribe were elected as district representatives for the ensuing year.

Ashford, Headcorn, New Romney and Brabourne were proposed, and carried, as the places for meetings in 1925.

It was also arranged to hold a meeting in November at Tenterden as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. M. L. Mann).

Two new members were elected, and also the Vicar (the Rev. H. D. Dale), as hon. member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting at Hythe, and also for presiding, to which the reverend gentleman suitably replied.

Members attended from Ashford, Mersham, Brabourne, Stone, Appledore, New Romney, Wye, Cheriton, Saltwood, and several of the local ringers, and a hearty welcome was also given to the visitors, Messrs. L. Head and G. Pound, Maidstone district representatives. The members then adjourned, some to the local tower and some to Folkestone, for an evening's ringing.

GLOSTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.**CHEL TENHAM BRANCH.**

The autumn meeting of the above branch was held at Kemerton, by invitation of the Rector (the Rev. J. A. B. Mercier), on Saturday, Sept. 20th. The bells were raised in peal at 3 o'clock, and good practice obtained. The weather was about as bad as it could be, for it rained in torrents all the afternoon, but it was gratifying to see some 40 odd members present at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. Mercier, with the Rev. Webb at the organ, and a full choir. After service, the members adjourned to the Victoria Hall, where a splendid tea was in readiness, to which full justice was done.

At the meeting which followed, the Rector presided, supported by the Rev. Webb (Rector of Bredon Norton), the Rev. H. A. Corke (Rector of Swindon), Mr. C. W. Dyson and Mr. W. Wakeford, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the newly-formed Tewkesbury Deanery branch, and some 50 members from the following towers: Tewkesbury, Cheltenham (St. Mark), Swindon, Prestbury, Leckhampton, Leigh, Winchcombe, Alderton, Beckford, Ashchurch, Dumbleton, the local tower, and several friends from over the border.—The secretary explained how the new branch had been formed, and wished it every success.

Letters of apology were received from the Rev. A. D. Pennington (Alderton), Canon E. F. Smith (Tewkesbury) and Mr. W. J. Smith (Beckford).

Prestbury was selected as the venue for the annual meeting, in January.—One new member was elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells for conducting the service and the splendid tea provided; also to the organist and choir and the lady helpers.

Mr. Mercier, in responding, said how very pleased he was to be able to welcome the branch to his parish.

This concluded a very happy meeting, after which the bells were again heard above the wind and rain.

PRESENTATIONS AT DENTON.

On Saturday, Sept. 13th, at St. Anne's, Denton, Manchester, 720 Cambridge Surprise was rung by H. Bardsley 1, James Fernley 2, A. E. Marshall 3, Wilfred Wilde 4, W. W. Wolstencroft 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6; and on Wednesday, Sept. 17th, 720 Spiced London Scholars, Kingston and Sandal: H. Swindells 1, A. E. Marshall 2, H. Bardsley 3, J. Pollitt 4, Wilfred Wilde 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor) 6.

These were rung as farewell touches for Mr. J. Heckingbottom, who has now left the district, and resides at South Shore, Blackpool. The Denton ringers presented Mr. Heckingbottom with an ebony walking stick, suitably inscribed, in recognition of 19 years' service with them, while from the six-bell change ringers of surrounding towers, including St. Peter's, Ashton; Norbury (Hazel Grove), Newmills, etc., he received a gold-mounted cigarette holder.

The wives of the ringers also presented Mrs. Heckingbottom with a beautiful umbrella. To all who subscribed to the above, the recipients tendered their heartfelt thanks.

In addition to the above, Mr. Heckingbottom received an easy chair from the Denton postal staff, on his retirement from position of postmaster.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

HALEWOOD, LIVERPOOL.—On Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins. (10 different callings): S. Griffiths 1, P. Boardman, junr., 2, J. Gardner (conductor) 3, W. Baggeridge 4, P. Boardman, sonr., 5, S. Lawrenson 6. First quarter by the present band, being all Sunday Service ringers.

NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.—At Tynemouth Parish Church (Christ Church), on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for morning service, 720 Double Oxford Minor, with cover: J. Robertson 1, E. A. Hern 2, J. E. Scott 3, G. Dix 4, J. George 5, E. Gosden 6, R. A. Skeock 7. First 720 in the method by ringers of 1st, 5th and 6. First 720 in the method by ringer of the 3rd on an inside bell.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: T. Bevan 1, W. T. Poston 2, W. Powell 3, J. Blake 4, R. E. Summers 5, J. J. Bevan 6. W. Poston (conductor) 7, H. Powell 8. First quarter-peal on eight bells for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 4th and 8th; and first on the new octave.

HOOLE, CHESTER.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, at All Saints' Church, for harvest festival, 1,020 Grandsire Doubles, in 36 mins.: E. Barlow 1, J. Benyon 2, T. Leeck 3, H. Cousins 4, J. Benyon, jun. (conductor) 5.

BRINDLE, LANCS.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob; for afternoon service, 720 Cambridge Surprise; for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, the following taking part: G. Fowler, F. Blackledge, J. R. Stott, H. Blackledge, W. Sharples, W. Fowler. All conducted by H. Blackledge.

WAKEFIELD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: W. Peaker 1, J. Chapman 2, W. Turner 3, W. Preston 4, G. Hinsley 5, J. Moorhouse (conductor) 6, F. Cockell 7, W. Hammond 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for morning service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, W. Richards 3, F. Chamberlain 4, J. Davies 5, W. Coombes (conductor) 6, G. Large 7, A. Parnell 8, E. Coombes 9, S. R. Barker 10.—For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 50 mins.: W. H. P. Evans 1, F. Smith 2, G. Large 3, J. Davies 4, F. Chamberlain 5, W. Richards 6, A. Parnell 7, W. Heath 8, E. Coombes (conductor) 9, S. R. Barker 10.

EXETER.—At St. Thomas' Church, for harvest festival, on Oct. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. Davey 1, J. Hosgood 2, E. W. Biffen 3, J. C. Oke 4, A. Monkley 5, A. H. Goad 6, C. Routley 7, W. H. Brewer 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, at St. Edmund's Church, for harvest festival, evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. W. Clarke (first 720), E. W. Lawrence (conductor) 2, H. O. Mutton 3, H. Patrick 4, C. Moore 5.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Tyler (first 720) 1, S. Mutton (first 720 'inside') 2, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, H. Patrick 4, C. Moore 5. Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Mr. R. Brett, a churchwarden at this church.

HAGROURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, the annual harvest thanksgiving, at the Church of St. Andrew, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Hitchman (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Butler 2, W. E. Nanper 3, K. White 4, W. V. Webb 5, A. H. Webb (conductor) 6, J. S. Nanper 7, W. A. Goodenough 8.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 20th, for evening service, at Norbury (Hazel Grove), 720 Cambridge Surprise: H. Langley 1, J. P. Pidler 2, W. Fernley 3, J. W. Hartley 4, James Fernley (conductor) 5, J. Fleckingbottom 6.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Chat-ham on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available at 3. The Association service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Tea will be provided for members who notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, first post. Business meeting after.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Street, Gravesend.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at Leverington, Wisbech. Six bells ready 3 o'clock. Service, tea and business meeting. Will those who require tea please notify H. Shinkins, Leverington, by Oct. 23rd, to avoid disappointment?—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

PRESENTATION AT LEOMINSTER.**PARTING GIFT TO DISTRICT SECRETARY.**

On Saturday, Sept. 27th, a combined practice by the Hereford Diocesan Guild was held at the Priory Church, Leominster. Twenty-one members attended from nine different towers, including the Guild Ringing Master and the hon. general secretary. Touches were rung in Grandsire Doubles and Triples and Bob Major. During the evening an interesting presentation took place, a silver inkstand, in the shape of a bell, being given to Mr. A. Talbot, of Staunton-on-Arrow, from the members of the Guild, as a slight recognition of his valuable services as district secretary and Ringing Master of the Presteigne-Leominster branch of the Guild, since its formation five years ago.

The Rev. G. W. Turner, M.A., Vicar of Madley, hon. general secretary of the Guild, made the presentation. He referred to the valuable work done by Mr. Talbot for the Guild, and the loss his going away would mean, and asked him to accept that small present from the members with their best wishes for his future success and happiness.—Mr. Evans, of Holmer, and Mr. J. Clark, of Ross, also spoke, and hoped Mr. Talbot would be able to carry on his ringing activities in his new home at Porthcawl.

Mr. Talbot, in thanking the members, expressed his pleasure in the work he had done for the Guild, and asked them all to give their support to the new secretary.

The inkstand bore this inscription: 'Hereford Diocesan Guild. Presented to Mr. A. Talbot, September, 1924.' An address, with a list of subscribers, was also given.

Subscriptions were received in excess of the cost of the inkstand, and it was unanimously agreed that this should be devoted to a present for Mrs. Talbot, and took the form of a silver-plated hot-water jug.—Mr. C. Edwards, of Madley, Guild Ringing Master, made this presentation. He asked Mrs. Talbot to accept this present as a token of the esteem in which she was held by the members of the Guild, and referred to the valuable work done, behind the scenes, by the ladies.—Mrs. Talbot expressed her thanks and pleasure, and hoped to meet the members many times in the future.

The ink was supplied by Mr. G. Langford, of Woking, and the jug by Mr. Wood, of Leominster.

A DERBY DAY.**BY A CORRESPONDENT.**

It was a sorry number of our company that turned up at the local station for the annual outing, but the few friends that joined assisted in turning out a band who thought they knew how to ring. Derby was the venue. The organisers at both ends were missing, but a programme was left that was strictly to be adhered to, and, as it was a satisfactory one, we were grateful. Arriving at Derby we found St. Andrew's, and Messrs. Hart, Wallace and Freebrey waiting for us. With their added number, Cambridge Royal and Stedman Caters were brought into rounds. He was a good lad, who first used ball bearings on bells. They are fine up to a ton. The next church to be visited was St. 'Awkmund's,' not on ball bearings, but they go like tops. With the assistance of Messrs. Freebrey and Swinfield (father and son), Bristol, Stedman and Grandsire Triples came round, but Duffield Major certainly did not. No, it was not our fault. The conductor got mixed, then messed us up to get out of it, but, like the method, he was only three-quarters of one, so we could not blame him. 'Organisers be praised,' they did arrange a good meat tea for us. We own up to this—everyone did his share in wrecking this touch. The next and last church to be visited was St. Peter's, with a nice-going peal of eight, but very noisy in the ringing chamber. I can hear them now. We tried to raise them in peal, it did not sound nice. Unfortunately, when at home we pull our bells up in penny numbers, so it was silly trying to raise them in peal. Anyway, with the same merchants who assisted us at St. 'Awkmund's,' London, Cambridge, Superlative and Stedman Triples were brought round. The last item was a visit to a place within the meaning of the act. The bells were brought into use, table bells, push bells, and handbells. Messrs. Paget and Wallace, with the assistance of some of our little crowd, did us all very nicely to tunes and changes on the handbells. The writer accompanied on the push bell. On behalf of all we should like to use the medium of our own press to thank those who did their very best to make our trip the success it certainly turned out to be (in spite of depleted numbers and the proverbial weather), including Messrs. Lord and Maskrey, who met us at St. Peter's, and, not least, Mr. Frank Smallwood, who made all arrangements for our visit. Never mind what crowd we are—it was a ripping half-day out.

IS THE COMMITTEE MOVING?**To the Editor.**

Dear Sir,—We have read that a new committee was appointed at the C.C. meeting to deal with the names of Minor Methods, but have heard nothing of their progress.

Is it true that they separated after the meeting, and went 'everyman unto his own home' without taking a note of the whereabouts of the others.—Yours, etc., ARAB.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S CONTEST.**CUP AND MEDALS WON BY KIRKBURTON.**

The Halifax and District Association held their quarterly meeting and an eight-bell contest at Batley Parish Church on Saturday, Sept. 27th. It was rather unfortunate that the meeting had fallen on the same day as the Yorkshire meeting at Mytholmroyd.

The Batley ringers had offered a set of medals to the winners of the contest, to be presented with the cup. The draw resulted in the following ringing order: No. 1, Birstall (Kent Treble Bob); No. 2, Kirkburton (Kent Treble Bob). The length was 672 changes, with three leads allowed for practice.

A meeting followed immediately after the ringing had ceased. In the absence of the president, Mr. J. Lawson (Lightcliffe) was voted to the chair.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Batley, the churchwardens and ringers for the use of the splendid peal of bells, and for the carrying out of the arrangements.

The judges were Mr. F. Schofield (Lindley), Mr. W. Idle (Batley), with Mr. T. North (Batley) as marker. Their decision was announced as follows: No. 1, 223 faults, penalties nil; No. 2, 193 faults, penalties nil. Kirkburton were, therefore, declared winners.

Mr. Lawson presented the cup and medals to the conductor of Kirkburton (Mr. J. W. Pickering), and congratulated the bands on the splendid ringing that both had attained.—Mr. Pickering suitably replied, and a vote of thanks to judges closed the meeting.

An excellent tea was provided at Brown's Cafe.

THE ELY RESOLUTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—'To resolute or not to resolute,' that is the question that our Ely friends had quite evidently not considered; to ring—perchance, Ely Guild peals, there's the rub, dare I say. I had thought, sir, that our Ely friends had the care to report their resolutions correctly, but I must apologise to you, sir, for not having the gift of second (reading) sight. This is evidently a case of 'a rose by any other name must smell as sweet.' I read that 'black was black,' and now I am told that I should have read that 'black was black,' but that I should have understood that 'black was white.' Well, I will do so (to oblige our Ely friends), and I trust that they will do the same with my poor feckless screed. I have rung a few peals for the Ely Guild, all of which were rung for the express purpose of getting some poor soul labelled as 'First peal.' One got his first peal after 25 years as a ringer—('good job we had two conductors that day,' was the remark passed by a member of his own band). Do the 'honourable' members of the Ely Guild expect me to do the same again? Do I criticise their resolution? No, sir, I do not, I condemn it in toto—and that's that. I am happy to know that the great 'WE' are blessed with a modicum of intelligence; at least they hint as much in their letter which you published in your issue of Sept. 26th, and I trust that in 'all resolutions' (which they publish) for the future, they let that said modicum have a chance to prove its presence at their most august deliberations.

In passing, sir, I don't suppose that it will be necessary to remind the very excellent ecclesiastics who govern the Ely Diocese that the Church hath need of all her sons. That our Master bade them welcome the stranger within their gates (and speed the parting guest) that the claim has oftentimes been made that the 'freemasonry' existing among ringers is the finest, most blessed, thing on earth. So it is—to those who understand it, but how? oh, how, is this 'world-famous resolution' going to sustain that claim on behalf of our Ely brethren?—Yours sincerely,

ONCE A BEGINNER.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Another successful meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch was held on Saturday, September 27th, at Warfield and Winkfield. Visitors from various towers included Canon G. F. Coleridge. A short but musical service was conducted by the Rev. C. Toogood, who afterwards kindly entertained the members to tea. On permission being given to smoke, the horticulturists made a grand rush to see some very fine specimens of now Michaelmas daisies in the vicarage garden.

Some excellent ringing was enjoyed, several getting through their first touch of 'shandy gaff.' Members would do well to look ahead, and consider whether a day out ringing on Boxing Day would be better than an afternoon meeting on December 27th, the fourth Saturday.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

An effort was made on Saturday, Sept. 27th, to revive the custom of holding an annual outing for members of the association. The place chosen was Chertsey, where there is a peal of eight bells in a church dating back to the 13th century. Between 20 and 30 were present during the day, including Mr. John Carter, and Mr. and Miss Nye from Bagshot, and several touches on different methods were rung. A good tea at the 'Ideal' was kindly provided by Messrs. Dawe and Young. The weather was surprisingly good, which greatly added to everyone's pleasure. Thanks are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. J. B. Hessey for making the arrangements. All present had an enjoyable time, and it is to be hoped that the outing next year will receive larger support.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Established 1637.—The 287th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m., preceded by a service at St. Michael's, College Hill. Tickets, 8/- each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The annual branch party will be held at All Saints, Hamer, Rochdale, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea in School at 4.30. Tickets (2s. gentlemen and 1s. 9d. ladies) obtainable from the local secretaries, or additional supplies from Mr. A. Smith, 58, Cook Street, off Halifax Road, Rochdale. All ringers and friends welcome.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wath-on-Dearne on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea will be provided (1s. 6d. per head).

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Blackrod on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Yalding on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open at 3. Service at 5. Tea after service at the Bull Hotel, followed by business meeting. Hunton tower will also be open from 7 o'clock. Half travelling expenses up to 2s. will be paid to members attending.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting at 5 p.m.—S. Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Preston, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Tower open for ringing 2.30. Service at 3.45, followed by tea and meeting. Canon Elsee, President of the Association, will be present.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

NOTTINGHAM.—Society of Sherwood Youths.—The next meeting and practice will be held on Oct. 11th. St. Mary's tower open for ringing from 4.30 to 6.45 p.m. Meeting at County Tavern, 7 p.m.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Guildford, on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. St. Nicolas bells after 6.30.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Reading Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Shiplake on Oct. 11th. Bells from 2 p.m. Tea at Parish Hall, 5.45 sharp. Visitors the guests of Vicar. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Hopgood, Hon. Sec., 75, Kensington Road, Reading.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Bonvilston, Glam., on Saturday, October 11th. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Crowland on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Service at 3.30 p.m. Tea 4.15 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea.—Geo. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

LADIES' GUILD.—Northamptonshire District and Peterborough Branch of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild.—A combined meeting will be held at Peterborough on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells, St. Mary's (6), during afternoon, and Woodston (6) evening. Service at St. John's, 4.15. Tea in Co-op. Café, 5 p.m., 1s. each.—W. H. Waldron, Hon. Sec., 137, Scotney Street, New England, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Swinton Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 (by request). A good turn-up is desired.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The meeting at Southill on Saturday, Oct. 11th, has been cancelled.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Timsbury on Saturday, October 11th. Evensong, 4 p.m. Tea, 5 p.m. Tea will be provided only for those who inform me of their intention to be present.—J. T. Dyke, Hon. Branch Sec., Midsomer Norton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next district meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells (8) available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 5.15 p.m., with an address by Mr. W. O. Times, followed by tea and business meeting at the Grange. Ringers and friends heartily welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guilborough Branch.—The meeting at Clipstone on Oct. 11th is postponed owing to illness.—W. Bott, Hon. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—Short Notice.—The next meeting of the above will be held at High Halden on Saturday, Oct. 11th. Bells available from 2.30.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held on October 11th at Ware, when the newly rehung bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. A short service will be held in church at 5 o'clock: tea and business meeting after. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dist. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on October 16th and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 14th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Castle Inn (1/6 per head) after service, followed by business meeting. Members requiring tea must notify the Dis. Sec. not later than Tuesday, Oct. 14th.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. The Vicar and Churchwardens will entertain to tea all those who notify me by the 14th inst., Hillingdon, Nov. 8th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing from 4.30 to 7, followed by meeting.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Yate on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Usual arrangements. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 14th. Warkton (5) bells available after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddingdon.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next meeting will be at Madresfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. The Secretary should be notified how many to expect by the Wednesday previous.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Warwick on Saturday, Oct. 18th. The bells of St. Mary (10) and St. Nicholas (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service in St. Mary's Church at 4.45 p.m., with an address from the new President, Rev. J. L. White. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

OXFORD GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at All Saints, Wokingham, on Saturday, Oct. 18th, from 4 till 6 p.m.—Joseph White.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available 3.45 p.m.—James Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, October 25th. Tower open 2. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5. Half rail fare (maximum 1/-). Those intending to be present, please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 22nd.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Newhey, on Saturday, Oct. 25. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 47th Annual meeting of the above will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Vestry at noon. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Dinner at the Collingwood Restaurant at 2 o'clock; 2/- to members, 3/- to non-members. The bells of the Cathedral, All Saints, S. Stephen's, S. John's and St. George's, Newcastle; Benwell, Gosforth and S. Mary's, Gateshead, are available during the day and evening. Will ringers meet at the Cathedral to arrange bands for the different churches? Those who intend being present at dinner please notify me by Oct. 21st.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter & Paul) on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open 3 p.m. Service at 5 p.m. Full particulars next week.—T. Groombridge, Hon. Dist. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

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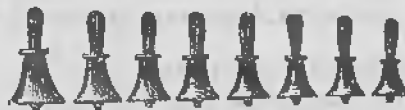
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BELL FRAMES AND BEARINGS.

A matter of some importance with regard to bell hanging is referred to in the annual report of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings. It will be remembered that some time ago this Society, after a long period of conferences with a Committee of the Central Council, published, jointly with the Council, a report which has since been the basis of recommendations to many, if not all, of the Diocesan Advisory Committees. That joint 'finding' of the two bodies—the one out to preserve ancient towers and bells, the other to secure the restoration of bells by methods which would enable ringing upon them to be maintained—was one of the most important documents affecting bell restoration that had ever been issued and brought into line the hitherto divergent views of the two organisations. It was a great step forward, for which chief credit was due to Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, whose scientific researches into the strains and stresses set up by bells in motion have resulted in a vast increase in the knowledge of the subject.

The point brought out in the new report of the Society is that the present efficiency of ball bearings disposes of one of the chief objections to timber frames. Mr. Lewis, in a short comment on the S.P.A.B.'s report, which he has kindly given us, agrees that self-aligning bearings get over the objection to the use of timber frames so far as it relates to the twisting of the upper members by atmospheric conditions, but he emphasises the other important aspect, that much damage may be sustained by a tower if the shrinkage of the frame is not systematically adjusted by the screwing up of the bolts for tightening the timbers. Incidentally Mr. Lewis refers to another phase of bell hanging which has an important bearing—more important, perhaps, than has hitherto been realised among ringers—upon the 'go' of bells, and that is the question of 'roping.' At a church in Wiltshire the authorities believed themselves committed to some costly building operations to preserve the stability of the tower. Mr. Lewis was consulted by the S.P.A.B., with the result that an alteration of the roping of the tenor has so reduced the rocking of the tower that no further action is considered necessary. Is it not probable that there are other cases to be found where the 'go' of the bells might be much improved by some alteration of the roping? It is a point worth considering in towers where there is otherwise no obvious reason for the indifferent running of the bells. Indeed, so important is the effect of roping, that Mr. Lewis ventures the opinion that if the eleventh at Southwark Cathedral were roped on the other side of the wheel, the long peal of Stedman Cinques there could not have been rung.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 40 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lb. in B.

GEORGE HOLMES Treble	*ARTHUR CRAVEN 7
*COLIN HARRISON 2	HAYDN THORPE 8
FRANCIS WARD 3	†HAROLD NAVLOR 9
SIDNEY F. PALMER 4	†SYDNEY BRIGGS 10
†ALBERT WARD 5	§JOHN THORPE 11
ARTHUR KNIGHTS 6	A. PERCIVAL KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM LOMAS. Conducted by JOHN THORPE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. † First peal on twelve bells.
‡ First peal of Cinques away from the tenor. § First peal of Stedman as conductor, and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING 6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 7
GEORGE W. FRAYNE 3	JOSEPH S. HAWKINS 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 4	GEORGE F. HOAD 9
CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5	ARTHUR H. GAMBLE Tenor

Composed by H. G. MILES. Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt. in D.

JAMES PAGETT Treble	*ERNEST W. BEADSMORE 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	JAMES GEORGE 7
MAURICE SWINFELD 3	WILLIAM WILLSON 8
PRYCE TAYLOR 4	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	GEORGE F. NEWMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung as a farewell peal to Mr. Joseph Griffin, who, after 40 years' work in this association, and one time general secretary, is about to retire from active service. The ringer of treble hails from Derby; the third from Loughborough; fifth from Nuneaton; the sixth from Ashby-de-la-Zouch; the seventh from Birmingham; the eighth from Leicester; the remainder to Burton. * First peal on ten bells.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*W. LEONARD JOHNSON ... Treble	ARTHUR CATTELL 6
FREDERICK W. SHARMAN ... 2	ERNEST MORRIS 7
ALFRED BALLARD 3	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS 8
*ALBAN DISNEY 4	*ARTHUR MANNING 9
ROWLAND BARROW 5	JOHN GRANT Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS. Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Caters. The 9th ringer hails from Market Harborough; 4th and 5th, Belgrave; and remainder St. Margaret's, Leicester. All wish to thank the Rector and local band for kind permission and arrangements.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger, GRAYFORD, KENT

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. F. MITCHELL Treble	H. A. FARLOW 5
*PERCY BILL 2	ROBERT PICKERING 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	JOHN PERRY 7
*J. W. PERRY 4	ALFRED FALLON Tenor

Conducted by JOHN PERRY.

* First peal of Triples. Also first peal on lower bells.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Five 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	JAMES H. RIDING 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	JOHN W. DAVIES 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
EDWARD V. RODENHURST 4	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	GEORGE M. KILBY 5
MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH 2	HARRY KILBY 6
CECIL V. EBBERTSON 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES. Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

FULBOURNE, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILFRED C. IBBETT Treble	MISS VIOLET SHORTER 5
ERNEST G. HIBBINS 2	ARTHUR PAGE 6
CHARLES HALL 3	CHARLES PATTEN 7
*MISS PHYLLIS M. MOSS 4	JOHN T. NEWINGTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by ERNEST G. HIBBINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob, and bells from Uxbridge, London.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DISTRICT.)

On Wednesday, October 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

*GEORGE JENNINGS Treble	FRANK E. DARBY 5
DANIEL COOPER 2	AMOS W. CLARK 6
MRS. AMOS W. CLARK 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 7
†THOMAS G. BANNISTER 4	JAMES E. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal of Triples. Rung (after meeting short for Stedman) as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. J. Trappitt, secretary of the above district of this association. Daniel Cooper has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal. This was also the quickest peal on the bells.

GREAT WYMONDLEY, HERTS.—For harvest festival service, on Wednesday evening, Oct. 8th, at 720 of Oxford Bob Minor, and 240 of Grandsire Doubles: H. Gilbert 1, F. C. Webb 2, Geo. T. Croft 3, Geo. Cherry 4, R. E. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (conductor) 6.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FRED. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	FRED. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 7
*FREDERICK A. COLEY 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. Quickest peal on the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble	JOHN W. FAITHFULL 5
OWEN H. GILES 2	REGINALD BROWN 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER Tenor

Conducted by D. CECIL WILLIAMS, F.R.C.O.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and the ringers of the sixth, Reginald Brown. First peal as conductor in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM A. JAMES Treble	J. CHARLES DICKIN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	PERCIVAL PRICE 6
GILBERT R. GOODSHIP 3	*GEORGE WEST 7
*EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 4	FRED. W. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal of Kent Major. Rung as a farewell peal to Gilbert R. Goodship, who is leaving Nottingham for the Metropolis.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HARRY SIMMONS Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. ... 6
JOHN WHEADON 3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... 7
HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 4	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

TANFIELD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble	THE REV. A. W. LISTER ... 5
WILLIAM C. BENNETT 2	*HENRY B. TAYLOR 6
*EDWARD LOWERY 3	HENRY TYSON 7
JOHN W. SMITH 4	†ADAM DEAS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by E. E. FERRY.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. E. P. Pestle, M.A., who was inducted Vicar of Tanfield a few days previously. The band wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar and Mrs. Pestle (his mother) for so kindly entertaining the band to tea. The Vicarage is a beautiful house, standing in a lovely well-kept garden, with its 2,000 odd rose trees. * First peal on eight bells. † First in the method. The ringers of 2nd and 4th hail from Winton; 3rd and 6th from Newburn; 5th and 7th Tanfield; treble, Newcastle Cathedral; tenor from Gosforth.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

F. H. DEXTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	PRYCE TAYLOR 5
JOHN SADDINGTON 2	REV. F. LL. EDWARDS ... 6
WILLIAM THORLEY 3	EDWARD READER 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Arranged for the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER AYRE Treble	*ARTHUR DAY 5
THOMAS J. HULL 2	HARRY WOOD 6
*JOHN MALYAN 3	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ... 7
*HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH 4	*BEN JARMAN Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN.

Conducted by W. AYRE.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

NUÑEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*MISS PATHE CLARKE ... Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... 5
*MISS GLADYS M. DODDS ... 2	WILFRED H. J. HOOTON ... 6
CHARLES DRAPER 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
*FRANK BRASSINGTON ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by W. H. J. HOOTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of harvest festival.

CHATHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 25 cwt. in E.

WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	FRANK BELSEY 6
FRED. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Quickest peal on the bells.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edith,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 5
FRANK W. PERRENS 2	WILLIAM T. COX 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7
*WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 4	FRANK E. PERVIN Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT.

Conducted by F. E. PERVIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of the harvest festival.

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TICKHILL, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

J. EDWARD CAWSE Treble	BERNARD DITCHER 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JOHN HOLMAN 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
JESSE J. MOSS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

First peal of Major on the bells, and in the method in the county.

KIDJINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

WILLIAM JUDGE Treble	ALBERT E. LOCK 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 2	WILLIAM STONE 6
JACK JUDGE 3	WALTER JUDGE 7
JACK HONEY 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. FLEMING.

Conducted by GORDON CAUDWELL.

ASHTED, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In the Cam Variation.

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
MISS NORA E. SHORTER ... 2	JOHN H. WHITE 6
JOHN BEAMS 3	ALFRED J. BULL 7
GEORGE MARRINER 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by O. SIPPETTS.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lb. in D.

GEORGE JONES Treble	HENRY W. WILDE 5
HENRY C. COLLYER 2	FRANCIS BIBBY 6
JOHN E. BIBBY 3	EDWARD JENKINS 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Composition No. 207, C.C.C., Section 3.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8 cwt. 3 lb. in A flat.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... Treble	GEORGE A. FLEMING ... 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	ALBERT A. FLEMING ... 6
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 3	JAMES DURRANT 7
HARRY R. ROPER 4	FREDERICK GILLINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE A. FLEMING.

EWELL, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lb.

JACK CARMAN Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5
MRS. R. F. DEAL 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	RICHARD F. DEAL Tenor

Conducted by W. H. HEWETT.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS AND THE
ST. MARY ABBOTS GUILD, KENSINGTON.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THORSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. GARRARD Treble	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 5
*ERIC G. LOCKE 2	WILLIAM E. JUDD 6
GEORGE W. FRAYNE 3	HENRY G. MILES 7
ALBERT V. SELBY 4	PERCY H. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by W. E. JUDD.

* First peal with a working bell.

BRIDPORT, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 72 lb.

*C. H. CLARKE Treble	F. W. BROOKS 5
T. H. BEAMS 2	P. H. BEAMS 6
J. W. ZEALLEY 3	A. A. HUGHES 7
J. B. TYLER 4	W. S. B. NORTHOVER Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

* First peal. First peal on this new ring of bells. Immediately on its conclusion the Rector (Canon J. W. Coulter) came into the ringing chamber and congratulated the band.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT Treble	THEODORE GRANT 5
GEORGE TEMPLE 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
HENRY W. BROWN 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 4	GILBERT H. HARDING Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by THOMAS F. KING.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the 70th birthday of J. W. Wake, tower master at the Bath Abbey. All the above ringers are members of the Abbey company.

SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION AND THE
CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr.

FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY Treble	WILLIAM A. ALLMAN 5
ARTHUR PEAKE 2	ALFRED E. BACON 6
ERNEST KING 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 7
GEORGE H. CRAWLEY 4	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Composed by FRED ROBINSON.

Conducted by ARTHUR PEAKE.

This, the first peal in the method on the bells, was rung in honour of the harvest festival, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. M. G. Bacon, the father of the 6th ringer. It was Mr. Arthur Peake's first peal as conductor.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.

THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*GEORGE WILLIAMS, JUN. Treble	ALBERT J. HUGHES 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS, SEN. 2	JAMES H. RIDING 6
ROBERT SPERRING 3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 7
SAMUEL JONES 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Williams, senr., the veteran tower keeper of Gresford, who attained his 74th birthday on this date. The peal was also rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. F. Bailey on the 20th anniversary of their wedding day. The band were afterwards entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. George Williams.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HANBURY-ON-THE-HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WERBURGA,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*FREDERICK H. CRAWLEY Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 4
ALFRED E. BACON 2	*CHARLES H. PAGE 5
JOSEPH E. SYKES 3	ALBERT CRAWLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. E. Bacon and A. Crawley. * First peal of Minor. Mr. Page has now rung a peal on each number of bells from five to twelve inclusive. The tenor of this peal was cast in the year of the Great Fire of London, 1666, and is still a fine bell.

BURSLEM, STAFFS.

STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, October 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Duke of York, and two 720's each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor about 11½ cwt.

A. W. HALL Treble	*J. CARTLIDGE 4
*J. BERESFORD 2	*H. BERESFORD 5
T. HURD 3	T. HILDITCH Tenor

Conducted by J. BERESFORD.

* First peal. † First as conductor. A. W. Hall and J. Cartlidge hail from Cheadle; J. and H. Beresford from Kingsley, and T. Hurd and T. Hilditch from Burslem.

CHEADLE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE (R.C.) CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Being three extents of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob.

HAROLD WHITFIELD Treble	ARTHUR PEAKE 4
HENRY CORNWELL 2	ARTHUR W. HALL 5
ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This was the first peal on these bells.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK. *

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH & CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Monday, October 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob Minor. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PEIRCE Treble	THOMAS CRANE 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 2	WALTER KERRISON 5
FREDERICK PECK 3	ARTHUR H. TOOK Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. H. W. Blanchflower, of Lowestoft, and Miss R. M. Whitting, of Halesworth, sister of Mr. J. Whitting, churchwarden, of Wissett Church.

CHILCOMPTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBC MUNDAY Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 4
RONALD BECK 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
REGINALD BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being eight six-scores each of Canterbury, St. Simon's, Old Doubles and Plain Bob, and ten six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CHARLES MOORE Treble | †R. WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2 | HARRY BAXTER 4

ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal. † First peal in five methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
In St. Margaret's Belfry,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 1—2 | ERNEST MORRIS... .. 7—8
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3—4 | EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 9—10
HAROLD J. POOLE 5—6 | GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpires: T. VALLANCE AND J. MORRIS.

First peal of Cinques 'in hand' by all the band.

COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Sunday, October 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At 45, ENGLETON ROAD, RADFORD.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

FRANK E. PERVIN 1—2 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7—8
FRANK W. PERRENS... .. 3—4 | *JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 9—10
ALBERT WALKER 5—6 | JAMES E. GROVES 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

* First peal on twelve. First twelve bell peal 'in hand' for the Guild.

THE 200th PEAL IN THE 'BULL RING.'

ST. MARTIN'S RECORD.

The peal of Stedman Cinques rung at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, during the twelve-bell week was the 200th peal on the famous Bull Ring bells, and this is probably a record for a twelve-bell tower. Out of the two hundred, no fewer than 170 have been peals either of Cinques or Maximus. The following is a detailed list:—

	St. Martin's Society.	St. Martin's Visiting Guild.	St. Societies.	Tl.
Grandsire Caters	5	1		6
Grandsire Cinques	8	1		9
Grandsire Maximus	1	1		2
Stedman Triples	2	1		3
Stedman Caters	4	3		7
Stedman Cinques	17	118	6	141
Bob Royal	1	1		2
Bob Maximus	1	1		2
Oxford Treble Bob Caters	1			1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1			1
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	2			2
Kent Treble Bob Major	1			1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1	3		4
Kent Treble Bob Cinques	1			1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	6		9
Double Norwich C.B. Major	1	1		1
Superlative Surprise Major	1	1		1
Cambridge Surprise Major	1	1		1
Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	2		2
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	1		1
Duffield Maximus	1	1		1
Forward Maximus	2	2		2
Total	49	145	6	200

Total eight bells, 7; total ten bells, 23; total 12 bells, 170.

THE TWELVE BELL WEEK.

'If you're unwilling to come, when I call
To prayer, you'll not wish to come at all.'

From the moment Leicester's new tenor was raised to start the week to the final notes of Cister's tenor—at the end, nothing but good fortune—better described as Divine providence—attended the members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, upon their momentous undertaking. Both the bells referred to are in use in the county in which they were cast (they actually started and ended the week's ringing as it happened), the former at Loughborough, by Taylor, in 1921, and the latter at Gloucester, by Abel Rudhall, in 1736—each excellent examples, modern and ancient, of the bell founder's art. My heading is a translation of the Latin inscription on the tenor of the old Leicester peal of 1633, and it will serve to remind ringers of today that the question of 'answering the call' was quite as necessary three centuries ago as it is now.

Arrangements for the tour were made by Messrs. Albert Walker and W. H. Fussell, who respectively enlisted the hearty support of clergy and churchwardens, with regard to the bells, and the men who joined the party. Everything went swimmingly from the day it was first mooted, at the last Johnson Dinner, until the first week in September, when, for various reasons, 25 per cent. of the team had to withdraw. Change ringers are, I believe, the most optimistic people living, and if it had been possible to put the question, usually asked at political meetings, 'Are we downhearted?' those left in the swim would have answered with a decided negative; so accordingly gaps were filled up and kind friends rallied round rather than see the party stranded.

It will be too tedious to give you particulars of the travelling to each of the six towers in four counties we visited, but I would like to say that no man missed his train or arrived late for the hour of assembly all the week. In these days of crowded housing the company may be considered fortunate in securing bed accommodation. Several incidents made our experiences somewhat novel, such as the man of Kent 'herding' with one from Manchester—a rare man on the thick end, too. The art of making 'shift' is no new process to men who have gone on tour—in the present instance they did not extend the operation to the belfry. We were made comfortable at The Golden, Birmingham, and Ye Olde Crown Hotel at Cirencester, at a reasonable tariff, after I had explained that our men were not American million dollar tourists. An inquiry for 'Walker' led the landlord to admit that there was only 'Black and White,' who were of no use to us, as they knew nothing of Stedman Cinques.

Ringling operations began on Monday at St. Margaret's Church, Leicester, by rolling off No. 1 peal with the Morris (father and son) and the 'Sheffielder' to complete the side—a case of 'Josiah versus Joseph'; the latter having been laid up for some days, after his Quex Park visit. A good start is half the battle, and so we were glad to have the congratulations of Mr. Pryce Taylor and the local ringers, after the performance, and to spend a social hour together—'bacca, beer and bells' sound awfully depraved, but I prefer them to the College Cocktails we read about in the Press this week. In the belfry was hung up a full programme of our tour for all to read, and beside it another notice—'Each member will pay 3d. for booking up in the peal book, provided by the Church Council.'

The prosperity of the town of Leicester, celebrated for its great hosiery trade, is entirely due to a country parson. The stocking frame was invented by the Rev. W. Lee, of Calverton, Notts, in the reign of Queen Elizabeth, and introduced to Leicester in the middle of the 17th century. I wish it were possible for the reverend inventor to visit Leicester in these days of 'bobbed' skirts to see the wonderful array of coloured hose worn by the ladies of the city. I am no authority on this subject, but I wouldn't mind backing Leicester against any other town for such smartness.

A call was made at the King and Crown Inn, where the silent peal of Stedman Cinques 'in hand' was rung, and, by kind permission, we viewed the actual room. This house is down for compensation, and will probably be destroyed for road widening. It stands near St. Martin's Church, and has been a famous ringers' house in the past, and King Richard III. is said to have visited it.

A short historical sketch of St. Margaret's Church, by Mr. Ernest Morris, was given us, and by his permission here are a few extracts: It is the mother church of the city, and tradition says, stands on the site of the first church erected in Leicester consecrated for Christian worship. When the first simple building was replaced by something more durable we do not know, but we find a Saxon St. Margaret's was standing here about 1101, doubtless in a dilapidated condition owing to the warlike visits of William the Conqueror. Robert Bossu, Earl of Leicester, about 1120, finding St. Margaret's in such a dilapidated state, pulled down the old Saxon remains, and recommenced building. In the middle of the 15th century the church was largely rebuilt and decorated. The tower porch, chancel and clerestory were built about this period. The following is a translation of an extract from the register of Bishop Alnwick of a tax levied on all hearths of Leicester for the purpose of building a tower:—

'Commission of the Lord Bishop to levy smoke farthings from our faithful lieges of the Archdeaconry of Leicester . . . for the construction of a Campanile to the Prebendal Church of Saint Margaret's, Leicester, 1444.'

In 1911-12 the tower was restored, and the old stonework renovated at a cost of over £2,000, and in 1921 the bells were recast and increased to twelve at a cost of £2,500, and opened free of debt.

(To be continued.)

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO FORMER SECRETARY.

Owing to holidays, the annual meeting was held later than usual, viz., on October 4th, at Oldham, when the members had the use of one peal of twelve, three peals of eight, and one of six, which were well patronised. The bells were stopped in time for all to get to the parish church by 4 o'clock, when a service was held, the special preacher being the Vicar (Dr. Wilson). A hymn of the church bells, introducing Cambridge Quarters, Canterbury Cathedral chimes and Norwich Cathedral chimes was sung during the service to the tune of A. & M. 341.

After the service, the tea was served in a style known only to Oldham ringers, and 119 sat down, the company being honoured with the presence of the Mayor and Mayoress of Oldham.

After a short committee meeting, while the members had their smoke and chat, the business of the day was proceeded with, or should have been, but was interrupted by the hearty welcome given by the Mayor, and as he had another engagement, the president (Canon Elsee) invited him to present the association's little appreciation to Mr. J. H. Banks, who retired from the office of ringing secretary last year. It took the form of an easy chair and a smoking cabinet. The gift came as a surprise to the recipient, who suitably acknowledged the present.

As there was only one nomination for each of the retiring offices, the business of the elections was soon over. Rawstenstall, in Rossendale, was selected for the next annual meeting.

With the usual votes of thanks to the preacher, choir, Mayor, chairman, and the different incumbents who granted the use of the bells, and, last of all, to the local ringers who made the day a bright and memorable one, and to which Mr. Cox suitably repaid, the company parted, some to the towers, and others to early trains to get back home the same day if possible.

THE FIRST PEAL AT CHEADLE.

This peal was rung to celebrate the jubilee of the Rev. W. Morris, who this year completes his fiftieth year as priest of the R.C. Church of St. Giles, and it is the wish of all who know him that he will long remain in the parish.

The church, one of the most magnificent Catholic churches in this country, was erected through the munificence of the Earl of Shrewsbury from the designs of that celebrated Italian architect, Signor Pugin, and is, if not his masterpiece, certainly his second-best creation. The graceful western tower soars to a height of 200 feet above the churchyard, and contains a fine peal of six by Mears, which were the second peal of bells to be installed in a Catholic place of worship since the Restoration. Although they were installed when the church was opened for worship in 1846 it is only now that men of Cheadle have been able to record a peal on them, the first in the town which contains two rings of six.

In the opinion of the writer no more fitting commemoration of Father Morris' jubilee could be made than to rehang and augment to eight this fine peal of bells.

DEATH OF AN OLD ELLAND RINGER.

We regret to announce the sudden death, on Tuesday, October 7th, of Mr. Joseph Brearley, of Blackpool, at the ripe age of 82. Until two or three years ago he was a member of St. Mary's Church, Elland, band of ringers, having been a ringer at this church for a period of over 60 years. He could well remember the time when Elland had two or three band of ringers, who often competed against each other at various prize ringing contests, which were frequently held during the '60's and '70's. He assisted his company in winning premier honours at Birstal, Glossop, Dewsbury, Ossett, Calverley, Stalybridge, and other places. He took no active part in public matters, but was of a most genial disposition, and will be missed by a large circle of friends. In business he was a cloth manufacturer, and was carried to his last resting-place by some of his employees. The bells were rung deeply muffled.

A WELCOME HOME.

At Alton, Hants, on Monday, October 6th, at the Parish Church of St. Lawrence, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: H. Evans 1, W. Perry 2, G. Noakes 3, J. W. Trappitt, senr., 4, E. E. Ham 5, W. C. Duffield 6, E. P. Duffield (conductor) 7, A. Evans 8. Rung as a welcome home to Mr. William S. Duffield, who arrived late the previous day from South Africa.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Who was the gentleman who was showing a party round the Minster during the recent gathering at York, and on entering a certain compartment commenced to explain the historic virtues of the old coats and umbrellas therein, when the Dean suddenly appeared, and further explained, 'My dear gentlemen, this is my house'?

A Crewe paper recently had a congratulatory paragraph to Mr. James George, of Birmingham, on achieving his 800th peal. 'It will be remembered,' says the paragraph, 'that four years ago he overhauled and put into good working order the bells at Sandbach Parish Church.' This is the first time we have heard that Mr. George added bell hanging to his other accomplishments. He must have been carrying on his business in great secrecy. To hide one's light under a bushel is not profitable in business.

On October 23rd, 1791, Holt's Original was rung at St. Giles-in-the-Fields; it was conducted by James Bartlett, who rang the treble, and for over a century this was believed to be the first occasion the peal had been called by a ringer taking part. It is now known that it had previously been rung under the same conditions elsewhere. On the anniversary of the performance in 1884, the peal was rung 'non-conducted' by the College Youths at St. Giles' Church.

One of the early memorable peals of Treble Bob Major was that rung on October 20th, 1794, a 6,720, in 20 courses with the 60 course ends, at St. Giles' Camberwell. It was a composition by J. Reeves, and was conducted by George Gross.

The only peal of Grandsire Cinques which John Holt rang (at any rate with the Union Scholars), was accomplished at St. Bride's, Fleet Street, on October 20th, 1751.

The first peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells of St. Leonard's Church, Shoreditch, where several records were afterwards made, was rung on October 19th, 1766. This was a round of 6,000 rung in 4 hrs. 21 mins.

It is interesting to note that the handbell peal of Stedman Cinques rung at Leicester was in addition to the first by all the band, 'in hand,' the first of Cinques in the method by the ringers of 3rd and 4th, 9th and 10th, 11th and 12th, and also the first of Cinques as conductor. This is only the second such peal rung in Leicester, the previous one being the famous 'silent' peal rung on Feb. 21st, 1903.

The time of the several quick peals of Stedman Cinques recently rung on heavy bells in London, writes a correspondent, can now be fully credited by the ringing fraternity in the North, as witness the quick peal of Cinques rung at Sheffield Cathedral last Saturday. But do we get the best music when bells are rung at this pace?

It has been reported that Mr. John Buttress, a Chudleigh ringer, has died, and that buried with him was the bell rope he had pulled for 50 years as a ringer. We do not doubt that a bell rope was buried with this Devon veteran, but it must have been of exceptionally good make if it had stood 50 years' wear! The report must, we think, have been wanting in the accuracy of its detail.

It is said that the correct way for lady ringers to wear their hair at present is 'bobbed' and 's(h)ingled.'

On Saturday, Mr. and Mrs. F. I. Hairs and Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Deal took part in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major. Is this the first time two married couples have taken part in a Surprise peal?

The restoration at Blotchley, including recasting one bell and retuning the rest, is nearly complete, and the reopening will take place on November 1st. Messrs. Taylor and Co. are carrying out the work.

Mr. T. Hervey Beams, of Bradpole, Bridport, would like to obtain during the first two weeks of January next, the loan of a set of lantern slides suitable to illustrate a lecture on 'Bells, Bell Towers and Ringers.' Every care will be taken of the slides, and carriage paid both ways.

VISITORS' PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While discussing the way in which a certain resolution has been brought forward, there is a danger that the subject itself may be forgotten. It is a matter on which all ringers in this part of the country, as far as my information goes, are united, but whenever it has been brought up for discussion elsewhere, it seems to have been condemned, without any reason being given. Surely if people condemn it, they have some reason for their opinion: if so, let us have it, and we can see what is the more reasonable course. Merely to say it is 'impracticable,' or that they condemn it in 'toto,' does not carry much weight.

The suggestion is this: that all societies which are diocesan, with well defined boundaries, should only score peals which are rung within those boundaries. Some would add the words 'or county' after 'diocesan,' but it seems best to keep to one point at a time.—Yours very faithfully,

H. DRAKE.

BALL BEARINGS AND WOOD FRAMES.**S.P.A.B. REPORT.**

Two paragraphs interesting to ringers appear in the annual report of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings.

The report states that in 1921 the committee were asked to give their advice upon the condition of the tower of St. Mary's Church, Donhead, Wiltshire. They carefully surveyed it and took notes of the positions and weights of the bells, and, after consulting with Mr. Edwin Lewis—whose advice on all matters respecting bell ringing is of great value—they stated that a great improvement would be made by a slight modification in the roping of the tenor bell.

The report then quotes a letter from the Rector, stating that the advice was followed, and it seems so to have reduced the rock of the tower that the lay authorities are satisfied to leave things as they are. The report adds that by following the society's advice the parish avoided the cost of building operations, which had appeared necessary.

The other paragraph referred to deals with the use of ball bearings and timber frames. It is as follows:—

"Since the joint report drawn up by the Council of Church Bell Ringers and this society there has been an improvement in the manufacture of steel, which has enabled ball bearings to be made which can be relied upon not to crack. This means that bearings which adjust themselves to suit a slight unevenness in the top members of the bell pits can now be used with safety. The result of their use is to dispose of one of the chief objections to timber bell frames, namely, that the movements of timber under atmospheric changes throw the bells out of truth, and make them difficult to ring. This, in the opinion of the committee, is a point of such interest that it is hoped reference to it will be made in the architectural papers."

THE VALUE OF PROPER 'ROPING.'

Many ringers, who are not engineers, will be rather at a loss to appreciate what is intended in the above report by the statement 'the result of their (improved ball bearings) use is to dispose of one of the chief objections to timber bell frames.'

To elucidate the matter further, Mr. Edwin H. Lewis, who was a member of the Central Council's Committee which met the society, has kindly supplied us with the following notes on the subject:

The paragraph on 'Bells and Bell Ringing' is not very clear. The position, I think, is this. When we met the S.P.A.B. we were asked 'What about ball bearings?' and our reply was, as far as I remember, to the effect that it was not proved that ball bearings were sufficiently reliable to be regarded as fool proof—a condition that was necessary if they were to be generally used in country towers, though they would probably be quite good in town towers, where there was a competent steeplekeeper.

Since that time, self-aligning ball bearings have proved themselves reliable in general engineering practice, even where subject to rough usage, and a certain amount of neglect, and, therefore, they can be used with some confidence for bells.

The objections to timber frames are twofold.

(1) Owing to the twisting of the upper members of the frame under different conditions of atmospheric moisture, there is a tendency for the bearings of the older type to get out of level, and for the bells to 'go' badly. This is a common experience of ringers, and the difficulty may be got over by the use of self-aligning bearings, whether ball bearings or other. The use by the bell founders of standard self-aligning ball bearings gets over this objection to timber frames, and this is what the S.P.A.B. intend to point out.

(2) The other objection of timber frames shrinking and getting loose in the joints, unless provided with tightening bolts which are regularly adjusted, is not met by ball bearings. The results of such looseness are twofold: (a) The movement of the frame may cause the bells to go badly; (b) the movement of the frame may cause hammering of the walls at the level of the top of the frame, unless stopped by 'wedging' the frame to the walls. In the latter case the fastening of the top of the frame to the walls introduces the very fault which the S.P.A.B. allege in the case of top-stayed metal 'H' frames.

The ringing of the long peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark proves that a timber frame is not necessarily worse than a metal frame from the ringers' point of view.

It also confirms my theory of roping—applied in the Donhead St. Mary case. I am convinced that if the 11th at Southwark were roped on the other side of the wheel, the long peal could not have been rung.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable and successful meeting of the Eastern district was held at Ware on Saturday, and the newly rehung ring were kept going in methods ranging from Grandshire to Cambridge. The great improvement in the tone since Messrs. Mears took them in hand is very marked. The Whitechapel firm have recast the 7th and tuned up the rest.

A short service was held, conducted by the Rev. H. Winch, who gave a bright and helpful address, which was much appreciated by the 31 members present from Romford, Leytonstone, Edmanton, Chessunt, Broxbourne, Harlow Common, Widford, Barley, Royston, Hertford, Hunsdon, Ware, Thundridge, Great and Little Mundon.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING.—SUGGESTED ALTERATION OF DATE.**

The annual general meeting of the Norfolk Guild was held at Great Yarmouth on Thursday, October 9th. Divine service was held in the Parish Church of St. Nicholas, conducted by one of the assistant priests at 12.30 p.m., when Canon W. Hay M. H. Aitken, Vice-Dean of Norwich, gave an address on bells and worship.

Luncheon was subsequently served at Hills' Restaurant, King's Street, Canon Hay Aitken presiding. He was supported by the following members of the committee: Messrs. C. E. Borrett, G. P. Burton, Denison Hayward, W. B. Duncan, and the secretary (Mr. A. L. Coleman), also by the Rev. F. L. Edwards, Rector of Kingston, Dorsetshire (hon. secretary of the Salisbury Guild), Mr. S. R. Roper (Croydon), and the following ladies: Mrs. C. E. Borrett, Miss H. W. Bill and Miss H. L. Durrant. Representatives were present from Norwich, Great Yarmouth, Diss, etc.

The Chairman proposed the toast of 'The King,' which was loyally honoured.

The Chairman then read a letter from the president, the Dean of Norwich, to the secretary, expressing his great distress and disappointment on finding himself unable to preside that day at the annual meeting of the Guild, having been called away from home to officiate at the funeral, in Westmorland, of a near kinsman, his cousin—a lifelong friend—who died on October 7th as the result of a hunting accident.

The Secretary announced that he would convey their regrets and sympathy to the Dean of Norwich.

Mr. Denison Hayward moved, and Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded, a vote of thanks to Canon Aitken for his address at the service, and for so kindly presiding over the luncheon.

Canon Hay Aitken, acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he was glad to have the opportunity of saying a few brotherly words to them, and wish them prosperity in their work for the church. They had an important duty, of which they should be proud, for they had the honour and privilege of summoning their neighbours to the highest function in which man can possibly engage, that of worship. While they were helping others to worship they had themselves a good opportunity of worship in the very act of summoning them. Their ringing might be done in a thoroughly devotional spirit, for the moment of ringing bells, might be made an opportunity for prayers and intercession for others. In that way they would realise for themselves what a happy thing service for Christ was. He wished them god-speed in their work.

DECREASED ATTENDANCES AT MEETINGS.

At the annual business meeting which followed, in the choir vestry of St. Nicholas' Church, Mr. C. E. Borrett, vice-president, occupied the chair.

Mr. A. L. Coleman read the annual report, covering the 47th year of the Guild. The separation of the Guild's territory in the diocese of St. Edmundsbury and Ipswich had affected their membership, peal records and finances, but work had gone on steadily, and good progress could be reported. Forty-six new members were elected, and, allowing for deaths and resignations, etc., the total membership was 210 against 792 in 1923. General meetings had been held at Diss, King's Lynn, Lowestoft and North Elmham, during the year, but the attendance was not encouraging. It was hoped that the members would do their best, even at a little sacrifice, to be present, and take an active part in supporting their Guild meetings. Upon their presence and fellowship, the life and success of the Guild to a great extent depended.

The balance sheet for the year ending December 31st 1923, showed the total receipts of £88 0s. 3d., and a total expenditure of £87 12s. 5d., leaving a balance in hand of 7s. 10d. The peals during the past twelve months numbered 88.

The president, the Dean of Norwich, was thanked for his counsel which piloted the Guild at the last annual meeting through the difficulties caused by the loss of Suffolk territory. Restoration work to bells and belfries in the diocese was encouraging, and it is gratifying to note there has been a large amount of restoration of rings of bells throughout the country, and that there was a revival of interest in bells among others than ringers.

The secretary then presented the financial statement for the current year, which showed an expenditure of £65 3s. 8d. The estimated receipts, including available outstanding subscriptions, were £71 7s. At present £25 4s. was outstanding. The secretary reminded the members that subscriptions were due on the 1st of January, and appealed to all those members who had not paid to do so with the least possible delay, and save the labour and expense of writing for outstanding subscriptions.

Mr. C. E. Borrett moved, and Mr. G. P. Burton seconded, that the annual report and financial statement be adopted, and this was agreed to.

Nine life members (non-resident) elected in belfries prior to peals were ratified, and five performing members were elected.

On the motion of Mr. A. L. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Ben S. Thompson, the officers were re-appointed en bloc: The president, the Dean of Norwich; the secretary and treasurer, Mr. A. L. Coleman; hon. auditor, Mr. G. P. Burton; and the vice-presidents, with the

additional names of the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Coventry and the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Vicar of Henley, Suffolk.—The Rev. R. Bulstrode, Vicar of St. John's, Lowestoft, was elected a member of the committee.

MEMBERS' OPINIONS TO BE OBTAINED.

The secretary brought forward the matter of an alteration to the date for the annual general meeting of the Guild, from October to Easter Monday. He said that the conditions of things had so much changed since the early days of the Guild, when the date was fixed immediately after the harvest, and he thought the time had now come to have the annual meeting on a public holiday, in the hope of a revival in the attendance of members. The decreased attendances at all the meetings had been a source of great disappointment to him. He did not propose to move a motion on the matter until by some means or another the feelings of the members had been obtained on such an important question.

The Chairman said he shared the disappointment of their secretary at the decreased attendances at annual meetings of late years, which he could not account for. He believed that most ringers had their half-holidays on Saturdays, and that it was not convenient to them to attend in the middle of the week.

Miss H. L. Durrant suggested, with the view of obtaining the opinion of the members, that a slip be issued with the annual reports for 1924 to be returnable to the secretary.—The Secretary said that he would be pleased to carry out such a useful suggestion.

Mr. Coleman moved a vote of thanks to Canon R. Aubrey Aitken for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Denison Hayward (district secretary for Great Yarmouth) for his kind assistance in the arrangements that day. The meeting then closed, and ringing was resumed, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, being rung.

THE BELLS OF ST. PETER'S CHURCH, LIVERPOOL, TO HANG IN ST. BARNABAS' TOWER.

At a recent meeting of the parishioners of St. Barnabas Church, Mossley Hill, Liverpool, it was decided to accept the offer of the ten bells of St. Peter's Church, Liverpool, and to take steps to hang them in their tower.

St. Peter's Church, was the Parish Church and pro-Cathedral, and was closed for services a few years ago. It has recently been demolished. The site, which is in the heart of the shopping centre of the city, was sold to the Corporation to provide funds for the endowment of the new cathedral. The fittings and ornaments of the church were dispersed throughout the diocese, the bells being offered to St. Michael's Church, and actually taken there for safe keeping over two years ago. This church is in one of the poorest and most squalid parts of the city, and the authorities were unable to face the financial difficulties which the gift involved. On several occasions the Liverpool Diocesan Guild has urged that steps should be taken to make the fullest use of the bells, and happily it seems that this will now be the case.

St. Barnabas Church is a large modern building near the outskirts of the city in a residential district which has recently developed with remarkable rapidity. The church must not be confused with the well-known 'Mossley Hill Church,' which, from its situation on the top of the hill, is such a landmark for miles around, and is so well known to travellers on the L.M.S.

It seems probable that peal ringing on the bells in their new tower will be very severely restricted, if not altogether prohibited, but it is to be hoped that a band may be formed associated with the church for regular service ringing.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. FIRST VISIT TO BONVILSTON.

The first quarterly meeting ever held at Bonvilston took place on Saturday last. The weather fortunately was delightfully fine, and accounted, perhaps, for the presence of such a representative gathering from both dioceses. The church, situated close to the main road between Cardiff and Cowbridge, has a square tower, with a musical ring of six bells, with a 12 cwt. tenor cast in 1718 by Abraham Rudhall.

A hearty welcome was accorded each of the visitors on arrival by the Vicar (the Rev. Gilbert Thomas) and his enthusiastic band of ringers, to whom every credit is due for the care that is taken of the bells and ringing chamber, under the leadership of Mr. E. Thomas.

Service was conducted by the Vicar, who gave a most inspiring address. Following the service, an excellent 'knife and fork' tea was partaken of in the Church Institute, and had been most generously provided.

The business meeting was presided over by the Vicar, and various items were dealt with, including instructor's report, restorations, etc., and the making of several new members from St. Athan, Penarth and Bonvilston.

The place for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting will be arranged at the annual meeting, which will be held at Cardiff.

After the meeting, the bells were rung in various methods during the evening, and all went away satisfied that it was one of the best in the association's history, thanks to the effort made by the local ringers and their genial Vicar.

EXETER RINGERS AND RINGING COMPETITIONS.

The Exeter branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers opened their winter programme with the first of the proposed series of fraternal meetings which are to be held each month at the Franklin Hall. The inception of these gatherings was due to the energy and foresight of the district secretary, Mr. W. J. Southwood, who, together with a strong committee, hopes to make them an unqualified success. If the meeting on Saturday evening is an indication of what is to follow each month, the result is a foregone conclusion. The company were fortunate in being able to have as chairman the Rev. B. C. Bennett, of Alphington, who said he felt sure that these meetings were going to do a great deal of good, and be a great help to ringers. The subject for discussion was 'Are ringing competitions necessary or desirable?' and Mr. T. Laver brought the subject forward in an able manner. The debate which followed was very keen, and the feeling generally was that such competitions would have a harmful effect. The remainder of the evening was devoted to refreshments and harmony.

IPPLEPEN'S BELLS.

THE OCTAVE COMPLETED AT DEVON CHURCH.

The new bells added at Ipplepen Church to complete the octave were dedicated on September 25th by the Bishop of Crediton, in the presence of a large congregation, those assisting in the service being the Rural Dean (the Rev. S. R. Carden, who acted as Bishop's chaplain), and the Vicar of Ipplepen (the Rev. R. D. Cooke), while Mr. Jago presided at the organ.

The Bishop of Crediton, in the course of his address, said bell ringers had a place in the worship and a duty. When ringers consecrated themselves to that duty they were not satisfied with mere call ringing. In that diocese for some years there had been a strong influence to help ringers to produce the very best music from the bells—to learn the true art of change ringing. They should aim at changing artistically with every stroke, and, that being accomplished, they would have the complete music which could be produced from their eight bells. Everything done for the Kingdom of God should be complete.

In the inventory of 1553 (King Edward VI.) mention was made of four bells. In 1797 the number was five. A public meeting in that year decided to recast the five bells into six, and the work was done by the Bilbies at Cullompton. In 1818 the fifth bell had cracked, and it was sent to London to be recast. During its journey back by sea it was cracked again, and had to be recast a second time. The two new bells have been cast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, who have made an excellent splice with the old six bells, the ringers present remarking on the purity of tone of the new trebles, and the ease with which they could be rung.

The weight of the tenor is approximately one tone, and the key of the peal is E.

The local ringers rang rounds at the dedication, and were joined after the service by ringers from Exeter, Plymouth, Upton (Torquay), Highweek (Newton Abbott), Paignton, Kingsteignton, etc. Those present, including the President of the Devon Guild (the Rev. E. S. Powell), Messrs. E. Shepherd, W. J. Southwood, and C. F. Johnston, of the Croydon Bellfoundry, were entertained to tea in the Parish Hall, and added yet one more memorable occasion in the ringing circles of Devon to those that have gone before.

The inscriptions on the new bells are as follows: Treble, 'Given by R. C. Maddicott in memory of his wife, Isabella, and by Edward M. Shepherd in memory of the long connection of his family with the parish. R. D. Cooke, Vicar; Colonel F. C. Fulton and W. Maddicott, churchwardens, 1924.'

No. 2, 'Given as a thankoffering to God by S. P. Adams, a native of Totnes. R. D. Cooke, Vicar; Colonel F. C. Fulton and W. Maddicott, churchwardens, 1924.'

The weights of the six old bells are: No. 3, 728 lbs.; No. 4, 792½ lbs.; No. 5, 871½ lbs.; No. 6, 1,151½ lbs.; No. 7, 1,302 lbs.; No. 8, 2,117 lbs.

The tenor bears the inscription: 'Religion, death, pleasure cause me to ring.'

HANBURY OUTING.

A party, consisting of 13 Hanbury ringers, with Mr. G. Lewis, of Sheffield, who was spending his holidays in the district, left Hanbury at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27th, by motor, for the Vale of Evesham, and reached the Evesham church tower at 3.45 p.m., after an enjoyable journey. The party was met by Mr. Hemming, and, through the kindness of the Rector and Mr. Hamming, enjoyed change ringing on the tower bells. This was the first time Hanbury ringers had used a peal of ten. Mr. Hemming afterwards conducted them to the top of the tower, from which a beautiful view of Evesham was obtained. After an excellent repast at the Northwick Arms, a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector of Evesham and Mr. Hemming for their kindness. Hanbury was reached at 9.45 p.m., after, as one of the oldest of the band remarked, 'the best outing we have ever had.' The arrangements for the trip were kindly made by Mr. Harold Smith, a Birmingham gentleman, who has come to reside in the district and has interested himself in ringing, and joined the band. His efforts were greatly appreciated by the ringers.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To The Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Powell's letter in your last issue is clearly that of a man to whom words are playthings, and he uses his ability in this direction to conjure with them till the point at issue is hidden.

In his second paragraph he quibbles about the meaning of the word 'cause,' but does admit that, in the sense in which he used it, the places cause all the work. This is, however, qualified by the statement that 'the dodge causes the place is equally good argument.' If this latter were true, it would certainly dispose of the theory that the place is the active agent. But the truth is, that on any number of bells to infinity, a place made anywhere causes the bells to make certain and particular alterations in their movement, and there can be no variation whatever from this, unless additional places are made. The same place is always accompanied by the same work. Can Mr. Powell say that the insertion or omission of a dodge in any one position is always accompanied by the same place?

It will be as well to dispose of any ambiguity in using the term 'cause,' by stating the case for the place in other words.

The group to which I belong have no need to be afraid of stating their opinion, which is, that the method is brought about by the places; to reiterate, is made by the places, therefore, put shortly, the places show the method.

Let us take a concrete illustration in the following block of 10 rows:—

12345 It is known that five similar blocks may be obtained by using the remaining 50 rows comprised in the even extent on five bells. Then let it be granted that every method of Doubles is constructed by incorporating whole blocks, or portions of these blocks, into the original, and again, that every method is made up of place making and forward and backward hunting. Let us assume the desire to make up methods of Doubles, either on paper or by ringing the bells in the tower, and what is found? That the desired result can only be brought about by first joining the block shown to one other block, in other words, the first essential is to get away from the changes in the original block. The blocks are formed by continuous forward hunting, and it is self-evident that we cannot get away from the changes in any block by any form of backward hunting. To put it shortly, the only joining between block and block is a place; therefore, the desired result, a method, can only be brought about by places, and the conclusion follows that the places make the method.

Mr. Powell is unfortunate in his concluding sentences; he tells us that the majority of the experts believe that the essential characteristic of London is the plain backward hunting below the treble. Below the treble is only half a method, and a number of methods have this same characteristic. Thus it may equally well be argued conversely that two methods which by the essential characteristic theory are closely allied, may at the same time, to use Mr. Powell's words, be as far apart as the Poles in their actual construction.

Mr. Powell believes that the younger generation is tired of our mechanical and materialistic outlook, which may be so, but it is difficult to disprove, in view of recent statements, that method construction is not mechanical and materialistic. At any rate, the younger generation is intelligent enough to look after itself, and to distinguish, if we have the men who can put both sides of the question plainly before it, which is the true and which is the false.—Yours sincerely,

Sunderland.

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

METHODS AN EXPRESSION OF MATHEMATICAL LAW.

Dear Sir,—May I have a word with Mr. J. W. Parker?

I was one of the first that held the opinion that 'Places are the Method,' the very first, I believe, that publicly stated it as an axiom. I had to drop it, because I found it was false and misleading. It is true, of course, that if you have the places of any method you can without difficulty supply all the rest. It is true, of course, that oftentimes you can most conveniently examine a method by means of its places. It is true, too, that by means of the places and a system of exhaustion Mr. Law James wrote out all the six bell methods, and a large part of the eight bell methods. But it is not true that places have essentially any more constructional value, or any different constructional value, from hunting or dodging. And, emphatically, it is not true that any 'dodging, snapping or reversal of hunting direction is caused by a place or places.' Wherever you have cause and effect the cause must be before the effect in time. But considerations of time have no more to do with the construction of methods than they have to do with the qualities of geometrical circles, squares, etc. Mr. Parker is transferring to the method a process which really takes place in his own brain. Because he understands a method best by first considering its places, and then locating the dodging, etc., as their results, he thinks that this sequence is in the method itself. It is not. If I were to give him a set of places he could supply the rest of the work by logical deduction; just as if I were to give him the base of a triangle and two of its angles he could supply the other sides and angle. So far as his own mental process is concerned, what he supplied in both cases would be 'results.' But to say as a gene-

ral proposition that the base and the two angles 'caused' the other two sides, or that the places 'caused' the dodging and snapping would be absurd.

Also I do not think he is quite right in saying that the two schools of thought on this question consist of 'old fogies who say that places are the method,' and others who 'think they have progressed far beyond that stage.' The real division is between the other school who treat methods entirely on experimental lines, and the few who recognise that methods are the expression of mathematical law, and are trying to find out and understand what that law is. It was the advanced school, not the old fogies, who said that places are the method. It was one stage in the attempt to find out what methods really are, and for myself I do not merely think, I know. I have progressed far beyond that stage, though I do not remember speaking 'with some disdain of the stick fasts.'

There is no doubt at all as to which of the two schools Mr. Parker, with his great abilities, should belong. And there is no doubt at all to which school he would belong if he devoted as much time and thought to method construction as (fortunately for the Exercise) he has to other branches of composition.—Yours faithfully,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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MR. TROLLOPE'S REPLY TO MR. BAKER.

Dear Sir,—As my friend, Mr. Geo. Baker, keeps on throwing challenges at me with a persistency worthy of a better cause, I suppose I must say something in reply. My trouble is that he uses words and terms in such a loose and vague way that I am never quite sure what exactly he does mean. I do not in the least know what 'proving the construction' of a method is. In ringing, when we talk about proving a peal or a method, we mean finding out whether there is any repetition of rows, and sometimes in the case of methods people mean working out the false course ends. For these purposes I use pretty much the same formula as other people do, and why I should be challenged about using them I don't quite know. But how can you prove the construction of a method? I may be wrong, but it seems nonsense.

As for the other statements in Mr. Baker's letter which I am challenged to try and disprove, most of them are quite all right. They are not very original or very profound. Some of us knew all about them years before Mr. Baker did, and he makes a mistake if he thinks that he has got here the secret of method construction.

As a matter of simple fact, I have never said that London consists of six or more constructional shunts. What I did say, Mr. Baker or anyone else may see if he turns to my published explanation of the construction of the method.

I am sure I am not doing Mr. Baker an injustice when I say that he does not understand what I mean by a constructional shunt, and though he is so persistent in declaring that my views are wrong, I am quite sure that he does not realise what those views are.—Yours truly,

J. A. TROLLOPE.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

A MEETING AT COLESHILL.

A well-attended meeting of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham was held at Colehill on Saturday, October 4th. Colehill is a little old-world town in North Warwickshire, about nine miles north-east of Birmingham, and has retained to a remarkable degree its old-fashioned appearance and atmosphere.

The glory of the old place is the church with its fine embattled tower surmounted by a lofty crocketed spire, which is a landmark for miles around. The bells are a ring of eight, with a tenor about 12 cwt.; formerly six, but augmented by the addition of two trebles from the Loughborough foundry a year or so ago. They run in an anti-clockwise direction, which the novices found to be somewhat of a stumbling-block at the beginning. Colehill is quite an excellent place for a summer meeting, but rather too difficult of access at other periods of the year. Fortunately, however, the weather kept fine, and the attendance of members was far greater than had been anticipated, considering it was an October meeting. Tea was arranged at the Swan Hotel, and was graced by the presence of the Vicar of Colehill, the Venerable J. H. Richards, M.A., Archdeacon of Aston. The business meeting followed, at which the presiding Ringing Master (Alderman J. S. Pritchett, M.A.) took the chair.

Before routine business, the Chairman said he wished to take that opportunity of congratulating Mr. Godden on the attainment of his 75th birthday, and on behalf of the whole of the members he wished him 'Many happy returns.'—Mr. Godden, looking very fit despite his 75 years, suitably responded.

The routine business being disposed of, the Chairman said he could not let the occasion pass without congratulating the members who had taken part in the recent twelve-bell ringing week, on the success of their efforts. They had been fortunate enough to ring five peals of Stedman Cinques out of six attempts, the failure being due to a broken rope. The outing had been thoroughly well organised, and everything had worked according to plan.—The bells were utilised during the afternoon and evening, and the members wish to express their thanks to the Archdeacon for his kindness on this occasion.

The annual meeting will be held at headquarters in January next.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Parker's Twelve-part, in 46 mins.: T. Marshall 1, W. B. Kynaston 3, H. T. Hughes 3, R. Kynaston 4, R. T. Evans 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, R. Edwards 7, E. H. Kynaston 8.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, at All Saints' Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: Miss Humblecrofts 1, H. S. Hobden 2, P. S. Thompson 3, E. Jennings 4, A. Hobden (conductor) 5, C. H. Humphrey 6, A. Reed 7, R. Ades 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SLOUGH.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. A. D. Barker 1, J. Shaker 2, H. C. Albrow 3, W. L. Gutteridge 4, W. H. Fussell 5, A. Bateman 6, W. Henley 7, A. D. Barker (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 6th.

UTTOXETER, STAFFS.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 12th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: L. A. Dutton 1, E. Roberts 2, G. Elliott 3, F. Richardson 4, F. Oliver 5, C. Smith 6, R. G. Lewis (conductor) 7, E. Green 8. Longest length in the method as conductor. Rung also as a birthday compliment to E. Roberts.

MARKET DEEPPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, for harvest thanksgiving: F. Otter 1, W. A. Day 2, H. M. Day (conductor) 3, H. Holmes 4, J. Landon 5, G. H. Wells 6.

ROCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Oct. 12th, for harvest festival, morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,299 changes), in 50 mins.: C. Winsor 1, T. Beaumont 2, J. Haigh 3, R. Paine 4, C. Norris 5, F. Belsey 6, E. Allen 7, W. Haigh (conductor) 8, W. J. Walker 9, A. Haylor 10.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.—On Sunday evening, October 12th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. E. Rayson 1, Miss G. M. Dodds 2, J. E. S. Moreton 3, Miss M. V. Godderidge 4, Miss D. E. Lewis 5, H. B. Wright 6, A. E. Beamish (conductor) 7, R. Moreton 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of the 1st, 6th and 8th. First as conductor, and first by a local band.

BULWELL, NOTTS.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): F. Foster 1, T. Hind 2, W. Sevier 3, E. Foster 4, A. Harrison (conductor) 5, W. Stanner 6, W. Wadsley 7, W. Whalley 8.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, at the Church of St. Helen, 576 Bristol Surprise: W. Niblett 1, R. G. Knowles 2, W. C. Jones 3, G. Hinton 4, S. T. Holt 5, W. Lewis 6, J. J. Jefferies (conductor) 7, C. Camm 8. Also 336 Stedman, with W. Powell 2.

WORCESTER.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, at the Church of St. John, 720 Oxford Bob: C. G. Bowkett 1, J. J. Jefferies 2, J. Woodyatt 3, S. T. Holt (conductor) 4, E. Watkins 5, W. Lewis 6.

ILMINSTER, SOMERSET.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for harvest thanksgiving, at the Church of St. Mary, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Haycraft 1, G. Sibley 2, L. Coombes 3, S. V. Crabb 4, J. Warren 5, C. Gummer 6, D. G. Taylor (conductor) 7, W. J. Coombes 8.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD, NOTTS.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evening service (harvest festival), a 720 Plain Bob, in 23 mins.: R. Partridge 1, R. Huskisson 2, C. Beckly 3, W. Allin, senr., 4, W. Jack 5, G. E. Allin (conductor) 6. First 720 by ringer of 13rd. Quickest 720 on the bells.

NORBURY (HAZEL GROVE), CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, a date touch (1,924 changes), in 1 hour 5 minutes, being 124 Oxford, 360 Spliced Overton, Sandal, London Scholars, and Kingston, 720 Spliced Grove Delight, Neasden, College Bob IV, and Wragby. And 720 Spliced Trowel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, and Norbury: James Fernley, junr., 1, H. Hallworth 2, W. Fernley 3, H. Langley 4, James Fernley, senr. (conductor), 5, J. P. Fidler 6.

MORETON CORBET, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5th, an attempt was made for a peal of Minor (in two methods). Three 720's of Grandsire Minor were rung in 1 hour 11 minutes, but in the fourth 720 (Plain Bob) a change course occurred, and the attempt came to an untimely end, after faultless striking: T. Butler 1, H. Clay (longest length on a bob bell) 2, W. Lycett 3, W. Clay 4, T. R. Butler 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6. This is the longest length (2,160) on the bells since they were recast.

SOUTHGATE.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for morning service, being the harvest festival, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal, in 30 mins.: A. R. Glascock 1, G. W. Fletcher 2, G. Bester 3, H. E. Tomlinson 4, J. Armstrong 5, N. A. Tomlinson 6, W. Pickworth 7, H. Miller 8, J. E. Miller 9, S. Wade (conductor) 10.

HONINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, at All Saints' Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,300 changes), in 38 mins., in ten callings: C. Matthews 1, H. Terry (conductor) 2, W. Adams 3, T. Hands 4, G. Hands 5, C. Sabin 6. These ringers are attached to St. Mary's, Ilmington, and rang the quarter-peal by special request.

BARKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, October 5th, for morning service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes) was rung in 46 mins.: G. E. Joyce 1, F. Faulkner 2, F. G. Russell 3, G. W. Faulkner 4, W. G. Jackson 5, C. Fenn (conductor) 6, E. G. Cottis 7, A. C. Hardy 8.

NOTTINGHAM.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 5th at St. Mary's Church, 504 and 93 Grandsire Triples, with 8-9 covering: *Miss I. B. Thompson 1, F. Blood 2, J. Hardcastle 3, A. Lambert 4, J. Cotterell 5, A. Coppock (conductor) 6, F. Salmon 7, A. Gamble 8, F. Lee 9, B. Marshall 10. * First 504. Nos. 3 and 5 are from Bradford, and No. 7 from Halifax.

FULHAM.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. Folkard 1, H. Owen 2, A. Cutmore 3, H. Rivers (first quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major) 4, W. H. Hollier 5, A. Harding 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, J. W. Driver 8.

ROWLEY REGIS.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, at the dedication festival, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. J. Hackett 1, E. Homer 2, T. Clarke 3, J. Goodman, junr., 4, G. H. Detheridge 5, A. Timmins 6, H. Dowell 7, A. Taylor 8. Conducted by H. Dowell, whose first quarter-peal it was as conductor.

CALVERLEY.—At St. Wilfrid's Church, for harvest festival, evening service, a date touch of 1,924 changes of London Treble Bob Major, in 1 hour 8 minutes: S. Wheatley 1, W. Popplewell (conductor) 2, W. Stanhope 3, W. Scrimshaw 4, E. Hudson 5, P. Wheatley 6, G. Thompson 7, W. Lee 8.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Wiffen 1, G. Lindridge 2, E. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, C. H. Howard (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

DEATH OF A BURNHAM RINGER.

The Burnham Parish Church company has lost one of their old members, by the death, on Wednesday, October 1st, of Mr. Ernest Carter, at the age of 62 years. Born at the neighbouring hamlet of Lenti, he was a ringer for 42 years, and a Berks and Bucks member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, taking part in several peals of Grandsire Triples. He was a lifelong 'pull' of the steeplekeeper, Mr. Geo. Alder, and never minded coming to make up a team at this tower when there was a man short for a peal attempt.

The funeral took place at Burnham, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, the service being conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. P. P. Nott, M.A.), and many friends and relatives being present. A number of wreaths were sent, including one from his fellow ringers, who rang St. Mary's bells, muffled, after the burial. W. H. F.

OFF TO NEW ZEALAND.

PRESENTATION AT HULL.

On Sunday, Sept. 20th, the ringers of Holy Trinity, Hull, made a presentation in the tower to Mr. Thomas S. Morton, prior to his departure for New Zealand. The gift consisted of a silver cigarette case, beautifully engraved on the outside with a bell, containing the initials of the recipient, and also a suitable inscription on the inside, and was handed over by the 'anno domini' of the company, Mr. J. Highfield, who in a short and happy speech, wished both Mr. and Mrs. Morton and son, good luck in their new sphere of life, and hoped to see them back again for a holiday in the old country in the near future.

'Tom,' as he is familiarly known to his colleagues, was overcome by emotion in responding, and thanked the ringers for their gift, which would serve to remind him of them every time he had a smoke.

Previous to the presentation, a 1,280 of Kent Treble Bob, with a cover, was rung for the evening service by the following: A. R. Cook 1, T. S. Morton 2, J. McKeag 3, J. Clark 4, J. Highfield 5, Chamberlain 6, G. F. Williams (conductor) 7, J. H. Howell 8, H. Howell 10.

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BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.**WATH BELLS.—A HINT AT DEVELOPMENTS.**

The monthly meeting was held at Wath on Saturday, when representatives were present from Barnsley, Anston, Rawmarsh, Royston, Crofton, Hoylandswaine, Wortley. There was also a good muster of local company, and a representative of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, bell founders, of Croydon, was present.

Service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. F. B. Gunnery). There were suitable prayers and hymns, and a short address was given by the Vicar, who based his address on two important principles in the bell founders' art; first, that a proper bell is made in tune and harmony with itself; secondly, that it must be in tune with the rest of the bells in the peal. He strongly urged ringers to apply these principles to themselves, especially so in bearing their part in the corporate body of church workers so that in every hour, and wherever they may be, in mine, shop, home or place of amusement, all their acts should be true to the Church and true to themselves.

Tea followed, at which the Vicar was again present, and was unanimously voted to the chair for the business meeting.—Apologies were received from the president (Mr. Thickett) and the vice-president (Mr. Reynier), who were unable to be present. The place of meeting for next month was discussed, but as no definite invitation had been received, it was decided to meet in November at Wortley, provided permission could be obtained.

A vote of thanks was given to the Wath company for all the arrangements kindly made.—Mr. A. Nash replied, and assured all present of a hearty welcome to Wath, and further expressed the hope that with good luck and the help of their Vicar, their small tower would provide still greater attractions to the association in the near future.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens. The bells were rung in many variations of Treble Bob Minor during the afternoon and evening.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Keynsham on Saturday, October 4th, when about 12 towers were represented, and members were present from Bristol and Newport. Unfortunately, the Master was not able to be present owing to illness. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, after which the business meeting was held, the Vicar (the Rev. G. Ernest Walters) presiding. He said he had had a letter from the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker), saying how sorry he was he could not be present.—The Vicar moved a vote of sympathy with him in his illness, and expressed the wish that he would speedily recover.—This was carried unanimously.

News had also come to hand of the death of the Archdeacon of Bath, one of the vice-presidents of the association, and a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives.

The next meeting was fixed for Chewton Mendip, in December.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. G. E. Walters for the use of the bells and for arranging the service, and for presiding at the meeting.—In reply the Vicar gave the members a hearty welcome to Keynsham.

The service was then held, at which the organist and choir rendered assistance, and the Rev. G. E. Walters gave a very able address.

Touches in various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**GUILDFORD DISTRICT.**

A district meeting was held at Aldershot on Saturday, September 27th, when ringers were present from Ash, Farnham, Godalming, Guildford (two towers), Haslemere, Sandhurst, Shere and Worplesdon, as well as members of the local company. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and various methods were rung till 4.30, when a short service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. M. Pitter, who also gave an address. Miss Avenell presided at the organ. The Guild service was used, the hymns including the ringers' well-known hymn, 'Unchanging God who liveth.' Tea was held in the Church Room, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. E. G. Ireland), between 35 and 40 sitting down.

After the usual business, a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the church and bells, to the organist, and to the ladies of the Aldershot company, who made such excellent arrangements for tea, was passed. Ringing was further indulged in, both at Aldershot and Ash, till nine o'clock brought a very successful meeting to a close.

A 'DATE TOUCH.'

On Thursday evening, October 2nd, at the residence of Mr. H. Chapman, Kirkmanshulme Lane, Manchester, a date touch of 1,924 changes of Stedman Triples (composed by W. Walmesley, of Macclesfield) was rung on handbells in 59 mins.: Alfred Barnes 1—2, Fred Page 3—4, Allan F. Bailey (conductor) 5—6, H. Chapman 7—8, Messrs. H. Greenhalgh and H. Shaker heard the greater part of it.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —

Established 1637.—The 287th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m., preceded by a service at St. Michael's College Hill, at 5.15. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young. To insure seating accommodation it will be a great help if tickets are purchased on or before Nov. 5th.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —

Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on October 30th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 21st; 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.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.

—The next meeting of this district will be held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open at 3. Service at 4.30. Tea at the Castle Inn (1/6 per head) after service, followed by business meeting.—W. Latter, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.

—A meeting will be held at Twickenham on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Hillingdon, Nov. 8th.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting will be held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Ringing from 4.30 to 7, followed by meeting.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 17, Wellington Road, Enfield.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Yate on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells from 3 p.m.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley Glos.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held at Weekley (6) on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Usual arrangements. Warkton (5) bells available after the meeting.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the Guild will be held at Warwick on Saturday, Oct. 18th. The bells of St. Mary (10) and St. Nicholas (8) will be available at 3 p.m. Short service in St. Mary's Church at 4.45 p.m., with an address from the new President, Rev. J. L. White. Tea and business meeting to follow.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—The next meeting will be at Madresfield on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Service in Church at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting afterwards. — R. G. Knowles, Branch Sec., Madresfield, Malvern.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Upholland Parish Church on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Bells available 3.45 p.m.—James Grounds, Hon. Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, October 25th. Tower open 2. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5. Half rail fare (maximum 1/-). Those intending to be present, please notify me not later than Wednesday, Oct. 22nd.—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Newhey, on Saturday, Oct. 25. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 47th Annual meeting of the above will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Vestry at noon. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Dinner at the Collingwood Restaurant at 2 o'clock; 2/- to members, 3/- to non-members. The bells of the Cathedral, All Saints, S. Stephen's, S. John's and St. George's, Newcastle; Benwell, Gosforth and S. Mary's, Gateshead, are available during the day and evening. Will ringers meet at the Cathedral to arrange bands for the different churches? Those who intend being present at dinner please notify me by Oct. 21st.—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available at 3. The Association service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Tea will be provided for members who notify me on or before Wednesday, Oct. 22nd. first post. Business meeting after.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Street, Gravesend.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at Leverington, Wisbech. Six bells ready 3 o'clock. Service, tea and business meeting. Will those who require tea please notify H. Shinkins, Leverington, by Oct. 23rd, to avoid disappointment?—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch. — The branch autumn meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary F. W. Gegg) at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, Old Schools, business meeting following. All members and ringing friends welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30 (1s. each). Will those requiring tea please advise Mr. J. E. Hobbs, Watnall, Notts, not later than Oct. 23rd? — F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at Ipplepen. The bells, recently augmented to 8 by Gillett and Johnston, available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Wednesday, the 22nd inst.—A. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia,' Church Street, Paignton.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea at 4.45 p.m., with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District. —The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Llangarron, on Saturday, October 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided only for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, 22nd inst.—John Clark, Dist. Hon. Sec., Chase Road, Ross.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Idle Church on Saturday, 25th October. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea and business to follow in the Church Institute. Will those who require tea please send me notice by Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, the latest? It is hoped there will be a good muster, as important business is on the agenda. — T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Rawmarsh on Saturday, Oct. 25th. 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.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Hughenden on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 4 p.m. Musical service 5 p.m. Tea, 5.30 p.m., only for those who send their names by Oct. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham Wood, Slough.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Anne's Church, Denton, Oct. 25th. Meeting at 7 o'clock. — F. Althorp, Hon. Sec., 103, Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Kindly advise me by Oct. 21st those requiring tea. — J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at South Normanton on Saturday, October 25th. Tea at 5 o'clock, 1/3 each. Meeting afterwards. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

BLETCHLEY.—The opening of the peal of 8 bells at Bletchley, by the Bishop of Buckingham, will take place on November 1st. Service will be held at 3 p.m. The work of recasting one bell and retuning the remainder has been entrusted to Messrs. Taylor at Loughborough. Ringing friends heartily invited. Important: Those requiring tea should advise me few days before.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Exeter and District.—The annual business meeting will be held at Woodbury (in conjunction with the Devon Guild Supplementary Meeting) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing: Topsham, at 2 p.m.; Woodbury, 4; Lympstone, 6.30. All lady ringers invited.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmshore, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., and All Hallows, Barking, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available at both churches from 3.30 p.m. Short service, with address by the Rev. T. Wellard, at St. Olave's at 5 p.m. Tea at a small charge at All Hallows Church Room at 5.45 to those who advise me by Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Business meeting afterwards. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 10th and the 24th, at 7.30. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 17th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. General Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

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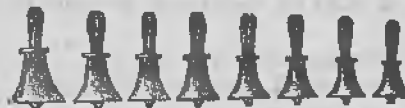
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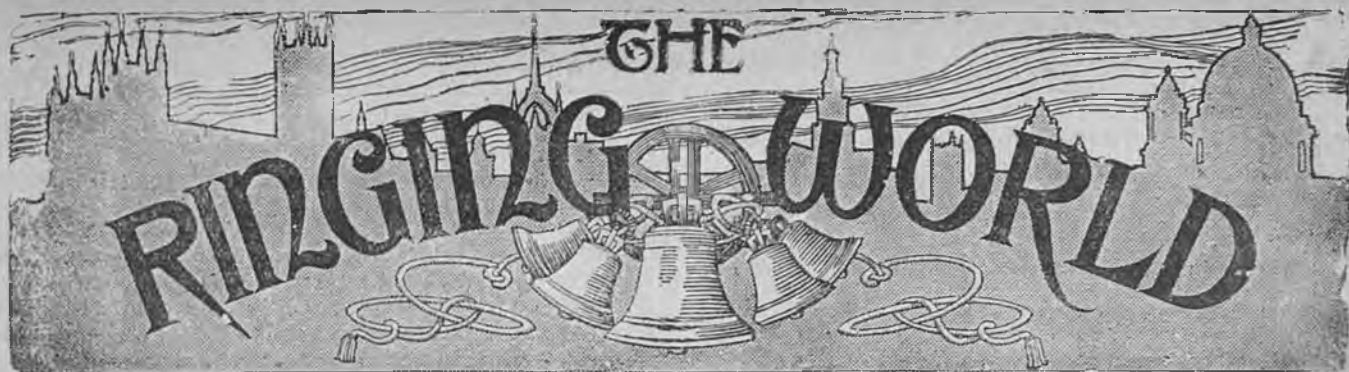
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RINGERS' SUPPORT FOR MEETINGS.

Seldom in these days is there occasion for serious lament at the falling off in attendances at Association meetings. On the contrary, there are constantly announced 'record' gatherings, and the position which the Secretary of the Norfolk Guild felt compelled to comment on at the annual meeting is therefore, happily, an unusual one. The falling off in the number who attend the annual festival of the Guild is readily understandable. This assembly is a mid-week affair, and in these days there are comparatively few men who can afford to give up a day in the middle of the week for this purpose. Whatever may have been the inducement in the early years of the Association to make this gathering a mid-week one, the trend of the times is now all against this policy. Saturdays or Bank Holidays are now almost universally adopted for important meetings among ringing organisations, and we think the Norfolk Guild will find the remedy in this particular matter by a change in the day.

The more serious feature, in our opinion, however, is the discouraging attendance at the minor meetings. These gatherings are to a very considerable extent an index to the life of an Association, and when the members' interest in them wanes to a degree that calls for serious comment by the officials, it is time someone went into the question to see what's wrong. In the past the Norfolk Guild has been among the most progressive of our ringing organisations. The contraction of its area was bound to have an effect upon it in various ways, but least of all should it have affected the enthusiasm of the members. Rather ought the reduction to have brought about an increased intention of compensating for loss of territory, members and funds by greater and more active interest, and the best way to demonstrate this is to rally round the officers and support them in their efforts to further the Association.

Members may be so well satisfied with the management of their affairs, that they imagine there is no need to attend the meetings. That, however, is entirely the wrong light in which to look at the question. If only for the encouragement of those who do the work, they should respond to the invitation to these gatherings. But there is the other important reason that district meetings form one of the best means of promoting the life of an association; giving some ringers wider opportunities of practice than they can get in their own tower, and others the chance of lending a helping hand in advancing the art among men less favoured than themselves. Those who are seeking progress in ringing can find much

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to help them in the district meetings; those who are already accomplished ought to look upon it as a duty to attend and help forward the art and hand on to others what they have themselves received. After the appeal made at the annual meeting of the Norfolk Guild there ought to be a return to the more encouraging attendances of the past, and the members generally will no doubt see to it that their officials will have no further reason to complain of the lack of interest shown in the efforts that are made entirely for their benefit.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 42 lb. in E flat.

EDWARD G. TALBOT... .. Treble	FRANK E. DARBY... .. 6
REGINALD E. MARSHALL... .. 2	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
ROBERT A. FARDON 3	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN 8
*THOS. A. S. BLOXHAM 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN 9
ERNEST J. TRIMMER 5	STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... Tenor

Composed by W. E. ELSON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

The band believe this to be the first ten bell peal rung by ringers all under the age of 21 years. *First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOLSTERSTONE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 13 cwt. in F sharp.

LEONARD SHAW Treble	ARCHIE BREARLEY 5
SAMUEL HARRISON 2	ALBERT HELLIWELL 6
WM. A. WOOLER 3	JOHN R. BREARLEY 7
JOHN A. BREARLEY 4	JAS. H. CHARLESWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW.

Conducted by J. R. BREARLEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

WOOTTON BASSETT.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

(COLNE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt

LOUIS A. WILSON Treble	*H. HEWELLING 5
E. J. TRUMAN 2	*W. TRUEMAN 6
S. WILTSHIRE 3	F. LAMBETH 7
*A. W. BOND 4	A. W. HARRINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by S. WILTSHIRE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. E. J. Truman, wife of the ringer of the second.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
GEORGE HAWLETT 2	CHARLES CLARKE 6
WALTER BARRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	CHARLES CUTTING ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLY.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 27 cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE Treble	JAMES R. JONES 5
MRS. R. J. WILKINS 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
FREDERICK C. DAY 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
ALBERT E. STOWELL 4	GEORGE H. LACEY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

First peal by ringers of third and tenor.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes

At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

R. ALDER GOFTON Treble	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 5
JAMES E. GOFTON 2	RICHARD A. GOFTON 6
GEO. R. HOLMES 3	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 7
WM. L. GOFTON 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT. Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

Rung for the harvest festival, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Robt. Gofton.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER ... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	THOMAS NEWMAN 7
*CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

* 100th peal. This is the first peal in the method ever rung, and it was accomplished at the first attempt without previous practice.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 15, 1924, in Three Hours and 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.

*HARRY SANGER Treble	RONALD BECK 5
*ALEC MUNDY 2	JOSEPH T. DYKE 6
*WILLIAM OSMENT 3	WALTER FARLEY 7
FREDERICK E. PARSONS ... 4	REGINALD BECK Tenor

Conducted by W. FARLEY.

* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal of Triples with a bob bell. Mr. F. E. Parsons hails from Staveley, Derbyshire.

COLERNE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... Treble	ARTHUR PRINCE 5
MISS NORAH C. WILLIAMS ... 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
RONALD BECK 3	THOMAS F. KING 7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 4	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by JAMES MORGAN, PULFORD. Conducted by A. PRINCE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

KELSE, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. WATLING ... Treble	GEORGE WILSON 5
ALFRED KERBLE 2	JAMES M. BAILEY 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	CHARLES F. BAILEY 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on the bells. Also the 200th peal by J. G. Rumsey, 101 of them being Surprise peals. It was also a birthday compliment to A. Keeble.

CANNOCK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Luke,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6058 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 11 lb.

CHRISTOPHER WALLATER Treble	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
*SIDNEY ELTON 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	WILLIAM FISHER 7
†JOHN PERRY 4	THOMAS J. ELTON Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells, and rung on St. Luke's Day for the dedication festival. The Vicar came up the tower and congratulated the band, who wish to thank him for the use of the bells and his kindly welcome; Mr. T. Benton, the towerkeeper, for having everything in readiness; and the local company for kindly entertaining them to tea.

RATCLIFFE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 21 lb. in F.

ERNEST CUTSFORTH Treble	SAM GREENHALGH 5
EDWARD JENKINS 2	JOHN POTTER 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
ALLEN F. BAILEY 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal on the bells since they were recast. First peal of Surprise in the tower.

CHICHESTER, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CATHEDRAL CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... 5
GEORGE WILLIAMS 2	OLIVER SIPPETIS 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by KEITH HART.

HUNSDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

At THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN SUCKLING Treble	*THE HON. BARBARA GIBBS 5
WILLIAM T. COOK 2	REV. W. A. ERRINGTON ... 6
ARTHUR REDINGTON ... 3	*CHRIS. C. STUBBINGTON ... 7
*MISS ELLEN CHITTY ... 4	WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

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

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM UPTON Treble	WALTER SCOTT, JUN. 5
HARRY BARTON 2	BERTRAM J. SNOW 6
WALTER SCOTT, SEN. ... 3	A. RICHARD WARD 7
HENRY JENNINGS 4	DR. J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

First peal in the method on the bells; by ringers of 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, and by an island resident band. All are natives except the conductor.

HALIFAX, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SOULS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

JAMES COTTERELL Treble	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 5
JOE HARDCASTLE 2	WILLIAM B. FRITH 6
GEORGE NAYLOR 3	JOSEPH BROADLEY 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 4	FRED SALMONS Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. SALMONS.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stambank.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
RAYNER TOMB RESTORATION FUND.

The following subscriptions are acknowledged: Amounts previously acknowledged, £7 5s. 7½d.; Mr. W. Tate, 2s. 6d.; Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, 6s.; Mr. E. Alex. Young, £1 1s.; Mr. F. E. Dawe, 2s. 6d.; Hawley band, 5s.; Haslemere band, 7s.; total, £9 8s. 7½d. A sum of about £16 is required, and the committee earnestly appeal for further subscriptions.—George Pullinger (Hon. Sec.), Upham, Southampton.

KIRKHAM, LANCs.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN & FYLDE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES,

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN BROWN Treble	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 5
ARTHUR HAGUE 2	JOHN WATSON 6
THOMAS CHAMBERS 3	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 7
*CHARLES SHARPLES 4	*WILLIAM RATCLIFFE ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR TOMLINSON.

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

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE NEWMAN Treble	FRANK TERRY 5
TOM SAUNDERS 2	THOMAS BEAUMONT 6
GEORGE BELL 3	CHARLES H. SONE 7
SAMUEL E. TAYLOR 4	LEWIS NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by LOUIS HEAD. Conducted by C. H. SONE.

This peal contains the extent of 4, 5 and 6 in 5-6; and, with the exception of the first course end, when the 2nd is in 5th's, the 2nd and 3rd are never above 4th's place at a course end. The composition is now rung for the first time.

SHEPHERD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... 5
ERNEST MORRIS 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
REDVERS F. ELKINGTON ... 3	ALBERT W. COLES 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BARTON-ON-HUMBER.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 16, 1924, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

SAMUEL WOOD Treble	JACK BRAY 4
HAROLD EASTOE 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
WILLIAM LEANING 3	ARTHUR W. HOODLESS ... Tenor

Conducted by A. W. HOODLESS.

* First peal in the method. The 3rd, 4th and 5th ringers hail from Burton-on-Stather.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 1,440 each of College Single Reverse, St. Clement's, Oxford Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt. in A.

GEORGE VERNON Treble	LEONARD BOSTOCK 4
ERNEST BOSTOCK 2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT 5
FREDERICK HINES 3	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. H. Moores and Miss Hargreaves.

CHISWICK.—On Wednesday, Oct. 8th, for the dedication festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. F. M. Tuke 1, S. Breeze 2, A. Brookland 3, E. W. Coulson 4, J. W. Fruin 5, R. Holloway 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, W. Dalton 8.

HOAR CROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Eight Minutes,
At THE (A.C.) CHURCH OF THE HOLY ANGELS.

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one extent of Oxford Treble Bob, and six extents of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 29 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	ARTHUR W. HALL 4
ARTHUR PEAKE 2	CHARLES H. PAGE 5
THOMAS HURD 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This, the first peal on these bells, is the heaviest peal of Minor yet rung. It is the 50th tower in which Mr. Bacon has rung a peal, and the 100th different tenor the conductor has 'turned in' to a peal.

WARMLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES HARNELL Treble	WILLIAM HEWITT 4
†CHARLES GORDON 2	THOMAS JAMES 5
†HENRY T. HOWELL 3	JOHN G. JEFFRIES Tenor

Conducted by J. G. JEFFRIES.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a welcome to the Rev. G. H. Dymock, who was inducted Vicar of Warmley on September 7th.

DEEPING ST. NICHOLAS, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOE DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

CHARLES STYLES... .. Treble	GEORGE LADD 4
JOHN THOMAS BROWN... .. 2	JOHN CURRY 5
ARTHUR REGGALL 3	ARTHUR JOSEPH FARR... .. Tenor

Conducted by A. J. FARR.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(STOCKPORT & BOWDEN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Disley, Trowel, Duke of Norfolk, College Exercise, Norbury, Poynton and Marple. Tenor 9 cwt.

JAMES FERNLEY, JUN... .. Treble	WILLIAM FERNLEY 4
JOHN P. FIDLER 2	JAMES FERNLEY, SEN... .. 5
W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY, SEN.

FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRIGSTOCK, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire with ten different callings, and 12 six-scores of Plain Bob with four different callings. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED BROWN Treble	JAMES M. NICKERSON 3
DANIEL REDHEAD 2	LEONARD J. WYMAN 4
AMOS SMART Tenor	

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

This is believed to be the first peal upon these bells, which have recently been relung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the 'go' of them being excellent. At the conclusion, the Vicar came into the belfry and congratulated the ringers. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea by the Vicar and the local band, after the peals.

RATCLIFFE-ON-THE-WREAKE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes

At THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten callings. Tenor 5½ cwt.

F. W. PAYNE Treble	A. H. MANSFIELD 3
G. WALKER 2	T. H. PAYNE 4
E. F. PAYNE Tenor	

Conducted by A. H. MANSFIELD.

* First peal inside, and first as conductor. First peal on five bells by the whole band.

COMBE FLOREY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble	FRED POLE 4
GILBERT JONES 2	*WILLIAM BAKER 5
ALBERT TOUT 3	WALTER SMITH Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, October 16, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes,

In THE CATHEDRAL BELFRY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in B flat.

GEORGE F. SWANN 1-2	*PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6
ALBERT WALKER 3-4	JAMES E. GROVES 7-8
MORRIS J. MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Umpires: A. T. SCRIVENS AND H. C. SPENCER.

* First peal of Caters in hand.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, October 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.4.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

CHALLIS F. WINNEY 1-2	HERBERT LANGDON 7-8
HARRY R. PASMORE 3-4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE 9-10
PERCY J. JOHNSON 5-6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11-12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

Umpire: MR. J. W. ROWBOOTHAM.

Mr. P. J. Johnson is from Leeds, Yorks.

WATFORD RINGERS' EXCURSION.

A trip through some of the beautiful scenery of Hertfordshire was the way in which the Watford society recently spent a Saturday afternoon. Leaving the tower about 2.30, an excellent run was made via Hemel Hempstead, and through the Chilterns to the Priory Church, Dunstable. The party was met by Mr. Sharman and some of the local ringers. Excellent ringing was enjoyed, including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and, with the help of the homesters, two courses of Double Norwich Major. After an inspection of the beautiful interior, a move was made to the Commercial Hotel for tea, which was excellently served. The next 'port of call' was Luton, where the party were met by Mr. King, who gave a most interesting account of the church history, and acted as guide to the party over the church and museum. Ringing was then indulged in. Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and with the assistance of Mr. King, and others, two courses of Double Norwich Major and one of Cambridge Surprise Major, were rung. Home was eventually reached about 9.45, everyone having thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The party wish to express their thanks to the clergy for granting permission to ring, and to the local ringers for meeting them and having everything in readiness, thus contributing largely to the success of the trip.

THE TWELVE BELL WEEK.

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THE PEAL IN THE 'BULL RING.'

On Tuesday, at Birmingham, there was sight-seeing and visits to the art gallery and museums; 'The Windsor' was entered to hear Tom Bratton's history of Shrewsbury (his father having been vorger at St. Chad's for over 40 years); and 'The Nelson,' which is growing noted for its ringers' 'Cockpit.' A twelve-bell band mustered at St. Martin's Church, rolling up like the course ends of the composition rung there. The time was slow for these bells, and a third 'go' was called before settling down to the Bull Ring 'beat.' We finished No. 2 peal at 9.30 p.m., and so had very little time to discuss old acquaintance with the St. Martin's Youths, who came to criticise and congratulate. However, we made up the teams for the next two towers before St. Martin's Hotel, only 60 yards distant from the ringing room, closed its hospitable doors.

West Bromwich was the fixture on Wednesday, a wet and dismal day not adding to the 'beauties' of the district. Here we were kindly received by the Vicar (the Rev. Stanley Kidson, M.A., M.C.) in the belfry, and supported by Mr. Percy Laffin, who came to ensure a full team. He informed us after the peal had been completed, that several men in the street, listening to the ringing, were 'blowed if they could make out the tune them chaps was playin'.'

This is a neat belfry, and comfortable, with good circle of ropes and draught, but with only a 22 cwt. tenor, the twelve bells hung in a 3-tier frame compel one to be most careful with several of them when ringing. To make good striking, a keen ear and expert handling of the front six are needed. Generally speaking, the ring is a second Quex Park, and the most likely tower, it was thought, where we might lose a peal.

The remainder of the evening was spent at Mrs. Parrish's Temperance Hotel, and passed only too quickly with a hearty knife and fork tea, handbells, and chat. Mr. Jesse Screen, Mr. Rock Small, and several local hands, joined us with tune playing—'Same Grove,' 'Ash Grove,' and other well-known favourites, whilst John Jaggar hummed his Burton-on-Trent favourite song—'Holt's Original.'

The late Samuel Reeves' resting-place was visited, and was found looking quite bright and fresh, with its low granite curbstones and neat flower bed centre. The inscription runs:—

'In ever-loving member of Samuel Reeves, for 27 years clerk and vergier of this church, who entered into life June 19th, 1914, aged 68 years.'

This grave forms a cheerful contrast to the many ugly headstones of huge size, black with the soot and dust of the Black Country, to be seen in this churchyard.

At Wolverhampton on Thursday, Mr. Herbert Knight, Mr. J. Badney, and others, met the visitors at the church, where everything had been placed in readiness for our use. Three times the conductor called 'Go, single,' before the band settled down to its stride, and what promised to be the best peal ringing for nearly one and a half hours was cut short by the third rope coming down, much to everyone's astonishment, and to the disappointment of Mr. G. F. Dickens, the only man, as it turned out afterwards, who did not score a peal with us. It was not long after this incident before we got a letter from Mr. Knight, apologising for the accident. He felt the loss, perhaps, more than the band, for everyone knows his keenness in everything connected with St. Peter's bells and tower. He has scored some 300 peals for the Staffordshire Association alone, and, therefore, he was not likely to 'run risks.'

Another attempt could have been made, but the visitors did not wish to 'squash' the social, arranged to take place later in the evening, so all trained back to Birmingham, after tea together at Lyons' Cafe.

THE FIRESIDE SOCIAL.

This enjoyable three hours was spent at the St. Martin's Hotel, in a private, cosy room, with a cheerful fire roaring up the chimney, regardless of the price of coals. Wet and dismal as the evening was outdoors, some 40 people gathered together, relations and friends of the Birmingham ringing fraternity, including the artists who had come voluntarily and gladly to make our evening so enjoyable. Naturally, the chairman (Ald. J. S. Pritchett, M.A., B.C.L.) was ushered to his seat with all the decorum observed upon the bench, and he was supported by Mr. A. Paddon Smith, Mr. H. Chapman, Mr. G. F. Dickens, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Mr. W. H. Fussell, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Groves, Mr. and Mrs. J. Sekys, and a number of ladies and gentlemen connected with the city churches. I am quoting our impromptu programme in detail, as it was worthy of a printed one, and the artistic ability was excellent, much merriment being caused by the 'rivals' stepping down from the platform to end their duet at Mrs. Groves' feet, thus offering up worship to the Ladies' Guild of Bell Ringers.

The Chairman, in a few remarks, welcomed the visitors. He referred to Mr. Chapman's peal of London Major at King's Norton, still a length record; to Mr. Shades' long list of successful peals (over 1,400), and possibly another record; to Mr. Shepherd's 'Tenoritis,' somewhere in the region of 1,800 in the frame. He also mentioned the new ring of bells that were to be put up in his own old parish church, King's Norton, hoping for the best, although regretting the

removal of the old peal with their personal associations. He read a telegram from Mr. Smallwood, regretting absence, and also Mr. Swann's laboriously compiled list of all the peals that had been rung on St. Martin's bells, Mr. Pritchett finishing his remarks with brief reference to his early ringing days, and expressing the hope of attending the next College Youths' dinner in London, as a member of 50 years' standing.

The programme was as follows:—Pianoforte solo, Miss E. Faulkner; song, 'Mountain Lovers,' Mr. W. Dowding; song, 'Can't Remember,' Mr. Alfred Walker; song, 'Mairie, my girl,' Mr. W. Dowding; two courses, 'Stedman Cinques' on handbells, by Messrs. Laffin, Perrens, Swann, Groves, Walker and Norman; the Chairman's welcome to Birmingham; duet, 'Two Sailors,' Mr. T. Davies and Mr. Dai Thomas; songs, 'The Old Farmhouse,' Mr. Sam Grove; 'I heard a Thrush,' Mr. Griffiths Thomas; 'The Wine Song,' Mr. Dai Thomas; 'The Song of the Bell,' Mr. T. Davies; duet, 'The Rivals,' Mr. D. Thomas and Mr. T. Davies.

Mr. Fussell spoke a few words of thanks, on behalf of the visitors, to the chairman, the artists and the St. Martin's Youths for the entertainment and reception that evening. He referred to the growth of the society and its extended membership in the Midlands, and trusted that the members would always support the Master and secretary, whose duties were not exactly a 'seabite.'—Mr. Albert Walker also mentioned the origin of the six Cinques, and what a pleasure it had been to him to fix up the towers, as the Guild had not been once refused by the clergymen applied to. This fact, and the gentle inquiries he had had in Yorkshire quite recently, encouraged the belief that a similar undertaking may possibly be attempted in 1925, somewhere about Sheffield.

The social closed with 'God save the King,' and the usual bell ringers' enthusiasm.

AT PAINSWICK.

Friday was Painswick Day, and we arrived punctually at noon by road car from Cheltenham, to which fashionable place we had taken train from Birmingham at 9.20 a.m. The drive and fresh air of the Cotswold Hills, and the scenery, gave added enjoyment to our luncheon at the Falcon, where tea also was taken, after the peal No. 4. We were met by Mr. A. Wright, and others, the former, one of the 'remnants' of long ago, who has scored nearly 300 peals to date. His father took part in the 1858 peal at Painswick. This ring of twelve are best heard outside the tower. A sounding tube for the trebles would much improve the peal in the ringing-room, and help the striking by all those who ring here.

Our band, by the help of Bristol and Gloucester men, finished up a good peal of Cinques, with one 'hitch' at two hours, cleverly retrieved by the conductor, and the members felt that their lost ground of yesterday had been regained. The townspeople, much interested in their bells and our ringing, spoke favourably of it, and with Vicar Vicary from the Vicarage, made no objection to a full peal, although only the week previous they had been keeping up the anniversary of their Ancient Society of Change Ringers.

In a conversation with Mr. Wright it was nice to hear of the recovery of an old ringing book, as since mentioned in 'The Ringing World,' but who was the 'culprit' that allowed it to be taken away from Gloucestershire? It has come to my knowledge that the original peal book of the Painswick Youths, established 1686, is now at Gloucester in the possession of a non-ringing gentleman residing there. I understand that the famous composer and ringer—the late Mr. W. Estcourt—took it to the city 'for writing up'—and at his death it was never returned to Painswick. This peal book should be in the possession of the society, and I trust those locally interested will not rest until it is recovered—before it's too late.

It was decided at first to put up at Painswick for the night, but after a conference, and the high tariff quoted for bed and board, we decided to go on to Cister, so as to make as early a start as possible in the morning for our last attempt.

By studying economy we lived like a lord, at Ye Olde Crown Hotel, Cirencester, kept by Mrs. Edmunds—where we arrived at 8.30 p.m.—and had a most comfortable home for the night. Met by Mr. Bond (steeplekeeper) and Mr. F. J. Lewis (secretary), and others, and the use of our 'portable' set of handbells, bedtime came too soon, and I began to find that old Tempus Fugit never comes in 'slow' to these little sociable gatherings.

CIRENCESTER—AND SOME HISTORY.

Saturday was a bright sunny day, and following a good night's rest, we ascended the lofty tower of St. John's Church, Cirencester (125 feet to the battlements) at 10.30 a.m., as per schedule, and helped to wear the well-worn steps a little more hollow. This fine campanile was finished building soon after 1400, and, according to William of Worcester, two bells were consecrated here in October 1238. It is known that there were bells in the tower in 1499, for in the will of 'Agnes Bennett, widow of Cis'citer,' which will was proved 14th February in that year, directions were given for her carrying out of her funeral—

'That the belle callid the Trinitie belle, and

Jesus bells be at Sondry tymes rong on the tyne of the said obit.'

Cirencester can boast of the second ring of twelve in all England

(1722), St. Bride's London, being first in 1719. Whilst York Minster claims an earlier ring 1681, this 'twelve' were recast into ten in 1765, and destroyed by fire in 1829.

Our attempt here did not succeed at the first 'go,' but at the second venture a peal was completed equal in striking to the one rung at Birmingham. Taking the six attempts in order—1, 3, 5—were scored straight away, the others with breaks at the beginning. I must add here that the conductors fixed on their own towers beforehand, and selected a fresh composition in each case—win or lose.

Cirencester is fortunate in the possession of a drinking horn, an arm-chair with carved bell at back, and an old set of handbells, but I regret to say they are not kept together in one 'place of safety' in official keeping. These articles were presented to the Cirencester Society in 1785 (the horn is dated) by Mr. Samuel Blackwell, of Ampney Park, who became Member of Parliament for the borough. Mr. Blackwell was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, London, and apparently invited the society to ring a peal here, which they did on January 7th, 1787, Grandsire Cinques, conducted by Wm. Underwood, being the first peal on the bells. This gentleman's interest in ringing possibly accounts for the absence of the Painswick Society, which had been formed over 80 years before in the near neighbourhood.

Our parting feast at the Crown was well served by Mrs. Edmunds, and thoroughly enjoyed, with the satisfaction of having met with a most favourable reception from our brother ringers at all the places we had been to. The boiled leg that needed no pulling—which our hostess placed upon the table—was probably walking over the Cotswolds earlier in the week, its woolly owner, like the peals we had rung, alas! amongst the departed and the only pleasure left to the band is to help the 'Editor' to tell our comrades how it all came about.

W. H. F.

DISLEY'S OLD BELLS.

The peal at Disley, Cheshire, on Saturday last, was rung to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the parish church. It was unique, in so far as the ringers who took part regularly ring the old bells of Disley. The first mention of bells at Disley is in the report of the commission appointed in the 16th century to survey church property, and there were four bells. Oldfield, of Nottingham, cast two in 1617, these are now the 3rd and 4th at Norbury. In 1682 a heavier bell was cast, it bears no founder's name or mark. This is the Norbury tenor. Records state that in 1748 a sixth bell was added, but only the four latter bells remain in existence. The year 1750 saw the present Norbury treble cast.

A new ring of six was placed in Disley Parish Church in 1837, and the old bells transferred to the new church at Norbury. Thomas Leigh, of Lyme Hall, giving another bell to complete the six.

THE SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.

A meeting of the above society was held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, October 11th, and attracted a good company of ringers, including the Rev. F. Li. Edwards (Dorset). The object of the society being to cultivate the social side of ringing, as well as the art itself, means that a brotherly (and sisterly also) spirit must permeate the company, and it was a happy thought to invite to the meeting those veterans in the art, who, through age and infirmity, are incapable of taking any more active part. One of these veterans remarked to the Master, on leaving, 'I can't thank you enough for what you have done. You have made my old age happy'—a sentiment that makes an effort by the society in that direction well worth while.

Some excellent practice on both tower and handbells was obtained, and the membership is steadily growing.

The society regrets the departure from the city of Mr. G. R. Goodship, he having accepted a post in London. His work in Nottingham has been unostentatious, but very useful, and he leaves Basford tower with a workmanlike band of ringers, practically his creation. Beeston will entertain the next meeting of the society.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT MEETING AT GUILDFORD.

The fifth annual meeting of the Southern district was held at Guildford on Saturday, October 11th. Much good ringing was enjoyed at Holy Trinity in the afternoon, and a hearty welcome extended to the members of the Guild. The Rev. Canon Kirwan conducted the Guild service, and delivered an interesting address on the subject of bells.

The party then adjourned to the Excelsior Cafe, where an excellent tea was provided. Fourteen ladies were present at the business meeting, including the president (Mrs. Pulling) and Miss E. K. Parker.

The secretary and committee were re-elected, and Misses G. and F. Manfield, of Ash, made members. It was decided to hold the next district annual meeting, before June 30th, at Aldershot, and the next quarterly meeting at Shere on an early Saturday in December.

St. Nicolas' bells were available in the evening, and were rung for the first time by ten ladies. Most of the usual standard methods were rung during the day. Ladies were present from Aldershot, Ash, Dorking, Enfield, East Liss, Guildford, Shere, Tunbridge Wells and Worplesdon.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Saturday, October 24th, 1807, a peal of 15,120 Bob Major was rung at St. Paul's, Oldham, in 8 hours 46 mins.

Two notable performances in the Stedman method are associated with October 25th. In 1731 the first peal of Stedman Triples was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, although a peal in the same method rung about six weeks later at St. Michael Coslany, in the same city, was claimed as the first 'true' peal.

The first peal of Stedman Caters rung out of London was scored at St. Philip's, Birmingham, on Oct. 25th, 1790.

A peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal was rung for the first time on October 26th, 1822, at All Saints' Church, Wakefield. We believe it was not until 1888 that there is any record of another.

On Oct. 26th, 1837, 7,325 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields by the St. James's Society.

At Holbeck, Leeds, a peal of 9,120 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung on October 28th, 1876.

The first 'double-handed' handbell peal was rung at Sheffield on Oct. 30th, 1811. This was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major.

The Dartford (Kent) parish ringers rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on October 30th, 1749.

The most important restoration since the augmentation and recasting the Cathedral bells in Essex is the recasting and rehangings in a new frame of Great Baddow bells, which were considered the most unmusical in the diocese. The work has been placed in the hands of Messrs. Taylor and Co., and the celebrated Loughborough firm are now engaged in replacing the bells in the tower. The dedication is to take place in November.

A party of schoolchildren from Kingdon Magna recently spent two days at Wembley, in charge of the Rev. F. L. Edwards. The expedition ended with a visit to the city, and by courtesy of the Cathedral officials the whole party were admitted to view Great Paul, while four of the boys enjoyed the memorable experience of assisting to ring the 17 cwt. bell at one o'clock.

The peal in five methods of Minor, rung at East Harptree on July 22nd last, should be credited to the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.

A YOUTHS' PEAL.

What is believed to be a record was set up on Saturday at Beddington, when, under the auspices of the Surrey Association, a peal of Grandsire Caters was rung by a band all under 21 years of age. This company, gathered from in and around London, contains names which are likely to be in the forefront of the Exercise in the years to come, and these young men are to be congratulated upon their performance.

Their towers and ages are as follow:—E. G. Talbot, Beddington, aged 16 years; R. D. Marshall, Deptford, 20; R. A. Fardon, Acton, 20; T. A. S. Bloxham, Croydon, 18; E. J. Trimmer, Bermondsey, 19; F. E. Darby, Beddington, 18; C. W. Roberts, Kensington, 19; C. H. Chapman, Rotherhithe, 18; C. H. Kippin, Beddington, 19; S. W. Holdaway, Croydon, 18.

The report of the peal will be found in its customary place.

ROTHWELL BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In answer to Mr. Nichols, and in justice to the bell founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co., let me assure them at once that the report of the 'go' of the bells at Rothwell was either a mistake or misprint. What our band wished to say was: 'The "go" of the bells at Rothwell was excellent, and the ropes at Desborough required careful handling on account of the long pull.' Anyone who has had the privilege to ring on the Rothwell peal will agree, that the tone and 'go' of them is excellent.—Yours,
W. BREWIN.

PRESENTATION AT CAERLEON.

At the conclusion of the ringing for the harvest festival at St. Cadoc's Church, Caerleon, on Wednesday, Oct. 15th, a pleasing little function took place. Mr. G. Watts, the Master, made a presentation to Mr. F. R. Bolton, the gift consisting of a handsome eight-day clock, subscribed for as a wedding present by his fellow ringers of this tower. Mr. Bolton has been a regular ringer for over 15 years, and the whole band joined in wishing him many years of wedded bliss.—A letter was read from Mr. Evan Davies, who taught nearly all the existing ringers, including Mr. Bolton, wishing him happiness and prosperity.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

RULES TO BE REVISED.

The October quarterly meeting of the Guild was held at Warwick on Saturday last. The towers of St. Mary (10) and St. Nicholas (8) were open for ringing, and ringers were present from Bulkington, Burton-on-Trent, Chilvers Coton, Coventry, Exhall, Marlon, Rugby, Nuneaton, Stoke and Southam, together with members of both local towers, and a number of ladies.

The Guild's special service was conducted in St. Mary's Church by the Vicar (Canon Llewellyn Wood), who also accompanied the hymns on the organ. The President (the Rev. J. L. White) read the lesson, from Dr. Moffatt's translation of Romans xii., from which he also gave an interesting and instructive address, in the course of which he thanked the Vicar for kindly arranging the service in the ancient church.

Tea was provided at the Dale Hotel, at which 35 sat down, and although arranged for previously, was somewhat delayed on account of the influx of visitors attending the 'Mop,' where the operation of roasting an ox was proceeding in the Market Place.

On this account the business meeting was held previous to tea, at which the president presided.

The chief business was the motion to appoint a sub-committee to consider a revision of the rules, several of which have now become obsolete, and after some discussion, Messrs. H. Argyle, T. W. Chapman (Ringing Master), F. W. Perrens, J. H. White, and the hon. general secretary, were duly appointed for that purpose.

Mr. Argyle suggested that members' views, other than those of the committee appointed, would be welcomed when they met, and asked those interested to send any such to the general secretary.

The election of eight non-resident members, nominated previous to attempting a peal, was duly ratified, and three ordinary ringing members were elected.

Votes of thanks were accorded Canon Wood and Canon Savage for the use of the bells at St. Mary's and St. Nicholas' respectively, the same compliment being tendered to the president for presiding.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob Royal, Cambridge, Bristol, and London Surprise Major. The bells were lowered about 8 p.m., and this concluded a pleasant gathering and successful meeting.

A LANCASHIRE VETERAN.

FIFTY YEARS A RINGER.

At Newchurch, Lancashire, is a band of ringers, who, with one exception, can show an average period of service to the parish church of 35 years. The veteran among them is Mr. James Taylor, who last week attained his 70th birthday, and he has been a ringer nearly 51 years. Except on account of sickness he has never been absent from the belfry when duty called, and he has an unbroken record of having rung on fifty consecutive Christmas mornings and New Year Eves. Two of Mr. Taylor's brothers have been ringers at Newchurch for 35 years each.

On Thursday of last week, in honour of Mr. James Taylor's 70th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by James Taylor 1, Lawrence Taylor 2, J. H. Haydock (Ramsbottom) 3, Omerod Eastwood 4, Robert Hiddies (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 5, Walter Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Omerod 8. Afterwards, the ringers and a few friends were entertained to supper at the 'Blue Bell,' where a jovial evening was spent, in the course of which Alderman Taylor, of Newchurch, presented Mr. James Taylor with a handsome walking stick, suitably engraved, subscribed for by the ringers and other friends. The gift was suitably acknowledged.

AN INTERESTING 'CENTURY.'

Mr. J. E. Sykes has just completed a performance which few ringers can equal; he has now 'turned in' to a peal one hundred different tenors, and by a coincidence the last happened to be the heaviest tenor ever rung to a peal of Minor. Mr. Sykes has travelled the country more than the majority of ringers, and wherever he has temporarily 'pitched his tent' he has never failed to stir up the local ringers if they have been in any way lacking in keenness. He never minds whether the peal is on six bells or anything up to twelve, and the spadework he has put in has made him a real missionary of the Exercise. He has had a habit of 'digging out' little used peals of bells, and has been responsible for the first peal on many an ancient ring.

To complete this latest century he took a band to the Anglo-Catholic Church of Hoar Cross, Staffs, and rang seven 720's of Treble Bob. Again, this was the first peal on the bells. They are a ring by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and hung on plain bearings, and it says a great deal for the work done by the Loughborough firm that after many years, during which the bells have been little used, and have had small attention bestowed upon them, that they should 'go' remarkably well, and be fit for the heaviest peal of Minor. The tenor is a few pounds under 30 cwt.

CAMBRIDGE MAXIMUS AT LEICESTER.

A visit to Leicester and district, looked forward to for quite a long time, turned out a huge success. First mooted when some of the 'hosts' came up to London in January last, to ring their first peal of Cambridge Maximus, a date in September was chosen for the trip. The arrangements for the twelve-bell tour cut across this, and a postponement was readily agreed to, the day for the 'big event' being definitely fixed for October 18th.

At 2.25 p.m., the seven visitors were met at the L.M.S. station by Messrs. Ernest Morris and Harold Poole, whilst thousands of Leicester people lined the streets. The assumption that they were waiting to welcome the ringers from London turned out to be erroneous, the excitement being merely caused by a local pageant. Punctually at 3 p.m. the peal was commenced, and for real music that which was heard on Saturday could not be excelled. Always a musical method, Cambridge Maximus on the bells at St. Margaret's, Leicester, was a real enjoyment to listen to, and, judging by the expression on the face of the tenorman, he was having one of the treats of his ringing career. The youngest member of the band had the satisfaction of conducting the peal, and in doing so completed the quartette (the quart-pot came later on) of Cambridge as conductor.

Congratulations from the listeners, and then tea, were followed by a ringers' meeting at the Anchor Hotel. Unfortunately Mr. William Pye had to cut short his visit and return to London immediately, but there were plenty of handbell ringers present to carry on, and they did so to good effect. To say the least of it, Leicester has reason to be proud of its talent in this branch of the art. Stedman Caters and Cinques, Cambridge Major, and three leads of Treble Bob 14 were amongst the items accomplished, the latter being rung by Messrs. W. Whitehead, R. F. Elkington, G. R. Pye, H. J. Poole, E. Whitehead, E. Morris, and W. H. Hewitt. Treble Bob 14-in may be all right from a 'doing something big' point of view, but from a musical standpoint the least said about it the better, and if any band ever succeeds in ringing a peal with 14-in, well, 'serve 'em right'! Anecdotes, with Fred Dexter well to the fore, and ringing gossip filled up the gaps between the ringing items, 'that's all' being called all too soon.

An early start was made on Sunday morning for Loughborough, the famous ten at All Saints being the attraction. Accompanied by Mr. Harold Poole, the visitors were met by Messrs. Pryce Taylor, Richard Lane, F. H. Stubbs, John Oldham, E. Reader, etc., and an excellent course of Cambridge Royal and a touch of Stedman Caters were rung. A visit to the foundry was the next item—amongst the objects of interest being the St. Peter Mancroft bells; and a huge bell of ten tons, which emits a tremendous note in E flat loud enough to be heard several streets away. Rumour has it that this bell has been specially cast for the great J. G., to enable him to accomplish something really big, it being realised that all existing bells are mere playthings—but we cannot vouch for the truth of this, as rumours are not always to be relied upon.

After being joined by Ernest Morris and Redvers 'Anstey,' the party journeyed to Shenshed, the conveyance being kindly provided by Mr. P. Taylor. Whilst Harold was arranging for tea, and incidentally not missing his Sunday afternoon nap, the rest rang an excellent peal of Bristol Surprise Major. Some anxiety was caused during the latter stages of the peal through a weak place in the tenor rope (below the sallie) becoming weaker, through some binding giving way, but fortunately the rope held. Harold was equally fortunate, and found an excellent tea, which was duly disposed of. Loughborough, then Leicester, were soon reached, and at the latter place came the parting of the ways. Ernest went home, shaking with laughter, at the story of the man who wanted land, which will give him cause for amusement for many a long day.

Best thanks are due to the incumbents at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and Shenshed, for the use of the bells; to Mr. Pryce Taylor for his hospitality and assistance; and to Messrs. Stubbs, Morris and Broughton, for arrangements made in connection with the outing.

BREAKING TIME RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir.—With regard to the almost incredibly quick peals that have been published in your paper, may I say, that I think it is utterly futile for ringers to break time records, without having regard to the music produced? Why not fire the bells, and have done with it? The full note of each bell ought to be heard, instead of being cut short and drowned by another bell slashing on top of it. Quite a contrast is obtained by comparing the 'Twelve bell week' peals with that rung at Sheffield, in which the weight of the bells are in excess of any of the rings of bells that were rung on during the 'Twelve bell week,' and yet the time of the peal at Sheffield was considerably less. Hearing a recent peal of Stedman Cinques in this city, rung in average time, I have come to the conclusion that if the said peal were to be rung quicker, the music would be lost. So what must the peal at Sheffield (and elsewhere) be like, when with heavier bells, they completed the peal in extraordinarily short time? To my mind there is about as much music in these very quick peals as there is when classical music is played like jazz. If ringers were to study this more, their efforts would be more appreciated by the public and myself.—Yours truly,

Birmingham.

NORMAL TIME.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION. SUGGESTED DEFINITIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Let me remind Mr. Parker that the effort to use words strictly in accordance with their true meaning is not quibbling. I protested against Mr. Baker using expressions in a way which is meaningless to anyone except himself, and I pointed out that the word 'cause' is ambiguous. The need for this last is made evident by Mr. Parker's letter. He states that 'the method is made by the places,' and adds, apparently under the impression that he is merely repeating the same thing in other words, 'the places show the method.' No sane person would deny the second statement; the first expresses the difference between us.

His illustration is excellent, and his description of it reveals a far closer approximation to the views I hold than I should have expected. Thus, he recognises that in addition to the places there goes to the making of a method forward and backward hunting. So, according to him, we now have three causes or active agents, whereas two of them alone are capable of meeting the case: and, in fact, the third is inconsistent with the other two. Taking his illustration, let us see how Original can be transformed into another method by the simplest possible means. A transference is made from the block given by means of 3rd's place at the 6th change:—

Up to this point we are agreed the bells have been hunting, 54321 i.e., they have been moving relatively to one another. Why 45312 not recognise (for it is a fact) that the change from one block to the next is caused by the bells 3, 4, 5, making a step backwards? They actually do reverse their hunting from forwards to backwards, and vice versa, and the resultant effect is to advance 1 and 2 a step forward in coursing order relative to the others, as you would naturally expect to occur from an evolution of this character. Why introduce the alien and unnecessary idea of stagnation?

I do not believe that this is a subject in which it is possible for any man to teach another; the most any of us can do is to suggest points which some one or other theory will not meet; by the help of the hint afforded the investigator must carry on his own researches. So I hope Mr. Parker will not think that I am trying just to score debating points in what I write, nor even suppose I am endeavouring to convert him to a particular view. If there is to be conversion, he must convert himself.

When I first approached the problem of method construction I found myself faced by the fact that in a method with a plain hunting Treble it makes all the difference in the world where the Treble is in relation to the place-making bell. Why? Any true cause must always bring about the same effect unless there is another and (shall we call it?) a more powerful cause over-riding the other. Why should totally different results occur when the place-making bell is hunting in front of the Treble from what happens when she is separated from the Treble, if the place is the cause and indeed the only cause? Thereupon I came to the definite conclusion that whatever else may be true the place-making theory fails to fill the bill.

Definition making is not a strong point of mine, but tentatively I would suggest something like the following:—

DEFINITION 1.—All change ringing is based on plain hunting, forward or backward, i.e., the bells are engaged in following one another in a cyclic path.

DEFINITION 2.—Methods are constructed out of the primary plain hunting principle by reversing the hunting direction of some or all of the bells.

These definitions or something better of similar meaning will be found to answer all the problems which have proved insoluble on other hypotheses. They are so simple and so straightforward that I believe they would meet with universal acceptance, were it not that we all find it more difficult to surrender our prejudices than we do to change convictions based on logical reasoning when further information has shown that the conclusions reached need modification. The particular prejudice we have to face is due to the very natural but at the same time erroneous idea that an internal place is a stopping of the bell's travel. Nobody regards the two blows at lead or behind as stopping, and in the same way the place is an integral part of the hunting of part of the bells. It may be objected that it marks the reversal from movement in one direction to movement in the other, but an analogy can be found in the steps taken by a soldier in turning about on the march. He makes repeated steps on the same ground, but he does not stop.—Yours faithfully,
E. S. POWELL.

REASONS REQUIRED.

Dear Sir,—In the argument as to the construction of methods, we seem to be getting down to fundamentals, and many, like myself, would be glad of further information. Up to the present the majority of ringers have accepted the views of the 'old school,' and have believed that the 'places,' made, caused or were responsible for the formation of the method. Now, it seems, this theory is all wrong. I am open to conviction, for the simple reason that I have only taken for granted what has been given us in the past—and there must be hundreds more like me. As Mr. Trollope has got past the 'thinking' stage, and now really knows all about the subject, will he use his lucid pen to explain to those of us who are thirsting for

knowledge why it is that the place does not make the method, but that the other things do?

To take a simple example, upon which he may well base his sermon, will Mr. Trollope give us the arguments in favour of saying that the dodge in Reverse Bob Singles has more to do with the construction of the method than has the 3rd's place. Moreover, if the 'dodge' causes the 'place,' why does not the dodge in 1—2, which presumably causes the 3rd's made in Cambridge Major, for instance, also cause a similar place in Bristol instead of giving us two entirely different results, as in the following figures?—

12345678	12345678
21436587	21436587
12463857	12346857

What I seek are the 'reasons' for the statements which Mr. Trollope and the Rev. E. S. Powell put forward. If the reasons are convincing they will have no difficulty in winning over many in addition to Yours faithfully,
INTERESTED.

MR. BAKER'S REPLY TO MR. TROLLOPE.

Dear Sir,—I am obliged to Mr. Trollope for his grudging admission that of my statements, 'most of them are quite all right,' albeit he evidently believes that it is good policy to tell your readers that his opponents are ignorant, that he, in a much shorter lifetime, has forgotten more than they have ever learned, and then, by adding a few terminological inexactitudes, as make weight, he no doubt feels quite sure that some will be simple enough to believe anything he tells them.

It is quite useless to argue with people of this calibre because they always evade the point at issue, but after the positive statements made in your columns by Mr. Trollope on June 6th, and by the Rev. E. S. Powell on June 20th last, the Exercise is entitled to ask for proofs in substantiation.

Your readers will remember that the two gentlemen mentioned were asked to prove the construction of London Surprise (Minor and Major) by their particular formula, later on Steadman's Principle was added to the request, finally a variation of London Surprise Major was put forward.

How have they replied? Except for two or three clever letters evading the questions asked, they have done nothing to prove or substantiate their assertions.

Mr. Trollope, in your issue of Sept. 12th, did give a proof of the construction of Double Dublin Court Bob Major, with which I so far agree, because whether looked at from his point of view or from my point of view, the result is the same, and yet he tries to make believe that he does not know what I am asking for, also that I do not understand what he means by a constructional shunt!

Your readers shall judge between us.

Double Dublin Court Bob.	Single Dublin Court Bob.
12345678	12345678
00030507	00030507
00035070	00035070
00305700	00305700
00350700	03050700
03057000	30507000
30507000	35070000
23456781	53746281
24385781	57364821

The shunt making bells of the first half-lead of each method are shown above. Mr. Trollope calls the double places made by the 3rd, 5th and 7th respectively, in Double Dublin, 'constructional shunts.' I call them 'double shunts,' and I have good reason for so doing, because in Single Dublin the places are all single, and they are the constructional shunts of the single method just as much as the double shunts are the constructional shunts of the double method.

It is obvious that Mr. Trollope cannot prove the construction of the single method in the same way that he proved the construction of the double method; would he have us believe that doubling the method has altered the character of the SINGLE shunts? Impossible!

Possibly, if I had never seen Mr. Trollope's exposition of London Surprise, I might eventually have become a convert to his views, and I have no doubt he remembers that I supplied him with a different set of essential shunts for that method, i.e., 13527486 x 17856342 x 13527486 x 13527486 equal 14263857.

In conclusion, let me point out a fact that the two gentlemen have overlooked.

They know it is possible to leave out groups of shunts from some methods and still have the same lead-head but a different method.

They will learn now that it is impossible to leave out ONE SINGLE shunt from any method without altering the lead-head and the method, therefore every SINGLE shunt counts.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

MARLBOROUGH BOB MAJOR.

The first peal in the above method was rung at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Tuesday, October 14th, by the Middlesex County Association and the London Diocesan Guild. This method, a lead of which is given below, is one of the group published in 'The Ringing World' of April 18th last, being shown in the table on page 246 as A plus R plus C. Quite as musical as Double Norwich, it is, with several others of the group, well worthy of attention, and should be of interest to bands desirous of getting away from the very few good Major methods habitually practised.

THE METHOD.

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

2 1 4 3 6 5 8 7

2 4 1 3 5 6 7 8

4 2 3 1 6 5 8 7

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6 4 8 2 7 3 5 1

4 6 2 8 3 7 5 1

6 4 8 2 7 3 1 5

6 8 4 7 2 1 3 5

8 6 7 4 1 2 5 3

6 8 7 1 4 5 2 3

8 6 1 7 5 4 3 2

8 1 6 7 4 5 2 3

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1 8 6 7 4 5 2 3

Bob 1 7 8 6 4 5 2 3

Single 1 8 7 6 4 5 2 3

5,008 by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

23456	B	W	M	H	32456	B	W	H
42356	—	—	—	—	45326	—	—	—
34256	—	—	—	—	34526	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—	—	53426	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—	—	53264	x	—	—
54326	—	—	—	—	65234	—	—	—
35426	—	—	—	—	23654	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—	—	62354	—	—	—
32465	x	—	—	—	36254	—	—	—
63425	—	—	—	—	25364	—	—	—
63254	x	—	—	—	32564	—	—	—
42635	—	—	—	—	63524	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—	—	63245	x	—	—
35264	—	—	—	—	46235	—	—	—
26354	—	—	—	—	23465	—	—	—
32645	—	—	—	—	42365	—	—	—
53624	—	—	—	—	34265	—	—	—
53246	x	—	—	—	26345	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—	—	32645	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—	—	43625	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—	—	42256	x	—	—
32456	—	S	—	—	25436	—	—	—
					42536	—	—	—
					54236	—	—	—
					23546	—	—	—
					52346	—	—	—
					35246	—	—	—
					24356	—	—	—
					23456	—	S	—

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district was held at Yalding on October 11th, when members attended from Boarsted, Boxley, Canterbury, Farleigh, Frittenden, Hartlip, Linton, Maidstone (All Saints' and St. Michael's), East and West Malling, Hunton, and the local band. The Vicar being away from home, the Rev. Southgate conducted the service, and also gave an excellent address. Mr. W. E. Pitman presided at the organ. Tea was served at the Bull Hotel, 33 members sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, Mr. L. Head (district representative) occupied the chair.—Mereworth and Aylesford were proposed for the next meeting, and the former was decided upon.

It was decided to hold a by-meeting at St. Michael's, Maidstone, the date to be arranged by the district secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the Rev. Southgate for taking the service, and to Mr. Pitman for presiding at the organ.

This concluded the meeting: the ringers returned to the tower for further ringing. Hunton tower was also visited, the ringing here including a well-struck 720 of Treble Bob.

PETWORTH BELLS.**IMPRESSIVE DEDICATION CEREMONY.**

The restored bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary, Petworth, Sussex, were dedicated on Sunday, October 12th, by the Venerable Benedict G. Hoskyns, Archdeacon of Chichester. The church was crowded, and there was a gathering of about 50 ringers from all parts of the county, besides the local band.

The history of these bells is interesting. In 1827 the six bells were exchanged for eight others, the cost being met by voluntary subscription. These served for nearly a century. Recently, however, it was found necessary to restore them, and they have been recast, tuned on the five-tone Simpson principle, and rehung with new frame, fittings, etc., the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

Archdeacon Hoskyns, in his address, said that all had taken part that afternoon in a simple but beautiful and deeply impressive ceremony—one which was very rare in the history of the church, and, therefore, carried with it a special significance. Until one began to think about it, one hardly realised how large a part the bells of one's church took in one's life, not merely in the services of the church, but in all the great events of history. He did not think that until quite recently they had ever fully grasped what it would mean to be without their church bells. When the ringing of church bells during the war was stopped for safety reasons it came as a real shock to find that all the bells which gave their special message were silenced. The people of that parish had spent a considerable sum of money in restoring their bells. From the ringing of them for a few minutes that day they had some idea of their beauty of tone.

The clergy present included the Rev. V. P. Powell (Rector of Petworth), the Rev. B. W. Mackie (curate), the Rev. A. C. Lucey (Rector of Fittleworth).

The weight of the bells is now, approximately, 3½ tons, and the tenor weighs 18 cwt., upon which is the following inscription: 'AD MAJOREM DEI GLORIAM ET IN HONOREM MARIE BEATÆ MCMXXIV.'

The rounds at the dedication during the service were rung by J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere) 1, C. Dean (Croydon) 2, R. Hayes (Haslemere) 3, P. H. Doick (Pulborough) 4, M. Smither (Chiddingfold) 5, A. H. Pulling (Guildford) 6, A. Feist (Billingshurst) 7, W. R. Melville (Guildford) 8.

The first touch on the bells after the service (504 Stedman Triples) was rung by J. H. B. Hesse 1, P. H. Doick 2, J. Burdfield 3, A. J. Bartlett 4, M. Smither 5, W. Stanford 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, T. Attwell 8.

Other touches rung were Grandsire Triples and Bob Major. All the ringers expressed their appreciation of the splendid tone and 'go' of the bells, which are a great credit to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**DEAN BLENKIN'S UNCOMPLETED TASK.**

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Division was held at Hitchin on Saturday, October 11th. Visiting ringers were present from Kimpton, Cambridge, Baldock, Graveley, Sawston, Luton and Turvey, together with the local band numbering 22. Service was held in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. L. B. Ashby). Mr. W. O. Times read the lesson, and gave the address. He referred to the bells at Bakewell, where on the seventh bell is inscribed, 'If men like us would join and agree, they'd live in tune—ful harmony.' That was the lesson of the bells, and a lesson the ringers had taken well to heart. They were closely associated, and working together in unity, and were just as much a constituent part of the church as the choir, organist, or anyone else. Their function was that of 'God calling,' and they had brought the use of the bells to a very high character. Mr. Times made mention of the late Dean Blenkin, of St. Albans (formerly Vicar of Hitchin), who was greatly interested in bell ringing. He had undertaken to draw up a special service form for these meetings, but at the time of his death it was incomplete. In their bell ringing (concluded Mr. Times) they all had to act together, or it was hopeless, and that spirit of unity should find expression in their everyday life.

An excellent tea was partaken of at the Grange, followed by a short business meeting. It was agreed that the next meeting be held at Royston in November.

The usual votes of thanks brought to a close a very enthusiastic meeting. Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich Court Bob and Superlative Surprise Major, were successfully brought home during the afternoon and evening.

DEATH OF MRS. MATT. WOOD.

We regret to record the death of Mrs. Wood, widow of the late Mr. Matthew Wood, who passed away on Friday last, at 41, Church Row, Bethnal Green, where she spent all her married life. Death was due to bronchial pneumonia and heart failure. Mrs. Wood was in her 83rd year, and was really a wonderful woman, her wit and fund of humour being keen right up to the last.

The funeral took place yesterday at Abney Park, where the late Mr. Wood was buried.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TIVERTON, DEVON.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins., was rung at St. Peter's Church: Mrs. C. Knowles 1, C. Knowles 2, R. Grater 3, E. Richards 4, F. Viney 5, F. Newcombe 6, J. Elsworth (conductor) 7, J. Ridd 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. W. Steddy 1, E. Leigh 2, W. Leigh 3, J. Heasman 4, E. Collison 5, G. Malyan 6, L. Mannering (Maidstone), conductor, 7, E. Jenner 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,280 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: E. G. Locke 1, W. E. Garrard 2, R. Congreve-Pridgeon 3, A. B. Bennett 4, P. H. Smith 5, A. V. Selby 6, C. W. Roberts 7, H. G. Miles (conductor) 8.

LONDON.—For harvest thanksgiving service, at St. Clement Danes, on Sunday evening Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal (1,259 changes) of Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: Miss D. Bryant 1, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 2, Miss E. Chapman 3, J. Lee 4, Miss F. Orr 5, Miss R. Hawksworth 6, F. Symonds 7, E. Pike 8, C. F. Winney 9, E. A. Young 10. First quarter on ten bells by the ringers of 1st and 6th.

WHITCHURCH, Near CARDIFF.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 19th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: E. Coles 1, R. E. Bailey (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, W. Biss (conductor) 3, L. Wright 4, J. Bailey 5, E. Coles 6.

DARRINGTON.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for harvest festival, afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Senior 1, W. Hawley 2, A. Walker, senr., 3, A. Walker, junr. (conductor) 4, J. H. Lenton 5, H. C. Walters 6. All the ringers are from the Parish Church, Pontefract.

PLYMOUTH.—At Charles' Church, for evening service, on Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins., by the following: L. Moses 1, G. Gerner (longest length with bob bell) 2, W. Wonnacott 3, A. T. Westcott 4, H. Ashton 5, E. Marsh (conductor) 6, T. Myers 7, — Meredith (first quarter-peal) 8.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. James 1, P. Spice 2, G. F. James 3, G. Durling 4, G. Huxley 5, E. Mounter 6, I. Emery (conductor) 7, H. Skinner 8.

BROXBORNE.—At the Church of St. Augustine, on Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), taken from Holt's Original, in 45 mins.: F. Dowman 1, E. Adams 2, C. Gouldsmith 3, A. Radley 4, G. Thurgood 5, G. Maxim 6, G. Radley (conductor) 7, E. Gouldsmith 8.

SLOUGH, BUCKS.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. A. Fuller 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, E. Hooper 3, G. Bedford 4, G. T. Leader 5, A. Bate-man 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, G. Parkus 8.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, at All Saints' Parish Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. Waghorne 1, T. Scholes 2, G. Scambler 3, G. Hayden 4, F. C. Newman 5, A. Baynes 6, A. Pye (conductor) 7, R. Molfon 8.

ASHFORD, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: T. Tabutt 1, J. Garrett 2, Sid Hopper 3, Miss Rose Thomas 4, E. Powell 5, C. W. Everett (conductor) 6, H. Parker 7, J. Parsons 8.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.—For harvest festival, evening service, on October 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): W. Henagulph (longest length of Triples) 1, G. Rose 2, E. Bedford 3, W. F. Judge (conductor) 4, T. Payne 5, J. Franklin 6, G. A. King 7, H. Bull 8.

WELLS, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, at the Church of St. Cuthbert, on the occasion of the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: E. Stiles 1, T. T. Hayward 2, F. Rickards 3, F. Loxton 4, A. Mills 5, S. Carter 6, W. Farley (conductor) 7, H. Andrews 8.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: John Denner 1, A. Potter 2, B. Welsby 3, Jas. Denner 4, S. Oakes 5, E. Cutsforth 6, John Potter (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8. Rung for the harvest festival.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, October 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. H. Kilby 1, E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, B. Foskett 4, W. G. Matthews 5, C. V. Ebberson 6, H. Kilby (conductor) 7, J. A. Trollope 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 1,260 Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: F. W. Rogers 1, T. R. Taylor 2, W. Tate 3, J. Topp 4, J. D. Harris 5, R. J. Stone 6, E. J. Harding, senr. (conductor), 7, W. J. Simons (Bushey) 8. Rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: C. A. Hughes 1, A. Cooper 2, W. Little 3, H. A. Edwards 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, G. W. Cooper 6, W. Steed (conductor) 7, W. Lane (first quarter-peal) 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday Oct. 5th, for special fish harvest festival, evening service, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, City of London, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: R. F. Deal (conductor) 1, G. W. Harris 2, Mrs. R. F. Deal 3, A. J. Neale 4, E. J. King 5, J. R. Gammon 6, T. H. Taffender 7, W. E. G. Henson 8.

DEATH OF MR. J. J. W. CARR.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. J. J. W. Carr, the head of Charles Carr, Ltd., the well-known bell foundry, of Smethwick, Birmingham. The sad event occurred with painful suddenness on Tuesday, the 14th inst. The deceased gentleman was connected with the business, founded by his father, from the commencement in 1865, and after the decease of Mr. Charles Carr in 1891, he, with his sister (Miss Hannah Carr), had carried on the business. During this period, over 23,000 bells of all sizes and weights have been made by this firm, including a peal of eight for Fenton Church, Staffs, and a Maiden Peal (made by himself) which has been loaned to theatres in all parts of the country. Only last month he superintended the casting of a 35 cwt. bell for Dennera, and was congratulated on the success of same.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD

DEVIZES BRANCH MEETINGS.

During the quarter (June to September) four meetings have been held in the Devizes branch. The first meeting was held at Upavon on July 12th. This tower is situated on the extreme edge of the branch area, as are also the neighbouring towers of Netheravon, Fittleton and Enford, and these are visited during the summer, ringing generally taking place on the four peals on the same day. All are six bell rings, in good condition. This year the afternoon was spent at Netheravon, Fittleton and Enford, returning to Upavon for the service, tea and meeting. The attendance was very good, one charabanc coming from Bradford-on-Avon and Trowbridge, one from Westbury and Bratton, and one from Devizes district. About 50 ringers and friends sat down to tea, and ten new members from Upavon were elected at the meeting which followed. The news of the sudden and serious illness of the chairman (Mr. C. D. Heginbotham) was received with great regret, and the secretary was asked to send a message of sympathy and wishes for a speedy recovery. Mr. S. Hillier (Devizes) was elected to act as branch chairman during Mr. Heginbotham's absence. The bells of Upavon were rung during the evening, touches of Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being rung.

The next meeting was a 'special.' This was held at Seend on August 2nd. The branch has a standing invitation from Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Awdry, of Manor Cottage, to visit them once a year. Ringing took place on the beautiful ring of six bells, and the usual Guild service was held, conducted by the Rev. W. Weckes, Devizes (the Vicar being away from home). Tea followed, kindly provided by Mr. and Mrs. Awdry, to which 41 sat down. After tea, a good many enjoyed a walk round the gardens of Manor Cottage, others returned to the tower. Touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening.

A monthly meeting was held at Keevil on August 15th. There is another nice ring of six bells at this church (tenor 21 cwt.), in good condition. Ringing was followed by the Guild service, conducted by the Rev. Reece Heal (as the Vicar was away on holiday). Tea and meeting followed in the Institute, 23 members attending. The Vicar sent a message of welcome to the ringers. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening.

The quarterly meeting was held at Westbury on Saturday, Sept. 6th. This beautiful peal of eight (tenor 35½ cwt.) was raised at three o'clock, various methods being rung till 4.40. The company then assembled in the church for the usual Guild service, this was conducted by the Rev. E. W. Coles. Tea in the Institute was followed by the business meeting, 31 members being present.—The Secretary reported that Mr. Heginbotham had undergone a second operation a few days before, and was now making excellent progress.—On the motion of Mr. C. H. Jennings, of Bristol, the meeting sent best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mr. Heginbotham. The Rev. E. W. Coles, Westbury, was elected a ringing member of the Guild, and the next three meetings were fixed as follows: At Bishops Cannings on October 4th; Hilperton on Nov. 1st; Devizes (annual) on December 6th.—The Chairman thanked the Vicar-in-charge for the use of the bells, and the curate for conducting the service, extending a hearty welcome to both clergy and visiting ringers from Bristol, Wootton Bassett and Swindon. The ringers then returned to the tower, but unfortunately ringing was stopped at 7 p.m. owing to serious illness near the church. Touches of Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon.

J. G. RUMSEY'S 200 PEALS.

Doubles, 1; Minor, 4; Bob Major, 16 (including two on handbells); Kent Treble Bob Major, 8; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 23; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 27; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 4; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 13; Superlative Surprise Major, 25; Cambridge Surprise Major, 19; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 3; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Yorkshire Surprise Major, 1; Bristol Surprise Major, 27; Guildford Surprise Major, 4; London Surprise Major, 15; Suffolk Surprise Major, 2; Dublin Surprise Major, 1; Lancashire Surprise Major, 1; Edinburgh Surprise Major, 1; Rochester Surprise Major, 1; total, 200.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The 287th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m., preceded by a service at St. Michael's College Hill, at 5.15. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young. To insure seating accommodation it will be a great help if tickets are purchased on or before Nov. 5th.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A meeting will be held at Balcombe on Saturday, October 25th. Tower open 2. Service 4.30. Tea (by kind invitation) 5. Half rail fare (maximum 1/-).—A. D. Stone, 16, Belgrave Street, Brighton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Newhey, on Saturday, Oct. 25. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The 47th Annual meeting of the above will be held in Newcastle on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Committee meeting in the Cathedral Vestry at noon. Service in the Cathedral at 1 o'clock. Dinner at the Collingwood Restaurant at 2 o'clock; 2/- to members, 3/- to non-members. The bells of the Cathedral, All Saints, S. Stephen's, S. John's and St. George's, Newcastle; Benwell, Gosforth and S. Mary's, Gateshead, are available during the day and evening. Will ringers meet at the Cathedral to arrange bands for the different churches?—E. Ferry, 16, Gordon Avenue, Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—The Annual District meeting will be held at Chatham on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available at 3. The Association service at 5, conducted by the Vicar. Business meeting after tea.—Fred M. Mitchell, Dist. Hon. Sec., 114, Sun Street, Gravesend.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A Quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at Leverington, Wisbech. Six bells ready 3 o'clock. Service, tea and business meeting.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Mid-Devon Branch. — The next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at Ipplepen. The bells, recently augmented to 8 by Gillett and Johnston, available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea and business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—A. J. Hole, Hon. Sec., 'Tauntonia, Church St., Paignton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Greasley on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells ready 2 o'clock. Service 4 o'clock. Tea 4.30 (1s. each). — F. Blood, Hon. Sec., 91, Dame Agnes Street, Nottingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Witney and Woodstock Deaneries Branch. — The branch autumn meeting will be held at Bampton on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary F. W. Gegg) at 4 o'clock. Tea at 4.45, Old Schools, business meeting following. All members and ringing friends welcome.—John Monk, Hon. Branch Sec., 17, Cape Terrace, Witney, Oxon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Divine service at 4. Tea at 4.45 p.m., with business meeting to follow.—Percy G. Yeo, Hon. Local Sec., Long Ashton.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ross District.—The next quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Llangarron, on Saturday, October 25th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Service 4.30.—John Clark, Dist. Hon. Sec., Chase Road, Ross.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Tower open at 3 p.m. Service at 4.45 p.m. Tea and business to follow in the Church Institute. It is hoped there will be a good muster, as important business is on the agenda. — T. Groombridge, Hon. Dis. Sec., 35, Albany Road, Chislehurst.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The next ringing meeting will be held at Hughenden on Saturday, Oct. 25th, at 4 p.m. Musical Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Sec., 'Cambridge,' Wexham Wood, Slough.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Anne's Church, Denton, Oct. 25th. Meeting at 7 o'clock. — F. Althorp, Hon. Sec., 103, Hulme Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Thrapston Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Addington on Saturday, Oct. 25th. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock.—J. Nickerson, Branch Sec., Halford Street, Thrapston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, Oct. 25th. The bells (8) will be available from 2.30 to 7.30. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, Hon. Sec., 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus on October 30th, at 7.30 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BLETCHLEY.—The opening of the peal of 8 bells at Bletchley, by the Bishop of Buckingham, will take place on November 1st. Service will be held at 3 p.m. The work of recasting one bell and retuning the remainder has been entrusted to Messrs. Taylor at Loughborough. Ringing friends heartily invited. Important: Those requiring tea should advise me few days before.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Exeter and District.—The annual business meeting will be held at Woodbury (in conjunction with the Devon Guild Supplementary Meeting) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing: Topsham, at 2 p.m.; Woodbury, 4; Lympstone, 6.30. All lady ringers invited.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmsford, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., and All Hallows, Barking, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available at both churches from 3.30 p.m. Short service, with address by the Rev. T. Wellard, at St. Olave's at 5 p.m. Tea, at a charge to cover cost, at All Hallows Church Room at 5.45 to those who advise me by Tuesday, Oct. 28th. Business meeting afterwards. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Feering on Saturday, November 1st. The bells will be available during the afternoon, a service will be held in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn afterwards. As this is the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year it is hoped that all ringers will make an effort to be present. All those intending to be present at the tea are requested to notify the same to Mr. J. C. Newman, London Road, Feering, Kelvedon, Essex, not later than Thursday, October 30th.—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, 1st November. Bells from 2.30, tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dist. Sec., 7, High St., Kempston, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 1.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. All members and ringing friends welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A special meeting (by request) will be held at Wolvey on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford Branch.—Practice meeting, Nov. 1st, at St. Mary's, Watford. Ringing from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. and 8 till 9.—Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Hilperton on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) ready at 2.30. Service, tea and meeting as usual.—F. Green, Branch Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A supplementary meeting of the above will be held at Woodbury on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The following towers will be open: Woodbury (8), Clyst St. George (6), Topsham (6), Lympstone (6). All ringers welcome.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Swineshead. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. Will those who require tea please notify me by Tuesday, Oct. 28th, certain? A bus leaves Boston Market Place at 2 p.m., returning at 6.45 p.m. and 9.50 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House Butterwick, near Boston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 1st. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available from 2 o'clock (by kind permission of the Dean); also St. Maurice (6). Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and meeting in St. Maurice Hall at 5. Will all those requiring tea notify me by Oct. 29th?—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poynton on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Please send number attending, to Mr. T. Downes, Lyme Terrace, Poynton, by Tuesday, Oct. 28th.—John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 10th and the 24th, at 7.30. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 17th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. General Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Pickering on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from one o'clock, or earlier, if desired. Tea at the Black Swan for all who notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Nov. 5th (2s. per head). Business meeting immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid on or before this meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Nov. 8th (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. A. L. Man). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. The usual travelling allowance will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE.—The members of this society cordially invite all members of bellfries within the area covered by the East Berks and South Bucks Branch to a meeting, to be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, Nov. 8th, to discuss the position created by the decision to hold the annual festival of the Guild at Oxford. It will be proposed that Rule X. be altered to read: 'The annual meeting to be held in the three Archdeacons in turn, and that members here assembled pledge themselves to attend and vote for this alteration at the Guild Festival.' Bells (12) available 2.15 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea (6d. each), Church House, 5. Meeting 5.45. Chairman, the Rev. F. M. Molyneux, Vicar of High Wycombe. Will those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me on or before Nov. 6th?—Geo. Twitchen, Hon. Sec., Wycombe Belfry, 17, Totteridge Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The last meeting of the year will take place at St. John's, Hillingdon, on November 8th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by the 6th at 5.30. All ringers welcome and their friends.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec., Stockport Branch, Chester Diocesan Guild, has removed to 'Grandison,' 9, Bean Leach Road, Hazel Grove, near Stockport, Cheshire.

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CLUN RINGERS' OUTING.

On Wednesday, Sept. 17th the choir men and bell ringers of Clun Parish Church had their outing, which took the form of a motor tour through the north-west part of Herefordshire. They were accompanied by the Vicar, and also the Rev. H. J. Scott. The party arrived at Pembridge in time for a substantial lunch, after which they made their way to the ancient detached tower of the church, which contains five old bells rung from the ground floor, but owing to the bad 'go' of them, and the noise, it was not possible to bring round one six-score, although some Bob Singles were creditably rung. After a hasty look round the fine old church, and the old-world black and white buildings, it was time to make for Staunton-on-Arrow, the next stop; then on to Eardisland, where some well-struck six-scores of Doubles were rung. Wigmore was reached in time for a sumptuous tea; then to church, where special evensong was held, and the time filled up by a visit to the tower. Leintwardine was the last tower visited, where the local men were joined in their weekly practice, and time passed all too quickly for the visitors, who soon had to make tracks for home. Although the weather was rather unfavourable, the outing was most enjoyable.

On Sunday, Sept. 20th, the 10th anniversary of the completion of the church restoration at Clun, Shropshire, which comprised the tower and bells, was celebrated. There were special services and preachers. A pen on the bells in honour of the event had to be abandoned owing to the impossibility of getting a hand together, and touches of Grandsire Triples by the local men was the extent of the ringing.

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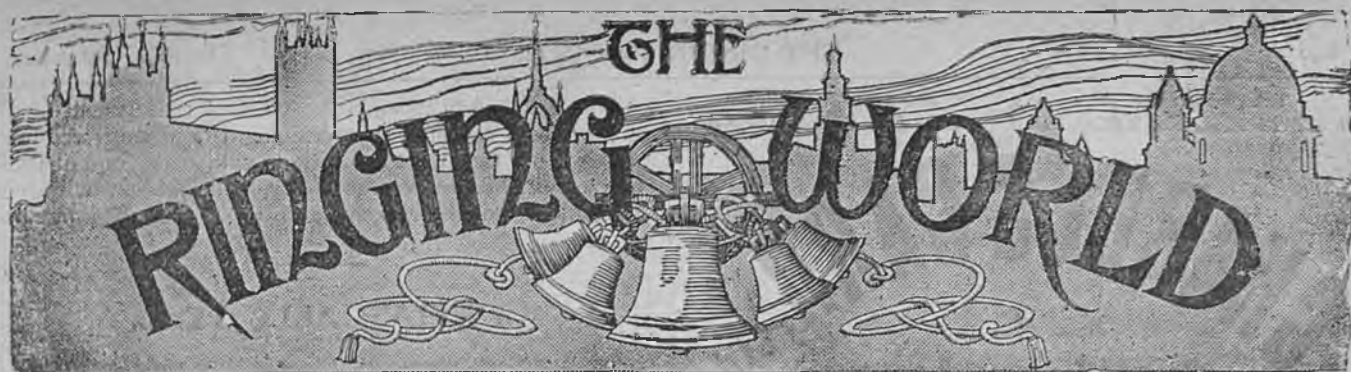
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The Committee entrusted with formulating a scheme to provide a memorial to the late Mr. James W. Washbrook has come to a decision, and subscriptions are invited towards a fund of at least £170 to place two treble bells in the tower of St. Ebbe's Church, Oxford. That there should be provided a fitting memorial to so great a ringer is not questioned, and there is little division of opinion as to the form which, funds permitting, the memorial should take. James Washbrook did as much as any man has ever done in teaching young ringers, and in helping them over those first difficulties which beset the path of nearly all who enter the art. What better, then, than that his memory should be honoured by increasing the number of some peal of bells in a tower in his native city where they will be available for the use of those who seek to advance in the art?

It has only been upon the place where these new bells shall hang that there has been divided counsel, but the Committee, having fully weighed all the possibilities, have recommended St. Ebbe's tower. This particular phase of the question has been to a large extent a 'local' one, and, the Committee having, with all the views before them, come to a conclusion, the Exercise, which is to be asked to provide the money, will be content that the best scheme has been adopted. We have no doubt, too, that those who have advocated some other tower than the one selected will now loyally support the scheme which the Committee has launched, realising that the object is not alone which peal of bells can best be augmented, but how best we can commemorate one of the greatest men that ever entered the ringing Exercise.

The appeal, which we publish in another column, is frankly put forward as a 'venture of faith,' but there ought not to be any question of its success. True, James Washbrook was a giant of other days—a giant of the pioneer days when the ringing of bells as well as the scoring of peals was not as easy as in many cases it is to-day. There are still throughout the country, however, many men who knew James Washbrook in his prime, and it is to them that we must look to forward this appeal among the younger ringers. There are some forty associations affiliated to the Central Council, and if each would collect or guarantee the modest sum of four guineas the scheme from the outset would be an assured success. A promiscuous appeal to individual ringers might not have the desired result, although every ringer should consider it a privilege to contribute; but if the Memorial Fund Committee can see its way to making a direct

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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On Tuesday, October 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FREDERICK DICKENS Treble	*ARTHUR BRAINES 7
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
ALBERT H. WARD 3	ALBERT WALKER 9
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	*JAMES PAGETT 10
ERNEST MORRIS 5	JOHN NEAL 11
J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal of Cinques, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Dickens.

TEN BELL PEALS.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 21, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GABRIEL LINDOFF Treble	WILLIAM H. WILSON 6
*DAVID GIBB 2	Cecil G. HARRISON 7
WILLIAM E. LYNCH 3	*JOHN C. CHERRY 8
*THOMAS MCMORRAN 4	GEORGE F. WILMOT 9
*JOSEPH ATKINSON 5	WILLIAM GIBSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

This peal was rung, muffled, as a memorial to the late Dean of this Cathedral, C. T. Ovenden, D.D. * First peal on ten bells.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDGAR C. SHEPHERD Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE 2	*FREDERICK A. SALTER 7
WILLIAM A. JAMES 3	W. RICHARD DRAGE 8
JOSEPH BAILEY 4	PERCY PRICE 9
J. CHARLES DICKIN 5	*FRANK BRADLEY Tenor

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

HENRY T. WILSON Treble	JOSEPH BARRETT 6
GORDON A. BACON 2	*LEONARD H. BAYBUT 7
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Tenor 24 cwt.

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WILLIAM MILLER (LEYTONSTONE) 5	
WILLIAM T. ELLIOTT (KELVEDON) 6	
WILLIAM T. BERSON, JUN. (WALTON-ON-THAMES) 7	
WILLIAM KEEBLE (FEERING) Tenor	

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On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

GEORGE KENWARD Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM SPICE 2	THOMAS JULL 6
HERBERT E. SIMPSON 3	LEWIS HEAD 7
GEORGE PODND 4	LARRY HALES Tenor

Conducted by LEWIS HEAD.

First peal of Grandsire on the bells. A birthday peal for Larry Hales, and for the son and daughter of T. Jull.

BUNBURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BONIFACE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 3 qr. 11 lb.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	JAMES L. HAYWARD 5
JOHN W. DAVIES 2	EDWARD V. RODENHURST 6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 3	GEORGE R. JONES 7
ALBERT J. HUGHES 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by J. ROSTRUM.

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal in the method, and hails from Wellington, Salop.
First peal in the method on the bells.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. Treble	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 5
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	*GEORGE HAWKINS 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	*ERNEST NOY Tenor

Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

* First peal of Stedman.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. in F.

ALFRED J. TURNER Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
ROBERT J. DAWE 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPPE 6
*ALFRED C. PANKHORST 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW.

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Surprise, and the first peal of Major on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE BELL FOUNDRY CAMPANILE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

HORACE F. STUBBS Treble	THOMAS ATKINS 5
JOHN SADDINGTON 2	WILLIAM SMITH 6
WILLIAM PERVIN 3	EDWARD READER 7
ERNEST CARTWRIGHT 4	JOSEPH POWELL Tenor

Conducted by E. READER.

Rung with bells half-muffled, in deep respect for Miss Hilda Thorley, eldest daughter of Mr. W. Thorley, a much-respected member of the local band, who has passed away at the early age of 21 years.

GRIMSBY.

On Thursday, October 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

F. OVERTON Treble	J. B. BUDD 5
*F. METCALF 2	C. TAYLOR 6
T. FITZJOHN 3	H. MINGAY 7
R. S. LONG 4	S. BROMFIELD Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER.

Conducted by H. MINGAY.

First peal as conductor, and first attempt. * First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. C. Kennington, on the occasion of the birth of a son.

EXETER, DEVONSHIRE.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt

JOHN HOSGOOD Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN 5
ALFRED MONKLEY 2	JAMES MOSS 6
E. W. BIPPIN 3	CHARLES ROOTLEY 7
T. J. STOKES 4	ARTHUR H. GOAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

First peal on the bells. First peal for 3rd and 7th ringers. The ringer of the 6th is 78 years of age, and it is his 70th peal. All are members of St. Thomas's band except the conductor.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

DERBY.—On Wednesday evening, at 81, Roe Street, 720 Bob Minor, on handbells: E. Summerside 1—2, Geo. Freebrey 3—4, A. Gamble (conductor) 5—6. First 720 by all. Also 336 Grandsire Triples, with P. Tate on 7—8, conducted by E. Summerside.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES,

Tenor 12 cwt. 9 lb.

SYDNEY G. FLOWERS Treble	HORACE M. DAY 5
JOHN T. BROWN 2	JOHN W. WOOD 6
GEORGE LADD 3	WILLIAM HOLLINGWORTH ... 7
ARTHUR RIGGALL 4	THE REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

The composition is adapted from Thurstan's 6,160. First peal of Double Norwich by ringers of treble, 2nd, 4th, 5th & 7th.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary's, Lambeth, S.E.,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	GEORGE A. CARD 6
*ERNEST J. KING 3	HARRY MANCIE 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	*EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS C. LARKEY Treble	JOHN WILKINSON 5
THOMAS HAMMOND 2	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
ARTHUR LINTOTT 4	EDWARD CAUNCE Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by JOHN WILKINSON.

First peal as conductor in this method.

BUCKLEBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JAMES HAZEL Treble	JAMES BUTLER 5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK 2	*EDGAR HUMFREY 6
JACK HONEY 3	ALBERT E. LOCK 7
Miss STELLA DAVIS 4	GORDON CAUDWELL Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT E. LOCK.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(Kettering Branch.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MATT. HOBBS Treble	FREDK. H. PEARCEY 5
MISS CECIL HEPBURN 2	FREDK. W. SAWFOOT 6
WALTER T. WILSON 3	ROBERT G. BLACK 7
HARRY BAXTER 4	ARTHUR MANNING Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ARTHUR MANNING.

First peal on eight by Fredk. Pearcey. The ringer of the treble is from Barton Seagrave; 2nd and 3rd from Isham; 4th from Broughton; 6th from Kettering; 7th from Geddington; 5th and tenor from Market Harborough. The best thanks are due to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

MILES PLATTING, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part.

Tenor 12 cwt. 22 lb.

*MISS ALICE BRIERLEY ... Treble	SAMUEL HOLT 5
†ALFRED RUSHTON 2	JOSEPH H. RIDYARD 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
FRANK BERRY 4	WILLIAM H. SHUKER ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. RIDYARD.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells, hails from Maund, Bodenham, Herefordshire, and was elected a member previous to commencing the peal.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of The Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ARTHUR INGHAM Treble	JOHN WATSON 5
*MISS CLAYTON 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JOHN BROWN 3	LAURENCE J. WILLIAMS ... 7
WM. MARGERISON 4	JAS. HARRISON Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul.

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

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

WILLIAM H. JOINER Treble	ERNEST A. REEVE 5
RICHARD F. DEAL 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
MRS. R. F. DEAL 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
JACK CARMAN 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN. Conducted by C. W. R. GRIMWOOD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. I. Hairs, who was prevented from standing in on account of a cold.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the (R.C.) Church of St. Marie.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lb.

*CHAS. H. LAKE Treble	JAMES EVINSON 5
COLIN HARRISON 2	JOHN THORPE 6
THOS. G. SAREL 3	ROBERT HARRISON 7
ARTHUR CRAVEN 4	FRANCIS WARD Tenor

Conducted by COLIN HARRISON.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a compliment to Mr. J. A. Dixon, who was married on the above date, and whose associations with St. Marie's company extend over 50 years. Great credit is due to the ringer of the 3rd, who, although nearly 72 years of age, rang admirably throughout the peal.

DRIGHLINGTON, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul.

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

STANLEY ROBINSON Treble	THOMAS B. KENDALL 5
SYDNEY SADLER 2	ERNEST R. SIMPSON 6
WILLIAM BARTON 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
JAMES R. KEMP 4	PERCY J. JOHNSON Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

This peal was rung as a farewell compliment to Mr. J. R. Kemp, who, to the great regret of the ringers in the district, is leaving shortly for Dunedin, New Zealand. Also rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. J. Brondley, of Bradford, and A. Hillier, of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*MAURICE NORTHOVER Treble	JOHN BEAMS 5
THOMAS MILES 2	WALTER CLAYDON 6
ARTHUR BASFORD 3	CHARLES E. READ 7
GEORGE F. HOAD 4	*ALEC CHEASLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal.

DENHOLME, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER Treble	FRED HUTTON 5
*ARTHUR BAIRSTOW 2	JOB GREENWOOD 6
*HARRY ATRINSON 3	MILLIGAN HARRISON 7
HAROLD PEARCE 4	VERNEY BAIRSTOW Tenor

Composed by N. J. PIRSTOW. Conducted by VERNEY BAIRSTOW.

* First peal.

GREAT BUDWORTH, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. in D.

JAMES J. WILSON... .. Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
HENRY C. COLLYER 2	EDWARD JENKINS... .. 6
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
HENRY W. WILDE 4	ALLEN F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. JENKINS.

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

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	BERNARD DITCHER 5
WILLIAM LAMBERT 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
GEORGE LEWIS 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. J. Dixon, a much-respected member of St. Maries' tower, Sheffield.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, October 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

THOMAS MARTIN... .. Treble	HAROLD MILLS 4
RUBEN GOY 2	SAMUEL GREENWAY 5
RALPH HAZELL 3	ERNEST HAWKINS Tenor

Conducted by T. MARTIN.

First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Mears and Stainbank.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—On Oct. 15th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Canterbury and Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. James 1, W. Samuel 2, E. Thomas 3, Ed. Coles 4, A. Hannington (conductor) 5, W. Coles 6.—Also for evensong, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: W. James 1, A. Hannington 2, W. Samuel 3, E. John 4, Ed. Coles (conductor) 5, E. Coles 6. First attempt by ringer of treble, also for ringer of fourth on an 'inside bell.'

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

On Saturday, October 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, with different callings.

*J. BARFIELD Treble	H. HURD 4
*J. WRIGHT 2	J. TAYLOR 5
*A. LANGTON 3	*D. LANGTON Tenor

Conducted by J. TAYLOR.

This was the first peal on the recently recast bells, and the first all Thurlaston peal on record. * First peal. J. Barfield was elected member previous to starting.

TEYNHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, October 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six 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 o College Single, Plain Bob, and Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. W. Roper Dixon, J.P., C.C., who was buried at Teynham on Thursday, October 9th.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in nine methods as follows, viz., 1 St. Clement's, 2 Double and Single Oxford, 3 Double and Single Court, 4 Cambridge Surprise, 5 Oxford Treble Bob, 6 Kent Treble Bob, 7 Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES OSBORN Treble	JOHN RODEN... .. 4
*JOHN W. LAKE 2	ARTHUR J. HOLMES 5
*WILLIAM TILLEY 3	THOMAS L. BAINBRIDGE Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in nine methods.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 4
HENRY SQUIRES 2	HARRY BARNES 5
JOHN H. HAYNES 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

First peal in seven methods by ringers of treble and 4th.

WENDEN AMBO, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WALTER MANSFIELD ... Treble	ROBERT HOWARD 4
*WALTER F. SERMONS 2	CHARLES W. COOK 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	HAROLD J. HAZELL Tenor

Conducted by HAROLD J. HAZELL.

Rung as a compliment to the ringers of 5th and tenor whose birthdays were on the 23rd. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th hail from Barley, Herts; 5th from Long Stanton; tenor from Cambridge.

* Elected a life member in the tower.

BURSLEM, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

As arranged by the REV. E. BANKS JAMES. Tenor 12½ cwt.

* HAROLD WHITFIELD Treble	* THOMAS HILDITCH 4
* ARTHUR PEAKE 2	* THOMAS HURD 5
* ALFRED E. BACON 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

* First Surprise peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Joseph Broadley, of Bradford, Yorks, Mrs. T. Hurd, Mr. Hilditch, and the conductor. First of Cambridge Minor by the Guild.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5760 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Single Bob, and five 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 29 lb.

JAMES ABERY Treble	JAMES SMITH 4
JOHN BOWER 2	GEORGE ABERY 5
GEORGE PARSONS 3	ERNEST TIGWELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TIGWELL.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the son of the conductor.

PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN J. JUTSON Treble	WILLIAM H. WALDRON ... 4
CATHERINE FIELDS 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 3	FREDERICK T. COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

The peal was arranged for the ringers of the 2nd and 5th, who hail from St. Neots, and Eye, Northants, respectively. They were proposed and seconded members of the Guild previous to starting.

HAMPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Canterbury, Oxford Single Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSOM ... 4
ALEC J. TAYLOR 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAYSOM 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells, and by all the band, except the conductor.

FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being to six-scores of Plain Bob and 32 of Grandsire, and 26 callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

* HENRY J. PEAKE Treble	EDGAR R. JONES 3
WILLIAM EVANS 2	* TREVOR JONES 4
JAMES P. HYETT Tenor	

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal in two methods. Rung half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. John V. Ward (churchwarden), who had been a member of the above tower and Guild since 1904, when the bells were reopened after restoration.

PYTCHLEY, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Monday, October 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 2 six-scores of Stedman, and 8 six-scores each of Canterbury, St. Simon's, Old Doubles, Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RANDALL ... Treble	WALTER T. WILSON 3
* MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... 2	TOM TEBBUTT 4
HARRY BAXTER Treble	

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

* First peal of Doubles.

HANDBELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. WALKER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2	* ERNEST MORRIS 7-8
GEORGE F. SWANN 3-4	JAMES E. GROVES 9-10
ALBERT WALKER 5-6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed by the late C. H. HATTERSELY.

Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

Umpire: Mr. T. RUSSAM.

Arranged for Messrs. H. J. Poole and E. Morris, of Leicester.

* Fiftieth peal this year.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South and West District was held at Twickenham on Saturday week. Ringing commenced shortly after 3 p.m., when several touches were rung before service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Cole Skeane), with the Rev. E. A. Jones presiding at the organ.

The Vicar choose for his text three words of everyday use: 'Nothing, something and everything.'

After service, an adjournment was made to the Parish Hall, when 34 sat down to an excellent tea, as guests of the Vicar and churchwardens, with the Vicar presiding, supported by Mr. T. Etherington (churchwarden), the Rev. E. A. Jones, Mr. T. Beadle (vice-president), and Mr. Holloway (Ringing Master).

At the business meeting which followed, one ringing member was elected, and the Vicar and churchwardens were elected hon. members.

Hillingdon (St. John's) was announced for the November meeting, and Acton was selected for January, 1925.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens for allowing the use of the bells, and for their kind hospitality (which had been much appreciated); to the Vicar for his excellent address, and the welcome he gave to the association; to the organist, steeplekeeper, host and lady assistants.

Grandsire Caters and Bob Major were rung on handbells by Messrs. R. Holloway, J. Herbert, F. Goodfellow, J. E. Cooper and C. V. Ebberson, who received the Vicar's best thanks. He also thanked the members for ringing the quarter-peal on the 11th when the Bishop of London visited their church.—This concluded the business meeting.—The Hon. Secretary and Ringing Master extend their best thanks to all members for their attendance and support at the meeting.

More ringing was indulged in till nearly 9 p.m., when another pleasant afternoon came to an end. The company had by that time increased to 42.

DEVON GUILD.

On Tuesday evening, October 14th, the new president (the Rev. E. S. Powell) visited the North Devon branch. On his arrival at Combe Martin he was given a hearty welcome by the ringers in the church tower at 6 p.m. The bells were at once raised in peal, and 335 Grandsire Triples rung, with the Rev. E. S. Powell taking part, after which several practice touches were rung.

Leaving Combe Martin at 7.30, he proceeded to Ilfracombe, accompanied by Mr. A. H. Hayward, the branch secretary, and at the parish church he was met by the chairman of the branch, the Rev. H. L. Pigot, and the parish church ringers. The bells having been raised, a start was at once made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), which was brought round in 47 mins.: J. Sprague 1, Rev. E. S. Powell 2, R. Dodds 3, A. H. Hayward (conductor) 4, E. Sprague 5, R. A. Eaton 6, F. Blackmore 7, J. Richards 8.

Mr. R. A. Eaton, of Birmingham, was on a visit to Ilfracombe, and it was E. Sprague's first quarter-peal. — A vote of thanks to the president for visiting the branch brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

A RINGING HOLIDAY IN SUFFOLK.**THE PEALS OF A WANDERING 'CANARY.'**

Journeying as far as Diss by train, the old iron grid then came into use. It was a pleasant sunny day, and the ride from Diss to Debenham was an enjoyable one. On arrival I found the bells were being rung by some band or other. On inquiring I discovered the Lavenham company were on their annual outing. After a few minutes' conversation with these ringers and a course of Cambridge, I resumed my journey to Cretingham. I found it was not possible to cycle all the way to this village, owing to floods caused by heavy rains. However, after some manœuvring through fields and over stiles, the Bell Inn was reached at last. After an early tea, away with friend L.C.W. to Helmingham to attempt London. For once I was early, so the time was spent in exploring the church. Although I had been there previously, for the first time I saw the monument to Tollemache, for which the roof of the church was not high enough, so a piece had to be removed. At last all the band arrived, and after three hours and 19 minutes' good ringing the bells ran into rounds. You may imagine how happy all were, there being seven 'firsts' in the band. As the company was a somewhat mixed one, and consequently had to go different ways, it was not convenient for all to partake of refreshments at the same place. However, a few celebrated the event at Framdsen.

The next day, Sunday, Cambridge, at Debenham, was on the programme. After ringing three courses, this came to an untimely end. But once again we commenced, and a fine peal was scored.

On Monday evening a fine peal of Superlative was rung, the course ends rolling up like clockwork. It is not yet known how many inhabitants at Framdsen and Cretingham are still asking who was murdered, as it was rumoured groans and shrieks were heard about 10.30 p.m. But let it be known it was the holiday maker's back pedal brake. This brake was removed the following morning, and a new one fitted.

Stedman Triples was rung at Coddanham on Tuesday evening, the ringers consisting of a mixed band, with a local ringer taking part.

On Wednesday another peal of Superlative was registered at Framlingham.

On arrival at Honley on Thursday, we were all heartily welcomed by the ringing Vicar. Cambridge was attempted, but as at Debenham, three courses only were rung before it came to grief. However, a second attempt was made, and the bells ran round at 10 p.m.

The next day, Friday, Cambridge should have been attempted at Grundisburgh, but a postcard arrived stating for some cause or other the bells were not available. The 'Canary,' therefore, spent the day touring Suffolk, informing the band there was 'nothing doing.'

Cycling as far as Ipswich on Saturday, a peal at St. Margaret's was the order of the day. But on commencing the peal something went wrong—maybe the bells were bad-tempered. Several attempts for Cambridge and Double Norwich went astray in a few minutes. However, another attempt was made, and a fine peal of the latter method was scored. The tenor ringer is to be congratulated on his performance. After a social hour with our Ipswich friends, our cycles were hauled out, and a damp journey made to Cretingham.

Sunday, the last day of the holiday arrived all too soon, and a dismal morning it was. At first it looked too wet to think of cycling to Worlingworth, where Superlative was to be attempted. However, at 12.30 the weather cleared up a little, so off we went. On arrival at the church we found four of the band had arrived, but after waiting half an hour nobody else appeared. Things had just begun to look like being a 'wash-out,' when up came one more. He apparently had found a shelter from the rain at the other end of the village. The services of old friend David were then sought, and a good peal of Oxford was rung, the later part of which took place during a thunderstorm.

This concluded the holiday, so far as ringing was concerned, and the average was good considering that we rang a peal on each occasion we met for one.

At the conclusion of the peal at Worlingworth, the holiday maker bid the other seven ringers a hurried good-bye, and proceeded to cycle 13 miles to Diss. It was a great ride, being commenced in a thunderstorm and heavy rain. However, the clerk of the weather took pity, and the last nine miles were done in the dry, if the roads were somewhat flooded.

Some have asked whether my holidays are at end, but it is whispered 'not quite.' I thank all who made my time such a happy one, especially my friends at Cretingham. G. H. C.

A DATE TOUCH.

On October 14th, at Dunmow, Essex, a date touch was rung at St. Mary's Church, consisting of 1,884 Bob Minor and 40 Bob Doubles, in 1 hour 15 minutes, by Bert Claydon 1, A. Bibbans 2, A. Smith 3, A. Perry 4, E. Richardson 5, W. Smith (conductor) 6.

SILVER WEDDING.

At Worplesdon, Surrey, on Tuesday, October 14th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 360 each of Double Oxford, St. Clement's Oxford Bob and 180 Plain Bob: T. Scholfield 1, Miss K. Avenell 2, S. Petter 3, C. Slyfield 4, E. Chandler (conductor) 5, H. Blackman 6. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Scholfield.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

Over eighty ringers were present at Old Cleeve, when the Dunster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Association held an 'opening' meeting there. Two trebles have just been added to complete the octave. Sheffield correspondents have written in reply to 'Normal Time,' and their letters will appear next week.

Ringers are reminded of the reopening of the restored peal at Bletchley at 3 p.m. to-morrow (Saturday).

The reopening of the six bells at Higham-on-the-Hill, Warwickshire, is to take place on Saturday, November 8th.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was to have been held at Thornbury on November 8th, but it has been found necessary to bring it forward a week, and members should, therefore, note that the meeting will be held to-morrow.

Next Monday, Mr. William Rock Small, the Tipton veteran, will celebrate his 85th birthday, and ringers throughout the Exercise will extend to him their hearty good wishes.

Congratulations to the Williams upon their peal of London Surprise. After the disappointment of a few weeks ago, they met again on the 18th, in London, and brought off the job. The band travelled between them about 1,020 miles to ring this peal.

The first peal of London rung by a band of the same Christian name was accomplished at St. Stephen's, Rochester Row, on January 2nd, 1904, when the Johns put to their credit the first of the three peals they have rung.

To the Williams, however, belongs the credit of the first 'name' peal, for in Shipway's day they rang a peal of 5,129 Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

The anniversary of this peal falls on Monday next. Shipway called the peal, and eleven Williams took part, there being two men on the tenor.

'Listener' writes that with the birth of 'Marlborough' comes the death of 'Wigston.'

This week we record a peal of Double Norwich rung at Surfleet, the composition being an adaptation of Samuel Thurston's 6,160. It is somewhat of a coincidence that to-morrow is the anniversary of the first performance of that peal, which Thurston 'composed and expertly conducted' at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich, on Tuesday, November 1st, 1831.

The tablet in the belfry records that the peal 'by reason of the intricacy of the composition might be properly called a performance of first-rate eminence, and with respect to the superiority of striking it was no less worthy of notice, the utmost regularity being retained from beginning to ending.'

On November 5th next year, Cambridge ringers will have the opportunity of celebrating a bi-centenary, for on that day in 1725 a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Great St. Mary's by the Cambridge Youths. A record of this peal is to be found among the Osborne MSS. in the British Museum.

The first peal of Superlative Surprise was rung at St. Peter's, Huddersfield, on November 5th, 1821.

WHAT'S WRONG?

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your leader of last week, dealing with meetings, and the discouraging attendances, you ask, 'What's wrong?' Is not the answer to be found elsewhere in your columns? You speak of these meetings as 'giving some ringers wider opportunities of practice than they can get in their own tower.' Suppose, then, a ringer goes to a meeting with that idea—perhaps cycling several miles to get there, what happens? Let me quote from your columns: 'Meeting 3 p.m. (often late). Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards.' That is to say, too many things are crowded into the time at disposal. Is it always necessary to have the service? Must the business meeting be held on that same day? No wonder the man, who has come some miles, goes home disappointed, and resolved not to attend another meeting. He has had little chance of ringing—especially if the meeting has been well attended—and actually ringing takes quite a secondary place at such meetings.

I write this with quite an open mind, for I am myself rarely able to attend Saturday meetings of any sort.—Yours, etc.

Bristol.

R. H. WHITFORD.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge branch was held at Yate on Saturday week, when 40 members attended, representing twelve towers. Some excellent ringing was done on the heavy peal of six during the afternoon and evening. The Rector (the Rev. H. F. Forster Morris) conducted the service, and presided over the tea and business meeting which followed.

Three new members were elected, and Thornbury selected for the next meeting, which will be on November 1st (not the 8th inst., as proposed). Canon Connwall is leaving Thornbury shortly, and wishes the meeting to take place before he departs.

The Rector and local ringers were heartily thanked for their welcome, and for providing tea.

WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

At the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild in Reading last July, it was resolved to take steps to erect in Oxford a memorial to the late James W. Washbrook, and to invite contributions towards this from all Guilds, Associations and Ringing Societies, and from personal friends.

It was further resolved, if possible, that the memorial should take the form of augmenting the peals of six bells in the towers of either St. Ebbe's, St. Giles' or Carfax.

A special committee was appointed to make the necessary inquiries and to carry out the scheme which should appear to them to be the best.

The committee met on Oct. 16th, and carefully considered the information which had been collected, the expert reports which had been made, as well as the personal opinions which had been expressed on this question.

It was, in the end, decided to appeal to the Exercise and to friends for the minimum sum of £170, in order to augment the peal of six bells at St. Ebbe's Church, and, in the event of a larger sum being forthcoming, to consider a larger scheme.

Messrs. R. T. Hibbert and A. J. Wright were elected joint secretaries to the committee. Mr. Wright also kindly consented to act as hon. treasurer. Subscriptions should be sent to him at 40, Hamilton Road, Reading, or paid to 'the Washbrook Memorial Fund,' at Lloyds Bank, Reading.

To launch this appeal is a venture of faith, inasmuch as the great days of Washbrook were at least a quarter of a century ago, but nevertheless it is a venture that should be made in order to perpetuate the memory of one who was perhaps the greatest ringer of any age. And there could surely be no more fitting memorial to one who was such a pioneer of change ringing than to provide for a musical though light ring of eight in a poor part of the city of his birth—a city not possessed of a handy ring of eight available for change ringing, in a parish where bell ringing is appreciated, and in a tower where ringers from all parts are always welcomed.

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN, Chairman of Committee.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**SUCCESSFUL NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT MEETING.**

On Saturday last, members of the Nottingham district of the Midland Counties Association journeyed to Greasley for the usual monthly meeting, and were well repaid for doing so, in spite of the weather not being all that could be desired. The members on their arrival were welcomed by the very energetic leader of this young band of ringers, Mr. J. E. Hobbs, and his pupils, and the ladies, who were busy with the cups and saucers. This tower originally contained five bells, but in 1922 these were augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough fame, who have made them a very handy ring.

Tea, served in the Church Institute, was kindly provided by the esteemed Vicar (the Rev. J. S. Galloway), and hon. member of the association. Representatives from the following towers were present: Beeston, Bulwell, Ilkeston, Cotgrave, St. Mary's and St. Peter's, Nottingham, West Hallam, Southwell, and the local band.

After the 'inner man' had been well supplied, Mr. W. E. White moved a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. J. S. Galloway, and to the ladies for so well and kindly attending upon those present.—This, needless to say, was carried unanimously.

The business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Coppock (vice-president), supported by Mr. F. Blood, hon. secretary. Three places were proposed for the next meeting, viz., Breaston, Old Basford and Ruddington, and on being put to the meeting, Old Basford was selected, the meeting to be held on November 22nd.

One new member was elected, making a total of 27 for the year, which speaks well for the progress of the association. It was announced that the William Doubleday Crofts Memorial Dinner would be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on January 31st, 1925.

The Secretary addressed the members on the arrangements for the annual meeting, which were approved and left to the committee to carry out.

Mr. W. E. White then proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, who had by this time arrived home and joined the members, for his great kindness in granting the use of the bells, and for enabling the meeting to be held at Greasley; also for the magnificent tea he had provided.—The Vicar replied, and mentioned what a pleasure it was to entertain the association. He hoped to meet them all again on many occasions.

Mr. J. E. Hobbs and the ladies were also joined in this vote of thanks.

The members then adjourned to the tower for more ringing, and the bells were made good use of in methods up to London Surprise, the bells being lowered about eight o'clock, after a very enjoyable afternoon. It is hoped that the district will always be able to report such good meetings and fellowship as was evinced at this gathering.

THE FIRST MUFFLED PEAL?

To the Editor.

Sir,—Whilst examining some books in the reference library, I came across an account of a peal in a volume called 'Old English Churches,' by George Clinch, F.G.S., p. 135. In this he gives a quotation from 'Hones' Table Book,' vol. ii., p. 527, as follows:—

The following was formerly exhibited in one of the inns at Bromley, Kent.

'Rang at St. Peter's, Bromley, on the 15th January, 1817, by the Society of Bromley Youths, a complete peal of Grandsire Triples, which is 5,040 changes, with the bells muffled, in commemoration of Wm. Chapman, deceased, being a ringer in the parish of Bromley 43 years, and rang upwards of 60 peals. This dumb peal was completed in 3 hours and 6 minutes: Thos. Giles 1, R. D. Chapman 2, Wm. Sanger 3, G. Stone 4, Wm. King 5, Jno. Allen 6, Wm. Fuller 7, Jno. Green 8, being the first dumb peal of this kind ever rung in this kingdom, and conducted by J. Allen.'

The book also showed the design of a bell in a floral wreath, crudely drawn at the head of the above account, which seems to indicate that it was done on a simple placard, perhaps by one of the ringers or an artistic friend, and hung in the inn for all to see.

The peal itself, however, is of more importance. Has it been known previously as the first 'dumb peal,' meaning, I suppose, fully muffled; and, further, where is the placard to-day?

I was highly amused whilst the controversy on the 'nomenclature of methods' was going on. Some seem afraid of being ridiculed by the public when it reads of 'horticultural' methods being rung. As the subject is now under consideration by a committee one need not express an opinion on this, but I would like to draw attention to a somewhat similar case. Turn to the pages of any standard hymn book (organ copy), and notice the names the composers of hymn tunes have tacked on to their productions. Certainly few flowers are named, unless 'Rose of Sharon' was a flower, but there you will find almost every description of name, place names, colleges, saints, ideas, and commands, such as 'Follow me' (ideal for a plain hunting method). Evidently the musical composers were not troubled with fears as to the public opinion of their names, as the method composers are said to be. The title 'Angelus' was attached to a hymn tune composed in 1657; would it look any worse to apply it to bell music, where it rightly belongs in 1924? Another, 'Safe Home,' is applied to a modern tune; this might not be so applicable to a method, on account of being too optimistic—a rope might break, for instance. Now I will leave this fruitful garden of names for some more able searcher.—Yours faithfully,

Toronto.

P. LAFLIN.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION IN NEWCASTLE.

On Monday, October 20th a peal of Stedman Cinques was attempted at Newcastle Cathedral to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. Alfred Hillier, but was lost shortly after the half-way, through a change course. Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, had brought out a new composition (5,070 changes) especially for this occasion: E. Ferry 1, C. L. Routledge (conductor) 2, G. Rowell 3, T. H. Reeves (Birmingham) 4, J. A. Goffon 5, J. E. Goffon 6, J. W. Parker 7, R. A. Goffon 8, A. F. Hillier 9, T. T. Goffon 10, J. E. Keen 11, W. H. Barber 12.

The company was afterwards joined by Messrs. W. Story and R. Richards at the Half-Moon Hotel, and 'Old Alf,' as he is affectionately known in the ringing world, was presented with a silver snuff-box, which was inscribed as follows: 'Presented to Mr. Alfred Francis Hillier by members of the Newcastle Cathedral Guild of Change Ringers and other friends, on the occasion of his 70th birthday, as a token of their respect and esteem.'

The Ringing Master (Mr. Routledge), who presented it, wished him many happy returns, on behalf of all his friends, and said it was the best importation the Guild or the Diocesan Association ever had when Mr. Hillier deserted his native Crawley, in Sussex, to come to Newcastle 33 years ago. He was always to be relied on to turn up for service or peal ringing, and to do his best at the rope from treble to 9th—never any further!

The Brothers Goffon, with Messrs. Barber and Reeves, afterwards treated the company to a course of Stedman Cinques, and then the four brothers rang courses of London and Superlative Surprise, much to the delight and admiration of the company present.

PRESENTATION TO AN ILKESTON RINGER.

The members of the Ilkeston (Derbyshire) band have presented to Mr. H. Straw, one of their number, an oak inkstand suitably inscribed, on the occasion of his wedding. The presentation took place at Mapperley, where Mr. and Mrs. Straw now reside, on Oct. 11th. The Ilkeston ringers spending a very pleasant evening at the Black Horse. The Ringing Master handed the gift to Mr. Straw, in a happy little speech, and the recipient suitably replied. The inkstand was inscribed: 'Presented to Mr. and Mrs. H. Straw, in commemoration of their wedding, by the ringers of St. Mary's, Ilkeston, 1924.' During the evening, touches and tunes were rung on handbells, and some good songs were rendered. A course of Grandsire Triples was tapped by the Ringing Master on his weird peal of bells, to the amazement of the company.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

MR. J. W. PARKER'S CRITICISM.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I thank Mr. Trollope for his kindly word with me in your issue of October 17th. Certainly it smacks of the superior mind endeavouring to lead an erring one into the right way of thinking, but we may acquit Mr. Trollope of any intentional assumption of superiority.

If the purpose of his letter is to show that places are not of first importance in method construction, he is far from convincing.

A lack of confidence is created at the outset by his statement that he formerly regarded 'Places are the Method' as a self-evident fact. If at one time he, with the whole of the advanced school, believed this, and now consider it is false, then their change of mind at most reflects credit to their courage; but it casts a doubt on the infallibility of Mr. Trollope, which he assumes by saying, 'I know' at the end of his letter.

Further, his case is given away by the acknowledgment that, having the places of the method, you can without difficulty supply the rest, especially when it is remembered that 'the rest' is fixed by the places and cannot be changed, in any way, except by an alteration of the places. Thus, as he again admits, by putting down all the possible positions in which places may be made, all possible methods are obtained.

Then follow two statements which, in the light of the foregoing, are remarkable, and his justification for the statements is 'that cause must be before the effect in time.' Surely the advanced school must know that cause and effect may be simultaneous, and this being so, the two statements have no logical value.

Take the emphasised one, which states 'it is not true that any . . . reversal of hunting direction is caused by a place or places, and look at London Surprise. As the bells come below the treble they are hunting forward, in what may be termed the natural way, each bell, however, as it comes below the treble must make a place, which effects a change, and the bell is said to be hunting backward instead of in the natural way, until it makes another place. If the place is not made the bell continues to hunt forward, then does the place bring about the changed condition?

Further on the point of time, Mr. Trollope thinks that through some mental process I consider the places and the resultant dodging as a sequence. This can only be described as a bad guess, but would he like me to make a guess at the mental process which has brought him to the present pass on this question? Again, he should at least be consistent, for reading his letter which appeared in your issue of Sept. 12th I find the following in his explanation of what a method really is: 'The treble has made a step,' 'the treble has successively changed positions.' Does Mr. Trollope mean to say that consideration of time is not implied in making a step and in a succession?

Also in the same letter we find the following: 'If instead of making second's place you make seventh's when the treble is behind you get exactly the same results. We call either of them an extreme constructional shunt. The simplest group of methods will be constructed by (1) the extreme with the treble before. A "P" Court Shunt will, by itself, as you will find, cause one bell to lie still at lead.'

Do these not plainly state that a method is constructed by a place, that a place gives 'results,' and that there is a cause in methods?

Mr. Trollope likens a method to a triangle; this is not easy to grasp, but we may, for the purpose of argument, take his word for the relationship. Then, given the base and two angles what follows is inevitable, but given the same base and two other angles, what follows will be different from the first, inasmuch as the two sides will not be of the same length. This variation in the two triangles may be said to be caused by the change in the given angles. Similarly, if we fix the places of a method, what follows is inevitable, but if the disposition of the places is changed, variation in the method follows; then to say that this is caused by the disposition of the places would not be absurd.

It appears to me to be impossible for anyone to recognise a method as an expression of mathematical law if they have not found out what that law is. If expressed, it is shown.

We have heard and read of men in the dark, being on the open ground, who thought they were progressing, but when the light came they had only returned to their starting-point. I do not say that Mr. Trollope is in the same case, but there is the possibility, for his present theory is but one of places. He has very cleverly analysed and arranged them into shunts. Single shunts which preserve the coursing order, and combined places which first upset and then restore the coursing order, the whole operation being considered as the Shunt, but at the most they are only a selection of places which give desired results.

I must voice my appreciation of Mr. Trollope's last paragraph. It is entirely undeserved, but most of us are susceptible to flattery.

One could write a great deal on methods, but I have said enough, and will leave the last word to Mr. Trollope if he desires to have it, concluding here with a word about Mr. Powell's letter in your last

issue. In dealing with my illustration he entirely ignores or misses the important point, which is, that plain hunting, forward or backward, will only produce the rows in the block known as Original. Nothing else can be got without places.

The only important point in his letter is his views on leading and lying, which he regards as stagnation if the bell is stopping. He is quite wrong in saying 'nobody regards the two blows at lead or behind as stopping.' I for one certainly regard both as stopping or waiting till a bell has moved to change with the bell lying or leading. What else are they doing?

The remainder of Mr. Powell's letter, and his enlightening definitions, may be left to interested readers.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

THE REV. E. S. POWELL EXPLAINS.

Dear Sir,—The question put by 'Interested' is answered at least partially in the fourth paragraph of my last letter, though I fear not in a form which will answer his requirements. Perhaps I may be allowed to enlarge on it to some extent. Any true cause must be of such a character that it will always produce the same effect.

This is not so with an internal place. Consider the two sets of figures annexed. In the first set the second's place is made at the tenth change; in the second set the same place is made at the fifth change. The results are totally unlike, as anyone can see. Why? If the place is the cause, as is alleged, the effect of the second's place should be the same in both examples. I have never seen (nor am I ever likely to see) an explanation on the place-making theory, which does not introduce some alien idea. It must be the place and nothing but the place, or else the place theory must go altogether.

Let us see whether it is possible to find a different explanation which covers the ground and does provide an answer as the place theory fails to do. With a view to simplicity, we will assume that the treble is to have a plain hunting course. Following out the idea in my tentative definitions last week, we will also assume that the natural original motion of the bells is such that each of them pursues the one before it in the order 3-1-2-4-6-5-3. So long as the bells are allowed to continue thus, they tend to return to rounds, and will, in fact, do so at the end of twice as many changes as there are bells. In order to carry on and obtain a greater variety, we arrange that the treble shall advance one place in coursing order among the extreme bells. As by hypothesis the treble is to continue marching forward at an even pace, the other bells must take a step backwards, and then continue forward again. This can be done in several ways. For example, 2nd's place can be made at the treble's lead, and similarly when she is behind, or the bell coursing in front of the treble can make a pair of places next her as in Double Court, or one of these places can be made as the treble hunts up, and the other as she comes down. They are all alike in that what actually occurs is that the extreme bells all take a step backwards in coursing order relatively to the treble. The analogy of marching soldiers comes in again here, though the comparison must not be pushed too far. The men are supposed to be marching along a road each one pace in front of the next. One of them (the treble) carries on steadily; the others either take one step back and then continue their forward movement, as in Plain Bob or Double Court, or they mark time one pace on two separate occasions, as in Single Court. If this process be repeated the same number of times in each lead the bells will tend to return to rounds in as many leads as there are extreme bells.

While recognising your courtesy in providing a considerable amount of space for a subject which is very important in the interests of ringers generally, it is equally evident that it is not one in which most of your readers are directly concerned, and it is beyond expectation that you should find room for a full exposition of the subject. If 'Interested' or any other reader with similar views cares to write to me privately, I will do my best to give him a reasonable explanation of the principles for which we desire the consideration of students. After all, we are not politicians with axes to grind, but students anxious to discover all the truth that can be known.

In one small point 'Interested' misunderstood my earlier letter. Neither place nor dodge is the 'cause.' What can be said for the place as 'cause' or against it, applies equally to the dodge.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

RINGERS' BEREAVEMENT.

At Aldrington, Sussex, on Tuesday, Oct. 14th, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: A. White 1, G. Steele 2, M. Broomfield 3, R. Stradwick 4, F. Trusler 5, W. White (conductor) 6. Also 360 of Cambridge and 120 London Minor. E. Godley taking part. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of sympathy to B. S. and A. Cherryman, two ringers of the local band, on the death of their mother.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**THE FORTHCOMING MEETING AT HIGH WYCOMBE.***To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—For the benefit of those readers of the 'Ringing World' who are wondering what to make of the position of affairs in E. Berks and S. Bucks, I would like to place the following facts before them:—

1. The All Saints' Society, High Wycombe, 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 from the 31st December next (1923). (See 'R.W.', July 27th, 1923, page 475.)
2. The following members of the High Wycombe band have paid their subscriptions to the Oxford Diocesan Guild for the year 1924: Messrs. F. W. Boxell, E. R. Coles, R. Coles, S. T. Goodchild, F. Hayes, W. H. Plumridge, G. Twitchen, and G. White.
3. The tower of High Wycombe was applied for by me for a branch meeting, and refused, on the grounds that the Master ruled it as 'out of court' for an annual meeting; also that they were expecting repairs to the tower to be commenced.
4. None of the High Wycombe band have attended any E.B. and S.B. branch meetings this year, although a notice has been sent each month to the foreman of the tower, and, the tower at Hughenden, where a meeting was held on Saturday last, is only two miles from High Wycombe.

Reading between the lines, and incidentally noticing the date of the invitation to High Wycombe, it would appear that the attitude of the High Wycombe band is not friendly to the well-being of the Guild. If the members of this band wish to discuss Guild business and rules, why on earth cannot they bestir themselves to attend an official meeting, and get acquainted with what is happening, in a proper manner, instead of giving the impression that their whole object is to destroy the efforts of those who work only for the advancement of the art of change ringing, and the success of the Oxford Diocesan Guild? We have the whole-hearted support of the majority of towers in our branch, whose members are in sympathy with our aims, so that there will always be an East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and it is not impossible to get another 12 bell tower in the branch.

The meeting at High Wycombe on Nov. 8th, has no official status or support, and, therefore, cannot pass any resolution which will alter the rules or proceedings of the Oxford Diocesan Guild.—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR D. BARKER, Hon. District Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**LUTON DISTRICT MEETING.**

A very successful meeting was held at Woburn on Saturday, members being present from Bedford, Dunstable, Luton, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard, and the local tower, welcome visitors being Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Richardson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Ayre, of Surfleet and Leverstock, respectively. The bells were kept busy throughout the afternoon and evening, with an interval for tea, which was held at King's Restaurant.

The short business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. King (president of the branch).

Mr. W. Ayre was elected a life member of the association, and Luton selected for the next meeting on November 22nd.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the tower was then again visited.

The methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. John's Church, Portmadoc, N. Wales on Saturday, Oct. 18th, on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. F. J. Williams, one of the ringers at this church, and Miss Dora Thompson, of Ashley, Newmarket, Cambs, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: R. Richards (first quarter) 1, R. McMillan (first inside) 2, H. McMillan 3, H. Roberts (conductor) 4, J. Owen 5, J. V. Humphreys 6, P. Roberts 7, E. Brown 8.

THE LADIES' GUILD.**CENTRAL DISTRICT TO BE REVIVED.**

A most successful meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held at St. Clement Danes, Strand, on Saturday, Oct. 18th. Seventeen members were present from Croydon, Clapham, Dorking, Enfield, Edmonton, Lewisham, Guildford, Hillingdon, Ealing, Finsbury Park, Kensington and Holloway. The methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major. Stedman and Grandsire Caters were

rung by ten of the members, and Double Norwich with seven taking part.

At the business meeting it was decided to revive the Central District, and Mrs. F. I. Hairs was elected secretary.

The next meeting will be held at Beckenham in January. In view of the enthusiasm displayed by all the members at this meeting, there is every prospect that the district will flourish.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

The autumn meeting of the above district was held at Chiddingstone on Saturday, Oct. 18th, and was attended by upwards of 30 members. Service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. C. Salmon), and Mr. W. E. Pitman, of Canterbury, presided at the organ. The Rector's warden (Mr. W. G. Birt) was also present. Tea was partaken of at the Castle Inn, followed by the business meeting. The Rector presided, supported by his warden, and Mr. G. Hale, people's warden.

The election of one non-resident life member was confirmed, and the members of the Hadlow band were re-elected, their tower having been out of union for some years.

Votes of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens, to Mr. Pitman, and to Mr. Longley, local secretary, brought the meeting to a close, and the members adjourned to the tower, where some good practice in various methods was obtained during the afternoon and evening.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**WESTERN BRANCH.**

On Saturday, Oct. 18th, a very successful meeting was held at Madresfield, nearly every company of the branch being represented. It was the more encouraging from the fact that many young members were present. Service was conducted by the Rector, who gave a very interesting address. Tea, kindly provided by the Rev. F. G. and Mrs. Copeland, was partaken of in the Recreation Room, kindly lent by Earl Beauchamp.

At the business meeting which followed, it was arranged that the next quarterly peal should be attempted at Madresfield. Mr. W. Rafterford to be conductor. The next meeting is to be at Powick.

The officers were all re-elected.

The Secretary urged the members to approach their respective Vicars and churchwardens to become hon. members, and annually collect their subscriptions.

The Rector, having travelled much abroad, especially in Australia, greatly amused the company by his fund of stories.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to all who had helped to make such a successful meeting.

Mr. S. T. Holt, the Branch Master, ably supervised the ringing so that all had a pull. There were rounds for the beginners, and the methods ranged up to London Surprise for the more advanced.

MUFFLED RINGING.

At Ilkeston, Derbyshire, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, for morning service, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Dr. R. Wood, J.P., touches of 336 of Grandsire Triples and 504 of Stedman Triples. For evening service a quarter-peal of Stedman was attempted, but lost in the 12th course. Afterwards the 'whole pull and stand' was rung 80 times, representing the deceased gentleman's age. Also on Tuesday, October 14th, after the funeral, several touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob and the 'whole pull and stand.' The ringers taking part were: E. C. Gobey, H. Harrison, C. J. Baker, J. F. George, I. Hufton, E. Fletcher, F. Tarlton, W. Tarr, L. King, W. Diffe, E. F. Gobey, H. Fletcher, Miss M. Spencer and Miss E. M. Gobey. H. Straw, E. C. Gobey and H. Harrison shared the conducting.

Dr. and Mrs. Wood defrayed the expense of having the 5th bell recast in 1902, and also in 1910, when the whole peal were recast.

DEDICATION OF ELTHAM BELLS.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—I should be glad if you would allow me to announce, through your paper, that the bells and clock of Eltham, Kent, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Southwark on Saturday next, Nov. 1st, at 6.30 p.m.

I should also like to state that, except for a quarter peal of Bob Major which will be rung by the local ringers and friends immediately after the service, there will be no other ringing.

We shall, however, welcome any who would like to try the bells at our practice nights—Thursdays, at 7.30 p.m.—Yours faithfully,

W. ANDERSON, Hon. Secretary.

SUTTON-ON-TRENT.—On Wednesday, Oct. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: N. Moxon 1, H. Cafferatta 2, Miss G. Burchall 3, Miss K. Burchall 4, E. A. Midwinter 5, J. Semper (conductor) 6. This is the first quarter-peal by all, and the first on the new bells. Much credit is due to the ringers, especially the instructor, Mr. Semper, who has had them under tuition for such a short time.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

PITSFORD.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Hodson 1, C. Maltby 2, R. Maltby 3, I. Bennett 4, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 5.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 1, F. Stacey 2, W. Seeley 3, P. Parslow 4, W. L. Oakley 5, C. H. Horton 6, F. A. Smith 7, W. Simons 8.

WARMINSTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, at the Minster Church of St. Denys, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: E. F. White 1, J. Gard 2, Mrs. W. T. Witts 3, J. Francis 4, F. Ashworth 5, G. Webster (first quarter-peal) 6, F. Precey 7, E. Marlow, senr., 8. All are local ringers with the exception of J. Francis, who belongs to Trowbridge.

KILNDOWN, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), being 720 of Oxford Bob, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and 180 of Plain Bob: J. Waghorn, junr., 1, J. Waghorn, senr., 2, F. Foreman 3, A. Relfe 4, F. Paltenden (conductor) 5, G. Waghorn 6.

ABBOTTS LEIGH, Near BRISTOL.—On October 19th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Bennett 1, E. Frampton 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman 4, H. Knight (first 720 of Oxford) 5, L. H. Moore 6. After service, 240 of Cambridge.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes): A. J. Green (conductor) 1, C. Read 2, L. Smith 3, D. Chexfield 4, F. Case 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Read 7, T. Roberts 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells by the Towcester and District Association, and by all the band, who are all Sunday Service ringers.

MANSFIELD, NOTTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples: L. W. Jacques 1, Mrs. L. W. Jacques (conductor) 2, J. Bleby 3, T. Bettison 4, H. Allsop 5, Rev. R. F. Wilkinson 6, C. Carr 7, A. Thurman 8.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for morning service, 720 Violet: J. Beresford 1, A. Edwards 2, W. Cornwell (first 720 as conductor) 3, H. Beresford 4, H. Cornwell 5, E. Edwards 6.—For evening service, 720 Duke of York: E. Bradshaw 1, J. Cartledge 2, W. Cornwell (conductor) 3, A. W. Hall 4, H. Beresford 5, E. Edwards 6.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKSHIRE.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, 608 Bob Major: A. Marshall 1, A. Blackburn 2, F. Hodgson (conductor) 3, T. Scott 4, J. Banks 5, R. Goddard 6, E. Betts 7, W. Thomas 8.—On Monday, for handbell practice, 672 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Hodgson (conductor) 1—2, A. Marshall 3—4, E. Betts 5—6, J. Banks 7—8.

ECCELESTON, CHESHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for the harvest festival, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Salisbury 1, W. Morgan 2, S. Jones, senr., 3, S. Jones, junr., 4, G. Jones 5, W. Thomas 6, H. W. Wilde (composer and conductor) 7, H. Thomas 8.

RETTENDEN, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 22 mins.: W. Jay 1, A. Cardy 2, Gunner W. May, R.F.A., 3, R. Whetton 4, F. May (conductor) 5, F. Jay 6.

MARKET DRAYTON, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Parker's 12-part, in 44 mins.: D. Green (first quarter-peal) 1, T. Butler 2, A. M. Hickman 3, W. Lycett 4, T. R. Butler 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, W. Weatherby 7, G. Hall 8.

LONDON, E.C.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: J. Hawkins 1, R. Green 2, J. Bullock (conductor) 3, C. Choct 4, A. Darnell 5, G. Shipp 6, E. Russell 7, E. Brett 8.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 12th, being harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes) was rung in 45 mins.: W. Henniker 1, L. Prior 2, W. Good 3, A. Mills 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, J. Clifford 6.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, at St. Augustine's Church, for harvest festival, evensong, a quarter-peal of Minor (1,260 changes), in 42 mins., consisting of 360 Double Court, 180 Plain Bob, 720 St. Clement's: G. Lovell (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss P. Hare 2, Miss K. Moore 3, T. Little (first quarter-peal) 4, S. H. Hoare (Watford, Herts), 5, H. Hoare, junr. (conductor), 6.

BRAY, BERKS.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 46 mins.: J. Worsfold 1, J. N. Beale 2, P. Morris 3, A. Crocker 4, F. J. Russell (conductor) 5, B. Ludlow 6.

WORKSOP.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes): Miss Winroc (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, G. Hardwick 2, G. Tansley 3, W. H. Johnson, V.C., 4, H. Jordan 5, E. Clarke 6, T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew 8. Conducted by W. H. Johnson, V.C. and was his first quarter as conductor.

BUSHEY, HERTS.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, at St. James's Church, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,296 changes): F. Stacey 1, J. J. Allen 2, R. Darlow 3, C. H. Horton 4, W. G. Whitehead 5, F. A. Smith 6, M. F. R. Hibbert (conductor) 7, W. Seeley 8. This quarter-peal, composed by A. J. Pitman, contains 108 4.6's, 6.7's and 7.4's.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th for evensong, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 47 mins.: G. Jennings (first quarter on ten bells) 1, E. G. Talbot 2, Charles H. Kippin 3, A. Arnold 4, T. Talbot 5, A. J. Trappitt 6, B. Newson 7, J. W. Trappitt 8, F. E. Darby (first quarter-peal as conductor) 9, T. A. Bohannon 10. All are Sunday Service ringers here except the ringer of the 7th.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Margaret's, on Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evensong, 720 Middlesex Surprise Royal: W. Nudds 1, W. H. Hewett 2, G. R. Pye 3, F. I. Hairs 4, C. T. Coles 5, A. W. Coles 6, J. E. Davis 7, H. Clark 8, R. Sanders 9, W. Pye (conductor) 10. Also 360, with Mrs. F. I. Hairs on 2nd; and 180 Double Norwich Royal, with J. A. Trollope and C. W. R. Greenwood taking part.

CHELMSFORD.—At Chelmsford Cathedral, on Sunday morning, Oct. 12th, on the occasion of the handing over to the care of the cathedral authorities the banner of Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath of the late Field-Marshal Sir Evelyn Wood, V.C., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,277 changes): F. Tolworthy 1, L. J. Clark 2, H. Mansfield 3, A. Saltmarsh 4, P. Timson 5, A. Head 6, F. Chalk 7, J. Wood 8, C. Pease (conductor) 9, F. Cooper 10.—A quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major was rung at All Saints' Church, Writtle, on Saturday, Oct. 18th: L. Thrift 1, F. Edwards 2, T. Lincoln 3, J. Wood 4, C. Pease 5, E. Buckingham 6, W. Lincoln (conductor) 7, A. Head 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the 1st and 2nd.

LONDON.—At the Church of All Saints', Wandsworth, on Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Wandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: D. Collins 1, L. Attwater 2, T. J. Holloway 3, E. Bish 4, H. N. Pistow (conductor) 5, J. Rumley 6, W. S. Langdon 7, J. Taylor (first quarter-peal) 8.

W. KEEBLE'S 400 PEALS

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Minor	38	29	1	1
Grandsire Triples	3			
Bob Major	10	7	25	22
Bob Royal			2	1
Double Norwich Major	36	20	6	5
Double Norwich Royal	1			
Oxford Treble Bob Major	6	4	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	15	12	16	12
Kent Treble Bob Royal	10	3	4	1
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1			
Stedman Triples	11		1	
Stedman Caters	10		2	
Stedman Cinques	3		1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	15	9		
New Cambridge Surprise Major	18	8	4	1
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3			
Superlative Surprise Major	74	37	9	4b
Bristol Surprise Major	10	3	3	1
London Surprise Major	55	30	5	1
Total	319	162	81	50

a Includes record 14,112; b Includes one rung non-conducted. These 400 peals were rung with 353 ringers, including 50 of the name of William, in 26 counties, 117 towers, and under 15 associations. Two were in Scotland, two in Wales, eight in Ireland and 388 in England.

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THE CURFEW BELL.**A PROTEST AGAINST ITS DISCONTINUANCE.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—It is high time that a public protest was made against a flagrant abuse, which has become alarmingly common during the past few years, namely, the arbitrary discontinuance of the curfew in many of our English towns. Persons with so little reverence for antiquity—whether they be incumbents, churchwardens or church councillors—as to abolish a romantic old custom of a thousand years' standing, are obviously not fit to be entrusted with the care of our ancient churches. Moreover, in many cases the generous piety of the past has provided endowments for the express purpose of perpetuating the usage of the curfew for ever, and to divert these bequests to any other object is a gross misappropriation of funds held on trust.

Some few ignoble utilitarians might object that the curfew no longer serves any practical purpose, and, therefore, should not be continued. This argument would prove too much; it would involve, for instance, the immediate abolition of all ecclesiastical vestments and ornaments. But neither is it entirely true. By ordering the closing of shops at 8 p.m. the Government have, to some extent, reproduced the conditions of an earlier age, when curfew law was in force, so that the present is the least reasonable time that could be chosen for doing away with this venerable custom on the pretence that it has ceased to have any meaning.

It is true that by way of compensation a number of churches have revived the Angelus, and a few the Peace bell, but in most cases the Angelus is sounded only at noon (instead of the traditional thrice daily), so that it entirely lacks the romance of 'Sunset and evening bell,' which ever imparts a poetic charm to the sound of the curfew, while it generally consists of nothing else than a prescribed number of strokes produced by the feeble tap of a chiming hammer—in audible beyond the immediate vicinity of the church, and to the general public indistinguishable from a clock striking the hour. The majestic roll and deep, full tone of the curfew bell, raised and lowered, is on the other hand a sound to appeal to the imagination with a sense of solemn awe and reverence. Wherever this custom, hallowed by immemorial usage, has been handed down to the present generation, it should be their care and their pride to preserve for posterity the heritage of the historic past.—Yours faithfully,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

DEATH OF HEREFORD'S OLDEST RINGER.

On Saturday, October 4th, there passed away Hereford city's oldest ringer, in the person of Mr. John J. Jones, who was 78 years of age. Deceased had been in failing health for the last three years, and it was obvious to his many friends that he was getting gradually weaker. The writer has no record of his ever having rung any peals, as his opportunities for change ringing came late in life. He was one of the first to help to found the Hereford Guild in the year 1886, and was a staunch supporter up to his death. He was secretary of the Cathedral company, and was a great peacemaker.

The funeral took place on October 9th at Hereford Cemetery, the members of the Cathedral band following the coffin, with a floral emblem in the shape of a bell. A wreath was also sent by the Guild. Mr. J. G. Buchanan was present at the service, held at St. Peter's, and also at the Cemetery, accompanied by the present Master, Mr. C. Edwards.

In the evening, the Cathedral bells were rung, half-muffled, a 396 of Grandsire Caters being brought round, conducted by C. Edwards; and three courses conducted by W. H. Williams. At All Saints, on Sunday, October 12th, 504 Stedman Triples was rung, half-muffled, for evening service.

BEEDON RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.**FIFTY-FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE.**

On Saturday, Oct. 25th, at the Old Vicarage, Beedon, Berks, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Curtis celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Curtis has been a ringer at Beedon Church for 55 years, and a chorister for the same period, as well as acting as clerk and sexton for 39 years. He is now 76 years of age, and still a regular ringer and singer. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have four sons and three daughters living, the former all being ringers taught by their father.

The venerable couple received many congratulations and presents from family and friends, and in the afternoon, in honour of the event, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), with different callings, was rung in 43 minutes, by the following members of the Oxford Guild, Mr. Curtis ringing his first quarter peal: T. Curtis, junr., 1. C. Poole 2. A. Smith 3. S. Quintin 4. H. W. Curtis (conductor) 5. T. Curtis, senr., 6.

Afterwards a short touch was rung by father and four sons, with J. Wakefield (Beedon) tenor. The ringers then adjourned to the Old Vicarage for tea, etc., and a very happy evening was spent.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The 287th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m., preceded by a service at St. Michael's College Hill, at 5.15. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young. To insure seating accommodation it will be a great help if tickets are purchased on or before Nov. 5th. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.45; St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Magnus, St. Clement Danes and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3 to 4.45 p.m.—W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

LADIES' GUILD.—Exeter and District.—The annual business meeting will be held at Woodbury (in conjunction with the Devon Guild Supplementary Meeting) on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at 3.15. Service 4.30. Tea 5. Ringing: Topsham, at 2 p.m.; Woodbury, 4; Lymington, 6.30. All lady ringers invited.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Thomas, Helmsford, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at St. Olave's, Hart Street, E.C., and All Hallows, Barking, on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells available at both churches from 3.30 p.m. Short service, with address by the Rev. T. Wellard, at St. Olave's at 5 p.m. Tea, at a charge to cover cost, at All Hallows Church Room at 5.45. Business meeting afterwards. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—The Annual meeting of this district will be held at Feering on Saturday, November 1st. The bells will be available during the afternoon, a service will be held in the church at 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Bell Inn afterwards. As this is the meeting for the election of officers for the ensuing year it is hoped that all ringers will make an effort to be present.—W. H. Dyson, Dist. Sec.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1st, at Swineshead. Bells (8) available at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. Business meeting immediately afterwards. A bus leaves Boston Market Place at 2 p.m., returning at 6.45 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.—John Phillips, Hon. Sec., School House, Butterwick, near Boston.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Milton Ernest on Saturday, 1st November. Bells from 2.30, tea at 5 p.m.—L. Turner, Dist. Sec., 7, High St., Kempston, Beds.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The autumn meeting will be held at Churchill on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Bells (6) available 1.30. Service 4. Tea and meeting afterwards. All members and ringing friends welcome.—J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

GUILD OF DEVONSHIRE RINGERS.—Exeter Branch.—A supplementary meeting of the above will be held at Woodbury on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. The following towers will be open: Woodbury (8), Clyst St. George (6), Topsham (6), Lymington (6). All ringers welcome. — J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Watford Branch. — Practice meeting, Nov. 1st, at St. Mary's, Watford. Ringing from 5 p.m. till 7 p.m. and 8 till 9. —Charles H. Horton, 53, Aldenham Road, Bushey.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of the Winchester District will be held at Winchester on Saturday, Nov. 1st. The Cathedral bells (12) will be available from 2 o'clock (by kind permission of the Dean); also St. Maurice (6). Service in Cathedral at 4. Tea and meeting in St. Maurice Hall at 5.—W. T. Tucker, 71, High Street, Eastleigh.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Poynton on Saturday, Nov. 1st. Service 4 p.m. Tea 4.45 p.m. — John P. Fidler, Hon. Sec.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Wotton-under-Edge Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Thornbury on Saturday (to-morrow), Nov. 1st. Bells from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5 o'clock. — W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for November: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 2nd, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 10th and the 24th, at 7.30. St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 17th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. General Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Nov. 4th (nomination night); Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th (election night); all at 7.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—Quarterly meeting at Pickering on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from one o'clock, or earlier, if desired. Tea at the Black Swan for all who notify the secretary not later than Wednesday, Nov. 5th (2s. per head). Business meeting immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid on or before this meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden

on Saturday, Nov. 8th (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. A. L. Man). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. The usual travelling allowance will be paid to members attending. All members intending to be present kindly advise me not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, HIGH WYCOMBE. — The members of this society cordially invite all members of belfries within the area covered by the East Berks and South Bucks Branch to a meeting, to be held at High Wycombe on Saturday, Nov. 8th, to discuss the position created by the decision to hold the annual festival of the Guild at Oxford. It will be proposed that Rule X. be altered to read: 'The annual meeting to be held in the three Archdeaconries in turn, and that members here assembled pledge themselves to attend and vote for this alteration at the Guild Festival.' Bells (12) available 2.15 to 4.30. Service 4.30. Tea (6d. each), Church House, 5. Meeting 5.45. Chairman, the Rev. F. M. Molyneux, Vicar of High Wycombe. Will those intending to be present at tea kindly notify me on or before Nov. 6th?—Geo. Twitchen, Hon. Sec., Wycombe Belfry, 17, Totteridge Road, High Wycombe, Bucks.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The last meeting of the year will take place at St. John's, Hillingdon, on November 8th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by the 6th at 5.30. All ringers welcome and their friends.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 3.30. Service 4.45. Tea, Parish Room, 5.30 p.m., 9d. each, to those notifying me not later than Nov. 4th.—C. Edwards, Dist. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (Cathedral 12 and St. Marie's 8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. (revision of rules, etc.). — T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All requiring tea please notify F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Church Street, Frodsham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—Members are invited to attend the reopening of the bells (6) at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Tea, free to those who send me word not later than Tuesday, Nov. 4th.—A. Wilkerson, Hon. Gen. Sec., 68, Norman Avenue, Nuneaton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Miles Platting on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—Meeting at Hart-hill (Kiveton Park Station, L.N.E. Railway) on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready early. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. at reasonable price if sufficient members notify Tom Laking, Harthill, Sheffield, not later than Nov. 5th. Please note this is important.—H. Haigh and H. Weaver, Hon. Secs.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Galleywood on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available during afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at Horse and Groom. Will all members intending to be present please notify me on or before Wednesday, Nov. 5th?—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8). Service in the church 4.30. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Will all members try to attend? Special business.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting of the Association will be held at Burslem on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available from 3 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Annual committee meeting 6 p.m.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, Nov. 15th. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawher Road, Barnsley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 15th. 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 Nov. 8th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hersham on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

ABERAVON, GLAM.—On Saturday, Oct. 18th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, members of the Swanson and Brecon Guild rang a quarter-peal (1,280 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins.: E. Phillips 1, D. J. Lewis 2, J. Bloxham 3, R. Ellis 4, H. Boyce 5, S. T. Backham 6, E. Stille 7, J. Hammond (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method on the bells, and for all the band.

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'WHAT'S WRONG?'

There is food for reflection in the letter of the Rev. R. H. Whitford, which appeared in our last issue, in which he points out one answer to the inquiry of 'What's wrong?' in those associations where there is a falling off in the attendance at district meetings. Mr. Whitford suggests that too much is crowded into the time at the disposal of ringers, and that the actual ringing takes but second place. This is probably true of some meetings, and his suggestions for remedying the matter may well be seriously considered in those quarters where they apply.

It must, of course, be borne in mind that meetings are called for the purpose of transacting the business of the associations, and those who attend are aware of this before they go. Often, however, except when it is an annual meeting, there is little more than a few routine items to be disposed of, which, under an efficient chairman, can usually be dealt with in a few minutes. The business portion of the proceedings therefore need not cause any serious loss of time. Nevertheless, there is a way to reduce even the present minimum, and that is for the members to hand over the transaction of all routine business to their committee, leaving the general discussion of affairs for the annual meeting only, in the same way as the business of many organisations is run. What is the use of a committee if they have nothing to do, or are given no responsibility? They might well be entrusted with the conduct of the affairs of our associations and asked to give an account of their stewardship annually—that is, if the members want more time at their disposal for ringing at their ordinary meetings.

Our correspondent's inquiry as to whether it is always necessary to have a service touches a rather delicate point. The practice has grown up as our associations have come in closer contract with the Church, and there are many who would seriously object to forgoing this feature of the meetings. What might, perhaps, be done in some cases is to curtail the length of these services and to omit the sermon. Often the latter is devoted to giving ringers a historical survey of bells, with which they are already well acquainted, or to a homily upon their duties and responsibilities which has now become so hackneyed as to have lost much of its influence if not of its importance. It is rarely that ringers are treated to a discourse which has anything original in it, and if it is desired to add to the time available for ringing at these gatherings the sermon might be cut out without any serious loss, for the act of corporate worship would in itself be sufficient. We put these two suggestions forward as means of, at any rate, partly meeting the objections voiced by the Rev. R. H. Whitford.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY Treble	ROBERT HOLLOWAY 6
WILLIAM E. GARRARD 2	JOSEPH MILNER 7
GEORGE W. FRAYNE 3	HARRY A. FOLKARD 8
WILLIAM E. JUDD 4	HERBERT LANGDON 9
PERCY E. CLARK 5	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... Tenor

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Tenor 15 cwt. in D.

JOHN WALDEN Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES 6
JOHN W. WOOD 2	HORACE M. DAY 7
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 3	ARTHUR I. HOLMES 8
JOHN W. LAKE 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 5	THE REV. H. LAW JAMES ... Tenor

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* First peal of Cambridge Royal.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On All Saints' Day, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lb. in D flat.

MAURICE SWINFELD ... Treble	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	REDDERS F. ELKINGTON ... 7
JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYRE ... 8
HAROLD J. POOLE ... 4	ERNEST MORRIS ... 9
EDWARD WHITEHEAD ... 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... Tenor

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AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

ALBERT J. HUGHES ... Treble	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	JOHN PERRY ... 7
HERBERT KNIGHT ... 3	EDWARD V. RODENHURST ... 8
ROBERT PICKERING ... 4	WILLIAM FISHER ... 9
BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 5	THOMAS SMITH ... Tenor

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On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A. J. PITMAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE VEREY ... Treble	ERNEST W. BEADSMORE ... 5
THOMAS MEREDITH ... 2	JOSEPH SLADE ... 6
MAURICE SWINFELD ... 3	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 7
CHARLES DRAPER ... 4	LEONARD BRADWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by M. SWINFELD.

The above was arranged for the ringers of the treble and tenor as their first peal. They belong to the local band. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for his hospitality after the peal.

MONK'S KIRBY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt. in D.

DENTER'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN W. CHANDLER... ..Treble	ALFRED G. GRANT 5
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
ERNEST W. TIPLER 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
*GEORGE WATSON 4	ERNEST E. LINES ... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First peal in the method, and first attempt.

MRITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF LITTLE CANTERBURY MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ...Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY 6
EDWIN BARNETT, JUN. 3	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY... .. 4	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is believed to be the first peal of Little Canterbury ever rung.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOHN DENNER ... ..Treble	SAMUEL OAKES 5
JAMES BOLTON 2	*ARTHUR BURTON 6
BEN WELSBY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JAMES DENNER 4	ROBERT DENNERTenor

Composed by S. BIDDLESTONE.

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

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THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Monday, October 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

WILLIAM STURGESS ...Treble	JOSEPH DEAN 5
*J. W. GEORGE WEBB 2	*JACK DOVE 6
TOM TEBBUTT 3	WILLIAM R. PARKER 7
WALTER H. AUSTIN 4	*ARTHUR STARNERTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM R. PARKER.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S No. 1.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*JOHN TAYLOR ... ..Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
THOMAS F. KING 3	ARTHUR PRINCE 7
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT 4	FRANK PEARCETenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

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HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 11 cwt. 5 lb. in F.

†JAMES BAINTreble	†JAMES H. EVANS 5
†CHARLES W. LEE 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 6
*JOHN GRIFFITHS 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY... .. 7
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	†WILLIAM T. GOODFELLOW Tenor

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. All the above belong to St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, and form the youngest band to ring a peal of Stedman in the county of Salop.

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*ARTHUR WATERS ... ..Treble	FRED. COTTON 5
*HENRY C. WEBB 2	EDGAR VALLANCE 6
*HENRY WRIGHT... .. 3	*GEORGE P. GARNER 7
*GEORGE THOMPSON 4	EDWIN H. STONELEY ...Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the Feast of All Saints. The ringers convey their thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(THRAPSTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qr. 22 lb.

JAMES M. NICKERSON ...Treble	GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. 5
*FRANCIS KIRK 2	FRED STOBBS 6
GEORGE JEFFS, SEN. 3	FRANK KIRK 7
DANIEL REDHEAD 4	LESLIE GROOM ... ..Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES.

Conducted by J. M. NICKERSON.

* First peal, and first attempt. Rung on the 11th anniversary of the rehanging of the peal. The band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. George Jeffs, after the peal.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

JOSEPH A. FENTON ... ..Treble	ALFRED G. GRANT 5
ERNEST W. TIPLER 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON 6
JOHN W. CHANDLER 3	WALTER MALINS 7
*RICHARD J. JACKSON 4	GEORGE BROUGHTON ... ..Tenor

Conducted by W. MALINS.

* First peal. Ringers of 4th and tenor elected members previous to starting. Rung in honour of All Saints' Day.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE TEMPLE ... ..Treble	*FRANK MERRETT 5
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 2	HENRY W. BROWN 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS 3	GILBERT H. HARDING 7
THEODORE GRANT 4	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

* First peal. Rung on All Saints' Day, and as a birthday compliment to H. W. Brown.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lb.

†SIDNEY ELTON Treble	WILLIAM T. POWELL ... 5
GEORGE PEATE 2	EDGAR T. SMITH ... 6
JOSEPH BIRCH 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ... 7
JOHN C. ADAMS 4	*SAMUEL SHARRATT ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. Rung on the festival of All Saints, for the 37th anniversary of the bells and the dedication festival. Mr. G. Peate is on a visit from Melbourne, Australia.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM... Treble	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 5
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 6
JAMES DURRANT ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 4	WILLIAM TILLET ... Tenor

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES. Conducted by G. E. SYMONDS.

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CHERTSEY SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

HUBERT J. CHAFFEY ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5
JOHN B. HESSEY ... 2	JOHN A. COLE ... 6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... 7
*GEORGE PETTER ... 4	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside bell. This was the conductor's 100th peal of Stedman Triples on tower bells.

BUCKLEY, FLINTSHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... Treble	JAMES H. RIDING ... 5
*THOMAS BUTLER ... 2	WILLIAM CATHERALL ... 6
JOHN W. DAVIES ... 3	THOMAS R. BUTLER ... 7
WILLIAM JONES ... 4	GEORGE R. JONES ... Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major in the method.

GREAT STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORD AND MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

†GEORGE HUGHES ... Treble	†CHARLES DYKE ... 5
†STEPHEN HOARE ... 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ... 6
GEORGE SPENCER ... 3	JOSEPH MILNER ... 7
JOHN H. EDWARDS ... 4	*ARTHUR BUCKELL ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal away from the tenor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. G. F. L. Bernays, who is leaving Stanmore for Finchley. Also as a silver wedding compliment to the ringer of the treble. Mr. G. Spencer and Mr. J. Milner were elected members of the Hertford Association before starting for the peal. This is the first peal on the bells since they were augmented to eight by Mears and Stainbank.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

THOMAS B. WORSLEY ... Treble	TITUS BARLOW ... 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 2	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 6
JAMES BOLTON ... 3	EDWARD JENKINS ... 7
WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 4	ERNEST CUTSFORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by T. B. WORSLEY.

Specialy arranged for W. Robinson, of Ambleside, whose first peal of Stedman Triples it was.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. FLEMING ... Treble	ERNEST E. LANHAM ... 5
ALBERT FLEMING ... 2	*WILLIAM J. BUTTON ... 6
GEORGE WHITING ... 3	T. WILLIAM LAST ... 7
GEORGE PRYKE ... 4	LESLIE G. BRETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by T. W. LAST.

* First peal in the method by W. J. Button, and first in any method with a working bell.

BINGHAM, NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WHITE ... Treble	ARTHUR W. WARD ... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 2	JOHN W. KIRTON ... 6
CLARENCE BRIGGS ... 3	WALTER WHITE ... 7
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 4	CUTHBERT T. H. BRADLEY Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Rung on the second anniversary of the opening of the bells, and for the festival of All Saints.

DAYBROOK, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

F. A. SALTER ... Treble	F. BRADLEY ... 5
*H. F. CLULOW ... 2	†J. A. BARRATT ... 6
L. CHADBORN ... 3	*A. J. CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
G. WEST ... 4	*G. B. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BARRATT.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. G. B. Wright, who was proposed a member before starting, obliged the band, after they had met short for Stedman. Rung in commemoration of All Saints' Day. First peal on the bells since 1908.

HADLOW, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HUBBARD'S TEN-PART No. 1.

HARRY RABBITT ... Treble	THOMAS SMITHERS ... 5
LEONARD S. PARIS ... 2	LEWIS NEWMAN ... 6
*JAMES VANNS ... 3	TOM SAUNDERS ... 7
ARTHUR H. READER ... 4	*ALBERT PIPER ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM SAUNDERS.

* First peal.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

GRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

SIX BELL PEALS.

PAULTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Single Court and three each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM ROSEWELL Treble	RONALD BECK 4
REGINALD BECK 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
ALEC MUNDY 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

FINCHLEY.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Colledge Single, Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

* FREDERICK CHERRETT ... Treble	ERNEST H. TUBB 4
FREDERICK S. TUBB 2	BERTRAM F. TUBB 5
* WILLIAM P. BLAKE 3	FREDERICK J. BARKER ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. BARKER.

* First peal. The above peal was rung as a farewell, and a mark of great esteem to the Rector, the Prebendary W. St. Hill Bourne, on his retirement, after 25 years as Rector of Finchley. The above are all local ringers, and join in wishing him all happiness and comfort in his retirement.

BONVILSTON, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of Kent, two of Canterbury, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE LARGE Treble	LEWIS WRIGHT 4
WM. B. BISS 2	FRANK J. BAILEY 5
FREDK. J. BAILEY 3	FREDK. CHAMBERLAIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WM. B. BISS.

First peal of Minor on the bells, and in three methods, by all except the conductor. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. E. Thomas and Mrs. Harrington for their kind hospitality after the peal.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

FRANK HAYES Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
ALBERT HOWARD 2	WALTER F. SERMONS 5
HARRY HOWARD 3	ROBERT HOWARD Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

HENDON, N.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Chester, Canterbury, Carlisle, Beverley, York, Cambridge and London Surprise. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 11 lb.

GEORGE DAWSON Treble	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 4
* MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
ALFRED PRIOR 3	EDWARD D. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

* First peal in more than one method. First Surprise peal on the bells. First peal on the bells since restoration by Mears and Stainbank. Rung on All Saints' Day.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

* WILLIAM COOK Treble	CHARLES KILICK 4
* HERBERT WOOD 2	ALFRED J. BULL 5
FREDERICK W. RICE 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes.

IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor, size (approx.) 17 in D.

G. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1-2	HAROLD J. POOLE 5-6
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 3-4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7-8
JOSIAH MORRIS 9-10	

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.
Witness: MR. W. H. CLARKE.

The band wish to thank Mr. G. S. Needham for having the belfry in order, and for the use of the ancient cup handbells. This was the conductor's 25th peal of Stedman.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A 'RINGERS' OPENING' AT OLD CLEEVE.

At Old Cleeve, Somerset, where the bells have just been augmented to eight, the Dunster Deanery of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, held their autumn meeting. The visit formed the 'ringers' opening of the increased peal, and a company of about 85 was present, including Preb. Harman and the Revs. T. S. Dawson, Carhampton (chairman of the branch); E. P. Stanley, Wootton Courtenay; H. G. McTaggart, Monksilver; H. P. Boulton, Exton; and F. E. Walton, Biddisham; and ringers from Minehead, Carhampton, Timberscombe, Williton, Monksilver, Exton, Wootton Courtenay, Stogumber, Wiveliscombe, Chipstable, St. Audries and Porlock, as well as the local band. There were visitors from Huntspill, Milverton, St. James' and St. Mary's, Taunton, and Mr. A. E. Coles (Bridgwater) and Mr. E. Burgess (general secretary of the association, from Taunton) were among those present. The tower was open at two o'clock, and during the afternoon there was some very good ringing done by mixed bands, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were brought round. Everyone was delighted with the tone and 'go' of the bells, and the splice was pronounced perfect.

After this spell in the tower, the association form of service was held in the church. Preb. Harman officiated, and was assisted by Mr. Dawson, who gave an inspiring address from St. John xvii. 19. He dwelt not so much on the subject of the new bells which had been dedicated to the use of the church and to the glory of God, but on the duties and conduct of ringers. He enlarged on the spirit of self-consecration and self-sacrifice which was involved in the duties of the ringers, and he emphasised that point that, if it was necessary to consecrate a bell, how much more desirable it was that ringers should re-dedicate their lives to the service of ringing. Mr. H. W. Tomkins presided at the organ, and a number of the ringers formed a choir.

After the service the company were entertained to tea in the Village Hall, the tea being provided by the Parochial Church Council and prepared and served by local ladies, under the direction of Mrs. Harman.

The usual business meeting followed. Mr. Dawson presiding. The following new members were elected: Mr. Chas. Moore, Monksilver; Messrs. J. Roberts, R. Huish, and A. Arnold, Porlock; and Mr. L. Facey, Selworthy.

As a result of an invitation from Mr. Boulton, it was decided to hold the next meeting in January at Exton. During the proceedings thanks were expressed to Preb. Harman for his invitation to Old Cleeve, to the ladies who had served tea, to Mr. Dawson for his address, and to Mr. Tomkins, the organist. Mr. Dawson took the opportunity of congratulating Old Cleeve and its parishioners on the addition of the two new bells to the peal.

Mr. E. E. Burgess, after congratulating Old Cleeve on the addition of the bells and paying a tribute to Mr. Sully's work expressed the opinion that it was a very good splice, and he hoped that they would soon have a band at Old Cleeve able to ring the bells.

Mr. Coles endorsed Mr. Burgess's remarks, and added a few words of encouragement to the young ringers. Preb. Harman also congratulated the local band of ringers on their progress, which he said was very satisfactory.

BREAKING TIME RECORDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I feel I would like to say a few words in reply to 'Normal Time' with regard to the recent quick peal of Cinques rung at Sheffield, as from his letter it would appear he has got a bad impression of same, and this, if left unchallenged or without some explanation, will probably tend to create a feeling amongst the Exercise at large that peals are rung here without any respect to striking, or anything else.

In the first place, let me say at once that I agree with him in principle, that to get the best music out of bells, no matter what their weight, they should not be struck too closely, but to hint that such a thing as firing or even jumbling took place is far from what actually occurred.

The ringers of Sheffield took precisely a similar view on the quick peals that have been rung at Southwark, and such performances could not be fully credited until the fact was brought home to them by their own achievement.

However, I wish to say emphatically that such a thing as breaking time or making records was not sought after or even thought of. The thing just happened, as other things often do.

I can honestly assure my friend, whoever he is (and I believe they are all friends in Birmingham), that the peal in question was a good peal, or it would certainly never have been completed, let alone published. I cannot say what it sounded like outside, although we were complimented at the completion by various listeners (and we have some critics in Sheffield, you know), but inside the beats were clear and distinct. In fact, it had to be a good peal, or it would have 'gone up' like a cartload of rotten apples on a refuse heap.

As my friend compares it with the 'Twelve-bell week' peals, which occupied a longer time on lighter bells, I may say that I had the honour to take part in the first one at St. Margaret's, Leicester, and although I personally consider this was slightly the better peal of the two, I am sure that the great 'A. W.' himself would have been delighted to have been under the one at Sheffield.

Previously, our normal time was somewhere round about 3.50, but if an explanation is necessary I would like to point out that circumstances alter cases.

Firstly, no doubt my friend is aware that we have a very short draught of rope to contend with; secondly, that our bells have recently been rehung on the modern ball-bearing principle, both of which in my opinion are conducive to quick and accurate striking, and last, but not least, we had some young and hefty lads on the back end, who instinctively, without word or warning, commenced at a brisk pace, and being physically fit, kept it up to the end, the little bells ringing to the big bells, as they should do.

In conclusion, I would like to add that although the unexpected took place on this occasion, record breaking peals are not encouraged here, due respect to quality always being our consideration, and the very joy and pleasure of getting the best out of the bells is for ever uppermost in our minds.

If a thing is not worth doing well, we don't attempt it; but if the result is sometimes a surprise, it is not justice to condemn it unheard. Let those that hear, speak. That's all!—Yours faithfully,

Sheffield.

SIDNEY F. PALMER.

A LISTENER'S OPINION.

Dear Sir,—With regard to remarks by 'Normal Time,' re the peal of Stedman Cinques at Sheffield, I cannot let the occasion pass without a strong protest. I heard the whole of the peal, and excellent striking was maintained throughout. One has only to look at some of the eminent names of the men taking part to know that if any clashing took place the ringing would soon have stopped. I am not a Yorkshireman, but nowhere have I heard more consistently good striking than I have in peals in Yorkshire. It is the one thing they pride themselves on. I know that the friendliest feelings exist between the ringers of Sheffield and Birmingham, but remarks like those of 'Normal Time' have a tendency to cause ill-feeling, which I for one would much regret.—Yours truly,

180, The Cross, Ecclesfield.

GEO. LEWIS.

ST. CLEMENT DANES, LONDON.

Visitors to London for the College Youths' Dinner will be welcomed at St. Clement Danes Church on Sunday. There will be muffled ringing from 10 to 11 a.m. for a church parade of the Legion of Frontiersmen, when a memorial to the members of this corps who fell in the great war will be unveiled. During the service, offerings of remembrance will be laid on the war shrine, and a wreath will be laid on behalf of ringers.

In the afternoon there will be ringing from 2.15 to 3.15 for the oratorio service. These services have made St. Clement Danes Church famous in musical circles, and two oratorios will be performed on Sunday. At 3.15, Rossini's 'Stabat Mater' will be given, and at 6.30 p.m., Mozart's 'Requiem.'

TEN BELLS IN THANET CHURCH.

The dedication of two new trebles to make a peal of ten at St. Lawrence, Thanet, will take place at the morning service on Nov. 9th. The new bells are to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the war; one bell will be of thanksgiving and be named the bell of 'Peace,' the other is in memory of the fallen, and will be the bell of 'Remembrance.'

The Mayor and Corporation have promised to attend the service, which no doubt will be most impressive. The bells will be rung after the service. In the evening they will be half-muffled for the Armistice memorial service.

ANCIENT HANDBELLS.

The handbell peal of Stedman Caters, rung at Leicester, is believed to be the first ever rung on cup handbells. This set of 21 were given to the Leicester Scholars on their achieving a 10,080 of Grand-sire Caters at St. Margaret's, by Squire Fortrey, about the year 1777, and were cast by Hare, of Kettering. They are now in the care of Mr. G. S. Needham, and are in good condition. Mr. Needham had them repaired by Messrs. Taylor and Co. at a cost of several pounds. They have ball clappers made of box wood, about 1½ in. in diameter. These make them emit a rather harsh sound, and it was a considerable time before the band ringing the peal felt 'at home' with them.

FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

ILMINGTON'S FOURTH CONSECUTIVE COMPETITION VICTORY.

The half-yearly meeting and competitions of the Four Shires Guild was held at Quinton on Oct. 25th. Ringers were present from Moreton, Campden, Ebrington, Ilmington, Aston Cantlow, Wootton Waven, Bretforton, Stratford-on-Avon and Wolford, and the local band. The competitions commenced at 2.30, and were ably and impartially judged by Messrs. W. Largo (Stratton-on-Fosse) and J. Hemming (Hampton), who made their decisions as follows: Ilmington, 266; Campden, 260; Moreton, 259; Wootton Waven, 236; Ebrington, 224; Aston Cantlow, 179. Quinton being the non-competitive band, was allowed the average number of points on the day's ringing—237.

At the close of the ringing, which was not up to the standard usually heard at these meetings, owing to the very bad 'go' of some of the bells, a service was held in the beautiful old parish church, when an inspiring address was given by the Rev. A. N. Warner (Rector of Ilmington).

Afterwards the party adjourned to the Schoolroom and partook of an excellent meat tea, provided by the generosity of Mr. J. Frost, of Quinton, to whom the ringers are most grateful for this unexpected kindness shown to them. About one hundred ringers and friends sat down to an ample repast.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. Gordon H. Poole (Vicar of Quinton) said how pleased he was to welcome the Guild to Quinton. He referred to the interesting history of Quinton bells, and to their being recast at different times. He also spoke of a local legend about the churchwardens of Quinton and Long Marston playing cards, the stakes being the bells of their respective churches. Long Marston unfortunately lost, and so they were left with only two bells in their steeple. The Vicar went on to say that upon the completion of the restoration of the church it was his intention to have the bells put in ringing order, and, if possible, to have the ring increased to eight.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. George Pugh, of Stow-on-the-Wold. The meeting showed its respect and sympathy by standing in silence, and the secretary was instructed to send a letter of sympathy from the Guild to the widow of the deceased.

The challenge shield of the Guild was presented by Mrs. Frost to Ilmington, that band having obtained the highest number of points on the year's ringing. Moreton, being second, was awarded the Guild's certificate of merit.

Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. Gordon H. Poole, the Rev. A. N. Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Frost, and all the ladies who assisted. The meeting closed with the hearty singing of the National Anthem. The tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till 9 o'clock.

It is interesting to note that this is the fourth consecutive win of the Ilmington company. Until 1922 they had only five bells in their tower, and rang rounds and call changes. On joining the Guild they took up change ringing, and by going in for the competitions they have arrived at a leading position in their association.

BELL RINGERS' SUNDAY.

Bell Ringers' Sunday was observed at St. Giles' Parish Church, Rowley Regis, on Sunday, when special sermons were preached, and collections made for the bell ringing fund.

Before evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung: R. J. Hackett 1, G. H. Detheridge, junr. (first with a 'bob' bell) 2, W. H. Detheridge 3, E. Homer 4, H. Dowell 5, T. Clarke (first quarter-peal as conductor) 6, A. Timmins 7, A. Taylor 8.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. NORTHERN DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held at Feering on Saturday last, when, despite the pouring rain, there were 25 ringers present from Feering, Kelvedon, Braintree, Witham, Romford, Chelmsford, Mistley, Stisted, Greenstead Green and Earls Colne. The bells were open for ringing during the afternoon and evening, and the Ringers' Office was said in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary Dalton) extending a hearty welcome to the visitors to Feering.

After the service, a tea was arranged at the Bell Inn, with the Vicar in the chair. At the business meeting, apologies were read from the District Master (Mr. L. W. Wiffen) regretting his inability to be present. The Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard), therefore, presided in his stead.

The Secretary gave a digest of the progress of the district during the year, pointing out that 18 peals had been rung on tower bells, and two on handbells in the following methods: London Surprise 3, Superlative 2, Cambridge 1, Double Norwich 1, Kent 3, Oxford 4, Grandsire Triples 1, Bob Major 3, seven 720's Cambridge Minor, and seven 720's Minor in various methods. The peals were rung at Feering 7, Braintree 3, Earls Colne 2, Sible Hedingham 2, Bocking 1, Halstead 1, Foxearth 1, Ardleigh 1, Witham 1, Stisted 1; W. Keeble conducted 17, J. Fluet 1, J. Claydon 1, and S. Evans 1. The secretary also gave particulars of the financial and numerical position of the district.

The elections of Mr. Gofton, of Monkseaton, and Mr. W. Beeson, Walton-on-Thames, were confirmed. The Rev. Prebendary Dalton was elected an hon. member. One ringing member was elected, and the election of Mr. Rogers, of Northampton, as ringing member, resigning out of the county, was carried.

Mr. L. W. Wiffen was re-elected District Master for the year, and Mr. W. H. Dyson, district secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Prebendary Dalton (Vicar) for allowing the use of the bells, and for holding the service, also to Mrs. Dalton for presiding at the organ.

During the day, the following methods were rung viz., London and Cambridge Surprise Major, Double Norwich and Oxford Treble Bob.

A NON-CONDUCTED 720.

At Milton-next-Gravesend, Kent, on October 28th, 720 Plain Bob was rung, non-conducted: C. M. Mitchell 1, F. M. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, G. Morrad 4, F. A. Mitchell 5, H. Argent 6. First 720 non-conducted by all, and rung at the first attempt.

A SUFFOLK TOUR.

On Saturday, Sept. 27th, the Lavenham company held their annual outing, when travelling by saloon bus, they made a tour of some Suffolk towers. At St. Mary's, Coddensham, they were greeted by Mr. H. English, and touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung. St. Mary's, Helmingham, came next on the list. Here they were met by Messrs. Last, Pryke and Wightman, and touches of Stedman, Double Norwich and Kent were rung. The Rector (the Rev. — Garrett) pointed out the splendid monuments of the Tollemache family, which are in this church. Upon the monuments are many well-executed figures in marble by Nolckens, and other eminent sculptors. Afterwards, on the invitation of Lady Mary Tollemache, the party visited Helmingham Hall to partake of refreshments, wending their way through the lovely park of 375 acres, and inhabited by two herds of deer, red and fallow, and many wild water fowl. The large and handsome quadrangular mansion, the home of the Tollemaches, was built in the time of Henry VII, and is surrounded by a moat crossed by two drawbridges. A valuable collection of famous paintings in the mansion were inspected with interest, especially one by Vandyke; another of interest being a painting of Queen Mary Tudor at the age of six. All these and some ancient armour and old oak panelling were explained in detail by her ladyship. Another item of interest was a pair of leather jugs, 'Black Jacks,' which were used as beer jugs when Queen Elizabeth visited the hall. Bidding adieu to their generous hostess, the visitors continued their journey to Framden St. Mary's, where touches of Grandsire, Oxford and Superlative were rung; then on to Debenham, where dinner was served. Mr. E. Grimes piloted the party to St. Mary's Church, where they rang Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich, Superlative, and a course of Cambridge, Mr. G. Cross, Norwich, standing in the latter. At Stonham Aspal, the next call, good touches of Stedman Caters and Bob Royal were brought round. Stowmarket was reached at 5.30. After having a 'pinch' and a 'fresher,' Mr. W. Souter and the Stowmarket band greeted the visitors, also Mr. E. Poppy, of Eye, and with these friends, Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich and Superlative were brought round. A visit to the Rose, and then to the music of the handbells and of the songsters at the rear, a safe hunt was made to Lavenham. Thanks are due to the incumbents of the churches visited, the towerkeepers, and other friends, who made this outing a most enjoyable one.

GORSEINON, SWANSEA.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Wednesday, October 22nd, 720 Bob Minor: Reg. Dobbins 1, R. Baird 2, W. Dobbins 3, W. Dobbins 4, J. Williams 5, H. S. Willis (conductor) 6. First 720 by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 2nd.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

An announcement made in the 'Stamford Mercury' in the year 1799 was as follows: 'On Monday, Nov. 11th, 1799, will be opened at Glington, near Peterborough, a peal of six new bells, the tenor in the key of F, cast and hung by Thomas Osborn, of Downham, in Norfolk. Six hats will be given to the company who ring the best round peal for the space of 30 minutes.'

The first peal on eight bells at Coddensham was 5,040 Bob Major on Nov. 8th, 1742. On the same date in 1800 the first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major in Liverpool was rung.

The Royal Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus at Southwark on Nov. 10th, 1766.

On Nov. 13th, 1786, a peal of 6,000 Bob Major was rung at St. Peter's, Nottingham.

A record length of Stedman Caters was put up on Nov. 13th, 1797, when the Junior Cumberlands rang a 6,003 in 4 hours 15 minutes at Christ Church, Spitalfields. It was composed and called by John Noonan, but many years afterwards it was found that the composition was false. In the Junior Cumberlands' peal book the performance was described as 'a true and complete peal of Grandsire Caters on Stedman's principle.'

The Huddersfield Society rang a peal of 'New Triple Bob Major, 10,080 changes, in thirty-six courses,' at Huddersfield in 5 hours 45 minutes on November 13th, 1820.

The peal of six bells at Brockenhurst, Hants, are to be opened on Sunday, December 7th, at 3 p.m.

The peal of London Surprise at Chichester Cathedral on Oct. 18th was the first in the method on the bells.

We were a little previous in our announcement of Mr. William Rock Small's birthday. The Tipton veteran will be 85 on the 12th of this month.

Although now in poor health and unable to climb belfry steps, Mr. Small's interest in ringing remains very keen. It is nearly sixty years ago that he rang his first peal. This was at Wednesbury on April 29th, 1865, the band being all natives of Wednesbury. Mr. Small is the only survivor of that company.

ARMISTICE DAY RINGING.

Ringings will be general throughout the country on Armistice Day, which will be commemorated on Tuesday next. There is now more or less general agreement as to the most fitting way in which the bells should be rung, the lines suggested by the Chester Diocesan Guild in the circular below being commonly accepted as the most suitable.

The following is the letter from the Chester Diocesan Guild circulated to the towers in the diocese:—

'An attempt is to be made this year to establish uniformity of practice with regard to ringing throughout the diocese on Armistice Day (November 11th), and the Guild recommends the following procedure:—

'It should be remembered that while Armistice Day is a day of commemoration of the lives of the fallen, it is also a day of rejoicing for the victory which Almighty God gave us over our enemies in the war.

'Where possible, therefore, bells should be first rung half-muffled and afterwards in open peal, and the Guild hopes that ringing on these lines will take place in all its churches on that day, with, of course, the concurrence of the incumbent.'

WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.—'CURFEW.'

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am sorry to see that the committee have recommended St. Ebbe's as a suitable tower for the Washbrook memorial bells.

As I said in a former letter, the experiment has already been tried there, and found so unsatisfactory that the trebles were afterwards disposed of. A peal of eight, with a 5-cwt. tenor, may be all very well for feats of change ringing, or for practice; but the result to the ears of the outside public can never be satisfactory. I do hope that even now wiser counsels may prevail.

With regard to a totally different matter referred to in your issue of this week, I quite agree with the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards that it is not desirable to drop old customs; but I greatly question whether the ringing of a bell at 8 o'clock in the evening (commonly called the 'curfew') can be traced back continuously to the times of William the Conqueror. In most cases, where this custom exists, I believe that it will be found to have originated in mediæval times. There is generally some story connected with it of someone having lost their way on a dark night on some trackless moor or common, and being directed by the sound of bells which happened to be ringing at the time in the tower of some town or village, thus found their way home; and that they left money to pay for the ringing of an evening bell to direct travellers for the future.—Yours faithfully,

October 31st, 1924.

J. E. JERRAM.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

DISTRICT SECRETARY GROOMBRIDGE RESIGNS.

The annual meeting of the Lewisham District was held on Saturday, October 25th, at SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley. The bells were raised at 3 p.m., and were kept going in various methods during the afternoon and evening. Service was conducted by the assistant priest (the Rev. Allen), and a helpful address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. J. K. Wilson). The organist and choir were also present. The service was followed by a splendid tea in the Church Institute, kindly supplied by the churchwardens and others.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. No new members were elected (which is very unusual), but the ratification of five members elected previous to peals took place.

The secretary's report for the year was read by T. Groombridge, senr. (hon. district secretary), and adopted.

The next business was the election of the district secretary. Mr. Groombridge announced that he could not consent to re-election, as he could not do the necessary writing. He, therefore, regretfully resigned his position, and thanked the members for all the help he had received during his term of office. He hoped the members would be as loyal to his successor as they had been to him (hear, hear).

The president, in reluctantly accepting the resignation, congratulated Mr. Groombridge on 21 years of able and willing service. He said they all regretted the severance of so long-standing a connection.

It was then proposed that A. G. Hill, who had assisted the secretary during the past year, be appointed to the vacancy. No other nominations were forthcoming, and the proposition was carried.

Messrs. W. J. Jeffries and L. Emery were then re-elected district representatives on the general committee, also without a division.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, curate, churchwardens, organist and choir was carried with applause.—The Vicar responded, and stated that Mr. Dunn (churchwarden) was responsible for the tea.—Mr. Dunn replied that the contributions came from the clergy, churchwardens and choir, he only did the asking.

This concluded a successful meeting, the tower being revisited for further ringing.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held at Chatham on Saturday, October 25th, and over 50 ringers attended during the afternoon and evening. The bells were going in standard methods from 3 till 5, when the Rector (the Rev. F. Wiltshire) conducted the association service taking as the text for his address, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might.' A collection at the close for the benevolent fund realised 13s. 6d.

Tea followed in the Scouts' Hall, at which 46 sat down, and at the business meeting which followed, the Rector presided, supported by the district representatives (Messrs. W. Haigh and W. Spice), and the district secretary (Mr. F. M. Mitchell).

One new practising member was elected, and the election of Mr. G. Basford, of Northants, who was proposed previous to a peal, as a non-resident life member, was confirmed.

The District Secretary presented the annual report and balance sheet, which were unanimously adopted. The report showed the same number of towers in union as last year; one practising ringer less, three more hon. members, and four additional non-resident members. Sunday service ringing had been fully maintained, and 39 peals of 5,000 changes and upwards had been rung in the district, one on ten bells, 28 on eight, and ten on six, and Mr. J. H. Cheesman headed the list of conductors with 16 peals. He was pleased to see the younger ringers taking an interest in the affairs of the district, and welcomed them to all meetings.—The balance sheets showed receipts of £21 1s., and the expenses at £4 13s. 10d., leaving a balance to general funds of £16 7s. 2d.

The officers were unanimously re-elected, and on the proposition of Mr. W. Harper (Swanscombe), a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the district secretary and representatives for their valued services during the past year.

Sittingbourne was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, in January, 1925.

Mr. F. M. Mitchell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the kindness he had shown the association during the day, and the Rector suitably responded.

The tower was again visited, and all methods up to Cambridge and Superlative rung, and, judging by the harmonious way the business was conducted, the meeting proved a distinct success.

Rochester Cathedral was also open after the meeting, and the following cutting from a local newspaper will give some idea of a 'novice's' opinion:—

'A party of ringers then journeyed to Rochester Cathedral where, led by Mr. W. Haigh, of Gillingham, they rang the Grandsire Caters, Stedman Caters, and the rounds for nearly two hours.

'A "News" reporter, who was privileged to accompany the party, writes: "We crawled along tortuous passages and mounted the narrow, slippery stairs which led to the tower. Mostly in pitch darkness, we stumbled along our way, up and up and up, it seemed, our

heads almost touching our knees, until we reached the parapet outside. Looking down off the weather-stained gargoyles and crumbling buttresses, we could see the lights of the City, twinkling like pearls in a bowl of ink. More 'incredible rafters overhead' were crawled under, until, exhausted and grimed with the dust of cobwebs, we ultimately reached the bell tower. It was a grim place—all oak beams and grey walls, shadowy with Time and the peace of solitude. There were ten ropes, covered with red plush, and for more than an hour the men heaved at these, lovingly and silently, producing the sweetest music in the world."

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT MEETING.

On Saturday, a meeting of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Grimsby District) was held at Barton-on-Humber and Barrow-on-Humber. Ringers were present from Grimsby (St. James' and St. Andrew's), Bigby, Burton, Stather and Ulceby, and those of the Barton and Barrow bands commenced the proceedings by ringing on the bells of Holy Trinity, Barrow, an open touch of 360 Bob Minor. Other touches included Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. Coming to Barton, ringing in various methods on eight bells took place. An adjournment was then made to the Assembly Rooms, where tea was provided.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. H. T. Parry (Rector of Bigby, and vice-president of the Grimsby district) taking the chair.

After the election of four new members and one honorary member, Mr. H. Rushby proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicars of Barton and Barrow for the use of the bells, and to Mrs. T. Smith for the tea.

The members then adjourned to the tower of St. Peter's for more ringing, the bells being lowered soon after nine p.m., after a very enjoyable afternoon and evening. It is hoped that the district will always be able to report such good meetings and fellowship as was evinced at this gathering.

EASTERN BRANCH AT SWINESHEAD.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Branch was held at Swineshead on Saturday, November 1st. Members attended from Boston, Butterwick, Frampton, Freiston, Wigtoft, as well as the local band. Ringing friends were also present from the Elloe Deaneries branch. Ringing commenced about 3 p.m. A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Gurnhill), and afterwards the members and friends partook of a very substantial tea, ably provided by mine host of the Griffin Inn.

The usual business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the president (the Rev. J. R. Trotter, Vicar of Freiston-with-Butterwick).

The Rev. C. J. Gurnhill (Vicar of Swineshead) was elected an honorary member, and one new ringing member from Wigtoft was also elected.

Sibsey, near Boston, was unanimously chosen as the place for holding the annual meeting in January next. This beautiful peal of eight bells have recently received the attention of Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and now 'go' splendidly. It is hoped that a good number of members will endeavour to be present at this meeting.

The usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for conducting the service brought the meeting to a close.

The tower was again visited, and ringing was kept up until about 8 p.m. The methods rung included Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor (on the back six), and Bob Major, and also a touch of sixteen changes by the local band, who are not yet very far advanced in the art.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

Excellent support was given to a meeting of the North and East District held at St. Olave's Church, Hart Street, City, and All Hallows', Barking-by-the-Tower, on Saturday, November 1st, some 40 members attending during the afternoon and evening, in spite of the persistent rain. A short service, with address by the Rev. T. Welland, was held in St. Olave's Church at 5 o'clock.

At the subsequent business meeting, votes of thanks were accorded to the preacher, both for his address and for permitting the bells to be rung; to the Rev. P. B. Clayton, Vicar of All Hallows', for the use of his bells; and to Mr. H. T. Wilson for making the very necessary arrangements.

Some good practice in all sorts of methods was obtained on both peals of bells, and as very little time was 'wasted' on the business meeting, all present were able to ring as much as they wished. At St. Olave's, touches of Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob, Cambridge Minor, and Kent and Oxford Spliced, were rung, whilst at All Hallows' the methods practised were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, and London and Bristol Surprise Major.

WITNEY, OXON.—At the Church of St. Mary's, on Thursday evening, at 7.30, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: C. Wheeler 1, L. Oliffe 2, E. Brown 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, N. Spindlow 7, G. Harris 8.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I did not really, in my letter of October 17th, claim to be infallible. I did not really write, 'I do not think, I know.' What happened was that the printer put a full stop for a comma, and so materially altered my meaning. It was like this. Mr. Parker had written about two schools, one of which consists of those who say that places are the method; and the other of those who 'think they have progressed far beyond that stage.' And I retorted, 'I do not merely think, I know I have progressed far beyond that stage.' It was a claim to be progressive, not to be infallible.

I can assure Mr. Parker I realise to the full, the force of the arguments he uses. I have used them myself. But I can also assure him that beyond a certain point they break down and mislead you. His last letter affords an interesting example. 'Look at London Surprise,' he says. 'As the bells come below the treble they are hunting forward. Each bell, however, must make a place which effects a change, and the bell is said to be hunting backward. If the place is not made the bell continues to hunt forward, then does the place bring about the changed condition?'

Now look at London Surprise above the treble. Here, from the lead and, and previous, the bells are hunting backward, until the fifth change, where they turn to forward hunting. Is this brought about by a place? Is it even accompanied by a place? Look and see. There is no place at all made in that change, either internal or external.

Why I object to the axiom, 'Places are the method,' is because it prevents you from realising what really does operate in the construction of methods. I must not argue further about the position of time in method construction. It raises matters which can hardly be dealt with in the columns of 'The Ringing World.' But I may remind Mr. Parker that there is sequence in logic, i.e., in our explaining a thing, and also in our apprehending it. But that sequence is in our own brains, and not in the thing itself. And he must read in that light the quotations he gives from my writings.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

BED ROCK STATEMENT WANTED.

Dear Sir,—Credit where credit is due!

Mr. Powell and I have not always seen eye to eye in the past; but his letter in your issue of October 24th contains an exposition of fact in method construction, put more clearly and truthfully than anything one has observed in the correspondence columns for some time past. I refer specifically to what is included under his 'definitions.' (Although the second needs qualification.)

It is a great pity that so much valuable space and time have been utilised recently in wandering all round these points at issue. I have several times protested against the sort of half-truths which cloak the facts in a kind of mysterious superiority: and only last week appears a concrete illustration of the outcome of the dire results of that vicious practice: I refer to the perfectly reasonable requests of 'Interested.' Now, I have no desire whatever to 'butt in,' but I fear that 'Interested' runs the risk of getting nothing more than another abominable dose of that vile medicine!

The fact is that the fundamental truths of the 'Theory of Method Construction' are, like those of most of the sciences, beautifully simple; and while all this bickering is going on over nomenclature of details (after all, what's in a name?) the actual principles themselves are not being enumerated. The concise and straightforward statement of these principles would go a long way towards composing, for example, the differences between those now arguing over such questions as the naming of Shunts; for after all, they are advancing, if by widely divergent routes, towards a common goal.

I am not proposing, Mr. Editor, to proceed to lay down those principles; but at the same time I feel that the time has come when the bed-rock of the whole business should be set down in plain English, something like this (which may, perhaps, satisfy 'Interested'):

1. Changes are produced on a basis of what is known as 'hunting'; or the regular exchange of neighbouring positions, in cyclic order, of ALL units in a given series.
2. This 'hunting' may proceed in either a direct or a retrograde fashion.
3. The process may be carried on as 'whole hunting,' i.e., the complete traversing of the series by each individual unit; or as 'bi-partial,' 'tri-partial,' or even 'quadri-partial,' etc., hunting; i.e., the partial traversing of the series by some units, while other units traverse the remainder of the series.

Examples:—

Whole hunting.	Whole and bi-partial hunting.
12345678	Whole { 12345678
21436587	{ 21436587
24163857	{ 24163857
42618375	{ 42618375
46281735	{ 46218735
64827153	Bi-partial { 64127853
68472513	{ 61427583
86745231	Whole { 16245738
etc.	again { 12654378
	etc.

It will be observed that the breaking up of the 'whole hunting' into 'partial huntings' results in the 'making of places.' It might also result in the 'making of dodges,' producing a 'dodging hunt,' thus:—

	12345678
	21436587
Tri-partial	24163857
including dodging	42156875
	24318657
Whole	23481567
	etc.

From this we clearly see that it is the breaking up of the hunting which results in place-making and dodging; and neither of these two last mentioned can be said to 'cause' the other; since either (or both) can—and do—depend on the varying of the hunting.

4. Method Construction proceeds by means of the variation of whole-hunting with partial-hunting either direct and/or retrograde.

Now, on these four basic statements hang 'all the law and the prophets' of the THEORY of METHOD CONSTRUCTION. I said above that Mr. Powell's 'Definition 2' needed qualification, and the following words might well be added:—

'But if the hunting direction of ALL the bells is to be reversed then partial hunting must be introduced.'

This is obvious, otherwise falsehood results, thus:—

Whole hunting.	Whole and partial hunting.
123456	123456
214365	214365
241635*	241635
426153	426153
241635* repeat row.	241635
etc.	etc.

Direction of all bells reversed.	Bi-partial hunting results in no repeat.
426153	426153
241635	241635
etc.	etc.

In the examples which 'Interested' gives the different positions of the place-makings and dodgings are simply the result of the varying of whole-hunting with partial hunting at different points in the traversing of the series of units.—Yours faithfully,

A. YORK BRAMBLE.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL DIVISION MEETING.

A meeting of the Central Division was held on Saturday, October 25th, at the six-bell tower of Balcombe, thirty ringers being present. Ringing commenced about 2.30, and continued until 4.30, when the Rector (the Rev. D. L. Secretan) held a short service in church. A collection taken for the benevolent fund amounted to 10s. Afterwards all proceeded to the Church Hall for tea, which had been provided in a very generous manner by the Rector, Mrs. Secretan also being present.

The business meeting which followed, was mostly of a routine nature. Mr. Thos. Hogsflesh (Bath) was elected a non-resident member, and the election of the following non-resident members was confirmed: Messrs. Ernest Morris (Leicester), Wm. Rogers (Northampton), Geo. Pullinger (North Stoneham) and Morris Smith (Barking).

At the close of the meeting, the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector for his kind hospitality, for the use of the bells, and also for his eloquent and helpful address at the service, coupling with this the name of the gentleman who presided at the organ.—The Rector and organist having replied in suitable terms, the proceedings terminated.

Full use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening until about 7.30, when the bells were lowered in peal. The methods practised included Stedman, Treble Bob, Cambridge and London Surprise. The following towers were represented: Billingshurst, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas), Burgess Hill, Cuckfield, Henfield, Keymer, Lindfield; also members of the local branch who did much towards making the meeting a success.

The next meeting of the division will be held at Hurstpierpoint, in January.

A SHROPSHIRE 'RECORD.'

The youngest band to ring a peal of Stedman in Shropshire, brought round Heywood's transposition on Saturday at Church Stretton. The ages of the ringers were respectively 16, 18, 16, 16, 17, 21, 50, 28. They were all members of St. Chad's Society, Shrewsbury, and the 'official timekeeper,' Mr. H. Hall, congratulated them on the striking. The time occupied was 3 hrs. 2 mins. 45 secs. Thanks are tendered to Mr. J. Hughes for having the bells ready.

ABBOTS LEIGH.—For practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Bennett 1, G. Chamberlain 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman 4, H. Knight 5, L. Moore (conductor) 6. H. Knight hails from Clapton.

HIGH WYCOMBE AND THE OXFORD GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The letter in your last issue, with the signature of A. D. Barker, is mischievous, and liable to misconstrue the actions of the Wycombe men: hence this reply.

In May of the present year an application was received from the then branch secretary, for the use of the Wycombe tower, and asking assistance in arranging for a branch meeting at High Wycombe. This was readily granted, and service, tea, etc., fixed up. A letter of appreciation was received, thanking us for our efforts, and confirming the arrangements. In the course of a few days, however, another letter was received, in which the branch secretary explained that he had been expressly forbidden to hold a branch meeting at Wycombe, and, therefore, he had no option but to call the meeting off, much to the regret of himself and others.

In July, at the annual meeting of the Guild, at Reading, a proposition by a member of the Wycombe belfry was turned down, the chairman ruling that Wycombe (though members were still affiliated) was 'out of court.'

In August an application was received from the recently-elected secretary for a branch meeting and practice. His request was carefully considered, and a courteous reply sent, expressing regret that, in view of the fact High Wycombe had been 'ruled out of court,' the request could not be complied with. We had also been notified that the tower would probably be closed in about a fortnight for repairs, and this reason was also given to somewhat 'tone down' the refusal. To this Mr. Barker replied:—

..... Understand I do not consider the Master's ruling applicable to any meeting or practice of this branch. 'I have made a rule for myself, and I expect all members to follow suit.' 'I do not expect any questions from any other of our members.' This arrogant epistle was, of course, ignored, it being obvious no good purpose could be served by further correspondence.

In view of the rulings quoted above, the Wycombe men, feeling it was inadvisable to arrange a strictly 'official' meeting, have taken the opportunity (before their tower is closed) to organise the meeting for November 8th, inviting all members of belfries within the area of the branch to meet together and discuss the position in a friendly manner. Invitations have also been extended to the clergy in the area. That is the reason, sir, why the meeting has been arranged; and we hope it will be successful.

The stupidity of Mr. Barker's autocratic presumption in his last paragraph, as to authority of the meeting, is apparent if the latter part of the suggested motion is read aright: 'To attend and vote for at the annual festival.'

We wish the branch secretary all success; and if Wycombe representatives have been absent from meetings, it has been unfortunate—not purposely. We much regret that this official of the branch should endeavour unjustifiably to prejudice a meeting called for friendly intercourse, by rushing into print, and indulging in 'mud-slinging,' and 'reading between the lines' things that are not. The recent advent of Mr. Barker as secretary of the branch will, we hope, be beneficial, and the good comradeship and freemasonry for which the district has been noted be cemented. Tact, courtesy, and the policy of 'give-and-take' are far preferable to a 'high and mighty do-as-I-tell-you style.' Guild members of 30 or 40 years' standing are working as hard now as ever they were for what they consider best for the Guild, quietly and unassumingly—without any 'flourish of trumpets'—but, nevertheless convinced, in their own minds, as to the justice of their cause.

May we take this opportunity of thanking the clergy and others who have sent sympathetic and encouraging letters, and wishing the meeting all success.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE TWITCHEN

Hon. Secretary, Wycombe Belfry.

NEWCHURCH RINGERS' VISIT TO WHALLEY.

On Saturday, Oct. 18th, the ringers of St. Nicholas' Newchurch, and a few friends, had an outing to Whalley. Leaving Newchurch by charabanc they arrived at their destination about 2.45, and were met by one of the local ringers. Whalley Church contains a peal of eight bells, the old six having been recast and a new treble and tenor added. The peal has been rehung, and is one of the finest in the county. Soon the bells were going to Grandsire Triples, a touch of 840 being rung by J. Taylor 1, T. Harrison 2, J. H. Haydock 3, L. Taylor 4, O. Eastwood 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, J. W. Omerod 8. After tea, further ringing took place, and the bells were 'fired' several times. The inhabitants of Whalley were very pleased with the ringing, and spoke in praise of the performance of the visitors. The ringers wish to convey their thanks to the Rector, wardens and local ringers for permission to ring, and also for having all in order.

LEE, KENT.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Monday, Oct. 6th, before harvest festival service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 42 mins.: J. Crowder 1, W. G. Pinnigar (conductor) 2, H. James 3, J. Lamb 4, F. Dafters 5, H. Richards 6, J. Dafters 7, B. Heisterman

YORKSHIRE VETERAN RINGER DEAD.

SEVENTY-SEVEN YEARS AT BURNSALL.

There has passed away at Skipton, in the person of Mr. John Pickersgill Birch, of Burnsall, one of the best known characters in Wharfedale. For no less than 77 years he had been a ringer at his native village, and he was also known in Leeds and Bradford.

Mr. Birch was admitted to hospital at Skipton on Sept. 24th last, and had been in failing health for some time. He celebrated his 89th birthday on the day before his death. Born and bred in Burnsall, Mr. Birch's ancestors had resided in the village for a great number of years, and the name of his great uncle, Richard Pickersgill, together with the date 1762, is to be found scratched on a small pane of a latticed window at his late residence at Burnsall.

Mr. Birch was best known as a carrier between Burnsall and Skipton, and, on occasion, between Appleton and Craven's ancient capital. He had fifty years' experience in this duty, and could recall many a memorable occasion when his cart was held up in snowdrifts on Barden Moor.

A postman for many years, he tramped his 20 miles a day with unfailing regularity, carrying the letters at 1d. a time and receiving a pittance of 10s. 6d. a week for a long period before the Government recognised his position.

Mr. Birch was only twelve years of age when he learned to ring on the six bells in the Burnsall Parish Church. In 1877 he was elected a member of the Yorkshire Association. Mr. Birch had come to Skipton on show day, almost without a break since the first Skipton show was held, and he always assisted in the change ringing on that occasion on the Skipton Parish Church bells, which is one of the old customs still preserved in connection with the exhibition. In 1921, Mr. Birch was the only ringer present who assisted in the celebration on the occasion of the first show.

Mr. Birch's wife died about 17 years ago. He was the father of eleven children, six of whom are living. He had 40 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

ICKLETON RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, Oct. 11th, the ringers of Ickleton, Cambs, with some of their wives and a few friends, had a most enjoyable outing. Leaving Ickleton shortly after 9 a.m., the first stop was at Wilburton, in the Isle of Ely. Here they were welcomed by the Vicar, and the bells, a musical ring of six, were soon going merrily to Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Woodbine. The next call was at Haddenham, where there is a heavy ring of six. The back bells were not in good ringing order, so several short touches were rung. A move was then made for Ely. Unfortunately the bells at St. Mary's Church are in need of repair, and, therefore, could not be rung. The Cathedral was visited, and the roll of honour inspected. Afterwards a move was made to Soham, where the ring of ten were at the disposal of the visitors. Touches were rung on eight and the back six, and the ten were rung in rounds. At the White Hart Hotel a good meat tea was provided, to which full justice was done. The party then proceeded to Fordham, where there is a good ring of six, and several touches were brought round. Newmarket was the next call, and here again the heavy ring of six at St. Mary's could not be rung, as they were under repair. An application for permission to ring on the eight at All Saints was not answered; and, as it was getting late, it was decided not to go there 'on spec.' Consequently tracks were made for home, which was reached shortly after nine o'clock, all agreeing it had been a most enjoyable outing.—Votes of thanks were passed to the respective Vicars for the use of their bells; to steeplekeepers and ringers for getting the bells ready; and to Major Routh for the use of his lorry. P. W.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SHREWSBURY.—On Oct. 29th, at St. Chad's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 55 mins.: J. Bain 1, J. Griffiths 2, C. Lee 3, J. E. Lilley 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, J. Evans 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, W. T. Goodfellow 8. Rung on the occasion of the silver wedding of the Mayor and Mayoress of Shrewsbury. Councillor and Mrs. Bates Maddison.

BRISTOL.—Clifton Guild.—On Monday, Oct. 20th in 47 mins. (practice), a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes): *Mrs. W. Thomas 1, *A. E. Parker 2, C. Gordon 3, A. E. Wilkins 4, W. Thomas 5, C. T. Rawlings 6, J. Jones 7, R. Clark (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in method.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.—On Tuesday, Sept. 30th. 720 Double Court: C. M. Mitchell 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, J. Burles 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, H. Argent 5, G. Morrad 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt, as a birthday compliment to the conductor.—On Tuesday, Oct. 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: F. Seabright 1, F. A. Mitchell 2, C. M. Mitchell 3, F. M. Mitchell (conductor) 4, J. Burles 5, G. Morrad 6. Also another 720 Kent, with S. Baker and H. Argent, vice F. Seabright and G. Morrad. First 720 Treble Bob by F. Seabright and S. Baker at the first attempt.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

TAUNTON.—At St. Mary Magdalene Church, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for evening service, eight courses of Stedman Cinques (1,047 changes): W. White 1, H. Creed 2, A. Wyatt 3, S. Wyatt 4, J. Fowler 5, J. Burge (conductor) 6, P. Merson 7, W. Coles 8, T. Smith 9, F. Sadd 10, J. Hunt 11, W. Thorn 12.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Williams 1, S. Carter (conductor) 2, S. Head 3, A. Phillips 4, W. H. Lawrence 5, E. Overall 6.

WICKEN, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: R. Foddy 1, T. Roberts 2, F. Case 3, L. Smith 4, D. Chexfield 5, G. Cooper 6, T. Read 7, A. J. Green (conductor) 8. Longest length of Major by R. Foddy.

RAYNE.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at All Saints', for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in six variations: A. Ridgwell 1, H. Richardson 2, F. Ridgwell 3, Basil Ridgwell 4, H. Ridgwell (conductor) 5, L. Hance 6. First 720 for all except ringers of 2 and 5.

UPPER CLAPTON.—For evening service, on Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Cornish 1, H. Smith 2, S. S. Dunwell 3, H. J. King 4, C. A. Gray (conductor) 5, W. J. Kemp 6, A. Coles 7, J. L. Loyd (first quarter-peal) 8.

PECKLETON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, on Sunday, Oct. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins.: A. Hall 1, T. Preston 2, L. Ward 3, T. Jordan 4, L. Jordan (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. Hall 6.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: R. Faulkner 1, W. Bates 2, R. Boulton 3, Miss E. Foulk 4, H. Hill 5, S. Dawson 6, G. Warrington (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Bradley 8.

SHILDON, Co. DURHAM.—At St. John's Parish Church, on Sunday, Oct. 25th, for afternoon service (preacher, the Bishop of Barking), 1,440 Bob Minor, with tenor covering.—For evening service, 840 Bob Minor, with 6, 8 covering, the following members taking part: E. Elliott, T. Robinson, W. Vickers, T. Wick, J. Beck, R. B. Robinson (conductor), S. Bryant and J. Henderson.

SHEFFIELD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Tuke 1, S. Briggs (conductor) 2, T. Sarel 3, C. Lake 4, R. Harrison 5, J. Evinson 6, C. Harrison 7, H. Hirst 8.

ARMLEY.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes) was rung for the special services held on this day: J. Coldrick 1, G. Gaunt 2, Frank Blackith 3, Fred Blackith (conductor) 4, H. Lofthouse 5, A. Fieldhouse 6, J. Hey 7, J. Thackray 8. Longest length as conductor, and by ringers of treble, 2, 3, 5, 6.

MORTON, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, for evening service, 720 College Single and 720 Bob Minor, in 50 mins.: T. Knowles 1, E. Mullender 2, F. Swain 3, A. Sharman 4, F. W. Knowles 5, W. Swain (conductor) 6.

ROCK FERRY.—On Sunday, Oct. 25th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: J. Withers 1, F. Amos 2, W. Dean 3, F. Banton 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cooke (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the conductor, and on the bells.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for the children's fruit and flower service, in the afternoon, 503 Grandsire Triples: and for evening service (harvest festival), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): S. Irving 1, Mrs. Baker 2, C. Tribe 3, R. Edwards 4, H. Maker 5, W. Button 6, K. Pattenden (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, C. Mitchell 8. Messrs. Irving and Pattenden are from Rye, Sussex.

WORSLEY.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for harvest festival, for the children's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Grundy 1, J. Ridyard 2, J. Howarth 3, J. Freeman 4, W. Jones 5, F. Grundy (longest length as conductor) 6, P. H. Derbyshire 7, A. Burton 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Grundy 1, F. Grundy 2, W. Jones 3, J. Freeman (first quarter of Stedman) 4, J. Ridyard 5, P. H. Derbyshire 6, A. Ridyard (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8.

KINGSLEY, STAFFS.—At St. Werburgh's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 12th, for morning service (1,296 changes), in 45 mins., being 216 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Woodbine and 360 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Bradshaw 1, J. Beresford 2, W. Cornwell 3, H. Cornwell (conductor) 4, J. H. Beresford 5, E. Edwards 6.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes): E. Sibley 1, W. Rogers 2, H. Marlow 3, H. Key 4, J. Motherell 5, W. Sibley 6, J. Dove 7, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 8, F. Wilford 9, A. Monk 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by 1 & 7.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival (morning service), 672 Grandsire Triples: T. Green 1, C. Bowkett 2, P. Blisset 3, T. Bullock (conductor) 4, L. Clay 5, T. Lane 6, J. Bachelor 7, F. Griffiths 8.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for harvest thanksgiving, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 48 mins.: G. Cross 1, G. Wines 2, H. Page 3, H. Davies 4, F. Lasbury 5, J. Cross 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, W. Page 8.

KENSINGTON.—On Sept. 29th, at St. Mary Abbots, for harvest festival, 855 Stedman Caters: Miss Chapman 1, W. E. Garrard 2, Miss Orre 3, G. W. Frayne 4, Rev. C. Crew-Cox 5, A. B. Bennett 6, A. E. Bradley 7, P. H. Miles 8, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 9, P. H. Smith 10.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for morning service, 576 London Surprise: W. W. Bailey 1, A. Keeble 2, F. L. Fisher (Uford) 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, E. S. Bailey 5, J. G. Rumsey 6, G. Wilson 7, J. M. Bailey 8.—For evening service, 640 Rochester Surprise: C. Sampson 1, A. Keeble 2, Geo. Bailey 3, J. M. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, E. S. Bailey 6, G. Wilson 7, J. G. Rumsey 8.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evening service, at St. Edmund's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Tyler (first attempt for 720) 1, S. Mutton (first attempt 'inside') 2, R. W. Lawrence (conductor) 3, H. Patrick 4, C. Moore 5. Rung with muffled clappers as a token of respect to Mr. R. Brett, who was churchwarden at this church.

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, for evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 14th, 720 Double Court: W. Wise 1, Geo. Mansfield 2, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 3, G. F. Lucas 4, A. Booth 5, J. M. Gray 6.—For evening service, on Sept. 21st, 360 Double Court.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (10 callings), in 45 mins.: A. Thornton 1, W. Leaning 2, E. Godfrey (first quarter-peal) 3, G. Hobbins 4, J. Bray (conductor) 5, J. Crawshaw 6.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for morning service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: W. Love 1, F. Howson 2, R. Marsh 3, F. Love 4, H. Love 5, G. Love 6, W. Howson (conductor) 7, A. Calver 8.

BLACKBURN.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 21st, in 37 mins., 1,008 Stedman Triples: H. Chambers 1, A. Tomlinson (conductor) 2, F. Chambers 3, T. Stancliffe 4, T. Chambers 5, R. Stacliffe 6, W. Robinson (Ambleside) 7, F. Bradley 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 576 Grandsire Caters: W. A. Bullock 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 3, E. Bishop 4, W. Trueman 5, H. A. Hearl 6, W. G. Lancaster 7, C. Hussey 8, S. Palmer 9, A. W. Harrington 10.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, at St. John's Church, Surrey Road, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: G. F. Doel 1, E. Chandler 2, H. Mitchell 3, H. G. Frampton 4, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 5, W. Simmonds 6, W. H. Bennett 7, F. Longman 8. The ringers of the 4th and 5th hail from London. * First quarter of Stedman.

DARLINGTON.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, at Holy Trinity Church, 1,080 London Surprise Minor and 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, by the following: W. Oliver, R. Park, W. Cook, F. Cook, W. N. Park, F. W. Lupson, G. W. Park (conductor). Rung on the occasion of the baptism of the daughter of Mr. F. W. Lupson.—On Sunday, Sept. 14th, as a farewell to the Rev. P. H. Hill, who has left for Ryhope, near Sunderland, 840 Cambridge Minor, 360 Bob Minor, and 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor, by the following: W. Oliver, W. Cook, F. Cook, R. Park, W. N. Park, F. W. Lupson, — Spencer, W. H. Porter and G. W. Park (conductor). Mr. Spencer hails from Staindrop.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, for Matins, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Brown 1, W. Oliver 2, R. Park 3, G. W. Park (conductor) 4, F. W. Lupson 5, W. N. Park 6.

RINGWOOD, HANTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 21st, at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, for Matins, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Johnson 1, F. Green 2, E. Hendley 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Green 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, E. Collins 8.—For evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. Johnson 1, F. Green 2, E. Hendley 3, Miss G. Brown 4, E. Whitfield 5, E. Collins 6, W. Cheater (conductor) 7, R. Jenkins 8. The latter was arranged as a birthday compliment to E. Collins. First quarter-peal for the ringer of the tenor, to whom great credit is due, as he only learnt to handle a bell quite recently.

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SHALL WE REVIVE PRIZE RINGING?

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have read with greatest interest the suggestion put forward by 'W. W.' in his most excellent article. 'Shall we . . .?' My emphatic answer is—without wishing to be dictatorial—No, sir; the very adjective 'prize' condemns the suggestion.

Yes, with a broad mind we see the suggestion is worthy of consideration. But first of all let us delete that abominable prefix. Ah! now it looks better, it smells better. Now then, one has not got to look twice to see what our friend is out for, not for personal gain, but an all-round improvement in the striking. Bravo! 'W. W.' and my comments are, 'Unhappy is the ringer who does not entertain that view.'

Yes, 'W. W.' we are with you to improve striking, but—proceed with caution! We must do no injustice. Of course we all realise there has been a reformation in the belfry. We realise that, standing on the dead (or dying) ashes of prize ringing, we have the true conception of a church bell ringer to-day! We must also realise that we have some pioneers of belfry reform with us to-day; we must remember that the belfries of to-day are the 'Monuments' of those pioneers who have passed! To preserve that sacred trust, is our bounden duty as we go forward—unquestionably that is 'W. W.'s' honest ambition; but if we revert to the abomination of the past, shall we advance? No! we shall, like the ringer of old, 'come a cropper.' In what? Why, a vaulting, inordinate ambition, for nothing but worthless gain, 'The Prize'!

The competition of the 'Four Shires Guild,' so lucidly explained by Mr. Horace Perry, is worthy of the notice of all who are anxious to bring about a general improvement in the present day striking.

The objects of the F.S.G. is, in my (genial) heathenish, not Puritanical! opinion, pure, unalloyed, fraternal, rivalry! No money; no personal gain, one tower out to defeat the other—without hope of reward—is certain to be successful, and bring about the desired effect in the striking, no matter whether it be 5, 6, 8, 10 or 12 bell tower. That is the fundamental fact that meets my view, that ringers, who compete will compete for what they can 'add' to ringing, and not what can be extracted from it.

Why, then, should not we as one great scientific fraternity take up the subject on those very grounds? Looking at, and taking the situation from an ecclesiastical standpoint, we have in the South the province of Canterbury, and in the North that of York (as every ringer is aware). Those provinces are divided into dioceses.

What I should suggest is, that each diocese competes for a diocesan championship 'without money and without prize.' Let 5-bell tower meet 5-bell tower, 6-bell meet 6-bell, 8-bell meet 8-bell, 10 meet 10, and 12 meet 12. Then, let them thrash the matter out in the diocese who are the 'best strikers'—5, 6, 8, 10, or 12 bell ringers. The tower with the highest grand total of points would be the champions of that diocese; it would not signify whether it was a 5-bell tower, or, to go to the other extreme, a 12-bell tower; they would be the champions, and, as our friend 'W. W.' suggests, no test piece; let hands select their own method, whether it be Grandsire or London, the points to be awarded for the striking alone.

Now then, what should we do? We have the champions in the diocese of A (let us assume) a 5-bell tower, in diocese B a 12-bell tower is 'champion'; let the 'champions' of A enter the lists with the champions of B, either A or B will become conqueror, at the same time the 'champions' of diocese 'C and D,' 'E and F,' etc., will be fighting for the coveted honour; let conqueror meet conqueror, till we have only one left in the province of Canterbury, and likewise one in the province of York.

Then for the 'Grand Finale'! Possibly the champions of one province would be 6-bell ringers, while their opponents from the other province were 10, or even 12 bell ringers. What does that signify? Six bells want striking properly, and so do 12 bells.

Don't tell me that the 6-bell tower would have any advantage, they would not! Every bell in even a peal of six wants handling, and they want striking! On the other hand, if we turn to the 12-bell peal, what applies? exactly the same thing, 'handling for striking'! And that's that! And it's from practical, and not theoretical knowledge. We arrive now at the stage (imaginary) when one of the ecclesiastical provinces, having conquered the other, has become the 'Champions of All England.'

Now then, what about the reward? Let the publication of the fact—which would be published in 'Our Journal'—be the only laurel! And there you are! Ringers in any and every diocese would fight for diocesan laurels, and subsequently ringers of the two ecclesiastical provinces would do battle for provincial and 'All England Championship.' One feels that only good results would ensue, and without 'a prize,' so just consider this, ye campanites.

ALPHA DE ILCHESTURE.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: C. Hallows (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Sperring (conductor) 2, H. Lewis 3, Ed. Harrison 4, F. Fox 5, J. W. Davies 6, G. R. Jones 7, A. Newell 8.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The 287th Anniversary Dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, at 6.30 p.m., preceded by a service at St. Michael's, College Hill, at 5.15. Tickets, 8s. each, may be obtained from Messrs. J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, P. E. Clark, W. T. Cockerill, G. R. Fardon, T. Faulkner, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, R. T. Hibbert, W. Hibbert, E. Horrex, C. H. Horton, A. A. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, E. F. Pike, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, A. Walker, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young. Towers open for ringing: Southwark Cathedral, 1.30 to 2.45; St. Giles', Cripplegate; St. Magnus, St. Clement Danes and St. Andrew's, Holborn, 3 to 4.45 p.m. — W. T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division. —Quarterly meeting at Pickering on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available from one o'clock, or earlier, if desired. Business meeting immediately after tea. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid on or before this meeting.—A. L. Henderson, Hon. Dist. Sec., Mayfield, Pickering.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Tenterden on Saturday, Nov. 8th (by kind permission of the Vicar, Rev. A. L. Man). Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock. The usual travelling allowance will be paid to members attending.—C. Tribe, Hon. Dist. Sec., British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The last meeting of the year will take place at St. John's, Hillingdon, on November 8th. Ringing from 3.15. Tea will be provided for those who let me know by the 6th at 5.30. All ringers welcome and their friends.—W. H. Hollier, Hon. Sec., 29, Duke Road, W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A meeting of the above branch will be held at Rishton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Terrace, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Hereford District.—A quarterly meeting of the district will be held at Burghill on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8) available 3.30. Service 4.45. Tea, Parish Room, 5.30 p.m., 9d. each.—C. Edwards, Dist. Sec., Great Brampton, Madley, Hereford.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Sheffield on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (Cathedral 12 and St. Marie's 8) available from 3 p.m. Committee meeting at 5 p.m. (revision of rules, etc.). — T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Grappenhall Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grappenhall on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. All requiring tea please notify F. Bibby, Hon. Sec., London Road, Church Street, Frodsham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Miles Platting on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Tea at 6. Members intending being present please send word to secretary. Tea 6d. each.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual district meeting will be held at Gailewood on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available during afternoon. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow at Horse and Groom.—P. Timson, Dist. Sec., 80, Springfield Street, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leyland Parish Church on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (8). Service in the church 4.30. Meeting at 5 o'clock. Will all members try to attend? Special business.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dist. Sec.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—A meeting will be held at Southill on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells (6) available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5, if it can be arranged. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dist. Sec., Tempsford Road, Sandy.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Heene on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Bells available from 2.30. Free tea at the Church Rooms at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

SOCIETY OF SHERWOOD YOUTHS.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Beeston on Saturday, Nov. 8th. Ringing from 4 to 6.45 p.m. Meeting in Manchester Hall, Middle Street, at 7 p.m. Preliminary Notice: The Crofts dinner will be held at the Albert Hotel, Derby Road, Nottingham, on January 31st, 1925.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

LONDON.—ST. CLEMENT YOUTHS.—St. Clement Danes, Strand, W.C.—Practice every Wednesday 6.30 to 8 p.m. Ringing, Sunday mornings, 10 to 11 o'clock. Sunday, Nov. 9th, 2.15 to 3.15 p.m., for Oratorio Service. Other particulars relating to Sunday next will be found in another column.—F. W. H. Sergison, Hon. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on the 11th; St. Magnus on the 13th and 27th; *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th (election night); all at 7.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, Nov. 15th. All ringers invited.—C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 15th. 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 Nov. 8th.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hersham on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bretforton on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Service at 5 p.m. Tea provided for those who send me their names not later than first post on the Tuesday previous.—J. Hemming, Branch Sec., 29, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoke Golding (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. till 4.15 and 6 to 8 p.m. Short service in church at 4.15. Tea will only be provided for those who notify E. H. Stoneley not later than Nov. 12th. Members are invited to attend the opening of six bells at Higham-on-the-Hill at 3 p.m., Nov. 8th.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Nov. 15th. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided in the Parish Institute for those who inform me by Tuesday, Nov. 11th. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bishop's Hull on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. Tea can be arranged (1s. each) for all who send me notice by Wednesday, Nov. 12th.—P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Banwell, near Weston-super-Mare, on Nov. 15th. Service in the evening, tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Tea will be arranged in due course.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 2.30. Short service at usual time. All welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Easthampstead on Saturday, Nov. 15th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at St. Michael's City on Saturday, Nov. 15th (Emmanuel, Clifton, not being available). Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow. Please notify me by Nov. 10th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Edmonton (by invitation) on Nov. 15th, when the bells will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided. I shall be pleased to know the number beforehand for tea. All members and friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Mundon.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Pentrich on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 2.30. — H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Nov. 15th at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open 4 till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Everyone invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

GREAT BADDOW.—The recast ring of eight bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin will be reopened on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Dedication by the Bishop of Barking at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. for visiting ringers who send their names to the churchwarden, Mr. F. Howard, Oak Lodge, Baddow Road, Chelmsford, not later than Wednesday, Nov. 12th.—Chas. H. Howard, Master, Essex Association.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested. — William Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be at Long Eaton on January 17th, 1925.—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec.

ACTON.—Practice at Acton is changed to Wednesdays.—Robert Holloway.

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The festival of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday was a memorable one, chiefly from the fact that the society resuscitated the ancient custom of holding a service before their annual dinner, and because that service was held at the church which was aptly described as the old home of the Society. There is authentic record connecting the Youths with the college and church erected by Sir Richard Whittington on College Hill, and that connection has been retained in the title of the Society through nearly three centuries of history. In the distant past the members used to march in procession to attend service at Bow Church, Cheapside, but there can be no question about the appropriateness of transferring the revived custom to the church at which the Society came into being.

With the revival of the service came a renewal of some of the ancient ceremonial. The Society has had in its possession since the year 1702 a silver mace, in the shape of a bell, with decorated supports embossed with miniature reproductions of City towers, and this mace was carried before the Master as he entered the church for the service, as it was carried in procession a hundred and fifty or two hundred years ago when the College Youths of those distant generations visited Bow Church. Such a revival of ancient procedure is most becoming to an organisation with traditions extending over nearly three hundred years, and there is a fitness in the action of the College Youths in not only maintaining the customs which have come down in unbroken practice throughout their history, but in reviving those which for various reasons have lapsed. Although it is true that the College Youths are not the oldest ringing society in point of years, it cannot be denied that in point of continuity of activity they have a record unsurpassed by any other ringing organisation, and, whatever views may be held as to form and ceremony in other societies, ringers look to them to uphold the dignity of their ancient heritage, and accept with ready acquiescence procedure which with any other ringing society might be considered antiquated and out of place. It is not unlikely, even, that the ancient 'procession' to the church may be revived, and Canon Coleridge, in his address last Saturday, gave very good reason why it should be.

Of the dinner itself it can be said that never was there a more successful gathering in London. The company that assembled came almost from the four corners of the kingdom, from Dorset in the South to Yorkshire in the North, from Bristol in the West to Norfolk in the East,

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and from South Wales. Ringers were there in numbers from all the home counties, and the Oxford Guild was well represented to honour the Master, who is their own general secretary. Mr. Tom Hibbert is to be congratulated upon having had a successful year of office, and he himself has contributed in no small degree to that success by the diligence with which, despite residence so far from the Metropolis, he has carried out the duties of his mastership.

TEN BELL PEAL.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes.

At the Church of St. John-the-Baptist,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lb.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	STAFFORD H. GREEN ... 7
ERNEST GOWER 3	ROBERT J. DAWE... .. 8
EDWARD C. MERRETT... .. 4	FREDERICK WHITE 9
FRANK BENNETT 5	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by the late N. J. PITSTOW. Conducted by F. BENNETT.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by the association, on the bells, and by all the band with the exception of Mr. Trollope. It was also a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. J. Dawe.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAUNCESTON, CORNWALL.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Stephen-by-Launceston,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

TOM BARTLETT Treble	WILLIAM LETHBRIDGE ... 5
THOMAS LAVER 2	FREDERICK MILFORD ... 6
* JOHN ARBURY 3	FRANK J. DAVEY... .. 7
JOHN C. OKE 4	HARRY POOK Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (Canon E. Dewe) for all he had done to ensure success before the peal, and his hospitality after.

HANDSWORTH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM GODDEN Treble	JOE GARTH 5
HENRY WILSON 2	WILLIAM H. TAYLOR ... 6
* MISS NOEL CAWTHORNE ... 3	HAROLD TAYLOR 7
FREDERIC CARDWELL 4	FRED WATKINSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
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On Monday, November 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ALFRED G. CRANE Treble	† JACK CARMAN 5
* SAMUEL CASLEY 2	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 6
* WILLIAM TARLING 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 7
HERBERT J. ELDRED... .. 4	WILLIAM PICKWORTH ... Tenor

Composed by J. TROLLOPE. Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
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On Thursday, November 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER-AT-ARCHES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.	Tenor 20 cwt.
LEWIS SNELL Treble	H. LESLIE PASK 5
CHARLES MCGUINNESS ... 2	STANFORD J. WOLFE 6
JOHN WALDEN 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD 7
*GEORGE CHESTER 4	JOHN A. FREEMAN Tenor

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NORTH MYMMS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT R. LAWRENCE ... Treble	*LEONARD SHEPHERD ... 5
ARTHUR SHEPHERD 2	H. E. C. GOODENOUGH ... 6
WILLIAM NASH 3	JOHN T. KENTISH 7
THOMAS J. HULL 4	P. S. ALBERT LAWRENCE ... Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH.

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal in the method on the bells. The ringer of the 3rd belongs to the local band; treble, 2nd, 5th, 7th and tenor, Hatfield; 4th, 6th, St. Albans Abbey.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

MISS ROSE THOMAS Treble	*REGINALD E. LAMBERT ... 5
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 2	CHARLES TRIBE 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 3	HARRY PARKES 7
*ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by HARRY PARKES.

* First peal of Stedman.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 7, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAS. GOODSSELL Treble	EDWARD MILLS 5
FREDERICK MORGAN 2	GEORGE MILLS 6
TRAYTON BOOTH 3	WILLIAM HOAD 7
CHARLES CREASEY 4	GEORGE KING Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HOAD.

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AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS'. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK DICKENS Treble	WILLIAM G. ANKER 5
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 2	HARRY DICKENS 6
MORRIS J. MORRIS 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
HERBERT C. SPENCER ... 4	JAMES REYNOLDS, SEN. ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM.

This peal was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Charles George Bloore and Miss Margaret Gibbs, on the occasion of their marriage, which took place at Holy Trinity Church the same day. The ringers tender their best thanks to Mr. Thomas Bloore, father of the bridegroom, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRED. J. CULLUM, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK A. COLEY 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 7
HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 4	FRED. J. CULLUM, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. J. Cullum, senr.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WHEADON ... Treble	CHARLES WINNER 5
JOHN BURLES 2	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HERBERT E. ADDSLEY ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	HARRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

COLERNE, WILTS.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR Treble	JESSE HALLETT 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	THEODORE GRANT 6
ARTHUR PRINCE 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
GEORGE JAMES 4	THOMAS HOGSFLESH Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
EDWARD HARRISON 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST ... 6
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
ARTHUR NEWALL 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.
Rung as a birthday compliment to G. R. Jones, E. V. Rodenhurst's 100th peal.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN COLEMAN Treble	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... 5
DANIEL REDHEAD 2	AMOS SMART 6
WALTER PERKINS 3	ANDERSON Y. TYLER 7
JOHN R. MAIN 4	JAMES M. NICKERSON Tenor

Composed by J. S. WILDE. Conducted by JAMES M. NICKERSON.
Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of those who fell in the great war, and for Armistice Day. This was the 20th peal by the conductor on these bells. The ringers were entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. A. G. Bagshaw) after the peal.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

GRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 11 cwt.

HAROLD J. POOLE Treble	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE 2	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 6
*ALFRED G. GRANT 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
*GEORGE A. WATSON 4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... Tenor

Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

First peal of Surprise, and 1st attempt. + First peal of Cambridge. First in the method on the bells. The ringer of the 4th was proposed a member previous to starting for the peal. The band wish to thank Mr. G. Broughton for having everything in readiness for them.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.

FREDERICK BORRETT Treble	CHARLES CUTTING 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
JOHN SNELLING 3	FREDERICK ROOPE 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

100th peal in the method by the conductor.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lb. in E flat.

STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY ... Tenor	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
FRANK E. DARBY 2	FREDK. G. WOODISS 6
ALBERT HARMAN 3	CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... 7
*ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by FREDK. ROBINSON.

Conducted by FRANK E. DARBY.

Rung as a 19th birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th. First peal as conductor. * 100th peal for the association. Quickest peal of Major on the bells.

WITTON, NORTHWICH.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Helen,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. in E.

GEORGE VERNON Treble	SAMUEL MOORE, SEN. 5
HARRY PARKER 2	THOMAS WILKINSON 6
ERNEST BOSTOCK 3	JOHN H. DAVENPORT 7
JOSEPH ASHMOLE 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal. + First peal on eight bells.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 31 cwt. in E flat.

JAMES RUMBLE Treble	JOSEPH TALBOT 5
MRS. AMOS W. CLARK 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES 6
HERBERT J. SKELT 3	JAMES E. COOPER 7
AMOS W. CLARK 4	DANIEL COOPER Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. COOPER.

Rung to celebrate the 55th anniversary of the opening of the bells, which were first rung on November 6th, 1869. With the exception of Mr. G. H. Daynes, who hails from St. Nicholas', Deptford, all are regular Sunday Service ringers at the church. Mrs. A. W. Clark is the first lady to ring a peal in this tower, and in Croydon.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

OWEN H. GILES Treble	*WILLIAM E. CHEATER ... 5
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 2	*RICHARD J. STONE 6
GEORGE PULLINGER 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Cambridge. The conductor's 100th peal on the octave.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter-at-Gowts,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE COLLINS Treble	HERBERT LOWMAN 4
*ROBERT CHESTER 2	JOHN A. FREEMAN 5
ROBERT H. HURST 3	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LLOYD.

First peal in seven methods ever rung in the City of Lincoln. First in seven methods for ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 4th. * First peal of Minor.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 5, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 4
HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
C.-S.-M. JAMES BENNETT ... 3	GEORGE MORRAD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

This is F. M. Mitchell's 25th peal on these bells. Birthday peal for Miss R. F. Mitchell, sister of the ringer of the 4th, and Mr. Guy R. Ambrose, of Milton-next-Gravesend.

THEALE, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BRADFELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford Single Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

MISS STELLA DAVIS Treble	JAMES SMITH 4
GEORGE PARSONS 2	GEORGE ABERY 5
JAMES ABERY 3	ERNEST TIGWELL Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST TIGWELL.

Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. — Duckworth to the parish of Theale.

BRETTFORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven extents.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

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

Conducted by JOHN HALL.

This was the quarterly peal for the branch. All belong to the local band.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
AND THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob.
 Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*GEORGE HOWARD Treble	J. WILFRED SHARP 4
JAMES HAYNES 2	JOHN M. GRAY 5
GEORGE MANSFIELD 3	TOM TEBBUTT Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Haynes.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

MESSINGHAM, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire (10 callings), and 12 Plain Bob (4 callings).

†ARTHUR W. HOODLASS ... Treble	*HAROLD EASTOE 3
WILLIAM LEANING 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 4
JACK BRAY Tenor	

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal of Doubles. † First peal of Doubles on tower bells. Believed to be the first peal on the bells. This is supposed to be the first church in this country to have had a peal of bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 3, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. MORRIS, 11, DEVONSHIRE STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in A.

*GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS ... 1—2	ERNEST MORRIS 7—8
HAROLD J. POOLE 3—4	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 9—10
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 5—6	†JOSIAH MORRIS 11—12

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

Umpire: ED. WHITEHEAD.

* First peal of Cinques, with two working bells. † First peal of Cinques 'in hand.'

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, November 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

ALFRED BARNES 1—2	ALLAN F. BAILEY 5—6
FRED. PAGE 3—4	HARRY CHAPMAN 7—8

Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

First peal in the method on handbells by all the band. Also first in the county, and by the association. Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Barnes on their 30th wedding anniversary.

GILMORTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE RED LION INN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 15 in C.

HAROLD J. POOLE 1—2	WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 5—6
*JOSEPH A. FENTON 3—4	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 7—8
*ALFRED G. GRANT 9—10	

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

Umpire: G. S. MORRIS. Witness: MISS P. HARE.

* First peal 'in hand,' and first attempt by both. This is also the first handbell peal in Gilmorton.

'ARMISTICE SUNDAY.

NOTTINGHAM.—For service, at St. Mary's Church, for ex-Service-men, 871 Grandsire Caters. E. C. Shepherd (composer) 1, A. Coppock (conductor) 2, M. Ward 3, F. Bradley 4, L. Chadburn 5, W. A. James 6, F. Blood 7, G. West 8, F. W. Bailey 9, P. Price 10. All the above saw service in the Great War.

LEICESTER.—On Armistice Sunday, at St. Margaret's, with half-muffled bells, morning service, 629, and for evening, 1,169 Grandsire Caters: W. L. Johnson 1, F. Sharman 2, A. Ballard 3, T. Bent 4, G. S. Morris 5, W. J. Tanser 6, E. Whitehead 7, J. Morris 8, E. Morris 9, J. Grant 10. In the inverted titlums and home positions. Composed and called by E. Morris.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Nov. 9th, Armistice Sunday, at St. Giles', Stony Stratford, for evening service, 1,260 Stedman Triples: H. Edwards 1, W. Smith 2, W. Pedley 3, E. Yates 4, T. Tompkins 5, W. Bonham 6, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 7, W. Clarke 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for evening service, with the bells muffled, 1,263 Stedman Triples: F. White 1, H. Markwell 2, W. Collison 3, R. T. Lambert 4, R. E. Lambert 5, W. Latter (capt.) 6, S. H. Green 7, R. Rush 8.

ERITH, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, at St. John's Church, for Armistice service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: L. Cullum 1, W. Axtell 2, F. Axtell, R. Cullum 4, H. A. Holden (conductor) 5, E. Hott 6, E. J. Cullum, junr., 7, O. Robinson 8.

AMERSHAM, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for special Armistice service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Alburn 1, W. Redrup 2, L. Belts 3, J. Crook 4, F. Starr 5, W. H. Joiner (conductor) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for Armistice service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed by the late Harvey Reeves: E. Webb 1, T. Beadle 2, W. F. Ellingham 3, F. G. Goddard 4, E. F. Coles 5, J. Milner (first quarter as conductor) 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Brooks 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Lago 1, B. Rixon 2, A. S. Bayley 3, W. Wase (conductor) 4, R. Jones 5, L. Hewitt 6, E. V. Rodenhurst 7, W. Saunders 8. Also for the afternoon service, attended by the local branch of the British Legion, at which a short open-air service was held at the war memorial, conducted by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Hereford, short touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, with the bells half-muffled: also the 'whole pull and stand.'

GREEN'S NORTON, NORTHANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, Nov. 9th, with the bells half-muffled, for a special memorial service, when a wreath was placed at the foot of a memorial tablet in the church with the names of the men of Green's Norton, who fell in the war, inscribed upon it, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Double Oxford, in 40 mins.: A. Booth 1, A. Mansfield 2, G. F. Lucas 3, J. M. Gray 4, G. Mansfield 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.—For evening service, with the bells open, a quarter-peal in seven methods, consisting of 216 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 180 each of St. Clement's, Double Oxford and Oxford Bob, 168 of Double Court, and 120 of Plain Bob, in 40 mins.: A. Booth 1, A. Mansfield 2, G. Mansfield 3, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. Wilfred Sharp 6. First quarter in seven methods by 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD,

THE WINCHESTER DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Winchester on Saturday, November 1st. The twelve bells at the Cathedral and the ring of six at St. Maurice's were available during the afternoon and evening. The tea and meeting took place in St. Maurice Hall, presided over by the district chairman (the Rev. Canon Braithwaite), supported by Mr. G. Williams (Master), Mr. G. Pullinger (gen. secretary), Mr. F. W. Rogers (secretary, Portsmouth district), Mr. W. Andrews and Mr. J. W. Faithfull (Central Committee), Mr. J. H. Shepherd (Swindon), and members from North Stoneham, Southampton, Romsey, Twyford, Ringwood, Portsea and Winchester. The balance showed receipts amounting to £12 6s. 2d., and expenditure to £4 1s. 10d. The sum of £7 was handed over to the Guild treasurer, leaving a balance in hand of £1 4s. 4d.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Romsey on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, 1925, and to hold quarterly meetings at Southampton, the first Saturday in February; at Stockbridge the first Saturday in May; and at Titchborne and Cheriton on the last Saturday in August.

All the officers were re-elected, viz., chairman, Rev. Canon Braithwaite; secretary, Mr. W. T. Tucker; Central Committee, Mr. W. Andrews and Mr. J. W. Faithfull; auditor, Mr. G. Smith.

A vote of thanks was passed to the district secretary (Mr. W. T. Tucker) for the way he had carried out his duties, and, in reply, he said he hoped the members would support him by attending the district meetings, and that they would also take 'The Ringing World' every week.

A vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for presiding, after which further ringing took place at the Cathedral.

THE OXFORD GUILD FESTIVAL.

THE HIGH WYCOMBE RESOLUTION.

A meeting of ringers was held at High Wycombe on Saturday last, for the purpose of discussing the position created by the decision to again hold the Diocesan Guild Festival at Oxford. The tower was available for visitors during the afternoon and for an hour in the evening; and some enjoyable ringing was indulged in. One visitor was especially pleased to score his first touch of Treble Bob, and three others were highly delighted in getting through their first attempts at Grandsire Triples. A short devotional service was held in the church, conducted by the Vicar of Wycombe, who also gave a brief address. Tea was held in the Church House, and much enjoyed.

After the removal of the cloth, the meeting took place, the Rev. F. M. Molyneux, M.A., presiding, supported by the Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, M.A. (chairman of the branch) and the Rev. H. O. F. Whittingstall.

The Chairman, after opening the meeting, announced that many letters of encouragement had been received.—The Master and the general secretary had written that, owing to their attendance at the College Youths' Dinner they were unable to be present. The chairman asked for a free discussion; and then called on Mr. Ralph Coles to move the following resolution: 'That Rule X be altered to read: The annual festival and general meeting shall be held in July in the three Archdeaconries in turn; and members here assembled pledge themselves to attend and vote for the suggested alteration at the Guild Festival.' Mr. Coles gave a lucid resume of the steps the Wycombe Society had taken to get the annual festival held in various centres, and remarked that if the resolution was carried it would be forwarded to the proper quarter in good time, and then brought up in the form of a 'private members' bill'; as, of course, they could not, nor had they ever claimed to, alter rules at a meeting such as the present one. The whole gist of the affair was to attend and vote at the annual festival.

Mr. F. Hayes seconded the motion, cordially agreeing with the mover's remarks.—Mr. J. W. Wilkins supported, and gave interesting details of the early days of the Guild. He reminded those present of the remarks of the late Master (the Rev. F. E. Robinson), who used to maintain that if members would not come to the Guild, the Guild must go to them.

The Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell spoke very strongly in favour of the suggested alteration. The holding of the festival continuously in one centre did not work for the welfare of the Guild as a whole. He would certainly support the motion when it was brought on; and he appealed to all those present, not only to pledge themselves, but to try and influence others to attend the annual festival. He was glad of the opportunity to be present to take part in such a frank and free discussion. He would do all he possibly could to help forward the cause they were striving for.

Other representatives having expressed themselves, the Chairman put the proposition, which was carried unanimously, and a pleasant meeting terminated.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As it is not a new thing for a person to resort to personal abuse when their actions are exposed, we may take the letter of Mr. G. Twitchen for what it is worth. He would practically have your readers believe that—'Black is white, also red.'

The doings of the late branch secretary must not be held up for too much criticism, as he is at present unable to defend himself, but, the branch meeting in May, of which your correspondent writes, was arranged by the late branch secretary, in defiance to a resolution, expressing the wishes, and passed by members, of this branch. The arrangements at High Wycombe were cancelled by order of the branch chairman, who was then informed by the late branch secretary that 'it was not supposed to be a branch meeting at all, but was a gathering at the invitation of the High Wycombe ringers.' This statement can be verified by anyone who cares to communicate with the branch chairman, the Rev. W. S. Riddelsdell, M.A., Bray Vicarage, Maidenhead, Berks.

The following is taken from a copy of my letter to High Wycombe, in answer to their refusal of the tower for a branch meeting:—

'Dear Sir,—I thank you for your prompt reply, but would like you to understand that I do not consider the Master's ruling as applicable to any meeting of this branch. I have made a rule for myself, and, in keeping it, I expect all members of the branch to follow suit, i.e., to keep the fourth Saturday in each month open for a branch practice. As twelve-bell practice is equally as important as six-bell, I do not expect any questions from any other of our members as to why I wrote. To be quite frank, there were a few who knew something of my ideas, and who want to see a branch practice at High Wycombe. Of course, I can understand the repairs difficulty [we have had it brought home rather forcibly at Stoke Poges], but I would like to see a regular branch twelve-bell practice with not too many months between each one. I shall be pleased to answer any questions from your members, and will continue to forward any notices at the same time as they are sent to the other towers.'

If this is compared with the statement in last week's 'Ringing

World,' it will be at once seen that a different meaning is implied by the letter than is suggested by your correspondent in his subtraction of words to suit his purpose.

The suggestion of arrogance comes badly from High Wycombe, whose members have been trying for some time to force their will on the Oxford Diocesan Guild, even to the extent of withdrawing their tower from affiliation with the Guild, Dec. 31st 1923. Comment is needless. Now they would tell us that 'members were still affiliated in July, 1924.'

In conclusion, when a band of ringers goes to the trouble of circularising the branch of a Guild with a printed slip, to enlist sympathy amongst many who are not fully alive to their aims, one can hardly call it 'without a flourish of trumpets.'—Yours faithfully,

ARTHUR D. BARKER,

Hon. Secretary, E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch, Oxford Diocesan Guild.

DEATH OF MACCLESFIELD'S OLDEST BELL RINGER.

LIVED TO SEE HIS DREAM COME TRUE.

On Monday, October 27th, Macclesfield's oldest ringer, in the person of Mr. W. McKinnell (or, as he was commonly called 'Old Kenny'), passed away at the age of 76. Mr. McKinnell started to ring 62 years ago, and had been connected with the parish church tower during that period. He regularly attended to his duties, and it was seldom he was late or absent. He was, in his day, a good and sound ringer and striker. He had rung a few peals, but not a great number.

He was buried on All Saints' Day at the Macclesfield Cemetery. The bells of Christ Church were rung muffled on Friday night, and the bells of the Parish Church were rung on Saturday until 2.30, when the ringers left for the home of the deceased to act as bearers, and to join in the procession.

The funeral cortege was headed by the Old Town band, of which the deceased used to be a member, and moved off to the strains of the Dead March in 'Saul.' On the hearse was a large floral bell, which had been sent by his brother ringers at the parish church. As the procession went through the market place the band ceased playing, and the tenor bell tolled its farewell for him. Large crowds lined the route of the procession.

After the coffin had been lowered into the grave, four ringers rang a course of Grandsire Triples at the graveside. The bells of the parish church were rung half-muffled during the evening, and for the services on the following day.

The Vicar (the Rev. H. E. Stevens), before commencing his sermon on Sunday morning, made the following reference to the deceased: 'Last Monday, our veteran ringer, William McKinnell, passed to his rest, after 62 years' service amongst our bells. His first public act in the craft was to assist in ringing a muffled peal on the death of the Prince Consort. He was well known in the county and beyond its borders as an enthusiastic campanologist; he loved to play hymn tunes on the bells of various churches, the last occasion being at St. Peter's, Congleton, on the second Monday in August, and he was equally expert with the handbells. Many of us knew how keen he was that the parish church should have a peal of twelve bells. He never tired of saying that the money would certainly come, when once a scheme was set on foot. He lived to see his dream come true, for he was in the tower when the Bishop of Chester dedicated the peal more than a year ago. I remember introducing him to the Bishop after the ceremony, and saying 'Now he is ready to sing his *Nunc Dimittis*.' However, he lived thirteen months to enjoy the sound of the bells, and kept up his interest in them to the end. On his deathbed he expressed a wish that his funeral might be on a Saturday, that the ringers might carry him to his last resting-place. Moreover, he gave instructions that his cherished handbells should be sold, and the money used to provide a stone bell as a tombstone, to bear his name, with the inscription, 'An old ringer.' Surely a splendid bit of enthusiasm worthy of a true craftsman. The ringers of the neighbourhood did him all honour at his burial, and we to-day would gratefully remember the hand-loom weaver, whose hobby gave pleasure to others. We shall not forget the old man with his kindly smile and his ready word for his friends, or the reverent worshipper who was rarely away from his place on Sunday evenings. Perhaps in his last hours he may have remembered the well-known words of Faber's hymn:

Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o'er land and sea.
And laden souls, by thousands meekly stealing,
Kind Shepherd, turn their weary steps to Thee.

He has stepped over the threshold of the beyond into the presence of the Good Shepherd.

GUILDFORD.—On Friday, Oct. 31st, at Holy Trinity Church, for special service, on eve of All Saints' Day, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 49 mins.: G. Petter 1, C. N. Burdock 2, H. Hutton 3, G. W. Steere 4, H. Burdock 5, W. R. Melville 6, Q.-M.-S. G. Gilbert R.E., 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8. First quarter in the method by all except ringers of 3rd and 8th.

A QUARTER OF GRANDSIRE.

DESCRIBED BY A 'RACY' CORRESPONDENT.

After many days, as prophesied in 'Old Moore's,' the Wakefield company have at least done something to uphold their reputation as change ringers by ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

This in itself is not a great performance for a company of their calibre, but it proves the ability of their conductor (Mr. J. Moorhouse), seeing that this was his first quarter-peal in that capacity.

I do not wish to belittle the performance when I say that the ringing was not all that could be desired, but under these adverse conditions Mr. Moorhouse never wavered or lost his head or place, so that great credit is due to him in being successful under such trying conditions.

One grateful member was so delighted that he intends presenting Mr. Moorhouse with a new book in which to jot down his touches, and hopes it will be an incentive to further effort.

The company were arranged as follows: Treble, Peaker; 2nd, Chapman; 3rd, Turner; 4th, Preston; 5th, Hinsley; 6th, Moorhouse (conductor); 7th, Cockill; 8th, Hammond.

A 'racy' individual describes it this way: There were nine entries for the handicap, but one named Heald, who prefers a shorter course, and likes soft going, became unruly at the post, whipped round and bolted, so did not come under the starter's orders. Hammond, who had been very fidgety and was eager to be off, got left at the start, and was tailed-off for a considerable part of the journey, and although the pace was slow in the early stages, he did not get in touch with the leaders until half the distance had been covered. Peaker, who had been leading, was soon overhauled by Chapman, a long striding youngster, who had not previously covered this distance, only to give way immediately to Turner, a stocky-built little fellow, who showed plenty of muscle. At the first turn they were all in a bunch, and a spill was narrowly avoided, but after a lot of bumping and crossing they settled down to a ding-dong finish, and with Hammond now moving close up behind, the pace increased, but he could not overhaul Peaker, who came in a length in front of Chapman, with Turner a similar distance away, third. Time, 53 minutes.

We would like to have seen that old stager 'Scott' in this company, but he may be held in reserve for a future event, or, perhaps, he prefers an easier course. In any case, he usually gets off with a good lead, and is rarely out of the first three at the finish.

TRIP TO GUILDFORD.

The North Stoneham ringers, accompanied by their Rector (the Rev. T. Salmon), held their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 20th, when Guildford was the venue, and was reached by way of the Meon Valley. It was intended to start at 8 a.m., but this was delayed about half an hour, because, it was rumoured, the bus driver waited outside a licensed house instead of the Church Hut.

After about 20 miles the bus began to show signs of distress, and things got so bad that at Tisted the driver phoned back to headquarters for instructions. During the wait, inquiries were made of a 'local' as to the distance to the next refreshment house, which was said to be a very short distance up the road. Several of the party started to walk, and found to their disgust that the 'short distance' was 1½ miles.

The old bus managed to crawl into Chawton, where a wait was made for another vehicle, which was being sent up from Southampton, and this eventually arrived about 11.50 a.m. It had been intended to ring at Farnham, but the delay had been so great that this tower had to be cut out.

On arrival at Guildford the party were met by Messrs. Melville and Pulling, and at Holy Trinity Church, Cambridge, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung, and during the ringing of the Cambridge the party were treated to a fine acrobatic display by the ringer of the 7th.

After lunch a visit was paid to St. Nicolas, and Mrs. Hazelden and Messrs. Hazelden, Raddon, Chivers, and others of the local band, were awaiting the visitors. Grandsire Caters, Double Norwich and Cambridge Surprise Major were rung, and some of the party found that the third bell could not be 'pushed up.'

A call was made at East Meon on the return journey. Here the tenor was found to 'go' indifferently. London was tried, but half-way through a course the tenorman gave up, he was without 'will.' Cambridge and Stedman were rung, but the heavy bellmen quickly decided that enough ringing had been done for the day. Home was reached about 10 p.m. The outing was much enjoyed, particularly the beautiful scenery from the Hog's Back and Hindhead. The party take this opportunity to express their best thanks to the clergy of the various churches for permission to ring, and to all the local ringers who met them, and the hearty welcome extended to them.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

On Saturday, Nov. 15th, 1873, a peal of 8,544 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Liversedge, Yorks, in five hours.

On November 16th, 1837, 7,360 Oxford Treble Bob was rung at St. Andrew's, Norwich.

At the same church, on Nov. 17th, 1835, the first peal of London Surprise Major was rung.

The first peal of Imperial Treble Bob Major was rung at St. Giles', Norwich, on Nov. 17th, 1760, and immediately the peal had been completed, one of the ringers, John Webster, dropped dead.

Next Tuesday, the 18th inst., is the centenary of a peal of 8,448 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung at St. Michael at Coslany, Norwich.

The first peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Martin's, Birmingham, was rung on November 19th, 1758.

Last week we published the report of a peal stated to have been rung at Thrapston, Northants. The peal was rung at Titchmarsh.

RINGERS' MEETINGS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Agreeing with you in your leader last week, I have for some time avoided both services and sermons at ringers' meetings. But experience has made me conclude that if you do not have a service, the meeting will lose both in importance and in value; and, while I agree that a 'full-dress' sermon is neither wanted nor useful on such a practical occasion, an address of a very few minutes (not more than five), may be very pointed and useful.

When I was in the Salisbury Diocese we made what seemed to be a very good arrangement, and one which always worked well, and I believe is still in use after a quarter of a century. With the help of the then Bishop, and the present Bishop of Truro, we drew up an office for the Diocesan Guild, making a service that could be read right through in five minutes for a district meeting; and once a year, when a choir could be obtained (or enough of the ringers relied on to sing), could be sung right through in ten minutes. With a very short pointed address this got the ringers together, and only used up time which otherwise would have been wasted, walking aimlessly about waiting for one another.

Treated in this way, the service will help considerably to the success of the meeting; but nothing is more likely to put a damper on a meeting than a lengthy 'shortened' evensong; or an impromptu kind of service that will last no one knows how long, and tend to disintegrate, instead of pulling together, a meeting.

HERBERT DRAKE.

QUICK PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Re the answers in your last issue, to my criticism of the quick peal at Sheffield, I beg to state, in reply, that no ill-feeling was meant or intended. If the two gentlemen had made a careful analysis of my letter, they would have seen that there was no reference to the merit and skill of the ringers taking part in the peal, and my letter, though harsh, was written in no unfriendly spirit, but were my critical views as to the music produced. I was more than surprised at the attitude taken by Mr. Lewis, as he appeared to suggest that my remarks had a tendency to cause ill-feeling between the ringers of Sheffield and Birmingham. I would like to say here that nothing was farther from my mind. The reason why I wrote that letter was to condemn all very quick peals as being detrimental to the music brought forth. I hope I have made this clear, and that the ringers of Sheffield will accept this explanation. Referring to Mr. Palmer's frank letter, he points out the following reasons why the peal was completed in such short time.

- (1) Because the bells are hung on the modern ball bearing principle, and that there is only a short draught to contend with.
- (2) That the 'hefty lads' at the back end started off at a brisk pace, and kept it up to the end.

Whilst agreeing that there were greater facilities for quicker ringing in the first reason, it does not follow that because of this the bells need be struck quicker. As regards the second reason could not a little restraint have been exercised in the case of the back end by a word of warning from more experienced men, who certainly should have been able to tell the extra rate the bells were travelling? The striking (I have no doubt now that I have the facts) was correct, but was the music so well produced by this rapid going? Myself, I think not, and I shall never be convinced otherwise. Mr. Palmer agrees with me that bells should not be struck too closely; therefore, is it not obvious that the bells must have been struck closely to create a time record such as that? He also accuses me of having a bad impression of the peal (my letter certainly suggested that), yet they themselves took (using his own words) a precisely similar view on the quick peals that have been rung at Southwark. So he will readily see why my condemnation was so severe, if on his own admission they at Sheffield took a similar view.

In conclusion, while thoroughly appreciating the spirit of Mr. Palmer's letter, I am still of the opinion that the music of peals rung at such speed cannot approach that of peals rung in

'NORMAL TIME.'

The Ancient Society of College Youths.

REVIVAL OF AN OLD CUSTOM.
BIG GATHERING FOR ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

An interesting revival of an ancient custom marked the annual gathering of the Ancient Society of College Youths on Saturday. Ringing had taken place at various churches during the afternoon, including Southwark Cathedral, Cripplegate, St. Magnus, and St. Andrew's, Holborn; and the members and visitors then assembled at the Church of St. Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, where a special service was held. In attending this church the Society went back to its old home, for it was from the College which was connected with this church, that the founders took the name of the Society. After the members had taken their seats, the Master (Mr. R. T. Hibbert) was conducted to his pew, preceded by the ancient mace of the Guild, which is in the form of a silver bell dated 1702, and which was carried by the senior warden (Mr. P. E. Clark). The service was taken from the 'Ringers' Manual,' and was conducted by the Rector (Canon Bullock Webster). The hymns were 'Ring forth, holy bells,' 'The sacred bells of England,' and 'Unchanging God, who livest,' the last named being sung to a tune which introduces rounds and Queen's. The lesson, from Romans xii., was read by the Master, and while the offertory was taken a course of Stedman Triples was perfectly rung on handbells by Messrs. H. R. Newton, C. F. Winney, W. Pasmore and W. T. Cockerill.

Canon G. F. Coleridge (president of the Central Council) preached from the words, 'I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.' These words, he thought, reflected the feeling in every heart when they decided to hold that service on the occasion of their annual festival as aforetime. It was the practice of the College Youths years ago to meet on the 5th of November and then, preceded by their silver bell, which he was glad to see that evening in its right and proper place, march to Bow Church, Cheapside, for a service, before holding their annual dinner or supper. He thought it might be well if they that evening went, after service, in procession, headed by the bell, to their annual banquet. People would then ask what it meant, and they could be told that these were men, engaged in the service of Almighty God, who were keeping their festival, and they had kept it in a right and appropriate way by first rendering thanks and praise to the Giver of all good gifts. Their forefathers went to Bow Church: they had come that day to St. Michael Paternoster Royal on College Hill, and he could not conceive of any more appropriate place than that, because the College Youths took their name from the old College which once stood there on College Hill, a College dedicated to the Holy Spirit and Saint Mary, which he believed, more than a hundred years ago, was removed to the North of London. It would interest them all to know that they had with them at that service the present warden of the College, who was technically called the 'Tutor,' who had charge of some four-and-twenty aged women in the College, which was now commemorated in that church by the Lady Chapel, and would be for all time. Whether the founders of the College Youths rang there or at St. Martin's he did not know with certainty. It was said that they used to chime at the College, but they did know that they used to ring at St. Martin's, also that the College was joined to that Church of St. Michael Paternoster Royal. The preacher then went on to quote from a brief history of the church, in which it was stated that the Church of St. Michael Paternoster Royal stood on a spot consecrated from time immemorial to the worship of God. In the year 1400 the church which then existed was so ancient and time-worn that it was determined to make room for a warthier House of God, and a new building was erected at the expense of Sir Richard Whittington, four times Lord Mayor of London. This new church survived for more than 250 years until it was destroyed by the Great Fire of London in 1666. Once more on the same spot a new church was built. It was erected under the supervision of Sir Christopher Wren, the great architect, and completed in 1694, except the tower, which was added in 1718. On the resurrection of the services formerly held by the College Youths they could not, said the speaker, do better than to meet in that church on their anniversary. What did they come there for? They came first of all to praise and thank and magnify God; they came also in a spirit of commemoration of their founders. They went back to the year 1637 and remembered with gratitude the names of their founders, who included Lord Brereton, Sir Cliff Clifton, and others, bearing names of renown. Coming down from the beginning they had had among them other great men, ringers, composers and conductors, too numerous to mention. Thus they came down to the present day, and they would agree that it was not fitting on that occasion to mention any particular names, but they were all engaged in a great work for the glory of God. So they went back into the past and thought of those old words, which he was so fond of: 'Let

us now praise famous men and the fathers that begat us; their seed shall remain for ever, and their glory shall not be blotted out; their name liveth for evermore.' Although their society went back for so many years they ought to remember that there were societies of ringers which went back in history even further than theirs. The Ancient Society of St. Stephen's ringers at Bristol in 1574 obtained the promise of a charter, and that was granted in 1620, seventeen years before the College Youths came into being. Some of them might also have read the articles of the Scholars of Cheapside, dated 1603, and they all, he supposed, knew Saffron Walden, which had had an endowment for ringers since 1623. Part of that endowment went for the preaching of a sermon on the anniversary every year of the death of the donor. In many of these old societies money was left for the ringing of the bells on the anniversary of the death of the testator, and this pointed to a religious origin more than anything else. He did not suppose many societies had a rule so drastic as one of those of St. Stephen's: 'If any of the said company shall be so bold as to run into the belfry before he do kneel down and pray, as every Christian ought, he shall pay for the first offence sixpence, and for the second he shall be cast out of the company.' A stringent rule. He for one did not like stringent and rigid rules. He preferred to rule his own life according to the commandments of God and His precepts, and he took it that most people liked to live in the fulness of God's favour, and therein find perfect freedom, which did not mean doing just what they liked and pleasing themselves, but doing everything for the honour of God, and for the help of their fellow-men. Let them remember that it was in a spirit of freedom that they were there that night. There was no compulsion about it. They were there because they felt it was a good and joyful thing to join together in unity, worshipping God, and thanking Him for their founders, praying also that they might be found worthy to follow in their footsteps. So they looked back with thankfulness over the past, and with fresh resolutions they would go forward in the future, never forgetting that they were church workers, God's ministers. They were God's ministers because they were privileged to ring the bells of the churches, the same high privileges as was shared by the organist and choir, and by all who took part in the service to Almighty God.

As a voluntary after the service, a course of Stedman Caters was rung on handbells.

The members then made their way to the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, where dinner was served, a company of nearly 190 sitting down, under the chairmanship of the Master.

The Master was supported by the Rev. Canon Bullock-Webster (St. Michael's, College Hill), Alderman J. S. Pritchett (St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Rev. Canon G. F. Coleridge (President of the Central Council), Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master), and Mr. A. J. Wright (hon. treasurer, Oxford Diocesan Guild), Rev. Canon Haldane (Rector of Southwark), Mr. Frank Churchwarden, Southwark Cathedral, Rev. J. H. Ellison (St. Michael's, Cornhill), Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (hon. secretary, Salisbury Guild), Mr. J. D. Matthews (Master), Mr. J. Cornford (hon. secretary), and Mr. C. Matthews (Royal Cumberland Youths), Rev. Preb. Isaacs (St. Giles', Cripplegate), Mr. W. Jeffries (Kent County Association), Mr. W. Skinner (Dean's verger, St. Paul's Cathedral), Rev. B. F. Simpson (St. Dunstan's, Stepney), Mr. R. Carter (churchwarden) and the Rev. S. A. Spackman (St. Mary Abbots), Mr. Castell, Mr. E. A. Young (hon. secretary, Central Council), Rev. W. Pennington Bickford (Rector of St. Clement Danes), Mr. Sergison, Mr. F. Walker, Rev. E. C. Bedford (St. Andrew's, Holborn) and the Rev. H. J. Fynes-Clinton (Rector of St. Magnus-the-Martyr). The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. W. E. Garrard, and the company included Messrs. W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary of the society), A. A. Hughes (hon. treasurer), P. E. Clark (senior steward), W. Hibbert (junior steward), C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees), E. Horrex and J. Carter, Major J. H. B. Hesse (Haslemere), Messrs. C. F. Johnston (Croydon), G. N. Price, J. Evans (Beaconsfield), J. Truss (Marlow), W. Nevard (Great Bentley), J. W. Jones (Newnork), W. Northover (Bridport), M. Northover (Reigate), G. Bowen (Hilfrcombe), G. Hoad (Reigate), J. Wyatt (Ashted), C. Dean (hon. secretary, Surrey Association), W. Dyson and D. Elliott (Essex), W. Lawrence (Herts), E. Lincoln (Norfolk), W. Hart (Brighton), T. Groombridge, senr. (Chislehurst), T. Groombridge, junr. (Crayford), A. Walker (Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary), J. E. Groves (Birmingham), S. Palmer (Sheffield), Mr. E. C. Goldsmith (Clapham), Mrs. R. J. Wilkins and Mrs. Cann (Bristol), Messrs. W. A. Cave and C. Gordon (Bristol), F. W. Rodgers, Tate and Taylor (Purvismouth).

F. Smith (Royal Cumberland Youths), J. Monk (Witney), A. Cullum (Caversham), J. T. Dyke (Midsomer Norton), T. Beaumont, C. Norris and W. Haigh (Rochester), F. Mitchell (Milton), T. Beadle (Isleworth), etc. The Barking band were present in force, and ringers also attended from all parts of London.

After an excellent repast, the Master submitted the loyal toast, which having been enthusiastically drunk, was followed by a lustily sung verse of the National Anthem.

Rising again, the Master proposed 'The Church.' In the minds of most of those present, he said, the Church would probably recall the glorious old buildings they had seen and the peals of bells they had rung on, but he wanted them to forget that side of it for a moment, and think of the Church as a brotherhood (applause). Some of those present had heard their glorious old Church of England service on the deck of a battleship, some round the drums behind the field of battle, and some perhaps had heard it in a ramshackle, corrugated shed in the colonies, but wherever that service had been held some individual had gone away a better man than before. That was the Church he asked them to drink to that night (applause).

Canon Haldane, who responded, thanked the Society, in the name of the clergy, for having asked them to be present that evening. The clergy very much needed the laity from various points of view, to encourage them and to keep them in order and it was a great pleasure to find themselves in a gathering so typical of the best laity of the Church. In a spirit of light banter the Canon touched upon the practice of some ringers who, having rung the bells, did not stop to the service, and he appealed to the Society to exert their influence wherever they could in helping the clergy to effect an alteration in this respect.

Canon Coleridge gave the toast of 'The Ancient Society of College Youths.' In addressing the chair, he said he had known the Master from boyhood, and felt inclined to address him as 'Dear old Tom' (applause), but that would not befit the dignity of the occasion, and, therefore, for the first time in his life he must call him 'Master' (applause). Canon Coleridge expressed the delight it had been to him to have had the privilege of speaking to them in the Church of St. Michael Paternoster Royal that evening. He counted it one of the greatest privileges of his life to have been asked to preach that sermon. He was really glad when he heard last year that they intended to begin their festival with a service, as all meetings of Church workers ought to begin, and he hoped that it was the beginning of a new page in the history of the College Youths. Going back over the early days of the Society, Canon Coleridge referred to the fact that Sir Matthew Hill and Sir Cliff Clifton, who were among the founders, were not the only baronets and knights they had had in their ranks. In his own day they had had Sir Bartle Frere as a member and their dear old friend, who did as much for change ringing as any other man, Sir Arthur Heywood. In looking round, they found that in other branches of art and science the great men were honoured. For example, in the world of music they need speak only of Sir John Stainer and Sir Frederick Bridge; in the world of art they had had Sir Frederick Leighton, Sir John Millais, and others. When they came to the ringing fraternity, what a grand thing it would be for the Exercise if they could have Sir Thomas Hibbert (laughter and applause), and it would be a still greater honour to have Sir William Cockerill (applause). Then the world would begin to look up to them. At present it didn't; it only expected them to ring for weddings and other festive occasions. Canon Coleridge eulogised the services of the Master; he also congratulated his son, who, he understood, had been nominated as senior steward for next year, and said he hoped he might live to congratulate him two years hence when, if he were spared, he would be in the position now occupied by his father (applause). Continuing, Canon Coleridge said it was not only the Master of that great society who had to be honoured, but that other gentleman, their devoted and most excellent secretary, at present Mr. William Cockerill (applause). When he looked back over the last forty years and compared the way in which the business of the society was conducted then with the way it is now carried on, there was a tremendous difference, and it was very largely owing to the excellence of their secretary (applause). Long might he remain in that position, and now that he had years before him free from the worry of teaching little boys, he would have more leisure and be able to give even more time to the welfare of that great society. It was his name that he had to couple with the toast of the Ancient Society of College Youths (applause).

The toast was drunk with musical honours.

Mr. Cockerill was cordially received on rising to respond. He said letters regretting absence had been received from Mr. J. C. Mitchell, secretary of the London General Omnibus Co.; Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association; the Rev. Gordon Ponsonby, Rector of Row, Chesham, who was kept away by indisposition. He also read a letter conveying greetings to the gathering from Mr. Alan Macdonald, who is at present in Canada, and a telegram worded as follows: 'Bristol United Guilds send fraternal greetings, and wish College Youths delightful evening.—Guise.' During the past year the Society had lost, by death, five members—William Newell, Samuel Joyce, James W. Washbrook, George Cleal and Sam Thomas. They had made 42 new members, and, including a peal rung that day at Stepney, there had been 32 peals rung, viz., one each of Bob Major

and Maximus, Treble Bob Major, Royal and Maximus ten of Stedman Triples, seven of Stedman Cateters, four of Cinques, two of Bristol Surprise, two of Cambridge Major, one Cambridge Maximus and one of London. In these 32 peals there had been 17 conductors. There had been 76 practices and 25 business meetings, and 'Sir' Thomas had honoured them by coming from Reading for 23 meetings out of the 25 (applause).

The Vice-Chairman proposed 'The London and Provincial Ringing Societies,' and welcomed the representatives to that gathering. Referring to the Cumberland Youths, he said the two societies did not meet now as often as they used to thirty-five years ago when the old St. James' Society was in existence. They then used to meet every fortnight, and he for one regretted that this practice had ceased, but things changed in ringing, as in all else. They were glad to have with them Alderman Pritchett, of St. Martin's Guild, for that was the jubilee of his membership of the society (applause). They hoped he would be spared for many more years to reside over St. Martin's Guild and to come among the College Youths on the occasion of their annual dinner (applause).

Mr. J. D. Matthews first responded. He was very pleased, he said, that Canon Haldane had congratulated the College Youths on wearing out the floor of the church, as well as the stairs of the belfry, but he could assure him the ringers would be more interested in the east end of the church if the clergy helped to wear out the steps of the belfry a bit more (laughter and applause). The ringers would like to see the clergy in the belfry more than they did. He would like to take Canon Haldane round some of the London belfries so that he might see their condition. There were some that were not fit for pigs, let alone ringers (hear, hear). If the clergy who were there that night would use their influence among their brethren to get the towers improved they would be doing a great deal for ringing in general, for there were many belfries that needed putting in order, and in which the clergy at present took little interest (applause).

Alderman Pritchett said he was very glad to be there that night, and to have the honour of responding to that toast. As Mr. Garrard had said, if he lived until Monday he would have been 50 years a member of that Ancient Society (applause). It was one of the few things in life that he had to boast of, and he did boast of it. He had experienced more pleasure from bell ringing than from anything else in any other recreation he had been concerned with. When he was elected, on Nov. 10th, 1874, he learned from his certificate, which proudly hung on the walls of his house, framed and properly glazed, that the Master was Henry W. Haley, and the hon. secretary was George A. Musket, and the stewards were William Greenleaf and John M. Hayes, names honoured in the annals of change ringing, and very proud he was to have their signatures (hear, hear). When he died he intended to present that beautiful certificate, which was by Bartolozzi to the Birmingham Public Library where, he hoped, it would be preserved. His membership number was 2,660, and he would like to know the number of the last member (Mr. Cockerill: 4,900). He was going to say he thought the number had been doubled. Of the provincial societies all but two or three had grown up in his time. St. Martin's Guild, of course, had existed almost from time immemorial, certainly for nearly 200 years. It had been a great society, and was now a great society (hear, hear). The cause of its prosperity was two-fold; first of all the love of ringing on the part of its members and able leadership on the part of those who were concerned in leading it, before he (the speaker) became a ringer; and, secondly, a slight inducement of another character. He had heard from the great Henry Johnson, with whom he rang his first peal 49 years ago, that about a hundred years ago or more some benevolent individual left the sum of 40 shillings per annum for the ringers of Birmingham (laughter). He could not find that the forty shillings was ever paid (laughter), but when they looked for new members they told them the arrears of that annuity had been accumulated, and some day they would be collected and a very handsome amount would be distributed among the ringers (laughter). So all the credit of their very prosperous society was not solely due to their indefatigable secretary, Mr. Smith, who had that powerful argument to back him up (laughter). It was all for the good of ringing that there were provincial societies. Ringers were becoming a great power in the land; they were attracting public attention, and, what was better still, they were being understood by the public more and more as the years went on. The societies having organised themselves had enlisted the sympathies of the clergy, and the clergy recognised the valuable assistance they had from the ringers, and the ringers were now recognised as church workers, deserving the respect of the clergy and their encouragement. There had also been another great feature in the progress of ringing, during the 50 years with which he had been associated with it, and that was the formation of the Central Council of Change Ringers, whose honoured president was with them that night. No institution could succeed unless it was founded on discipline and respect for authority. He claimed respect for the Central Council. It gave cohesion to the ringers and ringing societies. Occasionally one hears murmurs against it, and that it did not perform any useful functions, but he could assure them that was not the case. It was the head of the great institution of change ringers in this country. He also appealed to all ringers to support their socie-

ties and the respective officers of their societies, to cultivate an esprit de corps, to work in unison, to avoid petty disputes and petty jealousies, and try to be worthy of the magnificent art which they practised (applause).

Mr. A. Paddon Smith, in a racy speech, proposed the toast of 'The Visitors.' It had been the great good fortune of the society, he said, to have with them at their annual gatherings considerable numbers of representative clergymen and laymen, and that night was no exception to the rule; in fact, he thought it was the biggest gathering of its kind which he had ever been privileged to attend. They bade the gentlemen of the cloth a most cordial welcome to the feast. He hoped they had enjoyed the dinner and the musical programme, and that their sermons on the morrow would be none the less interesting or elevating because they were there that night (laughter). He sometimes thought ringers had greater opportunities than even the clergy. The voice of the clergy could only reach the people actually assembled within the four walls of the church, but the voice of the bells, which the ringers operated, were flung far and wide over the busy street and market place, leading men, he hoped, sometimes to think of higher things, and of something over and above money making (applause).

Canon Bullock Webster replied to the toast, and said it had been a real delight to him, as Rector of St. Michael's Paternoster Royal, to welcome them at the church that evening, and he was glad of the opportunity of responding to that toast because it gave him the opportunity of saying that he wanted them to come again (hear, hear). And not only did he want them to come again, but he wanted them to come every year. They would be in very good company in so doing. There was a great revival among the city companies in this respect, and he was able to welcome to St. Michael's not only the Worshipful Company of Inn Holders, who had attended for many years, but also the Viners' Company, and, within the last two years two other city companies who had decided to inaugurate the annual election of Master in asking God's blessing on their labours, the Wire Drawers and the Glaziers. He ventured to say, therefore, that the College Youths would be in very good company. The only reason he hesitated to ask them to come every year was that he had only got one bell, whereas the neighbouring church of St. Magnus-the-Martyr had a magnificent peal of ten bells. The old church which stood on College Hill for many years grew into such a dilapidated condition that it was necessary to restore it. Sir Richard Whittington said he would build a new church, and not only did he build a new church, but he provided a college of clergy, consisting of a master and four fellows, with choristers. Such an impression did it make that some seemed to ignore the Church of St. Michael, and called in the Whittington College, and the church was regarded as the College Church, and when in 1637 the ringers decided to form themselves into a society they got leave to ring in that magnificent pile the peal of bells provided at Whittington's College. They also thought well to take the name of the College for the Ancient Society of College Youths. So he said they were coming back to their old home, and, if they felt sometimes they would like to go to a church where there was a peal of bells to do better honour of their society, then he would suggest they might take it alternate years at St. Magnus-the-Martyr and St. Michael's College Hill (applause).

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn submitted the toast of 'The Press.' He first congratulated the Master on his successful year of office, and drew attention to the manual which had been used at the service that day. It was drawn up, he said, for the benefit of his own Guild, and also for the benefit of the ringers of all associations. He had already received several expressions of appreciation of the manual. He had had to undertake the responsibility of reprinting the book, and he asked those present, if they approved of the manual, to push it with their respective associations. It could be obtained direct from the S.P.C.K. or from any agent of the society, and the price was fourpence. Continuing, Mr. Jenkyn referred to the influence of the Press on public opinion. There were papers connected with all the many departments of their varied life, and they as ringers were thankful that they had a Press connected with ringing. He did not know whether ringers ever stopped to think what ringing societies would be like without it? Had they ever stopped to think what that gathering would have been like if it had not been for the Press? It would have entailed an enormous amount of extra work, and even with that extra work he doubted if they could have got together such a gathering as that. As Librarian to the Council, he paid a tribute of gratitude to 'The Ringing World' and its Editor. It was a very difficult thing to run a ringing paper, and he hoped that the officers of every Guild and Association would impress on their members to support 'The Ringing World,' by taking a copy. It was their one great link throughout the whole country, and if they had not that link they would lose an enormous amount of that fellowship, without which their ringing, in his opinion, would be worth very little (applause).

Mr. J. S. Goldsmith briefly replied to the toast, thanking the proposer for his kindly references to 'The Ringing World' and himself. A feature of the musical programme was again the handbell playing of Mrs. Hughes, who, to piano accompaniment, rendered 'Solweig's Song' (Greig), and 'Land of Hope and Glory' (Elgar). An encore was loudly demanded, and kindly complied with, a course of Stedman Cinques was rung on handbells by members of the society, and the songs included 'The Bandolero,' sung by Mr. J. Bullock, and

'Drake goes West,' by Mr. T. Warren, who was encored. Messrs. Bullock, Hawkins and Russell rang a selection of tunes on handbells, and Mr. H. Podger, who acted as accompanist, contributed a piano-forte solo. The enjoyable gathering concluded with 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Many visitors stayed over Sunday, when there was ringing at various churches, and in the evening a social gathering took place at 'The Coffee Pot.'

RESTORATION OF LONG MELFORD BELLS.

HEARD AGAIN AFTER 25 YEARS.

The bells of Long Melford Parish Church, Suffolk, have been restored, and on Saturday, November 1st, were rededicated at a special service by the Rev. H. Drake, of Ufford, hon. secretary of the Suffolk Guild. It is twenty-five years since Long Melford bells were rung in peal, but now they have been rebung, three of them recast, and all of them retuned, while the tower has also been placed in a satisfactory condition. The dedication was attended by a large congregation, and many ringers from neighbouring towers.—The Rector, in a statement, said many people of Melford would that day be hearing the bells for the first time. Those who remembered the peal as it used to be would be able to form some judgment as to whether there was any improvement in their tone and tunefulness. With regard to the work which had been done, the original eighteenth century oaken bell frame had been strengthened, and had been passed by the architect as being absolutely efficient, with an estimated future of not less than 150 years. The belfry floor had been so altered as to ensure the bells being heard evenly and correctly in the ringers' chamber, whilst certain of the bells, the second, sixth and seventh, had been recast. All had been retuned, and had been passed as correct in their striking and fundamental tones. In conclusion, he said the history of Melford Parish Church was one of a series of efforts at restoration, and there was still more work to be undertaken.

After the singing of the 96th Psalm, the clergy proceeded to the tower, where the act of dedication was performed by the Rev. H. Drake. Then for the first time the fine tones of the bells broke the silence.

The Rev. H. Drake based his address on the words: 'Woe is me if I preach not the gospel,' which appear round the waist of the great bell at St. Paul's Cathedral. He said for the first part of his life he lived within a short distance of the bell foundry at Loughborough, and he well remembered his father coming home and telling him that the greatest bell cast in England had that day been cast in the foundry. A few days later he went with his father to see that wonderful bell, which had been raised out of the casting pit and stood upside down in the foundry workshop. He remembered seeing Mr. Taylor, the grandfather of the present head of the firm, swing a large ball of metal backwards and forwards until it reached the bell, and they heard its wonderful sound for the first time. The words of his text were around the bell in large letters, and the bell was now known as 'Great Paul,' and hung in St. Paul's Cathedral. It was hoped at the time to put twenty tons of metal into the bell, but the cast would only take 17. It was to this same foundry that the bells they had just heard had been sent. Their beautiful tone was due to the modern system of tuning. They knew that these bells were not like the ancient bells in the church before the time of the great village. There were said to be at that period five great bells and one sanctus bell, which was afterwards sold, but bought back again and placed in a mission room in Melford. There were five great bells at the time of the Reformation. These had all gone, no doubt being recast at different periods. So it had gone on through the ages, and again they had their bells. The five bells before the Reformation were all baptised and anointed before being placed in the tower. That was not the custom now, and they might regret it or think it foolish. The idea was, however, that the bells were to be a type of Christians, that, just as churches were filled with pictures, stained glass windows or ornaments with their lessons, so also were the bells. It was for the bells to tell out the message, that they were to preach the gospel by their sound. There was no doubt that that was the reason why the authorities of St. Paul's decided upon the text on their bell.

The service concluded with the hymn, 'For all the Saints,' and a collection was taken on behalf of the Churchyard Improvement Fund.

Subsequently all the ringers present were entertained to tea by the Rector in the Parish Room, where Archdeacon Farmilow spoke a few words of welcome and encouragement. He said he felt proud to take a part in such a function. They were keen on the ringing of the church bells, and were glad that one more tower was added to those in the diocese. One of the best things about ringers was that they were always ready to help their neighbours. He was sure they wished the ringers at Long Melford a successful future with their tower, and they would look forward to great help and support from the ringers.

The Rector (the Rev. R. S. Bree) thanked all for coming, and hoped that that day would mark a new period of history in Long Melford Church. They looked forward to getting a Melford company of ringers for Melford bells, but they would always be proud to welcome surrounding members to the tower (applause).

During the afternoon touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were rung.

KENT'S NEW PEAL OF TEN.**DEDICATION OF TWO TREBLES AT ST. LAWRENCE, THANET.**

The two new trebles at St. Lawrence, Thanet, to increase the peal to ten, were dedicated on Sunday, Nov. 9th, at the morning service. Immediately after the second lesson, a procession was formed in the vestry, in the following order: Clergy; St. Lawrence company of ringers; two R.A.F. non-commissioned officers; two representatives of the young men of the parish; parishioners who served in the fighting forces; two representatives of the congregation; officers of the R.A.F.; the wardens; the preacher (the Rev. Herbert Bull, M.A.); the Vicar (the Rev. A. G. Wilcox, M.A., hon. C.F.); the Mayor; Dame Janet Slancombe-Wills, O.B.E.; Mrs. Wilcox (representing the bereaved families and visiting clergy).

The procession passed down the south-west aisle and up the centre immediately under the tower, the ringers falling out on each side for the remainder of the procession to come up into their places. The Vicar then dedicated the bell of 'Thanksgiving,' and after it had been rung by the Mayor the congregation joined in singing the Doxology. The Vicar then dedicated the bell of 'Remembrance,' which Mrs. Wilcox rang on behalf of the bereaved families. The congregation then joined in singing the hymn, 'How bright these glorious spirits shine.'

The procession returned, and the anthem, 'Blessed are the dead,' was sung, and special prayers were said for the ringers and those who should listen to the call of the bells. After the sermon, the ringers' hymn was followed by the National Anthem, and as the congregation were leaving the church the full peal of bells was rung.

At the evening service, the bells were half-muffled for the Armistice service, when some good touches of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were brought round. During the day ringers representing most of the towers in East Kent were present.

The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and great credit is due to them. The 'go' and the tone is everything that can be desired.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.**MONTHLY PRACTICES INTRODUCED.**

On Saturday, November 8th, a most enjoyable afternoon and evening was spent at Whitwick, members numbering about 18, being present from various parts, including Hugglescote, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Quarndon, Loughborough, and the local tower.

During the afternoon and evening some beautifully struck touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman and Bob Major were brought round, one new ringer ringing his first 500 of Grandsire Triples on an inside bell.

Canon T. W. Walters presided over the meeting.

The secretary brought forward questions of the proposed monthly practice meetings, which, after a considerable amount of discussion was carried unanimously. The idea is to promote better striking, also to raise the standard of, and introduce new, methods, also to give a chance to ringers who, between the monthly meetings do not get an opportunity of ringing much above Doubles, although, perhaps, possessing eight bells.

The first practice meeting is to be held at Whitwick on Saturday, November 22nd, these particular meetings to be separately arranged at monthly meetings, the next taking place at Shepshed on Dec. 6th.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Canon Broughton (Archdeacon of Loughborough), who had been taken ill rather suddenly, and who was to have given the address.

Some of the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Canon T. W. Walters, and a vote of thanks was passed to him for his eloquent address, and his kind permission for the use of the bells.

DEVON GUILD PEAL AT LAUNCESTON.

The peal at St. Stephen's-by-Launceston, Cornwall, on Saturday week, was the outcome of the Exeter ringers' visit during the past summer. The bells, which have been augmented from six to eight, and rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough, are a most musical ring, and the 'go' is perfection, so that it only required the Vicar's permission to make the attempt. This the Vicar (Canon E. Dewe) readily gave, and saw to the comfort of the ringers before starting. It is only fair to the ringers and bellhanger to say an excellent and well-struck peal was accomplished. The Vicar heartily congratulated the band at the finish, as also did the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who had heard over an hour of the ringing. The former kindly invited the ringers to the Vicarage for refreshments, and the hospitality was much appreciated.

It is hoped that a help has been given to the Truro Guild, and that the local ringers will join up and assist their county guild in its good work.

CARDIFF.—On Thursday, Oct. 30th, after meeting one short for a peal of Stedman Caters, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Biss (conductor) 1, J. Bailey 2, J. Davies 3, G. Large 4, A. Parnell 5, S. Dawe 6, J. W. Jones 7, S. R. Barker 8.

MR. E. V. RODENHURST'S 100 PEALS.

Mr. E. V. Rodenhurst, of Keystone, Salop, has just completed his first 100 peals. The record is a meritorious one, inasmuch as there is practically no change ringing in his own district, and he has had to travel anything from fifty to seventy miles for nine out of ten of them. The list is as follows: Stedman Cinques 1, Kent Treble Bob Royal 3, Bob Royal 1, Stedman Caters 2, Grandsire Caters 1, Double Norwich Major 19, Kent Treble Bob Major 23 (including 7,488, 9,344, 10,400 (longest peal in Wales) and 17,280 (Treble Bob Record), Oxford Treble Bob Major 4, Bob Major 7, Stedman Triples 7, Grandsire Triples 20 (conducted 2), on handbells 1, Minor (1 to 4 methods) 5, Doubles (1 to 4 methods) 5, on handbells 1; total, 100. Rung in 51 towers, in seven counties, for seven associations.

THE FIRST MUFFLED PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Laffin's letter in 'The Ringing World' of Oct. 31st, re 'The first Muffled Peal,' I am pleased to inform him that the original placard of the peal has been glazed and framed, and is placed among other peal boards in the belfry of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bromley, where the peal was rung. The record was 'rescued' from 'Ye Olde Rising Sun,' together with our peal book, over 50 years ago, and has been in its present position ever since. Mr. Laffin speaks of a 'crude drawing' at the head of the placard. He, and others, will be interested to learn whose work this was. The drawing and the writing were by (we presume) a relation of one of the ringers, viz., C. T. Giles, whose age was 12 years.—Yours, etc.,

P. SPICE,

Secretary, Bromley Youths.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for morning service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the following members of the Bromley Youths: G. Huxley 1, G. F. James 2, G. Durling, *T. Knight, 1, Emery 5, A. James 6, P. Spice (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, H. Skinner 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

CHELSEA.—At the Church of St. Luke, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters: H. W. Mance 1, C. F. Mitchell 2, G. Watkins 3, W. Dean 4, A. Newman 5, J. Carman 6, E. Reeve 7, H. H. Mance 8, H. Mance (conductor) 9, W. Essery 10. First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters by ringers of 1st and 6th.

GREEN'S NORTON.—For evensong, at the Parish Church, on Sunday, November 2nd, a quarter-peal (1,260 changes) of Minor, being 720 Oxford Bob and 540 Plain Bob (all singles), in 42 mins.: W. Wise 1, G. F. Lucas 2, G. Mansfield 3, A. Mansfield 4, J. Wilfred Sharp 5, J. M. Gray (conductor) 6.

NEWCHURCH (IN ROSSENDALE), LANCs.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 40 mins.: J. Taylor 1, T. Harrison 2, J. H. Haydock 3, A. Lord (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 4, O. Earlwood 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6, J. T. Wright 7, John W. Ormerod 8. J. H. Haydock hails from Ramsbottom, the rest are local ringers.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): A. E. Newman 1, F. Mursell 2, G. Pullinger 3, R. Curtis 4, F. White 5, J. W. Faithfull (conductor) 6, J. W. Trappett 7, A. Reid 8. First quarter for ringers of 1st, 4th, 5th and 8th. Arranged for J. W. Trappett.

MERTHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 2nd, on the occasion of the dedication of the balustrade at the entrance to St. Katherine's Church, erected in memory of the late Rector (the Rev. R. I. Woodhouse), 720 Bob Minor: R. Ball 1, E. Atkins 2, J. Batters 3, C. Killick 4, H. Wood 5, F. Rice (conductor) 6.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for morning service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: P. Stratton 1, W. C. Stacey 2, H. Dyas 3, P. Clark 4, H. Cook 5, F. Skevington 6, C. Hunt (conductor) 7, R. Mackrill 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at the Parish Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Wells 1, H. Prior 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Kemp 4, E. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

PUDSEY, YORKS.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of London Surprise Major (1,344 changes): P. Cordingley 1, S. Ward 2, J. C. Booth 3, J. E. Procter 4, Wm. Barton (conductor) 5, T. M. Kitchen 6, J. Ambler 7, J. W. Cordingley 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—For morning service, on Sunday, Oct. 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 50 mins.: J. Butler (conductor) 1, W. V. Webb 2, W. E. Napper 3, T. East, senr., 4, A. H. Webb 5, F. E. Abbott 6, R. G. Rice 7, J. S. Napper 8. First quarter-peal of Major by all but the ringers of 1, 3 and 7. First as conductor, and first by a local band.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, for harvest festival, evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's One-part: F. Allwood 1, S. Ward 2, A. W. Bowers 3, F. J. Davey (Exeter) 4, E. Stitch (Aberavon) 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, H. J. Hale 7, F. Parnel 8.

KING'S NORTON BELLS.**A GREAT IMPROVEMENT ON THE OLD PEAL.**

About three years ago the ringers of King's Norton Parish Church approached the churchwardens, recommending that the bells be rehanging on new fittings. The matter was taken up, and expert opinions sought, the result being that a committee was formed to deal with the work.

Mr. F. B. Yates, a gentleman highly respected in the parish, and an enthusiastic lover of ringing, was appointed chairman. Mr. W. E. Moore, people's warden, schoolmaster and lay reader, of King's Norton, undertook the work of hon. secretary. Other members of the committee were Messrs. Boffey, Vicar's warden, Izon and Nicholls, members of the Church Council; Laffin, Williams and Webb, members of the local ringing band; and the Vicar of the parish. The committee got to work, and decided to recast the peal, except the 4th bell, which had been recast in 1905, and to rehanging the bells on new ball bearings, fitting them with new wheels and iron head stocks. It was really a bold move to recast the peal, since it was acknowledged to be already a good one, as far as Birmingham peals go. Also, there was known to be some local prejudice against the proposal. The bells, however, were a mixed lot, and not musically true in the major diatonic scale. The committee decided to improve them, and not having at any time any official objection from anybody in the parish to overcome, applied, through the Church Council, for a faculty to restore the peal. They were determined to secure the best peal possible with the money at their disposal for, and in keeping with, their ancient church.

On Saturday, November 1st (All Saints' Day) the recast bells were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Birmingham in the presence of a large congregation. After the prayer of dedication the following local ringers ascended the tower, and had the honour of ringing the bells for the first time: P. O. Laffin 1, F. B. Yates 2, W. E. Moore 3, H. Williams 4, W. Ball 5, C. Webb 6, J. Bettleton 7, J. Withers 8.

After the service, a meat tea was provided for local and visiting ringers.—The Vicar presided, and expressed his pleasure in seeing so many ringers present.

Responding on behalf of the visitors, Mr. A. E. Parsons, of Old Hill, Staffs, stated that prior to that afternoon he had misgivings as to the wisdom of interfering with the old peal. Now after having heard and rung the new bells he was delighted to state that they were a distinct improvement on the old ones in every way. The committee had, he thought, every reason to be proud of them, and of the results of their very successful undertaking.

During the evening, several touches were rung, the ringers all expressing their delight with the sound and the 'go' of the bells. The people of King's Norton are delighted with the new peal and congratulations are pouring in from all quarters. Naturally, the chairman of the committee and the secretary are very proud of the achievements.

The work of restoration was carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who are to be congratulated on the excellence of their work.

The arrangements for tea were admirably carried out by Mesdames Moore, Yates, Izon, Williams Laffin, Webb and Ball.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A most successful meeting of the South and West District of the Middlesex Association and London Diocesan Guild was held at Hillingdon on Saturday, when close upon 50 members and friends attended from Acton, Chelsea, Clapham, Camberwell, Chiswick, Ealing, Fulham, Isleworth, Staines, Tooting, Windsor, Willesden, and the local company.

Ringings commenced shortly after 3 p.m. (under the leadership of the Master (Mr. Robert Holloway), and at 5 p.m. a short service, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. H. J. Kilcat) took place, and was much appreciated by all.

After service, an adjournment was made to the Church School, where an excellent tea had been arranged by the hon. secretary and lady friends.

At the business meeting following, four new members were elected, namely, Miss E. Chapman, Miss E. Harcastle, Miss F. E. Orr, and Miss Robinson, daughter of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, so well known to the ringing world.

The customary vote of thanks to the Vicar, choir and friends, who kindly put their shoulder to the wheel to make the last monthly meeting of the year such a success was heartily given.

'What's Wrong?' the leader in 'The Ringing World' of November 7th, came under a little comment, but at the end of a most successful year everyone agreed 'All's well.'

GREEN'S NORTON.—At the Parish Church, for harvest thanksgiving, on Thursday, Oct. 9th, 720 Double Oxford: G. F. Lucas 1, A. Mansfield 2, G. Mansfield 3, A. Booth 4, J. M. Gray 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evening service (being the continuation of the harvest thanksgiving), a quarter-peal (260 changes) of Doubles, in 42 mins., consisting of 480 St. Simon's, 480 Bob Doubles and 300 Grandsire: A. Booth 1, J. M. Gray 2, G. Mansfield 3, A. Mansfield 4, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 5.

NOTICES.

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BARNSELY AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Wortley on Saturday, Nov. 15th. All ringers invited. — C. D. Potter, Sec., 16, Gawber Road, Barnsley.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—The annual meeting will be held at Basingstoke on Saturday, Nov. 15th. 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.—Charles D. P. Davies, Hon. Dist. Sec., Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting of the district will be held at Hersham on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.45 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow.—J. B. Hessey, Hon. Dis. Sec., 11, Queen Street, Chertsey.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Stoke Golding (6 bells) on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. till 4.15 and 6 to 8 p.m. Short service in church at 4.15.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—The annual meeting will be held at Portsmouth on Saturday, Nov. 15th. St. Mary's bells (8) available 2.30 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea will be provided in the Parish Institute. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. W. Rogers, Hon. Sec., 52, Samuel Road, Portsmouth.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Taunton Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Bishop's Hull on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells at 2.30. Service 4.30. Tea and business after. — P. Merson, Branch Sec., Bishop's Hull.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Banwell, near Weston-super-Mare, on Nov. 15th. Service in the evening, tea and meeting after. Bells (6) afternoon and evening. — G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—Next quarterly meeting will be held at King's Langley on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells available from 2.30. Short service at usual time. All welcome.—W. Ayre, Dis. Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th: *St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 18th (election night); all at 7.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Pentrich on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Bells ready at 2.30. — H. G. Fretwell, Sec., 14, High Street, Swanwick.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at St. Michael's City on Saturday, Nov. 15th (Emmanuel, Clifton, not being available). Bells open from 3 o'clock. Service 5. Tea and meeting to follow.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Edmonton (by invitation) on Nov. 15th, when the bells will be open for ringing. Tea will be provided. I shall be pleased to know the number beforehand for tea. All members and friends will be heartily welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held on Nov. 15th at St. Mary's, Putney. Tower open 4 till 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Everyone invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

GREAT BADDOW.—The recast ring of eight bells of the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin will be reopened on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Dedication by the Bishop of Barking at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at 5 p.m. for visiting ringers.—Chas. H. Howard, Master, Essex Association.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Ilchester Deanery Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Langport on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, for those only who give notice on or before Tuesday, the 18th.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hindley (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. — Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — A ringing practice has been arranged on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Burnham, at 6 p.m. All welcome.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham Wood, Slough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Heene on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Free tea at the Church Rooms at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, the 22nd Nov. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Beale's Tea Room at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Presteign-Leominster District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eardisland on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—J. Preece, Dis. Sec., Stream Cottage, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Old Basford on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Ringing from 4 to 7.30 p.m. Meeting will be held in the tower after ringing. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Thursday, Nov. 27th. St. Thomas' Parish Church bells will be available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid forthwith.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Aldate's Church on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tea in Rectory Room at 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Service after meeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—A. F. Barrett, Branch Sec., 64, Norreys Avenue, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Nov. 29th (not the 22nd as previously stated). Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—An extra meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Free tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 'The Welcome,' High Street. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, the 25th, at latest, so that proper arrangements can be made? — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, in National Schools, to those who notify Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, before Nov. 25th. Meeting afterwards. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. All Saints' tower will be open for ringing after tea. Members intending to be present please notify me before Nov. 25th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at the Church Hall. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. (1s. each to all sending word to Mr. W. Souter, 23, Church Walk, Stowmarket, by Dec. 1st). Meeting follows. A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Jan. 10th.—Herbert Drake, Sec., Ufford.

ACTON.—Practice at Acton is changed to Wednesdays.—Robert Holloway.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LEEDS.—On Sunday, Nov. 2nd, at 25, Prison Quarters, Leeds, as a birthday compliment to the conductor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on handbells: Miss Olive L. Lumley 1—2, Gerald Moorhouse (conductor) 3—4, Malcolm Moorhouse 5—6, John W. Moorhouse 7—8.

HEIGHINGTON, DURHAM.—On Oct. 31st, at the Church of St. Michael, 456 London Surprise Minor, for harvest festival. Also after service, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Oliver 1, G. W. Park 2, R. Park 3, C. Todd 4, F. W. Lupson 5, W. N. Park (conductor) 6. All the above ringers belong to Holy Trinity, Darlington.

SHEFFIELD.—On Tuesday, Oct. 28th, to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Barnascone, generous supporters of St. Marie's (R.C.) Church, Norfolk Row, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Tuke 1, C. Harrison 2, T. G. Sarel 3, F. Willey 4, J. Evinson 5, A. Craven 6, R. Harrison (conductor) 7, H. Hirst 8.

CAPENHURST, CHESHIRE. — On Oct. 28th, 720 Oxford Single Bob: Rd. Maddock 1, Robt. Maddock 2, A. Williams 3, P. Goodier 4, E. W. Elwell (conductor) 5, J. Bagley 6. This is the first 720 in the method by the local band, and by all except the ringer of the 5th.

LEIGHTON BUZZARD. — At All Saints' Church, on All Saints' Day, a quarter-peal of Bob Major was rung for the dedication service: *Mrs. Brownsworth 1, *C. Whybrow 2, W. J. Jeffs 3, *J. Arnold 4, W. Botsford 5, *A. Butcher 6, J. Nicholls 7, F. Vickers (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal of Major.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Lankester 1, R. H. Boddington 2, Robert Fardon (conductor) 3, S. D. Breeze 4, Miss Hawksworth 5, R. Holloway 6, E. W. Coulson 7, W. Elliott 8.—Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Easton 1, E. W. Coulson 2, S. D. Breeze 3, C. Brown 4, R. Holloway (conductor) 5, R. Fardon 6, Miss Hawksworth 7, W. Elliott 8.

GUILDFORD.—On Wednesday morning, Oct. 22nd, at Holy Trinity Church, for Girls' Friendly Society special congress service, 504 Stedman Triples: C. N. Burdock 1, Mrs. W. R. Melville 2, G. W. Steere 3, G. Petter 4, H. Burdock 5, C. J. M. S. G. Gilbert, R.E., 6, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 7, W. R. Melville 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 16th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: M. England (first quarter) 1, Miss Moss 2, Miss Hawksworth (first quarter) 3, R. H. Boddington 4, S. D. Breeze 5, J. W. Fruin 6, R. Holloway 7, R. Fardon (conductor) 8.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.—On Saturday, Sept. 13th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), 1,260 changes: T. Butler, senr., 1, A. Allen 2, J. F. Sharp 3, F. Evans 4, G. H. Edwards 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, R. T. Evans 8.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Monday, Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), 1,260 changes, in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, A. Haynes 2, A. Allen 3, G. H. Edwards 4, T. Butler, senr. (conductor), 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, and by an entirely local band.—On Monday, Oct. 6th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), 1,260 changes, in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, A. Haynes 2, A. Allen 3, G. H. Edwards 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler (conductor) 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8.—Also on Monday, Oct. 20th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), 1,260 changes, in 48 mins., by the same band, conducted by T. Butler, senr.

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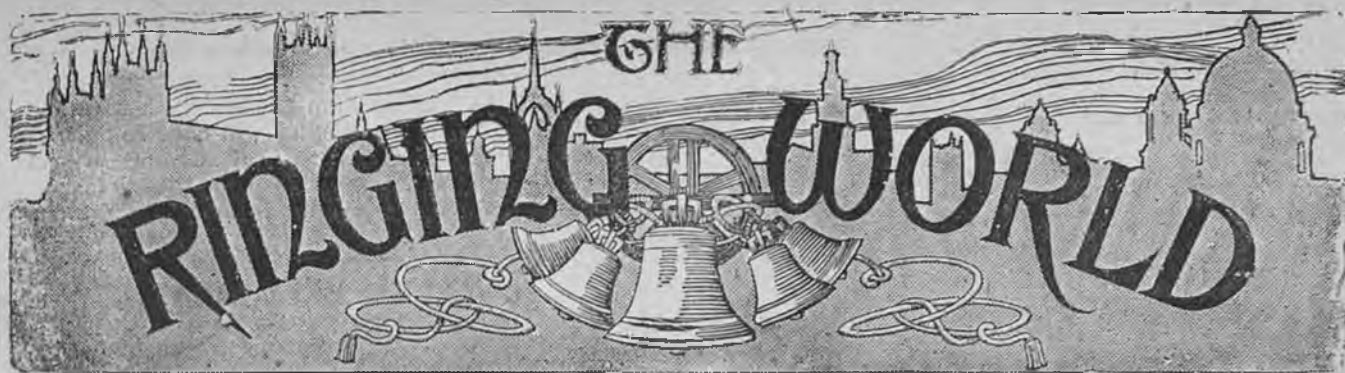
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LONDON BELFRIES.

About a year ago, in this column, we commented upon the neglected state of some of London's bells, and suggested that combined action might be taken by the London ringing societies to endeavour to bring about an improvement. As far as we are aware, however, nothing whatever was done, but at the College Youths' dinner the other night, the Master of the Cumberlands referred to the very unsatisfactory condition of some of the belfries of the Metropolis. There were belfries, he said, which were not fit for pigs, let alone ringers. Now this is a strong indictment, and it is a disgrace to the authorities of any church that such a stricture should be possible. There ought to be means of bringing home to those responsible the urgent need for improvement in the condition of these neglected belfries.

The bells are some of the most valuable of church property, and to permit their dilapidation is, in principle, as blameworthy as to allow the organ to remain in disrepair. The organ, however, is a favoured instrument, and has to be maintained at all costs, but the bells—well, if they cannot be rung, let them be chimed; if they cannot all be chimed, let one suffice. The bells are not a part of the service in which the clergy are concerned—therefore it does not matter whether they are in usable order or otherwise. This, we fear, is the line of thought which influences the action, or rather inaction, of those authorities where long years of neglect has told its sorry tale among the bells.

And the same unfortunate views must, apparently, be held in regard to the ringing chambers. Clergy and Church Councils would no more think of allowing the choir vestries to become places unfit for pigs than of permitting the chancel to become derelict or 'uninhabitable,' but some of them do not seem to realise that the ringers are entitled to equal treatment in that part of the church to which their duties call them. Mr. Matthews did well to ventilate this subject in the presence of a number of London's clergy, and we could only wish that his audience had included some of the 'culprits,' instead of those whose presence showed that they, at any rate, appreciated the services which ringers render to the church. It is, however, open to the London ringing societies to bring these matters home to the powers that be, and we would repeat the suggestion that there should be combined action between the organisations covering the London and Suburban areas. Let this fact not be lost sight of: the opportunities for peal ringing in London are not as great as they were, say, four years

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ago, and, if the Metropolitan Societies are to maintain their facilities, it looks as if they will have to extend the number of available towers, as peal attempts in specific belfries become more limited. If for no other reason, the renovation of bells and belfries is an important one to them all.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt. in C.

FREDERICK DICKENS Treble	*WILLIAM DOWDING 7
JAMES E. GROVES 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 9
HERBERT SPENCER 4	ERNEST MORRIS 10
ALBERT WALKER 5	JOHN NEAL 11
GEORGE F. SWANN 6	WILLIAM T. FROGGATT ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Rung on the festival of St. Martin. * First peal on twelve bells. This was Mr. Swann's 100th peal of Stedman Cinques, 75 of which have been rung on handbells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTON, STEPNEY, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

MAJOR J. H. B. HESSE ... Treble	GILBERT R. GOODSHIP ... 6
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 2	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
JOHN W. JONES 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	CAPT. J. H. R. FREEBORN ... 9
EDWARD H. KING 5	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD. Conducted by H. LANGDON. Rung on the occasion of the annual dinner of the Society.

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THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 10, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes.

AT TYNEMOUTH PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON ... Treble	JAMES E. GOFTON 6
JOSEPH E. R. KERN 2	R. ALDER GOFTON 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	*JOSEPH W. PARKER 8
EDWARD A. HERN 4	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD ... 9
RICHARD A. GOFTON 5	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON. * First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung as a compliment to Churchwarden A. E. Hill who has recently been elected Mayor of the county borough of Tynemouth, and also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Scott, a local ringer.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

*WALTER FISHER ... Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
JOHN WILKINSON 2	JAMES MARTIN 7
†GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	*THOMAS W. GILMOUR ... 8
THOMAS C. LARKEY 4	PERCIVAL W. CAVE 9
CLAUDE I. DAVIES 5	ARTHUR LINTOTT Tenor

Composed by the late GEORGE NEWSON. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. Rung to commemorate the signing of the Armistice.

SOUTHGATE.
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DIOCESAN GUILD.

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*On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK Treble	WILLIAM PICKWORTH 6
SIDNEY WADE 2	HARRY MILLER 7
GEORGE BESTER 3	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON 8
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JOHN E. MILLER 5	ALFRED G. CRANE Tenor

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Tenor 24 cwt. in E flat.

*WILLIAM J. HENSLEY Treble	†JOSEPH W. HIGGS 6
†MISS VERA ROBINSON 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT 3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 8
†STANLEY C. DAVIS 4	JAMES R. MACKMAN 9
FRANK HOGGOOD 5	*WILLIAM H. RAMFSON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by J. R. MACKMAN.

* First peal. † First in the method. Rung as a compliment to the Mayor of Reading on entering upon his third year of office.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

F. HORACE STUBBS Treble	REDVERS F. ELKINGTON 6
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	*JOHN SADDINGTON 7
ERNEST MORRIS 3	HAROLD G. JENNEY 8
JOHN OLDHAM 4	HARRY BROUGHTON 9
GEORGE S. MORRIS 5	FREDERICK H. DEXTER Tenor

Composed by W. PYE. Conducted by F. H. DEXTER.

* First peal of Surprise Royal away from the treble. This was the first peal of Royal on these bells, the lightest peal of ten bells hung for ringing. It was rung at the first attempt, and is believed to be the quickest peal of Royal ever rung on tower bells. The band would like to thank Messrs. Taylor and Co. for the permission given to make the attempt.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. 1 lb.

*FREDERICK RADFORD Treble	WILLIAM W. THORNE 6
MRS. C. HAZELDEN 2	GEORGE J. NICHOLLS 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3	GEORGE TOMSETT 8
WILLIAM CHIVERS 4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 9
EDWARD RADDON 5	EDWARD HEATH Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS. Conducted by SEPTIMUS RADFORD.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DERENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Monday, November 10, 1924, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,*

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.

ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	LESLIE G. BRETT 5
WILLIAM J. GROOM 2	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 6
PERCIVAL WOODS 3	THOMAS H. CHAPPELL 7
JOHN C. G. HAGGAR 4	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

First peal in the method by all the band, also on the bells and by the above Guild. Rung with half-muffled clappers on the eve of Armistice Day.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, November 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

†HARRY DURLING Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, SEN. 5
JAMES FORD 2	PERCY BRETT SMITH 6
†CYRIL BRETT-SMITH 3	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH 7
*THOMAS BRETT-SMITH 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN. Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, SEN.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. ‡ First peal of Major. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung, quarter-turned, and the frame strengthened by T. J. Groombridge, junr., of Crayford. It is the quickest peal of Major on the bells, and was rung in honour of the installation of Sir Alfred Bower (a resident of Chislehurst) as Lord Mayor of London. The previous peal of Major on the bells was in the same method, in honour of the installation of Sir George Truscott (also a resident) as Lord Mayor in 1908.

CRADLEY.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Monday, November 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,*

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*ARTHUR GROVE Treble	HECTOR BIRD 5
HARRY WYRE 2	ARTHUR WYRE 6
JOSEPH H. BLOOMER 3	JOSEPH H. COX 7
HAROLD SHUCK 4	*DAVID ROBINSON Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by JOS. H. COX.

Rung to commemorate the signing of the Armistice. * First peal. First peal in the method by all.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

*On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,*

A PEAL OF ROCHESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
GEORGE WILSON 3	JAMES G. RUMSEY 7
GEORGE BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by CHAS. F. BAILEY.

Rung on the sixth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice.

NORWICH.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

*On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AT COSLANY.*

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES RAMPLEY Treble	JAMES F. DUFFIELD 5
GEORGE P. BORTON 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal in the method rung by a local band in the City of Norwich, also on the bells, and by the ringers of the 5th and 7th. It was rung at the first attempt.

DARTFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PISTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

FRANK WALKER Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5
C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 2	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 6
THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUN. 3	FREDERICK CULLUM, JUN. 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	HARRY SIMMONS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the fallen.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Edmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRED BARRETT Treble	FRED HOPPER 5
*THOMAS WISE 2	*ISAAC BENNETT 6
FRANK BURGESS 3	BERTIE O. SODEN 7
TOM TEBBUTT 4	*PERCY AMOS Tenor

Conducted by BERTIE O. SODEN.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal as conductor, and first attempt. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in commemoration of Armistice Day.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM BIBBY Treble	JOHN E. BIBBY 5
†THOMAS LIGHTFOOT 2	*BERTRAM RUTTER 6
NORAH M. BIBBY 3	GEORGE H. RANGLES 7
CYRIL VALENTINE 4	FRANCIS BIBBY Tenor

Composed by J. REWES.

Conducted by JOHN E. BIBBY.

* First peal. † First peal inside. All the above are regular Sunday Service ringers at Frodsham. Rung for Armistice Day.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
OSWALD J. HUNT 2	*THOMAS HASTINGS 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	FRANK PERVIN 7
EDWARD H. JOHNSON 4	FRANK ROUSE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by F. PERVIN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the Stoke men who fell in the war, particularly F. Andrews, late member of the Stoke band.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES GEORGE Treble	JOHN JAGGER 5
JOHN PERRY 2	EDWARD V. RODENBURST 6
BENJAMIN COUGH 3	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD 7
ALFRED ROWLEY 4	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ABRAHAM GREENFIELD.

Rung in honour of the veteran ringer of the Midlands, Mr. Wm. Rock Small, who attained his 85th anniversary on Nov. 12th.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb. in F sharp.

BERNARD V. COLLISON Treble	*EDWIN W. COLLISON 5
REGINALD D. MARSHALL 2	DANIEL COOPER 6
WILLIAM COLLISON 3	GEORGE MALYAN 7
Miss FRED A. ORR 4	CHARLES W. ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by R. D. MARSHALL.

* First peal. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to Charles W. Roberts. The ringers of treble and 3rd hail from Tunbridge Wells; 5th and 7th are local men; the rest from London. They wish to thank Mr. B. V. Collison for kindly making the necessary arrangements.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Illtyd,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD EVANS Treble	CHARLES H. PERRY 5
FREDK. J. BAILEY 2	ALFRED TALBOT 6
WILLIAM BOLTON 3	ALBERT J. PITMAN 7
FRANK J. BAILEY 4	JOHN W. JONES Tenor

Composed by GEORGE H. CROSS. Conducted by CHARLES H. PERRY.
First peal of Major as conductor.

PULFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, 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 9 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lb.

EDWARD HARRISON Treble	GEORGE R. JONES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	THOMAS R. BUTLER 6
JOHN W. DAVIES 3	ALBERT J. HUGHES 7
SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 4	JAMES H. RIDING Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

SWINTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt. in E flat.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH Treble	ALLAN F. BAILEY 5
GEORGE POWNALL 2	TITOS BARLOW 6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
THOMAS B. WORSLEY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Surprise in the tower.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

GEORGE FREEBREY Treble	WALTER WALLACE 5
ALBERT H. WARD 2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 6
JOSEPH BAILEY 3	ARTHUR BRAINES 7
W. RICHARD DRAGE 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 20 cwt.

JAMES RAMPLEY Treble	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 5
*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY 7
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

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

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
CHARLES CUTTING 2	HENRY ADCOCK 6
FREDERICK BORRETT 3	RUSSELL RICHES 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN.

Conducted by E. WHITING.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*STANLEY ROBINSON Treble	WILLIAM BARTON 5
*THOMAS B. KENDALL 2	*FRED KILSHAW 6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3	ERNEST H. SIMPSON 7
GEORGE ROBINSON 4	FRED SEAGER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Bertha Kendall, daughter of the 2nd ringer. Ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th are from Headingley, Leeds; 2nd, 7th and tenor from Shipley; 6th from Idle; and 5th from Pudsey.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. in E flat.

THOMAS J. SALTER Treble	JOHN SMITH 5
JOHN BASS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 6
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
ERNEST J. BROOKS 4	ALFRED HACKETT Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by S. GROVE.

BUSHEY HEATH, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

FRANK A. SMITH Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	CHARLES T. COLES 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 3	GEORGE R. PYE 7
HUBERT EDEN 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by M. F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal in the method on the bells, and first in the method as conductor.

BATH.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*JOHN TAYLOR Treble	*GEORGE JAMES 5
ARTHUR PRINCE 2	THOMAS F. KING 6
THEODORE GRANT 3	JOSEPH DYKE 7
*JESSE HALLETT 4	CHARLES W. BELL Tenor

Composed by J. PRITCHARD. Conducted by C. W. BELL.

* First peal of Major. First peal for C. W. Bell as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells, and first attempt. The band is indebted to the Rector for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WALTER STEPHENSON ... Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
WILLIAM H. HUNTER 2	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 6
JONATHAN WHEWELL 3	EDWIN OGDEN 7
JAMES SHAW 4	LAURENCE J. WILLIAM ... Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

Rung by ex-Service men to commemorate the signing of the Armistice, and in affectionate remembrance of all brother ringers who laid down their lives in the Great War.

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

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN THORPE 5
HENRY BOWER 2	ARTHUR CRAVEN 6
WILLIS WHITHAM 3	OLIVER CANWOOD 7
GEORGE LEWIS 4	*JONATHAN GREAVES ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* Elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEOMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL BAKER Treble	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 5
ALFRED ROWLEY 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH 6
THOMAS CATTELL 3	*CYRIL WINWOOD 7
*ALBERT CLARKE 4	REUBEN HALL Tenor

Conducted by CYRIL WINWOOD.

* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Walter H. Evans and Miss Hobson (of Tipton). Mr. Evans is a member of the local band.

SIX BELL PEALS

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

*FREDERICK W. HAGYARD Treble	WILKINSON MASSEY 4
GEORGE F. ADLEY 2	*ROBERT BULLEN 5
*WILLIAM A. TAYLOR 3	*ALBERT BRISTOW Tenor

Conducted by G. F. ADLEY.

* First peal. First peal as conductor on an 'inside' bell. Ringers of treble, 3rd and 5th from St. Mary's, Wimbledon; tenor from Esler Parish Church; 2nd and 4th belong to the local band. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

HEMINGBROUGH.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Viz., 720 St. Clement's, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 2880 Plain Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*WILLIAM TERRY Treble	AUGUSTUS HATFIELD 4
GEORGE CURTIS TERRY 2	†FRANK HATFIELD 5
*FRED TERRY 3	WILLIAM ARTHUR HUDSON Tenor

Conducted by W. A. HUDSON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled. * First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 7 cwt. in A flat.

*GEORGE DEAN Treble	THOMAS P. FINCH 4
ALBERT E. AUSTIN 2	EDWARD H. FINCH 5
†CHARLES JENNINGS 3	†HARRY HARVEY Tenor

Conducted by HARRY HARVEY.

Rung, with half-muffled clappers, as a tribute to the men of the parish who fell in the Great War. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. * First peal. † First on inside bell. ‡ First as conductor.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

*ALLAN BROMLEY Treble	FRED. J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... 4
FREDERICK BUTCHER ... 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT ... 5
†GEORGE BURT 3	HERBERT J. HAMMOND ... Tenor

Conducted by R. T. LAMBERT.

Rung with bells half-muffled in memory of those who fell in the Great War. * First peal, and first attempt, and elected a member of the association before starting. † First in five methods on an inside bell. First peal as conductor in five methods. The ringer of the 5th has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

HOUGHTON-LE-SPRING, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11th, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's College Single, two Oxford Single, and three Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN SIMPSON Treble	ROBERT PARKINSON 4
THOMAS MARTIN 2	JOHN MASTERS 5
STEPHEN ROBINSON 3	WILLIAM SHERATON ... Tenor

Conducted by R. PARKINSON.

Rung to commemorate the end of the Great War, and as a tribute to the fallen.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lb.

*E. BULLOCK Treble	A. BACON 4
*J. R. SMITH 2	*J. H. RAPER 5
T. GREENACRE 3	W. N. ASHBY Tenor

Conducted by T. GREENACRE.

* First peal. First peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Robertson, a local ringer.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 12, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

As arranged by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY HOWARD Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD ... 4
ALBERT HOWARD 2	WALTER F. SERMONS ... 5
WILLIAM A. TACK 3	ROBERT HOWARD ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

EAST CARLTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*JOSEPH CHESTER Treble	WALTER T. WILSON ... 4
MISS CECIL HEPBURN ... 2	*C. ARTHUR MANNING ... 5
HARRY BAXTER 3	ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in four methods. First peal on the bells, which have been a ring of six since 1755, when they were recast and rehung by Jos. Bayre, of St. Neots. Rung to commemorate the birth of a son and heir to Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Atkins on Nov. 11th. After the peal, the ringers, and also the local band, were entertained to tea by the Rector (the Rev. E. Robinson).

WHETSTONE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different extents.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

LEONARD H. WHITEHEAD Treble	EDWARD R. WHITEHEAD ... 4
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD ... 2	ROWLAND BARROW ... 5
*ALBAN DISNEY 3	WILLIAM H. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. P. WHITEHEAD.

First peal of Minor by all the band, and first attempt. * First in the method.

KINGSTONE, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS ... Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON ... 4
ALLEN E. GWYNNE 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS ... 5
THOMAS H. TAYSON 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

MERSTHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(CENTRAL DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. approx. in F sharp.

*GEORGE JENNINGS ... Treble	*JACK CARMAN 4
*FRANK E. DARBY 2	JAMES E. COOPER 5
*ERNEST J. TRIMMER ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. KIPPIN.

* First peal of Minor. The conductor's 50th peal for the above Association.

STOKE PAGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb.

*JOHN SHUKER Treble	†MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 4
*HERBERT C. ALBROW ... 2	*EDWARD C. HARTLEY ... 5
†ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 3	*WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The ages of the ringers of 1st, 2nd and 5th are 16 years, and of the tenor man 17 years.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

TRUMPINGTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 1, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 32 six-scores of Grandsire, four of Oxford Single, and six of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

REV. A. C. MOULE ... Treble	ARTHUR WILSON 3
KITTY WILLERS 2	HENRY WILSON 4
WILLIAM RAYNER Tenor	

Conducted by KITTY WILLERS.

This is believed to be the first time a lady ringer has called a peal for the Ely Association.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. YORKTOWN DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING.

On Saturday, a very enjoyable meeting was held at Hersham, 22 visiting friends and members attending. The meeting was favoured by a visit of the general secretary (Mr. G. Pullinger, of North Stoneham), also Mr. and Mrs. Melville, of Guildford. Ringing commenced shortly before 4 p.m., and at 4.45 the Guild's form of service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Lefroy). Tea was afterwards served at the Parish Hall, having been arranged for by Mr. Woodrow.

At the business meeting, the Vicar occupied the chair. The report and balance sheet for the year were presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. J. B. Hessey). The receipts amounted to £10 11s. 10d., and expenditure to £4 11s. 9d., leaving a balance of £6 0s. 1d. in hand.

The Ringing Master (Mr. H. J. Chaffey) gave a report of the work in the district. He was pleased to say that the Farnborough band had rejoined the Guild, and a meeting was to be held there next year. Proposed meetings for 1925 were: Ottershaw, Farnborough, Egham and Yorktown (annual).

A vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for his kindness, and also to Mr. F. Shepherd for his valuable service at the organ. Further ringing was afterwards enjoyed up to 8.30 p.m.

AN INTERESTING RESTORATION.

Mr. J. E. Groves, of Birmingham, has recently rehung the bells at Denstone Parish Church, Staffs. It was on these bells that the late Sir Arthur Percival Heywood learnt to ring, and his son, Lieut.-Col. Sir Percival Heywood, Bart., D.S.O., is the present churchwarden. The bells (4) are hung in a round turret only 5ft. 11in. in diameter. Among other work Mr. Groves has in hand is the restoration of the bells at Harborne, Staffs; Bromyard, Herefordshire; Bromham, Wilts; St. Nicholas', Hereford, etc.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Thursday, Oct. 2nd, for harvest thanksgiving service, 1,260 Grandsire Triples: F. Barrett 1, W. Gamunage 2, I. Bennett 3, J. Netherell 4, J. Mackay 5, B. Soden (conductor) 6, T. Tebbutt 7, H. Marlow 8. Also on the following Sunday, for morning service, 1,120 Rob Major: F. Barrett 1, G. Townsend 2, H. Marlow 3, T. Tebbutt 4, J. Mackay 5, I. Bennett 6, B. Soden 7, J. Metherell (conductor) 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE AND THE OXFORD GUILD.

Dear Sir,—The letter from Mr. Barker shows a change of front. After writing an epistle in which he accuses the Wycombe men of unfriendliness to the Guild, hindering the efforts of others, the wilful clashing of dates, and such like, he leads off this week with 'sobstuff' about personalities and the mixing of colours. May we suggest that this official saw 'red' when our notice appeared in your columns; but that this has now changed to 'white.' He would have us believe he is anxious for less criticism of one who, he says, is unable at present to defend himself; yet at the same time he accuses that person of open defiance; and then seeks confirmation from a third party. How consistent!

Again, when refused a tower, put out of court by a higher authority than his, he professes to repudiate that ruling; but when the same tower announces a meeting 'on their own,' he blusters and raves about no official status or authority. When taken to task for an impudent interference in the affairs of an individual belfry, he yells loudly about abuse. He started the ball rolling—we still have a kick left. He suggests that Wycombe is trying to force their will on the Guild. May we remind your readers, sir, that at largely attended meetings at Boyne Hill and Wooburn, a resolution asking for a change of meeting-place was carried enthusiastically, with one dissentient—Mr. Barker, then an unattached member? But, after all, let us get back to the point at issue in this controversy, which seems to resolve itself into this 'That no tower can hold a meeting of its own, for fear some "Jack-in-Office" will butt in either to approve or condemn.'—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE TWITCHEN.

Hon. Sec., Wycombe Belfry.

MEMORIAL TO MAIDSTONE RINGER.

On Sunday evening, November 2nd, the Rev. T. K. Sopwith, M.A. (Vicar) dedicated a tablet erected in the tower of All Saints' Church, Maidstone, to the memory of the late Mr. Thomas Mannering. The ceremony took place in the presence of deceased ringer's relations, and many ringing friends.

The tablet is of Sicilian marble, with polished slate back, and the inscription reads: 'In memory of Thomas Mannering, a faithful son of the church, for 22 years captain of All Saints' ringers, district representative on the Central Committee, conductor of many peals rung in Kent, member of St. Peter's choir, who died May 4th, 1923, aged 53. Deeply respected and greatly valued. The tablet was erected by the Kent Association of Change Ringers.'

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We are glad to notice that the committee of the Kent County Association has led the way in voting four guineas to the Washbrook Memorial Fund. If the other associations will follow suit, the task before the committee will be greatly lightened, and a scheme, even larger than that proposed, may be possible.

The lightest peal of ten in the country, the bells at Loughborough Foundry, were rung on Saturday to a peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal. The tenor is only 6½ cwt., so that the bells at the light end, which run on ball bearings, require delicate handling.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Barker, who have been training a band of youths at Stoke Poges, have now had the satisfaction of ringing a peal with four of them. Of the boys, who have now scored as their first 5,000, seven 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three are 15 years of age, and one 17.

After having been laid aside for 13 months with septic rheumatism, Mr. C. W. P. Clifton, of Lincoln, has been able to resume work. His many friends will congratulate him on his restored health.

The Lord Bishop of Bristol has promised to attend the Bristol United Ringing Guild's fourth annual dinner. There is great hope that the Lord Mayor of Bristol will also attend. He will do so if his civic arrangements permit him.

Peals will be arranged for visitors attending the Bristol United Guild's dinner. Start 2.30 p.m., and anyone desiring to take part should communicate early with the hon. secretary.

This week we record the first peal on another ancient ring of bells. A peal of Minor was rung on Saturday at East Carlton, Northants, where Joseph Eayre, of St. Neots, installed the bells in the year 1755.

The first 'silent' peal of Stedman Triples was rung at Burton-on-Trent on November 20th, 1886. The band was C. H. Hattersley, J. Carter, H. Bastable, J. Griffin, S. Reeves, W. Wakley, J. Jaggard, and A. Thomas.

The Society of City Scholars rang a peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters at Cripplegate, London, on November 23rd, 1732.

The first peal on the present ring of twelve at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, was 5,170 Grandsire Cinques, rung on Nov. 25rd, 1775.

Peals of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus on handbells are a very rare occurrence. The first was rung on November 24th, 1816. Can any of our readers give us particulars of one rung since?

November 25th is the anniversary of a peal of 15,120 Bob Major, rung in 8 hrs. 40 mins., at West Ham, by the Society of Eastern Scholars, in the year 1737.

A peal of 6,006 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on November 25th, 1799.

At Chislehurst, Kent, where the bells have just been quarter-turned and rebung by Mr. T. Groombridge, junr., a peal of Bob Major has been rung in honour of the installation of Sir Alfred Bower as Lord Mayor of London. Sir Alfred is a resident of Chislehurst. It is an interesting coincidence, as well as something of a record, that the last peal of Major in the tower was rung for the installation of Sir George Truscott as Lord Mayor in 1908. He was also a resident of Chislehurst.

Mr. James George, who rang the treble in the birthday peal at Tipton, for Mr. Wm. Rock Small, was the only member present who took part in the peal when the composition (one by Mr. John Carter) was rung for the first time at St. Alkmund's, Whitchurch, on October 9th, 1894. Mr. Small also rang in the peal at Whitchurch. By the way, Mr. George will celebrate his 71st birthday on Nov. 27th.

Mr. R. Richards, of the Cathedral band, Newcastle, has just been operated on for the fifth time in two years. It has been found necessary to amputate one of his legs, but on Sunday he was reported to be doing well. His many friends wish him a speedy recovery, and hope soon to see him among them again.

In our columns this week will be found reports of peals in no fewer than six Surprise methods. In addition to peals of Cambridge Royal, there are peals of Superlative, Cambridge, London, Bristol, Yorkshire and Rochester Surprise.

PRESERVATION OF BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will the Exercise please take notice that 'On the preservation of bells, etc.' is again included in the list of Central Council publications in your advertisement columns? A considerable number of new copies, which were purchased in bulk some time ago, have been offered to me. From applications I have had to refuse recently, I believe there is still a demand for this book.—Yours truly,
CYRIL W. O. JENKYN.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.**FOUR GUINEAS VOTED TO THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.**

The Central Committee held their November meeting last Saturday at Canterbury. Among other items of business it was decided to hold the annual general meeting next year on Easter Monday at Folkestone.

The sum of £5 was granted from the Belfry Repairs Fund towards the augmentation of St. Lawrence, Thanet. The sum of £4 4s. was voted towards the Washbrook Memorial Fund.

The possibility of establishing some headquarters was mooted, but no definite conclusion was reached. The secretary was empowered to approach the authorities at the Maidstone Museum, the Canterbury Free Library, and the Cathedral Library.

It was also decided to affiliate the association to the 'Association of men of Kent and Kentish men.'

ASHFORD DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Ashford District was held at Tenterden on Saturday, Nov. 15th. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major were rung before service, at which the Vicar (the Rev. M. L. Man) officiated. Mr. W. E. Pitman, Mus.Bac., presided at the organ, and the Vicar gave a very helpful address on unity, fellowship and brotherhood. About 50 afterwards sat down to tea, the Vicar presiding.

At the business meeting, the Vicar was elected as an honorary member of the association.—A vote of thanks was accorded him for the service and address, and in reply, he heartily welcomed the association, and hoped to have the pleasure of meeting them again at Tenterden.

The tower was then visited, and the ringing included a course of Double Norwich.

The visitors from other districts included Messrs. Pitman and Castle from the Canterbury district; C. H. Sone, district secretary, Maidstone district; and T. E. Sone and W. H. Lambert, Tonbridge districts. There were also present four lady members of the district, viz., Mrs. Gatehouse, Mrs. H. Baker, Mrs. Button and Miss Rose Thomas.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.**SUGGESTED RESTORATION OF HARTHILL BELLS.**

On Saturday last the members of the North Notts Association met at Harthill. The day had been looked forward to for some considerable time, as the members were anxious to meet the new Rector (the Rev. P. E. Boswell) and enrol him as vice-president, and also to ring in the cool weather, which November affords, on the hard going and heavy ring at All Hallows' Church. When the weather is warm it is almost impossible to ring these bells for more than 15 minutes at a stretch.

Ringers were present from Anston, Barlborough, Killamarsh, Shire-oaks and Worksop, and the local company also mustered well. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Kent, Violet, Duke of York, and Cambridge and London Surprise.

Tea was provided at the Church Institute in good style by the members of the Ladies' Working Guild, who were accorded a hearty vote of thanks for their kind services. The next meeting was arranged to be held at Tuxford early in the New Year.

The Rev. P. E. Boswell was enrolled a vice-president, the Rector thanking the members for their unanimous vote.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Haigh) remarked there was one matter that had been in the minds of all the members for many years, viz., the bad 'go' of Harthill bells, and also the fact that they were very much out of tune. The late Rector (Canon Darley), who was for 28 years a vice-president of the association, and for 17 years of that time the honorary secretary, had a great desire to have the whole peal recast and rehung, and made into a ring of eight. This was one of the most interesting subjects Canon Darley discussed whenever he met the ringers, and but for the war there was no doubt they would have had a beautiful peal of eight bells in that tower instead of the heavy-going peal of six of to-day. He (the speaker) understood steps were to be taken very shortly to restore the church, and if the bells could be included in the scheme the association would do everything possible to help it forward.

Several members joined in the discussion, and the Rector replied showing his hearty sympathy with the ringers in their work on Sundays and practice nights throughout the year. He loved to hear bells skillfully rung, although he was not a ringer himself, and he promised to bring the subject before the Church Council and the church working party with a view to including the restoration of the church generally and of the bells in one comprehensive scheme.

The Hon. Secretary thanked the Rector for his sympathy and support, and mentioned that the late Rector was a practical ringer, and invariably attended all the association's ringing meetings during the time he was honorary secretary, and the restoration of the bells would gladden the heart of one who had done so much for the association. Let them ever keep his memory green!

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and for presiding over tea and meeting, brought the meeting to a close.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**ANNUAL MEETING OF PORTSMOUTH DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting was held at Portsmouth on Saturday last, when the peal of eight at St. Mary's were available during the afternoon and evening. Members and visitors to the number of 30 attended from Fareham, Gosport, North Stoughton, Portsmouth (St. Mary's and St. Thomas'), Ryde, Swanmore, Wickham and Winchester. The visitors included Mr. G. Williams (Master), and Messrs. A. D. Stone (Brighton) and A. T. Lovejoy (Reading).

A short service was held in the church, the curates officiating, in the absence of the Vicar (the Rev. J. F. L. Southam). The members were very grateful for the services at the organ of Mr. D. C. Williams, F.R.C.O., who added to the enjoyment of the service. The members afterwards proceeded to the Institute, where a good spread awaited them.

The business meeting was next proceeded with, Mr. W. Tate occupying the chair. The district report for the past year was read by the secretary (Mr. F. W. Rogers). It stated that during the year meetings had been held at Fareham, Curdridge, Privett and Titchfield, the attendance at each being 31, 39, 45 and 21 respectively, an average of 34 members and friends, and also 12 towers. The ringing, which had been quite up to standard, had included the standard methods, also Cambridge, Superlative, London, Bristol and Berkeley Surprise Major. The number of full members accounted for was 83, compared with 97 in the previous year, not due to a numerical reduction in numbers, but rather to the fact that there was a slackness on the part of some to pay subscriptions due. It was hoped an improvement would be effected during the coming year. There was an increase in unattached, compounding and probationary members, but the district had lost one of its honorary members due to the removal from Wickham of Col. Farquhar to Winchester. At all the meetings arranged during the past year a service has been held, at which the incumbent had addressed the members assembled. The secretary asked, in conclusion, for the co-operation during the coming year of the members with the district secretary and representatives so that they might embark on a year of brotherhood, prosperity and progress.

The balance sheet, which was presented to the members by the district auditor (Mr. H. G. Reynolds) showed receipts amounting to £11 9s., and expenditure to £5 2s. 11d., leaving a balance to the general treasurer of £6 6s. 1d.

Three full members and one probationer were elected viz., Messrs. Hennings, Lovejoy, Paterson and R. Page.

All the district officers were re-elected, viz., Chairman, Mr. W. Tate; secretary, Mr. F. W. Rogers; Central Committee, Messrs. W. Tate and H. G. Smith; auditor, Mr. H. G. Reynolds.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Petersfield on Saturday, March 7th, 1925 due notice of which will be given in 'The Ringing World.'

Votes of thanks, on the proposition of the Chairman, were accorded to the clergy for the use of the bells and for conducting the service, the organist, and also to Mrs. Fuller and her helpers for providing the tea. This concluded the business meeting, after which the members adjourned to the tower. During the day, the ringing included the standard methods, and also Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The Southern district of the above Association held a very successful meeting at St. Mary's, Putney, on Saturday. Members attended from various parts of London, and the bells were set going a few minutes after the appointed hour of four o'clock. A good many touches of the most popular methods were rung until a stop was called for tea.

At the business meeting, it was resolved that Mr. J. Herbert should act as auditor for the year. Afterwards a move was again made to the church, where more members had arrived. Some good touches of Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich and Cambridge were brought round. Unfortunately a stop had to be made at eight o'clock, and brought to a conclusion a very pleasant meeting.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and also Mr. Bolton for the use of the tower.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Biggleswade district was held at Southill on Saturday, November 8th. The attendance was small, but the ringing was good. Tea was provided at the White Horse Inn, to which ten sat down, being members and friends from Sandy, Roxton, Everton, Clifton, Letchworth and Buckden with Canon W. W. C. Baker.

It was proposed to hold the annual meeting at Biggleswade on Saturday, December 6th, if convenient, or, failing Biggleswade, at Sandy, when it is hoped a good company will be present.

A vote of thanks to Canon W. W. C. Baker for the use of the bells and for providing tea for those present, brought the business to a close.

The tower was again visited, the methods practised being Stedman Doubles, Grandsire Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Single Court, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Plain Bob.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NORTHERN DIVISION TO BE SUB-DIVIDED.

A meeting of the Northern Division of the Yorkshire Association, was, at the kind invitation of the Rev. E. Drage, Vicar of Pickering, and vice-president of the Association, held at Pickering on Saturday, November 8th.

There was a large and representative gathering of ringers present, the chief towers represented being Thirsk, Helmsley, Middlesborough, Thornaby, Salthurn, Scarborough, Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, and Pickering.

Throughout the afternoon and evening, the fine peal of eight bells, which were placed in the tower of the Parish Church as a war memorial, were kept in full swing, the methods rung including Grand-sire, Stedman and Treble Boh.

Apart from the splendid ringing enjoyed by the more experienced ringers, the meeting proved a valuable help to the younger members.

In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar of Pickering, through indisposition, the Rev. C. C. Marshall, president of the association, presided at the meeting, supported by Mr. J. Cotterell (treasurer).

The principal business of the day was the consideration of plans for the more efficient working of the Northern Division. Although considerable progress has been made in this district since its reorganisation in 1919, it has long been felt that it would greatly help the work if this widespread and scattered area could be divided into two districts.

After careful consideration it was decided to try this plan for a time, appointing a Ringing Master for each district. Mr. Barker, of Marske, was elected Ringing Master for the Northern District, and Mr. Ferguson, of Scarborough, for the Southern District.

Each district is to hold three ringing meetings every year, and there is to be one annual meeting of the whole Northern Division, to be held in June. It is hoped all towers affected by these plans will do their best to help those in charge to make the work a success.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Rev. C. C. Marshall and to Mr. Cotterell for coming the long distance from Leeds and Bradford, respectively, in the interests of the ringers in the North; and to the Rev. E. Drage and the ringers of Pickering for the enjoyable day they had afforded their ringing friends.

Mr. Cotterell and his friends were able to stay the night in Pickering, and assisted in ringing for the special Armistice service on Sunday morning.

CHANGING THE RINGERS.

DEVON VICAR'S ACTION.

The Witheridge, Devon, correspondent writes as follows in the current issue of the 'South Molton Ruridecanal Magazine':—

'The time has come when, in the considered opinion of the Vicar, new arrangements should be made in the important matter of ringing the bells for service, and on other occasions. In the first place, it is well to remember that a bell ringer is an office-bearer in the church. It is, therefore, most expedient that anyone who executes this office should be a convinced churchman. It is also desirable, in these times of progress in campanology, that a ringer should be willing to take at least a little step forward in the art to which he is dedicating his services. For these and other reasons, it has been thought wise to make two simple conditions for those who aspire to a place in the belfry. First, they should be churchmen who recognise the duty of attending the services to which they are summoning others. Secondly, they should be ready to attend some instruction (which will be provided) in change ringing as an addition to the ordinary round-ringing which has prevailed for so long.

'Simple as these conditions are, we find any number of persons ready to point out difficulties. Of course, there are difficulties, especially in country places. But difficulties (in the common phrase) were made to be overcome. At the moment, we are asking for men who are ready to join a band of ringers formed, as we believe, on the only possible lines which will give satisfaction. The Vicar will be glad to hear from any who are interested in the work, and who are willing to offer their services in accordance with the simple terms that are specified above. To those of the late band of ringers who, for various reasons, have found themselves unable to accept the conditions, the Vicar has already expressed the thanks of the parishioners for their past services. To such of them as are able to accept the new arrangement, the door is as wide open as it is to others who are willing to do so.'

CENTENARIAN HONOURED.

At Ford End, near Chelmsford, on Saturday, Nov. 8th, Mrs. Archer celebrated her one hundredth birthday. In honour of the event, members of the Felsted Guild rang 720 of Bob Minor and 120 Grand-sire Doubles on the bells of Ford End Parish Church: R. Haslen 1, A. Shuffelbottom 2, A. H. Farrow 3, H. Ebert 4, W. T. Farrow 5, J. Wood 6. This is the first 720 that has been rung on the bells for over 30 years, as the tower was considered unsafe. Through the energy of the Vicar and friends, however, the fabric has now been restored.

BLETCHLEY BELLS RE-OPENED.

The opening of the bells at St. Mary's Church, Bletchley, was carried out on Saturday, November 1st (All Saints' Day), when they were re-dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Buckingham (the Right Rev. H. P. Elliot). There was a very large congregation, and a number of clergy, who were hon. members of the North Bucks Branch of the Oxford Guild, were present, those taking part being the Rev. F. W. Bennett (Vicar of St. Mary's, Bletchley), the Rev. G. H. Field (Milton Keynes), who read the lesson, the Rev. E. Mostyn Ellis (Newton Longville), and the Rev. C. R. Wheeler (Fenny Stratford), who acted as Bishop's chaplain. The service was fully choral, and hymns taken from the ringers' service book. An anthem, rendered by the choir, was taken from Tennyson's poem, 'Ring out, Wild Bells.' During the service the Bishop and clergy proceeded to the belfry, where the Bishop handed the care of the bells to the Rector, and, as the procession returned the bells were rung by the local ringers.

The Bishop's address dealt with bells and their uses, expectation, but, thanks to the ladies, there was sufficient to go round, and everyone was satisfied.

After the service, both ringers and congregation adjourned to the Schools, where tea had been provided by the ringers' wives and lady friends. About 130 sat down, a number greatly in excess of expectation.

After tea, the Rector cordially welcomed the Bishop, and thanked him for attending. Thanks were also expressed to Major Chadwick for his professional assistance as architect, both in giving advice and supervising the work during construction, and to mark this appreciation he was presented with a pair of oak candlesticks made from the old bell frame which had been in the tower since 1712.

—Major Chadwick suitably responded, and thanked the contractors, Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, for the thorough and efficient manner in which they had carried out the work. He was glad to say that there was no apparent vibration in the bell frame.

Mr. Harry Sear said that he would also like to thank Mr. Taylor, and to let him know that the ringers were well satisfied with the way the bells went. It appeared to them that the whole peal had practically been recast instead of only the 5th bell.—Mr. Taylor, in reply, said how pleased he was the work had given satisfaction. From the ringers' side it would be good to know that the bearings of the bells would not require lubrication for ten years. He hoped soon to see a peal rung on them.

Mr. W. Sear, secretary of North Bucks Branch, expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of the Master (Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), but he was pleased to tell them that the Oxford Guild was represented by the Guild secretary (Mr. R. T. Hibbert). He also thanked the visiting ringers for attending on such a wet day, which showed a certain amount of interest existed among the kindred associations, those represented including ringers from Bedfordshire, Northants, Towcester and District Association, also the veteran, Mr. James George, of Birmingham.

After the meeting, all were anxious to have a pull on the bells, and they were kept going until 8 p.m., the methods ranging from Grandsire to Cambridge Major.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I do not think that Mr. J. R. Jerram is by any means 'playing the game.' He should realise: (1) That the committee appointed to deal with this matter have had the advice of competent bell founders and bell hangers; (2) have weighed the 'pros' and 'cons' of the two towers suggested; (3) that one job can be done £100 less than the other; and (4) that if sufficient money be forthcoming the committee are open to consider a larger scheme.

Bell founding of the present day is a very different proposition to that of one hundred years ago; and little bells are cast and tuned and admired, which are quite as light as the two trebles would be if added to St. Ebbe's, Oxford.

Letters like the two from Mr. Jerram will have the effect of preventing some people from sending a subscription at all. I would suggest that instead of throwing a 'cold douche' on this laudable endeavour, Mr. Jerram should send a substantial donation, or, better still, give one or both the bells. I would ask any member of the Exercise who reads 'The Ringing World' to remember that every little helps, and to send his contribution to Mr. A. J. Wright, 40 Hamilton Road, Reading.—Yours faithfully,

RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

THE BRISTOL NON-CONDUCTED PEAL.

On Tuesday, November 4th, the Bristol United Ringing Guilds held their monthly practice at St. Stephen's, instead of at St. Nicholas.

During the meeting, the Rev. R. H. Whitford unveiled a peal board recording the non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples rung on November 3rd, 1923.

The Rev. R. H. Whitford spoke of the Bristol towers being well equipped with capable conductors, and this wonderful performance proved that.

Mr. W. Knight, in the absence of the umpire, Mr. T. King (of Bath), thanked the Rev. Whitford for unveiling the board.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The 47th annual meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held on Saturday, October 25th, in Newcastle. The bells of all the churches in Newcastle, also of Gosforth, and St. Mary's, Gateshead, 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 the Cathedral at 1 o'clock, and dinner at the Collingwood Restaurant at 2 p.m., following which the annual meeting took place, and lasted until 5 o'clock, when the ringers dispersed to the different towers, and kept the bells going during the evening in various methods.

The service was conducted by Canon G. E. Newsom, Vicar of Newcastle, Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead, read the lesson, and the Right Rev. Bishop Wood (Vicar of St. George's) gave the address. His lordship said one of the association's objects was to secure recognition for bell ringers. Sometimes parishioners passed their work over unthinkingly, the sound of the bells being so familiar. Yet theirs was a common purpose with the clergy in the service of the church. Let them see that they performed that task with conviction and sincerity, developing a sense of responsibility, for it was not purely imaginary to say that the bells in a parish did, in some sense, represent the souls of those who rang.

Luncheon was afterwards served at the Collingwood Restaurant. The president (Mr. C. Todd, of Darlington) presided and was supported by Bishop Wood, Canon Newsom, Canon Stephenson, Rector of Gateshead, and six of the clergy, the secretary, treasurer, auditor, one vice-president, district secretaries, and others, including Mr. C. C. Ellis, of Edenborough, and Mr. J. W. Falconer, of Gosforth. The company numbered 105. After the toast of 'The King' had been duly honoured, Mr. Story gave the toast of 'The Bishops and Clergy of the two Dioceses,' and expressed regret that the Bishop of Newcastle was not yet well enough to be present.—Bishop Wood responded briefly, saying that a great many of the clergy looked on the bell ringers as co-partners with them in their parochial work.

The annual business meeting followed. The annual report was presented by the hon. sec. (Mr. E. Ferry), who deplored the deaths of four members, and recorded the fact that Mr. T. Stephenson, of Stockton, whose death occurred during the year, was one of the original members, having been elected at the formation of the association in 1877. Mr. W. Newton, of the same town, is now the only original member left.

On eight, ten and twelve bells, Whitley Bay took first place for the fifth year in succession for the Sunday Service ringing. With 1,712.92 points, St. Ignatius, Sunderland, took second place. Next in order were Newcastle Cathedral, North Shields, All Saints', Gosforth, St. John's, Darlington, Bishop Auckland, St. Michael's, Sunderland, Skildon, Gateshead, Chester-le-Street, and Consett. For the six-bell towers, Holy Trinity, Darlington, took first place for the third year in succession, and had won the certificate outright with 930.53 points. Hurworth-on-Tees were second with 404.24 points. Next in order were Newburn, Benfieldside, Newton Hall and Houghton-le-Spring.

NOTEWORTHY PEALS.

Twenty-eight peals were rung during the year, against 23 last year, 58 members taking part, against 66 last year. Seventeen of these peals were rung on tower bells and eleven on handbells. Eight members rang their first peal during the year, and Mr. E. Lowrey entered the list of conductors this year. The peals included a spliced peal of Cambridge and Superlative Surprise Major rung at Whitley Bay, composed by Mr. J. W. Parker, and conducted by Mr. J. A. Goffton, and was the first peal of Spliced Surprise Major ever rung; a peal of London Surprise rung at St. Cuthbert's, Edinburgh, was the first peal of London in Scotland; and a peal of Stedman Triples at Chester-le-Street, when Miss A. Donnison rang the treble, this being the first peal of Stedman by the association with a lady taking part. Miss Donnison is to be congratulated upon scoring her first peal of Stedman. The report mentioned that the association was unique in having the support of five bishops, viz., the Bishops of Durham and Newcastle, the Bishop of Jarrow, Bishop Weldon, Dean of Durham, and Bishop Wood, Vicar of St. George's, Jesmond. Bishop Wood had recently come amongst them, and they extended to him a most hearty welcome. It also recorded a unique and interesting event which took place at Monkseaton on Thursday, April 15th, 1924, when a peal of London Surprise Major was rung on handbells by the Brothers Goffton. This was Mr. J. A. Goffton's 200th peal, his 50th on handbells, his 50th as conductor, and he had rung 50 on his own tower bells. It would be very interesting to know if any other ringer has accomplished this feat.

The Vicar of Newcastle (Canon Newsom) presented the certificates to the winners for the best Sunday Service ringing during the year.

The Rev. A. E. Cornibee, Vicar of St. John's, referred to the satisfactory progress being made with the restoration of the bells at St. John's, Newcastle. This has been termed the 'Ringers' Church,' as so many North Country ringers were taught in its tower. It is hoped the bells will soon be in the bell founders' hands.

It was agreed, on the motion of Mr. Story, that the subscription

of the clerical honorary members be reduced to a minimum of 5s. instead of 7s. 6d.

Mr. C. Todd, of Darlington, was re-elected president; Mr. E. Ferry, hon. secretary; Mr. Arthur Payne, treasurer; Mr. C. L. Routledge, auditor; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. E. Keen, R. B. Robinson, R. Patterson, and the Rev. A. W. Lister. All the district secretaries were re-elected. The following were elected hon. members: The Right Rev. Bishop Wood, the Rev. E. P. Pestle, Vicar of Tanfield; Alderman A. J. Robinson, the Rev. F. J. Burt, Vicar of Whitley Bay; and Messrs. J. W. Falconer, Gosforth; T. Nixon, Darlington; and J. Dunlop, Hexham. Sixteen new ringing members were also elected.

Meetings to be held during 1925 were fixed as follows: Pre-Lent, Hurworth-on-Tees, Saturday, February 21st, 1925; Whit Monday, North Shields and Whitley Bay, May 23rd, 1925; summer meeting, Allendale, July 25th, 1925; annual festival at Durham on Saturday, October 31st, 1925.

SALISBURY GUILD WAR MEMORIAL.

On Monday, November 3rd, the war memorial chapel in Salisbury Cathedral was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, after the unveiling of a memorial to his predecessor, a great friend of ringers, by the Bishop of London.

The chapel is flanked by a handsomely carved screen of dark oak, which bears the following inscription: 'This screen is erected in memory of 58 members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and other bell ringers of the Diocese, who gave their lives in the Great War.'

The Earl of Shaftesbury, president of the Guild; the Rev. R. H. Gundry, Master, and the Rev. F. L. Edwards, secretary, were present at the ceremony.

OXFORD GUILD.

On a recent Saturday, in spite of inclement weather, a successful meeting of the E. Berks and S. Bucks branch was held at Hughenden. The following towers were represented: Beaconsfield, Bledlow, Chalfont St. Giles, Cookham, Hitcham, Hughenden, Marlow, Stoke Poges and West Wycombe.

Although the organist did not turn up, he was not missed very much, the quality of the singing giving the impression that all present were choir members.—The Vicar gave an excellent and interesting address.

The catering arrangements of the Hughenden band left nothing to be desired, and, given fine weather, the next meeting there ought to run into three figures. Touches in various methods, up to Cambridge Surprise, were rung, everyone enjoying themselves to the full.

CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

By JOSEPH W. PARKER.

The three peals following are the first published in sixteen courses (towers together) in two equal parts. They also all have the quality of being reduced to 5040 by the simple expedient of omitting three consecutive bobs as bracketed. The shortened form of the last peal is shown:—

5760					5760
23456	M	W	H		23456
52436	—	—	—		52436
42635	—	—	—		34625
56234	—	—	—		23645
35264	—	—	—		63542
25463	—	—	—		53246
45362	—	—	—		42635
63254	—	—	—		56234
25634	—	—	—		25634
Repeated.					Repeated.
5040					
23456	M	W	H		
52436	—	—	—		
34625	—	—	—		
23645	—	—	—		
42635	—	—	—		
56234	—	—	—		
35264	—	—	—		
63254	—	—	—		
25634	—	—	—		
32654	—	—	—		
62453	—	—	—		
34256	—	—	—		
53246	—	—	—		
45236	—	—	—		
23456	—	—	—		

First rung at Tynemouth on November 10th, 1924.

ARMISTICE CELEBRATION.

Among the many touches rung throughout the country, in connection with the celebration of the sixth anniversary of the Armistice, were the following:—

RAINHAM, KENT.—For the memorial service, for those who fell in the war, with the bells half-muffled, 840 Grandsire Triples: Lieut. W. A. Cooke, R.N., 1, W. Segar 2, Col.-Sergt. J. Bennett 3, W. Rayner 4, T. Jewell 5, W. Walker 6, C. Belsey (conductor) 7, V. Tucker 8.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.—On Nov. 11th, after the two minutes' silence, 720 Doubles, 480 Plain Bob and 240 Grandsire (six callings), half-muffled: B. Gillatt 1, A. Thornton 2, W. Leaning 3, J. Bray 4, G. Hobbins (longest length as conductor) 5, T. Mann 6.

GUILDFORD.—At Holy Trinity Church, for special Armistice service, on November 11th, 1,024 Superlative Surprise Major, in 43 mins.: G. Petter 1, C. N. Burdock 2, J. T. Scott 3, J. A. Coles (longest length in the method) 4, H. Hutton 5, H. Burdock 6, G. W. Steere 7, A. H. Pulling (conductor) 8.

WARMINSTER.—At the Minster, on Sunday, Nov. 9th, for special Remembrance Day service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 minutes, with the bells half-muffled: J. Gard 1, E. F. White 2, Mrs. W. T. Wills 3, F. A. Ashworth 4, G. E. Webster 5, W. Fletcher 6, F. Procey (conductor) 7, H. Kne 8. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band, and first quarter-peal by H. Kne.

PONTYPRIDD, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Catherine's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 9th, for Armistice memorial service, with bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: Idris Mitchell 1, Ivor Mitchell 2, F. Thyer 3, A. Gray 4, S. Ridgway 5, A. Burgess 6, J. Darch (conductor) 7, R. Dorward 8.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—Rung on the eve of the anniversary of Armistice Day, as a tribute to all who fell in the Great War, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Brooks', in 52 mins.: R. Biggs 1, A. Haynes 2, A. Allen 3, G. H. Edwards (conductor) 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8.

OLDHAM.—On Armistice Day, a quarter-peal (half-muffled) of Grandsire Caters, consisting of 1,259 changes, in 52 mins.: J. Lees 1, J. Cox 2, M. Newton 3, H. Lawton 4, E. Geary 5, A. Waites 6, R. Greenwood 7, J. W. Taylor 8, S. M. Butterworth (conductor) 9, C. H. Marsland 10.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—At St. John's, on Armistice Day, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor (half-muffled), in 27 mins.: R. McMillan 1, H. McMillan 2, H. Roberts 3, F. J. Williams 4, P. Roberts 5, J. Owen (conductor) 6, D. E. Evans 7 (covering).

CAERPHILLY, GLAM.—At St. Martin's Church, on Armistice Day, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples, half-muffled; and afterwards a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells open, in 45 minutes, the following taking part: G. Cooke, H. Broughton, W. Pike, P. Jones, T. Love, A. Addicott, B. Addicott, S. Addicott, E. Dare. Conducted by G. Cooke and A. Addicott.

ROCK FERRY.—On Tuesday, November 11th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob: J. Withers 1, F. C. Amos 2, W. Dean 3, F. Banton 4, J. Hughes 5, J. Cook (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 1st and 5th, and the longest length in two methods by the ringers of 2nd and 4th, and the first quarter-peal of Minor on the bells by a local band.

BROUGHTON ASTLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Nov. 11th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Doubles and Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: R. Turrell 1, J. Brunt 2, C. Carr 3, F. Bodycote 4, H. Bird (conductor) 5. Rung on Armistice Day, with the bells half-muffled, in commemoration of the fallen, and also as a token of respect to the ringer of the second, on the death of his eldest daughter. Mr. John Brunt, who is captain of the local band, has been a ringer at St. Mary's Church for 50 years, and for many years member of the Midland Counties Association. The deepest sympathy of his ringing friends is extended to him and his family in their sad bereavement.

RETTENDON, ESSEX.—At All Saints' Church, on Sunday evening, Nov. 9th, with the bells half-muffled, for the Armistice memorial service, 216 Plain Bob. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 26 mins.: W. Jay 1, A. Cardy 2, F. May 3, R. Whetton 4, C. Jay 5, F. Jay (conductor) 6.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.—At All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 55 minutes, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice in the Great War: S. Gardner (first quarter-peal) 1, P. S. Parker 2, Miss E. M. Burnett (Portsmouth) 3, A. R. Ward (conductor) 4, P. Long 5, B. J. Snow 6, E. Hatcher 7, W. Kemp 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Armistice evening, Nov. 11th, half-muffled ringing as follows: 420 Stedman Triples, conducted by Jack Garbett; 432 Bob Major, conducted by Leonard Hewitt; 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Walter Lago. Also a course of Grandsire Caters on handbells: J. Hanley 1—2, W. Wase 3—4, Walter Lago 5—6, William Saunders 7—8, Alfred Bayley 9—10. Richard Jones, Robert Evans and Arthur Garbett took part in the tower bell ringing.

PORTISHEAD.—On Tuesday, Nov. 11th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, in 47 mins.: Miss G. Shaddon 1, Miss Alice Stokes 2, Miss Stokes 3, Miss Dobbs (conductor) 4, Mr. Goldstone 5, Miss H. Orchard 6, Mr. W. Gillingham 7, Mr. Nisbett 8.

STAFFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: B. A. J. Yeates 1, R. Warrilow 2, B. Garbett 3, A. H. Taylor 4, J. Warrilow 5, W. G. Curtis 6, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 7, R. Silberry 8. First quarter of Triples by 1st, 3rd and tenor, and first inside by ringer of 2nd. The tenor man is aged 17, and the ringers of the 1st, 2nd and 4th are each 15 years old.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 16th, for evening service, 432 Grandsire Caters: B. A. J. Yeates 1, B. Garbett 2, A. H. Taylor 3, W. H. Jones 4, R. Warrilow 5, G. Booth 6, W. G. Curtis 7, J. Warrilow 8, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 9, R. Silberry 10.

LAWTON, CHESHIRE.—On Armistice Day, Nov. 11th, with half-muffled bells, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Harper 1, G. Biddulph (first 720 inside) 2, Tom Arrowsmith (first 720 in the method) 3, W. Longman 4, J. Cook 5, W. Rigby (conductor) 6. With bells open, 720 Plain Bob: R. Arrowsmith (first 720) 1, G. Biddulph 2, E. Harper (conductor) 3, W. Longman 4, T. Arrowsmith 5, W. Rigby 6.

WASHFIELD, DEVON.—To commemorate Armistice Day, 720 Grandsire Doubles was rung at the Parish Church: A. Taylor 1, Miss G. Snell 2, T. Orscott 3, H. May 4, W. Snell (conductor) 5, F. Balmont 6.

GRIMSBY.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 minutes, with the bells half-muffled: H. Mingay 1, F. Overton 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, N. S. Dales 4, J. B. Budd 5, F. Metcalf 6, R. S. Long (conductor) 7, C. Taylor 8. Also a quarter-peal of Bob Major, with the bells open, also in 45 mins.: F. Overton (conductor) 1, N. S. Dales (first quarter in the method with a bob bell) 2, T. Fitzjohn 3, F. Metcalf 4, J. B. Budd 5, R. S. Long 6, C. Taylor 7, H. Mingay 8. First quarter as conductor in the method, and first attempt.

WIVELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, half-muffled, for commemorative service in St. Andrew's Church, in 49 mins.: A. Greedy 1, E. Barrington 2, J. Parkman 3, W. Baker 4, W. Hartnell (conductor) 5, J. Hartnell 6, H. Rawle 7, S. Furze 8. The bells were rung open, after the service.

PAIGNTON, DEVON.—On Nov. 11th, for Armistice Day, the bells were first rung half-muffled, including the 'whole pull and stand,' after which, with the bells open, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins., composed by the late Mr. A. P. Wakley whilst in the trenches in Flanders: F. Allwood 1, S. H. Ward 2, J. S. Collings 3, T. S. Collings 4, F. E. Parnell 5, F. T. Gover (conductor) 6, H. J. Hole 7, L. Payne 8.

MONK'S KIRBY.—On Tuesday, Nov. 11th, 720 of Bob Minor: L. Kilby 2, E. Oakes 2, J. Beale 3, F. Harrison 4, R. Hodgetts 5, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (conductor) 6, with E. R. Head and R. Hayes covering. All members of the local band except No. 3, who comes from Welvey. Up to February of this year there were only call change ringers at this tower.

CHESTER.—At St. Mary's-within-the-Walls, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (composed by the late James Moulton), in 42 mins.: E. Harrison (first peal as conductor) 1, F. Fox 2, H. Lewis 3, R. Sperring 4, S. Burton (first with bob bell) 5, A. Newell 6, G. R. Jones 7, J. W. Davies 8.

NEWMARKET.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 11th, 360 Bob Minor, with half-muffled clappers, and 720 Kent Treble Bob, with the bells open: L. Warner 1, R. Heath 2, R. C. Sharpe 3, W. H. Paget 4, S. Forwood 5, P. Pindar (conductor) 6.

ROWLEY REGIS.—At St. Giles' Parish Church, on Nov. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. J. Hackett 1, T. Clarke 2, G. Detheridge, junr., 3, W. H. Detheridge 4, G. H. Detheridge, senr., 5, E. Homer 6, A. Timmins (conductor) 7, A. Taylor 8. Rung half-muffled in memory of the 'glorious dead.' First quarter-peal, half-muffled, which has been rung on these bells since they were rehung in the new tower.

STONE, STAFFS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Armistice night, for the united service at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled: H. Buckley 1, J. Head 2, J. Coulson 3, C. Templeton 4, T. Hodson 5, W. Buckley 6, A. Rowley (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, E. Baker 8. First quarter-peal for ringers of 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 6th and 8th.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.—On Tuesday, Nov. 11th, for Armistice Day service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: J. Lovatt (first attempt for a quarter-peal in any method) 1, G. Wines 2, H. Davies 3, J. Cross 4, T. Hamlin 5, T. Page (conductor) 6, W. Page 7, H. Crabb 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung, with the bells half-muffled, in 49 mins.: G. Large 1, W. Heath 2, J. Davies 3, W. Richards 4, A. Parnell 5, E. Coombes 6, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, S. R. Barker 8. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins., with the bells open: W. H. P. Evans 1, J. Davies 2, G. Large (first quarter as conductor) 3, F. Chamberlain 4, W. Heath 5, W. Richards 6, E. Coombes 7, S. R. Barker 8.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—For some unknown reason my 'Ringing World' for 31st October did not reach me till 5th November, hence the delay in replying to the Rev. E. S. Powell's latest communication. Will that gentleman kindly scan the following figures, and then explain what inference is, or can be, gained by comparing a two-bell shunt with a four-bell shunt.

TWO-BELL SHUNTS.

12345	12345
21435	21435
24153	24153
42513	42513
45231	45231
54321	45321
53412	43512
35142	34152
31524	31425
13254	13245
12354	12354
00504	

FOUR-BELL SHUNTS.

12345	12345
21435	21435
24153	24153
42513	42513
45231	45231
54321	42531
53412	45213
35142	54123
31524	51432
13254	15342
13524	13524
31004	
30140	

The great little We, are they benten? If not, will they for my benefit, and for the benefit of interested readers, explain, prove, reveal, or show the construction of the following method by their particular formula? ('by whose means ALL KNOWN methods and thousands of unknown methods can be turned out as mechanically as sausages are discharged from a sausage machine').

Londonthorpe.

Shunts.

12345678	12537486
21354768	*12347586
12537486	12547386
21357846	14325678
	16325478
23158764	18325476
32517846	18325476
32158764	*12385476
23517846	15327486
	15327486
32571486	*13527486
35274168	12537486
53721486	12537486
57324168	*12347685
	12547683
75342618	12547683
73524681	12547638
37256418	12543678
32765481	17325486
	*12375486
23674581	15327486
Lead head	13527486
13527486	

The above method is another near relation of London Surprise, the number of shunts is the same, and there are only five, denoted by asterisks, which differ. The 2nd and 20th shunts are four bell shunts instead of six, the 8th and 14th shunts are three bell shunts instead of five, and the 11th shunt is a seven bell shunt instead of five, as in London, consequently there are only six less bells shifted than in London, the lead-head being 13527486, while the lead-head of London is 14263857.

When the great little We can show the Exercise as accurately, by their wonderful formula, as I have shown how the above method is constructed from the Treble Bob Principle, I shall be open to conviction, until then I think your readers will agree that their statements are not worth the paper they are printed on.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

NOTICES.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus on the 27th; 7.30 p.m. St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 20th, at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, Frodingham, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. — Ilchester Deanery Branch. — The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Langport on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.—F. Farrant, Hon. Local Sec., North Street, Martock.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Wigan Branch. — The next meeting will be held at Hindley (St. Peter's) on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. — Jas. Grounds, Branch Sec., 8, School Lane, Standish.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — East Berks and South Bucks Branch. — A ringing practice has been arranged on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Burnham, at 6 p.m. All welcome.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham Wood, Slough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Western Division.—A district meeting will be held at Heene on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells available from 2.30. Free tea at the Church Rooms at 5 o'clock. All ringers welcome.—A. W. Groves, 9, Sugden Road, Worthing.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern Division.—The next meeting will be held at Royston on Saturday, the 22nd Nov. Bells available afternoon and evening. Service in church at 4.45 p.m., followed by tea and meeting at Beale's Tea Room at 1s. each. All ringers welcome.—F. R. Bacon, Hon. Dis. Sec., 21, Lancaster Avenue, Hitchin.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Presteign-Leominster District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Eardisland on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Bells (6) available 4 p.m. Service 5. Tea and business meeting afterwards.—J. Preece, Dis. Sec., Stream Cottage, Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge, Hereford.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Old Basford on Saturday, Nov. 22nd. Ringing from 4 to 7.30 p.m. Meeting will be held in the tower after ringing. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Dis. Sec.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Isle of Wight District.—The annual meeting will be held at Newport on Thursday, Nov. 27th. St. Thomas' Parish Church bells will be available from 3 p.m. Service 4.30. Tea 5. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid forthwith.—W. Upton, Dis. Sec., 10, Elm Grove, Newport.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Aldate's Church on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tea in Rectory Room at 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Service after meeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—A. F. Barrett, Branch Sec., 64, Norreys Avenue, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Nov. 29th (not the 22nd as previously stated). Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—An extra meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Free tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 'The Welcome,' High Street. Will those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, the 25th, at latest, so that proper arrangements can be made? — A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, in National Schools, to those who notify Mr. J. Drake, 29, Second Avenue, Goole, before Nov. 25th. Meeting afterwards. — A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Maidstone Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. All Saints' tower will be open for ringing after tea. Members intending to be present please notify me before Nov. 25th.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 29th. St. Peter's tower open from 2.45 till 5 o'clock. The Cathedral bells will be available after tea. The tea arrangements will be made on the day.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby and Burton Districts.—A meeting of the two districts will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. Tea at a reasonable price can be obtained near the church by those who will inform Mr. J. Swinfield, 240, Horninglow Road, Burton, not later than Nov. 27th.—G. C. Wallace and C. Sanders, Hon. Dis. Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8 and 10) available at 3. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4.30. Tea at Brett's at 5.30, followed by the usual business meeting. At the conclusion of the business a smoking concert will be held.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

DONCASTER AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Arksey on Nov. 29th. Bells (8) ready early. Tea only provided for those who notify me before the 25th. Committee meeting after tea. Subscriptions to the Thorne Bell Restoration Fund should be sent in as early as possible.—Harold Walker, Hon. Sec., 3, Beech Crescent, Old Hexthorpe, Doncaster.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Kettering Branch.—A special meeting will be held at Broughton (5) on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me on or before Tuesday, Nov. 25th.—R. G. Black, Branch Sec., Geddington.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Nov. 29th. The bells (8) will be available at 2.45. Everybody welcome.—A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be at Ossett on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Usual arrangements.—H. Lofthouse, Hon. Sec., 6, Laurel Grove, Armley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at Barnwood on Nov. 29th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow. Tea will be provided free to all who notify me not later than Nov. 25th.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at the Church Hall. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. (1s. each to all sending word to Mr. W. Souter, 23, Church Walk, Stowmarket, by Dec. 1st). Meeting follows. A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9. Tea at Melford Rectory at 4 p.m. at 4d. each, for all sending word by Jan. 5th to Mr. Stedman Symonds, Asst. Sec., Church Street, Lavenham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District.—Quarterly meeting at St. Michael's, Bristol, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, in the Abbey, with address from Canon Wingfield-Digby. Tea at 5 in the Church Hall (6d. for members), meeting to follow. Will those who wish to attend the tea kindly let the secretary know by Dec. 1st? Lillington bells (5) also available.—R. E. P. Gorringer, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Particulars next week.—C. T. Cole, Hon. Sec.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 15th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The fourth annual social of the Preston branch will be held at Preston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Preston parish bells will be available from 2 o'clock to 4.45; also the bells of Preston St. Mark and Penwortham from 2 o'clock to 4.30. Tea in Parish Church Schools at 5 o'clock prompt, followed by whist and social. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets to be made to Mr. J. T. Bimson, 29, Euston Street, Preston, as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

BRISTOL UNITED RINGING GUILDS will hold their fourth annual dinner at the Grand Hotel, Broad Street, Bristol, at 6 p.m., on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Chairman: Mr. F. G. Leaker. Vice-chairman: Mr. W. Knight. Tickets are now obtainable from stewards, Guild secretaries (6s. each), or direct from Edgar Guise, Hon. Sec., 39, Tankards Close, St. Michaels, Bristol.

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As will be seen elsewhere, while the cost of the rehangings will be provided out of Minster funds, there is no available money at the disposal of the Dean and Chapter for the recasting, but this part of the scheme bids fair to become an accomplished fact, for already there has been a generous lead given, and promises, headed by three of the Canons, have been made which guarantee the cost of casting seven of the bells, the ringers themselves being responsible for one. There is little doubt, therefore, that the full proposals will be carried out, and Messrs. Taylor and Co., who, we are informed, will be entrusted with the work, will have a magnificent opportunity of producing a noble peal of bells for one of England's noblest churches. That they will rise to the great occasion goes without saying, and the Minster will doubtless hereafter possess an outstanding example of the English bell founders' art.

It is a matter for real gratification to find cathedral authorities so ready to enter upon a comprehensive scheme such as is proposed at York. It is not often they are prepared to do so, and still more seldom is it that so handsome and speedy a lead is given without public appeal. But the people of York have a great pride in their Minster, and, with the opportunity now before them, will add to the glories of their magnificent fane. Fortunately no point of antiquarian interest enters into this recasting project, for the present bells are but eighty years old, and a clean sweep can therefore be made of them without injuring the susceptibilities of anyone. We expect to hear in a very short time that donors for the recasting of the rest of the bells have come forward, and when the work is consummated there is a prospect of York Minster possessing what may well be the finest peal of bells in the world.

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On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb. in E sharp.

ERNEST T. ALLAWAY Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES 7
FREDERICK DICKENS 2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
JAMES E. GROVES 3	JOHN NEAL 9
ALBERT WALKER 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN 10
THOMAS H. REEVES 5	WILLIAM HIBBERT 11
ALBERT E. NORMAN 6	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by ALBERT WALKER.
First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 11, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR HOLMAN Treble	FREDERICK W. RICE 6
GEORGE F. HOAD 2	*ALFRED J. BULL 7
HENRY F. EWINS 3	JOHN H. WHITE 8
HUGH R. THORPE 4	GEORGE ELLIS 9
WALTER CLAYTON 5	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.
* First peal on ten bells.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 17, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Five Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

FRED G. MAY Treble	FREDK. W. WADE 6
ALBERT STOWELL 2	HENRY B. BORT 7
RAYMOND C. SEAGER 3	GEORGE TREW 8
HENRY J. WAY 4	ISAAC LONG 9
ALFRED PEARCE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. G. MAY.

Rung muffled as a mark of deepest sympathy with Mr. G. T. Daltry, whose wife died November 13th, and was buried on the day the peal was rung.

SURFLEET.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb. in E.

GEORGE LADD Treble	FREDERICK W. STOKES 6
RUPERT RICHARDSON 2	JOHN W. WOOD 7
WILLIAM H. LLOYD 3	HORACE M. WOOD 8
*WILLIAM RICHARDSON 4	JOHN H. FREEMAN 9
CHARLES MCGUINNESS 5	REV. H. LAW JAMES Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER.

Conducted by the Rev. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. The 3rd peal published last Friday, omitting the last three bobs W in the first part, and calling the second part in full.

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATER8, 6003 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

*Miss Doris M. Bryant ... Treble	†Miss Freda E. Orr ... 6
Robert A. Fardon ... 2	Challis F. Winney ... 7
†Miss E. Chapman ... 3	Charles W. Roberts ... 8
†Miss E. E. Hardcastle ... 4	Herbert Langdon ... 9
Miss Phyllis M. Moss ... 5	†E. Alexander Young ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. Fardon. Conducted by R. A. Fardon.

First peal by the society. Rung on St. Cecilia's Day, and on the Eve of St. Clement's Day. * First attempt for a peal. † First peal on ten bells.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER8, 5006 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

FREDERICK G. NEWMAN ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	HENRY ROMENS ... 7
JEFFERY R. GAMMON ... 3	HENRY C. ALFORD ... 8
HUGH T. SCARLET ... 4	FREDERICK J. MAYNARD ... 9
ROBERT MAYNARD, SEN. ... 5	WILLIAM H. FREEMAN ... Tenor

Composed by G. Newson. Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. William H. Freeman.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 6
EDGAR GUISE ... 2	JAMES R. JONES ... 7
*MISS ANNIE BROWN ... 3	*GEORGE FREW ... 8
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 4	JOHN A. BARFORD ... 9
EDWIN JOHN BROWN ... 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER. Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Cambridge Royal. This was Miss Brown's first attempt in the method, and she had not previously rung anything beyond a plain course. Rung on the birthday of Mr. P. W. H. Came, late steeplekeeper of St. Mary Redcliffe.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday November 14, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*ROBERT LANCASTER ... Treble	Cecil Robinson ... 5
GEORGE WORTHY ... 2	THOMAS METCALFE ... 6
GEORGE KEMBALL ... 3	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 7
*JAMES W. NEWTON ... 4	THOMAS METCALFE ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method.

ORMESBY.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ROBERT LANCASTER ... Treble	WILLIAM AINSWORTH ... 5
JOHN APPLETON ... 2	THOMAS LANCASTER ... 6
*GEORGE WORTHY ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
GEORGE KEMBALL ... 4	JOHN W. PASSMAN ... Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIS. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

* First peal in the method. These two peals were arranged for the treble ringer, who hails from Tadcaster, and was on holiday at Middlesbrough.

KIDDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

*JAMES FRANKLIN ... Treble	JACK JUDGE ... 5
*HARRY TOLLEY ... 2	*RICHARD G. RICE ... 6
WALTER F. JUDGE ... 3	WILLIAM JUDGE ... 7
FRANCIS TAYLOR ... 4	WILLIAM STONE ... Tenor

Composed by H. J. TUCKER. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal in the method.

LEESFIELD, LANCOS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

*OGDEN MOORS ... Treble	EDWIN B. SHAW ... 5
FRED CROSLAND ... 2	JAMES W. TAYLOR ... 6
SAM STOTT ... 3	CHARLES H. MARSLAND ... 7
ALBERT CLAGG ... 4	ALFRED AUSTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by SAM STOTT.

* First peal. Ringer of the treble belongs to Leesfield; ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th and tenor to St. Mark's, Glodwick; and the 6th and 7th to St. Mary's, Oldham.

TICKHILL, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY WILSON ... Treble	JOE GARTH ... 5
*JOHN CANNINGS ... 2	*HAROLD WAGSTAFF ... 6
ARNOLD HILL ... 3	*ARTHUR WINN ... 7
HENRY BARNES ... 4	FRED WATKINSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by F. WATKINSON.

* First peal.

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*FRANK SMITH ... Treble	WILLIAM ALLMAN ... 5
*ARTHUR J. BARKER ... 2	†HAROLD VAUGHAN ... 6
ERNEST KING ... 3	CHARLES MORLEY ... 7
ALBERT VAUGHAN ... 4	†C. EDGAR MORLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by C. MORLEY.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal on the bells by a band composed entirely of regular ringers of the church.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HENRY F. EWINS ... Treble	GEORGE F. HOAD ... 5
GEORGE ELLIS ... 2	HUGH R. THORPE ... 6
FREDERICK W. RICE ... 3	ALBERT ELLIS ... 7
*ALFRED J. BULL ... 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

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A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE ILLMAN Treble	HUGH R. THORPE 5
*PETER ETHERIDGE 2	ALBERT ELLIS 6
*JOHN FOSTER 3	GEORGE ELLIS 7
ALFRED J. BULL 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY DAINS. Conducted by O. SIPPETTS

* First peal of Treble Bob.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

F. DUNKERLEY Treble	J. COLLIER 5
H. BARLOW 2	J. HALLAS 6
F. LAWTON 3	F. CHAPMAN 7
I. KAY 4	C. PLATT Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON.

Conducted by C. PLATT.

Rung in celebration of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mellodew, Mr. Mellodew being a son of the donor of the bells, and nephew of the donor of the church.

OSWALDTWISTLE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JAMES SHAW Treble	FRANK SHAW 5
MRS. JONATHAN WHEWELL 2	WILLIAM TAYLOR 6
JONATHAN WHEWELL 3	WILLIAM RILEY 7
RICHARD TOWNLEY 4	JAMES HOLDSWORTH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS.

Conducted by J. SHAW.

Rung in the celebration of the dedication on the previous day, of a stained window placed in the memorial chapel by the ringers of this church in gratitude for the safe return from the war of all their members.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in G.

DANIEL COOPER Treble	JAMES E. COOPER 5
MISS FRED A. ORR 2	THOMAS G. BANNISTER 6
REGINALD D. MARSHALL 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS 7
FRANK E. DARBY 4	CHARLES H. KIPPIN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by R. D. MARSHALL.

This composition, a one-part, has 4-5-6 only in 6th's place, and was published as Treble Bob Major in 'The Bell News' in 1899. Subsequently it was rung as Rochester Surprise Major at Leiston, Suffolk, on June 9th, 1924, and published in these columns as such.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

JOHN H. CHEESMAN Treble	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JOHN WHEADON 6
ALFRED G. HILL 3	HERBERT E. AODSLEY 7
FREDERICK A. COLEY 4	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by E. BARNETT, SEN. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung in honour of the visit of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales to Kent to perform the opening ceremonies of the new hospital at Erith, and the new Watling Street from Dartford to Strood. First peal in the method by all except the ringers of 5th and 6th.

BICESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, November 20, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDBURGH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S.

*J. EVANS Treble	F. NEALE 5
*H. HATFIELD 2	E. A. CLIFTON 6
†W. SCARROTT 3	E. HIMS 7
B. COX 4	*T. CLIFTON Tenor

Conducted by E. HIMS.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. First peal of Grandsire Triples by all, who are all Sunday Service ringers.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(NUNEATON SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, November 20, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

*JOHN THOMPSON Treble	ABRAHAM WILKERSON ... Treble
†CHARLES DRAPER 2	WALTER HORTON 6
*EDWIN MARTIN 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
HARRY ARGYLE 4	†DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ... Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW. Conducted by D. H. ARGYLE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise with a working bell. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor.

CORSTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR PRINCE Treble	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 6
MISS NORAH G. WILLIAMS ... 3	CHARLES W. BELL 7
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	THOMAS F. KING Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLLS.

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOSEPH HALL Secretary Manchester Branch	... Treble
WALTER HUGHES " Liverpool	... 2
CHARLES SHARPLES " Fylde	... 3
WILLIAM HORAN " Rochdale	... 4
PETER CROOK " Bolton	... 5
JOHN WATSON " Blackburn	... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON Association Ringing Secretary	... 7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER " General Secretary	... Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMLINSON.

TETTENHALL, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*JAMES WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM A. COOPER 5
ROBERT PICKERING 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... 6
HARRY A. FARLOW 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
J. D. GEORGE HARRIS 4	*BENJAMIN DALTON, JUN. ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. R. Pickering (son of the second ringer) and Mrs. R. N. Lawson (wife of the senior curate). First peal of Steedman on the bells. * First peal of Steedman Triples.

WALDRON, SUSSEX. — On Armistice Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Jenner 1, A. Reed 2, E. Jennings 3, D. J. Hollands (first quarter-peal) 4, H. S. Hobden 5, P. S. Thompson (conductor) 6, A. Hobden 7, H. Ades 8.

FARNDON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of St. Chad,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr.

WALTER THOMAS... ..	Treble	ARTHUR NEWALL... ..	5
ROBERT SPERRING... ..	2	THOMAS R. BUTLER... ..	6
ALBERT J. HUGHES... ..	3	EDWARD V. RODENBURST... ..	7
GEORGE R. HUGHES... ..	4	JAMES H. RIDING... ..	Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method on the bells.

FLIXTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

PARKER'S REVERSE.

Tenor 14 cwt in F.

SAM GREENHALGH... ..	7 reble	ALLAN F. BAILEY... ..	5
EDWARD JENKINS... ..	2	THOMAS B. WORSLEY... ..	6
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW... ..	3	TITUS BARLOW... ..	7
GEORGE POWNALL... ..	4	HARRY CHAPMAN... ..	Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BEDWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT... ..	Treble	*JOSEPH H. W. WHITE... ..	5
HAROLD J. POOLE... ..	2	GEORGE S. MORRIS... ..	6
FRANK W. PERRINS... ..	3	FRANK E. PERVIN... ..	7
E. HARRY STONELEY... ..	4	ERNEST MORRIS... ..	Tenor

Composed by W. H. INGLESANT. Conducted by H. J. POOLE.

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

EAST HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NAPPER... ..	Treble	GORDON CAUDWELL... ..	5
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK... ..	2	ALBERT E. LOCK... ..	6
*WALTER V. WEBB... ..	3	JAMES S. NAPPER... ..	7
THOMAS EAST... ..	4	PERCY DYKE... ..	Tenor

Conducted by A. E. LOCK.

* First peal in the method.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Paul, Wood Green,

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

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lb.

GEORGE PEATE... ..	Treble	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... ..	5
EDGAR T. SMITH... ..	2	WILLIAM T. POWELL... ..	6
EDGAR MARLOW... ..	3	THOMAS HILL... ..	7
EDWIN J. TYLER... ..	4	THOMAS J. ELTON... ..	Tenor

Composed by JOHN JAGGER. Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

QUEENSBURY, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM AMBLER... ..	Treble	ALBERT PICKLES... ..	5
THOMAS SENIOR... ..	2	EDGAR WHITELEY... ..	6
HAROLD PEARCE... ..	3	JOE GREENWOOD... ..	7
*CECIL DRAKE... ..	4	FRED HOTTON... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by WM. AMBLER.

* First peal inside.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 26 lb.

*OWEN H. GILES... ..	Treble	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY... ..	5
*D. CECIL WILLIAMS... ..	2	FREDERICK W. ROGERS... ..	6
GEORGE PULLINGER... ..	3	*WILLIAM T. TUCKER... ..	7
*WALTER G. ROWE... ..	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS... ..	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of London. Also first peal of London Surprise on the bells, and by a resident band in the county. The conductor's 50th peal in the method.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Etheldreda,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES.

Tenor 26 cwt.

FREDERICK CULL... ..	Treble	LEONARD SHEPHERD... ..	5
ARTHUR SHEPHERD... ..	2	WILLIAM NASH... ..	6
THOMAS J. HULL... ..	3	JOHN T. KENTISH... ..	7
JOHN W. MALYAN... ..	4	P. S. ALBERT LAWRENCE... ..	Tenor

Composed by T. DAY.

Conducted by JOHN T. KENTISH.

The ringer of the 6th is from North Myms; the 3rd and 4th from St. Albans.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lb.

FREDERICK A. MITCHELL... ..	Treble	C. S. M. J. BENNETT... ..	5
ISAAC G. SHADE... ..	2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL... ..	6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER... ..	3	EDWIN BARNETT, SEN... ..	7
HERBERT E. ADESLY... ..	4	JOHN H. CHESMAN... ..	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY.

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal for the Kent Association conducted by a lady.

GODSTONE, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 4 lb. in G.

JOHN H. B. HESSE... ..	Treble	*HARRY BURDOCK... ..	5
WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN... ..	2	*Q. M. S. G. GILBERT, R.E... ..	6
HENRY HUTTON... ..	3	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE... ..	7
*GEORGE W. STEERE... ..	4	ALFRED H. PULLING... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

First peal in the method by the above association. First peal in the method on the bells. * First peal in the method. * First peal in the method away from the treble.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Eight Minutes

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS... ..	Treble	*CHARLES H. KIPPIN... ..	5
*MRS. F. I. HAIRS... ..	2	ALBERT W. COLES... ..	6
GEORGE R. PYE... ..	3	REUBEN SANDERS... ..	7
CHARLES T. COLES... ..	4	WILLIAM PYE... ..	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. It is also F. I. Hairs' 300th peal.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Sunday morning, Nov. 9th, for Armistice service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Alderton 1, C. P. Ramplin 2, G. Ellis 3, E. Scarfe 4, G. Thompson (conductor) 5, J. Scarfe 6, F. Chaplin 7, C. Knopp 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lb.

FREDERICK R. BARRETT ... Treble	WALTER BARRETT ... 5
GEORGE HOWLETT ... 2	CHARLES CLARKE ... 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	FREDERICK SMITH ... 7
ERNEST LINCOLN ... 4	GEORGE H. CROSS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

OTLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

*HARRY FOSTER ... Treble	HARRY THORPE ... 5
*MISS OLIVE LUMLEY ... 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 6
MISS KATHLEEN JACKSON ... 3	ERNEST SIMPSON ... 7
THOMAS B. KENDALL ... 4	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to J. Wilcock, Shipley

LONG MELFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, Nov. 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

SAMUEL EVANS ... Treble	THOMAS CHINERY ... 5
WILLIAM UNDERWOOD ... 2	ARTHUR MAXIM ... 6
ERNEST AMBROSE ... 3	ROBERT GOWERS ... 7
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 4	GEORGE MORE ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL. Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

This is the first peal on the bells since their restoration. It is 26 years since the last peal was rung on them.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BUCKLAND, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob and two each of Kent and Oxford. Tenor 6½ cwt.

FRANK SANDERS ... Treble	HUGH R. THORPE ... 4
ARTHUR HOLMAN ... 2	GEORGE ELLIS ... 5
ALFRED J. BULL ... 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

DALLINGTON, NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 21, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven different 720's.

HENRY MARLOW ... Treble	ISAAC BENNETT ... 4
BERTIE E. SODEN ... 2	SIDNEY J. LAWRENCE ... 5
*THOMAS WISE ... 3	TOM TEBBUTT ... Tenor

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal on a bob bell on six bells.

NEWCASTLE.—At the Cathedral, as in former years, the bells were rung half-muffled at intervals during the morning. For the 10.45 service, at the conclusion of the touch, the whole pull and stand was observed for the last five minutes. The bells were rung open for the remainder of the day. The last touch of the day was a 504 Stedman Triples conducted by Mr. R. Richards, who expressed a wish to call that touch, as he was that evening going into the infirmary for a fifth operation within two years.

COURTEENHALL, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of twelve six-scores of Bob Doubles, and 30 of Grandsire. Tenor 16 cwt.

THOMAS WISE ... Treble	HARRY CLARKE ... 3
ISAAC BENNETT ... 2	JOHN M. GRAY ... 4
TOM TEBBUTT ... Tenor	

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

CASTOR, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. KYNEBURGA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

MISS KITTY MOORE ... Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON ... 4
MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 2	WILLIAM ROSE ... 5
MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 3	*FREDERICK T. COOKE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal in seven methods.

FIVE BELL PEALS.

HUNTINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being ten six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and twelve six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

HENRY BARRELL ... Treble	FREDERICK PECK ... 3
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	THOMAS CRANE ... 4
LIONEL HAMMOND ... Tenor	

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a golden wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. John Newson, of Huntingfield, and arranged for H. Barrell, clerk of St. Mary's Church, Bungay, to enable him to ring a peal on the bells of his native village.

EASTON MAUDIT, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt.

REGINALD J. BAILEY ... Treble	ALBERT MINEY ... 3
ALFRED BROWN ... 2	PERCY GOODCHILD ... 4
AMOS SMART ... Tenor	

Conducted by AMOS SMART.

BATH & WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Ilchester Deanery Branch was held at Langport on Saturday, November 22nd. Owing to other attractions the attendance was small, Langport, Curry Rivel, Martock, Stoke-under-Ham and Bridgwater being the towers represented. The Vicar (the Rev. J. W. Plaxton) conducted a service in the Parish Church, and the Rev. Rhys James (Vicar of Drayton) gave an address.

The Vicar of Langport presided at the meeting, which followed tea in the Church Room. He was supported by the Vicar of Drayton, and Mr. A. E. Coles, of Bridgwater. — The Chairman opened the meeting with a few words of welcome, and four of the Langport ringers were made members. — Martock was chosen for the annual meeting.

The Secretary (Mr. F. Farrant) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his kind words of welcome, and for so kindly making all arrangements. He also thanked the Vicar of Drayton for his address. The tower of Huish Episcopi was open to the ringers after the meeting. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were the methods practised.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Tuesday, November 18, 1924, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
At 90, BLACKMAN LANE,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES R. KEMP... .. 1—2	WILLIAM BARTON 5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3—4	JOHN AMBLER 7—8

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.
Attested by H. STANLEY ROBINSON.

Rung as a final farewell peal to Mr. J. R. Kemp, the ringer of 1—2, who left for Dunedin, New Zealand, on November 27th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, Nov. 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,
At THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Size 18 in G.

*GEORGE PETTER 1—2	GEORGE W. STREER... .. 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. AYRES AND MRS. PULLING.

* First peal on 1—2. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Melville, senr.

FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Wednesday, November 19, 1924, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
In THE BELFRY OF ST. STEPHEN'S,*

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

A. COATES 1—2	MISS DORIS BULMAN 3—4
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER 5—6	

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

* First peal, and first attempt. Miss Bulman is the first lady to accomplish a peal on handbells for the above Association. Mr. A. Coates hails from Whitby.

THE BOSTON GUILD.**RINGING AT U.S.A.'S OLDEST TOWER.**

On Sunday, November 9th, members of the Boston, Mass. Guild of Change Ringers met at the Memorial Tower of Hingham Church, which is the oldest church in U.S.A., having been built in 1681. The occasion was the unveiling of a memorial to the late Mr. Fred L. Ripley, who was for many years a leading citizen of Hingham, and died at the age of 88.

No peal was attempted, but throughout the afternoon several 168's of Grandsire Triples, 276's of Bob Minor, and other touches were rung.

The greatest interest was displayed by local residents, to whom, of course, our method of ringing is something of a novelty. The ringing chamber and staircase were crowded, and a large number congregated in the churchyard to listen to the bells, in spite of the inclement weather. The ringers were afterwards entertained at tea by ladies of the parish. The handbells were then brought out, and courses of Grandsire Caters were rung. This concluded a most successful meeting.

The following members took part in the ringing: Mrs. Margaret H. Shurtleff (President of the Guild), Philip J. Alfrever, William Bashford, Joseph Goodhead, George E. Hubbard, James F. Laker, Richard Newton, Tony Price, Somers H. Sturgis, and S. Warren Sturgis.

The Boston Guild, which owes its existence to the untiring labours of the late Dr. A. H. Nichols, has, at the present time, a membership of about 20. Unfortunately, owing to the great distances apart at which members live, and to a certain amount of prejudice against ringing, regular practice is impossible. Despite these handicaps, the band still retains a high standard of ringing.

The Guild has its next meeting at Groton, Mass., on November 23rd, when it is hoping that Mr. A. R. MacDonald, of the White-chapel Foundry, now on a visit to Canada and the U.S.A., will be present.

SURPRISE MINOR RINGING.

The following Surprise Minor Methods have been rung on the bells of St. Andrew's Church, Sutton-in-the-Isle: On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for evensong, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. Faux, senr., 1. A. Faux, junr., 2. W. Faux 3, G. Howard 4, R. Knight (conductor) 5, G. Few 6. On Wednesday, Nov. 19th, 720 London Surprise: F. Thulbourne 1, A. Faux 2, C. W. Cook 3, F. Warrington 4, R. Knight 5, G. Few 6. First 720 in method by ringers of treble and 4th. Also two courses of York Surprise by the same band, and 360 Cambridge Surprise, F. Thulbourne and G. Howard standing in.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Bishop, in appointing the Rev. C. C. Parker, Rector of Corston, and Master of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, as a Prebendary of Wells Cathedral, stated he did so for several reasons, but more especially for the valuable services the association had rendered to the diocese.

The Midland District of the Ladies' Guild will hold a meeting at Coseley on December 13th. Mr. and Mrs. Ben Gough have kindly promised to entertain the ladies to tea. A small charge will be made to gentlemen.

A band of Cumberland Youths had a somewhat galling experience on Saturday, when a peal of Stedman Cinques at Shoreditch was lost within 60 changes of the end, through a rope breaking.

The Master has found an 'unlucky' composition. It was lost at Quex Park past half-way; at High Wycombe through a broken rope five courses from the end; at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields in the last course, when the bells were stopped for a service; and now at Shoreditch. It ought to be publicly burnt!

In the report of the peal of Bob Major, at St. Saviour's Church, Bath, rung on Saturday, November 15th, 1924, the second footnote should have read: First peal 'in the method' for C. W. Bell as conductor, Mr. Bell being one of the oldest conductors in the Bath branch.

Members of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association intend to attempt a peal of 13,440 Bob Major at Colerne, Wilts, on December 13th.

The first peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal on handbells was rung at Sheffield on December 3rd, 1811.

The College Youths rang their first peal of Stedman Triples on Dec. 4th, 1803, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington.

Mr. Ben Gough, of Coseley, Staffs, ringing the 6th bell in the peal of Stedman Triples at Tipton, on Saturday, Nov. 15th, has now accomplished a peal of Stedman Triples on every bell in the tower, and is supposed to be the first to achieve that honour in this belfry.

Miss Annie Brown, of Bristol, is the latest lady to add Cambridge Surprise Royal to her laurels. She took part in a peal on Saturday, never having previously rung any more than a plain course.

A peal of London Surprise Major by a resident band in Hampshire has been rung for the first time. It was rung at North Stoneham with only two outside the local band, and is another performance for which the enthusiasm of Mr. George Williams has largely to be thanked. It was, as a matter of fact, a great triumph over difficulties, and success after numerous failures.

It is a singular coincidence that the first peal of London Surprise Major by the Surrey Association should be claimed on the same day by two bands. One peal was rung at Carshalton, and the other at Godstone. Enquiries, however, have elicited the fact that the latter was completed about 2½ hours before the former, and must be awarded the claim.

The bells at Rayleigh, Essex, are being restored. Thanks to the efforts of Mr. C. H. Howard (who has just had the satisfaction of seeing completed the recasting and rehangings of Great Baddow bells, on which he learnt to ring), the Diocesan Advisory Committee were induced to advise the erection of a new iron frame and the recasting of several of the bells.

The recent claim that a peal on cup handbells was the first on this type of bells, brings from Mr. A. H. Pulling the information that a peal on cup bells was rung at Teddington in 1920. Like the Leicester men, the band found the bells difficult to get used to.

William Doubleday Crofts, the famous old Nottingham ringer, died on November 29th, 1899, and was buried at St. Mary's on December 2nd, when a 'mourning peal of 1,494 Grandsire Caters' was rung.

A peal of 6,012 Grandsire Caters was rung at Southwark on Nov. 28th, 1735.

On December 4th, 1722, a peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at Stroud, Glos., and on December 1st, 1732, a peal in the same method was rung at St. Alphege, Greenwich.

The first peal at Long Melford since the restoration was rung last Saturday, in 3 hours 23 minutes. It is pointed out that the time occupied had nothing to do with the 'go' of the bells, which run splendidly. But owing to the excessive noise in the ringing chamber it was found better to give more open leads, and a slower time. The conditions will be altered before any more peals are rung.

A secretaries' peal has been rung by members of the Lancashire Association, the band being made up of the general secretary, the ringing secretary, and six branch secretaries.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' OFFICERS.

At the meeting of the Ancient Society of College Youths, on Tuesday, November 18th, the following officers were elected for the year: Master, Mr. Percy E. Clark; treasurer, Mr. Albert A. Hughes; senior steward, Mr. William Hibbert; junior steward, Mr. Alfred Noakes; trustees, Messrs. Challis F. Winney and Walter Prime.

YORK MINSTER BELLS TO BE RECAST?

GENEROUS OFFERS PROMOTE BIG RESTORATION SCHEME.

One of the greatest bell restoration schemes promoted since the war is to be carried out at York Minster. Hung in this stately pile is one of the heaviest rings of twelve in the country, but they are at present in bad ringing condition, although they were rehung only about ten years ago. The Dean and Chapter have had the matter under consideration, and, having received a report from Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have decided, out of their own funds, to have the bells rehung.

At the same time they went into the question of recasting the bells, and making them a peal worthy of the Minster, but this project was beyond the means at the disposal of the Cathedral authorities. Further, the Dean and Chapter felt it was difficult in view of the pressing claims of the Cathedral Windows Fund to launch an appeal for the bells, but it was thought that, with the other work to be carried out, the opportunity of recasting the bells ought not to be lost. To give a lead in the matter, three of the Canons of the Minster generously offered to defray the cost of recasting three bells, and their example was followed by the Chapter Clerk. Now the ringers have undertaken the recasting of one of the remainder, and two more offers have been received, bringing the promises up to seven bells, including the 9th and tenor. Thus, there is every prospect of the complete recasting of the peal being carried out.

In addition to the recasting and rehanging, it is proposed to insert a new ceiling about 19 feet above the floor of the ringing room, and to encase the clock weights. From the ringers' point of view, this alteration is a very necessary one, as hitherto the noise in the ringing room has been almost unbearable, and a great improvement will be effected if this proposal is carried out.

INTERESTING HISTORY OF THE BELLS.

A very interesting history of York bells has appeared in the 'Yorkshire Weekly Post,' from which we take the following extracts:—

The present peal is not an old one as cathedral and medieval parish church peals go. It was hung in 1844, succeeding a peal which perished in the fire of 1840. The history of the York Minster bells, like the history of any part of that magnificent heritage of York people, is full of interest. The first record of bells at the Minster is contained in a note of a twelfth century quarrel between the Archbishop of the day, Geoffrey, and the Dean, whom he inhibited from performing service or 'having the bells rung.' From this date onward references to the bells are frequent, both in the Fabric Rolls of the Minster and in contemporary documents.

York Minster bells, however, have suffered greater vicissitudes than almost any other part of the equipment of that glorious fane. 'Falling down' seems to have been among the least of the misfortunes they encountered. In 1359 it seems that the 'great bell' fell, and was broken 'by default of the Treasurer,' and it was not till ten years later that it was replaced. A new clock and several bells were set up at this time, and there is a most interesting list of items in the Fabric Rolls of the expenditure incurred. The 'bill' throws a good deal of light on both ecclesiastical and economic history of the time. Not only are the labour costs set out, but the cost of material.

The account shows clearly that the founding of the bells was done in situ. York, indeed, was one of the four leading centres of the bell-founding industry in medieval times, and several notable York bell founders' names appear as the makers of bells up and down the country.

The history of the York bell-founders is a fascinating one. It came to an end with the death last century of the last of the Daltons, who had their foundry in Stonegate. The 'Bell founder's window' in the north aisle of the nave is in itself testimony to the importance of the craft in the city, and to the substantial character of one of its leading practitioners in Richard Tunno, who was bailiff of the city in 1320, and its representative in Parliament in 1327.

In 1459 the bells of the Minster were removed from the central tower, before it was rebuilt, and were hung in the north-west tower. The late Mr. W. H. Howard, York's most famous ringer—he was a bell ringer at the Minster for 68 years—with infinite patience and research compiled a history of the bells which was published some sixteen years ago, and to which the writer is indebted for much of the information contained in this article. Among the fruits of his research in the Fabric Rolls are entries for 1473 showing four bells, the 'Lady Bells' hung in the north-west tower, and chimes to the bells in the south-west tower.

FIRST PEAL OF TWELVE IN THE COUNTRY.

Coming down to 1655, the four minor bells were removed from the north-west tower to the south-west, the damaged bells being recast. They formed the 'ring of twelve bells,' which is spoken of by the authors of the 'Clavis Campanologia' as the earliest ring of twelve bells in England.

There were in addition two bells in a bell turret on the south transept, one being used as the clock bell and the other for daily service. They were removed in 1752. What happened to the clock bell

is unrecorded. The service bell was placed in a turret on the lantern tower, and in 1803 was removed to the south-west tower. The peal was formerly hung in two tiers. In 1765 they were taken down, and a peal of ten, cast by Lester and Pack, substituted for them.

In 1840 the bells were completely destroyed by a fire caused accidentally during the cleaning and repairing of the clock. The south-west tower was involved; the whole of its contents, including the ring of ten bells and the clock, perished, as well as the roof of the nave. In four years the restoration was completed at a cost of £25,000. In July, 1844, the present peal of twelve bells, founded by Mears, of London, was hung, having been purchased from a bequest by Dr. Stephen Beckwith, a great public benefactor to the city, who left £45,000 to the Minster, the Museum, and other York institutions. A tablet in the ringing chamber records the bequest.

DEATH OF MR. J. F. PENNING.

SAFFRON WALDEN RINGER AND COMPOSER.

We very much regret to report the death of Mr. J. F. Penning which occurred on November 13th, at his residence, Saffron Walden. Deceased had been in failing health for the past two years, and during the last twelve weeks was confined to his bed.

Mr. Penning began his ringing career with the Saffron Walden Society in 1871, and was still a member of this ancient society at the time of his death. In the early part of his ringing career he was closely associated with the brothers Pitstow, and with them and the late Mr. Samuel Slater, and other members of the Glensford company, he rang his first peal, which was one of Kent Treble Bob, at Long Melford.

At this time the Walden company was at low ebb, Treble Bob and Bob Major only being rung, but the introduction of young blood caused great progress in all standard methods, and Mr. Penning was one of the band which rang the first peals in the following methods on the bells: Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court, Superlative Surprise (first peal in the county of Essex), Cambridge Surprise (first peal in the Eastern Counties), London Surprise (first peal in the County of Essex). He also took part in the first peal of Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise in the County of Cambridge.

Mr. Penning had practically a lifelong connection with the church, first as a chorister for a great number of years; as vergers for 27 years, and as a ringer for 54 years. He was a most regular attendant for Sunday Service ringing until the duties of his office as vergers prevented him giving full time to ringing. Unfortunately, a full record of his peals is not available, but they consisted of all standard methods from Bob Major to London Surprise. The last time he visited the belfry he expressed a wish to ring a course of London Surprise, but after ringing six leads he set his bell, being too fatigued to finish the course.

It was perhaps as a composer Mr. Penning was better known to the Exercise generally, he having composed peals of Bob Minor with the greatest number of calls yet published. In the early eighties he became prominent by the composition of peals of Grandire Triples, was the first to improve on Holt's One-Part, and was the first to obtain a Five-Part peal with the use of ordinary singles. In 1907 he composed methods known as Penning Triples and Stansted Triples, and his peals in these methods were rung by the Stansted company.

Mr. Penning was a member of the Royal Cumberland Youths, the Ely Diocesan and Essex Associations, being district secretary of the latter for a number of years, and taking a great interest in the business matters concerning the associations of which he was a member.

Mr. Penning possessed a gift for writing poetry, and it gave him much pleasure to record ringing performances in the form of verse. He was for 27 years town hall keeper, and custodian and clerk of the corn market. He also occupied for many years the office of secretary of the local Court of the Ancient Order of Foresters.

The deceased, who was 72 years of age, and leaves a widow and two daughters to mourn their loss, was laid to rest in the family grave at Saffron Walden Cemetery on November 18th, and in the evening the local company rang at the Parish Church with the bells half-muffled, 1,036 Grandire Triples being the first part of one of deceased's compositions: A. E. Pitstow (conductor) 1, F. Dench 2, A. James 3, I. Pitstow 4, R. Strong 5, A. Evenett 6, F. J. Pitstow 7, W. Parish 8.

WYCOMBE & THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—There is no record of the High Wycombe resolution being discussed at Boyne Hill on the only two occasions when I have been present, incidentally as a member of the Stoke Poges band; also, I have yet to have the pleasure of attending any function at Wooburn.—Yours faithfully,
ARTHUR D. BARKER.

GREAT BADDOW BELLS.

RING OF EIGHT RECAST.

The dedication of the bells of St. Mary's Church, Great Baddow, after restoration, took place on Saturday, November 15th, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Barking.

The bells have been recast and tuned on the 'true-harmonic' system, and, in recasting, all the old inscriptions have been reproduced in facsimile. The bells have also been rebung in a new, strong, and massive cast-iron frame, the foundation of the framework consisting of heavy rolled steel girders built into the walls. The standards which support the frame are of heavy cast-iron. The new head-stocks are of cast-iron and fitted with patent self-aligning ball bearings in massive iron pedestals, totally enclosed, and are absolutely dust and dirt proof. There are also new wrought-iron clappers, with independent crown-staples and joints passing through the head-stock and secured by patent lock-nut, which cannot be shaken loose by vibration.

The bells have been fixed at a lower level in the tower, thus producing a much softer tonal effect in the immediate vicinity of the tower, and at the same time a further carrying power. The old bell chamber floor has been removed and replaced with a new one, fixed independently of the bell frame. The cost of the work will be over £600, of which about five-sixths has been raised.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble: I mean to make it understood, that tho' I'm little, yet I'm good. Mears, 1781.

2nd: The gift of Mr. Waston Gower, 1738. Recast 1809. Thomas Mears and Son, of London, fecit.

3rd: The Revd. Alexd. Longmore, Vicar; Mr. William Polly, Ch. Warden. W. and T. Mears, of London, fecit 1787.

4th: Thos. Mears, of London, founder, 1837.

5th: Jno. Godsalue Crosse, Esq. The Revd. Mr. Longmore, Vicar. W. Mears fecit, 1781.

6th: Whilst thus we join in cheerful sound, may love and loyalty abound. Mears, 1781.

7th: To Honor both of God and King, our voices shall in consort ring. Mears, 1781.

Tenor: The founder he hath played his part: That shewes he's master of his art: So hang me well, and ring me true, And I will sound your praises due. Chapman & Mears, of London, fecerunt 1782.

This peal of eight bells was recast by public subscription, 1924. Rev. C. Neill, M.A., M.B., Vicar; Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips, Frank Howard, Churchwardens.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF BARKING.

There was a crowded congregation at the dedication service. The choir were present, and Mr. A. Burton was at the organ. The Vicar, Rev. D. G. Douglas, commenced the service, and the hymn, 'All people that on earth do dwell,' was sung. The special lesson was taken from Numbers x. 1—11. During the singing of the hymn, 'Pleasant are Thy courts above,' the clergy, churchwardens, and choir, proceeded to the tower. Here the churchwardens, Dr. P. T. Spencer-Phillips and Mr. F. Howard, taking the ropes, presented the bells to the Bishop for dedication. This completed, the Bishop delivered the ropes to the Vicar, requesting him to receive the bells as a sacred trust, to be used for the glory and service of God. A few rounds were then rung, during which the Bishop, clergy, and choir returned to the stalls. The hymn, 'Hark on high the joyful music,' was then sung, after which 168 Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. C. H. Howard, was rung, and a collection in aid of the Bell Fund was taken, amounting to £9 4s. 9d. This was followed by the hymn, 'The gospel bells are ringing.'

The Bishop, who preached from the words, 'Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say rejoice,' commenced by saying that it was somewhat difficult to find a suitable text for such an occasion. Bells were only mentioned twice in the Bible—namely, Exodus xxviii. 33, and Zechariah xiv. 20. Bells were not as old as churches, and their origin was somewhat obscure. They probably came into use about the ninth century of the Christian era. Abbots had bells in olden times, but they were probably cast upon the spot, as transport would be then impossible. He rejoiced with the parishioners that the bells were now in order, and also that the old inscriptions had been retained; and he congratulated them that about five-sixths of the total money (£600) had been raised. He referred in kindly terms to the ringers in the diocese and to all the voluntary work they so readily gave, and trusted that their labours would bring many into the fellowship of the Church. The message of the bells could be interpreted in many ways, such as joy, which was the predominant note; sorrow, as at the passing of some loved parishioner; wedding peals, signifying the knitting together of two in Jesus; and national happiness.

The recessional hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' concluded the service.

The ringers during the service were Baddow men, past or present, who stood as follows: Treble, H. Dawson; 2, W. Rice; 3, R. Bush; 4, J. J. Clark; 5, H. Allen; 6, C. H. Howard; 7, G. Green; tenor, A. Richell.

A FINE RESULT.

After the service about 60 ringers from 25 different churches partook of tea in the Vicarage room. Mr. F. Howard presided. They came from Baddow, Braintree, Boreham, Broomfield, Chelmsford, Clacton-on-Sea, Danbury, Dunmow, Earls Colne, Feering, Great Bentley, Greensted Green, Kelvedon, Loughborough, Little Waltham, Maldon St. Mary's, Maldon All Saints', Rayne, Romford, Rettendon, Sandon, Stisted, Springfield, Writtle, and Witham. Among the visitors was a lady ringer, Miss A. E. Waldoek, from Maldon St. Mary's, and Mr. E. Newman, for 53 years a ringer at Great Baddow.

Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Essex Association, and a Baddow ringer of 40 years ago, but now living at Braintree, congratulated the Church Council on the splendid work achieved in the restoration of the bells. He stated that expert opinion was obtained, tenders invited, and excellent work secured, so that Baddow now possesses a very fine peal. He congratulated the founders, Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, on the fine results achieved, and said the peal would be a lasting credit to that firm. He knew there were ringers who would take up the work in Baddow in the right spirit now they had such a peal to work upon.

Mr. Taylor thanked Mr. Howard for his kind remarks. He stated that when he inspected the old bells on the wooden, rickety frame he knew that nothing but complete restoration would make a satisfactory job of it, and he was glad that the Council had agreed on such a course, instead of attempting to patch up the old ones. He was most happy to meet such a number of ringers, and extended a very warm welcome to any who visited Loughborough at any time.

Mr. E. A. Amoss, secretary of the Parochial Church Council, extended a warm welcome to the ringers, and thanked Mr. Howard for all the assistance he had given, and also Mr. Taylor for the very courteous and prompt manner in which he had dealt with the whole business.

Mr. Dyson, of Braintree, proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies who had served the tea.—Mr. H. Allen seconded; and this was carried with applause.

Touches of Grandsire, Bob and Treble Bob Major and Cambridge Surprise were afterwards rung. The 'go' and tone of the bells were much admired.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

RECTOR WANTS MORE PEALS RUNG.

A most successful meeting of the Western Division was held at Heene on Saturday last, when between 30 and 40 members and visitors attended from the following towers: Angmering, Arundel, Steyning, Henfield, Shoreham, Pulborough, West Tarring, Warnham, Brighton (St. Peter's and St. Nicholas'), and a good many members of the local band. The meeting was also favoured by the presence of the Master (Mr. J. T. Rickman) and Mr. H. Chandler from Hillingdon.

Some good courses and touches in the following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Bristol and London Surprise Major.

At 5 o'clock, the company adjourned to the Churchroom, where they were met by the Rector (the Rev. F. J. Fallows), who had provided an excellent tea.

The Rector having to leave before the business meeting, a vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. J. T. Rickman, was accorded the Rector for generously providing the meal.—The Rev. J. P. Fallows, in responding, said how pleased he was to meet such a large company of ringers, but he was sorry more peals were not rung at Heene. He hoped one could be arranged amongst the company present.

At the business meeting, with the Master in the chair, one new member was elected, viz., Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester.—It was proposed to hold the next meeting at Petworth in February.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Rickman brought the short business meeting to an end. Further ringing was afterwards enjoyed, some of the visitors going on to West Tarring. Although several had to leave early to catch trains, enough remained to ring Bristol and London Surprise, and a touch of Superlative.

DEVON RINGERS' 'FRATERNAL.'

The monthly fraternal meeting of the Exeter Branch of the Guild of Devonshire Ringers was held at the Franklin Hall, Exeter, on Saturday, November 8th. The chair was occupied by the Rev. E. V. Cox, hon. secretary of the Guild, and the Rev. Franklin Owen, Rector of St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was also present.

The subject for debate on this occasion was, 'How best to promote good striking.' A very interesting discussion took place, in which a good many members took part.

Quartettes were splendidly rendered by the 'Orpheus' Glee Party, and the Rev. Franklin Owen sang two songs, 'Glorious Devon' and 'Tavistock Goosey Fair,' in excellent form. The whole of the musical programme was greatly appreciated.

It is very gratifying to note the interest being taken in these meetings, which must give the committee every encouragement to go forward, as success is already assured.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATES AS RINGERS.

A COMMENT OF FIFTY YEARS AGO.

The Hon. Librarian of the Central Council (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) sends us the following interesting extract from 'A Note on St. Bride's, Fleet Street,' published in the issue of 'Church Bells' of November 21st, 1874:—

'In its tower (St. Bride's) some of the earliest feats of ringing were accomplished. The ring, originally consisting of ten bells only, was cast in 1710 by Rudhall, of Gloucester; and about seven years later the first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung on them. In 1718, two trebles were added, and within eight years from that date the first peal of Cinques and the first peal of Maximus had been accomplished on these bells. Those were the aristocratic days of ringing, for we are told that each ringer in the last-named peal drove home in his own carriage. The possession of a carriage is a very good thing in its way, but we hope that in a few years peals rung by men with the hallmark of a University education will be so common as to pass without special comment, and then the art of ringing will have gained the position to which it is entitled, as the most perfect form of combined mental and physical exercise. Oxford, by the inauguration of a University company, has shown how this desirable end is to be attained; and we trust that ere long Cambridge will have followed such an excellent example. For many years there were not wanting at Cambridge instances, though rather rare ones, of men graduates and undergraduates who could ring; if any of these remain, it ought not to be difficult to get a company together.'

RINGERS' THANKSGIVING WINDOW.

In the memorial chapel of Oswaldtwistle Parish Church, Lancs, a stained window has been placed by the ringers in gratitude for the safe return from the war of all their members.

This handsome and thoughtful gift in thanksgiving was dedicated on Sunday week. The window represents 'Christ in Glory,' and beneath is a plate bearing the inscription:—

A.M.D.G.

And in gratitude for the safe return from the war of all their members, this window is given by the ringers of this church.

On Monday, November 17th, a peal of Bob Major was rung in honour of the dedication of the window.

ST. CLEMENT'S YOUTHS

SCORE THEIR FIRST PEAL.

The first peal by the St. Clement's Youths, at the famous church in the Strand, is of interest. Apart from the fact that there were five ladies in the band (the title of the society should be surely 'Youths and Lassies'), the hon. secretary of the Central Council has scored his first peal on ten bells, and also upon these bells, with which he first became associated in 1884. Mr. Young has been a ringer at this church since joining the St. James's Society in 1889, being soon afterwards made one of the officers. The last time Mr. Young attempted a peal at St. Clement's was on the occasion of the bi-centenary celebration in March, 1893, when the tenor became unringable some 40 minutes after starting.

Mr. G. Fardon, who has given much time to teaching beginners, had looked forward to calling the St. Clement's Youths' first peal early this year. His unfortunate accident six months ago, however, has prevented him ringing since, but the peal on Saturday was one of Mr. Fardon's compositions, and was ably conducted by his son, 'Bob Minor.'

The composition, which was first rung at St. Clement Danes, on December 4th, 1919, by a band of Freemasons (conducted by the composer) was as follows:

5,003 GRANDSIRE CATERS.

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63264	89	35264	98
32654	78	52364	79
26354	78	23564	79
36452	89	53462	98
46253	89	43265	98
62453	78	S 23465	79
S 42653	78	34265	79
Repeat from * with B for S		Round at 6.	
produces		(a) 7 in & out at 3	78
46352		(b) 9 in & out at 2	79
56243 8 in 2	78		
26345	89		
63245	78		
43562 8 in 2	78		
Twice repeat the 8 courses			
from * produces			
25364			

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I can quite realise the four points which Mr. Hibbert mentions, and am quite aware that modern bell foundries can cast small bells less 'wild' in tone than the old foundries did. At the same time, I am dead against many of the modern fads which are now so common (such as recasting old bells, which are perfectly sound, because they cannot be tuned on the Simpson principle, ball bearings for comparatively light bells, etc.). I do not know who the 'competent' founders and hangers are whom the committee have consulted; so that any strictures I make are not directed against any particular firm. But I must say that any peal of eight with a tenor higher than F is not pleasant to listen to.

I must certainly decline Mr. Hibbert's invitation to contribute anything to such a scheme as he proposes; although the late Mr. Washbrook was an old friend of mine, and one whom I always looked up to in ringing matters.—Yours faithfully,

J. R. JERRAM.

ST. STEPHEN'S, CARLISLE.

The Rev. David W. Irving, the son of Canon Irving, of Hawkshead, Ambleside, and brother-in-law of Mr. Eric H. Truscott, of London and Bromley, has recently been inducted to the living of St. Stephen's, Carlisle, where there is a peal of eight bells, with tenor of 15 cwt.

It is the only peal of bells in ringing order in Carlisle, as the six bells at the Cathedral are now never rung, as the tower is supposed to be unsafe.

The new Vicar of St. Stephen's is very keen on bells, and is taking steps to get a band of change ringers together again, for the bells have not been regularly rung for service for a long time. The church was built, the peal put in, and the living endowed by the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts.

MALDON RINGER'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. William Last took place at Colchester Hospital on November 13th, from pneumonia, following an operation. The deceased, who was 66 years of age, had been a ringer of All Saints' Church, Maldon, for over 40 years.

The funeral took place at Heybridge on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when the Maldon ringers were represented by Messrs. F. and W. H. Chalk, and G. W. and H. J. Mansfield. During the evening, touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were rung at All Saints' Church, with the bells deeply muffled, by H. J. Mansfield, Miss A. E. Waldo, W. H. Chalk, G. W. Mansfield, J. Amos, A. South, E. Ellinger, F. Chalk, R. Hutson and J. H. Waldo.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last, at Burnham, a good deal of spadework was put in by those who were present from Boyne Hill, Burnham, Hitcham, Reading and Stoke Poges, at the meeting of the East Berks and South Bucks Branch. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Cambridge Surprise Minor and Major.

We are looking forward to some accounts of peals in various methods in the near future.

The opportunity is taken of congratulating the energetic steeple-keeper, Mr. G. Alder, on attaining his 67th anniversary on Nov. 30th.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Bretforton on Saturday, Nov 15th, and as usual was well attended. Among the visitors present were Mr. J. Newman (general secretary), Mr. H. Terry (general secretary, Four Shires Guild), Mr. S. T. Holt (Ringing Master, Western Branch), and Messrs. E. Gibbs (Hanley Castle) and C. Camm (Upton-on-Severn). The association's special form of service was held in the Parish Church, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Waugh) gave an appropriate address. There were also present the Rev. W. C. Allsebrook (Vicar of Badsey and Rural Dean) and the Rev. D. Fitzmaurice (Vicar of Hampton). A collection taken on behalf of Rowley Regis Bell Restoration Fund realised 13s. 6d.

Tea, provided by the generosity of the Vicar, followed in the Memorial Hall, and the Rev. J. H. Waugh presided at the subsequent business meeting.

It was decided to hold the spring meeting at Pershore, and that the quarterly peal be attempted on Bretforton bells, with Mr. L. Jells as conductor.

The retiring officers, viz., Messrs. J. D. Johnson, Ringing Master; J. Hemming, hon. secretary and treasurer; and J. Hall, Central Committee representative, were re-elected for the ensuing year.

Votes of thanks to the Rev. J. H. Waugh, for the cordial welcome he had given the branch, and to all who assisted in making the meeting a success, were carried with applause.

A return was made to the tower, where thanks to Mr. J. Perkins, the handy peal of six are kept in splendid going order. Among the methods rung were Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and Double Oxford Bob Minor.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

RAWMARSH, YORKS.—For evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, 1,600 Bob Major, in 60 mins.: A. Mitchell 1, F. C. Wilson 2, A. G. Stocks 3, E. Liversedge 4, E. Pammenter 5, H. Mortimer 6, A. Firth 7, G. F. Tuke (conductor) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, in memory of the late Rev. J. L. Barker, who died November 23rd, 1923.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,260 changes): J. H. Shepherd 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, J. Austin (conductor) 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, H. A. Hearl 7, S. Palmer 8, E. Bishop 9, L. A. Wilson 10.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. W. Martin (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, H. Smith 2, J. Pole 3, A. Disney 4, K. R. Elliott 5, R. Barrow (conductor) 6, H. Reeve 7, A. Bishop 8.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on Sunday, November 23rd, for evensong, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Royal: H. W. Mance 1, W. J. Dean 2, G. Watkin 3, C. F. Mitchell 4, A. G. Newman 5, E. Reeve 6, E. Cassell 7, W. Essery 8, H. H. Mance 9, H. Mance (conductor) 10. First quarter of Kent Royal by ringers of 1st, 3rd & 7th.

HERTFORD.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Storey (first in method) 1, R. Dore 2, W. Greenaway 3, H. T. Gray (first quarter-peal in the method as conductor) 4, A. Wright 5, G. Gray 6, J. Ladby 7, A. E. Akers 8.

BLEWBUURY, BERKS.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 16th, with the bells half-muffled, in memory of those who fell in the Great War.—For morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, H. Greenough 3, A. Webb (conductor) 4, R. Prior 5, F. James 6, B. Corderoy 7, T. Busby 8. Also for evening service, 1,050 Grandsire Triples: G. Walker 1, C. Gregory 2, H. Greenough 3, A. Webb 4, F. James (conductor) 5, B. Corderoy 6, T. Busby 7, W. Greenough 8.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, after evening service, at the Church of SS. Thomas and Edmund, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. E. Large (first in the method) 1, E. F. Stringer 2, W. Stringer 3, W. G. Anker 4, B. G. Leedham 5, E. J. Stringer 6, B. W. Witchell (conductor) 7, B. Stringer 8.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from Holt's Original: F. W. Bond 1, J. E. Waters 2, R. Edwards (Tenterden) 3, W. G. Cook 4, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 5, G. Dore 6, W. H. Hayward 7, F. Edwards 8.—For evening service, at the Parish Church, 575 Grandsire Caters: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, J. C. Eden 5, W. C. Cuss 6, S. R. Hicks 7, R. Edwards 8, H. C. Bond 9, W. H. Hayward 10.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Saunders 1, A. Greenfield (conductor) 2, A. Round 3, R. Round 4, H. F. Martin (Bromsgrove) 5, W. Prestidge 6, H. Hubball 7, T. Townsend 8.

SWANMORE.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for evening service, at St. Barnabas Church, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: W. Allen 1, E. Jacobs, junr., 2, A. Millard 3, E. Jacobs, senr., 4, H. Ainsley 5, Roy Linter (conductor) 6.

GREAT WYNDLEY, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, for a special memorial service, on Sunday, Nov. 16th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled: G. Cherry 1, F. C. Webb 2, G. T. Croft (conductor) 3, F. W. Croft 4, R. E. Croft 5, H. Gilbert 6. Also 720 Oxford Bob Minor, with the bells open: H. Gilbert 1, F. C. Webb 2, G. T. Croft 3, G. Cherry 4, R. E. Croft 5, F. W. Croft (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, December 6th. Ringing from 3; service 4; tea 4.30.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., Garthmoor, Neath.

The peal of 6 bells at Brockenhurst, Hants, will be dedicated on Sunday, December 7th, at 3 p.m., by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5.30; meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to the Sec., Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

STANDISH, LANCs.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, at St. Wilfrid's Church, for afternoon service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Grounds 1, R. Darbyshire 2, J. Booth 3, A. Morgan 4, J. Gray 5, W. Austin 6, E. Birchall (conductor) 7, E. Guillian 8.

SUTTON-IN-ASHFIELD.—On the anniversary of the opening of the new bells at the Parish Church, the following touches were rung on Sunday, Oct. 26th: For morning service, 720 Plain Bob: W. Allin, senr., 1, R. Huskisson 2, W. Allin, junr., 3, C. J. Partridge 4, W. Jack 5, G. E. Allin (conductor) 6. For evening service, 1,272 Oxford Treble Bob: R. Partridge 1, W. Allin, senr., 2, R. Huskisson 3, C. J. Partridge 4, G. E. Allin 5, T. Bettisson (conductor) 6. Mr. Bettisson hails from Mansfield Woodhouse, the remainder are all local.

GREAT HAMPTON, EVESHAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: W. Newman 1, J. Hemming (conductor) 2, S. Davis 3, E. Andrews 4, J. Bradley 5, F. Thompson 6. First quarter-peal by all the band except the conductor.

MALDON, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 26th, at All Saints' Church, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor, with tenor covering: H. J. Mansfield 1, Miss A. E. Waldoke (first 720 as conductor) 3, A. South 4, J. Amos 5, J. Walden 6, C. Nunn 7, F. Chalk 8.—On Nov. 12th, at St. Mary's Church, for harvest festival, 720 Plain Bob: H. J. Mansfield 1, Miss A. E. Waldoke (conductor) 2, J. Amos 3, J. Walden 4, J. H. Waldoke 5, F. Chalk 6.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival (Holy Eucharist), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Heazel 1, A. Rainbird 2, H. Tredgett 3, F. G. Ringe (first as conductor) 4, H. Turner 5, E. Furbank 6, G. Miles 7, P. S. Carroll 8.—For evensong, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire came to grief, after ringing 4,200 changes: W. Leggett 2, A. Rainbird 3, the rest as above: G. Giles (conductor).—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for war memorial service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with bells half-muffled, in 50 mins.: R. Heazel 1, A. Rainbird 2, W. Leggett 3, F. G. Ringe 4, H. Turner (first as conductor) 5, E. Furbank 6, G. Miles 7, P. S. Carroll 8.

THE CURFEW AT BLANDFORD.

The announcement made recently that from lack of funds the centuries' old custom at Blandford, Dorset, of ringing the curfew was to be discontinued, has been widely circulated in newspapers, not only in England, but also in America and Australia. As a result, Blandford Town Council have received numerous letters on the subject, and from Mr. S. F. Pond, of Melbourne, Australia, son of one of Blandford's townsmen, has come an offer to provide the money. Mr. Pond, in his letter, said: 'I think it is a great pity to drop such old customs, and no doubt there are many who hold the same opinion. Rather than see this custom lapse because of the expense, I should, until further notice, deem it a privilege to defray this outlay, which I understand is £5 per annum. A cheque on my London bankers to cover the cost for the ensuing twelve months is enclosed herewith.' The Council have decided to send a letter of thanks and appreciation to Mr. Pond.

OFF TO NEW ZEALAND.

On Sunday evening, at Newcastle Cathedral, for evensong, 1,155 Erin Cinques were rung as a farewell touch for Mr. J. R. Kemp, who is emigrating to New Zealand this week: G. Pickering 1, Arthur Payne 2, J. Rowell 3, J. R. Kemp 4, W. Story 5, W. Barber (conductor) 6, J. Foreman 7, G. Murray 8, A. Hillier 9, R. Thompson 10, B. E. Keen 11, A. M. Hall 12. The band wish Mr. Kemp every success in his new employment. He is an old and well-known Newcastle ringer, and has also been taking an active part in ringing at Leeds, where he has resided for the last few years.

On November 18th, a farewell handbell peal was rung at Leeds.

HERTS ASSOCIATION IN MIDDLESEX.

A very enjoyable meeting of East Herts District was held, by invitation, at Edmonton on Saturday, Nov. 15th, and the warm welcome extended to those attending by the Edmonton band was greatly appreciated. Tea was prepared by the ladies, and much enjoyed, and the business meeting was held afterwards, under the presidency of Mr. J. Parker.

The usual votes of thanks to all who contributed to the success of the occasion were unanimously carried, and ringing from Grandsire Triples through the standard methods to Bristol Surprise gave scope to all degrees of talent.

A BIRTHDAY PEAL.

A peal of Stedman Caters was rung at Walthamstow on Saturday to celebrate the 70th birthday of Mr. William H. Freeman, who took part in the peal, ringing the tenor. Afterwards he received the birthday congratulations of the band, whom he entertained to dinner at his residence. The proceedings concluded with a musical evening, in which change ringing and tunes on handbells figured prominently, and complimentary speeches were made.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — Oxford City and District Branch.—Annual meeting at St. Aldate's Church on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tea in Rectory Room at 4 p.m. Meeting after tea. Service after meeting. Bells available afternoon and evening.—A. F. Barrett, Branch Sec., 64, Norreys Avenue, Oxford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch. —A meeting will be held at East Crompton on Saturday, Nov. 29. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. A good attendance is requested.—Wm. Horan, Branch Sec., 2, Greenhirst Hey, Todmorden.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Central District.—An extra meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Wimbledon, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (6) ready at 3 p.m. Free tea, by invitation of the Vicar, at 'The Welcome,' High Street.—A. J. Trappitt, Hon. Dis. Sec., 57, Mellows Road, Wallington.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Goole on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tea, 1s. 6d. each, in National Schools. Meeting afterwards.—A. B. Cook, Hon. Dis. Sec., 58, Wyndham Street, Hull.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Maidstone Branch.—A meeting of the above will be held at St. Michael's, Maidstone, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Tower open at 3 o'clock. Service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. All Saints' tower will be open for ringing after tea.—C. H. Sone, Hon. Dis. Sec., Toke Cottage, Linton, Maidstone.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — St. Albans District.—A meeting will be held at St. Albans on Saturday, Nov. 29th. St. Peter's tower open from 2.45 till 5 o'clock. The Cathedral bells will be available after tea. The tea arrangements will be made on the day.—Wm. Nash, Dis. Sec., North Mymms, Hatfield.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby and Burton Districts.—A meeting of the two districts will be held at St. Paul's, Burton, on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available at 2.30 p.m. — G. C. Wallace and C. Sanders, Hon. Dis. Secs.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—The annual meeting will be held at Guildford on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells (8 and 10) available at 3. Service in Holy Trinity Church at 4.30. Tea at Brett's at 5.30, followed by the usual business meeting. At the conclusion of the business a smoking concert will be held.—E. Raddon, Hon. Dis. Sec., Hillcrest, Baillie Road, Guildford.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District. —A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, Nov. 29th. The bells (8) will be available at 2.45. Everybody welcome. — A. E. Sharman, 199, High Street North, Dunstable.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Gloucester Branch.—The annual meeting of the Gloucester branch will be held at Barnwood on Nov. 29th. Bells open from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, with tea and business meeting to follow.—W. H. Harris, Branch Hon. Sec., 15, Painswick Road, Gloucester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A district meeting will be held at St. Lawrence on Saturday, Nov. 29th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 o'clock, at 1s. 3d. per head. All those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. Birch, 9, Vale Road, Ramsgate. Half railway fares up to 2s. will be allowed at this meeting.—Edwin G. Buesden, Hon. Dis. Sec., 3, Hackington Terrace, Canterbury.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 2nd and 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus on the 11th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at the Church Hall. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. (1s. each to all sending word to Mr. W. Souter, 23, Church Walk, Stowmarket, by Dec. 1st). Meeting follows. A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9. Tea at Melford Rectory at 4 p.m. at 4d. each, for all sending word by Jan. 5th to Mr. Stedman Symonds, Asst. Sec., Church Street, Lavenham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Michael's, Bristol, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting. Those requiring tea please let me know by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, business meeting afterwards. Tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., when the Master of the Oxford Guild will preach. Tea at 4.30 p.m. Those requiring tea please notify me by Dec. 3rd. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, 19, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, in the Abbey, with address from Canon Wingfield-Digby. Tea at 5 in the Church Hall (6d. for members), meeting to follow. Will those who wish to attend the tea kindly let the secretary know by Dec. 1st? Lillington bells (5) also available.—R. E. P. Gorringer, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 15th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Wotton-under-Edge Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Stinchcombe on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea 5 o'clock.—W. A. Lewis, Branch Hon. Sec., Ham, Berkeley, Glos.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northampton Branch.—A special business meeting will be held at Hardingstone on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (5) 2.30. Service 4.15. Tea 5 o'clock. Will all those requiring tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, Dec. 2nd?—T. Tebbutt, Branch Sec., 53, Louise Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Road, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held at March, Cambridge, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 2. Short service and business meeting. Six bells. Arrangements for tea to those who notify me by Dec. 3rd. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Great Bentley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend for the election of officers for the ensuing year. All those intending to be present please notify to Mr. W. J. Nevard, Myrtle Cottage, Great Bentley, not later than Dec. 3rd.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8). Business meeting 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Beighton on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 2 p.m. Will those requiring tea please notify Mr. G. J. Fewkes, 1, Byron Road, Beighton, near Sheffield, not later than Thursday, Dec. 4th? Trains leave Sheffield (L.N.E.R.) at 2.5 and 3.42. Fare 9d. return. All ringers welcome.—T. H. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5.30.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Church service at 5 p.m. Afterwards tea will be provided by the Rector (Rev. A. Miller). Business meeting to follow.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Long Stanton on Dec. 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea in School at 5, followed by business meeting. All who wish for tea please write by Tuesday, Dec. 2nd. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Wasley, Long Stanton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 3.30. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.30, at 1s. each to those who advise me by the 3rd of their intention to be present. All members and friends welcome. Will those members whose subscriptions are still outstanding please let me have same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stoke-on-Trent on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Meeting immediately after tea.—A. Vaughan, Hon. Sec., 10, High Street, Knutton, Staffs.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD.—Exeter Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (free to members). The following towers will be open: Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas' and St. Petrock's. All ringers welcome.—J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The fourth annual social of the Preston branch will be held at Preston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Preston parish bells will be available from 2 o'clock to 4.45; also the bells of Preston St. Mark and Penwortham from 2 o'clock to 4.30. Tea in Parish Church Schools at 5 o'clock prompt, followed by whist and social. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets to be made to Mr. J. T. Bimson, 29, Euston Street, Preston, as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting of the Western Division will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available for ringing after 2.30

p.m. Tea will be provided, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. T. Senior, Mount View, Chapel Lane, Queensbury, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th. For further particulars see circulars. — F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LADIES' GUILD. — Midland District. — The next meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names to be sent in not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by a short business meeting. The bells of St. Saviour's will also be available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Half rail fares allowed (maximum 1s.). — Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS. — North-Eastern Branch. — The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Will those requiring tea please send their names to me by Tuesday, Dec. 9th? — Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-Western Division. — The Annual district meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service and tea will be arranged, followed by business meeting for the election of officers for 1925. Members requiring tea please notify me by December 9th. — W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Secretary, 49, The Portway, E.15.

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AN OLD-STANDING TROUBLE.

The recent determination of a Devonshire Vicar (as already recorded in our columns) to lay down two conditions for those who ring at his church, has caused some little discussion both in and outside the parish. The conditions, in effect, are first, that the ringers should be Churchmen who recognise the duty of attending the services to which they summon others, and, second, that they should be ready to attend some instruction in change ringing as an addition to the ordinary round ringing which has prevailed for so long. With the reasonableness of these conditions very few, we think, will quarrel, and our comment on the subject is merely general and not specially directed to the parish in question, where the immediate circumstances, beyond those already published, are unknown to us.

The question of ringers attending the services for which they have rung is an old-standing source of trouble. In principle, where the ringers claim that they are office bearers in the church — and that is a point which the associations have been urging the clergy for years to accept—it is obvious that the ringers' obligation does not end in the belfry, any more than that of the sidesman ends when he has shown the people into their seats. Nor should any question of attending the services arise, because the ringer, apart from his allegiance to the Church as one of its officers, has an even higher duty to perform, and his conscience will impel him to join as often as may be in the acts of public worship. But there is also another type of ringer—the man who rings for what may be termed purely selfish ends, and who thinks he has satisfied his debt to the church, which gives him his opportunities and facilities for the practice of his art, when he has rung the bells for the Sunday services. We think that little is gained by attempting to drive ringers of this type into church.

The remedy is the exercise of persuasion and influence, and here is to be found the ground for that other argument so often advanced—and put forward with truth—that the ringers would be more often seen in the church if the clergy were more often seen in the belfry. There is a great deal in this. If the clergy never visit the ringing chamber, the ringers, after a first feeling of neglect, may become callous in their attitude to the church. A parson who appreciates his ringers can show his feeling by many little acts, and one of them is by going to the belfry when the ringers are discharging their duties and by interesting himself in their affairs. An influence thus judiciously exercised would be bound to have its effects in other directions, and is likely to have results which

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hard-and-fast rules would never produce. Moreover, rules of the kind which insist upon ringers attending service whenever they have rung the bells, become irksome in practice, because it is not always convenient to observe them; and the man who recognises his duty to his Maker needs no artificial spur to drive him from the belfry to the church.

Upon the second of the conditions mentioned above we have not space here to dwell at length. Men who refuse to get beyond the round ringing stage, if the opportunity offers, are but a drag on the wheel of progress, and are usually better out of the belfry than in it.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY LE BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

ALBERT W. COLES Treble	WILLIAM J. NUDDS 7
WILLIAM H. HEWETT 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
CHARLES T. COLES 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
*CHARLES H. KIPPEN 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
WALTER AYRE 6	REUBEN SANDERS Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, November 21, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLLIFIELD Treble	ARTHUR H. WHITE 6
HENRY C. WHITE 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
GEORGE HOLLIFIELD, JUN. 3	GEORGE HOLLIFIELD, SEN. 8
REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
CUTHBERT C. WHITE 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLLIFIELD, SEN.

This composition is now rung for the first time. It has the 6th fixed throughout the peal. This is believed to be the first peal ever rung on this plan in long courses.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 27, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 42 lb. in E flat.

*GEORGE H. HUMPHRIES Treble	JAMES W. TRAPPITT 6
MISS FREDA E. ORR 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT 7
REGINALD D. MARSHALL 3	FRANK E. DARBY 8
MRS. AMOS W. CLARK 4	DANIEL COOPER 9
AMOS W. CLARK 5	CHARLES H. KIPPEN Tenor

Composed by W. T. ELBON. Conducted by CHAS. H. KIPPEN.

* First peal on bells.

STAFFORD.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT PICKERING Treble	HARRY OVERTON 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	EDWARD F. MITCHELL 7
*WILLIAM H. JONES 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING 8
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 4	JAMES H. RIDING 9
HARRY F. HOLDING 5	*WILLIAM G. CURTIS Tenor

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

* First peal of Stedman, and first on ten bells. Ringers of 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th and 9th hail from Crewe; 1st, 2nd and 7th from Wolverhampton; 3rd and tenor, local.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE TREW Treble	ALEXANDER EVANS Treble
WILLIAM A. CAVE 2	JAMES R. JONES 7
EDGAR GUISE 3	EDWARD E. BURGESS 8
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	WILLIAM KNIGHT 9
RAYMOND C. SEAGER 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed by the late SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD.

Conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

The 6th ringer hails from Burnham; 8th from Taunton. Arranged as a birthday compliment to James R. Jones.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WISTANSTOW, SHROPSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*HUBERT JONES Treble	†WM. T. GOODFELLOW ... 5
*WILLIAM J. BENIAMS ... 2	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 6
JOHN H. HARDWICK ... 3	WILLIAM R. NASH ... 7
W. B. KYNASTON 4	*ARTHUR NASON Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal on 'inside' bell. Ringers of treble, 2nd, 7th and tenor hail from Ludlow; the 3rd from Bromfield; and the 4th, 5th and 6th from St. Chad's, Shrewsbury. Rung as a compliment to Mr. James George, Birmingham, on attaining his 71st birthday.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

GEORGE MARRINER Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
*MISS IRENE HASTIE 2	ALFRED J. BOLL 6
MRS. A. CLARK 3	ARTHUR DEAN 7
JOHN BEAMS 4	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* First peal in the method. Ring after meeting short for Treble Ten.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S No. 33.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE FLEMING Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 5
H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 6
JAMES DURRANT 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 7
ALBERT FLEMING 4	A. JOHN GILLINGHAM Tenor

Conducted by CHAS. J. SEDGLEY.

WARFIELD, BERKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 27 lb.

JAMES W. CROFT Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 5
WALTER P. CROSS 2	CHARLES SMITH 6
THOMAS SMITH 3	LEONARD STILWELL 7
THOMAS FARR 4	GEORGE BARKES Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

Ringer of the 5th is from Fulmer; 6th from Maidenhead; tenor from Slough; remainder from Parish Church, Windsor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. P. Cross, who kindly entertained the ringers and churchwardens of Windsor Parish Church, after the peal, at the White Hart Hotel, Winkfield.

GRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Seven Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF REVERSE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	HERBERT E. AODSLEY ... 5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6
C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. 3	FREDERICK A. COLEY ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	EDWIN BARNETT Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN.

This is believed to be the first peal of Reverse Bob ever rung.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY J. SPICE Treble	JOHN LYDDIARD 5
JOHN J. LAMB 2	EDMUND MOUNTER ... 6
MRS. A. CLARK 3	ISAAC EMERY 7
AMOS CLARK 4	GEORGE DURLING Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES,

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES Treble	JOSEPH MILNER 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	GEORGE M. KILBY ... 6
CECIL V. EBBERSON 3	HARRY KILBY 7
MISS RUBY HAWKSWORTH ... 4	GEORGE HUGHES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to Mrs. Kerr, wife of the churchwarden, who was interred in the old churchyard that day. This was Miss Hawksworth's first peal of Stedman, and G. M. Kilby's 100th peal.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

*HARRY WATERFIELD ... Treble	†WILLIAM SLATER 5
GEORGE FREEBREY 2	†PERCY TATE 6
FRANK SMALLWOOD 3	JAMES PAGETT 7
*WILFRED SLATER 4	†WILLIAM CRITCHLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. The above is the official weight of the tenor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 27, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR PART.

D. CECIL WILLIAMS Treble	REGINALD BROWN 5
JOHN W. FAITHFULL 2	*OWEN H. GILES 6
GEORGE POLLINGER 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WALTER G. ROWE 4	C.S.M. W. ROWE, R.E. (Indian Army) Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung to celebrate the 27th birthday of the ringer of the 2nd; also as a welcome home on twelve months' leave from India of the ringer of the tenor, who, previous to joining the army 18½ years ago, was a member of the North Stoneham band. * First peal of Stedman away from the tenor.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-One Minutes,

At the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Virgin Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Parker's Reverse.

Tenor 29 cwt. in D flat.

HENRY C. COLLYER Treble	CHARLES R. LILLEY 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	HENRY H. WILDE 6
FRANCIS BIBBY 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
JOHN E. BIBBY 4	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by L. JENKINS.

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 5
HAROLD J. POOLE 2	FRANK W. PERRENS 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE 7
ABRAHAM WILKERSON 4	ERNEST MORRIS Tenor

Composed by Sir A. P. Heywood. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Guild.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

PETER BOARDMAN Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
EDWARD CAUNOE 2	THOMAS C. LARKEY 6
* JAMES GARDNER 3	ARTHUR LINTOTT 7
THOMAS HAMMOND 4	WILLIAM BETLEY Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on a working bell. Rung on the Eve of St. Andrew's Day.

TORQUAY, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWIN SHEPHERD Treble	HENRY W. WILKES 5
AUBREY L. BENNETT 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN 6
FREDERICK T. GOVER 3	ALFRED G. BETTS 7
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 4	HERBERT J. HOLE Tenor

Conducted by J. R. HAYMAN.

It is 29 years since a peal was rung on these bells.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

WALTER FARROW Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	* WILLIAM E. BASON 6
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
GEORGE MAYERS 4	FREDK. R. BORRETT Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

CYRIL C. PEASE Treble	WILLIAM LINCOLN 5
FREDERICK EDWARDS 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM 6
THOMAS LINCOLN 3	WILLIAM KEEBLE 7
JOHN WOOD 4	ARTHUR HEAD Tenor

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

First peal in the method by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th. First peal in the method by the ringer of the 6th for 17 years.

EARL SHILTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At the Church of SS. SIMON AND JUDE,

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

Tenor 12 cwt. in G.

* HENRY WRIGHT Treble	JOHN W. CHANDLER 5
WALTER P. WHITEHEAD 2	WALTER MALINS 6
JOSEPH B. FENTON 3	FREDK. H. DEXTER 7
* C. HENRY WEBB 4	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal in the method. This peal has 4 & 6 only in sixth's place, and is the first in the method on the bells. The ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 6th hail from Rugby.

BRENTWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas the Martyr,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ERNEST FIRBANK Treble	* WILLIAM DUDLEY 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN 2	GEORGE R. PYE 6
ERNEST J. BUTLER 3	LIONEL H. PAGE 7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD 4	HENRY T. WILSON Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN.

Conducted by G. R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. F. Ringe, a member of the local company.

CONGRESBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924 (the Vigil of St. Andrew), in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

At the Church of S. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

Tenor 38 cwt.

REGINALD BECK Treble	ARTHUR PRINCE 5
STANLEY CARTER 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
WILLIAM ROSEWELL 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
RONALD BECK 4	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

First peal on the bells since their augmentation in 1912.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERT H. POUNTNEY Treble	WILLIAM D. WASE 5
BERT HORTON 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL 6
ISAAC EVANS 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
* JOSEPH L. STANIER 4	ARTHUR E. READ Tenor

Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal of Stedman. The ringer of the 4th hails from Wellington; and the 5th from Coalbrookdale, Shropshire. Rung on the Eve of the Festival of St. Andrew.

PRIVETT, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt. in F.

FRANCIS E. PAWE Treble	RICHARD J. STONE 5
GEORGE POLLINGER 2	SIDNEY G. ARMSTRONG 6
D. CECIL WILLIAMS 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
WILLIAM TATE 4	FREDERICK W. ROGERS ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

First peal by S. G. Armstrong, of Weybridge, Surrey.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES:

WILDE'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 28 cwt.

GEORGE R. JONES Treble	JAMES SWINDLEY 5
JOHN W. DAVIES 2	ALBERT J. HUGHES 6
THOMAS R. BUTLER 3	SAMUEL JONES, JUN. 7
ROBERT SPERRING 4	EDWARD V. RODENHORST ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

SIX BELL PEALS

HUISH CHAMPFLOWER, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Tenor 11 cwt. 8 lb.

ARTHUR GREEDY Treble	*EDGAR BARRINGTON 4
GILBERT JONES 2	WILLIAM BAKER 5
ALBERT TOUT 3	SIDNEY FERZE Tenor

Conducted by A. TOUT.

* First peal.

WARBLETON SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE DANN Treble	*PHILIP THOMPSON 4
ALBERT HODDEN 2	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 5
*HAROLD S. HODDEN 3	WILFRED BOOTH Tenor

Conducted by F. J. LAMBERT, JUN.

* First peal of Minor, and first attempt. The ringers of the treble and tenor hail from Heathfield; 5th from Burwash, and remainder from Waldron.

SPRINGFIELD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each Cambridge Surprise, New London, Double Court, Woodbine, Kent, Oxford, Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN H. WEYHILL Treble	ERNEST RUTTER 4
EDWARD KEMP 2	ISAAC T. POULTON 5
*LESLIE J. CLARKE 3	EDWARD P. BOCKINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by E. P. BOCKINGHAM.

* First peal of Minor. First peal in seven methods by all the band, and on the bells; rung at the first attempt.

A DATE TOUCH.

At St. Mary's Parish Church, Bucklebury, on November 28th, a date touch of Stedman Triples (1,924 changes), in 1 hour 11 minutes: J. Hazell 1, G. Davis 2, Miss R. Hazell 3, Miss D. Futter 4, W. Wigmore 5, W. Mathews (composer) 6, Miss S. Davis (conductor) 7, S. Nailor 8. Longest length by ringers of 3rd and 4th.

SUTTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 23, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 42 six-sores with 10 callings.

Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN DALE Treble	FRANCIS J. WILLIAMS 4
WILLIAM G. T. BARRETT 2	JAMES P. HYETT 5
THOMAS W. ROWLEY, JUN. ... 3	WILLIAM E. KINSEY Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYATT.

First peal for all except the conductor. All are Sunday Service ringers. First peal of Doubles on the bells.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being one 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

REGINALD BECK Treble	WILLIAM ROSEWELL 4
ALBEC MUNDY 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
RONALD BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

First peal in six methods by all except the conductor.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Being 720 each of Southwell, Newcastle, Norwich, Ipswich, Beverley, Surfleet and Wells.

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST J. BUTLER Treble	EDWARD D. SMITH 4
GEORGE DAWSON 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	JOHN MOULE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

*GEORGE VERNON Treble	LEONARD BOSTOCK 4
*FREDERICK HINDS 2	JOHN H. DAVENPORT 5
ERNEST BOSTOCK 3	EDWARD JENKINS Tenor

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. A birthday peal for G. Vernon.

SOUTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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 8½ cwt.

THOMAS STIMPSON Treble	ARTHUR ELLIOTT 4
WILSON ALLIN 2	HERBERT G. FRETWELL 5
WILLIAM POYSER 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

COTTENHAM, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES:

Consisting of seven 720's.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRED CAMPS Treble	BERT HUCKLE 4
†FRED GINN 2	*ERNEST WAKELING 5
FRANCIS G. GLEAVES 3	FRANK WARRINGTON Tenor

Conducted by FRANK WARRINGTON.

* First peal. † First in the method. The band wish to thank F. Ginn for standing in at the last moment.

SHREWSBURY, SALOP.

(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, November 23, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Grandsire Minor and Bob Minor. Tenor 7 cwt. in A.

*JAMES BAIN Treble	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON ... 4
†JOHN GRIFFITHS 2	DENIS J. BOUCHER 5
JAMES E. LILLY 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor in seven methods away from treble. This is the youngest band to ring a peal in seven methods in the county of Salop. First peal in seven methods on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. George; also to test the 'go' of the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Charles Carr, Ltd., of Birmingham. The 'go' of the bells is perfect.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 Cambridge Surprise, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

JESSE TUCKWELL Treble	GEORGE LANCASTER 4
*MISS ELLEN MOULDEN ... 2	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... 5
THOMAS MOULDEN 3	†WILLIAM G. LANCASTER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. LANCASTER.

* First peal, and first attempt. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday peal to Miss Moulden, who was elected a member before starting, and is a member of the Ladies' Guild.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Seven Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. PASMORE Treble	LOUIS ATTWATER 4
HENRY R. NEWTON 2	HERBERT LANGDON 5
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	ALFRED B. PECK Tenor

Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.

Rung on the eve of the 50th anniversary of the church, and as a welcome to the Rev. Herbert Douglas Mathews, Vicar, who was inducted by the Bishop of Southwark on the 25th inst. The band have now rung peals in the method on 6, 8, 10 and 12 bells.

TACKLEY, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*CYRIL BENNETT Treble	HARRY TOLLEY 4
*WILLIAM JUDGE 2	*WILLIAM STONE 5
JACK JUDGE 3	WALTER F. JUDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

(HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM PEIRCE Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK 4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... 2	JAMES HOWARD 5
FREDERICK PECK 3	WALTER KERRISON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung on the eve of, and to celebrate, St. Andrew's Day.

NORTH WEALD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

720 each of Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge, Beverley, Surfleet, York, and Durham. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN MOULE Treble	GEORGE DAWSON 4
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 2	WILLIAM MILLER 5
*PHILIP H. AVEY 3	†EDWARD D. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD D. SMITH.

* First peal in seven methods, on an inside bell. † First peal as conductor. The band wish to thank Mr. Gridley (verger) for having everything in readiness, and Mr. and Mrs. Gridley for their kind hospitality after the peal.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Three Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lb. in F sharp.

†HERBERT C. ALBROW ... Treble	*THOMAS G. HAWKINS ... 4
†MRS. ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 2	†EDWARD C. HARTLEY ... 5
†ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	†WILLIAM L. GUTTERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR D. BARKER.

Rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of Queen Alexandra, this being the only convenient occasion to attempt a peal. * First peal, aged 17 years. † First peal in the method.

DEEPING ST. JAMES, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods: Double and Single Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 19½ cwt.

KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
*WILLIAM ROSE 2	HORACE M. DAY 5
ARTHUR RIGGALL 3	GEORGE H. WELLS ... Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

This peal was rung in memory of the late George Jutson, son of Mr. John J. Jutson, on the 10th anniversary of his death. * Proposed a life member of the Guild.

TEMPSFORD, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt.

HUBERT FOLBIGG Treble	WILLIAM HOLDEN 4
LEONARD HARLOW 2	TOM BARTRAM 5
MISS EVELYN STEEL 3	ARTHUR R. SOWDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. R. SOWDEN.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

MILTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of Plain Bob Doubles, and 30 six-scores of Grandsire.

ALBERT TURNER Treble	JOHN A. TOWNSEND 3
CHARLES YATES 2	JOHN M. GRAY 4
TOM TEBBUTT 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN A. TOWNSEND.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NORTHEPPS, NORFOLK.

On Monday, November 24, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty-Three Minutes,

IN THE TOWER OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 6040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores called differently.

E. L. RISEBROW 1 | F. N. GOLDEN 2-3

C. FOOLEY 4-5

Conducted by C. POOLEY.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 22, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5085 CHANGES;

HAROLD J. POOLE 1-2 | JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 5-6

FRANK W. PERRENS 3-4 | ERNEST MORRIS 7-8

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 9-10

Composed and Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

Umpire: OSWALD J. HUNT.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ALBERT E. PARSONS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor, size 17 in B flat.

ALBERT WALKER 1-2 | J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 7-8

ALBERT E. NORMAN 3-4 | JAMES E. GROVES 9-10

GEORGE F. SWAN 5-6 | MORRIS J. MORRIS 11-12

Composed and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

Referees: ALBERT E. PARSONS AND THOMAS J. SALTER.

This is the eighth annual handbell peal by this company for the Association. The kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Parsons, and the excellent tea provided by them, was much appreciated.

STEDMAN CINQUES AT CHELTENHAM.

By kind invitation and permission of the Rector of Cheltenham, a band, organised by Mr. Albert Walker, of Birmingham, visited Cheltenham on Saturday, November 22nd, to attempt a peal of Stedman Cinques. The organiser, when in London at the recent College Youths Dinner, conceived the happy idea of inviting several College Youths, and in response, 'Sir' Thomas Hibbert (Past Master), William Hibbert (Senior Steward), Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn (Hon. Librarian, Central Council) and Mr. A. A. Hughes (whose firm supplied and fixed the two new trebles at Cheltenham) joined the Birmingham contingent, at the headquarters of the Cheltenham Parish Church Society, and were welcomed by Mr. W. T. Pates, Mr. Philott, and several of the local ringers. After light refreshments, a move was made to the church, and the interior, with its beautiful stained glass windows, was very much admired. Time did not allow of a closer inspection of this grand church before a move had to be made to the well-appointed ringing chamber, where Mr. Pates had the bells ready raised. After prayer by the Rev. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, 'go' was called at 2.30 p.m., and at 6.10 p.m. the bells ran round, a good peal (already recorded) having been rung. Tea was had close by the church, and here the visiting party had soon to break up, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Messrs. E. Allaway and J. H. Shepherd having to leave to catch early trains to their destinations. The rest of the party afterwards spent a very pleasant hour with the local men.—Mr. Walker took the opportunity to thank, on behalf of the visiting band, Mr. W. T. Pates and his friends for the very hearty welcome, and for the excellent arrangements made, and requested Mr. Pates to convey to the Rector their best thanks for so kindly granting permission. Continuing, Mr. Walker also regretted that only a short stay was possible in Cheltenham, owing to train service.—Mr. A. A. Hughes (London) supported Mr. Walker's remarks, and Mr. Pates, in reply, expressed his pleasure that the peal had been successful. They all enjoyed the ringing, and it had given great pleasure to the Cheltenham ringers to welcome the visitors.

A HALF-PEAL.

At St. Michael's Church, Stone, Staffs, on November 26th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,520 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 27 mins.: H. Buckley 1, J. Head 2, G. Moulson 3, C. Templeton 4, T. Hodson 5, W. Buckley 6, A. Rowley (first half-peal as conductor) 7, E. Baker 8. This is the first half-peal by a local band at St. Michael's. It was rung as a compliment to the late schoolmaster and present lay reader, Mr. J. W. Clough, on his 70th birthday.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The Rector of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, which is likely to become the Pro-Cathedral of the proposed new diocese, is, we hear, keen on getting two new trebles added to the existing fine peal of eight. And when the Rector is keen, the rest ought not to be very difficult.

The newly-formed Swansea and Brecon Guild intend to introduce a competition for ringing, and with that end in view are already in possession of a suitable shield.

At St. Sepulchre's, Snow Hill, London, of whose bells we hear so little in these days, a peal of Bob Major was rung on Dec. 5th, 1749.

The 'five ones' of Stedman Caters was rung by the College Youths at Fulham on December 8th, 1883. Although this was over forty years ago, half the band are still actively engaged in ringing. The 11,111, then a record, occupied 7 hrs. 11 mins. Three weeks earlier a band had made an attempt to beat the previous record of 10,047, made at Birmingham in 1859, but lost the peal after ringing nearly 10,000 changes.

A peal of 10,080 Bob Major was rung at Harrietsham, Kent, on Dec. 8th, 1746.

John Cox, one of the best known among composers of the nineteenth century, was born on Dec. 9th, 1813.

On Dec. 9th, 1833, a peal of 10,224 Treble Bob Maximus was rung at Painswick, and remained the record until 1911.

The first peal on the bells at St. Paul's Cathedral was rung on Dec. 10th, 1881.

At St. Magnus-the-Martyr, London Bridge, now hidden from view by a modern 'sky-scraper,' the first peal of 'Real Double Caters' was rung. It was composed and conducted by George Gross, and the bobs were alternately behind and before, but not always in the same or adjoining leads.

The 65th birthday of Harry Burstow, that famous old Sussex ringer and folk-song singer, who passed to his rest when over 80 years of age, was celebrated on Dec. 11th, 1891, by a peal of 6,720 Canterbury Pleasure Major at Horsham Church, when the old man rang the 7th.

The marks shown against the names of ringers of 5th and 6th in the report last week of the peal of London, rung at Godstone on Nov. 22nd, 1924, should have been reversed.

The ringers of 8th and 9th in the peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal at Bristol on Nov. 22nd were George Trew and John A. Burford, respectively. George R. Jones, and not George R. Hughes, rang the 4th at Farndon, Cheshire, in the peal of Double Norwich. The ringer of the 8th in the peal on November 22nd, at Surfleet, was Horace M. Day, and not Wood, as printed.

While referring to errors in the publication of names, may we ask correspondents to assist the printers by writing all names and initials as clearly as possible?

CARILLON DEDICATED IN CANADA.

FIFTEEN BELLS FROM WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY.

On November 9th a carillon of 15 bells, the largest weighing 52 cwt., was dedicated at St. George's Church, Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, by Dr. Bidwell, Bishop of Ontario. The bells and the new tower in which they hang, have been given by Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Houston, of Cincinnati, Ohio, in memory of Edward Carswell, a pioneer churchman in Oshawa. The bells were supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry, London. The tenor is hung for ringing, and the others are fixed rigid. The bells can be operated from a keyboard, and there is also a chiming machine, the hammers of which can be operated from a barrel rotated by hand. The dedication, says the 'Toronto Daily Mail and Empire,' was of a distinctly international character, with three countries—United States, England and Canada—being directly interested in the ceremonies; Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Houston, of Cincinnati, Ohio, donors of both tower and chimes, representing the former; Mr. A. R. McDonald, of London, England, who supervised the installation and tuning of the bells, representing England. The first bell was rung by Miss June Houston Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Smith, Simcoe Street, North Oshawa; a grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Houston, and great-grand-daughter of the late Edward and Rebecca Carswell, in whose memory the tower and chimes were dedicated.

The tune played on the carillon at the dedication service by W. C. Smith, B.A., Sc. C.E., who is to be the official carillonneur, was 'Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,' and after Bishop Bidwell concluded the dedication address, the Rev. C. R. Depencier Rector of the parish, called Mr. Houston to the steps of the chancel from which he made the presentation of the tower and bells, and asked that they be accepted by new St. George's Church as a lasting memorial to Edward and Rebecca Carswell, two of the original members of the congregation.

After the ceremony the chimes rang out 'God save the King' and 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'

WILLIAM DOUBLEDAY CROFTS. A HISTORY OF THE FAMOUS NOTTINGHAM RINGER.

Last Saturday was the anniversary of the death, in the year 1809, of that famous old Nottingham ringer, William Doubleday Crofts, and through the kindness of Mr. Albert Coppock we are able to-day to publish for the first time a portrait of this old worthy, who made ringing history in that part of the country a century and a half ago. Our picture is reproduced from a photograph of the painting which hangs in Nottingham Castle Art Museum.

William Doubleday Crofts was a Nottingham attorney-at-law, and he achieved fame as a campanologist not only through Notts and the adjacent counties, but even as far afield as London and York. In this day, the 'tin Lizzie,' the Penny Post, and a ringers' weekly, were



WILLIAM DOUBLEDAY CROFTS.

From a painting in Nottingham Castle Art Museum.

things undreamed of, and the amount of literature available for ringers lamentably small. Crofts was fully alive to this position, and his manuscripts, which are still in perfect preservation show him to have been fully aware of the fact that discoveries must be properly and carefully reported if they are to be of any use to a later generation.

It is a matter for regret that, apart from his ringing records and MSS. relating to ringing, practically nothing is known of the life of this celebrity, but every source of information is being carefully followed up by Mr. Coppock, to whom we are indebted for this sketch.

Crofts' MSS. have drawn praise from Jasper Snowden, who has interleaved them with written remarks, and present-day experts. His ability as a ringer is proved by his peal records. Physically, a very powerful man, he performed some very remarkable feats at the heavy end, and the heavy end in those days was a much more formidable task than at the present time. For instance, the first peal on the bells at Gainsborough was one of Grandsire Triples, in which Crofts rang the 4th, and two men rang the tenor behind. One year later, Crofts turned in this same tenor to Bob Major, single-handed, the peal being the same length, and only two minutes longer in execution. At the time the peal of 10,260 Grandsire Caters was rung at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in 1778, the bells were rung from a loft inside the church, requiring at least 30 feet more rope than is the case now. Yet Crofts conducted the peal from the 9th, single-handed, during the whole 7 hours and 22 minutes.

He was elected a member of the College Youths in 1765, and in-

cluded in that society's band that scored the first peal at York Minster in 1787. An address noted in his MSS. reads, 'Mr. Roscoe, White Horse, Copper Gate, York.' Perhaps there is some connection. He conducted many a 'first peal on the bells,' including St. Peter's, Nottingham (old peal) in 1768, new peal 1771, Uppingham 1773, Newark 1773, Mansfield 1774, Grantham 1775, Norton-by-Galby 1776, and Caythorpe 1778. Two of his compositions, a 5,280 Treble Bob Major and a 5,000 Treble Bob Royal, find a place in Snowden's 'Treble Bob.' One of his successors as conductor of the Sherwood Youths, George Dickisson, reputed to be his son-in-law, and buried in the same grave as Crofts, conducted the first peal on the bells at Ashbourne, Derbyshire, in 1821, where a free fight occurred after the peal, with the locals in the churchyard.

A mere glance through the MSS. gives an impression of careful and detailed effort, which characterises all his work. His personal peal-book is a dainty specimen of cultured writing and engrossing. One of the two copies of the Clavis possessed by him shows in his own writing that every page has been carefully read and corrected even to the most minute detail, also that every peal in the book was proved by him, and the position of the false changes shown. He rang in all 31 peals, 27 of which he conducted, the details of which are:—

Grandsire Triples 15, conducted 14.

Grandsire Caters 6, conducted 4, including 6,012, 8,046, 10,260

Bob Major 4, conducted 3, including 6,000.

Bob Royal 1, conducted 1.

Oxford Treble Bob Major 3, conducted 3, including 7,040.

Oxford Treble Bob Royal 1, conducted 1.

Double Bob Royal 1, conducted 1.

In one peal at Nottingham, in 1782, the ringer of the 3rd is described as 'an honest Yorkshireman.' No explanation is offered, but probably 'Samivell Peppery' might be able to throw light on it. The portrait which is published by kind permission of the Nottingham Castle Art Museum, where the original hangs, was painted by Richard Bonington, a one-time stump orator, artist, and jack-of-all-trades, who eventually succeeded his father as jailer at the Nottingham House of Correction, in which latter capacity he probably encountered Crofts. Bonington afterwards married a Birmingham lady, named Parkes, settled in the nearby village of Arnold, where a son was born to them. This boy grew up to be the famous Nottingham artist, Richard Parkes Bonington, whose work is internationally known.

This article is intended to justify the efforts of the present generation of Nottingham ringers to keep alive the memory of this local giant by holding an annual memorial dinner bearing his name. His grave, so long neglected that its position was forgotten, has now been cleaned and edged with marble, and as a compliment to him the Society of Sherwood Youths has been revived.

Writing of the Crofts' MSS. Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, has said 'The whole of the papers are extremely interesting, and, considering the time when they were written, reveal the writer as a wonderful man. At that time there could be little or no chance of learning from an outside source, and yet the contents of the MSS. show Crofts to have the knowledge of and a keen insight into many things which would put him in the forefront, even to-day. His touches and peals seem surprising for the time The most surprising and interesting to me is the writer's proof of Treble Bob methods by the lead ends. In the case of Oxford Treble Bob the proof is as exact and detailed as that published 100 years later by the late Jasper W. Snowden. Though set out in a different way, the method of deducing the false course ends from the false lead ends is the same.'

Mr. George Baker, who has also examined the MSS., expressed the view: 'Considering the time it was written, the knowledge he had of proving stanzas Crofts as one of the most remarkable men in the history of ringing. With one exception (Cambridge Surprise) his proofs are equal to anything that can be done to-day, although the work was far more laborious than now His collection of peals and touches is very wonderful, and one can only be surprised that at such an early date there was living a gentleman with far greater knowledge than many first-rate ringers possess to-day.'

BARNSELEY & DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Barnsley and District Society was held at Wortley, near Penistone, on Saturday, November 15th, when the following towers were represented: Horbury, Anston, Bolderstone, Rotherham, Penistone, Hovlandswaine, Wath. Touches were rung in 6 and 8 bell methods, and the bells kept going until 9.30 p.m. Tea was provided by kind invitation of Mr. Wooler, and at the business meeting, held in the same room, a letter of regret was read from Mr. C. D. Potter (secretary), who was unable to attend owing to illness. The meeting expressed its sorrow and the hope that he would soon be restored to health.

An invitation was received from Horbury to hold the next meeting there, as it was proposed to open the bells after rehanging by Messrs. Meurs and Stainbank, on December 13th.—The offer was accepted, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Wooler for his kind invitation to tea.

ELTHAM BELLS DEDICATED.

SIX RECAST AND TWO NEW TREBLES.

The newly recast bells of Eltham Parish Church, Kent, were dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Southwark on November 1st, in the presence of a large and representative congregation.

The first step in carrying out the scheme was taken at a public meeting in the Parish Hall, at which it was unanimously decided that the six lower bells in the tower should be recast and rehung in metal framework, with new fittings, and two new trebles added. It was also decided that electric winding apparatus be fitted to the tower clock, and that a third dial be placed on the east side, so that it could be seen from High Street. This is the scheme which has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

The restoration was organised by Captain W. Anderson, who has worked with considerable enthusiasm, keeping the scheme constantly before the public, special emphasis being laid on the fact that the bells and clock existed for the common good of Eltham people, who, one and all, were asked to contribute to the cost of the work. The first, or treble bell, bears the inscription 'Mary,' and is in memory of Mary C. L. Yeatman and E. L. Yeatman.

On the second bell is inscribed 'Restoration, organised by Capt. W. Anderson, M.C., and the cost defrayed by public subscription, 1924,' and on each of the eight bells is inscribed 'Recast by Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, 1924.'

The history of the bells is given on No. 8 bell, and is as follows: 'The lower six bells, recast by Thos. Mears, of London, in 1794. Were again recast and two trebles added in 1924. The Rev. I. Kenyard, Vicar; Thos. Noyes, Wm. Glazbrook, churchwardens, 1794. The Rev. Elphinstone Rivers, Vicar; Thos. Reed Parry, Geo. Wm. Chidley, churchwardens, 1924.'

THE DEDICATION SERVICE.

Despite the distinctly inclement weather, the church was well filled for the dedication service. The Lord Bishop was attended by the Rev. S. G. Hooper (Bishop's chaplain), the clergy in the stalls and sanctuary being the Rev. Elphinstone Rivers (Vicar of the parish), the Rev. J. C. Grey (Parish Church), the Rev. H. A. Hall (Vicar of Holy Trinity, Eltham), the Rev. R. H. S. Gobbitt (St. Luke's, Eltham), the Rev. R. B. Janvrin (St. Peter's, Lee Road), and Father E. Thornton (All Saints', Hatcham, New Cross, who assisted at Eltham Parish Church during the war). Occupying front seats in the nave were the eight bell ringers (members of the Kent County Association, one of whom was Captain Anderson). Col. H. B. Tasker and Mr. R. C. Gregory, representatives of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were also present. The organist was Mr. G. Nelson Prior.

Evensong was begun with the Lord's Prayer, and the act of dedication having taken place, the bells were rung in rounds for a few minutes.

In his address, the Bishop first said they were taking part that evening in a service, which, through the nature of the case, could very rarely occur—the dedication of the bells of the church, either as new bells or after recasting. Normally, bells were recast every 200 years, and so it followed that it was in the highest degree improbable that any of those who were in the church that night would, unless some strange accident occurred, hear again the ringing forth of the bells immediately after their dedication. Their earliest bells dated back to the reign of Henry VI., and it was possible that some of the metal in some bells to-day was used for the ringing of the peals of triumph at the destruction of the Spanish Armada, at the restoration of Charles II., at the release of the bishops from the tower, at the coming of William of Orange, and after the victories of Trafalgar and Waterloo. The bells of their Parish Church in many cases linked the church with the distant past, and it was difficult, he thought, to exaggerate the place bells had had in history, in architecture, and in art. Sometimes the bells in the past actually made history. They were rung to warn the inhabitants of the town of the approach of the enemy; they were rung at other times to stir the people into revolt; they were rung as a signal that all fires were to be closed; and frequently in the past there were occasions when the ringing of the bells signalled some really important act in history. Speaking of the effect bells had on art, his Lordship said that at one time our churches had no towers; they had little turrets through which light and air were admitted, but presently there came the need for a place in which bells could be rung, and so were built the towers and spires as tabernacles for the bells, and gradually those towers and spires were adorned until they became objects of real beauty on our English landscape.

THE INFLUENCE OF BELLS.

Bells had also left their influence on poetry. It would take volumes to give anything like an adequate account of the way in which bells had influenced the poets of every generation. If bells, continued the preacher, had had their part in history, in architecture and in poetry, they had had their part above all in religion, calling the people to church, calling them to worship, ringing out merrily for a wedding and mournfully for some passing soul, reminding people of the world which was invisible, bringing to them in this jangling life some mes-

sage from the spheres of heaven. And they brought their message to many who often stood entirely apart from organised religion. Some of them might remember how Faust, when about to commit suicide by drinking from a cup of poison, suddenly heard the bells ring out, and he remembered how, long ago in his boyhood, he had heard them, and they stirred him to better thoughts. Then again, Peer Gynt, when wrestling with the bestialities of the lower world, was delivered by the sound of the bells ringing out in the morning. When the bells rang out, what was their message? They called people to worship, and if they themselves were not able to come into the church when they heard the bells, they could lift up their hearts in some short prayer, act of thanksgiving, or act of recollection, recalling to themselves the Presence of God, and the invisible world. They also rang out a message of peace and goodwill; they called them to realise the fellowship they should all have one with another as members of the great family of God. To the bell ringers, his Lordship said they must perform their duties rightly with co-operation and unity. There must be no disharmony and dispute in their own lives, and in their own work, and the parishioners must in their own lives show forth the same unity and goodwill. When they were sometimes depressed and disappointed at all the disharmony of their day, when they saw the world divided so often by class division and social and international strife, then let them remember God's purpose. Let them realise that in due time His purpose would be accomplished.

The musical parts of the service were very beautifully rendered by the choir. The closing hymn was, 'Lifted safe within the steeple,' followed by the Blessing.

A collection was taken on behalf of the Restoration Fund, and after the service the bells were rung by the bell ringers, this concluding another interesting phase in the history of old Eltham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

GUILDFORD DISTRICT'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Guildford District was held at Guildford on Saturday last, and the result shows that the district has kept up its reputation of being one of the most progressive in the diocese. The bells of Holy Trinity (8) and S. Nicolas (10) were available during the afternoon, and a service was held in Holy Trinity Church at 4.30, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Canon E. C. Kirwan). A capital address was given by the Rev. P. Cunningham (Rector of Cranleigh). Tea was provided at Brett's Restaurant, 79 sitting down. Ringers were present from Aldershot, Ash, Clondon, Cranleigh, Cobham, Farnham, Godalming, Haslemere, Holy Trinity and S. Nicolas, Guildford, Puttenham, Shere and Worplesdon, as well as a strong contingent from the York Town district.

After tea, the annual business meeting was held, the chair being taken by Mr. N. Vincent, churchwarden of Holy Trinity, supported by Rev. Canon Kirwan, Rev. P. Cunningham, Major J. H. B. Hesse, Mr. J. J. Jones, Mr. K. Whittington, etc.

After a few introductory remarks by the chairman, the secretary's report was read, and showed a substantial balance to be forwarded to the general treasurer.

The Ringing Master also presented his report, which showed a great improvement of ringing in the district during the past year.

The officers were all re-elected: Mr. E. Raddon, hon. secretary; Mr. A. C. Hazelden, Ringing Master; Mr. W. R. Melville, chairman of committee; and Messrs. Jones and Whittington, representatives on the Central Committee.

Four full members and one probationer were elected, and the places of meeting for the year were decided as follows: Wonsers and Bramley in February; Godalming in April; Leatherhead in May; Seale and Puttenham in July; and Cobham in September.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. Canon E. C. Kirwan for holding the service, the Rev. P. Cunningham for his address, to the chairman for presiding (accorded with musical honours), to the organist, and to the officers for their past services.

At the conclusion of the business, a smoking concert was held, and a capital programme of music and songs was carried out by members of Brett's Concert Party, a very enjoyable evening being spent.

ISLE OF WIGHT DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Isle of Wight District was held at Newport on Thursday, November 27th. Mr. A. D. Callaway was voted to the chair, in the absence of the Vicar of Newport (Canon Thompson). The accounts were passed, showing a balance of £4 2s. 5½d., which was considered satisfactory, in view of Shanklin ringers having lapsed through the bells being unringable, owing to the state of the tower.

The Rev. J. C. Orr, Vicar of Whitwell, was elected president for 1925. The secretary, auditor and representative on the Central Committee were re-elected.

Meetings for 1925 were fixed as follows: February 28th, Carisbrooke; Whit Monday, Ryde; Sept. 6th, Whitwell or Godshill; November (last Saturday), Brading.

Thanks to Mr. Callaway for presiding terminated the meeting, after which the bells of Newport Parish Church were utilised by ringers from Newport, Ryde and Carisbrooke.

WHITECHAPEL FOUNDRY.**'FROM THE ARMADA TO THE GREAT WAR.'**

A very charmingly got-up booklet, dealing briefly with the art of bell founding and the history of the ancient Whitechapel Foundry, has been issued by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for private circulation. Entitled 'Bell Founding from the Armada to the Great War and after,' the brochure has many illustrations, which include a picture of one of Robert Mot's bells, cast in 1594 for Staplehurst, Kent. A chronological list of the proprietors of the foundry is given from the days of Mot in 1570, and it will be interesting to those not already conversant with the history of this firm, to learn that at various times the goodwill and patterns of the following founders have been incorporated: Abraham Rudhall and Co., of Gloucester; John Briant, of Hertford; Osborn and Dobson, of Downham, Norfolk; and Robert Wells, of Aldbourne, Wilts.

A list of some of the more important bells in all parts of the world, cast by the firm, is given, and there are notes on 'Tone and Tune,' bell hanging, and carillons, as well as much other interesting matter. Not the least striking feature is to be found on the front cover, where is embossed a facsimile of the present stamp of the foundry alongside a copy of that of Robert Mot of 1570.

DEATH OF MR. W. J. SEVIER.**PASSING OF 'THE PROPHET.'**

We regret to record the death of Mr. William J. Sevier, of Nottingham, and late of Gloucester, who died on November 20th after only a few days' illness.

Mr. Sevier was something of a 'character' in the Exercise, and was formerly familiarly known as 'The Prophet,' from his study of astrology. He was born on Dec. 2nd, 1864, and did most of his ringing while living in and near Gloucester, although his interest in the art remained keen to the end.

Members of the Nottingham District of the Midland Counties' Association intended to be present at the funeral, but the obsequies took place earlier than was expected, and consequently no ringers attended, and the wreath which was subscribed for was not placed on the grave. With the sum received for this purpose, however, it is hoped to form the nucleus of a fund for some kind of memorial.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Royston on Saturday, November 22nd, and was well attended by members from Baldock, Barkway, Barley, Braughing, Graveley, Hitchin, Little Mundon, and Ware.

Service was held in the Parish Church, and the Vicar (the Rev. J. Harrison) gave a very appropriate address on 'Influence.'

Tea was served at Beale's Restaurant, and was followed by the meeting, which was presided over by the Vicar.—One new member was elected, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Baldock in February.

Regret was expressed all round at the departure of Mr. W. L. Darlow, a valuable member of the Royston company, who leaves for South Africa, for health reasons shortly, everyone wishing him good-speed.

Thanks were voted to the organist and the Vicar for their helpful services to the association, and a return was made to the tower for practice in the standard methods.

A district meeting was held at St. Albans on Saturday, November 29th. St. Peter's tower was open during the afternoon, and ringers attended from Watford, Harpenden, Tring, Hemel Hempstead, Kington, Hatfield, North Mimms, and the local band. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Treble Bob Royal, Double Norwich and Superlative.

The bells in this tower have recently been overhauled by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the 'go' of them is all that can be desired.

At the business meeting, the President of the Association (Mr. H. Goodenough) occupied the chair. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Hatfield on January 17th, 1925.

After tea, the Cathedral tower was visited, and the bells kept going till 8.30, and the evening was concluded with handbell ringing.

YAXLEY, SUFFOLK.—On November 14th, at St. Mary's Church, an attempt for a peal of Minor came to grief, after ringing the last course of the second 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor. Then was rung 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob Minor and Plain Bob Minor: W. Saunders 1, E. Youngs 2, A. J. Berry 3, H. Day 4, E. F. Poppy (conductor) 5, D. Whiting 6. This was rung for the institution of the new Vicar, which took place the same evening.

EYE, SUFFOLK.—On Monday, November 17th, 720 Bob Major and 544 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Merton 1, E. Youngs 2, R. Grimble 3, A. Oakes 4, F. Hayward 5, E. F. Poppy (conductor) 6, H. Day 7, D. Whiting 8.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.*To the Editor.*

Dear Sir,—What Mr. Baker calls a two-bell shunt will be better understood if it be regarded as a three-bell shunt. The three shunts are shunted from a position in which they course after 4 and 5 to a position before these bells. The operation by means of which this is done is known as an 'Extreme.' Similarly his four-bell shunt is actually a one-bell shunt. Also an Extreme. To many people the difference will doubtless appear merely a matter of words, but in fact it is in points like this that all the difference lies between understanding what a shunt is and complete failure to grasp the point at issue. If he will allow me to say so, Mr. Baker would do well to spend his next half-hour of leisure at Brighton Goods Station. He will then learn that a shunt consists of cutting a block of trucks out of a train and re-uniting them to the train in a fresh position. Any railway porter will inform him that the shunt is not completed when the train is cut in half. This is where the theory of the place-makers breaks down. It is true that it might be argued that the two rows

correspond to a train of 6 trucks in which 1 and 4 are interchanged, and similarly 5 and 6. But no one is foolish enough to say just this, for everyone recognises that coursing order has something or other to do with a shunt in ringing.

What most people fail to grasp is that this coursing order has everything to do with it, and nothing else at all enters in. Giving prominence to the place invariably causes a confusion of thought, though this is not always evident when applied by really able men like Mr. J. W. Parker, though it is present all the same.

What is needed is freedom from all artificial prejudice. Nothing has stood more in the way of a recognition of the true principles which underlie all change ringing than the assumption that London Minor and London Major are the same method. Why this ancient superstition (for it is nothing else) should prove so long lived is hard to understand. Take any other method whatever in which the extension is unquestioned, can you find a single parallel to the work of the second in the first lead? In Minor, after making 4th's it hunts up, whereas in Major it turns round and returns to the lead. Surely this ought to raise suspicion. And yet we actually find that the assumption that it is a true extension is used to controvert an argument, logical in itself, which goes further to explain Method Construction than anything which has previously been produced.

Mr. York Bramble is mistaken about my second tentative definition. It is the familiar story of confusing Construction and Composition. At one stage they have much in common, but at the point with which these definitions deal it is necessary to keep them quite separate. Thus, we are not concerned here with the possibility of the repetition of rows. That comes later. The definitions deal with the principles which will restore a certain number of bells to the order from which they started: we are not as yet dealing with the way in which repetition is to be avoided. Mr. Bramble's suggested addition, I fear, will only increase the confusion in most people's minds. The root of the whole matter, so far as Construction is concerned, is that if bells are started from rounds they can only return to rounds when they are in 'original' coursing order. Incidentally, that is the reason why methods ought to have Bob Major lead ends. The regular divisions into which a plain course is divided should exhibit at their junctions the complete work of the method. They do not strictly do this if some or other shunt is not completely resolved within the lead. Or, to put it another way, a lead must contain completed shunts within itself and not part A of one shunt and part B of a second shunt.

To give a familiar example:—

214356	214356	In the first instance the shunt is completed within the lead, whereas in the second at the go off from rounds the first stage of a shunt on 3-4 takes place, but it is not completed till the 5th lead of the course. That is why Canterbury should be rung in its reverse form alone. In its earliest form a so-called lead contains part of four separate leads. This spoils the symmetry, and symmetry is one of the most important features of change ringing.—Yours faithfully,
123465	123465	
123456	123456	
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E. S. POWELL.

P.S.—Does not Mr. Parker's clever jugglery with words amount to this? A murderer makes a small cut and severs an important artery of his victim. The man bleeds to death. His death is caused by the bleeding, and not by the cut. Therefore, the perpetrator ought only to be punished for a common assault. Very nice and conclusive.

LIANGOLLEN, DENBIGHSHIRE.—On Saturday, November 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Thurstan's, in 45 mins.: T. Butler senr. (conductor), 1, A. Allen 2, R. T. Evans 3, F. Evans 4, W. S. Higginson 5, T. Davies 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8.

BICESTER, OXON.—On Wednesday, November 20th, 720 Grandsire Minor: Miss F. A. Rowe (first 720 and first attempt) 1, W. Scarrott 2, B. Cox 3, E. A. Clifton 4, F. Weale 5, E. Hims (conductor) 6.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

BURFORD, OXON.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, for evening service, 756 Stedman Triples: W. Brunsdon 1, H. Bond 2, A. Bishop 3, R. Hudson 4, F. Soden 5, H. Barrett 6, T. Bond (conductor) 7, W. Dixon 8.

PORTMADOC, N. WALES.—At St. John's Church, for service, on November 30th 168 and 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Richards 1, R. McMillan 2, J. Owen (conductor) 3, J. V. Humphreys 4, P. Roberts 5, F. J. Williams 6, H. McMillan 7, H. Roberts 8.

SHOULDHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, for morning service, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. V. Bowen 1, J. Porter 2, R. H. Bowen 3, J. Porter 4, H. Porter 5, E. Barker (conductor) 6.

TACKLEY, OXON.—For morning service, on Sunday, Nov. 30th, at St. Nicholas' Church, the first 120 of Grandsire Doubles rung, by the local band: W. Evis 1, E. F. Honour 2, G. Bullock 3, W. H. Cleaver 4, W. Judge (conductor) 5, A. Whitlock 6. It was also the first 120 by the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th bells.

BRIDGEND, GLAM.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Pelly 1, A. C. Jones 2, B. J. Toby 3, R. Evans 4, C. H. Perry (conductor) 5, A. J. Pitman 6, D. R. James 7, A. W. Wright 8. This is the first quarter-peal in the method by all the band, and the first quarter-peal in the method in Wales.

CHELMSFORD.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, 1,260 Grandsire Triples (first part of Parker's 4-part): F. Tolworthy 1, A. Saltmarsh 2, C. Gentry 3, C. C. Pease 4, J. Wood 5, P. Timson 6, L. J. Clark (conductor) 7, F. Cooper 8.

BOURNEMOUTH.—At the Church of St. John's, on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: A. G. Bennett 1, H. R. Bennett 2, H. Mitchell 3, E. Chandler 4, C. Foratt 5, W. Symonds 6, W. H. Bennett (conductor) 7, F. Longman 8.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, for evening service, on November 23rd, 1,344 Superlative Surprise Major: R. E. Lambert 1, H. Markwell 2, W. Collison 3, F. White 4, W. Latter (capt.) 5, F. J. Lambert, junr., 6, F. J. Lambert, senr., 7, S. H. Green 8. First in the method by ringers of 6 and 7. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. Breti Collins, one of the churchwardens.

STREATHAM.—At St. Leonard's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1,280 changes), in 44 mins. (by A. J. Perkins): R. D. Marshall (conductor) 1, Miss E. Chapman 2, Miss E. E. Hardecastle (first quarter in the method) 3, F. Lee 4, Miss F. E. Orr 5, W. S. Smith 6, J. Chapman 7, W. Joiner 8.

CHIPPING BARNET.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at St. John's Church, for Matins, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,334 changes), in 50 mins.: M. Soper 1, F. Chandler 2, W. Tarling 3, G. Herbert 4, S. Childs 5, F. A. Milne 6, H. J. Eldred 7, Norman A. Tomlinson (conductor) 8.

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Andrew's Church, for morning service, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. Read (first quarter-peal) 1, C. Wells (first quarter inside) 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Kemp 4, H. Prior 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, for evening service, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: E. Russell 1, R. Green 2, W. Norton 3, H. Franks (composer and conductor) 4, A. Darnell 5, E. Brett 6, J. Bullock 7, J. Hawkins 8.

KIDDERMINSTER.—On Sunday morning, November 16th, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending service, at the Parish Church, 1,280 London Surprise Major: J. Woodberry 1, N. Davies 2, G. Davies 3, K. Salter 4, T. J. Salter 5, J. Davies 6, E. J. Brookes 7, C. H. Woodberry (conductor) 8.

SHEFFIELD.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, at the Church of St. Maries, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: R. Lake 1, T. O'Hara 2, T. Sarel 3, J. Evinson 4, G. Lavis (conductor) 5, J. R. Brothwell 6, R. Harrison 7, C. Harrison 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, November 16th, for evening service, 1,922 Grandsire Triples: H. V. Sear 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, W. Mead 3, J. Mead 4, F. Stenton 5, E. Marks 6, W. Sear 7, F. Whitehead 8. Longest touch by H. V. Sear, and rung on his 15th birthday.

SOUTHAMPTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on November 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): J. W. Faithfull 1, H. Payne 2, R. Curtis 3, F. Mursell 4, F. White 5, H. Reeves (conductor) 6, R. J. Stone 7, A. Reid 8. Arranged for R. J. Stone, of St. Mary's, Portsmouth.

FOLKESTONE, KENT.—On Sunday, November 16th for evensong, 518 Grandsire Triples: W. Kitchen (first 500) 1, Miss E. Jarvis 2, G. McCrow (first 500) 3, E. Bridges 4, S. Binfield (conductor) 5, T. Farley 6, H. Whitehead (Deal) 7, J. Coppins 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church for morning service, on November 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,250 changes): F. Hopper 1, B. Soden 2, J. Townsend (first quarter in the method) 3, T. Tebbutt (conductor) 4, J. Mackay 5, I. Bennett 6, J. Metherell 7, H. Marlow 8.

ISLEWORTH.—On Sunday, November 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Beadle 1, F. G. Woodard 2, J. Milner 3, W. Lidbetter 4, F. E. Cole 5, F. Armstrong 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Brooks 8.

MORETON-IN-MARSH.—On Sunday, for evening service, on Nov. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins. (1,260 changes): F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Byron 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, H. Hint 8. —On Saturday, Nov. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire: J. Gardner 1, C. Grimes 2, F. E. Davis 3, B. Timms 4, E. Parden 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, N. Byron 8.

GREASLEY, NOTTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins.: A. Whistler 1, H. Bush 2, H. Williamson 3, H. Byfield 4, T. Storer 5, E. Williamson 6, J. E. Hobbs (conductor) 7, N. Hemmington 8.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for morning service, on the occasion of the Mayor and Corporation attending church in state, 1,316 Grandsire Triples: F. Bryant 1, G. Farr 2, Mrs. Baker 3, S. Irving 4, G. Hodson 5, K. Pattenden (conductor) 6, H. Baker 7, A. Frumpton 8. Ringers of 3rd and 7th from Frittenden, Kent.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for the memorial services, the bells were rung half-muffled for the morning and afternoon services. —For evening service, with the bells open, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), from Holt's Ten-Part, in 48 mins.: A. Diggs 1, E. Barker 2, T. Butler 3, W. Lycett 4, J. Gibson 5, E. V. Rodenhurst (conductor) 6, T. R. Butler 7, J. Porter (first quarter-peal) 8.

DEATH OF MR. T. H. JONES, MONMOUTH.

It is with regret that we have to record the death of Mr. T. H. Jones, of Monmouth, after a long and trying illness, at the age of 64. He was at one time a very active member of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, but for some years past, through his many public duties, he was unfortunately only able to give but little time to ringing away from his own parish church, where he remained to the end a constant and regular attendant.

It was in 1882, when the writer first went to live at Monmouth, that Mr. Jones began his change ringing career. He soon proved himself to be a very intelligent and enthusiastic pupil, and with his help, after many struggles, the local band scored their first peal, which was also the first on the bells. He gave great promise of being a good handbell ringer, having rung 5-6 to the writer's 'four-in-hand' to at least a hundred 720's of Minor in ten methods. He had only rung three peals of Grandsire Triples, but could ring all the standard methods very well.

He was born in humble circumstances, yet by hard work and perseverance he rose to become a prominent business man of the town. In a busy life, however, he always found time for public work, and many and varied were the capacities in which he devoted his energy to the benefit of the town and neighbourhood. He had occupied a seat on the Corporation for considerably over a quarter of a century, ultimately becoming an alderman. No better tribute could be paid to him when it is said that in all he undertook he gave of his very best, and never let anyone down.

The church bells were rung muffled while his remains were being conveyed to the Cemetery. E. B.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

NOTTINGHAM DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Nottingham District was held on Saturday, Nov. 22nd, at Old Basford, when between 20 and 30 ringers attended from the following towers: Beeston, Barton, Bottesford, Bulwell, Ilkeston, Sawley, Greasley, Long Eaton; St. Peter's and St. Mary's, Nottingham; Daybrook, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Sandiacre. Mr. J. E. Sykes was also present, being on a visit to the city, and received a hearty welcome. Members of the local band also attended.

The vice-president (Mr. A. Coppock) was unable to be present, owing to indisposition, and at the business meeting held in the tower the chair was occupied by Mr. W. E. White.

On the suggestion of the committee, the next meeting is to be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on December 13th, and will be followed by a lecture at 7 p.m. by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson, of Mansfield, on the history of the church bells of Nottinghamshire, bell ringing customs, and bells and change ringing. This gathering will be held in the St. Mary's Church Institute.

The Chairman mentioned that the association had lost one of its members during the week in Mr. W. J. Sevier, and asked all those present who possibly could to attend the funeral. It was hoped to ring the handbells over his grave. A collection was also taken for the purchase of a wreath.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also to Mr. Hooten for kindly making the arrangements, was proposed, and carried, Mr. Hooten replying on behalf of the Vicar and himself.

The bells were kept busy during the evening in various methods.

NOTICES.

SWANSEA AND BRECON GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Neath on Saturday, December 6th. Ringing from 3; service 4; tea 4.30.—J. Hammond, Branch Sec., Garthmoor, Neath.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Stowmarket on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at the Church Hall. Bells available at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting follows. A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9. Tea at Melford Rectory at 4 p.m. at 4d. each, for all sending word by Jan. 5th to Mr. Stedman Symonds, Asst. Sec., Church Street, Lavenham.

LADIES' GUILD.—Western District. — Quarterly meeting at St. Michael's, Bristol, Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30, followed by tea and meeting.—E. E. Emm, School House, Evercreech, Bath, Somerset.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — A quarterly meeting of this Guild will be held at Old Hill on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Sec., 113, Himley Road, Dudley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. — J. Hall, Branch Sec., 22, Silver Street, Miles Platting, Manchester.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—A quarterly meeting of above branch will be held at Bletchley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Service 3.30 p.m., when the Master of the Oxford Guild will preach. Tea at 4.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Walter Sear, 10, Albert Street, Bletchley.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Dorset Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Sherborne (8 bells) on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Ringing from 3 p.m. Service 4.30, in the Abbey, with address from Canon Wingfield-Digby. Tea at 5 in the Church Hall (6d. for members), meeting to follow. Lillington bells (5) also available.—R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, Dorset.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Bacup, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.—John H. Haydock, Branch Sec.,

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Nelson on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready 3 p.m. Meeting 6.30 p.m. — J. Watson, Branch Sec., 48, Shear Bank Road, Palmer Street, Blackburn.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Wisbech Branch.—A district meeting will be held at March, Cambridge, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 2. Short service and business meeting. Six bells. All ringers welcome. — H. W. Giddings, 101, Elwyn Road, March.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Eastern District. — The annual meeting of this district will be held at Great Bentley on Saturday, Dec. 6th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. A service will be held in the Parish Church at 4.15 p.m. Tea will be provided, and it is hoped that as many members as possible will attend for the election of officers for the ensuing year.—R. W. Stannard, Hon. Sec., 12, Ireton Road, Colchester.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Ledbury District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Coddington on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (6) available at 3 o'clock. Church service at 5 p.m. Afterwards tea will be provided by the Rector (Rev. A. Miller). Business meeting to follow.—Richard Thomas, Hon. Sec., Post Office, Coddington, Ledbury.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Loughborough District.—A monthly meeting will be held at Shepshed on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8). Business meeting 5 o'clock. All ringers and friends welcome.—J. Saddington, Hon. Dis. Sec., 27, Chapman Street, Loughborough.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Christchurch District.—The annual meeting will be held at Christchurch on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Tea 4.15. Service 5.30.—G. Preston, Dis. Sec., 3, Waterloo Place, Christchurch.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting of the Hunts District will be held at Long Stanton on Dec. 6th. Service at 4.30. Tea in School at 5, followed by business meeting. All ringers welcome.—Rev. H. B. Woolley, Long Stanton.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Hallows, Tottenham, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells ready from 3.30. Short service at 5. Tea at 5.50, at 1s. each. All members and friends welcome. Will those members whose subscriptions are still outstanding please let me have same as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Sec., 49, Wood Street, E.17.

DEVONSHIRE GUILD. — Exeter Branch. — The annual meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Exeter, on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Service 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. (free to members). The following towers will be open: Cathedral, St. Sidwell's, St. David's, St. Thomas' and St. Petrock's. All ringers welcome. — J. C. Oke, Assistant Sec., 35, St. David's Hill, Exeter.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade District.—The annual meeting will be held at Biggleswade on Saturday, Dec. 6th. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Tea at 5. A good meeting is requested. All ringers welcome.—C. J. Ball, Dis. Sec., 2, Tempsford Road, Sandy.

BROCKENHURST BELLS.—The peal of 6 bells at Brockenhurst, Hants, will be dedicated on Sunday, December 7th, at 3 p.m., by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, vice-president of the Winchester Diocesan Guild.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for December: St. Clement Danes, Sunday, the 7th, at 10 a.m., and Mondays, the 8th and the 22nd, at 7.30; St. Botolph, Bishopsgate, Monday, the 15th, at 7.30.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on December 30th; Southwark Cathedral on the 9th; St. Magnus on the 11th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5.30; meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to the Sec., Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The fourth annual social of the Preston branch will be held at Preston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Preston parish bells will be available from 2 o'clock to 4.45; also the bells of Preston St. Mark and Penwortham from 2 o'clock to 4.30. Tea in Parish Church Schools at 5 o'clock prompt, followed by whist and social. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Tickets 2s. 6d. each. Applications for tickets to be made to Mr. J. T. Bimson, 29, Euston Street, Preston, as early as possible, and not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting of the Western Division will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available for ringing after 2.30 p.m. Tea will be provided, at a charge of 1s. 6d. per head, to those who notify Mr. T. Senior, Mount View, Chapel Lane, Queensbury, not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The next meeting will be held at Coleley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited. Names to be sent in not later than Tuesday, Dec. 9th, to Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by a short business meeting. The bells of St. Saviour's will also be available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Half rail fares allowed (maximum 1s.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each. Will those requiring tea please send their names to me by Tuesday, Dec. 9th?—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service and tea will be arranged, followed by business meeting for the election of officers for 1925. Members requiring tea please notify me by December 9th.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dist. Secretary, 49, The Portway, E.15.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle and Peterborough Branches.—A meeting will be held at Warmington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, 1s., to follow. Those requiring tea please let Rev. L. S. Clark, Polebrooke, know on or before Dec. 8th.—F. Wilford, Master.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—At Lyonshall, reopening of the bells and combined practice on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Hereford. Tea provided free to ringers. Please notify Mr. J. Bowen, Castle Weir Lodge, Lyonshall, not later than Wednesday, Dec. 10th.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open 4.30 to 6.30. Lecture in St. Mary's Institute, Barkergate, at 7 p.m., by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson; subject: 'History of Church Bells and Founders of Notts.' Lecture to commence at 7.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Fen Ditton, near Cambridge, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (5) available afternoon and evening.—A. E. Austin, Hon. Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Westbury-on-Trym on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow. Please notify me by Dec. 8th.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Horbury (SS. Peter and Leonard).—The reopening of the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Short service in church at 4 o'clock. A cordial invitation is offered to all ringers. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each, and all those requiring this are kindly asked to send in their names not later than Wednesday, the 10th, to James Smith, 38, Medlock Road, Horbury.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Branch.—A combined practice will be held at Finchampstead on Saturday, Dec. 13th, from 6 till 9 p.m.—Jos. White.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Chequers Hotel.—F. Dench, 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. All members are requested to attend. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Great Chart on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Brecon on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower of St. Mary's (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., by invitation of Canon E. A. T. Roberts, Sub-Dean. Committee meeting at 3 p.m., to draw up rules for ringing competition. Please notify me by Dec. 9th numbers expected for tea.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch. —The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.40. Tea at 5 (St. John's Parish Room). Meeting directly after tea. All ringers welcome. If tea required please write to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch. —A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary. —Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District. —A meeting of the above will be held at Consett on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Blackhill (8), Consett (8) and Benfieldside (6) will be available 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send me notice. —H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch. —The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's, Lytham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready 2.30. Business 5.30. —C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the belfry. —F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

LONG MELFORD.—Holy Trinity Church. —Bells available for visitors every Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Also from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. first Sunday in each month. Intending visiting companies to inform me not later than first post Saturdays. —H. S. Richold, Westgate Street, Long Melford.

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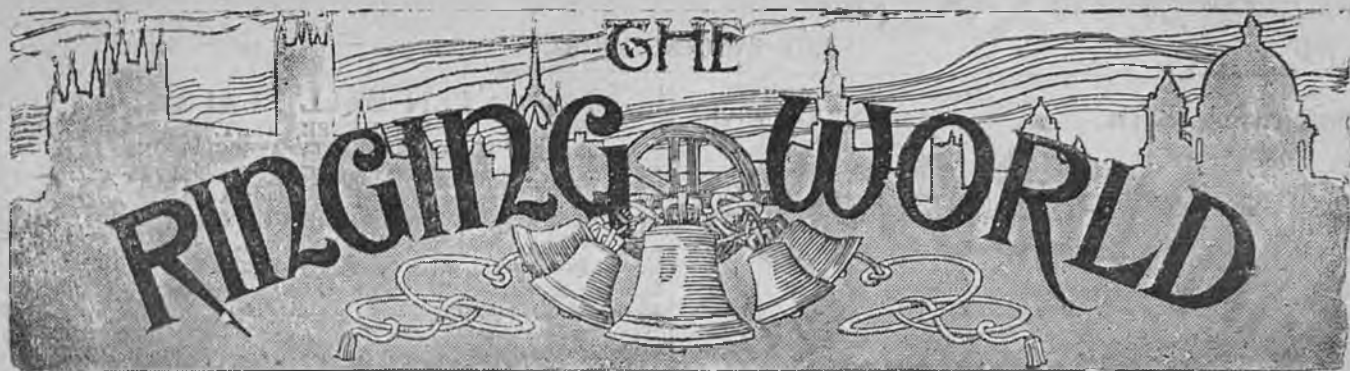
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TO REACH THE OUTSIDERS.

A very gratifying state of affairs exists in the Suffolk Guild, for it is reported that, with one exception, every change ringing tower in the area is fully affiliated to the organisation. We wonder how many other associations can boast of an equally good record. The ideal state of affairs, of course, would be that every tower with a peal of bells should be affiliated, and it is towards this end that associations should ever be striving. That the majority are always working to achieve this result cannot be denied, but we are not so certain that more could not be done than is done to bring in the towers which, for no special reason, except, perhaps, neglect or indifference, remain outside. We realise the difficulties with which associations are faced in their task, but no stone should be left unturned in the process of 'converting' those who remain outside the pale. There are some associations who use very little effort of the missionary kind; some who never make a point of officially visiting an un-affiliated tower, and simply wait until private influence or spontaneous desire prompts an application for admission.

There are, of course, other associations who carry on well organised efforts to reach these outside towers, but we should like to see a much more general endeavour to bring them into the 'fold.' Instead of leaving it to casual private invitation, as is often the case, a zealous official campaign might be inaugurated, and, just as a business man seeking a new customer does not give up trying at the first rebuff, so a persistent attempt should be made. Let formal invitation be followed up by interview with ringers and clergy, and the importance of affiliation with the county or diocesan body stressed. Pressure such as this, if continuous and tactfully exercised, would be bound to tell. We believe that the plan which is followed in some associations, of providing for the affiliation of the tower—as distinct from the ringers—is a step in the right direction. This is usually effected through the incumbent or the Parochial Council, and where the church authority can be influenced to support officially the diocesan organisation it almost goes without saying that the support of the ringers would follow. We do not always emphasise sufficiently the fact that a ringer, in joining the association, is joining a body formed not merely to cater for his amusement or instruction, but established as a part of the Church's organisation in the diocese. It is the diocesan aspect, indeed, which would make the strongest appeal, if all associations were to endeavour to introduce the system of tower affiliation. We believe that in future our ringing associations will see the importance of such action as we advocate, instead of the 'go-as-you-please' methods so common to-day.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;
Tenor 30 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT Treble	FRANK BELSEY 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	CHARLES WINNER 7
FREDERIC M. MITCHELL ... 3	EDWARD A. ALLEN 8
HERBERT AUDSLEY 4	C.S.M. JAMES BENNETT ... 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

Rung on the eve of St. Andrew's Day to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of spire and eight bells. First peal of Royal on the bells, and first peal of Royal by ringers of 6 and 8.

LONDON.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, December 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

JAMES BULLOCK Treble	HERBERT LANGDON 6
WILLIAM H. LANGDON 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 8
JACK CARMAN 4	RICHARD F. DEAL 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

VARIAION OF A PEAL BY EDGAR BENNETT.

Conducted by RICHARD F. DEAL.

Rung in celebration of the 80th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Thursday, December 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*JOHN DOVE Treble	CHARLES W. BIRD 6
FRED HOPPER 2	WILLIAM FAREY 7
*HARRY MARLOW 3	WILLIAM ROGERS 8
FRANK ROLLINGS 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
THOMAS LAW 5	TOM TEBBITT Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE. Conducted by WILLIAM ROGERS.

* First peal on 10, and first attempt. Rung as a farewell to the Vicar of St. Giles (the Rev. A. J. Treloar). Also to commemorate the 71st birthday of Mr. James George, an attempt the week previous being lost owing to a shift course, after an hour's ringing.

SHREWSBURY.

(St. Chad's Society.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Three Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CHAD.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 39 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lb. in B.

JAMES BAIN Treble	JAMES EVANS 6
CHARLES W. LEE 2	WILLIAM B. KYNASTON 7
JOHN GRIFFITHS 3	WALTER FAIRHEAD 8
JAMES E. LILLEY 4	CHARLES R. LILLEY 9
DENIS J. BOUCHER 5	HERBERT JONES Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON.

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Grandsire Caters on the bells by the society, and by all the band except ringers of 4th and 9th. Also their first 10-bell peal. Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday. This is the youngest band to ring a peal of Caters in the county of Salop, five of them being only 17 years of age. It is also the first local peal of Caters rung in Shrewsbury since April 5th, 1808. All the above are Sunday Service ringers.

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ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 31½ cwt.

JAMES HEMMING Treble	JOHN HALL... .. 6
ROBERT C. KNOWLES... .. 2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 7
SIDNEY T. HOLY... .. 3	†OLIVER ATTWOOD 8
MISS NELLY JOHNSON 4	GEOFFREY J. HEMMING 9
FREDERICK J. JOHNSON 5	*HAROLD STREETS Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY. Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. Rung as the annual peal for the association. Two unsuccessful attempts were made for a peal of Erin Caters, but, owing to the sudden illness of one of the band, Grandsire had to be substituted. Mr. O. Attwood kindly filling the vacancy at a day's notice. Mr. J. Hemming has now rung each bell in the tower to a peal.

GOSFORTH, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

*ALFRED F. HILLIER Treble	JOSEPH W. PARKER 6
*CHARLES L. ROUTLEDGE... .. 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 7
WILLIAM L. GOFTON 3	JOSEPH A. GOFTON 8
RICHARD A. GOFTON 4	R. ALDER GOFTON 9
THOMAS T. GOFTON... .. 5	*WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by J. W. PARKER. Conducted by T. T. GOFTON.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the 21st birthday of Mr. Richard A. Gofton.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

MRS. R. F. DEAL Treble	RICHARD F. DEAL 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT... .. 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 3	*FRANK E. DARBY 8
FRANK I. HAIRS... .. 4	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 9
*STEPHEN W. HOLDAWAY... 5	WILLIAM H. HEWETT Tenor

Composed by H. W. HALEY. Conducted by R. F. DEAL.

* First peal of Stedman.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

THORVERTON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(EXETER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A BECKET.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 6040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt. in F.

*WILLIAM J. HUXTABLE Treble	CHARLES G. GLASS 5
JOHN C. OKE 2	FREDERICK J. MILFORD 6
HARRY POOK 3	FRANK J. DAVEY 7
JOHN ARBURY 4	ROBERT B. FORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK J. DAVEY.

* First peal, and rung at first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. J. H. Shaw) for the use of the bells.

GREAT STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

*GEORGE A. HUGHES Treble	CHARLES DYKE 5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD 2	FREDERICK EDWARDS 6
WILLIAM E. OAKLEY 3	JOSEPH MILNER 7
*STEPHEN HOARE 4	GEORGE SPENCER Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung to commemorate the 80th birthday of Queen Alexandra, and also of the mother of the ringer of the treble.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD
(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 22 cwt.

JOHN R. MAIN Treble	JOHN J. MAWBY 5
JAMES T. WARD 2	WALTER PERKINS 6
THOMAS LAW 3	GEORGE BASFORD 7
CHARLES W. BIRD 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

Ringers of 3rd and 4th hail from Weston Favell, and Kettering; 1st and 7th from Finedon; the rest from Irthlingborough. This is the first peal in the method on the bells.

HOLM LACY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SYMONDS Treble	GEOFFREY W. TAYSON 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	WILLIAM E. WILLIAMS 6
THOMAS H. TAYSON 3	WALTER TAYLOR... .. 7
ALLAN E. GWYNNE 4	JOHN CLARK Tenor

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

Rung on eve of harvest festival, also as a thanksgiving peal for the restoration of the church, the reopening having taken place on the previous Sunday by the Bishop of Hereford.

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

On Sunday, November 30, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE ALLDER Treble	WILLIAM WELLING 5
*THOMAS GOODCHILD 2	ARTHUR MARTIN... .. 6
CECIL C. MAYNE 3	GEORGE MARTIN... .. 7
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE... .. 4	WILLIAM HENLEY Tenor

Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First attempt for a Surprise peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Alder.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM L. GOFTON Treble	EDWARD A. HERN 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	STEPHEN W. STRATFORD 6
R. ALDER GOFTON 3	RICHARD A. GOFTON 7
*ERNEST E. FERRY 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF. Conducted by JOSEPH A. GOFTON.

* First attempt for a peal of London. Rung in honour of Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday.

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THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5066 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES RAMPLEY Treble	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN 5
WILLIAM B. DUNCAN 2	GEORGE P. BURTON 6
GEORGE MAYERS 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung to celebrate the 80th birthday of Queen Alexandra. First peal of New Cambridge rung in Norwich, also on the bells, and by the ringers of the treble, 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 7th. Rung at the first attempt.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD AND THE ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

On Monday, December 1, 1924, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF S. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Dexter's Variation of THURSTANS'. Tenor 25 cwt. in D.

*SIDNEY G. HOPCROFT ... Treble	JAMES GEORGE 5
JOHN W. CHANDLER 2	JOSEPH B. FENTON 6
LESLIE BRAMALL 3	JOSEPH A. FENTON 7
ALFRED G. GRANT 4	ERNEST E. LINES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. FENTON.

* First peal away from the tenor. Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Queen Alexandra, and the 71st birthday of Mr. James George, a much-respected member of the above society.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 2, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES BELBY Treble	CHARLES ANDREWS 5
WILLIAM LOUD 2	WILLIAM BAXTER 6
JESSE FRANCIS 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
CHARLES RAISON 4	SIDNEY FRANCIS Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL J. HECTOR.

Rung in honour of the 80th birthday of Queen Alexandra.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23½ cwt.

MAURICE SMITH Treble	WALTER F. JUDGE 5
FREDRICK WEBB 2	†JOHN SIMONS 6
JACK JUDGE 3	WILLIAM JUDGE 7
CYRIL BENNETT 4	*ALBERT MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM JUDGE.

* First peal. † First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 2, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST WHITING Treble	FREDERICK J. ROOPE 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	CHARLES ROOPE 6
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 3	CHARLES CUTTING 7
*WILLIAM MUSK 4	TOWNSEND ADCOCK Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ERNEST WHITING.

* First peal in the method by the ringer of the fourth bell.

ABBOTS LEIGH. — On December 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, in 28 mins.: G. Bennet 1, G. Chamberlain 2, W. Frampton 3, J. Ackerman 4, E. Frampton 5, L. Moore (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge on the bells, and by all the band.

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 3, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' TRANSPOSITION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

*ALFRED STEVENS Treble	*WILFRED TUCKER 5
*ELIZABETH E. EMM 2	*ROBERT WHITEHEAD 6
WILLIAM OSMENT 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
†HARRY SANGER 4	*ARTHUR WHITE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM OSMENT.

* First peal. † First peal inside. First peal as conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 4, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, WANDSWORTH, S.W.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*DAVID COLLINS Treble	†HAROLD N. PITSTOW 5
ERNEST E. BISH 2	†JAMES H. RUMLEY 6
†T. JEFFREY HOLLOWAY ... 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
WILLIAM S. LANGDON 4	ARTHUR H. GAMBLE Tenor

Conducted by H. N. PITSTOW.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal with a working bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Thursday, December 4, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

ERNEST E. DAVIS Treble	HENRY DANIELS 5
JOHN AUSTIN 2	ALFRED A. WAITE 6
SYDNEY E. ROMANS 3	JOSEPH A. WAITE 7
WILLIAM H. HARRIS 4	THOMAS BALDWIN Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late William J. Sevier, who was a member of the Barnwood band in 1888, and also one of the first members of the St. Michael's Juniors.

CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 4, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 27 cwt. in D

WILLIAM EVANS Treble	ALFRED PARNELL 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM HEATH 6
GEORGE LARGE 3	ERNEST COOMBS 7
*WILLIAM RICHARDS 4	SEYMOUR R. BARKER Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST COOMBS.

† First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to John W. Jones and William B. Biss, both born the same day, and in the same year, and arranged to give the conductor the opportunity of conducting his first peal of Triples.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 5, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

IN THE CAM VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 3½

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	JOHN WHEADON 5
WILLIAM HARPER 2	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD. Conducted by E. BARNETT, SEN. †

This is the first peal of Cam Treble Bob by all the band, and by the association.

BONVILSTON, GLAM.—At the Parish Church, for Armistice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 53 minutes, with the bells half-muffled: E. John 1, Wm. Samuel 2, E. Thomas 3, A. Hannington 4, Ed. Coles (conductor) 5, Wm. Coles 6. Afterward the bells were rung open.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Threes Minutes.

At the Church of St. Barnabas,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

OSWALD J. HUNT... ..	Treble	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ...	5
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT... ..	2	SAMUEL GROVE... ..	6
FRANK W. PERRENS	3	*WILLIAM T. COX	7
FRANK E. PERVIN	4	GEORGE F. SWANN	Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK. Conducted by F. W. PERRENS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. G. F. Swann's 50th peal on these bells.

PETWORTH, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes.

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5086 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 9 lb. in E.

RICHARD HAYES	Treble	WILLIAM STANFORD	5
WALTER CHARMAN	2	JOHN H. B. HESSE	6
GEORGE W. STERRE	3	ARTHUR J. BARTLETT... ..	7
MAURICE SMITHER	4	ALFRED H. POLLING	Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by A. H. POLLING.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were recast. Mr. W. Charman took part in the first peal on the old bells in 1892. The peal was of special interest to the conductor, as Petworth was his birthplace.

LOUGHBOROUGH.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

At the Bell Foundry Campanile,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

F. HORACE E. STUBBS ...Treble	ERNEST MORRIS... ..	5
GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS	SAMUEL COTTON	6
SHIRLEY BURTON... ..	*EDGAR VALLANCE	7
E. HARRY STONELEY	HAROLD J. POOLE	Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.

* First touch of London. The peal was a birthday compliment to E. Vallance, who received the hearty congratulations of the band on his excellent ringing.

DITCHLING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES.

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb.

ALBERT D. STONE	Treble	FRANK BENNETT	5
ROBERT J. DAWES... ..	2	JOHN DEARLOVE	6
KEITH HART... ..	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
JOHN FEIST	4	WILLIAM STENNING	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Miss A. Tuppen, an old resident of the parish.

RAINHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. in E.

LT. W. A. COOKE, R.N. ...Treble	THOMAS JULL	5
*VICT. P.O. R. UCKWELL, R.N.2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	6
Ex-CHIEF-STOKER S. E.	C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.	7
TAYLOR, R.N.	CHARLES BELSEY	Tenor
WILLIAM SPICE		4

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by C.S.M. J. BENNETT, R.M.

* First peal away from the treble. † First peal 'inside.' For calling, see C.C. Collection, Section II., peal No. 59. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon F. J. O. Helmore, of Canterbury, honorary general secretary of the Kent County Association.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 15 lb.

GEORGE MAYERS... ..	Treble	*WILLIAM B. DUNCAN ...	5
FREDK. J. HOWCHIN	2	JOHN MOY	6
JAMES RAMPLEY	3	WILLIAM CLOVER	7
B. E. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE... ..	4	GEORGE H. CROSS	Tenos

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES;

*JAMES GARDNER... ..	Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON	5
*PETER BOARDMAN	2	BENJAMIN TREVITT	6
THOMAS C. LARKEY	3	ARTHUR LINTOTT... ..	7
THOMAS HAMMOND	4	EDWARD CAUNCE... ..	Tenor

Composed by the late J. R. PRITCHARD.

Conducted by G. R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. Rung for the Patronal Festival.

PETERSFIELD, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes.

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. in F.

FREDERICK W. ROGERS ...Treble	TOWER R. TAYLOR	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	FREDERICK S. BAYLEY ...	6
GEORGE PULLINGER	EDWIN J. HARDING, SEN. ...	7
WILLIAM TATE	WILLIAM J. READ	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes.

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION.

Tenor 20 cwt.

SIDNEY WYATT... ..	Treble	*WILLIAM COLES	5
ALFRED WYATT... ..	2	JAMES HUNT	6
*ARTHUR HAYWARD	3	PERCY MERSON	7
HENRY NORMAN... ..	4	*FRANK CAVILL	Tenor

Conducted by PERCY MERSON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor's wife.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes.

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK BORRETT	Treble	GEORGE GOWER	5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	2	JACOB FILBY... ..	6
GEORGE FILBY	3	RUSSELL RICHES... ..	7
CHARLES CLARKE	4	ALBERT RICHES	Tenor

Composed by J. PLATT.

Conducted by F. BORRETT.

DARESBUURY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes.

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*GEORGE VERNON	Treble	†ALBERT BOOTH... ..	5
ERNEST BOSTOCK	2	LEONARD BOSTOCK	6
HENRY C. COLLYER	3	*JOHN H. DAVENPORT ...	7
WILLIAM BIBBY... ..	4	EDWARD JENKINS	Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF.

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

First peal of Oxford on the bells. * First peal of Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lb.

*HERBERT A. HARDING ... Treble	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 5
ROBERT A. FARDON ... 2	ROBERT HOLLOWAY ... 6
JAMES H. HUNNISSETT ... 3	FREDK. W. GOODFELLOW ... 7
WILLIAM H. HOLLIER ... 4	ALBERT E. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by R. A. FARDON.

Rung on St. Nicholas' Day, and arranged as a birthday compliment for the conductor. * First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Monday, November 24, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST HAWKINS ... Treble	HAROLD MILLS ... 4
*FREDERICK GARDNER ... 2	SAMUEL GREENWAY ... 5
REUBEN GUY ... 3	THOMAS MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MARTIN.

* First peal.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 25, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter de Merton,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and five of Plain Bob.

THOMAS HARPIN ... Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 4
MISS ELSIE K. KNIGHT ... 2	HERBERT J. HARLOW ... 5
CHARLES A. ROBINSON ... 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Faith.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Grandsire Minor, and two each of Oxford Single Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT HARRIS ... Treble	JAMES ATTWOOD ... 4
FRANCIS MILES ... 2	FREDERICK W. HARRIS ... 5
THOMAS HARRIS ... 3	OLIVER ATTWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by O. ATTWOOD.

First peal in four methods by ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. This was the quarterly peal for the branch.

THE CHART, LIMPFIELD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN DISTRICT.)

Sunday, November 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Westminster, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

THOMAS FIRMAGER ... Treble	CHARLES CLINCH ... 4
HYLTON TIDY ... 2	EDWARD TIDY ... 5
PERCIVAL TIDY ... 3	LEONARD TIDY ... Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TIDY.

This peal was rung to celebrate St. Andrew's Day. First Treble Bob peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

BRAINTREE.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 768 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, G. Wiffen 2, H. E. Hammond 3, B. Redgwell (aged 14) 4, W. G. Melbourne 5, E. Wiffen 6, L. W. Wiffen 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

WHITMINSTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On St. Andrew's Day, Sunday, November 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE & ST. DUNSTAN'S DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ERNEST HAWKINS ... Treble	HAROLD MILLS ... 4
REUBEN GUY ... 2	SAMUEL GREENWAY ... 5
RALPH HAZELL ... 3	THOMAS MARTIN ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MARTIN.

This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Gillett and Johnston. All the ringers belong to Frampton-on-Severn, and wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Perrett for getting everything ready.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CYRIL D. NICHOLLS ... Treble	TOM GARLEY ... 4
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... 2	ROBERT G. BLACK ... 5
WALTER T. WILSON ... 3	HARRY BAXTER ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BAXTER.

* First, and birthday peal, aged 15.

WOODSTON, PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(PETERBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes

At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

THOMAS VAUGHAN ... Treble	MISS KATHLEEN A. JUTSON ... 4
HENRY HOARE ... 2	MISS PHYLLIS HARE ... 5
JOHN J. JUTSON ... 3	WILLIAM ROSE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

HANLEY CASTLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Gabriel,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Court Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES ALLEN ... Treble	JAMES R. NEWMAN ... 4
WILLIAM RANFORD ... 2	†JOHN J. JEFFRIES ... 5
ERNEST GIBBS ... 3	CHARLES CAMM ... Tenor

Conducted by C. CAMM.

* First peal in seven methods. † 100th peal.

FIVE BELL PEALS.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 28, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores with 10 different callings. Tenor 15 cwt approx.

*WILLIAM C. SLOCOMBE ... Treble	*ARTHUR REED ... 3
†FREDERICK G. SPARKS ... 2	WILLIAM H. COLES ... 4
PERCY H. SPARKS ... Tenor	

Conducted by PERCY H. SPARKS.

First peal on tower bells by a band residing in Staplegrove. The average age of the ringers is 19 years. * First peal. † First peal on tower bells.

**COLD HIGHAM, NORTANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)**

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 8040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 12 six-scores of St. Simon's Doubles, 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 18 six-scores of Grandsire.

Tenor 8 cwt. 21 lb.

JAMES HAYNES	Treble	*PHILIP C. ASPLIN	3
HARRY MARLOW	2	*JOHN M. GRAY	4
TOM TEBBUTT	Tenor		

Conducted by TOM TEBBUTT.

* First peal in three methods on five bells.

HANDBELL PEAL.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 1, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Six Minutes,

AT 61, NEW PARK STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5065 CHANGES;

Tenor, approx. size 7 in D flat.

*E. HARRY STONELEY	1-2	GEO. STEDMAN MORRIS	5-6
HAROLD J. POOLE	3-4	EDWARD WHITEHEAD	7-8
ERNEST MORRIS	9-10		

Composed by FRANK W. PERRENS. Conducted by HAROLD J. POOLE.
Witness: MR. S. POOLE.

* First handbell peal. First peal on these handbells which went through the Great War with their owner, Mr. E. H. Stoneley.

BLOXWICH, STAFFS.—On Wednesday, Oct. 1st, at All Saints Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Sharrat (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Elton (first quarter-peal of Triples) 2, J. Birch 3, A. Painter 4, E. J. Stafford 5, J. C. Adams 6, T. J. Elton (conductor) 7, A. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 8. Rung as a compliment to W. Scarlett, of the local band, on his 21st birthday.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S BIRTHDAY.

The following touches were among those rung for Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday:—

FARNHAM, SURREY.—On Monday, Dec. 1st, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 49 mins.: J. Read 1, C. Wells 2, S. Meadows 3, H. Kemp 4, S. Clapshaw 5, T. Upshall 6, R. Hasted (conductor) 7, A. E. King 8.

STONY STRATFORD.—On Monday, December 1st, at St. Giles' 1,280 Bob Major: A. Clarke 1, H. E. Tompkins 2, T. C. Tompkins 3, W. Pedley 4, H. C. Edwards 5, W. W. Bonham 6, E. Yates 7, E. C. Lambert (conductor) 8.

ELLESMERE, SALOP.—On Monday, December 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: R. Biggs (conductor) 1, G. H. Edwards 2, A. Allen 3, A. Haynes 4, T. Butler, senr., 5, W. T. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. Also as a birthday compliment to Mr. T. Butler, senr. — On November 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the same band, conducted by W. S. Higginson.

ELHAM, KENT.—At St. Mary's, in honour of Queen Alexandra's birthday, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, tenor covering: A. Tanton, F. Castle, S. Baker, G. Webb, F. Verney, A. Casile (conductor), T. Friend. First 720 in method by all, and 720 Kent Treble Bob.

CHATTERIS, CAMBS.—At St. Peter's Church, on December 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Wakeling 1, A. Barker (conductor) 2, W. Seekings 3, J. Rowlinson 4, J. Granger 5, A. Abrams 6.—Also for evening service, on Sunday, December 7th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Smith 1, A. Barker (conductor) 2, J. Rowlinson 3, A. Mattock 4, W. Seekings 5, A. Abrams 6.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.—On December 1st, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1,280 changes): E. H. Simpson (conductor) 1, T. B. Kendall 2, F. Davison (Idle) 3, H. Davison (Idle) 4, H. Stott 5, J. Broadley (Bradford) 6, F. Dixon (Guiseley, first quarter-peal in the method) 7, H. Foster (Idle) 8.

A HALF-PEAL.

At Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucester, on Saturday, Dec. 6th, a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2,620 changes), in 1 hr. 30 mins.: F. Jones 1, C. Grimes 2, J. Gardner 3, B. Timms 4, N. Brion 5, A. White 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, P. S. E. Aston 8.—Also on Sunday, for evening service, 504 of Grandsire Triples: A. Hooper 1, C. Grimes 2, F. Jones 3, J. Gardner 4, N. Brion 5, W. Large (conductor) 6, A. White 7, H. Hlatk 8.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The fine little handbells used in the peal at Leicester last week went to France and Flanders with their intrepid owner, Sergt. Harry Stoneley, R.G.A., and were under bombardment in the trenches many times. Often when things got too hot, and E. Harry had to run for it, his little bag of handbells were invariably his first thought, and whatever else was left behind, these never left him.

The Royal Cumberland Youths will hold their annual meeting on January 17th next.

As mentioned in the footnote to the report published last week, the peal at Torquay on November 29th was the first on the bells for 29 years. The bells have a long draught, and do not go well. The previous peal rung there (in 1895) was by the Oxford Guild, and the band included the Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. J. W. Washbrook.

On December 12th, 1848, St. Martin's Society, Birmingham, rang a peal of 7,392 Stedman Cinques, which was composed and conducted by Henry Johnson, and was the longest length in the method up to that date.

A peal of 8,008 Grandsire Cinques was rung at St. Saviour's, Southwark, on December 15th, 1735, and long stood as the record length in this method. In this peal 'Benjamin Annable call'd bobs.'

The first peal in South Africa was rung twenty years ago next Monday, this being Grandsire Triples at Woodstock.

Yesterday, in the evening was rung by our ringers at St. Mary's tower in this town 5,040 changes, being the whole peal of Grandsire Triples on eight bells; the persons were James Kerridge, aged 61, 8th; Isaac Whitehand, 7th; Stephen Bond, 6th; George Bond, 5th; Stephen Kirby, 4th; Robert Hogger, 3rd; Thomas Bennett, 2nd; George Weston, treble, which was done in three hours and eleven minutes by the above said persons to the satisfaction of all the lovers of that science.

The above is quoted from the 'Ipswich Gazette' of December 13th, 1735, so that the 189th anniversary of this peal occurs to-morrow. There is no board in the tower relating to this peal.

William Banister, best known of the famous Woolwich ringing family, called the first peal in Exeter, a peal of Grandsire Triples, at St. Sidwell's on December 18th, 1875. Mr. Banister was then at Plymouth Dockyard. It is interesting to note that the back eight bells of St. Sidwell's were bought from All Hallows' Church, Goldsmith Street, in 1767, when the latter church, being much in debt, was glad to raise money in this way.

The first peal of Canterbury Pleasure Major was rung at Warnham, Sussex, on December 17th, 1888. Probably more Canterbury Pleasure Major has been rung in this tower than anywhere. A band once started there for a 20,180 in the method, and rang a long way.

The handbell peal at Northrepps, published last week, was rung for the Norfolk Guild, to which E. L. Risbrow was elected a member before starting.

The peal of Stedman Caters on handbells at Nuncaton was rung on November 29th, not the 22nd, as published.

St. Mary-le-Tower bells, Ipswich, will not, we learn, be available for some months, owing to the extensive work that has to be done to the masonry of the tower.

The Bishop of Peterborough has granted a license as Lay Reader to Mr. Fred Wilford, Master of the Peterborough Diocesan Guild. He was instituted on Saturday by the Rev. J. P. Friend, R.D., who is president of the Northampton Branch of the Guild.

Mr. Wilford was one of the first advocates of services at ringers' meetings in Northamptonshire, where they have since grown to be a strong feature of such gatherings.

On December 9th, 1889, the late Mr. James Motte called the first part of Day's peal of 16,608 Treble Bob Major, which was rung on handbells.

The peal of Treble Bob Major at St. Martin's, Epsom, published last week, was in the Kent, and not the Oxford Variation.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING AT GOOLE.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern District was held at Goole, on Saturday, November 29th, and was attended by representatives from Eastrington, Hemmingbrough, Howden, Hull, Pontefract, Selby and Thorne. A short choral service was held in the Parish Church, when the address was delivered by the Vicar of Goole, the Right Rev. Bishop G. D. Iliff, D.D., and was much appreciated by those who were privileged to hear it.

Tea was afterwards provided in the National Schools, to which some 35 members sat down.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar occupied the chair. Three new members were elected, viz., Mr. A. Tate (Goole), and Messrs. P. J. Metcalfe and B. Scaife (Withernsea).

It was unanimously decided that the annual meeting be held at Selby in March, 1925, subject to the usual permission being granted. Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar, organist, choir, and the local ringers, for their efficient arrangements during the day.

THE LATE MR. W. J. SEVIER. RECOLLECTIONS OF MR. JOHN AUSTIN.

My first meeting with the late Mr. Sevier was whilst at Burton, when he turned up at St. Paul's Church on an Easter Sunday morning and at St. Modwen's at night, he being then on the road to Manchester. The next day (Easter Monday), the annual meeting of the Midland Counties Association was held at Duffield, and W. J. S. turned up, having walked from Burton. Afterwards he made his way to Manchester, as far as I know with little success, for shortly afterwards he was back in Gloucester. On my leaving Burton for that city, the deceased was the first ringer I met, and he introduced me to the St. Michael's Juniors at their practice on Thursday night, and from that time we were continually out ringing together. There is not a tower round about Gloucester which the deceased had not visited. He would think nothing of walking five or six miles for a practice, and occasionally would go off for a twenty or thirty mile walk at the week-end to visit some tower which could not be reached in the week-day. One Sunday evening, after ringing at Thornbury, he walked back to Gloucester twenty miles, and, on one occasion, when on the road from London, he walked from Reading to Gloucester, 75 miles in one day.

As a ringer he was a good striker, and always ready, if there was a bell going badly, to tackle it. Although he never mastered Surprise methods he was well at home in Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich. He was always willing to go and assist any band wherever his services were required. He was a member of the St. Michael's Juniors from the commencement until he left Gloucester.

Unfortunately the news of his death came too late for the society to be represented at the funeral, or to send a wreath, but as the Gloucester and Bristol Association was meeting at Barnwood, where Mr. Sevier was a member of the band in 1888, it was suggested that a muffled peal be rung as a token of respect. This peal was successful, and will be found recorded in the peal columns. J. A.

In memory of Mr. Sevier, who was one time Master of the Old Basford Guild, Notts, a half-muffled touch of 504 Stedman Triples was rung at Old Basford Parish Church on November 25th: Miss Florrie Hooton 1, G. Hooton 2, F. Barks 3, F. Turner 4, A. Marsh 5, S. Pinder 6, H. Lewin (conductor) 7, W. Kinton 8.

BELL RINGING BROADCAST. A SUGGESTION FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE.

The following letter has been addressed by Mr. J. M. Poyntz, himself a wireless expert, to the director of programmes of the British Broadcasting Co., London:—

Dear Sir,—Can you not broadcast some genuine change ringing from 2 L.O. instead of the chiming of the St. Martin's bells, which you give us so frequently?

Some time ago your Birmingham station transmitted a course of change ringing from the tower of St. Martin's, Birmingham, which, judging from the reports in the ringing press, was thoroughly appreciated by campanologists all over the country.

The London ringing societies would doubtless be only too pleased to make the necessary ringing arrangements, were you to approach them on the subject, and I am sure that the result would be much appreciated by all ringers who have receiving sets, as well as by all lovers of bells.

The chiming of bells is not the true English method of using these beautiful instruments, and is, at best, only a make-shift.

While on this subject, I should like to suggest that, on New Year's Eve, you would be giving us all a great treat if you would broadcast the ringing out of the old year and the ringing in of the new. By this I mean, the muffled ringing of the bells before midnight, the striking of the hour, and then the open ringing to welcome the new year.

This is carried out at many churches, it is very impressive, and you could doubtless easily arrange it with the ringing authorities referred to above.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. NORTH AND EAST DISTRICT.

The last meeting of the year of the North and East District was held at All Hallows', Tottenham, on Saturday, and although the attendance was at first below the average, members turned up in good numbers after tea, and enjoyed some excellent practice in all sorts of methods.

A short service was held at 4.45, when the members were addressed by the Vicar (the Rev. F. Denton Jones). This was followed by tea, and at the subsequent business meeting four new members were elected, whilst Edmonton was chosen for the next meeting, on January 24th, this being the district annual meeting.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. F. Denton Jones, and to Mr. H. W. H. Strickland for arranging the meeting. Ringing was afterwards indulged in until 9 p.m., and as is usual at these meetings everybody had as much as they desired, and in almost any method they wished, from Grandsire and Stedman Triples to Cambridge, London and Bristol Surprise.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The committee's proposals re the above are evidently unsatisfactory to ringers, both inside and outside the diocese. One hopes the suggestion of adding trebles to the present peal of six at St. Ebb's will be dropped. St. Giles' would make a very decent peal of eight, but experience has taught most ringers that it is folly to put additional bells into a church adjoining a hospital. The authorities at the hospital may be all right now, but what of the future, when the bells are wanted for peals? Apparently there are too many bells in Oxford now, the fact that some towers are closed for ringing altogether, and others are available only two or three times in the year should prove this.

May I suggest to the committee and the Exercise the claims of Kidlington for the Washbrook Memorial? In the first place, the late Mr. Washbrook was born in the parish of Kidlington; secondly, it was at this tower where he achieved one of the greatest performances in the history of ringing; and, finally, permission is always readily given for peals at any time within reason. Two trebles in front of the existing peal of eight would make a really nice peal of ten. A fitting memorial to a great man.

Banbury.

MAURICE SMITH.

GLOSSOP RINGER'S DEATH IN CANADA.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Just a few lines to inform my friends in and around greater Manchester, that we have lost a very old friend by the death of Mr. Joseph Maloney, late of Glossop, Derbyshire, and better known as 'Joe Loney.'

He died on Friday, November 14th, suddenly, although he has been ailing for a long time. I have just received a letter from Mulville, Manitoba, Can.

'Dear old Joe,' his memory will never die amongst bell ringers for 20 miles from Glossop. Everybody knew 'Joe Loney.' His favourite method was Kent Major, and he had the honour and privilege of conducting the last peal on the old Mottram bells, and, I think, but am not sure, that he called the first on the new bells in the same tower, again Kent Treble Bob Major. I had the honour and privilege of a rope in each peal. Joe and his dear wife, Harriet, sailed to Canada about 12 years ago, and I don't think another Loney has turned up in his place. He was happiest when he was either ringing or singing—'knocking sally up.' If the ringers of either Dinting, Whitfield or Old Glossop, ever think of putting up a small tablet to his memory in either tower I will very gladly contribute my mite towards it. Thanking you in anticipation, and wishing you and all my ringing friends in and around Manchester a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.—Yours sincerely,

RICHARD NEWTON.

Late of Manchester City Police.

c/o Merchants' National Bank, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

ALL BUT ONE CHANGE RINGING TOWER AFFILIATED.

The meeting of this Guild, which was held at Stowmarket on Saturday last, was one of the most successful ever held there. Members came from all over the diocese, even from distant Bungay, while one 'youth' of 74 walked eleven miles to the meeting. Tea was provided in the Church Hall.

At the meeting afterwards, presided over by the Vicar, there was discussion on the prevailing practice of clacking bells, or tying a cord to the clapper, which is sure to result in the bell becoming cracked.

It was announced that there is now only one change ringing tower in the diocese which is not fully affiliated to the Diocesan Guild.

Touches in many different methods were rung in the tower during the afternoon and evening.

ANOTHER ASPECT OF AN OLD QUESTION

Apocryph of our leading article last week, the following cutting from a London daily newspaper published some time ago, may be read with interest.

THE RINGER'S POINT OF VIEW.

A Vicar chides ringers who call people to church and then walk out themselves.

I loves the old bell in the steeple,
That swings i' the marnin' sky,
An' I loves fur to call the people,
But, bless ye, the job's full dry;
An' if I was stayin' to listen
Till passon an' choir amen'd,
Why, that 'id be givin' o' this un
Two dry old jobs on end!

I don't mind a-callin' the people
To coom in their Sunday best,
But when I've done wi' the steeple
The passon can do the rest;
Sakes: wouldn't poor passon grumble
If axed for to do his spell
An' set in th' porch while yer 'umble
Was dingin' that blessed bell!

A. W.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. A 'LIVE' DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the North-Eastern Division held on Saturday at Great Bentley, when 30 members, representing 15 parishes, were present. The Vicar conducted the service at the Parish Church, and later presided over the tea at the Lion Hotel, kindly provided by the Vicar and Mr. W. J. Nevard. Mr. Nevard (Master) and Mr. Stannard (hon. secretary) were for the fourth time re-elected unanimously, one member stating in a humorous speech that it was best to leave well alone.—Mr. Stannard, in thanking the members for their confidence, stated that every name in the annual report was that of a live member, everyone having paid the last year's contribution, so that the North-Eastern Division was up to date.

Ringling was indulged in till a late hour, one ringer of 13 boasting that he had not left the belfry till he had rung the 2nd to a course of Cambridge.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. GLOUCESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester Branch was held at Barnwood on Saturday, November 29th, when 29 members from various towers attended, including visitors from Swindon and Stroud. Ringling commenced at 3 p.m., and a short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. F. H. V. Paton), who extended a hearty welcome to the members, and gave a very helpful address on the vocation of ringers. Following the service, the company adjourned to the Schoolroom, where an excellent tea had been provided, through the kind generosity of the chairman of the branch (Mr. W. B. Wood) and the Rev. F. H. V. Paton.

After tea, Mr. Wood took the chair for the business meeting, at which the hon. secretary presented his report, which showed that nine meetings had been held during the year, with an attendance of 150 members, and an average of just over 10 per meeting.

Mr. W. B. Wood was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year; Mr. W. H. Harris, secretary; and Mr. J. Austin as representative on the management committee.

Mr. Wood and Mr. Harris thanked the members for the confidence placed in them by re-electing them, and said they would both serve the branch to the best of their ability.

Mr. J. Austin informed the members he had heard that afternoon of the death of an old and respected friend of that association when living in Gloucester, Mr. W. J. Sevier, and he asked the members to stand in silence in their places to show their respect for the departed.

The Vicar also said that their veteran, Mr. H. Mitchell, had been removed to the Gloucester Royal Infirmary to undergo an operation, and the secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Mrs. H. Mitchell.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. F. H. V. Paton and Mr. Wood for their kindness in providing tea, and to Mrs. J. Waite for arranging same; also to the Misses Waite for kindly waiting upon the members at the tea-table.

The next meeting is to be held at Brockworth, it being left to the secretary to arrange a date.

The members then returned to the tower, and further ringling was indulged in.

LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

On Saturday last the wedding took place of one of the lady ringer at the St. Mary's Church, Handsworth, Sheffield, the bride being Miss Maud Gough, and the bridegroom, Mr. Albert Downing. The members of the Ringers' Guild attended the service, after which three short touches of Bob Major, Kent and Stedman Triples were rung. Owing to the funeral of a prominent resident of the village, a pause had then to be made in the ringling until after tea, when a quarter-peal of Spliced Treble Bob Major was attempted, all going well until the last course, then, too many bells desiring to stop in the slow, the ringling came to an end. A jolly evening was then spent among a happy party. The Guild members presented the happy couple with a timepiece, which was greatly admired.

TABLET UNVEILED AT AUDLEY.

On Saturday week, members of the Stoke Archidiaconal Association from Burslem, Bucknall and Norton-le-Moors, paid a visit to Audley Parish Church to take part in the ceremony of unveiling a marble peal tablet which has been placed in the tower to commemorate the ringling of a peal of 5,040 changes on February 14th last in two hours and 52 minutes by visiting ringers, this being the first complete peal on these bells which have been in the tower for 60 years. The ceremony was performed by the Vicar (the Rev. W. Sykes), who said that he would be glad to repeat the task at any time, especially if his ringers would emulate the performance. He also gave all a hearty welcome to Audley.

After the ceremony the following ringling took place: 240 Oxford Treble Bob, and the whole pull and stand, as a token of respect to the two men who were accidentally killed at the local colliery on the previous evening. Further ringling took place during the evening in the following methods: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD. VISIT TO ANCIENT RYE.

A meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, November 15th, when ringers from Ashford, Wye, Wilesborough, Rye, Mer-sham, Aldington, Burmarsh, Stone-in-Uxney, Frittenden, Rolvenden, Appledore, Biddenden and Idon, were present.

The party was met at Rye Station by Mr. J. L. Deacon, F.R.Hist.S., a member of the Guild, who conducted them to the church, where Mr. J. Price, the aged sexton, explained the architectural features and the stained glass windows, talking as one having a thorough knowledge of his subject, and loving every corner of his church. Amongst the historical things shown were the 'Vinogor' and 'Breeches' Bibles, the stone cannon balls used by the French at the invasion of Rye, and the beautiful spanish mahogany table in St. Claire Chapel, for which £2,000 had been offered and refused, the value being put at £25,000 by a former Rector.

The party then went to the Town Hall, under the guidance of Mr. Deacon, and were shown, among other things, the borough maces, said to be the finest in existence, dated 1767 (they are silver gilt, and weigh 986 ounces); a pair of Elizabethan maces, and the Mayor's bell, dated 1555, and the valuable town records. They were also privileged to be the first in Rye to see the latest addition to the town's treasures, a silver coffee pot, tea pot and cream jug, made from a part of the canopy carried at the Coronation of George III. These were the property of Mr. Slade, of Rye, one of the canopy bearers, and were only the previous day presented to Rye by one of his descendants, Mr. Deacon having brought them down from London. Amongst other objects seen in the Town Hall were 'the names of the Mayors of Rye since the time of Edward I.'; 'the pillory,' the engagement to serve under Cromwell, 1649; the skull of Breeds, the murderer; and the irons in which he was hanged in 1742. Mr. Deacon then took the party to the Gun Garden, pointing out and explaining the various objects for two hours, both instructing and interesting his hearers.

The ringers then went to the belfry, and rang touches of Kent Treble Bob and Grandsire until 5 p.m., when they adjourned for tea, after which the business meeting took place, Mr. Deacon being in the chair. Short speeches were made by the chairman (the Rev. G. Long (Aldington) and Mr. G. J. Capeling, encouraging and complimenting the ringers, remarking that sick people often asked for the windows to be opened so that they might hear the bells, and that many a downcast one had been cheered by the sound of the bells.

Mr. Young then drew the attention of the members to the presence of the 'Father' of the Guild, Mr. H. Slingsby, of Aldington, who is 87 years of age, and had that day taken part in the ringling. He also expressed the appreciation of the Guild of the kindness of the Rev. G. Long for bringing Mr. Slingsby over.

Mr. H. Balcombe (secretary) expressed his pleasure at such a good meeting, and Mr. C. Franklin then proposed that the next meeting should be at Great Chert, which was carried.

Mr. W. Everett (Ringing Master) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. G. J. Capeling for arranging the meeting, and the Rev. G. Long proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Deacon for his kindness to them that afternoon, saying how thoroughly he had enjoyed listening to him.—The appreciation of the members was shown by applause being given in the style known among Kent men as 'Kentish Fire.'

The members then returned to the belfry, and continued ringling until 8 p.m., when a very pleasant day concluded.

KING'S NORTON RINGERS.

Closely following upon the dedication of the recast peal of bells of the Parish Church, King's Norton, a meeting of the local ringers took place on December 1st. It was decided that the band be known as the St. Nicolas' Guild of Change Ringers. The Vicar (the Rev. T. S. Dunn, M.A.) was appointed president, and the following were elected as the officers of the Guild: Ringing Master, Mr. F. B. Yates; Deputy Ringing Master and conductor, Mr. P. O. Laffin; hon. secretary and treasurer, Mr. W. E. Moore. Several useful rules were adopted, and a most enthusiastic meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the president.

LADIES' GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the Western District was held at St. Michael's, Bristol, on Saturday. Members attended from Bath, Bristol, Portishead, Clapton-in-Gordano and Evercech.

The Guild's service, with an address, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. W. S. Hazledene).

A splendid tea was prepared in the Parish Room, and the business meeting followed.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Portishead in the beginning of March.

Ringling was enjoyed both at St. Michael's and St. Philip's, the latter tower being open to the members during the evening.

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

MR. BAKER'S REPLY TO REV. E. S. POWELL.

Dear Sir,—What sophistry! What jugglery! When it suits Mr. Powell's argument, the constructional shunt is the only thing that forms a method, but if it suits him to call the hunt bells the shunt then he does it!

I will give him two more examples by making the same place, as made in the two-bell shunts, on six bells; perhaps then he will be able to make up his mind which are the hunts and which are the working bells.

654321	123456
563412	214365
536142	241635
351624	426153
315264	462513
132546	645231
123564	465321

Once more the great little WE have evaded the real issue, which was the explanation of the construction of London Surprise Major, by their particular formula. Why are they so reticent about these matters when they possess such a wonderful formula to explain them?

The reason is this, they know quite well that I sent Mr. Trollope an alternative set of essential shunts to those which he is pleased to call the constructional shunts of London Surprise Major, and they are very much afraid that I should do the same thing in regard to London Surprise. They are quite right in thinking so, because if they take the obvious shunts according to their own theories, I can checkmate them at once.

I have said before, and I repeat it, that we were all dolts in years gone by not to see that composition and construction are one and the same thing. When the late Mr. H. Dains began producing peals of Original Major we all ought to have seen at once that here was the real key to method construction.

It is waste of time arguing with people of the calibre of the great little WE, so with your permission I will submit a proof that London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major are one and the same method.

THE SHUNTS OF LONDON SURPRISE.

MINOR		MINOR AND MAJOR		MAJOR	
Shunt	Lead head	Place made	Lead head	Shunt	
1 4 bell	125364	Slow 3rds	12537486	6 bell	1
2 4 "	125364		12537486	6 "	2
3 3 "	125463	Quick 4ths	12547386	5 "	3
4 2 "	143256	" 2nds	14325678	2 "	4
5 3 "	163254	" 3rds	16325478	3 "	5
6 4 "	153264	Slow 4ths	18325476	4 "	6
7 4 "	153264	" 4ths	18325476	4 "	7
(Major only)		Quick 5ths	17325486	5 "	8
" "		Slow 6ths	15327486	6 "	9
" "		" "	15327486	6 "	10
8 3 bell	123564	Minor Q. 3rds	12357486	5 "	11
(Major only)		Major Q. 5ths			
" "		Slow 6ths	12537486	6 "	12
" "		" "	12537486	6 "	13
" "		Quick 5ths	12547386	5 "	14
9 4 bell	125364	Slow 4ths	12547683	4 "	15
10 4 "	125364	" "	12547683	4 "	16
11 3 "	125463	Quick 3rds	12547638	3 "	17
12 2 "	125436	" 2nds	12543678	2 "	18
13 3 "	163254	" 4ths	17325486	5 "	19
14 4 "	153264	Slow 4ths	15327486	6 "	20
15 4 "	153264	" "	15327486	6 "	21
16 5 "	135264	Extreme	13527486	7 "	22

Very little explanatory matter will be needed in regard to the proof given above. The fixed bells in the shunts are denoted by italic type. If the fixed bells in the shunts are not sufficient evidence that Minor and Major are one and the same method, I suggest to any readers who are in doubt that they examine the coursing order of the shunt bells, the Minor with the Major, and if they are not convinced, then nothing will convince them.

I have tried to make the proof as clear as possible. I do not think your readers will have any difficulty in understanding it, and I have no doubt at all that if a vote could be taken of those who know anything about composition or construction, that the vote would be overwhelmingly in favour of my arguments, that London Surprise Minor and London Surprise Major are one and the same method.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

MR. POWELL'S 'MURDER' CASE.

Dear Sir,—I had not intended to trouble you again on this subject, for those who belittle the 'place' have put up a very poor case. Mr. Powell's 'murder,' however, is so interesting that I ask for a little space to refer to it.

If questions of criminal law, such as the charge against the perpetrator, are left out, the reasoning attributed to me is quite sound. I say, without juggling, that the unchecked bleeding is the cause of death, and not the cut artery. If Mr. Powell thinks that the cut is the cause, his postscript only shows how even a trained mind may arrive at wrong conclusions.

In writing of the real meaning of 'cause,' he says, in your issue of Oct. 10th: 'Let us try to come to some agreement as to what we mean exactly by the term. Suppose it is found in our experience, some one event always accompanies or follows another, then the first event may be said to be the cause of the other.'

It follows then that the cut, to be the cause, must always be accompanied by death, but we have many living examples that a cut artery does not cause death.—Yours sincerely,

JOSEPH W. PARKER.

5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.
December 5th, 1924.

SHUNTING.

Sir,—Had I been able to see Mr. Powell's letter the day before it was published, I could myself have followed his advice to Mr. Baker; as I unfortunately had to spend a considerable time that day in Brighton Station. Or had I been able to get to Lavenham, where I have a friend who is both stationmaster and change ringer, I could have readily obtained from him the information Mr. Powell asks for. Failing either of these, it would seem as if the stationmaster at Woodbridge would do as well. I have accordingly inquired there for the desired information, and find that Mr. Powell is quite mistaken. What he calls a railway shunt, the railwayman himself calls 'marshalling the train.' It is true that the men who do the work are called 'shunters,' but the word 'shunt' as a noun is not used on a railway. 'To shunt' means to put a train on a siding so that another can pass by.

These people who used this foolish and pedantic term are now convicted by their own Court of Appeal by using the wrong word. It is bad enough for the 'Glossary' to use the term wrongly: but for ringers to use it in a sense which is both glaringly wrong, and differs from the 'Glossary,' is inexcusable, as well as unworkmanlike.

The result is that these ringers, whose knowledge of language is not equal to their knowledge of our science—their pre-eminence in this we readily acknowledge—are misunderstanding one another, and confusing us.—Yours etc.,

Ufford Rectory.

HERBERT DRAKE.

COINCIDENCES AT SHREWSBURY.

The peal rung at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, on Saturday, to celebrate Queen Alexandra's 80th birthday, was the first 'local' peal of Caters at this church for 116 years, the previous peal having been a 10.097 rung in 6 hrs. 50 mins., on April 5th, 1808. It is a coincidence that in both these peals there took part, a schoolmaster, a saddler and a butcher, while a Leo also rang in each.

The band who rang the peal on Saturday have learnt their Cater ringing at St. Chad's, under the tuition of the Ringing Master, Mr. C. R. Lilley, and his band (including five youths of only 17 years) is the youngest to ring a peal of Caters in Salop, and probably the youngest anywhere to ring a peal of Caters on such heavy bells. The striking was excellent from start to finish, and the band were afterwards complimented by listeners upon their performance.

TANFIELD GUILD PRESENTATION.

On Tuesday, December 2nd, the Tanfield Guild had a pleasant duty to perform in presenting Mr. F. Lowe, the 'father' of the band, with a gold bell pendant upon his leaving the parish, after spending close on 60 years in the village, and working for the church all the time, first as a Sunday School teacher, then for 21 years in the choir, and after that for 34 years as bell ringer, and three years as people's churchwarden, a record to be proud of.

The Master of the Guild, after referring to the many happy days they had spent together, called upon the Rev. A. W. Lister to make the presentation, which he did in a very happy speech, in which he alluded to the good work Mr. Lowe had done in the church. He hoped that he would live many years yet, and still come to the belfry when the weather permitted.

Mr. Lowe, on rising, was deeply affected, and said he was sore at heart at leaving the church and friends among whom he had spent the best part of his life, but he would still come among them when the weather would permit him. He very warmly thanked the Guild for their gift.

Afterwards some good touches of Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor were rung, and brought the happy proceedings to a close.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

NEWCASTLE, STAFFS.—For evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, at St. Giles' Church, a silent 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Smith 1, A. J. Barker 2, E. King 3, A. Vaughan 4, W. A. Alliman 5, H. Vaughan 6, C. Morley 7, C. E. Morley 8. Umpire: S. Morley.

WORSLEY, LANCs.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evensong, 1,440 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 56 mins.: W. Jones 1, S. Jones 2, J. Freeman 3, J. Bolton 4, J. Ridyard 5, A. Ridyard 6, J. H. Ridyard (conductor) 7, P. H. Derbyshire 8. Longest length for the 2nd and 3rd ringers.

CHILVERS COTON, NUNEATON.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Rayson 1, Miss E. Lewis 2, Miss G. Godds 3, A. E. Beamish (conductor) 4, Miss M. Godderidge 5, H. Wright 6, J. S. Moreton 7, R. Moreton 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Wright.—On December 2nd, 720 Bob Minor: Miss G. Godds 1, C. Rayson (first 720 with a bob bell, and first attempt) 2, C. Draper 3, H. Wright 4, A. E. Beamish (conductor) 5, J. S. Moreton 6.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, a quarter-peal of Minor, being 720 Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Treble Bob, 180 Plain Bob: F. Cherit 1, F. Tubb 2, W. Webb 3, P. Blake 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.—After service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: G. Saunders 1, W. Webb 2, F. Tubb 3, B. Tubb 4, F. Blake 5, F. Barker 6. Rung for the special service for the institution of the new Rector for Finchley, Rev. Bernays, late of Stanmore.

PRESTBURY, GLOS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: H. Webb 1, T. Pendry 2, H. Newman 3, W. Yeend 4, J. Causon 5, C. Tovey 6, W. Hale (conductor) 7, J. Harrison 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor for his 61st birthday.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, for evensong, 1,263 Stedman Caters: Miss E. E. Chapman 1, W. E. Garrard 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, F. A. V. Sinkins 4, R. Congreve-Pridgen 5, C. W. Roberts (conductor) 6, A. E. Bradley 7, J. Carman 8, H. G. Miles 9, G. W. Frayne 10.

LEATHERHEAD.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: A. H. Winch 1, A. Harman 2, Miss I. Hastie 3, J. Hoyle 4, A. C. Otway 5, G. Cook 6, G. Marriner 7, J. H. White 8, E. Hull 9, A. Dean (conductor) 10.

BARNET, HERTS.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, (St. Andrew's Day), a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Caseley 1, A. S. Crane 2, F. Chandler 3, J. A. Dart (conductor) 4, J. Sumpter 5, F. A. Milne 6, N. A. Tomlinson 7, G. Herbert 8.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Advent Sunday, upon the occasion of a visit by the Bishop of Kensington, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for morning service: Miss G. Baker 1, Miss D. G. Peltham 2, H. Chandler 3, Miss P. Moss 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 5, H. Folkard 6, P. Jones 7, R. Carter 8, W. Honor 9, J. H. Lucas 10.

TOTTENHAM.—At All Hallows', on Sunday evening, Nov. 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. P. Roe (first quarter-peal) 1, H. A. Barnett 2, S. W. Crabb 3, W. J. Ellis (conductor) 4, H. W. H. Strickland 5, E. A. Hull 6, H. Ellis 7, W. Patmore 8.

HANLEY, STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 23rd, for evening service, 840 Stedman Triples: H. Sargeant 1, H. Allcock 2, P. A. Dale 3, P. E. Eardley 4, S. Sargeant 5, J. Prophett 6, S. Cardell (conductor) 7, W. H. Degg 8.

CLAPHAM, BEDS.—On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, at St. Thomas's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Cooper 1, H. Smith 2, W. Whitlock 3, R. Shimmons 4, L. Williams (conductor) 5, J. Barker 6. Rung in honour of the visit of the Rev. Canon Boot, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, who was the preacher at morning and evening service.

RISHTON, LANCs.—For evening service, on Sunday, November 23rd, 1,008 Bob Major: C. Ayres 1, P. France 2, F. Winfield 3, C. Blakey 4, A. Ingham 5, B. Crabtree 6, L. Williams (conductor) 7, H. Boardman 8.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. Vale 1, R. E. Summers 2, H. Kemp 3, W. Colwell 4, H. Taylor 5, A. Bushnell 6, W. Poston (conductor) 7, J. Bushnell 8.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday, November 9th, for morning service, 224 Double Norwich, and for evening service, 576 Cambridge Surprise Major: E. Dumper 1, J. D. Harris 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, O. H. Giles 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, W. T. Tucker 8.—For afternoon service, at St. Mary's, Southampton, 336 Bob Major and 336 Stedman Triples. These touches were arranged to meet Mr. J. D. Harris, of St. Mary's, Portsea.

COLESHILL.—On Sunday, Nov. 7th, 504 Bob Triples: R. Hancet 1, F. Clayton (conductor) 2, E. Morris 3, J. Fife 4, T. Goldby 5, C. Dale 6, J. Bayliss 7, W. Simmonds 8. Also 252 Canterbury Pleasure, and 168 Grandsire Triples.—On handbells, 120 Stedman Doubles: C. Dale 1—2, F. Clayton 3—4, J. Bayliss 5—6; and another: F. Clayton 1—2, J. Bayliss 3—4, C. Dale 5—6. These are the first 120 on handbells, double-handed, by Messrs. Dale and Bayliss. Also 180 Bob Minor and three leads of Kent Treble Bob.

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS.—At the Cathedral, for evening service, on November 9th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. F. Clulow 1, G. E. Padgett 2, T. Foster 3, F. Pickard 4, E. Foster 5, J. F. Milner (conductor) 6, A. J. Chamberlain 7, G. W. Kirk 8. Longest by the local band. Also 112 Grandsire Triples.—On the preceding Sunday, 360 Stedman Triples, G. E. Padgett conductor.

ERTH, KENT.—On Sunday, November 2nd, at the Church of St. John-the-Baptist, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 minutes, by the following: L. J. Culham 1, W. Axtel 2, F. Axtel 3, F. J. Culham, senr., 4, R. Culham 6, H. A. Holden 6, F. J. Culham, junr. (conductor) 7, O. Robinson 8.

LYSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, on Sunday, November 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Walker 1, F. Payne 2, T. H. Payne 3, H. Humphrey 4, A. H. Mansfield 5, E. F. Payne 6, W. Moore (conductor) 7, W. Wright 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Miss K. Hensman, interred at Clipstone, Market Harborough, on November 1st, who was for nine years school teacher, and an ardent church worker in this parish.

WILESDEN.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: Miss R. Hawksworth 1, E. Lankester 2, G. M. Kilby 3, W. G. Matthews 4, J. A. Trollope (conductor) 5, F. H. Crook 6, H. Kilby 7, C. V. Ebberson 8.

PENWORTHAM, LANCs.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Taylor (conductor) 1, B. A. Knights 2, J. T. Bimson 3, J. R. Taylor 4, W. E. Loxham 5, J. Gornall 6.—On Oct. 19th, 720 Kent: J. R. Taylor 1, B. A. Knights 2, W. J. Hazel (London) 3, E. W. Hutchinson 4, W. E. Loxham 5, W. Taylor (conductor) 6.

LEYLAND.—On Sunday, Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Hazel 1, E. Watkinson 2, P. Watkinson 3, J. T. Bimson 4, H. France 5, B. A. Knights (conductor) 6, E. Bannister 7, W. Heald 8.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for Matins, on harvest thanksgiving Sunday, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. Richardson 1, J. Jennings 2, C. H. Howard 3, E. Townsend 4, A. Piper 5, F. Suckling (conductor) 6.

WORMINGFORD, ESSEX.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 5th, for harvest festival, 720 Bob Minor: G. Balls 1, A. Worth 2, G. Clarke 3, W. Leggett 4, E. Leggett (conductor) 5, F. Clarke 6.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for morning service, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Withers (conductor) 1, L. S. Griffiths 2, E. Rose 3, G. Pigott 4, J. Withers, senr., 5, J. Withers, junr., 6.

DESFORD.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sept. 28th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 50 mins.: H. Paul 1, G. Wright 2, A. Langton 3, F. Mears 4, J. Taylor (conductor) 5, W. Sargeant 6. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th belong to Thurlaston.

LEWISHAM, KENT.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, Oct. 5th, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: C. H. Walker 1, F. Fraser 2, J. J. Lamb 3, H. Warnett, senr., 4, G. R. Simmonds 5, J. Hurrell 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8. Rung on the occasion of harvest festival.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, for evensong, 1,260 Stedman Triples: A. Cutmore 1, Miss F. E. Chapman 2, Miss F. E. Orr 3, C. F. Winney (conductor) 4, H. Dyas 5, E. A. Hull 6, C. W. Roberts 7, E. Davis 8. After service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major. These touches were rung on the occasion of the harvest festival.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 5th, at St. Margaret's, 686 Grandsire Triples: J. Morris 1, F. Sharman 2, L. Whitehead 3, A. Ballard 4, T. Bent 5, G. S. Morris (conductor) 6, E. Morris 7, J. Grant 8.

SHREWSBURY.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, at St. Chad's for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 55 mins. (1,259 changes): J. Bain 1, C. Lee 2, J. Griffiths 3, J. E. Lilley 4, R. Pole 5, J. Evans 6, W. Fairhead 7, W. T. Goodfellow (first quarter-peal) 8, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 9, H. Jones 10. First quarter peal of Caters by 1st, 2nd and 6th.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 11th, for the Armistice, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 42 mins., with the bells open: J. Parker 1, J. Brassington 2, G. Addison 3, J. Mathews 4, J. Bradshaw 5, R. Sherratt 6, A. Allman (conductor) 7, A. Astbury 8. First quarter-peal for treble and 3rd. All are Sunday Service ringers.

ASHCHURCH.—On Sept. 28th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: R. Niblett (first 720 Minor) 1, F. Harris 2, J. Attwood 3, T. Harris 4, T. Price (Stonehouse) 5, O. Attwood (conductor) 6.

BREWOOD, STAFFORD.—On Sunday, Sept. 28th, for morning service, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, but came to grief in the last course: A. J. Taylor 1, F. Blowitt 2, T. Perry 3, G. Warner 4, A. G. Hunt 5, J. J. Taylor 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, H. G. Booth 8. This was arranged for Mr. Taylor and his son, of Stafford, and was the treble ringer's longest length of Stedman.—On Sunday, Oct. 5th, for evening service, on the occasion of the harvest festival, an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, but which came to grief after 800 changes had been rung.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30; service 5.30; meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to the Sec., Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The fourth annual social of the Preston branch will be held at Preston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The Preston parish bells will be available from 2 o'clock to 4.45; also the bells of Preston St. Mark and Penwortham from 2 o'clock to 4.30. Tea in Parish Church Schools at 5 o'clock prompt, followed by whist and social. A hearty invitation is extended to all ringers and friends. Tickets 2s. 6d. each.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting of the Western Division will be held at Queensbury on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The bells (8, tenor 15 cwt.) will be available for ringing after 2.30 p.m. For further particulars see circulars.—F. Hopwood, Hon. Dis. Sec., 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke.

LADIES' GUILD.—Midland District.—The next meeting will be held at Coseley on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 3.30. Service in the church 5 o'clock. Tea 5.30. Gentlemen cordially invited.—Mrs. Groves, 43, Malvern Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open for ringing at 2.30 p.m. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5 p.m., to be followed by a short business meeting. The bells of St. Saviour's will also be available from 6.30 to 8 p.m. Half rail fares allowed (maximum 1s.).—Geo. W. Stokes, Hon. Dis. Sec., 22, Melbourne Road, Eastbourne.

DEVON GUILD OF RINGERS.—North-Eastern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Tiverton, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (8) available from 2.30. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5, 1s. each.—Miss M. Hanson, Hon. Sec., 2, The Avenue, Tiverton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The Annual district meeting will be held at Brentwood on Saturday, December 13th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Service and tea will be arranged, followed by business meeting for the election of officers for 1925.—W. H. Theobald, Hon. Dis. Sec., 49, The Portway, E.15.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Hinckley District.—A meeting of this branch will be held at Higham-on-the-Hill on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. Cotton, Local Hon. Sec., Hinckley.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.—Oundle and Peterborough Branches.—A meeting will be held at Warmington on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service at 4.30. Tea, 1s., to follow.—F. Wilford, Master.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Leominster and Presteign District.—At Lyonshall, reopening of the bells and combined practice on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Service at 4 p.m. Address by the Lord Bishop of Hereford. Tea provided free to ringers.—Jabez Preece, Hon. Dis. Sec., Staunton-on-Arrow, Pembroge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Nottingham District.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower open 4.30 to 6.30. Lecture in St. Mary's Institute, Barkergate, at 7 p.m., by the Rev. R. F. Wilkinson; subject: 'History of Church Bells and Founders of Notts.' Lecture to commence at 7.30. All ringers welcome.—F. Blood, Hon. Sec.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Archdeaconry of Ely.—A meeting will be held at Fen Ditton, near Cambridge, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (5) available afternoon and evening.—A. E. Austin, Hon. Sec., 4, Hills View, Great Shelford, Cambs.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready at 3.30. Service 5.30. Meeting 6. Members intending to be present please send word to secretary.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Horbury (SS. Peter and Leonard).—The reopening of the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Short service in church at 4 o'clock. A cordial invitation is offered to all ringers. Tea will be provided at 1s. 6d. each.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North-Western Division.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, Dec. 13th. The bells will be available during the afternoon. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting to follow at the Chequers Hotel.—F. Dench, 39, Pleasant Valley, Saffron Walden.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above will be held at St. Peter's, Bedford, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. All members are requested to attend. Bells from 3 p.m. Tea at 5.—L. Turner, Dis. Sec.

SWANSEA AND BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.—Brecon District.—The next quarterly practice will be held at Brecon on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Tower of St. Mary's (8 bells) open from 2 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m., by invitation of Canon E. A. T. Roberts, Sub-Dean. Committee meeting at 3 p.m., to draw up rules for ringing competition.—W. R. Howells, Hon. Sec., The Elms, Brecon.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Devizes on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells (St. John's 8, St. Mary's 6, St. James' 6) ready at 3 p.m. Service at St. John's 4.40. Tea at 5 (St. John's Parish Room). Meeting directly after tea. All ringers welcome. If tea required please write to F. Green, Hon. Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.—The next meeting of the above will be at Great Chart on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged.—H. Balcomb, Hon. Sec., Appledore, Kent.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Fylde Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. John's and St. Peter's, Lytham, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells ready 2.30. Business 5.30.—C. Sharples, Branch Sec., 3, Rutland Gate, Blackpool.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Western District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Consett on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Blackhill (8), Consett (8) and Benfieldside (6) will be available 3 p.m. Tea will be provided for those who send me notice.—H. Tyson, 23, Bungalow, Tanfield Lea.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bristol Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the Bristol branch of the above association will be held at Westbury-on-Trym on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow.—P. C. Williams, Branch Hon. Sec., 22, Bruce Avenue, Easton, Bristol.

THORNBURY, NORTH DEVON. — Re-opening of the bells at St. Peter's Church, recently restored by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, Bell Works, Chagford, Devon, to-morrow (Saturday), Dec. 13th, at 2 p.m. Ringing at intervals. Tea and entertainment to follow. Ringers welcome.—A. J. O. Roberts, Hon. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at S. James', Poole, on Saturday, Dec. 13th. Ringing from 2.30; Service at 4.30. Address by the Master of the Guild, Rev. R. H. Gundry. Tea at Church House at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—C. A. Phillips, Hon. Branch Sec.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. — Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at *St. Paul's Cathedral on December 30th; *St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 16th; all at 7.30 p.m.; St. Andrew's, Holborn, on the 18th, at 8 p.m. *Business meeting afterwards. — William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. — H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Northern District.—A meeting will be held on Saturday, Dec. 20th, at St. Dunstan-in-the-East, from 2.30 to 5 p.m., and St. Mary, Whitechapel, from 4.30 to 6. Tea by invitation of the Rector of Whitechapel at 6 p.m., in the Vestry. Business meeting at 6.45. Tower open till 8.30. Northern members specially requested to attend, all others heartily welcome.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. — E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the belfry.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

REDENHALL.—Rehung bells open for ringing on Boxing Day. Dinner, 3s. 6d., at Swan Hotel, Harleston, at 1 p.m. Names by 22nd to Fred R. Borrett, Pulham Market, Diss.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Friday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Committee meeting at 3.30. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells available from mid-day and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The following arrangements have been made for the next quarterly meeting at Long Eaton on Jan. 17th: Tower (8 bells) open for ringing 2.30 to 4.45, and after general meeting until 9 o'clock. Sawley tower (8 bells) open from 6 to 9. The committee meet at 4.15 at the Co-operative Cafe Committee Room. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Co-operative Cafe, 2s. per head. General meeting to follow after tea, in the same room. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. Geary, 25, Park Street, Long Eaton, Notts, by Jan. 15th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derby.

LONG MELFORD.—Holy Trinity Church. — Bells available for visitors every Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Also from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. first Sunday in each month. Intending visiting companies to inform me not later than first post Saturdays.—H. S. Richold, Westgate Street, Long Melford.

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The members of St. Mary's Parish Church, Cheltenham, and St. Mary's Guild of Ringers, met on Tuesday night of last week at the residence of the captain, Mr. W. T. Pates, for their annual supper. After a very enjoyable repast, and the toast of 'The King' had been honoured, the evening was spent under the chairmanship of Mr. W. W. Bastin. Songs, recitations, and selections on the handbells were rendered by the members present, different touches being most artistically given, including some well-known hymn tunes. One feature of the evening's entertainment was the song rendered by Miss Humphris, daughter of Mr. A. W. Humphris, who was, with the captain, one of the ringers of the celebrated long peal of 1889. The members present who included Mr. Macpherson, a friend of Mr. Pates, were Messrs. Humphris, Brinkworth, Parsons, Hayward, Clements, Collier, Harley, Whittle, and Lewis. After a good time, the evening, which each member said was one of the best of many held, concluded at midnight, with all joining in the singing of 'Auld Lang Syne.'

BRIDGNORTH RINGERS IN WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Saturday, Nov. 8th, the ringers of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Bridgnorth, had a most enjoyable outing. Leaving Bridgnorth by motor, shortly after 10 a.m., the first stop was at Droitwich, where the light musical ring of six bells were soon set going to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. The next stop was Worcester, where a substantial dinner was partaken of at Mr. Watkin's Restaurant, after which a move was made to St. John's Church, where the visitors were met by Mr. W. Lewis, and the local ringers. Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, and a move then made for Madresfield. The Master and hon. secretary of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association, and Mr. C. Camm, of Upton-on-Severn, met the party. The bells of the Parish Church were set going to Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor and Kent Treble Bob Minor.

Going on next to Malvern Link, the visitors enjoyed a pull on the fine ring of eight bells, and three of the younger members rang their first touches of Triples and Major, with the help of Messrs. R. G. Knowles, S. T. Holt, C. Camm, and some of the local ringers. A good tea was the next item, and tracks were made for home, which was reached about 9.40. The party wish to take this opportunity of thanking the respective Vicars for the use of the bells; Mr. R. G. Knowles, of Madresfield, and Mr. W. Lewis, of St. John's, Worcester, for so kindly making all arrangements; and Messrs. Holt and Camm and the local ringers for meeting them and making the outing such a success.

A DATE TOUCH.

On Monday evening, December 1st, at All Saints' Church, Retendon, a date touch (1,924 changes) was rung in 1 hr. 4 mins., consisting of 720 each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, 384 of Plain Bob, and 100 of Grandsire Doubles: Gunner A. D. Whetton, R.H.A., 1, A. Cardy 2, Gunner W. S. May, R.G.A., 3, R. Whetton 4, F. May (conductor) 5, F. Jay 6. This was especially arranged for the ringers of 1st and 3rd, who were home on leave from Woolwich. It was also the longest touch for ringers of 1st and 4th, and the longest touch for F. May as conductor.

LONDON. — On Friday, October 3rd, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. J. King (conductor) 1, W. Hardy 2, W. E. T. Hewson 3, F. Warrington (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, G. W. Harris 5, F. Martin 6, T. H. Tuffender 7, R. Newman (first quarter-peal) 8. F. Warrington is from Long Stanton, Cambridge.

READING, BERKS. — On Tuesday, Sept. 30th, at St. Giles' Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 52 mins.: H. Simmonds 1, L. T. Osborne 2, A. Jeffery 3, A. Evans 4, G. Wiggin 5, F. Humfrey 6, G. Cook 7, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 8. Rung previous to the opening ceremony of the new hall adjoining the church, which was performed by Mrs. G. W. Palmer.

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BELFRY DANGERS.

The fatality which occurred at Thetford last week is an unpleasant reminder that danger lurks in the belfry. A clock repairer went among the bells to carry out some slight adjustment to a clock hammer while some of the bells were up. Exactly what happened will never be known, but it is surmised that while down under a bell he pushed against the slider and the bell turned over, crushing him to death and pinning his body against the bell frame. The injuries received were of a terrible nature, and death must have been practically instantaneous.

It is, happily, seldom that such a tragedy happens in a belfry, but it provides a lesson in the dangers of leaving bells up. In this instance it can be said that the unfortunate old gentleman was not ignorant of the peril which he ran, and it may have been a case of familiarity breeding contempt; but that only adds, in our opinion, to the importance of never leaving bells up when there is any possibility of anyone being able to get amongst them. As a matter of fact, there is seldom any need to leave up bells of average weight, and the argument that to do so saves time or trouble is a poor one. In the case of very heavy bells there may be some excuse for not lowering them after they have been used, but wherever bells are left up and for whatever reason, special precautions should always be taken. The belfry door should be locked, the ropes drawn up out of reach, and a large notice placed in a conspicuous position giving warning of the danger. But there is no question that the safe plan is to let the bells down after ringing. Whenever they are left up there is always the risk, as at Thetford, of some person going to the belfry for a special purpose, and meeting with an accident, when, so far as the ringers may have been aware, no one was likely to have access to the tower. The practice of leaving the bells up all the week prevails in a great many places, but it cannot be too strongly deprecated. There is no real harm done to bells or fittings by leaving them up, unless it be that a deep set bell may strain the stay or slider, but there is a real risk of harm in other directions.

And while on this question of belfry peril, may we once more refer to the danger to ringers who go up among the bells in the dark, perhaps to turn a clapper or some such thing? To do this is simply inviting trouble. However familiar a man may be with the particular bell frame, the operation is full of risks which it is folly to court, and yet it is constantly done. Wherever it is possible, church authorities should be induced to extend the lighting system to the bell chamber, and at very least

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a proper lantern should be provided. These two points—the danger of leaving bells up and the risks of going among them in the dark—might well be emphasised by associations at every opportunity, for it seems that 'education' in this department is still sadly needed.

TWELVE BELL PEAL.

CHELMSFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,
AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS 5280 CHANGES:

Tenor 34½ cwt.

WILLIAM H. HEWETT ... Treble	CYRIL C. PEASE 7
ALBERT W. COLES 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
GEORGE R. PYE 3	LEWIS W. WIFFIN 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	HAROLD W. CLARK 10
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	REUBEN SANDERS 11
FRANK I. HAIRS 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH. Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Cambridge Maximus.

Next week, owing to Christmas, 'The Ringing World' will be sent to press much earlier than usual.

All communications intended for that issue must reach us by Monday next, the 22nd inst.

Conductors of peals rung to-morrow (Saturday), are particularly requested to dispatch their reports the same night.

TEN BELL PEALS.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING Treble	SAM JONES, JUN. 6
GEORGE R. JONES 2	JAMES H. RIDING 7
HARRY F. HOLDING 3	EDWARD JENKINS 8
HARRY OVERTON 4	RICHARD T. HOLDING 9
RICHARD D. LANGFORD 5	* WILLIAM EDGE Tenor

Composed by A. B. CARPENTER. Conducted by J. H. RIDING.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Caters as conductor. A birthday compliment to Mr. S. Jones, senr., of Eccleston, Chester.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

ALFRED WINCH Treble	JOHN HOYLE 6
CHARLES HAZLEDEN 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 7
JOHN BEAMS 3	JOHN WHITE 8
GEORGE MARRINER 4	ALBERT HARMAN 9
JOHN HOWES 5	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN. Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

First peal of Royal since the rehanging of the bells.

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

(THE CHRIST CHURCH SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 25 cwt.

† ALFRED G. CRANE Treble	† JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
† ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK 2	† JOHN E. MILLER 7
† NORMAN A. TOMLINSON 3	† HARRY MILLER 8
* DONALD H. PINK 4	EDMUND G. TOMLINSON 9
WILLIAM PICKWORTH 5	† GEORGE BESTER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by J. ARMSTRONG.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells away from the tenor. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of treble and tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS & SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1924 in Three Hours and Thirty-Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5050 CHANGES;
MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 21 cwt.

* ROBERT TURNER Treble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
† HARRY WINGROVE 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
* FREDERICK S. J. BOLT 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	CECIL C. MAYNE Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal. † First Surprise peal.

SHOREHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED E. BACON Treble	FRANK J. TERRY 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
JOHN J. LAMB 3	WALTER N. ASHBY 7
ROBERT BRETT SMITH 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, No. 317. Conducted by J. E. SYKES.

First peal of Kent on the bells and first attempt for a peal of Kent by F. J. Terry.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WELLINGBOROUGH BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANGES
Tenor 10½ cwt.

* ARTHUR BELLAMY Treble	* ARTHUR BIGLEY 5
JAMES T. WARD 2	* GEORGE BASFORD 6
† JOHN J. MAWBY 3	WALTER PERRINS 7
* HARRY CHAMBERS 4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS. Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. Rung to celebrate the birthday of A. Perkins and J. Ward. Ringers of 1 and 6 hail from Finedon, the rest from Irtlingborough.

STRANTON, WEST HARTLEPOOL,
CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

* THOMAS W. DOBSON Treble	ROBERT WEBSTER 5
FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
GEORGE KEMBALL 3	JOHN LOWERY 7
FRANK BARBER 4	THOMAS LANCASTER Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN. Conducted by THOMAS LANCASTER.

* First peal in the method.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Monday, December 8, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

JOHN GOOCH Treble	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 5
ALPHEUS J. BERRY 2	LESLIE G. BRETT 6
GEORGE PRYKE 3	LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 7
GEORGE FARNISH 4	T. WILLIAM LAST Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by T. W. LAST.

The ringers represent eight different parishes, viz., Coddenham, Thornham, Otley, Ashbocking, Debenham, Framsdon, Crettingham and Helmingham respectively. The peal was arranged as a birthday peal for J. Gooch, and the hand tender their thanks to him and Mrs. Gooch for their hospitality after the peal.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWARD LANKESTER Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	THOMAS NEWMAN 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON 4	HARRY KILBY Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

First peal in the method ever rung. It was accomplished without previous practice.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb. in D.

* GEORGE PETTER Treble	HARRY BURDOCK 5
* CHARLES N. BURDOCK 2	* WILLIAM R. MELVILLE 6
* JOHN T. SCOTT 3	GEORGE W. STEERE 7
C.Q.M.S.G. GILBERT, R.E. 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

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

Rung to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the first peal by the Holy Trinity Society. * First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells since they were recast. The company wish to associate with this peal Mr. H. Hutton, who was unavoidably absent, after standing in two previous attempts, and also to thank Mr. G. Petter for obliging at the last moment.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, WATERMOOR.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART	Tenor 20 cwt.
ARTHUR PARSONS Treble	FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5
WILFRED G. COOK 2	GEORGE DORE 6
WILLIAM C. CUSS 3	WILFRED H. HAYWARD 7
* HORACE GASSOR 4	FREDERICK EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

* First peal and first attempt. This was the conductor's 100th peal.

MIDDLESBROUGH.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.	Tenor 13 cwt.
FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT Treble	* CECIL ROBINSON 5
* GEORGE WORTHY 2	THOMAS LANCASTER 6
* FRANK BARBER 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
* WILLIAM AINSWORTH 4	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on his 50th birthday.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

*THOMAS BEVAN Treble	ROBERT E. SUMMERS 5
WILLIAM T. POSTON 2	JOHN J. BEVAN 6
*JAMES BLAKE 3	WILLIAM POSTON 7
*WILLIAM POWELL 4	*ROBERT SUMMERS Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal on 8 bells. First peal on the bells since the addition of two trebles by Mears and Stainbank in September. All the ringers are members of the local band. Rung at first attempt.

CHRISTLETON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*GEORGE F. SPERRING Treble	JOHN W. DAVIES 5
ROBERT SPERRING 2	ARTHUR NEWELL 6
ALBERT J. HUGHES 3	WALTER THOMAS 7
EDWARD V. RODENBURST 4	GEORGE R. JONES Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD. Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

* First peal of Major. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 3rd and 7th.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORFOLK GUILD.

On Thursday, December 11, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS.

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 16 lb.

WILLIAM CLOVER Treble	ERNEST V. BLAKE 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 2	GEORGE MAYERS 6
B. E. BASSINGTHWAIGHTE 3	GEORGE H. MOORE 7
WALTER FARROW 4	GEORGE H. CROSS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

TAMWORTH, STAFFS.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTAN'S. Tenor 22 cwt.

*GEORGE E. LARGE Treble	GEORGE CHAPLIN 5
GEORGE H. PEERS 2	JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON 6
CHARLES CHAPMAN 3	JAMES PRATT 7
ARTHUR J. MARKS 4	CYRIL PRATT Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH W. PEMBERTON.

* First peal in the method, and proposed a member before starting.

WEST HARTLEPOOL.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AIDEN.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN H. BALMFORTH Treble	JOHN LOWERY 5
THOMAS LANCASTER 2	WILLIAM ELLERINGTON 6
THOMAS W. DOBSON 3	FREDERICK P. HOWCROFT 7
JOHN BALMFORTH 4	THOMAS METCALFE Tenor

Composed by G. F. ALEXANDER. Conducted by T. METCALFE.

COLN ST. ALDWYNS, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt. in A.

GEORGE LAW Treble	WILFRED H. HAYWARD 5
WILLIAM C. CUSS 2	JOHN HOPE 6
WILFRED G. COOKE 3	VICTOR R. WILLIAMS 7
GEORGE J. WINTER 4	JOSEPH SMITH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOPE.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt. in E.

GEORGE WILSON Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY 5
CHARLES F. BAILEY 2	GEORGE BAILEY 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	JAMES G. RUMSEY Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by C. F. BAILEY.
200th peal on these bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Wilson.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ALFRED HACKETT Treble	ERNEST J. BROOKS 5
THOMAS J. SALTER 2	JOHN SMITH 6
JOHN BASS 3	SAMUEL GROVE 7
WILLIAM B. CARTWRIGHT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. PIGOTT. Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

This is the 50th peal by A. Hackett.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT.

A PEAL OF YORKSHIRE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDWARD ROBBINS Treble	BERNARD DITCHER 5
JESSE J. MOSS 2	† J. FREDERICK MILNER 6
*CHARLES MASON 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL 7
*J. EDWARD CAWSE 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS. Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Surprise. First peal in the method in the county.

CAYTHORPE, Lincs.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VINCENT.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

SIDNEY PROCTOR Treble	WILLIAM H. DALE 5
CHARLES MCGUINESS 2	*CHARLES V. CADE 6
HARRY BARNES 3	ARNOLD HILL 7
GEORGE CHESTER 4	WILLIAM H. LLOYD Tenor

Composed by J. BARKER. Conducted by W. H. LLOYD.

* First peal of Major, and hails from Scothorne, Lincs; treble ringer is from Grantham; 2nd, 4th and tenor from Lincoln; the 5th from Barkston; and 3rd and 7th from Tickhill, Yorks. A. Hill was proposed a life member of the Guild before commencing the peal. A birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th.

STONY STRATFORD.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

† ALFRED CLARKE Treble	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS 5
HERBERT E. TOMPKINS 2	HERBERT C. EDWARDS 6
EDWIN YATES 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 7
* W. M. J. PEDLEY 4	† WILLIAM G. CLARK Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST C. LAMBERT.

* First peal by 4th ringer. † First peal on eight. All the above are service ringers at St. Giles' Church. Rung for the induction of the Vicar (the Rev. E. A. Steer) by the Bishop of Buckingham.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5840 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt. 23 lb. in F.	
† HARRY W. MARTIN Treble		† KENNETH R. ELLIOTT 5	
* HARRY SMITH 2		ROWLAND BARROW 6	
JAMES POLE 3		† HORACE REEVE 7	
ALBAN DISNEY 4		* J. ARTHUR BISHOP Tenor	

Conducted by ROWLAND BARROW.

* First peal. † First peal 'inside.' ‡ First of Triples. First of Triples as conductor. First peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. John Taylor and Co. This is the first peal by an entirely local band at this church. Ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 7th were made members of the association previous to starting the peal.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(BRISTOL BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 12, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... Treble	RAYMOND C. SEAGER 5
EDGAR GUISE 2	WILLIAM H. PARKER 6
* ALBERT PARKER 3	HENRY B. BURT 7
EDWIN J. BROWN 4	GEORGE TREW Tenor

Composed by JOHN REEVES (adapted). Conducted by E. GUISE.

* First peal. Arranged as a birthday compliment to Miss Norah Trew.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF STEEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SEN. ... Treble	J. CHARLES DICKENS 5
EDGAR C. SHEPHERD 2	WILLIAM A. JAMES 6
FREDERICK S. PRICE 3	FREDERICK W. BAILEY 7
PERCY PIKE 4	ALFRED B. MOSS Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. BAILEY.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a farewell to W. A. James, who is leaving the district.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

FRED J. LAMBERT, SEN. ... Treble	WILLIAM COLLISON 5
* BERNARD V. COLLISON 2	ROBERT T. LAMBERT 6
REGINALD E. LAMBERT 3	HERBERT MARKWELL 7
FREDERICK WHITE 4	STAFFORD H. GREEN Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF. Conducted by S. H. GREEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. J. Lambert, wife of the ringer of the treble. * First peal in the method.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK CORDINGLEY Treble	PERCY WHEATLEY 5
WILLIAM BARTON 2	* EDWIN HUDSON 6
GEORGE W. STEEL 3	JOHN AMBLER 7
* WILFRED WHEATLEY 4	WILFRED LEE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN. Conducted by WILLIAM BARTON.

* First peal. Ringers of 4th, 5th, 6th and tenor from Calverley; 3rd from Rothwell; treble, 2nd and 7th from Pudsey. Rung to commemorate the centenary of the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(HINCKLEY DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, November 29, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One 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.

* JAMES UPTON Treble	* JOHN ISON 4
WILLIAM COPE 2	* JOSEPH BEALE 5
† PERCIVAL ALDHAM 3	FRED COTTON Tenor

Conducted by F. COTTON.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal.

MATHON, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

Sunday, November 30, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRIS BOWERS 4	RICHARD THOMAS Treble
E. WILLIAM TURNER 5	WILLIAM RANFORD 2
GEORGE JORDON Tenor	DAVID HORNE 3

Conducted by E. W. TURNER.

HARROLD, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT ROBINSON Treble	ALFRED ROBINSON 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	HENRY STAPLETON 5
WILLIAM SHARP 3	WILLIAM STOCK Tenor

Conducted by HENRY W. GAYTON.

HORTON, BUCKS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON
DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven differently called 720's.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

* EDWIN R. POPE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 2	ALFRED BATEMAN 5
* THOMAS S. FARR 3	LEONARD STILLWELL Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

Rung as a welcome to the Rector (the Rev. J. Wynne Davies, M.A., late of Great Chesterford, Essex), who kindly entertained the ringers after the peal. * First peal of Minor.

STRETTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two 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.

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

Conducted by E. JENKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. † First peal of Treble Bob 'inside.'

A GOOD RECORD.

The peal of Cambridge Surprise Royal rung at Gosforth on December 6th, for the 21st birthday of Richard A. Goffton, was his 60th peal. They were rung in six counties, as follows: Stedman Cinques, (on handbells), 5; Stedman Caters, 1; (handbells), 6; Stedman Triples, 3; Cambridge Royal, 4; Grandsire Caters, 1; London Surprise Major, 16; (handbells), 2; Bristol Surprise Major, 9; Premier Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge and Superlative Spliced, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2; totals, 47; (handbells), 13.

BLACKROD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	*JAMES BOLTON 4
*ARTHUR HEYWOOD 2	PETER CROOK 5
JOHN POTTER 3	ERNEST CUTSFORTH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal of Minor.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

(KETTERING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lb.

FRANK LEWIN Treble	HARRY BAXTER 4
*MISS SYLVIA THURSFIELD 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 5
MATTHIAS HOBBS 3	† ROBERT G. BLACK Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal as conductor in seven methods. The band were kindly entertained to tea at the Rectory, after the peal, by the Rev. R. C. Thursfield, president of the Kettering branch.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

WOOLTON HILL, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Four Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores, ten callings. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*SYDNEY BEVAN Treble	† MISS STELLA DISNEY 3
† HARRY BALAAM 2	* NORMAN SCOTT 4

*JESSE SCOTT 5

Conducted by HARRY BALAAM.

* First peal. † First peal inside, and first of Doubles. Conductor's first peal of Doubles, and first as conductor. First peal on the bells and rung at first attempt.

HANDBELL PEALS.

FYLLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 7, 1924, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Stephen's,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

*G. F. ALEXANDER, JUN. 1—2	ALBERT COATES 3—4
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER 5—6	

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

* First peal and first attempt. Aged 15 years.

STAPLEGROVE, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in One Hour and Fifty-One Minutes,

At 3, HOLLY TERRACE.

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 six-scores of Plain Bob, and 30 of Grandsire, 14 different callings. Tenor size 15 in C.

FREDERICK G. SPARKES 1—2	WILLIAM H. CALES 3—4
PERCY H. SPARKS 5—6	

Conducted by WILLIAM H. COLES.

Umpire: MR. J. HUNT.

First peal of Doubles in two methods by all. First peal as conductor.

MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 9, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Two Minutes,

At 26, KIRKMANSHULME LANE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED BARNES 1—2	ALAN F. BAILEY 5—6
FREDERICK PAGE 3—4	HARRY CHAPMAN 7—8

Composed by the late JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Conducted by ALLEN F. BAILEY.

FYLLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,

In the Belfry of St. Stephen's,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in ten variations.

GEORGE F. ALEXANDER 1—2	ALBERT COATES 3—4
GEORGE CORNER 5—6	

Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

First peal on handbells by G. Corner, and first peal of Doubles by all.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At 81, BAKER STREET, SPARKHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

PERCY O. LARLIN 1—2	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD 7—8
FRANK W. PERRENS 3—4	FRANK E. PERVIN 9—10
ALBERT WALKER 5—6	MORRIS J. MORRIS 11—12

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by FRANK W. PERRENS.

A complimentary peal to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Walker, on the 26th anniversary of their wedding.

SWANSEA & BRECON DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Southern District of the Guild held a quarterly meeting at Neath on Saturday, December 6th, the towers represented being Llanelli, Breck, Brecon, Sketty, Neath, Morrison, Cadoxton, Aberavon, Llanstephan and Llandilo. Ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and a short service in St. Thomas's Church was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Lewis. The company then adjourned to the Parish Hall, where tea was partaken of at the invitation of Mr. William Samuel (churchwarden) and Miss Samuel. The spread was a most generous one, and host and hostess must have had previous experience of ringers' appetites, for when speech time arrived some of them were too full for words.

At the business meeting which followed, it was resolved that the next quarterly meeting be held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on the first Saturday in March, 1925.

Twelve new ringing members were admitted, and two honorary members (Rev. A. J. Lewis and Mr. Wm. Samuel) elected.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. W. R. Howells) mentioned that through the generosity of Dr. T. P. Thomas, Brecon, the Guild was in possession of a ringing shield, which would be put up for competition during the coming year.

The company present at tea numbered between 50 and 60. The Rev. A. J. Lewis made a very capable chairman, and his remarks were highly appreciated. A hearty vote of thanks to host and hostess was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the Master of the Guild (Mr. S. T. Rackham).—Mr. Samuel, in responding, said it had been a real pleasure to him to have the opportunity of showing how pleased he was to be able to do anything to help the bellringers.—The company then adjourned to the tower, where touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Plain Bob and Kent were rung, the bells being rung down at 9 p.m.

The Brecon ringers, leaving home at 8 a.m., had a day's tour of towers, ringing touches of Cadoxton, Baglan and Aberavon, returning to Neath in time for the service there, and their thanks are due to Mr. J. Hammond (district instructor) for having arranged the programme.

REVERSE BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—With reference to the peal of Reverse Bob Major, rung at Crayford on November 24th last, I find in Bannister's book on change ringing that the College Youths rang a peal of Bob Major reversed in 1751 at St. Margaret's, Westminster, in 3 hours and 20 minutes. A peal in the same method was also rung by the society at Kensington in 1805. I expect the former peal was the first ever rung in the method.—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. H. KIPPIN.

THORNBURY BELL RESTORATION.

On Saturday, December 13th, at St. Peter's Church, Thornbury, near Holsworthy, Devon, a most interesting service took place, to celebrate the opening of the recently restored bells. Despite the inclement weather, the church was well filled. The service was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Mylchreest) and the Rev. Powell (Halwell), while the address was given by the Rev. Donaldson (Rector of Pyworthy). Following the service, the opening peal was well struck by the Thornbury Guild, and afterwards, ringers from Halwell, Bridgerule, Bradford, Black Torrington, Langtree, and numerous other towers, testified to the excellence of the work carried out by Messrs. W. Aggett and Sons, of Chagford. The tone, and especially the 'go' of the bells, were admired. The whole peal has been rehung in massive iron frames, with steel joists, oak floors, and modern fittings, including the firm's patent adjustable bearings, so well known in the West of England.

The fine peal of eight bells, at Lifton, recently damaged by lightning, and the clock, are now under restoration, and the work is to be completed by December 23rd, when the opening is to take place. The bells of Holsworthy (a peal of eight) are to be placed in order soon after Christmas; also the peals of six at Kingscington, Leudon and Widecombe in the New Year by the same firm.

RINGERS' DINNER AT HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD.

The St. Mary's Guild held their annual dinner at the Old Crown Hotel on Saturday, Dec. 13th, when 37 members and friends were present. After dinner, in the absence of the Rector, who was unable to be present, through illness, the Rector's warden (Mr. P. Berley) filled the part of chairman for the musical evening, which included songs, handbell ringing and dancing, intermixed with the usual toasts of 'The King,' 'The Church,' 'The Guild,' and 'The Host and Hostess.' Mrs. W. A. Baker, the Rector's wife, at the piano, accompanied the singing and dancing.

ELLESMERE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Monday, Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), 1,250 changes, in 50 mins.: R. Biggs 1, A. Haynes 2, A. Allen 3, G. H. Edwards 4, T. Butler, senr. (conductor), 5, W. S. Higginson 6, T. R. Butler 7, W. Higginson, senr., 8. First-quarter-peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, and rung by an entirely local band.

MR. FRANK I. HAIRS' 300 PEALS.

	Tower Bells.	Handbells.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	4	—
Cambridge Surprise Royal	7	—
Cambridge Surprise Major	24	—
Cambridge Surprise Minor	1	—
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	3	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	2
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1	—
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	—
Bob Maximus	1	2
Bob Royal	1	17
Bob Major	—	27
Stedman Cinques	7	7
Stedman Caters	17	25
Stedman Triples	21	6
Grandsire Cinques	—	2
Grandsire Caters	1	9*
Grandsire Triples	5	8
Grandsire Doubles	1	—
Middlesex Surprise Royal	2	—
London Surprise Major	3	—
Bristol Surprise Major	9	—
New Cambridge Surprise Major	5	—
Superlative Surprise Major	25	1
Norfolk Surprise Major	8	—
Brighton Surprise Major	1	—
Double Norwich Major	35	1
Forward Major	1	—
Duffield Major	1	—
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1	—
Total	191	109

* Including 8,099. Tower bell peals rung in 100 different towers.

MR. FRANCIS J. LEWIS' 100 PEALS.

Doubles, 5 (conducted 1); Minor, 3 (conducted 3); Grandsire Triples, 51 (conducted 39); Stedman Triples, 8 (conducted 1); Bob Major, 2 (conducted 1); Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 14 (conducted 6); Stedman Caters, 5; Bob Royal, 3; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Grandsire Cinques (including 6,325 and 7,325), 5; Stedman Cinques, 1; total, 100 (conducted 51).

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

The peal of Grandsire Caters, rung on December 4th at St Giles', Northampton, was 5,021 changes, not 5,039, as sent in. The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Woodston on December 5th was Herbert Hoare, and not Henry Hoare, as printed. Mr. F. A. G. Allen rang his first peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal in 1920, and not at Rochester Cathedral on November 29th last, as indicated in the peal report.

To our friends everywhere: 'A Merry Christmas!'

The bells of Kingham, in the Chipping Norton Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild, have been augmented to eight by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The old six have been recast and two trebles added. The opening will take place to-morrow at 3.30 p.m.

The first peal of Stedman Triples 'in hand' was rung on December 19th, 1853, and was performed, in the presence of nineteen members of the College Youths and Cumberland Societies, by John Cox, Thomas Powell, Henry W. Haley and Thomas Brittan.

On December 20th, 1806, a 6334 Stedman Cinques was rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, now, unfortunately, only an eight-bell tower.

The first peal by the Lancashire Association was rung on December 22nd, 1877.

Holt's Original was rung at Saffron Walden on Christmas Day, 1753.

The bells of Clebury Mortimer are to be restored at a cost of about £350.

The peal of Stedman Triples at Willenhall on November 29th was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins., and not 2 hrs. 35 mins., as published. The peal of Doubles at Milton, Northants, was rung on Monday, November 24th, and not Saturday, November 22nd, as reported.

Our readers are requested to peruse the special notice which appears on page 802.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I am glad Mr. Smith has made the suggestion that Kidlington should be selected as the home of the Washbrook Memorial. As he says, what more fitting spot could there be than the village where he was born, and where he performed the greatest ringing feat of his life! Kidlington possesses a good peal of eight bells, easy to ring, easy to hear, with a good circle, and a band of ringers which has been kept together for 25 years, and has rung Stedman Triples nearly every Sunday throughout that period, except during the war. They are, moreover, good ringers and good churchmen, and their tower is always open for peals. Indeed, there cannot be a more accessible tower in the diocese. It is five miles from Oxford, and possesses both a main-line station and a good bus service to Oxford. Further, the church is at one end of the village, with houses on one side only.

I have nothing whatever against the Oxford Church of St. Ebbe's, except that the existing peal of six is very light, and that consequently the addition of two trebles there would be a less substantial memorial to the great ringer than two trebles to make a noble peal of ten in his native village.—Yours faithfully,

HOWARD FREEBORN.

THE LIGHTEST PEAL IN HAMPSHIRE.

A NEW ZEALAND MEMORIAL.

The new ring of six bells of the Parish Church, Brockenhurst, Hants, were dedicated on Sunday, December 7th, by the Rev. C. E. Matthews, R.D. (Vice-President of the Winchester Guild). The church was crowded, and there was a gathering of about 25 ringers from Christchurch, Ringwood, Lymington, North Stoneham and the local band. Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Swindon, was also present.

Just prior to the dedication, a marble tablet to the memory of the New Zealand soldiers, who died at the Brockenhurst War Hospital, and were buried in the churchyard, was unveiled. One of the new bells was given by their relatives and friends in New Zealand as a memorial of their self-sacrifice.

At the dedication 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by C. W. Tucker (Brockenhurst) 1, G. Williams (N. Stoneham) 2, F. Sparshott (Christchurch) 3, G. Stone (Christchurch) 4, A. Wooff (Christchurch) 5, G. Preston (Christchurch) 6. This band also rang 720 Bob Minor at the completion of the service.

The three old bells that formerly hung in the tower have been recast, and three new bells added, all tuned on the Simpson principle, with new frame, fittings, etc., the work having been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel.

The weight of the tenor is only 4 cwt. 12 lbs., and the bells are the lightest ring in Hampshire. All the ringers expressed their appreciation of the fine tone and 'go' of the bells, which are a credit to the founders.

Touches were rung of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob, Kent and Cambridge Minor.

KILLED IN A BELFRY.**CLOCK REPAIRER CRUSHED BY A BELL.**

A distressing fatality occurred in the tower of St. Peter's Church, Thetford, Norfolk, on Tuesday of last week, when Mr. William H. Harris, a well-known watchmaker and jeweller of the town, was killed by one of the bells turning over on him and crushing him against the frame, while he was attending to one of the clock hammers. There are eight bells in this tower, and it seems to have been the practice to leave the bells up. Mr. Harris was responsible for the upkeep of the clock, and was in the habit of going to the belfry for this purpose. On this occasion he had some repairs to execute, and when he failed to return home his wife went to look for him, and found him in the bell frame, having been obviously crushed to death. It was only with difficulty that the body was released, and was found impossible to bring it through the bells and into the belfry. It was therefore carried to the top of the church tower, and supported by ropes under the armpits, lowered 80 feet to the ground on the exterior of the north side of the tower.

The late Mr. Harris was for many years a prominent tradesman in East Dereham, where he was captain of the Fire Brigade, and an active church worker. At Thetford he was for some years superintendent of one of the Church Sunday Schools. Despite his age (he was over 80), he was a skilled motor cyclist, and would also undertake the most dangerous jobs in connection with hall and church clocks. Only last year he painted a vane at Lynford Hall, which, on account of the dangerous nature of the task, few others would undertake.

The full story of the fatality was told at the inquest held on the following day.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Harris, the widow, said about eleven o'clock on Tuesday morning her husband left home to go to St. Peter's Church to put a new wire on the hammer striker. About 11.30 she heard the bell of the clock strike once, and she thought he had finished and was trying the striker. After about half an hour, as he did not return home, she went to the church to see if she could give him any help. On going into the clock chamber she saw his tools there, and the clock open. She, however, could not find deceased, and went into the bell chamber and called him, but got no reply. She then came down the tower and made inquiries, but could hear of no one having seen him, and she returned again to the belfry and climbed amongst the bells. There she saw the deceased pinned under one of the bells. She felt one of his hands, and found it cold. She attempted to extricate him, but was unsuccessful.

The Coroner: He has had charge of this clock for many years?—He put it up 57 years ago.

And since that time he has had entire charge of it?—Yes.

Did he usually go alone to do these repairs?—I have gone with him lately.

Mr. James Goodman, watchmaker, of Thetford, said he had assisted the deceased with the repair of St. Peter's Church clock on many occasions. He heard of the accident, and went to the church about 12.45. About half an hour later he went up into the belfry and stopped the clock for the safety of those above. He then went up to the bells, and saw the hammer tail wire had been disconnected ready for putting in a new wire.

The Coroner: What does this wire do?—It works from the clock and goes along the roof of the clock chamber into the bells, where it is connected with the striking hammer.

Was anything being done to this?—It had been disconnected ready for repairs.

You saw the deceased there?—Yes, lying under the third bell.

The bell was upon him?—It was resting on the body. Witness was of opinion the deceased had gone under the bell to repair the striking apparatus instead of going by the side of it.

He knew there was a danger going amongst the bells when they were up?—Oh yes; there is a notice in the chamber facing you as you go in, warning you of the danger if the bells are up.

I suppose you had helped to repair this clock when the bells were up?—No, never when the bells were up.

But you had assisted to repair this clock several times?—Yes; but if the bells were up we always got them then let down.

Dr. Geoffrey Cowan, Thetford, said he found very serious damage to the right side of deceased's chest, which was smashed in. There was also a fracture of the spine and the jaw bone broken on the right side. There were other injuries. The injury to the chest was sufficient to cause death.

The Coroner: Death was practically instantaneous?—Yes. I should say so, as the injuries were very severe.

Mr. Alfred William Macro, of Thetford, said he was captain of St. Peter's Change Ringers. They rang the bells on Sunday evening, and at the finish left six bells up and two down. It was usual to leave the treble and tenor bells down—the treble to facilitate getting up the steeple and the tenor for the clock to strike on—and the other six up, except when they were being used for chiming; then they were all left down. He knew that the deceased had been in the habit of going into the church tower to repair the clock, and thought he was fully aware of the danger of touching the bells when they were up. The bells that caused deceased's death weighed 84

owt. Witness produced a diagram, and gave an explanation as to how he imagined the accident occurred. He thought, he said, perhaps deceased was stooping about under the bell which caused his death when he probably pushed his back against the slider attached to the bell and swung it over. He was of opinion deceased must have put some bit of weight against the slider to have released the bell. Sometimes when deceased had gone to the church and the bells were up he had let them down himself, so was aware of the danger of working amongst the bells when up.

Police-Constable Warren said on Tuesday Mrs. Harris said, 'My husband is dead: a bell has fallen on him.' Witness went up into the belfry, and examined the deceased, and found he was dead. He tried to remove the bell, but failed, and sent for help. He assisted to remove the body to the mortuary. When he went into the belfry five bells were up and three down.

The Coroner remarked that he thought the deceased had been up the tower so many times that he did not realise there was any danger.

A verdict of 'Accidental death' was returned.

BOSTON, U.S.A., GUILD.**STUDENT RINGERS AT GROTON SCHOOL.**

On Sunday, November 23rd, special ringing took place at the chapel of Groton School to celebrate the American Religious Festival, known as Thanksgiving Day (November 27th). Members of the Guild met at the School at 10.45 a.m., but, owing to wet weather, the attendance was small, only five being present.

The local band, recruited entirely from the students of the school, show marked proficiency at rounds and call changes. They ring regularly for the services of the Chapel, but, with two or three exceptions, have not mastered the more advanced method ringing.

Members of the Boston Guild arriving by train were too late to ring for service, but immediately afterwards they assembled in the belfry, where they were joined by the student ringers.

Before ringing on the tower bells, however, handbell practice was carried out for about twenty minutes. This was followed by a few short touches of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells. A move was then made to the dining hall, where the visitors were entertained to lunch, in company with the whole school.

On returning to the tower, Guild members rang several well-struck 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and when joined later by the student ringers, short touches of Triples were rung. The ringing went on till about 4 p.m., and closed with an attempt of 360 Grandsire Triples, which only came to brief in the last lead: George E. Hubbard 1, Frederick K. Trash (student) 2, G. Warren Sturgis (Master, conductor) 3, W. S. Roberts (student) 4, Joseph Goodhead 5, William Bashford 6, Richard Newton 7, C. McKim Norton (student) 8.

On leaving the tower the weather had sufficiently cleared to enable the visitors to appreciate the magnificent view of the foothills and ranges of the Adirondack Mountains obtainable from the school grounds.

Mr. S. W. Sturgis very kindly invited all the ringers to the Master's house for tea, after which the handbells were again brought out, and the time for departure came only too quickly.

The thanks of the Guild are due to Mr. Sturgis for putting his car at the convenience of members, and also to the Principal and staff of the school for their hospitality.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Christ Church, Eastbourne, on Saturday, December 13th, thirty-five members being present, from the following towers: Brighton (St. Nicholas and St. Peter's), Chiddingfold Eastbourne; All Saints' and St. Saviour's, Hastings; Christ Church, Blacklands; Heathfield, Lewes, Pevensey, Rotherfield, St. Leonard's, Waldron and Westham. Ringing commenced at 2.30 p.m., and at 4.30 a short service was held in the memorial chapel, Christ Church, with an address by the Vicar (the Rev. R. R. Fenning, M.A.). Following this, the members made their way to Leaf Hall, where a good tea was thoroughly enjoyed, and was presided over by the Master of the Association (Mr. J. Thornton Rickman), who also occupied the chair at the short business meeting which followed. The venue of the next meeting was discussed, and Bexhill was decided on.

Mr. W. D. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman for presiding, and also to the Rev. Fenning for the use of the bells, and the address at the service. He also thanked the Rev. J. A. Brookes for presiding at the organ.—This was supported by Mr. Piper, put to the meeting, and carried.—Mr. Rickman having suitably replied, the meeting terminated.

The members then wended their way to South Street, where the bells of St. Saviour's had been placed at the disposal of the association, through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. Canon Wheelpton, M.A. Some excellent practice was had on these bells, in methods ranging from Grandsire to London Surprise, until close on 8.30 p.m.

PRESENTATION TO DEVON GUILD'S EX-PRESIDENT.**REV. MAITLAND KELLY'S LONG SERVICES.**

In recognition of his long and devoted services to the Devon Guild the Rev. Maitland Kelly, who relinquished the office of President last Whitsun, has been presented by the members with a handsome address. It is in the form of an album (beautifully executed by Messrs. W. J. Southwood and Co., of Exeter), containing the address and views of churches having bands connected with the Guild. The volume is 15 inches by 12 inches, and bound in royal blue morocco. The front cover has a pierced monogram; the inscription and title page are illuminated in gold and colours; and there are 21 pages, containing about 50 photographs.

The presentation was made privately on December 5th by the new President (the Rev. E. S. Powell), who announced the fact on the following day at a meeting of the Exeter District at Exeter. Mr. Powell said the album had been presented to Mr. Kelly in recognition of his services from 1896 to 1924 as President, and to commemorate the jubilee of his election as a member, which took place on June 15th, 1874, and to express gratitude for his efforts to cultivate a high moral and spiritual tone among ringers, and to promote the art of change-ringing in church towers in the Diocese of Exeter. Mr. Powell read a letter from Mr. Kelly, in which he stated he could not sufficiently thank the members for the beautiful album, and that he should deeply value it, because it would ever remind him of the jubilee meeting of the Guild, and, through the photographs, of ringers with whom he had rung and towers he had visited, and for its intrinsic beauty, because it was quite a work of art and all the more precious from being the handiwork of members. During its existence, the Guild had greatly helped in a reform that was much needed in the belfries and bell chambers, and had also introduced the art of scientific change-ringing. There were still many fields to conquer, but, if the present zeal and work were continued, in course of time the majority of towers in the county would be affiliated.

There was a good gathering of ringers for the meeting, and during the afternoon and evening ringing took place on the bells at St. David's, St. Sidwell's, St. Petrock's, St. Thomas's and the Cathedral. Service was conducted in St. Thomas's Parish Church by the Vicar (the Rev. H. G. Chalk), and an address given by the Rev. E. S. Powell. The choir boys led the singing, and Mr. Western deputised at the organ. Tea was provided in the Buller Hall. Messrs. Hunt and Son catered, and Mesdames J. C. Oke, T. G. Bartlett, T. J. Stokes and A. H. Goad and Miss A. Goad assisted at the tables.

A business meeting followed, when sympathy was expressed with Mr. W. J. Southwood (hon. secretary of the district) in his absence through illness.

Crediton, on February 21st, was chosen for the next meeting, and votes of thanks were passed to all who had assisted at the service and tea. The district officers—Messrs. E. Shepherd (chairman), W. J. Southwood (hon. secretary and treasurer), and J. C. Oke (assistant hon. secretary)—were re-elected.

THE NORTH-EAST BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the N.-E. Branch was held at Tiverton on Saturday. About 60 ringers were present, including the Rev. E. S. Powell (President of the Guild), the Rev. E. V. Cox (general secretary), and representatives from Huntsham, Holcombe Rogus, Bampton, Upwotton, Calverleigh, Stoodleigh, Washfield, Bickleigh, Tiverton, Exeter, Silvertown, Chipstable, Thorverton, Wiveliscombe, Christow and London. Ringing commenced at 1.30, the methods practised being Stedman Triples and Grandsire.

The service, conducted by the Rector, was held at St. Peter's Church, the lesson being read and the address given by the Rev. E. S. Powell.

Tea was provided in the Church House, the excellent arrangements being made by Mrs. C. Knowles, helped by the wives of the local band.

A business meeting followed the tea, the Rev. E. J. Barton in the chair.—A letter from the Rev. Maitland Kelly was read regretting his enforced absence from the meeting, and heartily thanking all members of the Guild who had contributed in any way towards the album presented to him on his resignation of the post of president of the Guild, after fifty years' service.

Six new members were elected, and six certificates awarded.

Votes of thanks were accorded to the Rector, the Rev. E. S. Powell, the Rev. E. V. Cox, Mrs. Knowles, the local band of ringers and their wives, and the organist (Mr. Dyer) for helping to make the meeting such a success.

It was proposed that the next meeting be held on April 11th (Saturday), at Bickleigh.

The members then returned to the tower, and rang with zeal till about 8.30.

BICTON, SALOP.—On Saturday, Sept. 27th, on the eve of the harvest festival, 720 Boh Minor: W. T. Goodfellow (first 720) 1, J. Bain 2, C. Lee 3, J. E. Liller 4, J. Evans 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6.—360 Stedman Doubles and 240 Grandsire.

LOSTWITHIEL BELLS' RESTORATION.**UNITED GATHERING FOR THE DEDICATION.**

The five bells which had hung for many years in the Church of Lostwithiel, Cornwall, have been recast and increased to six, and hung with all modern fittings in a new steel and iron frame, the work having been carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, the well-known Croydon firm, and on Wednesday, December 10th, the borough was en fete in connection with the reopening. The dedication service was attended by the Mayor, the Corporation officials, and members of the Town Council; the procession to the church being headed by the Lostwithiel Town Band.

The service opened with the hymn, 'We love the place, O God,' the act of dedication being performed by the Rev. Stanley Windsor, the Rural Dean of Bodmin. A few rounds having been rung upon the bells by the Lostwithiel ringers, the service proceeded with the hymn, 'Now thank we all our God,' followed by an address from the Rev. R. D. Purves, at one time Vicar of Lostwithiel. Basing his remarks on the words, 'The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof,' he pointed out that the bells had come to that tower because God had given to the minds of men the power to search into the earth for the metal which was there long years before, to refine it, purify it, build it and place it in the belfry. We were inclined to say 'Our Bells'; they were God's bells because of the metal which came from God's earth. The ringers became fellow workers with God. They would feel they were doing a great work. They were God's messengers, and when the sound of those bells went out Sunday by Sunday it would go to the ears of the rich man as well as the poor, calling men and women of the parish to the service and worship of God. Every time the bells pealed forth they taught a tremendous lesson; that those who worked for God should use the word 'we.' Their work had to be done in peace and in harmony. If every ringer considered that he was going to set the time and each ringer had a different idea of time, there would be no harmony, but discord and clashing, and that taught them they must work in harmony, which was never more necessary than it was to-day.

Luncheon was afterwards partaken of in the Drill Hall, and after the loyal toast had been proposed by the Mayor, Alderman J. A. Beswarick proposed 'Ministers of Religion.' After referring to the high place ministers of religion took in everyday functions, the speaker said they heard a good deal in these days about the union of the churches. Possibly there were some people who had reversed the telescope, and they saw that union afar off. Whether Church Union or organic union were far off or not, he knew that the spirit of union was in their midst, as was evidenced by the united and helpful service they had had that morning, and demonstrated by the assembly that afternoon, showing that there had been a unity of spirit prevailing throughout the whole of the proceedings.

Responding, the Vicar remarked that certainly not only those who governed State affairs, but those who governed ecclesiastical affairs, found the difficulties tenfold more than they were thirty years ago. As he thought that the laity were shaped by the ministers so also he thought it was true that the ministers were shaped by the laity. In having a warm-hearted laity they created atmosphere which made the work of ministers possible. Remembering that they all belonged to the common Lord, they got unity and warmth, and out of that they got what they saw in the parish to-day. He concluded his remarks with a reference to the splendid way in which everyone in the borough, and some out of it, had worked well to make what they had that day possible.

Also responding, the Rev. J. Highley Coles (United Methodist circuit minister) referred to the splendid spirit of the Vicar of Lostwithiel. It took most of them a lifetime to distinguish between their prejudices and their convictions, and he was perfectly sure that there was no lowering of their convictions in meeting at that genial and Christian table. He was sure they all wished the church in Lostwithiel great prosperity, and congratulated them on their most impressive service that morning.

During luncheon and throughout the day, the bells were rung by bands of ringers from all parts of Cornwall, the ringers expressing their complete satisfaction with the 'go' of the bells. The purity of the tone of the bells was greatly appreciated by the inhabitants of the borough, and the visitors from the surrounding district.

COLCHESTER RECORD UNVEILED.

On Sunday evening, Dec. 14th, the unveiling of a peal record took place at St. Peter's Church by the Vicar (the Rev. C. E. Cardo), who, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the donor, Mr. W. J. Nevard, for his kind gift, in recording the first peal of Superlative rung on the bells.

A vote of thanks was passed by Mr. Nevard, and to the Vicar, for kindly unveiling the record, and for his interest in attending in the belfry.

Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob, were then rung for the evening service by Messrs. W. Button, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Chalk, H. Evers, H. T. Pye, W. J. Schofield and R. W. Stannard (local members), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), G. W. Dixon (Sudbury), D. Elliott (Assington), and F. Butler (Romford).

METHOD CONSTRUCTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It has been brought to my notice that the popular argument which I used to disprove the legitimacy of the extension from London Minor to London Major is of doubtful validity. The case which has been suggested as a parallel to that of the 2nd, in the first lead of London is not quite on all fours with it, but there is sufficient resemblance for me to prefer to withdraw that particular argument rather than cause any misunderstanding. There are other perfectly good reasons for denying the truth of that extension.

My lapse, if it is one, is an illustration of the insidious danger that lies in introducing a popular practical argument into the consideration of a theoretical abstract proposition.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

'SHUNTING.'

Dear Sir,—With all due respect to the Rev. H. Drake, allow me to point out that although I was not the first individual to make use of the term 'shunt,' I do not think we can find a better word for our purpose, e.g., when we make a bob Middle in the plain course of most methods, we shunt from the MAIN line of

12345678 to the side line of 14365278.

A bob Before shunts into side line of 13526478.

A bob Wrong shunts into side line of 15243678.

A bob Home shunts into side line of 14235678.

In method construction we are doing the same thing all the time, every single place made shunts into a fresh row.

Coursing order by double shunts is but an arbitrary definition, because there are thousands of methods which do not possess a 'Double Shunt' in their make up, and yet they bring up coursing order at the lead-head equally with the methods that, like Double Dublin Court Bob, are constructed with double shunts only.—Yours faithfully,

GEORGE BAKER.

P.S.—Thanks very much for the way in which you set up the tables in my letter last week, it could not have been better. I find, however, there is one little error in the table of places. The error was mine, not yours; the last two places before the Extreme should have been Slow 3rd's, not 4th's.

G. B.

THE ORIGIN OF 'SHUNT.'

Sir,—As there seems to be a difference of opinion with regard to the meaning of 'shunt,' which, I take it, is derived from the term 'shunting bob,' originally and first used by myself in connection with ringing, it may be well if I explain what it was intended to mean. The first occasion of its use will be found in the reprint of my article, at the top of page 196 of 'Grandsire.'

To begin with, from the days of my boyhood I have always understood by the railway 'shunt,' the operation of causing a vehicle or train to run from the pair of rails along which it was going on to another pair. A careful perusal of the last paragraph on page 195 of 'Grandsire' and the first four lines on page 196, will, I think, make quite plain and obvious what my meaning was, and will show that the bob which I called, and still call, the 'shunting bob' is truly such, without need of further disquisition.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

Deane Rectory, Basingstoke.

13th December, 1924.

APPLYING THE ARGUMENT.

Dear Sir,—The answer to Mr. G. Baker's argument can be put in very few words. If the actual shunts of London Minor and Major are as he suggests, and if the two are one method, it follows that the Royal will be produced automatically from the Major exactly as the Major is got from the Minor.

It is, however, notorious that Mr. Baker has himself produced two different Royal methods which he has successively proclaimed aloud to be the one and only London Royal.

I apologise to the N.U.R., but take leave to point out that the explanation of the Woodbridge stationmaster suits my argument equally. The whole object of my comparison, as I should have supposed was clear to the meanest intelligence, was to show that in a shunt the whole of the bells have to be taken into account. The shunted train is ready as a whole to start off on another set of rails. It is not a chopped up train. Indeed Mr. Drake's intervention has strengthened my analogy.—Yours faithfully,

E. S. POWELL.

AGREED!

Dear Sir,—Mr. Baker writes that he is wasting his time arguing with people of the calibre of Mr. Powell and myself. I hope he will not be offended if I say that I thoroughly agree with him. Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

COALBROOKDALE BELLS TO BE RESTORED.

PROVISION FOR AUGMENTATION TO TEN.

A scheme has been set on foot for the complete restoration of the bells at Coalbrookdale, Salop, and it is felt that many ringers who have had the pleasure of ringing on these bells and have experienced the hospitality of the tower may like to contribute to the fund, towards the completion of which another £400 is required.

Seventy years ago Holy Trinity Church was built and endowed by the late Abraham Darby, and the bells were given by his brother, the late Alfred Darby. The bells, eight in number constitute a very good ring in the key of E (tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lb.), and, apart from some repairs to the gudgeons and framework in 1895, the bells have had no attention from the founders (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) or any other firm of bell founders. They have been attended to, rung and cared for all the years they have been in use by the ringers, and for the past 28 years Mr. William Saunders and his band have done all in their power to keep them in a satisfactory condition. Now the time has arrived, when, in the opinion of experts, the bells require immediate attention. It is therefore necessary, say the committee in a circular, to appeal for funds to place the bells in a modern iron and steel frame, and carry out many necessary renovations and repairs, which will safeguard the tower and bells, as the two main foundation beams, supporting the whole weight of the bells, are badly worm-eaten and rotten. Also the whole of the present timber frame is worn out and condemned. The committee feel the money can be easily raised, if all who hear the bells, all who enjoy their sound, and all who have rung them, will undertake to give all they can, and to solicit all they can, for the Bell Restoration Fund. 'He gives twice,' it is said, 'who gives quickly.' All subscriptions will be immediately invested in War Saving Certificates, and so will increase in value before the work is completed, but, on the other hand, they will be very grateful to anyone who will accept a collecting book, and undertake to raise the cost of one or more War Saving Certificates within the next few months.

Subscriptions may be sent to the Vicar, the churchwardens (Messrs. H. Hughes and F. Johnson), Messrs. W. Saunders, Richard Jones (hon. treasurer), Alfred Bayley (hon. secretary), any member of the Bell Restoration Committee, or 'Coalbrookdale Bell Fund, Lloyds Bank, Iron Bridge, Shropshire.'

The scheme proposes the complete restoration of the present eight, also the addition of two trebles, the old bells to be rehung in complete new metal frame, etc., on one level. £470 is required for the restoration of the old eight, and to put in pits for the trebles. It is hoped, however, that sufficient money will be forthcoming to allow the trebles to be added at the same time.

The fund up to date is well over £100. This includes £25 from the patron (Mr. A. E. Darby), whose father gave the bells, also £5 Ss. from Mr. John Carter. The other has been given by the ringers and friends.

At a meeting of the Parochial Church Council and Bell Restoration Committee on December 9th, when the Rev. Preb. C. B. Crowe (Vicar and Rural Dean) presided, and was supported by the churchwardens and most of the influential church people, the Chairman reported that the sub-committee had been very busy. A letter by Miss Sarah Barker had been published in the 'Wellington Journal,' and 1,000 illustrated circulars were to hand for distribution.—Mr. Greenhalgh explained that he hoped to get the £250 worth of ls. stamp books in a few days.—After a report by Mr. W. J. Fletcher (foreman pattern maker for the Coalbrookdale Co.) had been heard as to the dangerous condition of the main foundation beams and the worn-out frame, it was decided that after the Christmas and last night of the old year ringing the bells should not be rung again till they were completely restored.

It was proposed to ask the editor of 'The Ringing World' kindly to help the scheme by publishing the appeal and other information, so that all ringers who know Coalbrookdale, its nice bells and their loyal friends and ringers, will do all they can to get the job going with the brighter days.

The work will be entrusted to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the founders of the present eight.

HARBORNE OLD CHURCH BELLS.

After having been silent for five months, the bells at Harborne, which are among the oldest in the county of Staffs, were reopened on Sunday, December 7th. During the interval the tower has been repaired (inside), and the bells rehung on ball bearings by Mr. James E. Groves, of Handsworth. Several ringers from neighbouring towers were present at the opening, and all expressed their satisfaction with the 'go' and tone. It may be of interest to give the dates of the bells: Treble, 1877, by J. Warner and Son; 2nd, 1877, by J. Warner and Son; 3rd, 1691, by William Bagley; 4th, 1799, by Thomas Mears; 5th, 1691, by William Bagley; 6th, 1691, by William Bagley; 7th, 1691, by William Bagley; tenor, 1691, by William Bagley.

The local band at present are only able to ring Grandsire Doubles, but under the able tuition of Mr. S. Grove, who has kindly undertaken the office of Ringing Master, they hope soon to be able to accomplish Triples.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

EGHAM.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Worsfold 1, F. Nye 2, E. Butler 3, A. Hiscock 4, H. J. Chaffey 5, S. G. Armstrong 6, J. B. Hessey (conductor) 7, H. Nix 8. First quarter-peal. Also a birthday compliment to Miss M. Nye, of Bagshot.

SHIREOAKS.—At the Church of St. Luke, on Sunday evening, Dec. 7th, 720 London Scholars' Pleasure: W. Russon 1, H. Haigh (conductor) 2, H. Hall 3, J. H. Brothwell 4, B. Hall 5, F. Hargreaves 6. Also 240 of Sandal.

HITCHIN, HERTS.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (1,280 changes), in 53 mins.: H. Else 1, W. J. Croft 2, E. J. Newell 3, J. Hall 4, G. Wolfe 5, H. E. Day 6, L. Fiddles 7, G. T. Croft (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all, and by a local band on these bells.

NORTON, STAFFS.—At St. Bartholomew's Church, for evensong, December 7th, 720 Milton Surprise: J. F. Ryles 1, F. Triner 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Waleley 6. This is the first time this method, composed by C. Severn, has ever been rung. Advanced Minor ringers will find it very interesting, and the figures can be had on application to J. E. Wheeldon, 12, Norton Street, Milton, Staffs.

PRITTLEWELL, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Royal: W. Bedwell 1, L. Page 2, J. Barrett 3, L. Baybut 4, S. Baybut 5, H. T. Wilson 6, E. Furbank 7, W. Dudley 8, S. W. Cordon 9, W. H. Judd (conductor) 10.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFS.—For evening service, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), with the bells half-muffled, in 50 mins.: C. Mounsey 1, G. Hughes 2, T. J. Palfreyman 3, H. Smith (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, S. H. Burkitt 5, A. Mincher 6, T. Hughes 7, A. J. Hubble 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Sunday, Dec. 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1,280 changes): I. Bennett 1, H. Marlow (first quarter in the method) 2, F. Rollings 3, B. Soden 4, F. Wilford 5, J. Metherell 6, F. Hopper 7, T. Teboult (conductor) 8.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, at St. Peter's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: H. W. Martin 1, H. Smith 2, J. Pole 3, A. Disney 4, K. R. Elliott 5, R. Barrow (conductor) 6, H. Reeve 7, A. Pulborough 8.

PULBOROUGH.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, 728 Grandsire Triples: W. Harwood 1, S. Greenfield 2, S. Picton 3, A. V. Corden 4, C. A. Greenfield 5, H. C. Greenfield 6, Alfred Greenfield (conductor) 7, H. J. Doick 8. Longest touch by ringers of treble, 2nd, 3rd and 6th.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—At Holy Trinity Church, for morning service, on Sunday, December 7th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 48 mins.: C. Burdock 1, Mrs. W. R. Melville 2, H. Hutton 3, H. Smale (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, G. W. Steere 5, H. Burdock 6, A. Pulling (conductor) 7, W. R. Melville 8.

BUCKLEBURY.—At the Parish Church, for evensong, on Dec. 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Wignmore 1, Miss E. Franklin 2, Miss D. Futter 3, Miss R. Hazell 4, G. Davis 5, W. Mathews (conductor) 6, J. Hazell 7, Miss S. Davis 8. First quarter of Grandsire by ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th away from treble.

BROOKFIELD, GORTON.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Turner 1, E. Mawby 2, F. Page 3, F. Knott 4, H. Jones 5, H. Gaskell (conductor) 6, E. Seddon 7, G. P. Ingram 8. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 5th, who is leaving the district.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.—On Sunday, November 30th, for morning service, at Holy Trinity Church, Watermoor, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 4, W. C. Cuss 5, W. H. Hayward 6, H. C. Bond 7, G. Dore 8.

FENNY STRATFORD.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 30th, for morning service, a 720 of Bob Minor: F. Vickers 1, W. Matthews (first 720) 2, A. B. Corden 3, F. Rowe 4, G. Grove 5, J. Searcy (conductor) 6.—For evening Confirmation service, 720 Treble Bob, 360 each of Woodbine and Cambridge Surprise: G. Grove 1, F. Rowe 2, S. Smith 3, A. B. Corden 4, F. A. Gilby 5, J. Searcy (conductor) 6; and after service, 360 of Bob Minor and Double Court.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1,264 changes), in 50 mins., for evening service: A. Markwell, senr., 1, A. Markwell, junr. (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 2, L. Palmer 3, Sam Smedley, junr., 4, H. Stow 5, Fred Parsons 6, Sam Smedley, senr., 7, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, on Sunday, Nov. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 46 mins.: R. Beer 1, J. H. Tippet (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, Sergt. W. Snell, R.M., 3, W. Rundle 4, W. Hiscott 5, W. Richards 6, J. Woodley (conductor) 7, J. P. Beer (first quarter-peal) 8.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.—On Sunday, Nov. 30th, for evening service, 1,264 Bob Major: E. Jenner (first of Major) 1, R. Jenner 2, J. Heasman (conductor) 3, W. Leigh 4, H. Leigh 5, E. Collison 6, E. Leigh 7, G. Malyan 8. First in method by the hand.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: J. Sandover 1, J. Arbury 2, J. Oke 3, T. Laver 4, W. Lethbridge 5, C. Glass 6, F. Davey (conductor) 7, H. Rogers 8.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for evening service, at St. Mary's, 560 Double Norwich Major: J. D. Harris 1, F. W. Rogers (conductor) 2, A. T. Lovejoy (Reading), first in the method, 3, H. Jennings (Ryde) 4, T. R. Taylor 5, W. Tate 6, A. D. Stone (Brighton) 7, E. J. Harding, senr., 8.

WEST GRINSTEAD.—At St. George's Church, on Sunday, Nov. 9th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Single Bob: F. Turrell 1, W. Denman, junr., 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Turrell 4, W. Weaver 5, H. Turrell (conductor) 6.—For evening service, 720 Warnham Court: W. Weaver 1, T. Adams 2, G. Warnett 3, V. Turrell 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor) 6.—720 Woodbine: *V. Turrell 1, T. Adams 2, *G. Warnett 3, *V. Goucher 4, H. Turrell 5, W. Denman, junr. (conductor) 6. * First 720. Also touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, Nov. 16th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes): P. Norton 1, C. V. Ebberson (conductor) 2, H. Kilby 3, W. Matthews 4, E. Lankester 5, T. Newman 6, F. H. Crook 7, R. Kilby 8. Composed by I. G. Shade, Greenwich.

LONDON.—St. Clement Danes.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,259 changes), in 51 mins.: Miss D. Bryant 1, R. D. Marshall 2, Miss E. Chapman 3, H. Dyas 4, Miss R. G. Hawksworth 5, C. F. Winney 6, Miss F. Orr 7, C. W. Roberts 8, Robt. Fardon (conductor) 9, F. W. H. Sergison 10.

PORTSMOUTH.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, at the Church of St. Thomas-a-Becket, 1,260 Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins.: E. C. Martin 1, F. A. Burnett 2, P. Giles 3, J. Tansom 4, W. L. Ayles 5, L. P. Cook 6, H. L. W. Aitken (conductor) 7, T. Clemens 8. Rung in honour of the annual official visit of the Mayor and Corporation to the church.

WREXHAM, N. WALES.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for men's service, in the afternoon, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 52 mins.: E. Barber 1, J. Capper 2, P. Cross 3, A. Lea, junr. (conductor) 4, F. Evans 5, J. Clutton 6, W. Jones 7, S. Meadows 8.

OSWESLRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Martin 2, R. Edwards 3, R. Kynaston 4, H. T. Hughes 5, W. B. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, E. H. Kynaston 8. Rung on the jubilee anniversary of the restoration of the church.

BADGEWORTH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday morning, Oct. 19th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: H. Webb 1, H. Voyce 2, C. W. Martin 3, W. Yeud 4, G. Walters 5, J. F. Ballinger (conductor) 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by W. Yeand; and 240 Stedman Doubles, conducted by G. Walters. Tenor 14 cwt.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—At the Church of St. Lawrence, for harvest festival, on Sunday morning, October 12th, in 45 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: F. Pudwell 1, G. J. Winter 2, J. Hope (conductor) 3, P. Kirby 4, A. J. King 5, E. Telling 6.

PULHAM MARKET, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for morning service, 1,056 Superlative Surprise: F. Barrett 1, W. Barrett 2, J. Allen 3, C. Baker 4, E. Whiting 5, A. Smith 6, F. Roope 7, G. Cross 8.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for evensong, at the Church of St. Luke, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Dean 1, C. Mitchell 2, A. Newman 3, J. Carman 4, E. Reeve 5, H. H. Mance 6, H. Mance (conductor) 7, W. Essery 8.

DOVER, KENT.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for the evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), Thurston's, in 44 mins.: R. H. Stevens 1, J. Eagles 2, F. W. Elliott 3, C. R. Waller (conductor) 4, W. Wenban 5, C. Turner 6, C. R. Millway 7, L. Sibley 8. Mr. W. Wenban is from Sandwich, Kent.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: A. Smith 1, Miss D. G. Feltham 2, Miss G. Baker 3, Miss P. Moss 4, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 4, H. Chandler 6, J. Bacon 7, R. Carter 8, W. Honor 9, J. H. Lucas 10.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, for dedication and harvest festival services, the following: At 8 a.m., Choral Eucharist, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob; 11 a.m., 720 Cambridge Surprise and 240 Oxford Treble Bob; 6.30 p.m., 240 Plain Bob, 720 Double Court, 240 Oxford Treble Bob.—After service, 360 Kent Treble Bob. The ringers were: L. Camp, H. Wright, C. Harrington, F. Wright, J. Rice, A. Bradley (conductor), E. Stith, G. Camp.

ROTHERHITHE.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 4th, for harvest festival, evensong, 1,260 Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: F. Chapman (conductor) 1, W. Glover 3, S. Kelly (first quarter) 4, J. Trimmer 5, A. Chapman 6, C. Chapman 7, A. Barret (first quarter) 8; 6-8 covering.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held on Saturday, Dec. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, Staffs, in beautiful weather, and a fair muster of members attended from the various towers affiliated with the Guild. The bells were kept merrily going from 3 p.m. until the service, for which the Guild form was used. The Vicar of Old Hill (the Rev. C. Fisher) officiated, and also gave a very appropriate and interesting address. The Vicar extended a cordial and warm welcome to the members, and said how pleased he was to welcome them to his church. The lesson was read by the Vicar of Rowley Regis, Lieut.-Col. (retired) the Rev. F. J. Cheverton. After the service an adjournment was made to the Church Institute, where a bountiful tea was in readiness, to which, it is needless to say, full justice was done.

Owing to a previous important engagement the Vicar was unable to stay for the business meeting, and the Vicar of Rowley kindly took the chair. Apologies for absence were read from Mr. Harry Mason and Mr. W. A. Pugh. Before reading the minutes, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. Sheppard) said he would like to mention that since their last meeting death had robbed them of two of their most staunch supporters, in the persons of Mr. John Poole Bills (a vice-president) and Mr. James Bayliss, who, for some years, was a member of the Dudley Parish Church band.—Upon the proposition of the Chairman, it was resolved that the Secretary send a letter of condolence and sympathy to the families, also to Mr. Hugh Watson (Vice-President) upon the death of his sister, Mrs. H. P. Bagott, of Kingswinford.—The resolution was received by the members standing in silence for a few moments.

The Rev. F. J. Cheverton (Vicar of Rowley) was elected an honorary member, and the Rev. W. J. Lamb (Curate of Old Hill Parish Church) as a performing member, and the meeting also ratified the election of Mr. Fred Molineux, of Hagley, who was elected in the belfry some time ago previous to starting for a peal.

The quarterly peal was arranged to be attempted at Old Hill, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Ringing Master (Mr. John Goodman, jun.).

On the suggestion of Mr. S. J. Hughes a collection was taken on behalf of the Rowley Regis bell restoration fund, and realised the sum of 14s. 3d.

Mr. D. Wright (clerk to the Rowley Regis Urban District Council) afterwards gave a very interesting historical survey of Rowley Regis Church and bells, which was greatly appreciated by those present.—Mr. S. J. Hughes proposed that the best thanks be given to the Vicar of Old Hill for giving permission to the Guild to hold the meeting at his church, for conducting the service, and for his eloquent address, and for the use of the tower and bells and Church Institute; also to the Vicar of Rowley for presiding at the meeting; to the organist for the musical part of the service; to the donors of the tea, and to the ladies who prepared and served it, and to the ladies who presided at the tables. Thanks were also accorded to Messrs. John Price and W. Green for their kindness in having all things in readiness, and to all who in any way had assisted in making the meeting a most successful and happy one.

RAYNER TOMB RESTORATION FUND.

The following subscriptions are acknowledged by the secretary of the Winchester Diocesan Guild: Total previously acknowledged, £9 8s. 7½d.; N. Stoneham band, 7s.; Havant band, 5s.; Oakley band, 3s.; Farnham band, 5s.; Guildford (St. Nicolas) band, 5s.; Whitwell band, 8s.; Carisbrooke band, 8s.; Milford-on-Sea band, 10s.; Southampton band, 3s. 6d.; Ringwood band, 7s.; Winchester Cathedral band, 13s.; Portsea band, 6s.; Andover band, 5s.; Yorktown band, 6s.; Ryde band, 12s. 6d.; Curdridge band, 5s. 6d.; Basingstoke band, 5s.; Worplesdon band, 2s. 6d.; Mr. J. B. Hessey, 2s. 6d.; Mr. S. Armstrong, 1s.; Mr. F. Bennett, 1s.; Mr. H. J. Shepherd, 2s. 6d.; Mr. R. Brown, 2s. 6d.; Mr. W. Blizard, 5s.; Rev. C. D. P. Davies, 2s. 6d.; Bramley (Hants) band, 9s.; Alton band, 4s.; Yateley band, 12s. 6d.; Aldershot band, 5s.; Bagshot band, 5s.; Wickham band, 4s.; Bishopstoke band, 2s.; College Youths, 12s. 6d.; total, £18 17s. 1½d.

The fund will be closed on December 31st, 1924, and the committee ask that outstanding subscriptions be sent in prior to that date to Mr. G. Pullinger, hon. secretary, Upham, Southampton.

The work will now be put in hand, and a balance sheet published in 'The Ringing World' in due course.

PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.

A joint meeting of the Peterborough and Oundle Branches was held at Warrington on Saturday, December 13th. Members attended from Northampton, Peterborough, Surfleet, Oundle, and the local band. The Guild service, with an address, was conducted by the Vicar. A splendid tea was prepared, at which about 30 sat down. This was followed by a business meeting.

It was decided to hold another joint meeting at Alwalton on Feb. 14th.—The bells were rung during the afternoon, and methods ranged from Cambridge Surprise to Plain Bob.

WINCHESTER BOB MAJOR.

Another of the group of methods published in 'The Ringing World' of April 18th last was rung at Willesden on Tuesday, December 9th. This method, a lead of which is given below, is shown on Page 246 of that issue as A plus C. It is a very musical method, and quite easy to ring.

THE METHOD.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

APPEAL TO NORTH BUCKS TOWERS.

A quarterly meeting of the North Bucks branch was held at Bletchley on Saturday, December 6th, and was well attended, the following towers being represented: Bletchley, Beachampton, Calverton, Chicheley, Emberton, Penny Stratford, Linslade and Newport Pagnell, about 50 members being present. The bells were set going from 2.30 p.m., and service was attended by all. The address was given by the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), whose text was: 'So that I might finish my course with joy.' The members afterwards adjourned to the Schoolroom, where tea was served, thanks to the ladies, who had everything ready.

After tea, the secretary reported that he had no special business to bring forward in connection with the branch, but was sorry to say that several of the towers were in arrears with payments. He appealed to them to remain in union with the branch.

The Master said a few words, touching on the business in hand by the Guild, also giving details of the 'Washbrook Memorial.'

Mr. Wright, the Guild treasurer, also addressed the meeting on various financial points. He said the North Bucks branch was the premier branch of the Guild, and he was sorry to hear from the secretary that towers were dropping out rather than increasing. He hoped, however, that efforts would be made to hold the position of premier branch; to quote the Master's words, their motto must be 'Service, not self.' The meeting closed with the usual vote of thanks to the Rector, and to the ladies for making arrangements for tea.

The Bedfordshire Association was represented by Mr. C. W. Clarke; Northants by Mr. W. Rogers; Towcester and district by Mr. Green. The methods rung during the afternoon ranged from Grandsire Triples to Cambridge Surprise Major.

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ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 30th, at 7.30 p.m. Business meeting afterwards.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 'Frodingham,' 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.4.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at St. Chad's, Headingley, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. — H. Loft-house, Hon. Sec., 8, Wortley Road, Armley.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Chewton Mendip on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Tea at 4 p.m. Meeting to follow. Service at 5.30 p.m. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. — E. E. Burgess, Hon. Sec., 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Southern Division. —The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, on Saturday, Dec. 20th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. in the belfry.—F. Clark, Hon. Sec.

REDENHALL.—Rehung bells open for ringing on Boxing Day. Dinner, 3s. 6d., at Swan Hotel, Harleston, at 1 p.m. Names by 22nd to Fred R. Borrett, Pulham Market, Diss.

HERTS COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held to-morrow (Saturday, Dec. 20th) at Broxbourne. Bells during the afternoon and evening. Short service in church at 5 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at The Welcome after. All members and ringing friends will be made welcome. — W. H. Lawrence, Hon. Dis. Sec., Little Munden, Herts.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Chipping Norton Deanery Branch.—The opening of Kingham bells will take place on Saturday next (Dec. 20th). Service 3.30 p.m. The old peal of six have been recast and two new trebles added, and all have been rehung, the work having been carried out by Taylors, of Loughborough. — J. Keyte, Hon. Branch Sec., Charlbury, Oxon.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Northern District meeting on Saturday (Dec. 20th), which members of both districts are earnestly asked to support. Ringing at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, Eastcheap, from 2.30 to 5, and St. Mary's, Whitechapel, from 4.30 to 6. Short service at 6 o'clock, followed by tea and business meeting in Vestry.—A. H. Keighley, Gen. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The bells of Ordsall (6) will be available on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th) from 9 a.m., and East Retford (10) from 1.30 p.m. for all concerned, and a good attendance is desired. Hearty good wishes to all 'Brother Strings' in the British Isles and beyond the seas for a happy Christmas and a bright New Year.—Yours fraternally, H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The following towers will be open for ringing on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th): Old Windsor (8), 9 a.m.; Clewer (6), 10.45 a.m.; Braywood (5), 12 noon; Bray (6) and White Waltham (6), if possible; Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (8). Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing 5.30 p.m. Social at 7 p.m. Names for tea must reach me by Dec. 20th.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Friday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Committee meeting at 3.30. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells available from mid-day and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Jan. 2nd. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available from 1.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Newton, 19, Londonderry Road, Stockton-on-Tees, by the 29th December?—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Little Melford on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9. Tea at Melford Rectory at 4 p.m., at 4d. each, for all sending word by Jan. 5th to Mr. Stedman Symonds, Asst. Sec., Church Road, Lavenham.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The following arrangements have been made for the next quarterly meeting at Long Eaton on Jan. 17th: Tower (8 bells) open for ringing 2.30 to 4.45, and after general meeting until 9 o'clock. Sawley tower (8 bells) open from 6 to 9. The committee meet at 4.15 at the Co-operative Cafe Committee Room. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Co-operative Cafe, 2s. per head. General meeting to follow after tea, in the same room. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. Geary, 25, Park Street, Long Eaton, Notts, by Jan. 15th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbys.

LONG MELFORD.—Holy Trinity Church. — Bells available for visitors every Sunday from 10 to 11 a.m., and from 5 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Also from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. first Sunday in each month. Intending visiting companies to inform me not later than first post Saturdays.—H. S. Richold, Westgate Street, Long Melford.

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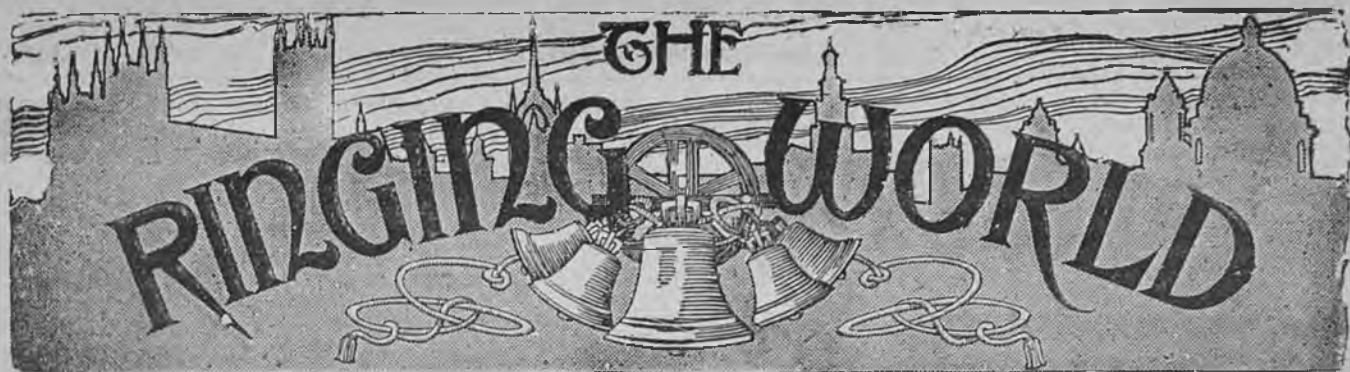
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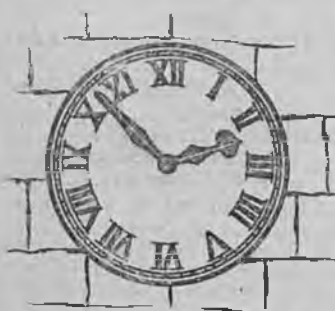
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ACTION, NOT ARGUMENT.

The letter which appears in this issue from the Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, with regard to the proposed memorial to the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook, should make it clear that the time has now gone by when any useful purpose will be served by arguing the site for the memorial. The claims of various Oxford churches had previously been discussed, and St. Ebbe's selected for a variety of reasons. Since this decision was arrived at by the committee who have the matter in hand, the further alternative of Kidlington has been put forward. Whether this tower would have commended itself more to the Exercise if the proposal had been made earlier, is now beside the question, for a scheme of this kind cannot very well be scrapped after it has been launched until, at any rate, the Exercise has expressed its opinion upon it in the only practical way, that of giving or withholding its support. The time is now for action, not argument.

We believe that in this case the support will be forthcoming as much to place bells in St. Ebbe's tower as in any other, because primarily the object of the scheme is to honour the memory of a man who was one of the greatest ringers in history, who accomplished some of the most noteworthy ringing feats ever performed, and who, in all-round ability as ringer, conductor, tutor and composer, has never been excelled. With the mass of ringers it is not a question of this tower or that, nor even a question altogether of the actual form of the memorial—although nothing is more practical or more suitable than a gift of bells to augment an existing ring. What matters is that the memory of this man should be perpetually commemorated.

That there should be a memorial to James William Washbrook everyone agrees. Its form must depend upon the amount of money raised, and the committee who have undertaken the task must be accounted the best judges to decide the shape which the memorial shall take and the spot where it shall be placed. That they have done, and it now remains for the Exercise to respond to the appeal which has been made. The memorial would be much more widely representative if the associations would each make an adequate donation on behalf of all their members, leaving the personal friends of Mr. Washbrook to contribute individually to the fund, and we suggested, in our last article upon this subject, the minimum sum which would ensure the success of the scheme. We sincerely hope that all our large associations and guilds will follow the example so admirably set by the Kent County Association, and vote the necessary subscription without delay, and that the hundreds of ringers throughout the country

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who knew Mr. Washbrook at the zenith of his great powers will speedily add their own personal contributions, so that the scheme may go forward to a speedy and successful consummation.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Five Minutes.

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... Treble	T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 7
WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 2	WILLIAM HIBBERT ... 8
JACK CARMAN ... 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... 9
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ... 10
HENRY R. NEWTON ... 5	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 11
PERCY E. CLARK ... 6	HERBERT LANGDON ... 7 Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER. Conducted by H. LANGDON.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 18, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes.

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

WALTER H. ANDREWS ... Treble	*C.S.M. J. BENNETT ... 7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... 2	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE ... 8
FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 9
CHRISTOPHER R. WALKER ... 4	FREDERICK A. FAIRBEARD ... 10
CHARLES W. BRETT ... 5	GEORGE G. JENKIN ... 11
HARRY PARKES ... 6	GEORGE H. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by FRED. HAYES. Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal on the twelve bells, and first peal of Cinques by all the band except the ringer of the 7th. * 200th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

APPLETON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(OXFORD SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 6, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

*WALTER F. JUDGE ... Treble	*WILLIAM JUDGE ... 6
†PERCY DYKE ... 2	ALBERT E. LOCK ... 7
MRS. ALBERT E. LOCK ... 3	*HARRY MILES ... 8
*JACK JUDGE ... 4	GORDON CAUDWELL ... 9
JACK HONEY ... 5	WILLIAM STONE ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES. Conducted by WALTER F. JUDGE.

* First peal of Royal. † First of Kent Royal.

MAIDSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, SEN. ... Treble	CHARLES WINNER ... 6
*LEONARD MANNERING ... 2	*JOHN WHEADON ... 7
WILLIAM SPICE ... 3	*HARRY PARKES ... 8
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	HERBERT E. AUDSLEY ... 9
FREDERICK M. MITCHELL ... 5	C.-S.-M. J. BENNETT, R.N. Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS. Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Royal by all except Messrs. Barnett and Cheesman. First peal of Royal by J. Wheadon. *First peal of Oxford. Believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells. The last peal of Royal on these bells was rung in 1900 in the Kent Variation.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STREATHAM.

THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 8, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

MISS FREDA E. ORR Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5
MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN 2	WILLIAM S. LANGDON 6
MRS. F. I. HAIRS 3	HERBERT LANGDON 7
JAMES W. CHAPMAN 4	JOHN LEE Tenor

Conducted by H. LANGDON.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

FREDERICK A. POULSON ... Treble	HARRY D. LISTER 5
FRANK A. TURNER 2	ARTHUR SYMONDS 6
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON ... 7
KEITH WHITTLE 4	WILLIAM FAIRS Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIES. Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

Messrs. Whittle and Lister hail from Bildeston, and this was their first peal of Grandsire Triples.

RANMOOR COMMON, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb. in E.

CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	WILLIAM R. MELVILLE ... 5
*MRS. W. R. MELVILLE ... 2	GEORGE W. STEERE 6
HENRY HUTTON 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
HARRY BURDOCK 4	CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung by past and present members of the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford, as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Melville on the 27th anniversary of their wedding. * First peal in the method and first attempt. † 100th peal.

EARLS COLNE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

SAMUEL WARNE Treble	WILLIAM KEEBLE 5
FRANK CLAYDON 2	WALTER ARNOLD 6
*GEORGE MOSS 3	*JAMES FRENCH 7
*ROBERT FLEUTY 4	ARTHUR SAUNDERS ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by WILLIAM KEEBLE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 7th. The band desire to tender their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. French for their kind hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH.

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

MRS. AMOS CLARK Treble	JEFFERY R. GAMMON 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ALBERT C. DARNELL 6
GEORGE M. KILBY 3	*ERNEST BRETT 7
HERBERT J. SKELT 4	WILLIAM T. BEESON, JUN. Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON. Conducted by T. H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Surprise on an inside bell.

SPALDING, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ELLOR DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 16, 1924, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CHARLES H. S. STILES ... Treble	SYDNEY ANDREW 5
JOHN T. BROWN 2	ARTHUR J. FARR 6
RICHARD SMITH 3	JOHN G. AMES 7
*HARRY WOOTTON 4	GEORGE W. SIMPSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER.

Conducted by J. G. AMES.

* First peal. Elected a member in the belfry previous to starting.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Wednesday, December 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. T. HOLLIS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

THOMAS M. GRIFFIN ... Treble	THOMAS F. KING 5
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	CHARLES W. BELL 6
ARTHUR PRINCE 3	JAMES R. JONES 7
WILLIAM KNIGHT 4	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR PRINCE.

A birthday compliment to Mr. John Burford and Mr. Alfred E. Reeves.

GREAT STANMORE, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES

Tenor 12 cwt. 19 lb.

HARRY KILBY Treble	ALBERT W. COLES 5
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	REUBEN SANDERS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS. Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung as a welcome to the new Rector (Canon Hewett) on the eve of his induction. First peal in a Surprise method on the bells. First peal in the method as conductor.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 7 lb.

FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT ... Treble	DANIEL REDHEAD 5
JAMES M. NICKERSON 2	HARRY BAXTER 6
MISS KITTY MOORE 3	LESLIE GROOM 7
GEORGE JEFFS, JUN. 4	*ROBERT G. BLACK ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE. Conducted by ROBERT G. BLACK.

* First peal as conductor on eight bells.

BANSTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 28 cwt. in E flat.

FREDERICK G. WOODISS ... Treble	CHALLIS F. WINNEY 5
*MISS ELSIE E. CHAPMAN ... 2	WILLIAM H. JOINER 6
*MISS E. E. HARDCASTLE ... 3	CHARLES W. ROBERTS ... 7
MISS FREDA E. ORR 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... Tenor

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

Rung as a silver wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Marshall, parents of Mr. R. G. Marshall, of Deptford. * First peal of Major.

LONG ASHTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

*REGINALD G. GILBERT ... Treble	WILLIAM H. PARKER ... 5
EDGAR GUISE ... 2	RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... 6
†RICHARD TAYLOR ... 3	HENRY J. WAY ... 7
FREDERICK G. LEAKER ... 4	GEORGE TREW ... Tenor

Composed and conducted by EDGAR GUISE.

* First peal. † First peal of Major.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM KEEBLE ... Treble	CYRIL C. PEASE ... 5
THOMAS LINCOLN ... 2	EDWARD P. BUCKINGHAM ... 6
LESLIE J. CLARKE ... 3	JOHN WOOD ... 7
WILLIAM LINCOLN ... 4	ARTHUR HEAD ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON.

Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

This is the first Surprise peal on the bells.

WEST MALLING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Nine Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Tenor 12 cwt.

FRANK TUCKER ... Treble	JOHN MORTON ... 5
CHARLES H. SONE ... 2	JAMES LEONARD ... 6
GEORGE BELL ... 3	LOUIS HEAD ... 7
LEWIS NEWMAN ... 4	*THOMAS WARNER ... Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal.

BIDDENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

CHARLES TRIBE ... Treble	HARRY BAKER ... 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
*STANLEY IRVING ... 3	KENNETH PATTENDEN ... 7
MRS. H. BAKER ... 4	*ALFRED BATTIN ... Tenor

Composed by A. E. BARNES.

Conducted by G. BILLENNESS.

* First peal.

MONKEN HADLEY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5408 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT J. ELDRID ... Treble	HAROLD G. CASHMORE ... 5
JOHN W. JONES ... 2	NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... 6
CHARLES V. HARE ... 3	CHARLES H. KIPPIN ... 7
CECIL V. EBBERSON ... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH E. SYKES.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the extent of the 8th in all positions. J. W. Jones hails from Newport, Mon.

THOS. J. GROOMBRIDGE

Church Bell Hanger,

CRAYFORD, KENT.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED FOR NEW OR REPAIR WORK

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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE FREEBREY ... Treble	*PERCY H. TATE ... 5
†WILLIAM H. POYSER ... 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 6
ALBERT H. WARD ... 3	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 7
MADRICE SWINFELD ... 4	ARTHUR BRAINES ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal in the method. † 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. W. Worthington, Esq., of Maple Hayes, Lichfield, and also George Freebrey, the ringer of the treble.

IPSWICH.

THE SUFFOLK GUILD.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-One Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

H. CHARLES GILLINGHAM ... Treble	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5
CHARLES PARKER ... 2	GEORGE W. ABLITT ... 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... 7
JAMES DURRANT ... 4	FREDERICK J. TILLEY ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles Parker.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-Eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF PUDSEY SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT ... Treble	BERNARD DITCHER ... 5
JESSE J. MOSS ... 2	CHARLES MASON ... 6
*REV. R. F. WILKINSON ... 3	JOHN H. BROTHEWELL ... 7
*J. FREDERICK MILNER ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

* First peal in the method.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 20, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

*JAMES GARDNER ... Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
BENJAMIN TREVIIT ... 2	JOHN WILKINSON ... 6
THOMAS C. LARKEY ... 3	CLAUDE I. DAVIES ... 7
THOMAS HAMMOND ... 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS. Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung on the eve of St. Thomas' Day.

SIX BELL PEALS.

FRAMPTON-ON-SEVERN, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, 1924, in Two Hours and Thirty-Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND S. DUNSTONS' DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED KIDMAN ... Treble	RALPH HAZELL ... 4
REUBEN GOY ... 2	SAMUEL GREENWAY ... 5
*THOMAS MARTIN ... 3	ERNEST HAWKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by T. MARTIN.

Rung as a compliment to the treble ringer on his 63rd birthday. It was his first peal. First peal by conductor 'inside.' All the Frampton ringers have now rung in peals.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE Treble	ALFRED J. BULL 4
CHARLES W. CLINCH 2	*GEORGE ELLIS 5
LEONARD A. TIDY 3	OLIVER SIPPETTS Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

Quarterly peal by the branch. * 100th peal.

BURTON-ON-STATHER, Lincs.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 30 six-scores of Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD GILLATT Treble	GEORGE HOBBS 4
WILLIAM LEANING 2	JACK BRAY 5
*ERNEST F. GODFREY 3	*JOHN H. CRAWSHAW Tenor

Conducted by J. BRAY.

* First peal.

WEST DEEPING, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF S. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in eight methods: St. Clement's, Double and Single Oxford Bob, Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Court Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HORACE M. DAY Treble	PHYLLIS HARE 4
KATHLEEN A. JUTSON 2	JOSEPH LONDON 5
JOHN H. RODEN 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by H. M. DAY.

QUINTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Saturday, December 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

THOMAS SHEPPARD Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
JOHN HALL 2	*HORACE TERRY 5
HARRY COLLEY 3	WALTER LARGE Tenor

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor. Great credit is due to Mr. Terry, who had not previously struck a blow in Bob Minor. It was the first peal of Minor on the bells, and the Guild's half-yearly peal. The band wish to tender Mr. and Mrs. T. Sheppard their sincere thanks for their kind hospitality after the peal.

ORSTON, NOTTS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 13, 1924, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY HAYNES Treble	HENRY SQUIRES 4
REV. C. J. STORTON 2	ARTHUR DRURY 5
ARTHUR PALMER 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS Tenor

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

This peal was rung to celebrate the first anniversary of the re-opening of the bells by the Dean of Lincoln, patron of the living, after rehanging and augmentation by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston on December 8th, 1923. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

HONINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

On Sunday, December 14, 1924, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores in 21 different callings. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

*WILLIAM KECK Treble	*LAURIE HAWCOTT 4
WILLIAM ADAMS 2	HORACE TERRY 5
*FRANK SMITH 3	LEONARD BRYAN Tenor

Conducted by HORACE TERRY.

* First peal.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 14, 1924, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, one of Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob.

RICHARD B. LAMBERT Treble	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT, SEN. 4
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	REGINALD E. LAMBERT 5
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT 3	ROBERT T. LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT T. LAMBERT.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to William H. Lambert on his 69th birthday.

CAMERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 15, 1924, in Two Hours and Twenty-Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's.

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALEC MUNDY Treble	HARRY PROUT 4
REGINALD BECK 2	THOMAS M. GRIFFIN 5
RONALD BECK 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Arranged for the towerkeeper, Mr. H. Prout, whose first peal of Minor it was.

DUMBLETON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(CHELTENHAM BRANCH.)

On Monday, December 15, 1924, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four six-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, ten of Grandsire and 24 of St. Dunstan's. Tenor 11 cwt. in G.

PERCIVAL BALLENGER Treble	ALFRED POLLEY 4
CHARLES NURDEN 2	JESSE LYES 5
FREDERICK NURDEN 3	FREDERICK WALKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK NURDEN.

First peal for all. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band. The ringer of the second is just 14 years of age.

FIVE BELL PEAL.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHAMPTON BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 17, 1924, in Two Hours and Forty-Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being twelve six-scores of Bob Doubles, and thirty six-scores of Grandsire.

THOMAS LAW Treble	*FRANK HOLLOWELL 3
CHARLES HAINES 2	ALFRED J. RICHARDSON 4
FRANK ROLLINGS 3	... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK ROLLINGS.

* First peal, and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Hollowell, on his coming-of-age.

BREWOD, STAFFORD. — On Thursday, Dec. 11th, after Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Lichfield, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: F. R. Blewitt 1, P. Bill 2, T. Berry 3, G. Warner 4, H. E. Hooth 5, A. G. Hunt 6, J. Perry (conductor) 7, E. Speake 8.

CONCERNING Q-SETS.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

From a time, very early in the history of change ringing, competent composers have been more or less clearly aware of a fact of the utmost importance in peal composition. It is that the bobs in any peal are not, on the one hand, independent things unrelated to each other; nor, on the other, like equal links of a chain, but that they exist in a number of groups, the bobs in any one group being related to each other in a special way, which is quite different to the relationship between two bobs belonging to different groups.

Shipway, I believe, was the first who called attention to this fact in print, but there are sufficient reasons for us to think it was known long before his time; by John Holt, for instance, and Reeves. Shipway tells us that in Extents of Bob Major without Singles, if you bring up 42356 and 34256 bobbed, you must also bring up 23456 bobbed. And in a peal of Grandsire Triples without Singles (assuming such to be possible, which he did assume), if you bring up 1532746 bobbed, you must also bring up 1735624, 1637452, 1436275 and 1234567 bobbed. If you bring up one plain you must bring up all plain. 1735624 may come up at the beginning of a peal; 1436275 may come up near the end. No matter, they belong to the same group, and are irrevocably related to each other.

The older composers knew of this fact, and as far as they knew, they used it; but although the Exercise has had all along men of outstanding mental ability, it does not seem that there was anyone after Stedman until recent times who had the gift of what is called deductive reasoning. Consequently the older men could make little real use of their knowledge of this fact. Then came Mr. W. H. Thompson, to a certain extent preceded by Mr. C. D. P. Davies. Mr. Thompson wrote as a trained mathematician, and using a mathematician's methods he was able, by means of this fact, to solve the then burning problem of composition; and also to show the Exercise an entirely new way of composing peals.

But, because Mr. Thompson was a trained mathematician, he knew that, in solving the problem, the first thing to do was to state the case correctly, and then to rule out anything that did not directly concern it. It was sufficient for his purposes that these Q-sets (as he called them) were a demonstrable fact. What else they were, whether they were the expressions of a local or a general law, what their real nature is—these questions did not concern his problem; and, at least, so far as his printed writings go, he left them severely alone.

The more competent composers have adopted Mr. Thompson's statements, and have applied the Q-set law to other methods. But it does not seem that any have stopped to ask whether this is merely a local or a general law; and, if general, what its nature is, and how it arises. I think it would be profitable if people, who have the necessary ability, would ask themselves these questions. They would find that just as by understanding the Q-sets they can understand the composition of peals: so by understanding the wider scope of the same law, they will be able to solve many of the problems that vex the souls of composers concerning Method Construction, Extension, and so forth.

Is this law of Q-sets a general one? Obviously, if we take a Q-set to mean exactly what Mr. Thompson, and these who have followed him, meant, it is not. It does not in the least follow that in, say, Bob Major, if I call a bob I must complete the Q-set. In a double course, for instance, called W. R. repeated, I call a bob on 235. I do not need to call the other two to bring the bells round. Even in Extents it does not always apply. In a 720 of Minor, you can have two members coming up at back stroke, and the third at hand. All bobbed or all plain, it is true. But that is not quite the ordinary Q-set. Or, again, in Reeve's Extent of Bob Major, you have 342 brought up plain 423 bobbed, and 234 singled.

But you must remember this—mathematical laws always work in exactly the same way, they have no exceptions to prove the rule. But the results are not always what at first sight we might expect. Different circumstances produce different results. So the law that produces Q-sets may be a general one; and what look like exceptions may be due to altered circumstances.

Let us, first of all see what a Q-set is. When Mr. Thompson was writing about Q-sets, the chief thing he had in his mind was how that law affected the truth of a peal, and he worked out his argument in terms of the lead end. The modern composer follows him in both of these things. But I want my reader to put aside for the moment all considerations of truth or falseness; and also to get behind, not merely the lead ends, but also all the figures as well, and to think this thing out in terms of what a band is actually doing in the tower.

The effect of a Q-set is shown at the lead end, but the operation itself takes place when the bob is made. Let us write out the rows which show the bob changes, and side by side the rows, which show the work at the lead ends. Here they are—

1. The Q-Sets.	2. The Lead Ends.
3152746	1234567
1357264	2135476
3175624	1253746
1376542	2157364
3167452	1275634
1364725	2176543
3146275	1267453
1342657	2164735
3124567	1246375
1325476	2143657

Now, carefully examine these, and you will find the following facts:—

- Both operations divide the bells into two groups.
 - In the one case the treble and the bell Before at the bob. In the other the Treble and the bell in the Hunt. These we will call the Hunts.
 - In the one case the bob making bells. In the other, the working bells. These we will call the Extreme bells.
- The Extreme bells in both cases make a complete Hunting Course among themselves. This is one cycle of movement.
- Write out the Coursing Orders of all the bells in both groups. You will find that the Hunts make a complete cycle through the Coursing Order of the Extreme bells. (Ring a Course of Bob Major, and notice the position of the Treble in the Coursing Order of the bells, and you will realise what I mean.) This is the second cycle of movement.
- You have the cycle that the plain hunting produces on all the bells (Hunts and Extreme bells) alike. This is the third cycle of movement.

We have then this fact that a Plain Course and a Q-set each is a movement consisting of three cycles, and (I want you to mark this carefully) it is essential that each cycle should be complete. Omit one member of one of the cycles, and the bells will not come round.

Put the Q-set and the Plain Course together, and you have a touch of five courses which can be split up into a number of cycles.

Now, take as many methods as you can, good and bad alike, with as big a variety of bobs as you can think of. Write out the Q-sets, and you will find that they are all similar to the case we have just been considering.

We are a long way off proving that we have here a general law. But I am going to make a jump in argument, and a big assertion. Every possible block of changes, whether it be course or touch or peal; whether it be true or false; whether it be symmetrical or unsymmetrical; whether it be simple or complex; whether it be London Surprise or crude 'Stoney'—all can be split up into a number of cycles, and every one of the cycles must be complete, or the bells will not come round.

This is the law which gives importance to Q-sets; and this is the foundation law of Change Ringing. Unless you understand it you cannot understand the problems of Method Construction.

Now, this law works according to its nature, and not necessarily in the way you want it to, or expect it to. If you want to see how it does work begin with the Simple Methods, and then go on to the more Complex. Don't break your teeth on a problem like London Surprise before you understand the construction of Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Kent, and the like. When you have understood these you will be able to see that London only differs in that it has more cycles which are more intricately interwoven.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN DIVISION.

At the kind invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. E. R. Dawe, B.A., the quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Queensbury, and the peal of eight (tenor 14½ cwt.) were kept going from 2.30 p.m. in methods including Bob Minor and Major, Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich. About 60 ringers, including ladies, sat down to tea, after which the business meeting was held, but owing to the absence of the vice-president, through ill-health, the chair was occupied by the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Broadley).

Several new members were elected, but as no invitation was forthcoming, arrangements for the next meeting, to be held in March, were left in the hands of the secretary.

After a vote of thanks had been passed to the Vicar, churchwardens, local company and ladies who presided over tea, for the hearty welcome accorded to the members, and which was suitably responded to by the Vicar and Mr. E. Whiteley (churchwarden), the meeting was brought to a close with a hearty vote of thanks to the chairman. Further ringing then took place until 9 p.m.

The following towers were represented: Bradford Cathedral, Bolton (St. James'), Halifax (St. John's), Headingley (St. Michael's), Idle, Shipley, Guiseley, Keighley, Gargrave, Oxenhope, Denholme, Mirfield, Liversedge, Lightcliffe, Northowram, Mytholmroyd and Todmorden.

DEATH OF AN OLD SHEFFIELD RINGER. RANG BEFORE THE CRIMEAN WAR.

By the passing away of Mr. Francis Allen, at the ripe old age of 89 years, Sheffield loses its oldest ringer.

Mr. Allen was born at Witham-on-the-Hill, in Lincolnshire, on January 19th, 1835, and, had he survived a few more weeks, would have entered upon his 91st year. Coming to the City of Blades in the year of the great Sheffield flood (1864), Mr. Allen took up the position of coachman to one of the old Sheffield families, and held the post for over 40 years. By the exercise of thrift, he had been able to purchase the house he lived in, at 203, Providence Road, Walkley, and it is pleasing to note that his former mistress made ample provision for him and his family during the years of his retirement.

A life member of the Yorkshire Association, Mr. Allen was, up to a few years ago, a regular ringer at Rannmoor Church, and took part in the ringing for the signing of the Armistice, being then in his 84th year. It was his proud achievement to have rung several 720's in his native village before the outbreak of the Crimean War, a record which few ringers of to-day can claim. He had rung several peals for the Yorkshire Association, and was a safe ringer of the standard methods.

The funeral took place at Walkley Cemetery on Tuesday, Dec. 16th, and was attended by representatives of the Yorkshire Association, four of whom rang, at the graveside, a course of Grandsire Triples as a last token of respect.

The deceased leaves a widow and son to mourn his death. The former is in her 89th year. The latter is a member of the Rannmoor company, with which church his father had such long association.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL COLLECTION OF PLAIN MAJOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir, I shall be glad if any band who have rung a peal in any Plain Major method, other than the standard and well-known methods, will forward me a lead of it, with the bob they used, the name they called it, and the date the first peal was rung.—Yours faithfully,
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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MUFFLED, RINGING.

At Cirencester, Glos., on Thursday, December 3rd, at the Parish Church, on the minor eight, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,316 changes), from the first part of Holt's Original: F. W. Bond 1, J. King 2, F. J. Lewis (conductor) 3, J. C. Eden 4, W. H. Hayward 5, G. Dore 6, H. C. Bond 7, F. Edwards 8. Rung as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. Boulton for many years churchwarden, and also a honorary member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association. — On Tuesday, November 25th, two courses of Stedman Caters: F. Edwards 1, F. W. Bond 2, W. G. Cook 3, W. C. Cuss 4, H. Gassor 5, W. H. Hayward 6, S. R. Hicks 7, F. J. Lewis 8, H. C. Bond 9, A. Parsons 10.

FLEMISH BELLS IN WALES.

On Saturday, November 22nd, the Gorseinon (South Wales) ringers held their annual outing, and visited Haverfordwest. This place was favoured because of the kind way the Gorseinon ringers were welcomed a year ago, when they were privileged to open this magnificent peal of eight bells (tenor 1 ton). Some of the bells are believed to be of Flemish origin, according to a local historian, and 'go' splendidly. The ringers were met at the station by Mr. Rogers, the local captain, who escorted the party round the places of interest. Afterwards, the bells were raised in peal, and, after lunch, a well-struck quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 47 mins., by Reg. Dobbins 1, R. Baird 2, C. Willis 3, A. Sluman 4, Wal. Dobbins 5, W. Dobbins 6, J. Williams (conductor) 7, Will. Stevens 8. This was the first quarter-peal on the bells, and was rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. Then followed a good practice for the locals, who are just taking up change ringing with fairly good results. The ringing included 168 and 504 Grandsire Triples, also 360 Bob Minor. The bells were then lowered in peal, and steps were turned towards the Institute, where a bountiful tea was awaiting the visitors. During the meal, the Vicar (the Rev. T. Owen Phillips) thanked them for again paying Haverfordwest a visit, and also for providing such good music from the bells. He was supported by Mr. Warren and Mr. Thos. Rogers.—Mr. J. Williams and Mr. W. Dobbins replied for the visitors, and added the thanks of the visitors for the generous lunch and tea provided for them. The evening was spent in various ways.

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BELFRY GOSSIP.

We extend to all our readers best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, and beg to acknowledge the many kind greetings which have already reached us.

Congratulations will be extended to the band who last week rang the first twelve bell peal at Canterbury Cathedral, especially as eleven out of the twelve men had never rung a twelve-bell peal before. This success must be a source of gratification to the hon. secretary of the Kent County Association.

Birmingham is shortly to lose Canon E. Grose Hodge as its Vicar. Canon Hodge is leaving in January on account of his health, and he will be much missed by St. Martin's Guild, in whose affairs he has shown great interest. He has on several occasions presided at the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner.

This dinner, by the way, will take place next year on Feb. 28th.

A new clock and peal of eight bells were dedicated on Saturday in the Penistone Parish Church tower, to take the place of the clock which had served for over 100 years, and six bells, two of which dated back over 200 years.

The time of the peal of Major rung at Colerne on Oct. 18th should have been published as 2 hrs. 55 mins.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, presiding Ringing Master of St. Martin's Guild, has been elected a governor of King Edward's School, Birmingham, the school at which he received his education. The date of his election almost exactly coincided with the anniversary of his entrance into the famous school sixty years ago, i.e., in 1864, when he won a place by competitive examination at the age of nine. Needless to say, Alderman Pritchett is exceedingly proud of being a governor of his old school.

Only the tenor of the old ring of three at Brockenhurst was recast for the restoration, the old treble and second now taking their places as the 3rd and 5th in the restored peal. The tenor is 4 cwt. 12 lb.

With a bell of this weight, it almost looks as if a strap rope should be provided.

The Christmas holidays have always been a favourite time for long peals among the first of these having been the 15,58 Ke-t Treble Bob Major at Elland on Dec. 26th, 1831.

On Boxing Day, 1885, College Youths rang 8,064 Double Norwich at Leiston, and in 1894 the Crawley (Sussex) band rang the record length of 9,312 Superlative Surprise, which has only been exceeded in this method by the 9,728 at Clent exactly 16 years later.

In 1901, on Boxing Day, a 10,176 Kent Treble Bob Major was rung at Beeston, and on the same day the fine performance of 11,111 Stedman Cinques was accomplished at Birmingham, a record which stood until the masterly peal at Southwark, on Whit Monday, 1923. Last year, on Boxing Day, the Middlesex Association rang the 10,440 Cambridge Royal at Walthamstow.

Two long lengths rung on Dec. 27th have been the 17,104 Double Norwich at South Wigston, in 10 hrs. 35 mins., in 1904; and 10,176 Double Oxford Bob Major at Brierley Hill in 1909.

In 1718, on Dec. 27th, the Union Scholars rang a peal of 5,120 Union Bob Major (Oxford Treble Bob) at St. Dunstan's. The composition of this peal is still on record.

The first peal by the Winchester Diocesan Guild was rung at Guildford on December 27th, 1881. This was a peal of Union Triples.

On December 31st, 1883, the Oxford Guild rang 15,041 Stedman Caters at Appleton in 9 hrs. 16 mins., and on the last day of 1892, 12,096 Double Norwich at Maidenhead in 7 hrs. 10 mins.

The bells of St. Peter's, Nottingham, were raised for the first time, and a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on them on Dec. 31st, 1771.

In the composition of the peal of Winchester Bob Major, published last week, the 2nd and 3rd courses after 32456 were transposed.

A POLICEMEN'S QUARTER-PEAL.

At Manchester, on Monday, December 15th, at the Church of St. Thomas, Pendleton, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 44 mins.: P.C. J. Mulliner 1, P.C. D. Brown 2, P.C. J. Carter 3, P.C. W. Pye 4, P.C. G. Pye 5, P.C. P. Crook 6, P.C. F. Page (conductor) 7, P.C. J. Wilson 8.

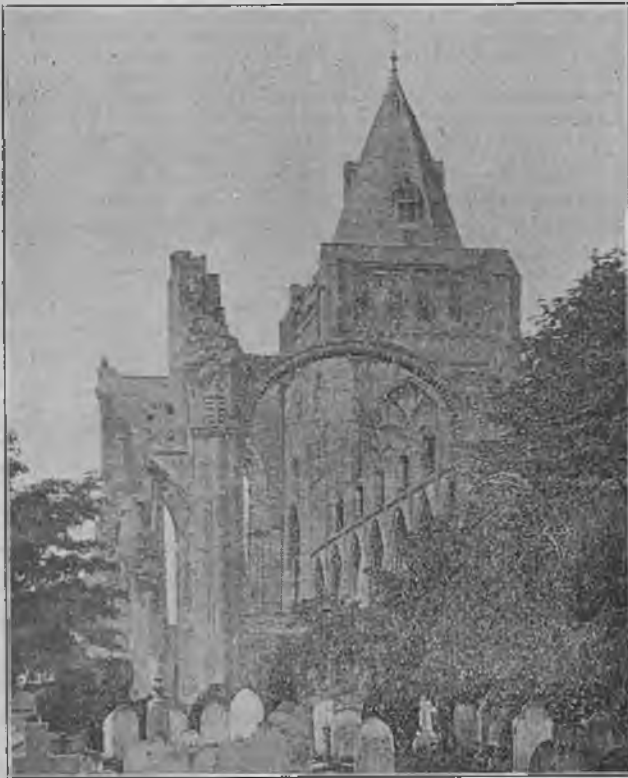
STAINES. — On Sunday, Nov. 23rd, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: Miss D. Gundry (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Parker 2, J. Phillips 3, A. Hiscock 4, E. Butler 5, W. Sewell 6, J. B. Hessey (composer and conductor) 7, — Smith 8.

THE BELLS OF CROYLAND ABBEY.

BY J. R. JERRAM.

There is a tradition (for the truth of which I cannot vouch) that Croyland Abbey was the first church in England which possessed a peal of bells.

Be that as it may, we find that Turketyl, the sixth Abbot (A.D. 946-975) cast a great bell for the Abbey, and named it Guthlac, to whom the Abbey is dedicated. Egelric, his nephew and successor (A.D. 975-984), added six more bells, viz.: Two large ones, named Bartholomew and Betelin, two middle ones, named Turketyl and Tatwyn, and two smaller ones, names Pega and Bega. Abbot Ingulph, the chronicler, says that when these seven bells were rung 'an excellent harmony was produced thereby, nor was there such a peal of bells in those days



CROYLAND ABBEY.

in all England.' The sound of Guthlac was said by Fuller to be a remedy for headache!

Those bells hung in the central tower till the year 1091, when a fire broke out in the belfry by which they were totally destroyed. Ingulph, going to the door and trying to enter, had a narrow escape of being killed by the molten metal which poured down from above. This fire was caused by a plumber, who had been preparing lead for repairs to the roof of the tower, and had foolishly left his embers covered up for the next day. Nearly the whole of the Abbey was consumed thereby.

After the fire the monks set to work immediately to rebuild their Abbey. No sooner was the calamity known than the neighbouring towns and villages vied with each other in sending relief in money, food, building materials and other commodities. Among these Fergus, the coppersmith, of Boston, gave two metal skillets, or pans,

which the monks suspended in a temporary belfry, and which gave a certain amount of resonance when struck. Ingulph replaced the books, vestments, bells, and other requisites, before his death, which took place in 1109.

Abbot Ralph Merske (1253-1281) erected a detached bell-tower at the east end of the church, which was called the 'outward belfry.' Abbot John de Asheby, who died in 1392, gave or recast the large bells hanging in this structure. In 1405 there were 'four sweetly sounding bells hanging in the tower behind the choir.' These were repaired in that year by Abbot Thomas Overton.

In the time of Abbot John Lytlington (1427-1469) the great bells in the outer steeple were recast 'in order that they might be brought into a state of more perfect harmony.' In this work the monks were assisted by John Leycester, a brother of the monastery, who in 1463 'induced by pious considerations, contributed 40 marks towards the work.' What became of the bells of the outer steeple at the Dissolution is not now known.

It was in 1465 that Abbot John Lytlington, 'in order that nothing might remain undone which is considered to tend to the increase of the praise of God, caused five fine and choice bells to be cast at London, and substituted for the three old ones [one gone since 1405] here [that is in the central tower] to send forth their sweet sounds with their harmonious chimes. The cost of these, together with the expense of the carriage thereof to Croyland by land and water, amounting in all to £160, was defrayed entirely by himself. These bells, while still lying below upon the ground before they were hung, were solemnly consecrated by Nicholas, the venerable Lord Bishop of Elphin, who was at this time suffragan to the reverend father in Christ, John, Lord Bishop of Lincoln. They were inscribed from the smallest to the greatest with the names in especial of the patron saints in whose honour they were most devoutly dedicated: the names being Guthlac, Bartholomew, Michael, Mary and Trinity.' It is further related that a great beam, which was being raised in the greater bell tower, which had newly been built in the western part of the church, in which it was intended that the bells just mentioned should be hung, fell down, doing much damage and jeopardising the lives of the workmen, all of whom, however, escaped.

Two of the five bells hung by Abbot Lytlington in 1465 remained until after 1783, when Gough, in his 'History of Croyland Abbey,' published in that year, gives the inscriptions on three of them, viz.: (1.) 'In multis annis resonet campana Johannis'; (2.) 'Sum Rosa pulsata mundi Maria vocata'; and (3.) 'Hæc campana beate Trinitati sacra.' The first of these, dedicated to St. John and cast after Abbot Lytlington's time, is evidently the present tenor.

So much from the late Mr. T. North's notes in his 'Church Bells of Lincolnshire,' and Marrat's 'History of Lincolnshire.'

From 1788 up to 1903 the tower contained a peal of five bells, the inscriptions of which I copied in 1868. They were as follows:—

Treble. + THOMAS NORRIS MADE ME 1654.

Second. EDWD. ARNOLD, LEICESTER, FECIT, 1788. WM. HICKLING, WM. COOKE, CHURCHWARDENS. O [A medallion of Edward Arnold, rarely found on any of his bells, and not appearing in any county bell book. It is also found on the tenor at Cowbit]. Unfortunately this bell has been recast and the medallion lost. It consists of a somewhat irregular circle enclosing three birds and the word 'Leicester.'

Third. EDWD. ARNOLD, LEICESTER, FECIT, 1788. + WM. HICKLING, WM. COOKE, CHURCHWARDENS. 'S.

Fourth. + REV. MOORE SCIEBO, RECTOR. + WILLIAM COOKE AND CHARLES ASHBY, CHURCHWARDENS. + E. ARNOLD, LEICESTER + FECIT, 1797.
The name 'Sciebo' is a mistake for 'Scribo,' more properly 'Scribeaux.'

Tenor. U + O In Dulcis Annis Resonant Campana Jobannis. The ornaments are the Royal Arms (3 fleur de lys and 3 lions passant quarterly), crowned. See Stahlschmidt's 'Church Bells of Kent,' fig. 17, p. 33. A floriated cross, and the 'Ihu merci ladi help' medallion, see his 'Church Bells of Surrey,' figs. 185 and 187.

The diameter of the tenor is 39½ inches, weight 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs. About the year 1880, Mr. R. Wyche introduced change ringing at Croyland; and in 1885 I had the pleasure of visiting the tower and taking part in several six scores of Grandsire Doubles there.

In 1895 the treble, being cracked, was recast with the following inscription: 'THOMAS NORRIS MADE ME 1654. THIS BELL WAS RECAST BY J. TAYLOR & CO., LOUGHBOROUGH. REV. T. H. LEBBECK, RECTOR. T. ATKINSON, A. BELLAIRES, CHURCHWARDENS.

In 1903 it was resolved to augment the peal to six, also to recast the old second. These bells are now inscribed:

Treble. 1903. GLORIA DEO IN EXCELSIS. JOHN TAYLOR & CO., FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. REV. T. H. LEBBECK, RECTOR. T. ATKINSON, J.P., E. SANDERSON, CHURCHWARDENS.

Old Second (now Third). 1903. TO THE GLORY OF GOD THIS BELL WAS RECAST IN MEMORY OF W. J. CLETON, ESQ., OF YORK.

So now the Abbey possesses a peal of six bells.

It is almost a pity that, considering three of the bells are new, they did not add a heavier tenor, say, about 14 cwt., keeping the old one as fifth, and recasting the old third, making her half a note lower, as a fourth bell.

THE LATE MR. JOE MALONEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I ask for space in your valuable paper to give me the opportunity of replying to Mr. R. Newton's kind letter re the death of our old colleague, Mr. Joe Maloney? We had received a little information about his death, but Mr. Newton's letter gives us more particulars, and I offer my best thanks for it. Our old friend Joe did conduct the last peal on the old Mottram bells, under Ashton-under-Lyne Society, but not the first on the new ones. He rang for service on them on the Sunday previous to leaving this district for Canada, Sept. 26th, 1910. It is with the deepest regret we learn of his passing hence, and I feel sure no better-hearted man will be laid to rest beneath Canadian soil. He was a good ringer, and the jolliest of company. No ringers' gathering in this district was complete without his presence. I know there are many ringers for a good distance around here who will remember having the pleasure to meet him. He needed no introduction into company, for he soon made himself at home, especially amongst ringers. He rang a good number of peals, chiefly in the Kent method, the most outstanding one being 10,000 at Old Glossop Parish Church some years ago. Seeing that I am writing about one of my old tutors, and had the pleasure of conducting his last and farewell peal, his name will be a lasting memory to—Yours sincerely,

JAMES BUCKLEY.

P.S.—I beg to tender to you and all brother ringers the usual season's greetings.

A SALOP 'MISSIONARY' OUTING.

On Saturday, December 13th, an outing was arranged to Calverhall and Ightfield, two 6-bell towers in North Salop, where there is no change ringing done, with the idea of stimulating local interest. Owing to the unfavourable weather conditions, the full number expected did not turn up. However, ringers from Whitechurch, Hodnot and Stanton, met at Calverhall at 3.30, where there is a handy ring with a tenor of 13½ cwt., and touches of Grandsire Doubles and Minor were rung till 5.30, when tea was partaken of at the 'Old Jack' Inn.

After tea, the party made tracks for Ightfield, where the visitors were met by the local men, several of the latter being piloted through their first six-score. Ringing was kept up till 8 o'clock, and after an excellent 'fall' the party broke up, everyone having had an enjoyable time.

THE WASHBROOK MEMORIAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In view of letters which are now appearing in your columns under this heading, may I offer the following summary of matter relating thereto, which you have previously published for the information of the Exercise?

February 8th.—Notice of proposed memorial in Lancashire.

February 22nd.—Letter by Mr. W. Brown suggesting a memorial in the parish where Washbrook was born, and at the church where he commenced his ringing.

May 16th.—Recommendation from Oxford Guild Committee to the general meeting to erect a memorial to Washbrook in the cloisters of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, and to invite all Guilds and Associations to contribute.

July 18th.—Resolution of the Central Council, on the proposition of the President of the Lancashire Association: 'That this Council considers that steps should be taken to place a tablet to the memory of the late Mr. J. W. Washbrook in the city of Oxford, and commends this scheme to the Guilds and Associations with which he was connected.'

August 1st.—Full report of the discussion of their committee's recommendation, together with the resolution of the Central Council, and a letter of goodwill from the secretary of the Lancashire Association, by members of the Oxford Guild assembled in general meeting. Resolution carried that the memorial should be in Oxford. As leave could not be obtained for a tablet in the cloisters, other suggestions were invited as to the actual form it should take. In response, the claims of augmenting the rings of either St. Ebbe, St. Giles', or Carfax, were put forth, and urged. A special committee was appointed to consider suggestions, decide on a scheme, and carry it out.

August 8th.—Leading article stating that the general opinion of the aforesaid meeting seemed in favour of St. Ebbe's.

Sept. 22nd.—Letter from Rev. F. L. Edwards, setting forth the claims of St. Giles'.

Sept. 5th.—Letter from Mr. Judge, supporting the above.

Sept. 26th.—Letter from Mr. Collett, suggesting St. Aldate's.

Oct. 10th.—Letter from Mr. Bennett, supporting St. Giles'.

Oct. 31st.—Notice that the Washbrook Memorial Committee met on October 16th, carefully considered the information which had been collected, the expert reports (i.e., of bell founder and bell-hanger) which had been made, as well as the personal opinions which had been expressed on this question, and decided to appeal to the Exercise and to friends for the minimum sum of £170, in order to augment the ring of six bells at the Church of St. Ebbe, and in the event of a larger sum being forthcoming, to consider a larger scheme. In the same issue appeared a leading article commenting on the fact that a decision had been arrived at, and commending it to the loyal and generous support of the Exercise.

Sir, in view of these facts I would respectfully ask the writers—and others—what good purpose can be served by such letters as have since appeared over the signatures of J. R. Jerram, M. Smith and J. H. R. Freeborn?

The time for such has gone by. The committee now asks for the loyal and generous support of the scheme from every person who values Washbrook's memory.

It will require no more—and no less—until it finds it has more money than it knows what to do with, of which state of things the Exercise shall be duly informed.—Yours truly,

CYRIL W. O. JENKYN,

December 19th, 1924.

Chairman of Committee.

5040 BOB ROYAL.

By JAMES GEORGE, BIRMINGHAM.

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REDENHALL BELLS RESTORED.**DEAN OF NORWICH ON THE MESSAGE OF THE BELLS.**

The bells of Redenhall, Norfolk, have just been restored as a result of the efforts of the parishioners, supported by their Rector (Dr. O. D. Inskip), and the generosity of Mrs. Sencroft Holmes, of Gawdy Hall. The church has also recently been fitted with a fine heating installation. The major portion of the funds was realised from a bazaar held at Gawdy Hall during the summer, when over £300 was obtained. It was then that Sir H. Rider Haggard reminded the neighbourhood of their duty to preserve the church and its bells, which had been ringing since Plantagenet times. The bells have been rehung and two of them recast, the work being carried out by Messrs. Bowell, of Ipswich, at a cost of £248. With the heating installation a total expenditure of £393 has been incurred.

The dedication was performed by the Dean of Norwich, president of the Norfolk Guild. Seldom has the seating capacity of the large church been so taxed. The Rector read prayers, and the Rev. E. A. B. Creed the first lesson. Miss E. Gambril presided at the organ, and the hymns sung were: 'Glorious things of thee are spoken,' 'Hark, hark, my soul,' and 'When morning gilds the skies.' After the dedication by the Dean, a short touch was rung, the congregation standing.

The Dean, in his address, said it was in Italy in the year 395 A.D. that the ringing of bells as a call to Divine worship was first introduced. Who could say why a mere stroke upon a shell of metal designed and cast by human hands could send forth upon the earth a message so enthralling? It was beyond their power to determine this, but they all would admit the fascination of those sounds. The antiquity of bells was very great. In India and China bells were rung centuries earlier than in Europe. The Romans at the height of their power used bells for proclaiming the opening of great games in Rome and in other important centres at times of national rejoicing, and at the triumphs of their armies. It was in the year 607 A.D. that bells found their way for the first time into this country in a church in the North of England, and in which he himself had preached. The first set of large bells of which there was record was a peal erected in Lincolnshire at about 870 A.D. It was then thought to be something wonderful, and people came for miles to hear the new music of those bells. Each bell was named, and those names have been preserved. Thereafter bell ringing spread rapidly all over England, although for some centuries it was carried out exclusively by monks, and in many of the large monasteries foundries were to be found. Later it outgrew the power of the monks, so great was the demand. Among the early permanent foundries were those at London, Gloucester, Salisbury, Bury St. Edmunds, Colchester and Norwich. Each bell was given its own name, and each as it was sounded was supposed to be giving out its own special message. In early days it was supposed that evil spirits were unable to endure the sound of bells. Bells were made for many reasons, and they were also full of romantic interest. Far-reaching happenings were associated with their use. The tower of Redenhall, with its belfry, was a gem of architecture. The Dean urged his hearers to think of what their bells meant. They called the faithful to prayer, they reminded those who could not go of the prayers of the Church, and they spoke of the communion of saints. Bell ringing was one of the best of hobbies, centring as it did round the things of God. Comradeship and true brotherhood were more emphasised in that hobby than in any other. The preacher remarked that an effort was being made to re-establish the systematic ringing of the restored bells, and trusted that there would shortly be a body of men devoted to their service.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**NORTH DORSET BRANCH.**

The first annual meeting of the North Dorset Branch was held at Sherborne on Saturday, December 6th. About 90 ringers were present, representing 20 towers. A service was held in the Abbey, at which Canon Wingfield-Digby, Vicar of Sherborne, gave an address. The members had tea together in the Church Hall.

After tea, there was a business meeting, at which the Rev. R. H. Grundy, Rector of Shroton, and Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, was re-elected chairman of the branch. The Rev. R. E. P. Gorringe, Manston Rectory, Sturminster Newton, was re-elected hon. secretary.

The Secretary reported that there were now 148 ringing members, and 11 hon. members of the branch.

Sherborne and Lillington towers were elected to the branch for 1925, and it was decided that the quarterly meetings in 1925 should be held at Blandford, Stourton, Shroton and Gillingham.

Too many ringers were present for any long touches to be rung, but several short lengths were brought round in the course of the afternoon and evening. All the members expressed great satisfaction at the success of the meeting, and their sincere gratitude to Canon Wingfield-Digby for allowing them the use of the Abbey bells.

A GHOST AMONG THE REVELLERS.**A STORY OF FECKENHAM WAKE.**

The following amusing story appeared in a recent issue of 'The Evesham Journal':—

In the main street of the village of Feckenham and adjoining the churchyard is an old-fashioned inn, 'The Eight Bells,' and in the bar-kitchen of this old house one Saturday night, more years ago than I can remember, was assembled a jovial little party. It was the eve of Feckenham Wake, the first wake after Parson Hinton had been inducted as Vicar of the parish, and though most of the frequenters of the 'Eight Bells' had gone home to their beds, the ringers, the Parish Clerk, and the Crier had 'sat on their beer' with the result that they, as well as the night, were getting 'fairly on.'

'For Bobby Haines he hadn't come,
They weren't particular then
About the public's shutting up
Just as the clock struck ten.'

The old grandfather clock kept on ticking off the minutes towards midnight, and the little party in the bar got merrier and merrier, until at last it was suggested that they should adjourn to the church and have a bit of practice on the bells, and incidentally rouse up the new Vicar. To go through the churchyard at that hour required a bit of courage, so they had a large stone jar filled with 'courage' to take with them, and off they went.

In the study, at the Vicarage:—

'The Vicar was a sitting up
To write by candle light
His first Wake Sunday sermon,
That Saturday at night.
But the words they came uneasy,
He couldn't get 'em right,
When out there burst a tipsy peal
At night, the dead of night.'

The Vicar started, rose from his chair, and walked impatiently up and down the room. He was an Irishman, and like most of his countrymen rather hot-tempered but warm-hearted. Eventually the noise ceased, probably while the ringers had a drink, and Parson Hinton sat down to continue his sermon. He had not written many lines, however, when the bells commenced again with more fury and less harmony than before. This was too much for the Vicar, who rose hastily for the second time and went off to his bedroom, where he chalked his face and wrapped himself up in a white sheet and started for the church.

The scene changes to the belfry. The little party of revellers now almost too drunk to stand on their feet, but still pulling at the bell ropes. The stone jar now empty.

As the church clock strikes twelve the little door from the stairway opens slowly and noiselessly, and there in the doorway stands a ghostly figure all in white. Eight pairs of staring eyes, the hair on eight heads rises on end like quills upon the fretful porcupine. Eight pairs of legs suddenly give way and the erstwhile noisy band of revellers lie hopelessly on the belfry floor around the empty jar.

Curtain.

N. F. W.

A SILVER WEDDING CELEBRATION.

On Saturday afternoon, Dec. 13th, eight members of the Surrey Association, viz., Messrs. R. D. Marshall, F. G. Woodiss, Miss F. E. Orr, Messrs. D. Cooper, J. E. Cooper, C. H. Kippin, C. W. Roberts, G. H. Daynes, met at All Hallows', Barking-by-the-Tower, E.C., for a double purpose, viz., to attempt a peal of Double Norwich, to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Marshall, parents of Reginald D. Marshall; also to ring for the annual 'Toc H.' club service at 5.30 p.m., at which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was to be present. Unfortunately the peal attempt 'went west,' but ringing was indulged in till 5.30 p.m., in the following methods: Double Norwich, Little Bob Major and Stedman Triples, after which the band adjourned to Lyons for tea. Afterwards the band, with two exceptions, made for Deptford, to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, where they were joined by Mr. E. J. Trimmer, who kindly brought his handbells, and a pleasant 90 minutes was spent, ringing (more or less successfully) Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Stedman Caters. Supper was then served, and afterwards Mr. F. G. Woodiss congratulated Mrs. Marshall (Mr. Marshall, senr., unfortunately was unable to be present) on successfully completing 25 years of married life. He thanked them for providing such an excellent supper, and proposed 'Long life and happiness for yet another 25 years.' This, seconded by Mr. C. W. Roberts, was drunk with acclamation, after which a short time was spent in further handbell ringing. This brought to a close a pleasant afternoon and evening, which, although not successful from a peal ringing point of view, was heartily enjoyed by all.

SUNDAY SERVICE TOUCHES.

CHARING, KENT.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: W. Hodges 1, W. Henniker 2, F. Hodges 3, J. Edwards 4, F. Good (conductor) 5, A. Mills 6.

NORTH STONEHAM.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 14th, for Divine service, 1,248 Kent Treble Bob Major: W. T. Tucker 1, W. Upton (Newport, I.W.) 2, G. Pullinger 3, W. G. Rowe 4, W. G. Edwards 5, R. Brown 6, G. Williams (conductor) 7, O. H. Giles 8. This was arranged for Mr. Upton, hon. secretary of the Isle of Wight district.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 45 mins.: J. C. Dean 1, A. P. Hensman 2, W. Farey, senr., 3, W. Farey 4, J. T. Hensman 5, H. Rainbow 6, H. Blundell 7, L. Farey 8. J. C. Dean's first quarter-peal as conductor.

DALTON-IN-FURNESS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Dec. 14th, for morning service, 700 Grandsire Triples: T. Coulthurst 1, T. Watson 2, G. Jackson 3, A. Brown 4, W. H. Dennison 5, J. Burrows 6, T. Metcalfe (conductor) 7, T. R. Jackson 8.

HILLINGDON.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1,272 changes), composed by J. P. Bradley: *H. C. Albrow 1 *Miss D. G. Feltham 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, E. C. Wightman 4 *W. L. Gutteridge 5, Mrs. A. D. Barker 6, F. W. Goodfellow 7, J. J. Pratt 8, H. H. Chandler 9, W. Honor 10. *First quarter-peal of Stedman Caters.

LONDON.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for evening service, at St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, 1,260 of Stedman Triples: A. H. Keighley 1, S. C. Moye 2, J. Watkins (first quarter-peal in the method) 3, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 4, G. J. Harman 5, J. R. Gammon 6, H. W. Hibbert 7, F. V. Martin 8.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, 672 Bob Major: C. Blackburn 1, A. Blackburn 2, A. Marshall 3, T. Scott 4, J. Banks 5, R. Goddard 6, F. Hodgson 7, E. Betts (conductor) 8. Longest length as conductor.—On handbells, on Monday, Dec. 8th, 1,184 Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Marshall 1—2, F. Hodgson (conductor) 3—4, E. Betts 5—6, J. Banks 7—8. Longest length in the method on handbells by the ringer of 3—4, and longest length in any method by the others.

WANTAGE, BERKS.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, before evensong, 728 Grandsire Triples: E. Hudson 1, A. Mayo 2, W. Prince 3, A. V. Gibbs 4, E. A. Gregory 5, W. Seymour 6, R. G. Rice (conductor) 7, H. G. Mulford 8. With the exception of the conductor, all are Sunday Service ringers at this church.

FOLKINGHAM Lincs.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: J. Musson 1, W. Wilson 2, C. T. H. Bradley (conductor) 3, A. King 4, C. Wilkinson 5, G. Rouse 6. First 720 by all the band except the conductor. First as conductor. First 720 by an all local band in this tower.

SLOUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7th, for confirmation service, by the Bishop of Oxford, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 49 mins.: J. Shaker (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, G. T. Leader 2, W. H. Fussell 3, G. Barkuss (first quarter on an inside bell) 4, A. Bateman 5, W. Henley 6, E. T. Hooper (conductor) 7, J. Perryman 8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th (St. Nicolas' Day), at St. Nicolas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1,295 changes): F. Radford 1, Mrs. C. Hazelden 2, E. Etheridge 3, W. Chivers 4, C. Hazelden 5, G. J. Nichols 6, W. Enticknap (first quarter-peal inside on ten bells) 7, G. Tomsett 8, S. Radford (conductor) 9, E. Heath 10.

COLESHILL.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples: E. Morris 1, T. Davis 2, J. Fifield 3, F. Clayton (conductor) 4, J. Bayliss 5, C. Dale 6, C. Davis 7, W. Simmonds 8. Longest length by all except ringers of 4th, 5th and 8th. First quarter-peal by the local band. On Sunday, Dec. 14th, 504 St. Dunstan's Triples: R. Hancox 1, T. Davis 2, F. Clayton 3, J. Bayliss 4, T. Goldby 5, C. Dale 6, J. Fifield 7, W. Simmonds 8; and 336 Canterbury Pleasure, with E. Morris and F. Clayton on 3rd and 4th: others as before.

THAMES DITTON, SURREY.—On Dec. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1,260 changes), in 42 mins.: W. A. Tilley 1, H. Halt 2, G. Higgs (conductor) 3, G. F. Adley 4, W. Massey 5, R. Coles 6. Arranged for the ringer of the 2nd, who hails from East Molesey. This was his first quarter-peal.

CROSTHWAITHE, KESWICK.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss L. Telford 1, T. Wilson 2, T. Hogarth 3, D. Usher 4, F. Grisdale 5, F. Hogarth 6, A. W. Brighton (conductor, London) 7, T. Hartley 8.—On Sunday, Dec. 14th, for evening service, 1,280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: Miss L. Telford 1, T. Wilson 2, A. W. Brighton (conductor, London) 3, D. Usher 4, Fred Hogarth 5, W. Hogg 6, F. Grisdale 7, T. Hartley 8. Also 336 Bob Major, first by W. Thompson, H. Just and T. Barnes.

WEST HAM.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes), in 50 mins.: G. Hayden 1, W. Theobald 2, A. Scambler 3, J. Scholes 4, G. Dawson 5, A. Prior (conductor) 6, E. D. Smith 7, G. Hayden 8.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.—On Sunday, Dec. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes), in 47 mins.: T. Marshall 1, R. Kynaston 2, R. Edwards 3, H. T. Hughes 4, W. B. Kynaston 5, E. H. Kynaston 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, G. Beaton 8. Rung on the occasion of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kynaston.

KEIGHLEY.—At St. Andrew's Parish Church, on Sunday, December 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. Hogg 1, J. Edmonson 2, A. Jackson 3, R. Bottomley 4, J. Hall 5, H. Thorpe (conductor) 6, S. Murgatroyd 7, J. Coulton 8. Rung to commemorate the unveiling of the Keighley war memorial by Lieut.-General Sir Charles H. Harington, G.B.E., K.C.B., D.S.O.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, December 7th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Collins (first quarter-peal) 1, S. Rose 2, W. Lewis 3, H. A. Chandler 4, C. I. Edwards 5, C. S. Bird 6, W. H. Hollier (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

BOCKING, ESSEX.—On Sunday, December 7th, for evensong, at the Parish Church, 1,152 Kent Treble Bob Major: C. H. Howard (conductor) 1, G. Lindridge 2, E. Wiffen 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Ely 6, W. H. Hammond 7, L. W. Wiffen 8.

NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, Nov. 16th, for Matins, 504 Stedman Triples. — For evensong, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 50 mins.: W. Johnson 1, W. Chambers 2, Scott 3, H. Barton (conductor) 4, A. Callaway 5, W. Scott, junr., 6, W. Upton 7, S. Moody 8.

NORTHLEACH, GLOS.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Nov. 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1,260 changes) taken from Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part, in 47 mins. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a remembrance: J. Sly 1, J. Mustoe 2, R. Westmacott 3, J. C. Acock 4, W. Clayton 5, D. Hills 6, C. Westmacott (conductor) 7, J. Cook 8.

NORTON-LE-MOORS, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, for evensong, 720 Ipswich Surprise: H. Wibberley 1, J. W. Walker (conductor) 2, J. E. Wheeldon 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Walley 6. Also on Monday, Nov. 10th, for practice, 720 Biddulph Surprise: S. C. Ryles 1, F. Triner 2, J. E. Wheeldon (conductor) 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, W. P. Deane 5, J. Walley 6. This is the first 720 in this method by all.

GREENWICH.—On Sunday, Nov. 9th, at St. Alfege Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1,260 changes): I. G. Shade (composer and conductor) 1, J. J. Lamb 2, E. E. S. Richards 3, G. Rawlings 4, W. Berry 5, F. W. Thornton 6, T. Jakeman 7, W. H. Billings 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Berry and F. W. Thornton.

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BRIGHTER MEETINGS.

PEPPERY'S REMEDY.

To the Editor.

Dear Editor, — During ye past few weeks ye Beste of Spouses hath called mine attention to various items of much note, which have appeared in our journal, which ye Goode Dame hath opined are of more than passing import. Chief among these was ye meeting of ye 'Morrie Men' (no longer garbed in Lincoln Green) at Basford: Robin Hood, alas, being kept away through illness. This meeting did put one more rung to ye ladder of progress (and good Little John did catch it hot and plenty for staying out till he could not get in ye same day on which he hied him forth), as ye secretary did announce that at ye next meeting at ye noble Church of Mary a very interesting lecture would be given by one of note in ringing circles (eh? No, not Friar Tuck, Goode Dame, he's heard his last course 'in hand' these years gone by. What a tenorman he'd have made!) on ye bells and ringing antiquities of ye county. Now, this is a step in ye right direction, as we all hear grumbles about meetings, and many go as a duty, and not for the ringing that may be inflicted on ye unoffending R.P. It is claimed that these meetings are to advance ye noble art, and what could advance it more than a really good lecture of interesting data on bell lore by an authority such as the one booked to address the meeting at Nottingham?

Many meetings I have attended do fall short of their promise; some because all those who attend are not interested, others because there is no one vested with authority as Ringing Master for the day, and others because the said 'R.M.' has not got the personality to do the job with the correct aplomb and eclat. Meetings are spoilt because A goes there determined to ring 'Panoply Surprise,' and doth omit to heed that it is necessary to learn the method ere he attends. B doth arrive and doth require to be coaxed for five minutes before he will ring; 'twere better HE had not left ye cannibal apron string. Five minutes is too precious to waste on such as he. C doth arrive not knowing what method he either knows or would like to pull at; so D goes home grumbling because he hath not rung that 720 of Acorn-on-the-Greensward Delight. But as ye Goode Dame doth point out, these lectures would be a profit to all, as we should then meet not only to learn by annoying the populace for five hours; but to listen to sound sense, propounded to us in a way we could grasp. If all those who do write these learned treatises in our journal were to do the same, far more ringers would understand the meaning of the 'in and out of course of changes.'

I did suggest to ye Goode Dame that it would be ye real thing if ye good and learned Professors Bramble and Baker, of Brightseaside University did give us a heart-to-heart talk on Method Construction, and that ye great scientists, Powell, Parker and Craven, took it in turns for an hour each to expound as to whether ye rounds preceded ye 'That's all' position, or ye place made ye rounds, at year respective meetings. This course would do more to interest us in and make clear to us these mysteries, than all their cross purpose enigmas, were those lectures given with blackboard illustrations. An did ye learned Professor of Shunts, 'Lamm as' hard as he were able it would have a really (H)ealing effect were he to discourse on ye way bells should be rung to ease the aches after one had been to Whit-e-chapel and lost it in the last six, especially were it by a nice fire and a soft cushion and a—'Yes, Peppery,' quoth she, 'all MY lectures are in vain—must you always have meal with your mustard?'
SAMUEL PEPPERY.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

At Curdridge on Dec. 15th, a meeting for combined Surprise ringing was held at the Parish Church, when a good muster availed themselves of the opportunity of a good practice in London, Cambridge and Superlative, with courses of Stedman Triples thrown in. The company included Messrs. Rogers, Tate, Burnett (Portsmouth), F. S. Bayley (Fareham), W. Linter (Swanmore), R. Brown (Southampton), G. Pullinger W. G. Edwards, W. Rowe, G. Williams (N. Stoneham), with Messrs. C. J. Fray, J. Ryves, and the brothers Mears, ... the local band. The ringing throughout was very fair, and may be considered one of the best combined practices of the year.

A PEAL CORRECTION.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Attention having been drawn to the peal rung at St. Giles', Rowley Regis, Staffs, on September 16th, 1924, and duly reported in 'The Ringing World' of October 10th (page 643), under the title of 'St. Thomas' Guild, Dudley.' I wish to point out that the title should have been given as 'The Dudley and District Guild,' and not St. Thomas' Guild. When the St. Thomas' Guild was made an independent society in 1911 its title was changed to the Dudley and District Guild, hence no doubt the slight error.

HERBERT SHEPPARD,

Dudley and District Guild.

Hon. Sec.

SPLICED ERIN AND STEDMAN.

The following compositions by Mr. A. J. Pitman, of Port Talbot, are both produced from original courses, and are the first to contain long blocks of Erin and Stedman.

5,133 STEDMAN AND ERIN CATERS SPLICED.

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"	425163		5		7			
"	532461		5		7			
"	213564		5		7			
"	531264		5	6				

Repeat seven times with first course called 2-8-9-16, and a single for bob at 5 in last course of fourth part producing rounds the first change of last course. The courses are full courses of Stedman and Erin throughout. This composition has over half-peal of each method, having 38 978 and 35 879 course ends, with the 6th in fifth's. First peal of Caters on this plan.

5,040 ERIN AND STEDMAN TRIPLES SPLICED.

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"	6123547	S				S			
"	3754162	S		S		S		S	S
Erin	2654173	S	—			S			
"	1534762					S			
"	7324651					S			
"	6124537	(S)				S			
"	5274316					S			
"	6532741		S						
"	3674125	S		S		S		S	S

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"	2154367	—	—						
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And once he rolled Great Paul 'in,' and never turned a hair.
'Tis true our Jehu drives a 'trike' of prehistoric genus;
And when to church he scorches 'tis like the famed transit of Venus.
I've heard that to this vale of tears there's one comes every minute:
I think you'll find, where'er you seek his equal is not in it;
And if adown the ages for a thousand years he roam,
He's sure to take a special prize every time he's shown.

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REDENHALL.—Rehung bells open for ringing on Boxing Day. Dinner, 3s. 6d., at Swan Hotel, Harleston, at 1 p.m.—Fred R. Borrett, Pulham Market, Diss.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The bells of Ordsall (6) will be available on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th) from 9 a.m., and East Retford (10) from 1.30 p.m. for all concerned, and a good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Hon. Sec.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—E. Berks and S. Bucks Branch.—The following towers will be open for ringing on Boxing Day (Dec. 26th): Old Windsor (8), 9 a.m.; Clewer (6), 10.45 a.m.; Braywood (5), 12 noon; Bray (6) 2 p.m. and White Waltham (6) 3.30 p.m., if possible; Boyne Hill, Maidenhead (8). Tea at 5 p.m. Ringing 5.30 p.m. Social at 7 p.m.—A. D. Barker, Hon. Branch Sec., Cambridge, Wexham, Slough.

LLANDAFF AND MONMOUTH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Cardiff on Friday, Dec. 26th (Boxing Day). Committee meeting at 3.30. Service at 4. Tea and business meeting to follow. Bells available from mid-day and after the meeting.—John W. Jones, Hon. Sec., 29, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, Dec. 27th. Bells available 3 p.m. Meeting 7 p.m.—Peter Crook, Hon. Sec., 201, Devonshire Road, Bolton.

ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members who have not attended twenty times in the past year, to vote on matters of finance, is now due. Meetings for practice will be held at St. Paul's Cathedral on Dec. 30th, 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.—Eastern District.—A district meeting will be held at South Shields on Friday, Jan. 2nd. The bells of St. Hilda's (8, tenor 9½ cwt.) will be available from 2.30. Tea at Parker's Cafe, Fowler Street, at 5 o'clock. Members intending to be present please advise Mr. T. F. Preston, 19, Saville Street, South Shields, not later than Dec. 30th.—R. L. Paterson, Vice-President; G. S. Taylor, Dist. Sec., 149, S. Leonard Street, Sunderland.

NORTHFIELD, BIRMINGHAM.—The new bells will be available for ringing, at 3.30, on Saturday, January 3rd. All ringers welcome.—J. Withers, Church Road, Northfield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at All Saints, Sheffield, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) available from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. All ringers welcome.—T. W. Chown, Hon. Sec., 68, Canada Street, Sheffield.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held at Stockton-on-Tees on Jan. 3rd. The bells of the Parish Church (10) will be available from 1.30 p.m. Will all those requiring tea please notify Mr. W. Newton, 19, Londonderry Road, Stockton-on-Tees, by the 29th December?—A. Hunter, Hon. Dis. Sec.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Devizes Branch.—The monthly meeting will be held at Bradford-on-Avon on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Bells (8) ready at 2.30. Service at Holy Trinity 4.40. Tea 5. Meeting directly after tea.—F. Green, Hon. Branch Sec., 53, Avon Road, Devizes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Burnham-on-Sea Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Tea and meeting 5 o'clock. Service after meeting. Bells (8) afternoon and evening.—G. Chamberlain, 35, Oxford Street, Burnham-on-Sea.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—A practice meeting will be held at All Saints, Fulham, on Saturday, Jan. 3rd. Tower open from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Meetings for January:—St. Clement Danes, Sunday the 4th, at 10 a.m.; and Mondays the 5th, at 6.30, followed by Quarterly business meeting at 8 p.m., and the 19th at 7.30; St. Boltoph, Bishopsgate, Monday the 12th at 7.30. Annual General meeting, Saturday, Feb. 14th. Please reserve date now.—A. H. Keighley, Hon. Sec., 18, Merrick Square, S.E.1.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.—Cheltenham Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Prestbury on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea to follow, kindly provided by the Vicar (Rev. J. Baghot de la Bere). Business meeting afterwards. Will all those who intend coming please notify me not later than the 6th inst.?—Walter Yeend, Branch Sec., Millfield, Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Brownedge, R.C. Church, Bamber Bridge, on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 3 o'clock to 7 p.m.—Fred Rigby, Branch Sec., 8, Carrington Road, Chorley.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ash on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Service 4.30. Tea and meeting to follow. All welcome. Those requiring tea please notify me by Tuesday, Jan. 6th.—H. F. Mills, 125, St. Michael's Road, Aldershot.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—Sonning Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, Berks, on Saturday, January 10th, 1925. Service at 4 p.m., followed by tea and meeting. Ringing at St. Paul's (8) and All Saints' (8) before service and after meeting. Those intending to be present at tea please notify me by January 3rd.—F. Dentry, Hon. Secretary, Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

SUFFOLK GUILD.—A meeting will be held at Long Melford on Saturday, Jan. 10th. Bells available from 1 p.m. to 9. Tea at Melford Rectory at 4 p.m., at 4d. each, for all sending word by Jan. 5th to Mr. Stedman Symonds, Asst. Sec., Church Road, Lavenham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Wells Street, W., on Saturday, Jan. 17th. Tower open from 4 p.m. Will those requiring tea let me know? Service at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business after. Everyone will be welcomed.—C. F. Mitchell, Hon. Dis. Sec., 4, Phene Street, Chelsea, S.W.3.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The following arrangements have been made for the next quarterly meeting at Long Eaton on Jan. 17th: Tower (8 bells) open for ringing 2.30 to 4.45, and after general meeting until 9 o'clock. Sawley tower (8 bells) open from 6 to 9. The committee meet at 4.15 at the Co-operative Cafe Committee Room. Tea at 5 o'clock at the Co-operative Cafe, 2s. per head. General meeting to follow after tea, in the same room. Will those requiring tea kindly advise Mr. C. Geary, 25, Park Street, Long Eaton, Notts, by Jan. 15th?—A. C. Wright, Hon. Sec., Darley Dale, Derbys.

STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.—The meeting arranged for January at Kidsgrove has had to be cancelled owing to the illness of the wife of the Vicar, and, as the vicarage is close by the church, the ringing of the bells would be detrimental to her.

SILVER WEDDING.

CAVE.—On Tuesday, Dec. 26th, 1899, at the Church of St. Thomas, Bristol, by the Rev. J. Mann, William A. Cave to Kate Cooper.

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